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Two Crescent Trunk or Treat Events Set for Oct. 31

Families Have Two Fun Options for an Evening of Costumes, Candy and Community!

Crescent Trunk or Treat
H.A. TERRY PARK



Get ready for a spooktacular evening! The Crescent Trunk or Treat is returning to **H.A. Terry Park on Saturday, Oct. 31st, starting at 6:00 PM,** and the community is invited to join the fun!

Families can look forward to decorated trunks, lots of candy, festive costumes, and a warm community atmosphere. A bonfire will add to the celebration, giving everyone a chance to gather, stay warm and enjoy the evening together.



A big thank you to the Flanagans for donating firewood for the bonfire!

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 31st

START TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: H.A. Terry Park Crescent, OK



We are still looking for trunks to participate in the event!

Crescent Community of Christ Trunk or Treat



The **Crescent Community of Christ** will be hosting a trunk or trea on **October 31** from **6–8 p.m.,** giving families another option to enjoy a safe and fun evening of trick-or-treating, community and fellowship.

Families can look forward to decorated trunks, candy, costumes, fellowship and a welcoming community atmosphere. It's a great opportunity to spend time with neighbors and enjoy a memorable night for all ages!

All families, friends and members of the community are welcome!

DATE: October 31

TIME: 6–8 p.m.

LOCATION: Crescent Community of Christ (Church Parking Lot) Crescent, OK



Decorated trunks, candy, costumes, community and fellowship!

These Events are in Addition to Halloween!

These events are in addition to traditional Halloween festivities and are not meant to replace door-to-door trick-or-treating. We encourage everyone to enjoy all of the Halloween fun our community has to offer!

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Crescent City Council Minutes

Submitted by Jody Shea, City Clerk. The City of Crescent is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Minutes of the City of Crescent Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, September 15th, 2026. Meeting called to order at 7:00p by Mayor Chuck Hildreth. Council members present: Jim Aldrich, Tina Flott, Michelle Hargens, Jack Powers and Dale Schmidt. Fire Chief, Craig Peterson present.

Consent Agenda | Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Schmidt; Aldrich, Hargens, Powers; all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion | Approval of Liquor License for Dollar General. Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Schmidt; Aldrich, Hargens, Powers; all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion | Accept Sidewalk Bid. Council reviewed submitted bids and agreed on the lessor. Motion by Hargens to approve the Hatcher Construction bid, seconded by Aldrich; Hargens, Powers, Schmidt; all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 185-2026 | Approval of Crescent Township Fire Contract FY27. Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Hargens; Aldrich, Powers, Schmidt; all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 186-2026 | Acceptance of Planning Commission Approvals/Denials

Revised Parcel Split Permit | Bill Novak with BKN Development. Approved by Planning. Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Powers; Aldrich, Hargens, Schmidt; all ayes. Motion carried.

Fence Permit | Neuvirth Construction, Inc at 3400 Old Mormon Bridge Rd. Approved by Planning. Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Powers; Aldrich, Hargens, Schmidt; all ayes. Motion carried.

Fence Permit | Harold Johnson at 406 Crescent Dr. Approved by Planning. Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Hargens; Aldrich, Powers, Schmidt; all ayes. Motion carried.

Exterior Addition (Deck) Permit | Roger Schnitker at 827 Valley Dr. Approved by Planning. Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Powers; Aldrich, Hargens, Schmidt; all ayes. Motion carried.

Fence Permit | Daria Sakharova & Dylan Fagerquist at 727 Old Lincoln Hwy. Approved by Planning. Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Schmidt; Aldrich, Hargens, Powers; all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 187-2026 | Acceptance of FY26 Annual Finance Report. Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Powers; Aldrich, Hargens, Schmidt; all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 188-2026 | Requesting the Submission to the Registered Voters of Crescent, the Question of Changing of the Use of Local Option Sales and Services Tax Revenues. This would be added to the ballot at a special election in March '27, per legal counsel. Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Hargens; Aldrich, Powers, Schmidt; all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 189-2026 | Approval of Vacation of a Portion of Prospect Street. Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Aldrich; Hargens, Powers, Schmidt; all ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 190-2026 | Elimination of Petty Cash Box. Motion by Schmidt to approve, seconded by Flott; Aldrich, Hargens, Powers; all ayes. Motion carried.

