These businesses would like to encourage our local families to be safe and use caution while enjoying Halloween.
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Halloween Thrill Guide

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Spooky Word Search

Frankenstein Pumpkin Mummy Goblin Monster Zombie Ghost Halloween Spider Potion Beware Vampire Witch Wizard Gravestone Poison Haunted Skull

Making Words

Use the letters below and make as many real words as you can.

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN

All Treat. No Trick.

Come in & try our
Hocus Pocus
The Pink Flamingo
The Great Pumpkin
Pumpkin Spice Shake

575-309-5437
119 E. 6th St., Clovis, NM

October 31st

Trunk-Or-Treat

Hydration Station

5:30pm-8:30pm in Parking Lot

A Special Thank You to Teen Universe Portales and Beauty Latina Pageant girls. Candy donations provided by Lili Buckaroos Daycare.

575-749-2024
523 W University Dr., Portales

Happy Halloween

Clovis
575.366.5003

Portales
575.356.0466

BeeHive Homes

4020 N Prince St
Clovis, NM
575-742-0200

Kids Eat Free All Day On Halloween
Halloween Recipes Kids Love

CAKE EYEBALLS

Ingredients:
1) 18.25 oz boxed cake mix (any variety) plus the needed ingredients
2) 12 oz can frosting (any kind)
3) 12 oz white chocolate melting disks
4) Assorted gel icing for decorating

Directions:
1. Prepare the mix according to the package directions for a 9 X 13 inch cake or two 9 inch cakes. Allow to cool slightly in pan, then remove to a cooling rack, cover with a dish towel and cool completely.
2. Break off sections of the cake and crumble in a large bowl. When finished, you should have a bunch of very fine cake crumbs. Using a rubber spatula, work the frosting into the cake until it is no visible. (Even if you use white frosting with red velvet cake, the white will eventually blend in entirely.)
3. Next, roll the mixture into 1½ inch balls (a small ice cream scoop helps with this) and set on a parchment lined cookie sheet. This is much more important. Pop them in the freezer, uncovered, for at least an hour. The cake balls need to be very firm before coating them.
4. When the cake balls are nice and firm, place the white chocolate in a heatproof bowl and set over a pan of simmering water. (Don’t let the bottom of the bowl touch the water.) Stir occasionally until the chocolate is melted and smooth. Remove the bowl from the pan. Add the cake balls one at a time to the chocolate and gently roll to coat. Using a fork, lift out the cake balls and then tap the fork against the bowl to remove excess chocolate. With a toothpick, push the off of the fork onto the parchment lined cookie sheet. Let stand at room temperature, 15 minutes. Decorate with gel icing to look like scary bloodshot eyeballs. BOO!

Makes 45 – 30 servings.

HALLOWEEN POPCORN BALLS

Ingredients:
• Large bowl popped popcorn
• 1/2 tsp salt
• 1/4 cup butter (1/2 stick)
• 1 tsp vanilla
• 4.5 cups mini marshmallows
• 3/4 cup M&M’s
• 3/4 cup candy corn

Instructions:
• Put Pop corn in a large bowl.
• Sprinkle with salt.
• In a large pan over medium high heat, melt your butter. Add in your vanilla and marshmallows.
• Stir constantly till the marshmallows are melted and creamy.
• Pour the marshmallow mixture over your popcorn and stir until popcorn is fully coated.
• Allow to set for a couple minutes, then stir in half of your M&M’s and candy corn.
• Separate your popcorn into 10 sections
• Shape popcorn into balls. If the mixture is sticking to your hands, spray them with nonstick spray as needed.
• Press additional candies onto the outside of the popcorn balls.
• Place balls on parchment paper and allow to set for about an hour.

Clovis Community College

Register for the upcoming Spring Semester at CCC. Classes will be offered in a variety of formats to fit all your educational needs beginning January 19th. For more information on class format offerings or registration questions, give us a call at 575.769.4020 or visit our website at clovis.edu.

CLOVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE... A CARING CAMPUS
Amiee and Jim Constantopoulos may have spent an evening with a ghost.

They didn’t set out looking for one. They were just part of the spooky scene, at least as they understood it on Halloween.

But they tell their own story, and their account of the ghostly encounter is one of the local legends.

The tale begins with a gathering of friends at the bar of a long-abandoned train station, a place known for its history of hauntings.

The night was dark, and the air was thick with the scent of burnt leaves. As the group sat around the bar, they noticed something unusual.

A shadowy figure appeared out of the corner of their eyes, but it was nothing they could easily identify. It was as if something was watching them, just out of their line of sight.

Suddenly, one of the group felt a chill run down their spine. They turned to check, but the shadowy figure was gone.

But the feeling stayed with them. They talked about what had happened, and they all agreed it was something unexplainable.

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WHAT IS A BLUE MOON?
A blue moon is the second full moon in a month. The two full moons will be on Oct. 1 and Oct. 31. The average lunar cycle is about 29 days, meaning two full moons don’t usually happen in the same month. Hence the phrase "once in a blue moon." It doesn’t have anything to do with the color, unfortunately.

“Most blue moons look pale gray and white, indistinguishable from any other moon you’ve ever seen,” said NASA. “Squeezing a second full moon into a calendar month doesn’t change the physical properties of the moon itself, so the color remains the same.” That second moon has been called a blue moon since at least 1528, when it was recorded being used in English.

The first moon in October, incidentally, is called the Harvest Moon. But on Halloween? Yep. A full moon on Halloween happens once about every 19 years, last occurring in 2001. The next one is set for 2039. Never mind all the full moon Halloween decor. It’s actually a pretty rare occurrence.

SO WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH HALLOWEEN?
Halloween originates from the ancient Celtic festival Samhain (rhymes with COW-in). Samhain marked the beginning of the dark half of the year, when the nights were longer and the weather colder. It also marked the end of the harvest season and the end of the Celtic year. Restive souls of the dead were thought to revisit their former homes seeking hospitality in the moon light, and food and drink were left out to satisfy roaming aos si, or fairies. There’s also a tradition of dressing up in costume, perhaps to mimic these roaming spirits; and lighting ritual bonfires mimicked the sun, driving back the darkness of winter. Samhain was also a night of mischief, when people played pranks on one another, perhaps giving rise to today’s trick or treating.