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EVERYTHING
YOU NEED TO
CREATE JOY
THIS
HALLOWEEN!



Activities Attractions and more!

SPOOKTACULAR EVENTS

BY ISABEL DEBRUIN

Are you looking for some hair-raising fun this Halloween season? Although many events have been canceled this year, many Halloween attractions remain open. The following events have made adjustments to help keep you safe, but they will still be just as fun!

Hickory Hills haunted golf cart rides

This spooktacular haunted woods comes with a little twist. Rather than walking along the trail, you ride on a golf cart. The haunted cart rides are open from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on October 30 and 31. Tickets are \$13 for ages 14 and up and \$7 for ages 13 and below. Hickory Hills haunted golf cart rides are located at W3095 Hickory Hills Road in Chilton.

Halloween at Hearthstone

When you take a tour at Hearthstone

Historic House this October, you will be horrified by serial killers of the Victorian age. This tour will teach you about murders of the 19th century from the perspective of police detectives. This event is scheduled on October 30 and 31 from 6:00 to 8:40 pm. Tours are only available to those who are 12 or older. Click [here](#) for more information.

Zoo Boo at the New Zoo

The New Zoo in Green Bay's annual Zoo Boo includes a carousel, haunted maze, and a bag of candy for everyone - even adults! This year the Zoo Boo is split into two sessions. You can buy a ticket in advance for either the 3:00 to 5:30 time slot or the 5:30 to 8:00 time slot. The event runs the evenings of October 30 and 31. Click on [this link](#) to learn more.



The Realm of Darkness

This haunted house in Kaukauna is guaranteed to give you the creeps! It is open from 8:00 to 10:00 pm on October 30 and 31, tickets are only \$10. The Realm of Darkness is located on 217 W Wisconsin Ave in Kaukauna. If you are ready for an adrenaline rush, make sure you stop by The Realm of Darkness.

Carve Pumpkins

Of course, if you feel like staying in, you can always carve pumpkins. This classic activity will never go out of style. You can even use the Appleton East pumpkin carving template located on the last page of The Courier.



Darth Vader



Stormtrooper



Iron Man



Halloween masks

By Alyssa Junkins

COVID-19 SAFE TRICK-OR-TREATING

SATURDAY
OCT. 31
4-8 P.M.

- Stay home if you are sick, and do not hand out candy if you are sick.
- Trick or treat with your household only.
- Practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet apart from people not in your household.
- Wear a face covering under your Halloween costume that covers both your mouth and nose.
- Do not directly hand out candy; instead, offer goodie bags or spread out candy on a table for grab and go.
- Have hand sanitizer to use often, before eating, and after coughing/sneezing.
- Avoid public interaction with high-risk groups both in their home and at nursing home facilities.
- If you are a high-risk individual, follow trick-or-treating tradition by leaving your porch light off to avoid public interaction.

Appleton Health Department is supportive of trick-or-treating with community education around safe practices. Large events and gatherings are still not recommended at this time.

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Vampire



See More Masks Throughout the Issue!
Stay Safe on Halloween!

WISCONSIN'S HAUNTED

BY HAILEY BAY

ROAD TRIP

The season of candy and pumpkins is finally upon us. The leaves have turned to the iridescent colors of yellow and maroon. Sweaters have been taken out of storage, and the chill of fall is in the air. There are many different ways to celebrate pre-Halloween, including hot drinks, and raking leaves, and even taking a haunted road trip around Wisconsin. The ultimate Wisconsin haunted road trip is filled with paranormal activity and filled with stops that are sure to bring chills and sleepless nights.

The first stop is said to be filled with fearful activities: Summerwind Mansion of Vilas County. Abandoned since the eighties the Summerwind Mansion is sure to frighten the life out of anyone who enters. When the mansion was inhabited, many sightings of being haunted and even tormented by ghosts. It is often said as well that there is a "general cold feeling" upon entrance of this haunted place.

