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Chiefland preps Trunk And Treat; *Bronson promises costume contest as well as Trunk And Treat on Saturday*

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LEVY COUNTY - With two of the two normal community providers of centralized Halloween candy distribution points choosing against doing so this year in Chiefland, the people of Chiefland are using the Haunted House event on Saturday (Oct. 29) as the place and time for Trunk And Treat.

Police Chief Robert Douglas said business interests are bringing vehicles which will be decorated for Halloween, and they will be bringing candy to give to children in Halloween costumes. The chief said there are spaces under the awning near the Haunted House (**See photos and captions below**).

Police Chief Robert Douglas speaks to the Chiefland City Commission.

"We are asking businesses to do this," Douglas said.

When asked for an option in case even more people show up willing to participate than might have been anticipated, he said there is a whole parking lot of area that could be used if needed.

On Monday night, he told the Chiefland City Commission that he is not recommending that children younger than 8 years old go into the Haunted House. It is that scary.

Teenagers go running from the Haunted House, he said, and then there are some that get back in line to buy another ticket and go through again.

As for Trunk And Treat, there is an even bigger plan for children 12 years and younger available at Bronson, in the James H. Cobb Park (also known as Bronson Sports Complex).

The Annual Bronson Trunk And Treat event is from 6:30 to 9 p.m. (maybe a bit later).

The event in Bronson shows there are already 25 committed trunk decorators ready to give out candy to children aged 12 and younger.

Also at the Town of Bronson, there is a free haunted house.

And just as the Chiefland Youth Athletic Association used to have it, the Town of Bronson is having a Costume Contest for Children.

This contest will have a First, Second and Third Place winner in the age ranges of ages 0 to 2 years old; 3 to 6 years old and 7 to 12 years old.

Deputy Town Clerk Susie Robinson is heading the event this year. She asks that all trunk decorators who are participating to please be completely set up by 5:30 p.m., to help make the traffic situation safer for everyone.

And for anyone who wants to help with a worthy cause while they are coming to the event, Robinson said, please bring a canned good to donate for the Backpack 4 Kids program. There will be a place to give those cans to help those Bronson students who are in families that need this help.



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One More Weekend



This line of people awaits their chance to enter the huge Halloween Haunted House being produced by the Chiefland Police Department, local Rotarians and the Chiefland Fire Rescue Department.



Chiefland Police Chief Robert Douglas is seen here in front of the Haunted House with his wife Barbara Douglas (left) and Sandy Oglesby (right). The three had just come from the Haven Hospice fundraiser on Saturday night (Oct. 22) that marked the 10th Anniversary of the Fall At The Farm annual series.

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Here, a scary person with a roaring chainsaw chases an unsuspecting person who thought they had completed the haunted house trip.



Here the scary person who has noticed a flash turns and prepares to hack up a journalist who dared to venture too closely to the haunted house. Chief Douglas said the height of one of the werewolves inside is just one of many awesome features that people can enjoy.

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Chiefland Police Department Officer Scott Anderson is heading the project and he found the members of the Suwannee Valley Rotary Club willing to dedicate resources to make this huge haunted house a booming success. The first few weekends have been a blast. The final weekend is approaching. The giant stage for this project is the vacant former Central Florida Electric Cooperative building on the west side of U.S. Highway 19, just south of the Chiefland Farmer's Flea Market. The remaining nights are Oct. 28 and 29. It is not planned for Halloween itself (Oct. 31 -- a Monday). The price for admission is \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. All of these proceeds, Chief Douglas and Officer Anderson said, are to be put in CPD fund for needy families at Christmastime. The vacant CFEC building is 10,000 square-feet or so, and Anderson and other volunteers are took off their gloves to create a successful, fun (but scary) haunted house event. The final weekend is next weekend -- Friday and Saturday night, and as noted on the Community Calendar, it is open until midnight on the nights when it is on.

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