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Hootenanny on the Hill is October 13th

The Hootenanny on the Hill is something you won't want to miss! It encompasses the 7th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp, the Annual Pet Fair, and the 6th Annual BBQ & Chili Cook-off. Mark your calendars for October 13th and start preparing your recipes, grooming your dogs, and saving old clothes for making scarecrows. The entire event runs from 10AM to 2PM.

In addition to the events mentioned below, some old favorites return of the petting zoo, pony rides, trackless train, lots of vendors, and more!

7th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp Events:

- Scarecrow Contest, Entries Due by 2PM
- Photos by the Hay Bale Critters
- Pinecone Birdfeeders
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Entries Due by Noon.

All events are located at Fairway Fields. Email Christina Baese at cb28655@earthlink.net with any questions.

Plum Creek Pet Fair Events:

- Pup Trot and Costume Contest, Starts at 11AM
- Star Dogs: Plum Creek's first doggie talent show (NEW!), Around Noon

- Muffin Eating Contest
- Silent Auction
- Cake (Pet Treat) Walk
- Face Painting and Balloon Animals
- Local pet vendors will be in attendance to provide information for residents.

All events are located at the Dog Park and Fairway Fields. Proceeds benefit the beautification of the Dog Park. For more information, contact Gary and Cindy Kennedy at dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com.

6th Annual BBQ and Chili Cook-Off Information and Events:

- BBQ & Chili Cook-Off: The BBQ competition is IBCA Sanctioned with categories for chicken, brisket, pork spare ribs, and cook's choice. Other categories include beans, potato salad,

and desserts! Prize awarded for best cook site. Entry fees range from \$15 to \$25. Forms due October 10th. Check-in Friday, October 12th at 6PM.

- 10k, 5K and 1K Fun Run, Starts at 7AM
- Washers Tournament, Starts at 11AM
- Horseshoes Tournament, Starts at 11AM

All events held at the Plum Creek Community Center and Fergus Soccer Fields. Email recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com with any questions.

Vendors and Sponsors: If selling pet related products, email Gary and Cindy at dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com. For selling all other products, contact Jen LaCour at jen.lacour@gmail.com or 512-787-9611. If interested in sponsorships, email Brandee Otto at recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com

More information and entry forms provided via the PC eNews, www.hootenannyonthehill.com or friend us on Facebook. As always, volunteers are needed and appreciated at all HOA events! Come for the fun!



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At the Fence

Sip and Sew

New projects always happening. You never know what you might find: sewing, rug hooking, needlepoint, punchneedle, all types of creative adventures. And, remember most of us say "September and then December" - have a project you want to complete for the holidays? Join Sip and Sew, the second Tuesday of the month - our next meeting, October 09, 6:30 PM -9:00 PM. If you have questions, please contact: Pam Chapman-512-656-6050, Iris Sandle-405-0054, or Sandra Sigler-405-0187.

Calling all Scrapbookers!

Join us Friday & Saturday, October 5 & 6th for our next Scrapbooking retreat at the Plum Creek Community Center! Have you ever wanted to get started into scrapbooking, but don't know how? Do you have a ton of pictures, but don't know how to begin or are overwhelmed with all the things you can get or learn about? Come let us help you! We will meet on Friday night at 7pm set up our gear, and crop until we drop. When we are wiped out for the night, we go home, but leave our gear out, lock up, and return in the morning to crop some more! Saturday we will start at 9:30 and we have the community center until Midnight that night. We also have a trade bin for your scrapbooking castoffs or items leftover that you don't want or can no longer use. Drop your castoffs in the bin

and possibly find a treasure for you to add to your supply! There is no charge to come and you can be here any time or part of the time throughout the weekend. You can come and go as needed. Come see other's work, get inspired, learn, bounce ideas off one another and share techniques and enjoy the fellowship with like minded crafters! For more information, contact Jeannie Willis at 972-948-6760

Toddler Time on October 20th:

Join us for Toddler Time on October 19th for some Halloween carnival fun! Bring the tots dressed in their Halloween costumes for pictures! Some snacks and drinks provided, too. Geared toward the 3 and under crowd. Meet at 10:00AM at the Plum Creek Community Center at 450 Haupt. Email Christina to RSVP at cb28655@earthlink.net. We want to have enough goodies, prizes, and activities for all of the kiddos!

Community Garage Sale on October 6th: The Fall Community Wide Garage Sale is October 6th. Start cleaning out those closets and mark those calendars!