FYI | Sheriff's Reports. Council reviewed spreadsheet of Sheriff's reports since January 2025. Discussion ensued on the number of speeding tickets issued compared to hours spent in Crescent. Also spoke on speed study and high rate of speeding on Old Lincoln Hwy and Old Mormon Bridge Rd. Hargens will ask if a deputy can attend the October meeting.

FYI | Outstanding Obligations Report. Clerk shared report which was submitted in August.

FYI | Veteran's Mobile Service Office will be in Crescent every Tuesday in October and Every Thursday in March.

FYI | IA West Foundation Rural Summit. A member of the Crescent Community Collective will be speaking on a panel at the Rural Summit in Oakland on October 1st to share details of Crescent's Zip Code Day as they were the first recipients of the IWF Belonging Grant.

Mayor | Roof on community hall is leaking on to new ceiling tiles. One new light fixture has been damaged. Roof needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Bid is around $10,000. It's not covered by insurance. Communication port at lift station is out. Needs to be repaired. Installed in 2002. New is $3000-$4000. Mice are doing damage to the generator at lift station costing around $2000. Some additional sidewalks and streets are needing to be mud-jacked. We need to consider purchasing a backhoe to help with ditch cleaning. Mayor will gather numbers.

Maintenance | Asphalt work being done on E. Welch. Grass seed is sprouting. Jackson St. repaired. Flag poles put up. Brush cleared for water tower work. Rebuilt sweeper for skid loader. Trees that need to come down including behind the fire station.

Discussion | Park bathroom cleanings. Clerk was able to negotiate a lesser price by $125/mth. Cleaning schedule discussed. Will continue Terry Park restrooms every two weeks through December. Vets Park restrooms to be done once a month.

PeopleService | Report submitted

Park Board | Mindi asked about scoreboard. Box has mouse damage. Getting a bid to repair playground equipment, mulch and edge. Wheelchair swing is being misused. Talked to playground installer. He has a swing he will give us. Clerk called Mid-American regarding light pole by the new sign. They will be out to repair.

CVFD | Report given. 33 calls in August, 243 for the year. 1 new member. Neuvirth has offered to donate some dirt to the future location.

Public Forum | Please stand, state name & address, limited to 2 minutes. No Council action can be taken on open forum items.

Adjournment | Motion by Powers, seconded by Flott to adjourn; Aldrich, Schmidt; all ayes. Hargens excused from meeting at 7:45. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03p.

CRESCENT CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes of the City of Crescent Special Council Meeting Thursday, August 27th, 2026. Meeting called to order at 6:00p by Mayor Chuck Hildreth. Council members present: Jim Aldrich, Tina Flott, Michelle Hargens and Dale Schmidt. Jack Powers, absent.

Consent Agenda | Motion by Flott to approve, seconded by Aldrich; Hargens, Schmidt; all ayes. Motion carried.

Workshop | First proof of codification of City Code of Ordinances. Clerk read through eight pages of questions and suggestions from Iowa Codification. Many were legistlative changes. Council discussed each in detail while tabling water and sewer chapters along with additional items that need further research.

Public Forum | No one in attendance.

Adjournment | Motion by Hargens, seconded by Flott to adjourn; Aldrich, Schmidt; all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48p.