Boy Scout Lane of Stevens Point is sure to pun anyone in the mood for a horror story. The legend says young scouts were holding while lanterns journeying down the lane. One boy dropped his lighting object. The story goes that a forest fire caused by the young child killed them all. It is said that a person who walks along the path will be able to see the faint flickering of a lantern on the edges of the path.



A nearby haunted place that many of us have visited without the slightest knowledge of the paranormal activity is High Cliff State Park in Sherwood, Wisconsin. The mountains and cliffs along the lake are a perfect place for paranormal activity. Noises, and even the occasional sighting of a wandering soul are often told in stories of people who have experienced High Cliff.

Brumder Mansion Bed and Breakfast of Milwaukee, Wisconsin is another place paranormal activity has been reported. Creepy dreams, as well as spirit sightings may be evident if deciding to stay here. A terrifying example of the incomprehensible events is the sighting of blood in the bathtub, except strangely enough not a living soul had used it.

One place that will make any passerby think of Halloween is Kemper Hall of Kenosha. The story goes that once the Hall was an all-girls academy led by a nun who was despised greatly. The girls shoved the nun down the steps, murdering her. It is said that the establishment is now haunted by a headless nun.

If you go running to paranormal activity, it is important to remember these peculiar places in Wisconsin. Shivers will go up the spines of all who venture to these seemingly normal places. But be warned: anyone searching for paranormal activity may find it - never be the same.





Moundsville Penitentiary

West Virginia is home to a correctional facility that was in operation for more than one hundred years. The facility had been one of the most violent and disturbing correctional facilities in the United States; many inmates died while living here. It is said to be haunted by all of the people who were killed either by electric chair or by other prisoners.

Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum

Started in 1864, the Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum is one of the most terrifying and seemingly haunted places in the world. The Asylum now provides “Paranormal Tours” and even a “ghost hunt” for anyone seeking a scare. Once home to thousands of residents the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum had many deaths within its walls.

Fort Mifflin

As the last battlefield of the Revolutionary War that happens to be still intact, this place is known for paranormal occurrences. Built back in 1771, the place is filled with ghost sightings, including a screaming woman: only when the authorities were called, no one was found at the location. This location promises many ghost stories as well as chills.

Villisca Axe Murder House

The Villisca Axe Murder House was once a crime scene. A family of six was murdered on June 10, 1912; unfortunately, the murderer of the family has still not been identified. This is more than just a creepy place

WORLD OF HORROR

BY HAILEY BAY

because there was a crime years ago, but there are several reports of paranormal activity occurring around this area. This activity includes visions of a man with an axe along with wailing children.

Calcasieu Courthouse

The haunting story of the Calcasieu Courthouse is one that is sure to cause you to shift in your seat and send a shiver down your spine. A

killer convinced the jury that she was innocent, and the townspeople were split in half on whom to believe, so she ended up later being convicted and killed. She was the first girl in the small town to be killed by the electric chair. It is said that the employees who now work in the courthouse can feel her presence, hear screams from time to time, and even sometimes smell the scent of burning hair.



WHAT SHOULDN'T SCARE YOU THIS FALL

BY EVAN WOOD

After nearly two months of distance learning, one issue has become glaringly apparent: students are afraid of speaking up.

On a given school day, students have their microphone turned off before they even enter the Google Meet. Any questions posed by the teachers on the attending students are met by an overbearing silence with the occasional notification ding of the chat box. Distance learning means days passing by with just the sound of a teacher's voice and the faint whir of a computer to accompany one's thoughts. It is not a stretch to say, student participation within Google Meets is pathetically low.

For starters, Google Meets are partly to blame for this issue. During a regular day, teachers lead the meeting and lay out future plans for the week. In order to effectively communicate this information, teachers naturally enforce the rule that all microphones must be turned off to limit distractions. For once, teachers can lecture without all of the distractions and side conversations going on in the periphery; instead they can lecture to a supposedly fully attentive group of bright young minds with no interruptions.

