

# Holiday in Old Halloween celebration starts today

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HALLOWELL — Halloween will kick off the holidays today with its annual Holiday in Old Halloween celebration.

People will have the chance to finish up their holiday shopping, indulge in good eats and take in the annual parade.

Holiday in Old Halloween committee member Jane Orbeton said while there are new events this year — including a toy drive

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and art show at Cerulean Gallery — it just wouldn't be the holidays in Halloween without some of the mainstay traditions.

“The mouse hunt in the store windows usually makes a lot of excitement for the kids and their families,” she said.

Families are given a list of

store names with mice hidden in the window for children to find. Three winners will be drawn at random from those who can locate all the mice.

“There are actually a lot of families who participate in this,” Orbeton said.

Another festivity staple, the

parade, will begin at 5 p.m., with fireworks following thereafter.

Returning this year is Hanukkah in Old Halloween, for all families.

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ORGANIZER**

Mondschein Katz said.

Last year, Mondschein Katz organized the first Hanukkah in Old Halloween as a way for non-Christian families to celebrate Hanukkah and for other families to learn about the holiday. Activities will be at the Hubbard Free Library from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

This year's Holiday in Old Halloween celebration will include a toy drive for children staying in Family Violence Project shelters during the holi-

days.

Mondschein Katz said families are invited to donate nonviolent-themed, unwrapped toys. The gifts will be taken to the Family Violence Project office Monday.

“It's a time when holiday shopping shouldn't be just about ourselves and our own families,” Mondschein Katz said.

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