CITY EXPENSES

CITY
3-T (Vets Park Septic Pump).....360.00
Aflac (Craig & Jody).....89.26
American National (F350 Loan)...418.90
American National (Account An.)...15.04
American National Mastercard.....759.59
Black, Brenda (Reimbursed).....45.00
Black Hills Energy (Gas).....30.35
Century Business Products.....114.58
Cox (phone/internet).....111.99
CB Public Library (Contract).....4358.06
CVFD (Contract).....2190.56
Excel Remodeling (Hall Reno)..10000.00
First Impressions (Park Sign).....1634.20
Hively, Mindi (Flower Pot).....14.99
In-Law Fencing (Vets Park).....3501.71
Jan-Pro (July).....660.00
Jones, Brenda (Treasurer).....250.00
Lightbox Systems (IT).....229.00
Menards (Supplies).....15.97
Mid American (Siren).....21.12
Mid American (102 W. Florence)...98.09
Mid American (Sharon Dr).....39.41
Pott. Co.Treasurer (Drainage Fee).56.00
S & L (Dumpsters).....129.00
Shea, Jody (New Toilets, Supplies)544.18
SWIPCO (Membership).....191.78
Wells Fargo Leasing (New Copier)149.00
TOTAL.....25667.78

FIRE
Andersen Door (Station).....116.00
Black Hills Energy (Gas).....30.34
Cox (phone/internet).....111.99
IPAIT (Transfer).....2100.00
MasterCard (TV, Sam's).....981.90
Menards (1580, Batteries, Light)...81.43
Methodist PhysClinic (Drug Test).100.00
Mid American (102 W. Florence)....98.09
Project Life Saver (Dues).....250.00
TOTAL.....3473.41

RESCUE
Albright Auto Plus (1550 Battery).417.98
Andersen Door (Station).....116.00
Boundtree (Medical Equiqment).332.24
Hill, James (License Fees).....92.00
IPAIT (Transfer).....2100.00
MasterCard (TV).....44.40
Project Life Saver (Dues).....250.00
Verizon (Ambulance Cell).....40.01
TOTAL.....2434.41

ROADS
American National (F350 Loan)...418.90
American National MC.....401.70
Black Hills Energy (Gas).....92.22
Bobcat (Filter, Bucket, Service)..3717.80
Bomgaars (Chains).....149.99
Cox Communications (Maint).....163.28
FarmTek (Salt Shed).....899.09
Menards (Supplies).....277.69
Mid American (O Street Lights)...431.06
Mid American (Maint. Bldg).....99.27
Mid American (517 E. Welch).....16.06
Schildberg Construction 246.96
TOTAL.....6914.02

SEWER
American Crane & Rigging.....900.00
CenturyLink (GH Lift Stations)....295.38
Deposit Refund (Marshall B.).....100.00
Dorsey & Whitney (Bonding)...11000.00
Iowa One Call (Locates).....23.85
MidAmerican (601 W. Jackson Lift)53.59
MidAmerican (1GH Lift).....40.08
Midwest Labs (Testing/Supplies)...71.25
PeopleService (Monthly Fees)...2378.90
Trans GO Bond to Sewer MM.511000.00
Sewer Money Market (Transfer)7200.00
TOTAL.....532163.05

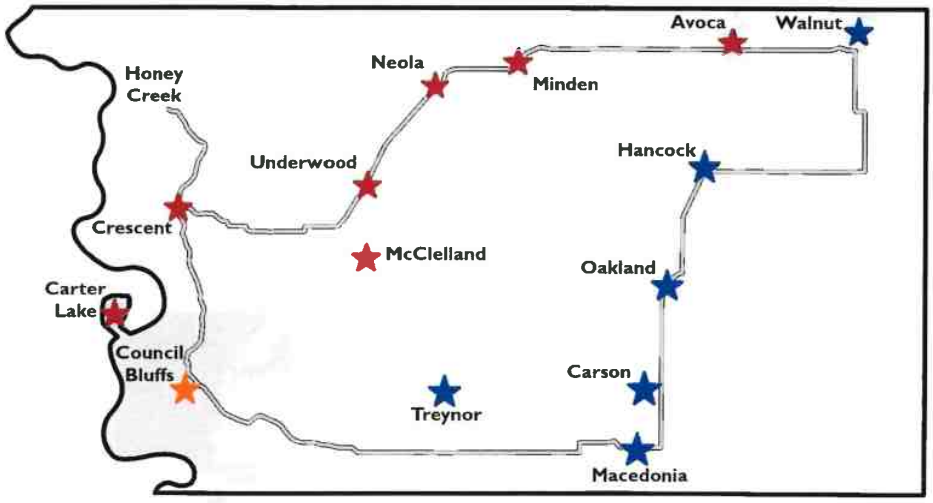
WATER
Black Hills Energy (Gas).....30.33
Cahoy Pump Service (Maint).....787.50
C.B. Waterworks (Water).....17324.20
CenturyLink (Water Tower).....216.60
Collins, Mike (Water Refund).....225.00
Cox (phone/internet).....111.99
Deposit Refund (Five Star Comm)156.70
Deposit Refund (Marshall B.).....150.00
IDNR (Water Supply Fee).....211.50
Iowa One Call (Locates).....23.85
Mid American (23701 OLH PRV).....18.68
Mid American (102 W. Florence)...98.08
Mid American (900 Powells).....11.86
PeopleService (Monthly Fees)...3288.90
Western IA Utilities (E. Welch)..7746.85
TOTAL.....21837.36

