



The Concord GRAPEVINE

LESSER KNOWN HALLOWEEN SUPERSTITIONS

Seeing Bats Might Equal Death

Supposedly, bats were witches' companions, gifted to them by the devil when they promised their souls to him. As you can expect, bats were definitely not a good omen, especially when seen on Halloween when the veil between the world of the living and the world of the dead is at its thinnest. If a bat flies into your house it is very possibly haunted, and the ghosts let the bat in. Best to keep the doors closed!



Throw Stones and Hope to Find Them Again

This superstition also comes from the Welsh. They'd make a bonfire, and each member of the household would find a white rock that they'd then mark to identify it as theirs. Once the fire was roaring, they'd all toss their rocks in, then continue their Halloween celebration. The next day, they'd return to the site of the bonfire and sift through the ashes in search of their stones. If someone didn't find their stone, they likely might not be around the next Halloween!

Be Careful at Crossroads on Halloween

According to a Welsh superstition, on Halloween night there's a spirit waiting at every crossroads.



While most will just let you pass by, others might be up to mischief. Maybe take the long way around to avoid the one who likes to make a little trouble. Another crossroads superstition is that if you stand at the center of the crossroads, the spirits there will whisper your future.

Are you brave enough to take your chances on the crossroads ghosts?

Blue Flames as Ghost Detectors

Ghosts and spirits abound on Halloween, and one superstition claims that all you need if you want to know if there are ghosts near you is a simple candle. Light the wick, and keep an eye on it. If the flame turns blue, you very likely are in the company of a spirit or two. Remember to have a treat on hand should one come knocking.



Pay Attention to Spiders

There are two ways this superstition can go. One is a bit ominous, and the other is more wholesome – albeit a touch creepy – depending on how you feel about ghosts. If a spider falls into a candle and is consumed by the flame, witches are nearby. The more wholesome idea is that seeing a spider during Halloween could very well mean that the spirit of a loved one is watching over you. So, think twice before grabbing a shoe to squash the spider!

~ Source: www.lovetoknow.com

October is...

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

2nd	Rosh Hashana (Start)
5th	World Teacher's Day
10th	World Mental Health Day
11th	Yom Kippur (Start)
17th	Int'l Day for Eradication of Poverty
24th	United Nations Day
29th	National Cat Day
31st	Halloween

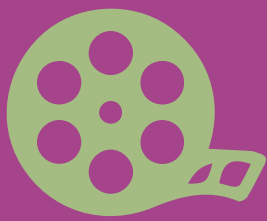


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Movie MADNESS

October 2024 Movie Releases



October 3rd Salem's Lot

A writer returns to the town of Jerusalem's Lot, where he lived as a young boy, only to discover everyone he used to know is now a vampire.



October 11th Saturday Night

At 11:30pm on October 11, 1975, a troupe of young comedians and writers changed television and culture forever. Saturday Night is based on the true story of what happened behind the scenes in the 90 minutes leading up to the first broadcast of Saturday Night Live. Full of humor, chaos, and the magic of a revolution that almost wasn't, we count down the minutes in real time until we hear those famous words...



October 4th Joker: Folie à Deux

Arthur Fleck is institutionalized at Arkham and awaiting trial for his crimes as Joker. While struggling with his dual identity, Arthur not only stumbles upon true love, but also finds the music that's always been inside him.



October 18th Gracie and Pedro: Pets to the Rescue

A pampered show dog and a street-smart alley cat embark on a thrilling journey through the bustling streets of Las Vegas, across the scorching desert, and into an abandoned amusement park to find their family after being separated during a cross-country move.



October 8th ~ Heart of a Servant: The Father Flanagan Story

Father Edward J. Flanagan is a familiar name to many Americans, often for the Oscar-winning 1938 film about Flanagan's groundbreaking child welfare organization. But the story extends far beyond that, to a man whose name and legacy are still well-known as far as Germany and Japan.



October 25th Your Monster

After her life falls apart, soft-spoken actress Laura Franco finds her voice again when she meets a terrifying, yet weirdly charming monster living in her closet. A romantic-comedy-horror film about falling in love with your inner rage.