However, this approach ends up backfiring in one major way, students are conditioned to be a lot more comfortable with their microphones off than otherwise. When teachers ask a question of the whole class, not surprisingly then, students are hesitant to answer. This goes so far as to a

simple algebraic problem that seems to "stump" a whole Calculus Google Meet since few students bother to turn on their microphone to give the answer.

This development is also due in large part to a combination of social anxiety and complacency on the part of students. It is so much easier to blankly stare at a screen and hide behind the muted microphone than trying to articulate an answer. Also, many students may feel anxiety over speaking in front of the class because it opens themselves up to embarrassment. Students' insecurity in their relationships with teachers and peers can amplify their want to withdraw and shy away from unpredictable social interactions. Either way, through two months of virtual learning, students are overwhelmingly arriving at the same result of not answering even the most basic questions.

Undoubtedly, this silence poses serious problems for the quality of education that students are receiving online.

When microphones are turned off, virtual learning is more similar to a TV show than an actual classroom: students are just watching what's happening on their screen rather than interacting with it. With less socializing, students will feel detached from the rest of their classroom and may start experiencing signs of social isolation. This complete lack of human verbal communication can lead to increased anxiety and poor sleep in an already stressful



time. In addition, the noticeable lack of student voices in the classroom will translate into a poorer education. If students aren't interacting with the teacher and peers, they will be less motivated overall to complete their coursework for a class that they aren't engaged in. When students don't speak up in the classroom, they are the ones who suffer.

To combat this, teachers should look at ways in which they can promote increased interaction between students verbally. Leading a class discussion where anybody can chime in on a nuanced topic would go a long way in helping to promote a sense of community within the student body and provide more engaging lessons. The way things are right now, most Google Meets are an abrupt interruption of a student's studying to relay information that can already be found on Canvas. Making it worth it for the student to actually log into a Google Meet starts with increased student activities such as verbal class discussions that can't be found on Canvas and ends with more synchronous learning overall.

The benefits of having discussions verbally and not just through the Chat Bar are immense. "Class discussions" utilizing the

Chat Bar are, in effect, glorified text exchanges that don't have the same positive mental impact that verbal video discussions have. In this current pandemic where the majority of student interaction is now taking place over various forms of text exchange and email, there should be a greater effort to shift towards verbal communication instead of relying on chat boxes. While class discussions don't fit into every lesson, any opportunity should be taken to engage the students more effectively on video chats.

However, even if the teachers try their best to foster healthy class discussions on Google Meets, these efforts are meaningless if teachers are faced with a sea of muted microphones. I admit, I have been guilty in some classes of taking the easy way out and leaving my microphone turned off. Recently though, I have been focusing on becoming a better participant in Google Meets and I now ask my fellow classmates to follow suit. Next time you find yourself in a Google Meet, mentally prepare to take every opportunity to speak out loud.

The East student body needs to realize that they shouldn't just be a spectator as the school year passes by. Each and every student should want to maximize this situation and not just get through my high school education by doing the bare minimum. Speaking in a Google Meet is not something we should be afraid of this fall.

While the utilization of Google Meets hasn't been optimal, helping to fix virtual learning's drawbacks starts with students making the conscious decision to press Ctrl D.

WHAT ARE YA GRATEFUL FOR?

BY EVAN WOOD

Respond to this survey about what you are grateful for and your response may be featured in the next edition of

The Courier!



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SURVEY HERE!**

WHAT DID YA THINK?

BY EVAN WOOD

The results from last issue's virtual learning survey are in.

A healthy majority of respondents indicated that virtual learning is harder compared to in-person classes. In addition, a whopping 70% of respondents said "Staying Motivated" was one of the top three hardest aspects of virtual learning: 28% of respondents saying it was *the* most difficult aspect of online school.

