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Keep scary things to minimum with trick-or-treating tips

Halloween is a time for ghosts, goblins and other frightening things.

But what can happen to children who are trick-or-treating can be frightening, too.

To help keep your children safe this year, follow these Halloween tips:

☺ use make-up instead of masks, which can block vision while trick-or-treating and avoid costumes which may become tangled in small children's legs as they walk.

☺ do not label children's costumes or candy bags with their names.

☺ use flashlights or glow sticks to allow children to see better at night.

☺ have an older child or adult accompany small children. Have older children travel in groups for added safety.

☺ remind children of rules for crossing the street.

☺ allow trick-or-treating only during times allowed in
See TIPS on other side

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Halloween" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children may dress as their favorite book character for the program.

Tiny Tots begins at 10:30 a.m. and is open to all children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Watch for Paddington Bear who will make an appearance in the near future.

Book fair slated

FMC Corp. will host a book fair Friday with proceeds going to the Grant Township United Community Fund.

The fair will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at FMC, 103 E. Maple. Fair-goers should use employee entrance door 1. Books, at savings up to 70 percent, are available for all ages from Books Are Fun, LTD.

Music Booster meeting

The Hoopeston Area Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the chorus room.

Neighborhood Watch meeting change

The Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for Nov. 2 has been changed to Nov. 9 at the

municipal building.

The change was made because the city council will meet Nov. 2 instead of Nov. 3.

Youth bowling to start

The Hoopeston Youth Bowling League will start Saturday, Oct. 31 at 10 Pin Alley. Registration for the junior league (ages 8-12) will be at 8 a.m. with bowling at 9 a.m. Senior league, ages 12 and older, will register at 10 a.m. with bowling at 11. All parents will meet at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 10 Pin Alley, (217) 283-5195 or Pat Catron, 283-6288.

Milk jugs needed

Cleaned gallon milk jugs are needed for the Hoopeston Chamber's Winter Festival. Jugs may be left at the Academy for the Performing Arts, 203 E. Main, from 3:30-5:30 Mondays and 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Friends of Library to meet

The Friends of the Hoopeston Public Library will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 at the library to discuss the library's centennial celebration.



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Court Dispositions



Oct. 22: Bryan Billingsley, Hoopeston, battery, pleaded not guilty, bench trial Dec. 3.

Daryl Brown, Hoopeston, battery, dismissed.

Wendy Brown, Rantoul, to pay \$871.27, paid \$400.

Mary Dilts, Hoopeston, to pay \$78, continued.

John Halley, Hoopeston, to complete 14 hours public

service work, to pay in full Nov. 5.

Mary Beth Justice, Hoopeston, to pay \$78, continued two weeks.

Danny Justice, Hoopeston, leash law, noisy animal, cruelty, owner's duties, pleaded not guilty, bench trial Dec. 3.

County Crimestoppers seek help on local armed robbery

Vermilion County Crimestoppers is seeking information on a Hoopeston crime.

The group is seeking information leading to the arrest and conviction of two people who robbed the Hoopeston Shell Mart, Routes 1 and 9, on Sept. 16.

Two suspects were involved in the armed robbery, according to police. The first was a white male, 5'6" to 5'8", wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. This suspect showed a chrome or nickel revolver.

The second suspect is described as a Hispanic or light-skinned black male, 5'5" to 5'8". During the robbery this suspect wore a stocking hat covering his face.

Tips continued from other side

your city.

☺ only allow children to trick-or-treat at homes they know. Avoid accepting candy from strangers.

☺ be sure to check all goodies when children return home. Closely examine all packaging, as well as fruits for signs of tampering. Examine homemade treats for unusual odors, textures or appearance.

☺ consider having a Halloween party in your home for your child and his friends, or have children attend a party scheduled in your community.

Those who welcome trick-or-treaters should:

☺ leave the porch light on during scheduled trick-or-treat hours.

☺ consider giving coupons to fast food restaurants or other businesses instead of sweets.

☺ be aware of children at your door who seem upset or who might be in danger.

By observing a few safety rules, Halloween night can be frighteningly fun without being scary

Both suspects fled on foot

Anyone with information on the crime is asked to call Crimestoppers at 283-4411.

Callers may remain anonymous and a reward may be given.

Obituaries

ALLISON – Harry Leroy Allison, 67, of Rossville, formerly of Chico, Calif., died at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, 1998, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Danville. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Potomac Cemetery, Potomac. The Wolfe Funeral Home, Potomac, was in charge of arrangements.

Police News



Stephanie Weyand, 845 E. Penn, reported Tuesday that someone threw rocks at her home, breaking a louver on the rear door.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Oct. 26

Admitted: John Pate, Wellington; Pedro Molina, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 70. Tonight, cloudy. Low 55. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 70, low 53.

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