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Hometown Halloween skit hits milestone year

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For the past 25 years, neighbors, friends and family have delivered a Halloween performance between 7 and 9 p.m. from the Wilson family garage at 12 Lynwood Place in Moraga on Halloween night.

The "fun and zany skit" originated on the front porch of the Wilson's home and grew to 15 cast members, according to event promoter Judy Michel Shumate. "As the cast grew, with family and friends joining in, the skit moved to the garage."

In 2018, the Wilson family counted about 1,000 people who stopped by to watch the skit throughout the evening. "Moraga police always stop by to show their support," Shumate said. "We usually go through about 25 bags of treats for the kids."

Last year's cast

hand out candy after the show."

We have volunteers that help manage the crowds, and

Audio track creator James Shumate, who joined the fun at 4 years old and is now a graduate in sound and video from San Francisco State, adds his expertise.

Both of Michelle Wilson's daughters have added to the fun as well. Daughter Amanda is a vocal coach in the community, and her voice can be heard in the audio. The Wilson family has roots in the entertainment business, Wilson was on the Stage in Las Vegas and had a part in "The Trial of Billy Jack" in 1974.

Now she enjoys creating smiles on the faces of the little goblins. "Laughter keeps us all young," Shumate said. "We hope to deliver cauldrons of giggles!"



Photos provided



The garage is converted into a mini theater.



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