



'When witches go riding And black cats are seen The moon laughs and whispers 'tis near Halloween'

There is a chill in the air, pumpkins on display and Halloween decorations and candy are filling the shelves in all the stores. Halloween has never been one of my favorite holidays. Apparently I am in the minority with my thoughts.

*Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday with Christmas being the first. People spend as much as over \$2.5 billion during Halloween on candies, costumes, decorations and parties. Candy alone is \$2 billion.

*Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.

*Orange is the favorite color for pumpkins. There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with orange

*Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings.

*Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters – Snickers is the top chocolate treat.

*Samhainophobia is an intense fear of Halloween.

*Pumpkins and beets served as the original jack-o-lanterns.

*Pumpkins originated in Central America. When Europeans arrived in the New

World, they found pumpkins plentiful and used in cooking by Native Americans. They took seeds back to Europe where they quickly became popular.

*Growing pumpkins is a big-time hobby. Top prize money for the biggest giant pumpkin is as much as \$25,000 at fall festivals.

*Mexico celebrates "The Day of the Dead" instead of Halloween.

This week I have some Halloween treats you can share with friends, family, co-workers and ghosts and goblins who visit on Halloween night. Hope you enjoy them. Thanks for reading.

SCARED SILLY SNACK MIX
 2 (24 oz.) bags Autumn Mix candy
 2 (1 lb.) bags Reese's pieces
 2 (1 lb.) bags candied orange slices
 1 (16 oz.) box Cheese Nips
 1 (12 oz.) box malted milk balls
 4 cups chocolate covered pretzels
 4 cups white chocolate covered pretzels

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Gently toss to mix. Store in an airtight container.

CRAZY CANDY MIX
 5 (3.5 oz.) boxes chocolate covered raisins
 1 (16 oz.) jar dry-roasted peanuts

1 (15 oz.) box raisins
 1 (15 oz.) bag pretzel sticks
 1 (13 oz.) bag M&M's

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients and toss gently. Store in an airtight container.

HALLOWEEN TRASH MIX
 1 box Corn Chex cereal
 1 box Wheat Chex cereal
 ½ box rice Chex
 ½ box Honeycomb cereal
 1 bag small pretzels
 1 small box Cheese nips
 1 cup pecans
 2/3 cup butter
 2 tsp. garlic powder
 8 packets of Sweet 'N Low
 5 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
 Candy corn and Candy pumpkins

Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Mix cereals, pretzels, crackers and pecans in a large cookie sheet or baking pan. Melt butter, and add garlic powder, sweetener, and Worcestershire sauce. Stir thoroughly; pour over cereal mixture and stir to make sure to coat thoroughly. Bake for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, stirring ever 20 minutes. Let cool thoroughly; mix in candy corn and candy pumpkins. Store in an airtight container.

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Second week of state fair garner top placings for Holmes competitors

By Betsy Padgett
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The Mississippi State Fair rolled on for the second week. Holmes County had a noteworthy presence (to say the least) even through the last weekend. Read on - Registered Beef Cattle showed on Monday, October 12. Holmes County 4-H'ers continued to shine.

Davian Powell exhibited his Braunvieh spring yearling heifer in the Other Breeds Division and placed 4th. He came back in with his Junior Yearling Hereford heifer and placed 1st.

Pearce Edwards exhibited his Jr. Percentage Simmental Bull, Dillons the Gambler, and won the class. These "top of the class" placings were a testament to the superior beef cattle that our Holmes County

youth are raising and showing.

Friday, October 15, was the start of the state fair Meat Goat Show. Though Jordan Brooks is now our sole Meat Goat exhibitor, it is evident that the quality continues Jordan's first exhibit in the Meat Goat show was to win his age division in Goat Showmanship on Friday. He followed that in the Doe show by placing first in his class of Light Heavyweight Commercial Does.

On Saturday, it got better. Jordan placed first with his Heavyweight Market Goat and went on to win Mississippi Bred Grand Champion Market Goat. With Tyler Branch, his cousin and mentor, Jordan is keeping up the Holmes County excellence in Meat Goat exhibition alive.