Culinary CREATIONS

Frightfully Fun & Halloween Treats!

Mummy Brie

Ingredients:

- All-purpose flour, for surface
- 1 sheet puff pastry, thawed
- 1 (7-oz.) wheel of brie
- 1 large egg
- 1 tbsp. milk
- 2 mini pepperoni
- 2 sliced black olives

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°. On a floured work surface, unroll puff pastry and cut into 1" strips. Wrap strips around brie like a mummy. Whisk together egg and milk and brush over pastry. Transfer brie to a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake until brie is warmed through and gooey and puff pastry is deeply golden, 20 minutes. For eyes, place two mini pepperonis into two sliced olives. Serve with crackers. ~ Source: *Delish*



Dracula Dentures

Ingredients:

- 1 tube chocolate chip cookie dough
- 1 can vanilla frosting
- Red food coloring
- Mini marshmallows
- Slivered almonds

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper. Roll cookie dough into 1 ½" balls and place on baking sheets. Bake until golden, about 12 minutes. Let cool completely then cut in half. Add a few drops of red food coloring into vanilla frosting and stir until smooth. Spread a thin layer of red frosting onto each cookie half. Place mini marshmallows around the round edges of half of the halves. Place the remaining halves on top, then stick a slivered almond on each side to create fangs.

~ Source: *Delish*



Creepy Shirley Temple Drink

Ingredients:

- Ginger Ale
- A splash Grenadine syrup (that makes the red color)
- Maraschino cherries.

Directions:

Fill a beaker with ginger ale with a few maraschino cherries. Add the grenadine to a jello shot syringe inserted into the mocktail. Serve them and let guests shoot the grenadine into the drink themselves. ~ Source: *boulderlocavore.com*



Helpful TIPS

TRICK OR TREAT SAFELY

Many families will be heading out to go door-to-door for candy with their kids at the end of the month. While trick or treating is a fun Halloween tradition, it's important to abide by some ground rules to ensure safety.

Stay on the Sidewalk

You will often see crowds of families walking through the streets on Halloween night, especially in neighborhoods. While it may seem safe, it's better to stay on the sidewalk with your kids. You don't want to risk the chance of being overlooked by a driver.

Go in Groups

Plan a group outing for Halloween this year. There's always safety in numbers, so gather as many friends and family members as you can and go trick or treating together. It's always safer when you have more people to look out for cars and keep an eye on little ones. Plus, the more the merrier!

Go Out Before Dark

There is plenty of time in the early evening to trick or treat before the sun goes down. Take the kids before it gets dark, and then have a gathering at someone's house if you don't want the fun to end. A family-friendly Halloween party is the perfect way to end the night on a safe note.

Be Attentive

It's easy to assume drivers will be paying attention and looking out for trick or treaters on Halloween night. But it's best to be extra cautious and attentive while you're out with the kids. Put away the phones and electronics while you're out and about just to be safe.

Avoid Obstructions to Vision

Dressing up is a lot of fun, and there are endless opportunities for costumes. But try to avoid bulky masks that may obstruct your vision or your child's vision. It's important to maintain a full line of sight while you're walking around at night.

For those of you who are picking out costumes and getting ready for a fun-filled evening of trick or treating with the family, always remember to put safety first!



CREATE SPOOKY PAPER BATS!

Here's what you'll need:

- Black cardstock or construction paper
- Bowls for tracing
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Googly eyes (*can be purchased at Michael's or Dollar Tree*)
- White crayon or colored pencil
- Glue



1.

1. Trace two different sized bowls with a pencil to get the circles. Use the smaller one for the bat face and larger circle for the wings.



2.

2. Fold your larger circle accordion style. When you are finished folding the circle use your scissors to cut the circle in half. Now you are left with two bat wings.

3. Glue your bat wings onto the sides of your other circle. Glue your bat ears onto your paper bat. Glue your googly eyes onto your bat.



3.

4. Finish your paper bat craft by using your white crayon to draw a mouth and some spooky vampire teeth onto your bat.

Source: <https://iheartcraftythings.com/simple-accordion-fold-paper-bat-craft.html>