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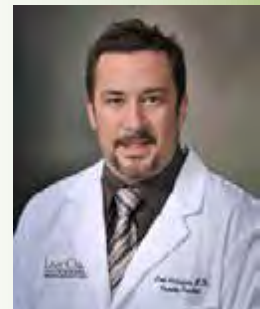
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MORE INFO ON SOME Hootenanny on the Hill CONTESTS ON OCTOBER 13TH

7th Annual Scarecrow Contest: Open to residents of all ages! Organizations, neighbors, & classes join in the fun with two ways to enter: Create early and drop off at Negley's atrium by Friday, October 12th or create/drop off on Saturday, October 13th at the event. If you build one at the event, some hay and frames will be provided. Just bring clothes and props. Remember, only homegrown scarecrows!

Prizes awarded for the Most BEAUTIFUL, Most HUMOROUS, Most TRADITIONAL, Most CREATIVE/ORIGINAL, and maybe, one or two more categories depending on the creative entries! The scarecrows will be judged and photographed at day's end and remain at Negley Garden until 10/31 or until bad weather/damage forces their removal. Let's create a family of scarecrows in PC! Email Christina at cb28655@earthlink.net with questions.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Open to residents of all ages! Organizations, neighbors, & classes join in the fun and bring your pumpkin already decorated and carved to Fairway Fields by Noon. Put your name, address, and phone number on the bottom of the pumpkin.

Prizes awarded for the Most BEAUTIFUL, Most HUMOROUS, Most TRADITIONAL, Most CREATIVE/ORIGINAL, and maybe,

one or two more categories depending on the creative entries! The pumpkins will be judged and photographed by 2pm and ready to take home at that time. Email Christina at cb28655@earthlink.net with questions.

Washers Tournament: A double elimination washers tournament will be held on Saturday, October 13th as part of the Hootenanny on the Hill events. Check-in at 11am. For all the details and forms, visit www.hootenannyonthehill.com or email recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com.

Star Dogs: Does your dog have a talent?? Let Plum Creek see, and enter into the Second Annual "STAR DOGS" at the Plum Creek Pet Fair. Prizes awarded. Anything goes: dancing, fetching, best kisses, etc. Limit your trick to three minutes. If interested, email dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com for details.

Pup Trot/Costume Contest: The pup trot starts at 11AM with same day registration. Fees are \$5 for t-shirt or free to just run! For costume contest details, email dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com.

More information on all contests and events can be found at www.hootenannyonthehill.com.



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Tips for a SAFE HALLOWEEN!

- Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- Examine treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.
- Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.
- Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.
- Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests?

- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters, such as individual packs of raisins, trail mix, or pretzels. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.
- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack-o'-lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone!
From: www.cdc.gov/family/halloween

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Kyle's Pumpkin Patch At The Kyle United Methodist Church Seventh Annual KUMC Pumpkin Patch has arrived

By Sean Claes

Kyle's got pumpkins, yes we do. We've got pumpkins here for you!

Starting October 14, the Kyle United Methodist Church (corner of Sledge and Lockhart near downtown Kyle) will be the home of about 800 fantastic pumpkins that are looking for a new home... yours. Until October 31, the Seventh Annual Kyle Pumpkin Patch is open for business.

The Kyle Pumpkin Patch will be open from Sunday (10/14) until Halloween day. Hours of operation are 2:30p.m until dusk Monday – Friday, 9a.m. until dusk Saturday and noon until dusk on Sunday.

There will be various prices for various sizes from under a dollar to over fifty. Also for sale are assorted fall-extras like gourds, and mini-pumpkins. There's also going to be a pumpkin maze and several staged areas do you can get your annual fall pumpkin patch photo.

The pumpkins are provided and priced by Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, Inc. All proceeds will benefit the missions and goals of Kyle United Methodist Church.

What: Kyle's Pumpkin Patch

Where: Kyle United Methodist Church

Address: 408 W. Lockhart Street

When: October 14-31, 2012

Time: M-F: 2:30-Dusk / Sat. 9a-Dusk / Sun. Noon-Dusk

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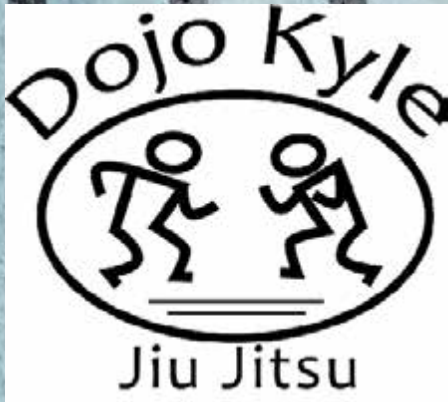
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Pumpkin Pie Croissants

Submitted by Christina Baese

Last year some time, I found these on Pinterest, and we thoroughly enjoyed them. They make a great dessert or breakfast. Plus, they were sooo easy to bake and take to functions! So, make a batch or two this fall and indulge!

