

Halloween parade ready to roll Saturday

More than 300 ghosts and goblins, floats and bands will parade through downtown Chillicothe Saturday night, in the annual Halloween parade.

The parade is scheduled to step off from Yoctangee Park at 8, following entry judging at 6 and assembly at 7.

Just prior to the parade, the Adelphi Band will give a concert at the reviewing stand in front of the Ross County Courthouse, where the new Miss Ross County also will be announced.

The judging of the marching units will begin at 6 p.m. at the tennis courts in the park. The floats will be judged at the same time at the baseball diamond.

Cash awards in each division will be given for the winners of first to fifth places. The prizes will range from \$25 to \$5.

About 100 mummers (children and adults in costume) are expected to participate in the parade, and about 190 other entrants have registered in the five divisions.

The parade will begin forming at 7 p.m., from Water Street into the park. The parade route will be the same as in past years. It will travel south on Paint Street, east on Main, north on Mulberry and back to the park.

O. O. "Pink" Overly again has been named honorary grand marshal, although he will not be able to ride in the parade.

Overly was one of the originators of the Chillicothe Halloween parade, nearly 50 years ago.

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