Mobile Service Office

Pottawattamie County

Veterans Service Office

Beginning in April 2026, our caseworkers will be traveling to communities across Pottawattamie County to offer services to veterans and their families.



Avoca-May 2026: Tuesdays
October 2026: Thursdays

Carson-June 2026: Thursdays
January 2027: Tuesdays

Carter Lake- monthly 2nd & 4th Wed

Crescent-October 2026: Tuesdays
March 2027: Thursdays

Hancock-August 2026: Thursdays
March 2027: Tuesdays

Macedonia-May 2026: Thursdays
December 2026: Tuesdays

McClelland-September 2026: Tuesdays
February 2027: Thursdays

Minden-June 2026: Tuesdays
November 2026: Thursdays

Neola-July 2026: Tuesdays
December 2026: Thursdays

Oakland-July 2026: Thursdays
February 2027: Tuesdays

Treynor-April 2026: Thursdays
November 2026: Tuesdays

Underwood-August 2026: Tuesdays
January 2027: Thursdays

Walnut-April 2026: Tuesdays
September 2026: Thursdays

For more information on van scheduling and exact locations, visit **www.pottia.gov/veterans**

or scan the qr code:

Mobile Office hours will be 9:00am-3:00pm.

Pott County Sheriff's Report

Submitted by John Cool, Chief Deputy, Pottawattamie County

8/2 @ 1:19 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 500 block of OLD MORMON BRIDGE RD for a BUSINESS ALARM call.

8/2 @ 1:42 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 100 block of OLD MORMON BRIDGE RD for a CHECK LOCATION call.

8/2 @ 2:56 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 500 block of OLD MORMON BRIDGE RD for a BUSINESS ALARM call.

8/2 @ 3:43 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 500 block of OLD MORMON BRIDGE RD for a BUSINESS ALARM call.

8/2 @ 11:53 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 26000 block of SKI HILL LOOP for a SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY call.

8/4 @ 3:59 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 800 block of OLD LINCOLN HWY for a BUSINESS ALARM call.

8/5 @ 11:15 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of OLD MORMON BRIDGE RD / 152ND ST for a SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY call.

8/5 @ 11:35 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 100 block of OLD MORMON BRIDGE RD for a SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY call.

8/6 @ 3:25 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 25000 block of OLD LINCOLN HWY for an ANIMAL COMPLAINT call.

8/7 @ 9:46 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of MM 62 I 29 for a CHECK LOCATION call.

8/10 @ 4:56 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of MM 2 I 680 for a MOTORIST ASSIST call.

8/13 @ 8:41 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of 1MM I680 for a CHECK THE WELFARE call.

8/15 @ 8:43 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 400 block of E WELCH ST for a JUVENILE PROBLEMS call.

8/16 @ 3:26 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 100 block of OLD MORMON BRIDGE RD for a SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY call.

8/16 @ 3:34 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 15000 block of OLD MORMON BRIDGE RD for a MOTORIST ASSIST call.