Ingredients:

2 tubes of refrigerated crescent rolls
4 ounces of cream cheese (1/2 block)
1 cup of canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)
1 to 2 tablespoons of pumpkin pie spice (adjust to taste)
4 tablespoons sugar
Beat together cream cheese and pumpkin until fluffy and creamy.
Roll each crescent roll out and cut lengthwise in 2.
Put a tablespoon of the filling in each croissant. Roll them up.
They will be a little messy.
Mix together the sugar and pumpkin pie spice and roll each filled croissant in it!
Bake at 375* for 15-18 minutes. This recipe will make about 32 mini croissants. Enjoy!

Road Closure on October 13th

On Saturday, October 13th, a section of Fairway from Hartson to Haupt will be closed for the Hootenanny on the Hill event. We have events on either side of Fairway, and the 5K, 1K, and Pup Trot will start/end in this location. We do not want anyone to dart out from behind a parked car and be hit crossing the street, especially children or four-legged friends. So, for safety's sake, this area in front of Fairway Fields and Fergus Soccer Fields will be closed from 6AM to 4PM. You will be able to go around Fergus Park to rejoin Fairway, but if possible, it is best to seek alternative routes on this day during this time. Thank you!



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Re-Elect James Kohler

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Professionalism is important. That's why I'm also involved in:

- I am a life member of the North Hays County Optimist Club
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- I am a member of the Citizens for Responsible Education
- I am a life member of North American Hunting Club
- I am a member of The Hays County Live Stock Expo, Inc. and have collected over \$450,000 for the Youths of Hays County in 34 years
- I am a member of S.C.O.P.E. "School in Community's Offering Positive Experiences"

Re-Elect Constable Kohler

"I am family oriented and have been married to my lovely wife, Sandra for 53 wonderful years.

For more than 56 years I have been serving and supporting and focusing on the youth and citizens of Hays County. Combined Law Enforcement Experience in the Constable's office exceeds 124 years, including years of duty for my three deputies and I. I will continue to provide excellent service to the people of Hays County as Constable for the Precinct 2 as I have for 34 years.

Thank you for your support!"

I save taxpayers dollars and give back to the community

- I have been serving, supporting and focusing on the Youth, Citizens and our Community for 50 years
- Have collected this past 2 years and 4 months \$411,053 by serving citations
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- In the year 2000 I was responsible for the arrest of three arsonists that caused injury to one of Kyle's Police officers
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- Supporting Project Graduation
- Have sponsored two Little League teams every year in the Hays County area
- Have been delivering Brown Santa for years
- Helps back up Hays County Sheriff's department, DPS and Kyle Police department with accidents and other calls
- I will keep doing my job as a Constable for PCT. 2 as I have been for 34 years.

Bullying: What To Watch *Helping Parents Understand the Signs*

Has your child suddenly had declining grades or unexplained injuries? Have they purposely been trying to avoid school? They could be the victims of bullying.

"Bullying is a widespread problem among children, especially teenagers," says Beth Nauert, M.D., a Texas pediatrician. "Bullying should always be taken very seriously by parents, educators, and the authorities."

BULLYING SIGNS

Children who are bullied are repeatedly exposed to aggressive, negative actions on the part of one or more other persons, and have difficulty defending themselves, says Dr. Nauert.