Jordan Brooks, son of Hillary Griffin of Lexington, displays the three Meat Goats that he exhibited at the Mississippi State Fair last week. Jordan won showmanship, 1st place with his Doe goat, and MS Bred Grand Champion with his heavy weight Market Goat.

(Photo Submitted)

sister Ann, she remembered my aunts on my father's side "Black and White" and of our family used to lighten "Bleach and Glo." It might up dark spots on their skin sound crazy or strange, but with Clorox or bleach.

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Church services at First Baptist Durant are working toward getting back to normal. Thank God for His blessings. Visitors are welcome and members look forward to seeing and being together again. May God direct and bless each one. We are very thankful for our pastor Bro. Lyn Nations and wife. We love and appreciate them, especially during this month, Pastor Appreciation Month.

Joey and Jackie Hill joined family Saturday for a nice outing. Among others, Sonia Wells and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Higginbotham, and Jay of Clinton, joined others for a fun time. They went to "The Maze" but I know very little about it.

Joey Hill spent a day during the week in Jackson with his brother Mike and helped him with his wheel chair.

Mrs. Virginia Ingram enjoyed a visit during the weekend from her granddaughter and her friend. They are students at Holmes Jr. College. It was good to see them at church Sunday morning.

Thank God for all the blessings he bestows on us. We have missed bad weather from storms recently. Prayers are for God's continued blessings on family, friends and town.

Intended for 10-15-20:
 Eddy Johnson returned to his Durant home Friday with his brother David, of Alabama, after years of living in Alabama. Eddy is now in a nice home in Jackson. The entire family (Joe Johnson) have been gone for many years now and are still missed by many friends. For the two boys that returned fairly often, they are still missed and wish them well.

Jay Higginbotham returned home Monday to his parents', Shirley (Hill) and Sammy Higginbotham in Clinton.

Mark Underwood hasn't been feeling well, while suffering with knee and back problems. He is taking some treatments at the Lexington hospital and is feeling some better.

Many are thankful churches are getting back to normal after weeks of being closed during the virus. Thank you Lord for those protected and pray for those suffering from the virus.

For those who are former residents of our town but have moved away, we who are still a Durant resident, let us hear from you. Come for a visit some time. I think of you often and would love a visit.

Joey and Jackie Hill made a business trip to east

IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



Willie Wright, son of Rene Wright, (deceased) is in one of the Jackson hospitals. Before being recently carried to the hospital he was in Lexington Manor Nursing Home. During Earscine Pitchford's lifetime, she took good care of him. Now his nephew Archie Wright is responsible.

Keep praying for Rev. Lenoria Meekie's brother James. He is still real sick.

In reference to the face Mississippi last Sunday.

cream/skin cream I asked about in the paper, I got an answer from Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Ann Ship called me Tuesday, October 13. She remembered the name "Natinola" and "Palmer's Skin Success." All I could think of was "Ambi." I really enjoyed talking to Ann. She told me about people she knew and know in Lexington, Thornton and Goodman. She used to live in School House Bottom. On Wednesday evening, October 14, I was on the phone with my

Durant friends of Timothy Land are glad to see him back home and working locally. We miss that so many of former residents not being here anymore. They are missed by friends.

Best wishes to Clay Hathcock. He recently underwent surgery but thankfully he is getting better. He is to be married shortly.

Churches look forward to gathering again, "better than usual." If you desire to be a part of the good being done, please make plans and be determined to be present. Pray for God's guidance and seek to be present with his people every week.

Bridal Registry

Camden Graham
 Blake Jones
 December 5

Peoples Drug Store

Court Square 834-2721 Lexington

Oct. 16 Players of the Week

H. C. Central
 Offensive Line
 KEYDRIC DIXON,
 DAEKWON STEWART,
 STEVEN MARSHALL,
 DEQUARIOUS WHITE,
 MARLIQUE FLEMING &
 MONTRELL BOYD
 THEY POWERED THE WAY FOR THE JAGUAR RUSHING GAME TO GAIN 380 YDS. ON THE GROUND AND ALLOWED 0 SACKS

CHCS
Jurden Engle
 JUNIOR
 RUNNING BACK/
 LINEBACKER
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 1 TD
 8 TOTAL TACKLES ON DEFENSE

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