

Halloween events set in area communities

Area communities will celebrate Halloween with many events - some scary and some not so scary - and opportunities for children to receive candy. Following is a listing:

Oct. 28-31

► The Haunted Bungalows will feature fully decorated grounds at Bobberville Bungalows on Rasmussen Road in Pequot Lakes from 7-9 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 28-31.

Cost is \$2 per person, or \$5 for families of three or more.

Knock on each bungalow door for a trick or treat.

Oct. 29-30

The Nisswa American Legion will host a Dungeon of Doom haunted house from 7-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, for ages 14 and older. Cost is \$5.

Oct. 30

► Community Action of Pequot Lakes and city businesses will host their annual Halloween trick or treat event from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 30, at participating downtown Pequot Lakes merchants.

Participating businesses will have a candy corn sign in their window or on their door.

Miss Pequot Lakes royalty will host a bonfire at Trailside Park with s'mores and juice. The Pequot Lakes PTA will pass out candy.

► The Brainerd American Legion will host its annual kids Halloween party from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Legion.

► Grace United Methodist Church in Pequot Lakes will host a drive-thru trunk or treat event from 11 a.m. to 1



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Sam Savino didn't waste time digging into his pumpkin at the Saturday pumpkin carving event at Copper Creek Garden Center in Nisswa.



Nicole Boggs helps her son, Gage Bible, carve his pumpkin Saturday at Copper Creek Garden Center in Nisswa.

p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. lakes@gmail.com. View decorated trunks while driving through the parking lot. Bags of treats will be handed out to each child in the car.

Grace Church is located south of Pequot Lakes at 29318 Patriot Avenue. For more information, visit graceumcpequot.

There will also be a bonfire, games and concessions.

Free will donations will go to benefit the Nisswa Fire Department.

Oct. 31

► The Nisswa American Legion Auxiliary and Post will host a Children's Halloween Party for ages 10 and younger from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, in the lower level of the parking lot.

There will be treats, hot dogs and prizes.

► Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa will host a trunk or treat event from 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, in the front parking lot.

This is an outside-only and an allergy-free event.

All are welcome to host a trunk and dress in costume.

► Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes will host a trunk or treat event from 3-5 p.m. in the front parking lot.

► Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes will host a trunk or treat event from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, or until the candy is gone.

Anyone interested in hosting a trunk should call the church office between 8 a.m. and noon or leave a message. Call 218-568-4670.

► Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Highway 371 in Brainerd will host a trunk or treat event from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31. The event will include cookies, hot apple cider, treats, hay rides and the chance to decorate a pumpkin.

► Crosslake Lutheran Church will have a trunk 'n treat event at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, in the church parking lot with games inside. All are welcome.

Children's author

Author/illustrator/musician Douglas Wood will present children's programs based on his book "Miss Little's Gift" at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Crosslake Area Library; 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Pequot Lakes Community Library; and 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Pine River-Backus Elementary School.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

► 27: Children's program by author/illustrator/musician Douglas Wood, 10 a.m., Crosslake Area Library

► 28: Children's program by author/illustrator/musician Douglas Wood, 6 p.m., Pequot Lakes Community Library

► 28-30: Central Lakes Community Performing Arts: "Wait Until Dark," 7 p.m., Chalberg Theatre, Central Lakes College, Brainerd

► 28-31: The Haunted Bungalows, 7-9 p.m., Bobberville Bungalows, Pequot Lakes

► 29: Children's program by author/illustrator/musician Douglas Wood, 9 a.m., Pine River-Backus Elementary School

► 29-30: Dungeon of Doom haunted house, 7-10 p.m., ages 14 and older, Nisswa American Legion

► 31: Trunk or treat, 3-4:30 p.m., Lutheran Church of the Cross parking lot, Nisswa

► 31: Trunk or treat, 3-5 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Brainerd

► 31: Trunk n' treat, 5 p.m., Crosslake Lutheran Church parking lot (games inside)

► 31: Good Samaritan Society Halloween party, 3-5 p.m., Pine River

LOCAL BRIEF

Author Simar to speak Nov. 1 at Brainerd Library event

While the Brainerd Public Library is not holding in-person events, Brown Bag Lunch author visits will be presented as live events on the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library Facebook page.

From noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, Pequot Lakes author Candace Simar will speak live to viewers on Facebook on her contribution to a new book, "Librarians of the West: A Quartet."

Fourteen-year-old Pearl Ellingson learns life's hard lessons as she struggles to start a library in frontier North Dakota in Simar's short story, "Terrible and Wonderful."

Simar has a passion for her Scandinavian heritage and a deep love of history. Her historical novels include: "Escape to Fort Abercrombie," "Shelterbelts," "Blooming Prairie," "Birdie," "Pomme de Terre" and "Abercrom-

bie Trail." "Farm Girls" is a book of poetry co-written with Angela Foster.

Simar has received awards from the Western Writers of America, Women Writing the West, the Will Rogers Gold Medallion, The Western Fictioneers, Midwest Book Awards, Bob Dylan Creative Writing Contest, Lake Region Review, League of Minnesota Poets, National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Dust and Fire, and The Writer's Digest.

See more information at www.candacesimar.com.

This presentation is sponsored by the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library through volunteer and fundraising efforts.

The Friends of the Brainerd Public Library are celebrating the 21st season of the Brown Bag Lunch Author Series with a lineup of award-winning and acclaimed Minnesota writers.

For more information, contact the library at 218-829-5574 or visit the Friends of the Library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Friendsofthebrainerdpubliclibrary.

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