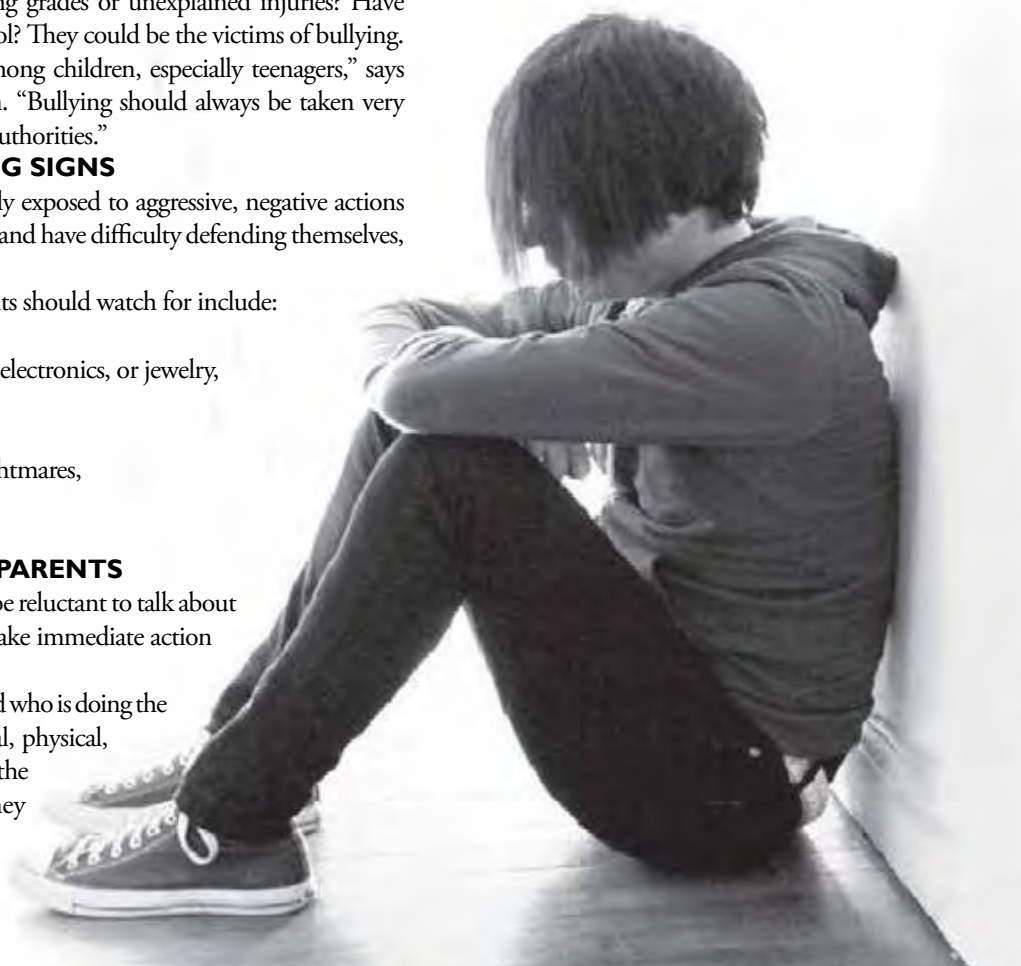
Some clear signs of bullying that parents should watch for include:

- unexplainable injuries,
- lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry,
- feeling sick or faking illness,
- changes in eating habit,
- difficulty sleeping or frequent nightmares,
- not wanting to go to school,
- running away from home.

ACTION PLAN FOR PARENTS

Because children who are bullied may be reluctant to talk about it, parents who suspect bullying should take immediate action to help their children, says Dr. Nauert.

"Parents need to find out from their child who is doing the bullying, whether the bullying was verbal, physical, or cyberbullying, and where and when the bullying is happening," she says. "They should then speak with their teacher, principal, school administrators, or local law enforcement."



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Halloween Tips

PORCH LIGHTS - a porch light on means fair game for Trick-Or-Treating. If you are not distributing candy or are done for the evening, please turn your lights off. And Trick-Or-Treaters...if you see a porch light off, be respectful and move on to the next illuminated house.

HELLO? - Knock or ring the bell no more than twice. If the door isn't answered within a minute despite the porch light being on, assume you've gotten one of those folks who didn't read Tip 1.

FRIGHTENING LIMITS - If you are the person who wants to jump out of the coffin tucked in the corner of your front porch, please make sure that the age of the 'victim' is appropriate. While pee will wash off concrete, you might ruin the night for a dressed up 2 year-old princess.

WALKING - Stay on sidewalks or pathways. Don't take short cuts through lawns or flowerbeds.

Manners matter - Saying "Trick-or-Treat" before and "Thank You" afterward is a small price for collecting free candy on Halloween.

GAME OVER - Don't Trick-or-Treat after 9pm. Families with children or older people may well be in bed after that.

TRAFFICKING - Vehicles: drive extra slow and look for kids. Chaperones/Kids: Stay off roads as much as possible.

BLINDED BY THE LIGHT - Glow sticks, reflectors, flashlights - all are good to make your kids visible to anyone who fails at Tip 6.