8/16 @ 2:24 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of MM 1 I 680 for a CHECK LOCATION call.

8/17 @ 8:28 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 23000 block of OLD LINCOLN HWY for a CHECK THE WELFARE call.

8/18 @ 11:03 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 23000 block of OLD LINCOLN HWY for a CHECK THE WELFARE call.

8/20 @ 8:43 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 500 block of CRESCENT DR for a WANTED PERSON call.

8/21 @ 5:49 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 700 block of OLD LINCOLN HWY for a CHECK THE WELFARE call.

8/21 @ 11:20 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of I-29 NB ENTRANCE 61A / OLD MORMON BRIDGE RD for a TRAFFIC PROBLEM call.

8/21 @ 9:33 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of MM 61 I 29 for a PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT call.

8/22 @ 11:45 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of 130TH ST / 145TH ST for a SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY call.

8/24 @ 1:42 PM Deputies were dispatched to the area of the 500 block of POWELLS ST for an ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT call.

8/25 @ 9:17 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 16000 block of LIME KILN RD for a CHECK THE WELFARE call.

8/26 @ 10:12 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 16000 block of LIME KILN RD for an EMERGENCY COMMITAL call.

8/26 @ 5:01 PM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 17000 block of HERITAGE LN for a CHECK LOCATION call.

8/28 @ 9:09 AM a Deputy was dispatched to the area of the 23000 block of OLD LINCOLN HWY for a CHECK LOCATION call.

8/28 @ 6:39 PM Deputies were dispatched to the area of the 500 block of POWELLS LN for an ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT call.

8/30 @ 1:24 AM Deputies were dispatched to the area of MM 62 I 29 N for an ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT call.



Honey Creek, IA

Crescent Hill at Hitchcock Job Fair is October 3rd

In preparation for the upcoming winter ski season, Crescent Hill at Hitchcock, previously Mt. Crescent Ski Area, will be hosting its annual job fair on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 17026 Snowhill Lane, Honey Creek, IA 51542.

Community members looking to pick up a cool gig this winter are encouraged to attend the job fair where they will have the opportunity to interview in person for roles in several areas. Current job openings include introducing visitors to the sport as a ski or snowboard instructor, making and grooming snow, fitting visitors with rental equipment, operating the chairlifts, ticketing and guest services, and serving up food and drinks that keep visitors fueled.



Apply online beforehand at:
www.pottcounty-ia.gov/jobs

Applicant Information

- Applicants must be 14 years old by the time they start working; some positions require applicants be at least 16 or 18 years old.
- Evening and weekend availability is required.
- Applicants must follow safety protocols and support positive customer service and ski culture.
- Bring a photo ID and Social Security card to the job fair.
- Applicants under 18 must attend with a parent or guardian.

Hiring Goals & Upcoming Events

- The ski area is looking to hire more than 100 seasonal workers this season.
- First public event: "Season Pass Pickup Party and Gear Swap Fundraiser for the Crescent Hill Ski Patrol"
- Saturday, November 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Job Perks

Season pass, buddy tickets, and discounts on food while working.



Important Dates

- Season passes are currently on sale.
- Prices increase on October 1st.
- Registration for Crescent Hill's Development Program, a six-week learning course for ages 7 to 14, opens on October 1st.
- Visit: **www.explorecrescenthill.com** for details.

Season Outlook

Crescent Hill's opening date for the 2026–2027 season, which is weather-dependent, is not yet set. The ski season generally runs from mid-December through mid-March. To begin making snow, temperatures must be consistently at or below 26 degrees wet-bulb.

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Volunteer-led Hitchcock HawkWatch, part of an international effort to monitor the health of raptors, is turning 35 this month. To celebrate, the public is invited to attend the **35 Years of HawkWatch Celebration** on Saturday, October 3rd from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the **21st Annual HawkWatch 5K Walk/Run** on Sunday, October 4th at 9:00 a.m.

