

Go trick-or-treat on Sixth Street

Umatilla plans variety of Halloween events Oct. 29

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UMATILLA — The city of Umatilla and the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce are partnering to welcome back Halloween events on Friday, Oct. 29, including multiple contests, live entertainment and plenty of candy.

Chamber Representative Mark Ribich said the event will start quietly and build through the evening. The Trick-or-Treat on Sixth Street will open the celebration, and the first half hour — from 4-4:30 p.m. — is a designated sensory advisory portion to allow those with sensory concerns to participate.

"We're asking businesses to keep the noise down that first half hour to let those individuals move through and enjoy it with everyone else," he said.

Umatilla's Sixth Street — also Highway 730 — will be closed to vehicles from Switzler Avenue to B Street, from 4-7 p.m.

During that time, the Umatilla Police Department will have a haunted house at the police station, and businesses will give out candy while also participating in a business costume and decoration contest.

"All of the businesses in the downtown core — 95% of them — say they're participating in trick-or-treat this year," Ribich said. "It's some tough competition for the contest. People really get into it."

Businesses not within the closed area will still be participating. Some will have candy and costumes at their locations and others will have booths and vehicles set up for a Trunk-or-Treat at Village Square Park.



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A truck full of children trick-or-treat during an adaptation of Treats on Main in Hermiston on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020.

The Umatilla Museum and Historical Society will also have a table at Village Square Park for the pet costume contest. The competition is open to all pets, from dogs to llamas. Winners of the pet contest

will be announced on Monday, Nov. 1.

After the trick-or-treat events wind down, the city has a Music in the Park concert with STATIK from 7:30-10 p.m., also at Village Square Park.

While posted events will happen on Oct. 29, one event is happening now.

Umatilla is keeping one of its events from last year's virtual celebration: the virtual pumpkin carving contest.

To participate in the second annual contest, pick up a free pumpkin at the Umatilla Visitor Center (or use your own), carve the pumpkin and then post photos on the Facebook page for Umatilla Oregon Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center. Submissions are due by Oct. 29 and should include the name and age of the person who designed and carved the pumpkin. Winners in each category — under 12, 13-20 and 21 and older — will be chosen by the number of likes, and each age group winner will receive gift cards or prizes from Umatilla businesses.

Call the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce at 922-4825 for more information.

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