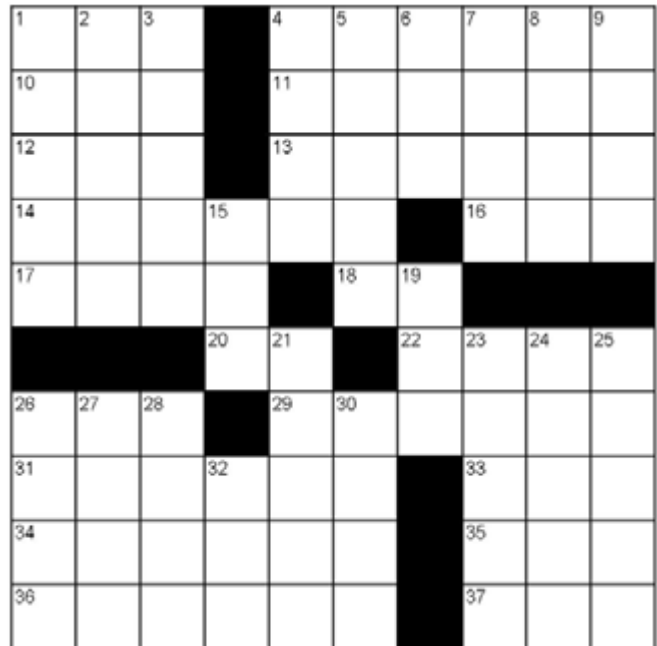
FLAME OFF!! - Jack-o-lanterns/candles set a spooky mood, but open flames near dangling costume sleeves and flammable accessories is dangerous. Consider battery-powered tea lights.

THANKS... - If you're going to give out goodies to Trick-or-Treaters, buy individually wrapped treats. Save special homemade goodies and fresh fruit as presents for the folks you know rather than strangers who are coming to your door Trick-or-Treating.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T - Not everyone celebrates the holiday, or celebrates it in the same way you do. We live in a community with diverse beliefs and views. Please show respect as you yourself would want to be respected.

DON'T SCARE THE LITTLE ONES TOO BADLY! - If you've got a really creepy costume to answer the door, or you decorate your house from sidewalk to front porch in graveyard chic - remember that what can be delightfully frightening to older kids and adults can terrify toddlers and young kids. Before jumping out of bushes, screaming when you open doors or leaping out of fake coffins at Trick-or-Treaters, take a quick glance to make sure they're of an appropriate age-group to enjoy such a scare. Save the best frights for those who can really appreciate them. You'll have more fun, and the parents of the little kids will be grateful. Having to take home a hysterical Trick-or-Treater who has been scared witless on their first time out is no fun for anyone.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Legume
4. Rolled up paper
10. Carry
11. Irrational fear
12. Wing
13. Animal disease
14. Gentle breeze
16. Eastern Time
17. Region
18. Military policeman (abbr.)
20. Deutschmark (abbr.)
22. Meat alternative
26. Slumber
29. Bayer's competitor
31. Pilot
33. Pull
34. Seed remover
35. East northeast
36. Gully
37. Little bit

DOWN

1. Shopping mall
2. Swiss mathematician
3. Open
4. Energetic
5. Amulet
6. Fleece
7. Off-Broadway award
8. Fish stories
9. Endure
15. Held
19. School group
21. Nautical "friend"
23. Eight
24. Female singer ____ Apple
25. Single
26. Space ship builders
27. Declare positively
28. Landing
30. Roman emperor
32. Hoopla

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HALLOWEEN

Boo! What are you going to be for Halloween? Sometimes, it can be fun to dress up as a group. Maybe your brothers, sisters, friends - or even parents - will want to join in the fun. Here are some costume ideas for groups of two or more.

- sun and moon
- winter, spring, summer, and fall
- salt and pepper shakers
- a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste
- cop and robber
- doctor and patient
- veterinarian and animal (dog, cat, or bunny)
- fireman and fire dog (dalmatian)
- fisherman and fish
- squirrel and nut
- teacher and student
- pilgrim and Indian (or turkey!)
- prince and princess (or king and queen)
- cowboy and horse (or cowboy and cowgirl)
- dog and bone (Arf! Arf!)
- Santa and elf (or Mrs. Claus)
- macaroni and cheese
- Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail (from Peter Rabbit)
- Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, the Lion, and Toto (from the Wizard of Oz)
- Sonny and Cher (ask your parents!)
- vampire and bat
- burger and fries
- peanut butter and jelly
- three blind mice
- three little bears
- three little pigs

And no matter what you dress up as, please be safe while you're haunting the neighborhood!



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