Hitchcock Nature Center • 27792 Ski Hill Loop, Honey Creek, IA 51542



Saturday, October 3rd • 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
35 Years of HawkWatch Celebration

Visitors are also invited to explore the Loess Hills Lodge interactive exhibits and learn about the important conservation work HawkWatch volunteers conduct each fall as they count and band migrating raptors.



12:15 p.m. | Learn to HawkWatch Clinic
with this year's Hawk Counter, Mark Orsag, on the overlook deck at the Loess Hills Lodge. Open to all ages and abilities. Learn the basics of identifying and counting raptors by silhouette, flight pattern, and behavior. Binoculars provided while supplies last.



1:00 to 2:00 p.m. | Raptor Meet & Greet
with Fontenelle Forest on the back patio of the Loess Hills Lodge. Enjoy an up-close encounter with educational birds of prey.



2:15 p.m. | Indoor presentation by Ty Smedes
wildlife photographer and writer about raptors in Iowa, featuring award-winning photography and stories from the field.
More at: **www.smedesphoto.com**

Sunday, October 4th • 9:00 a.m.
21st Annual HawkWatch 5K Walk/Run

Visitors of all ages are invited to join Pottawattamie Conservation for the 21st Annual HawkWatch 5K Walk/Run.

- Day-of signups welcome
- **Pre-register for $40** per person at **runsignup.com** by October 3rd
- Proceeds support habitat preservation in the county and low-impact recreational opportunities for the public

Same trails. Brighter tomorrows.



Looking for more fall fun this weekend?



Botna Bend Park • 42926 Mahogany Road, Hancock, IA 51536

All Hallows Eve Festival

- Saturday, October 3rd • 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Activities include hayrack rides, trick-or-treating, cookie decorating, and more.
- Free for paid campers or with an annual membership, or $3 per vehicle park entry fee.



Celebrate raptors, conservation, and fall fun in Pottawattamie County!





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Submissions are due by the 18th of the month.

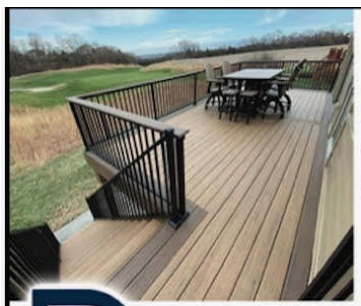
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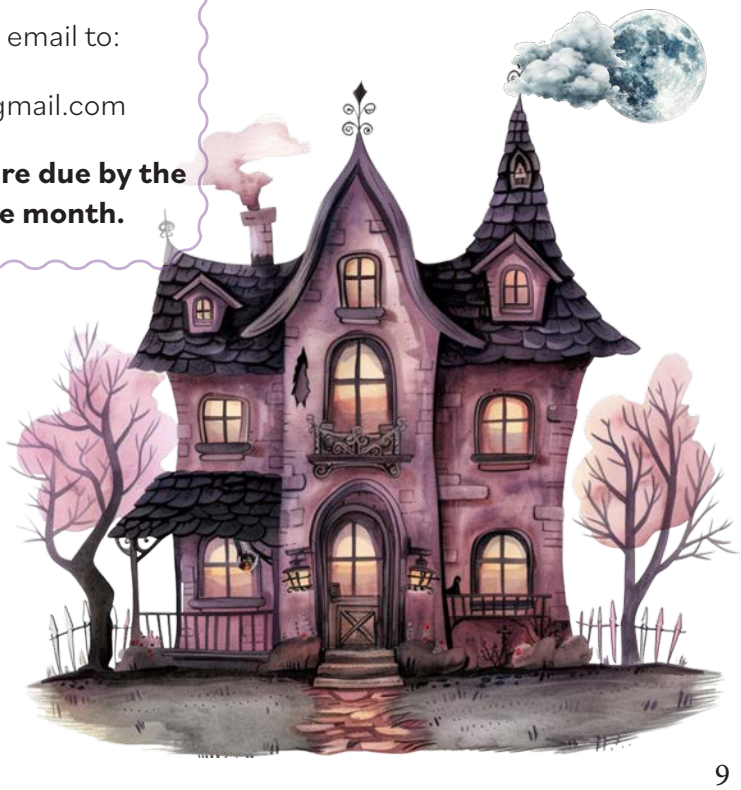
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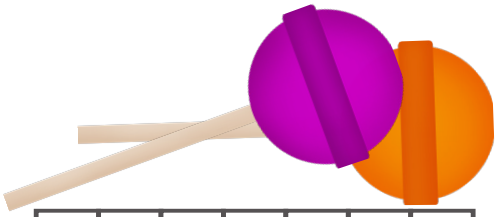
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October Crossword Puzzle





