Tour a spooky caboose at Heritage Station Museum

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ENDLETON — After silent streets last Halloween, ghosts and ghouls will be returning to downtown Pendleton this year.

Trick-or-treating downtown, the Heritage Haunt, and the Halloween Carnival will all be back on Halloween weekend.

Pendleton's activities begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, with the Halloween Storytime at the Rec Center Gym. The event will have activities and a reading of a holiday book. Every child will receive a free book.

That afternoon, Trick or



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The spooky caboose returns for the annual Heritage Haunt at the Heritage Station Museum in Pendleton on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Treat Downtown on Pendleton's Main Street is happening from 3-5 p.m., and the Heritage Haunt will transform the Heritage Station Museum, 108 SW Frazer St., into a family-friendly holiday space — both inside and outside, from 3-5:30 p.m.

"I am super excited about being able to come back into the grounds this year," said Shannon Gruenhagen, Heritage Station marketing and tour coordinator. "I'm switching it up a little bit, so we'll have some new things, and, of course, the spooky caboose."

Gruenhagen said the event is geared for those 12 and younger, so it will be more spooky than scary.

"We want to make sure little ones can go through it and not be super afraid," she said.

The museum grounds will also have areas for photos, and Gruenhagen said to watch for other surprises.

The timing of the Heritage Haunt gives people a chance to stop by after or during the downtown trick-or-treating. For more information, visit https://heritagestationmuseum.org/events/.

These family events are free. On Halloween, Sunday, Oct. 31, check out the Parks and Recreation's annual Halloween Carnival from 2-4 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center. There will be booths from community groups, snacks and a costume walk.

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After a drive-thru Halloween in 2020, Pendleton's Heritage Station Museum is transforming into a family-friendly spooky space for the Heritage Haunt on Oct. 30.