DOWN:

1). (Three Words) What name is given to the day before All Saints Day
3). (Two Words) What explorer reached the Americas in October 1492
4). What holiday is celebrated on October 31
5). What magical object does a witch traditionally ride
6). (Two Words) What baseball championship is often played during October
7). What famous monster was created in a novel by Mary Shelley
12). What orange vegetable is commonly carved into a jack o lantern

ACROSS:

2). What famous vampire was created by author Bram Stoker
8). What celebration honors German food music and beer during the fall
9). What country is commonly credited with beginning Halloween traditions
10). (Two Words) What is recognized throughout October with a pink ribbon
11). What gemstone represents the month of October

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Useless Knowledge

Stuff you didn't think you needed to know...and probably don't.

George Washington owned a whiskey distillery.

More than 2% of the American population was killed during the Civil War.

You're never farther than 30 steps from a trash can at Disney World.

The ancient Romans used stale urine as mouthwash.

The 1883 Krakatoa volcano eruption produced such a loud sound that it ruptured people's eardrums 40 miles away.

The poet Lord Byron kept a tame bear in his college dorm to protest a rule stating that dogs weren't allowed on the Trinity College campus.

Oona Chaplin, who played Robb Stark's wife in Game of Thrones, is Charlie Chaplin's granddaughter.

The Silence of the Lambs is the only horror film in Academy Awards history to win Best Picture.

The original title for The Big Bang Theory was Lenny, Penny, and Kenny.

Identical twins don't have the same fingerprints.

Doctor Who holds the Guinness World Record for the longest-running science fiction TV series. It's been on since 1963.

It's impossible to burp in space.

A woodpecker's entire tongue can grow up to one-third of the bird's total body length.

The Guinness World Record for most pumpkins smashed in one minute is 52.

The next full moon on Halloween will occur on October 31, 2039.

According to the annual consumer survey conducted by the National Retail Federation, Americans spent $13.1 billion in 2025 on Halloween.

Bathurst, New Brunswick forbids teens from trick-or-treating on 31 October. Those that break these rules could be subject to a fine



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WHY DON'T SKELETONS FIGHT EACH OTHER?....THEY DON'T HAVE THE GUTS!
WHY DID THE GHOST GO TO THE PARTY?....HE HEARD IT WAS GOING TO BE A BOO-LAST!
WHAT'S A VAMPIRE'S FAVORITE FRUIT?....A NECK-TARINE!
WHY WAS THE SKELETON SO CALM?....NOTHING GOT UNDER HIS SKIN!
WHAT DO GHOSTS EAT FOR DESSERT? ....I-SCREAM!
WHY DID THE VAMPIRE GET A JOB AT THE BLOOD BANK?....HE WANTED TO MAKE A WITHDRAWAL!
WHAT DO YOU CALL A WITCH AT THE BEACH?....A SAND-WITCH!
WHY DID THE ZOMBIE SKIP BREAKFAST?....HE WAS ALREADY DEAD TIRED!
WHAT'S A GHOST'S FAVORITE KIND OF MUSIC?....SOUL MUSIC!
WHY DID THE MUMMY CALL IN SICK?....HE WAS ALL WRAPPED UP!
WHAT DO SKELETONS ORDER AT RESTAURANTS?....SPARE RIBS!
WHAT DID ONE PUMPKIN SAY TO THE OTHER?....YOU'RE GOURD-GEOUS!