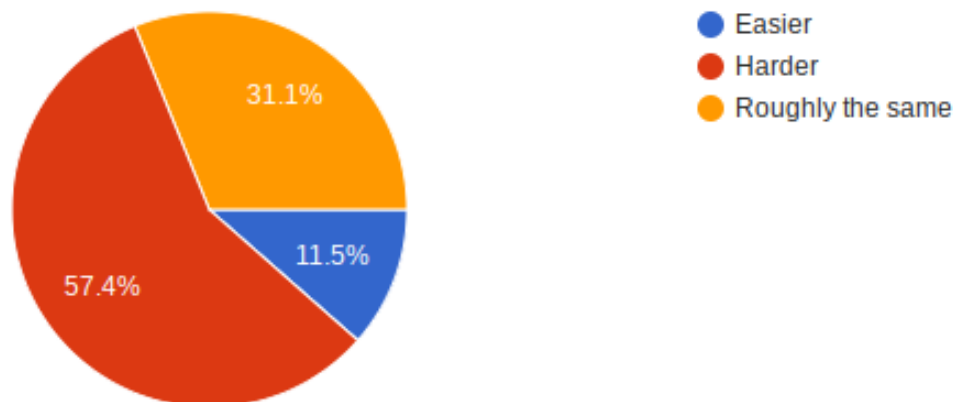
East students were split when it came to Google Meets. While 42.6% of participants said that Google Meets are fine the way they are used now, almost 46% of people said they wanted more asynchronous learning, which would reduce the amount of time spent on Google Meets. Multiple individuals commented that Google Meets should be optional since many sessions don't provide new information and seem like a waste of work time to these students. Approximately 25% of participants said the opposite: more synchronous lessons should be taught through Google Meets. The bottom line is

a good majority of students believe Google Meets should be tweaked. However, considering these relatively divided opinions, there can be no clear conclusions on what should be done to change Google Meets schoolwide. To gain a better picture, teachers could ask individual classes what they would prefer since students might have different preferences based on the type of course.

On the flip side, when students were asked which aspects of virtual learning have been the easiest, there was a general consensus that online test taking has been a breeze with around 42% of respondents listing that option as the easiest aspect. This comes as no surprise since many tests have an open notes policy and a multiple choice format. While tests are usually still timed, they aren't as big a source of stress as they once were. Reducing this stress from test taking is seen by students as one positive adjustment from virtual learning.

Participate in another survey located in this edition of the Courier!

Has Virtual Learning overall been harder, easier, or the same difficulty as in-person school so far?



BURIAL CHAMBER OPENS UP... WITH NEW MEASURES

BY MILAGROS CISLER

It's Halloween Season again, so Burial Chamber is offering a haunted experience. But this year, we're in store for a bunch of changes.

Burial Chamber kicked off its opening for the year on September 25, more than a month before the big day. To hopefully no one's surprise, preventative measures are being taken very seriously. In all four of Burial Chamber houses, any person on the property requires a mask worn over the nose at all times. The staff

working will also all wear face coverings, including the characters in the houses. Tickets are not sold after certain times on nights the houses are open. The complex also encourages social distancing and closes one house per night to help guests social distance. The queues also have changed to allow more room for social distancing.

The staff also follows heavy preventative measures. Every night upon arrival, they go through screening of temperature checks and health surveys to ensure not only their safety, but the guests as well.





The houses encourage hand sanitizing and hand washing frequently, and the facility is sanitized and cleaned regularly.

Burial Chamber is a complex built of four attractions, including a new simulator called Trapped, which is quite the experience. The idea is based on a story of trapped miners underground. Your job is to help save the miners who were trapped. Beware, you will get buried alive! Burial Chamber has increased airflow so air doesn't circulate more than one minute in the rooms. The room fills while you're in it, almost like a ball pit, and this year, they use Germ-Block Balls and a sanitation system that cleans them regularly.

Even though 2020 brought some crazy changes, Burial Chamber still offers its original three houses. Ranking them from most to least scary, Phobia would be at the top. Located in the woods, you experience many moments of uncertainty while being jumped out at, in the woods, in the dark... and beware of the man with a chainsaw. The second scariest is Adrenaline, a Industrial/Military under attack of zombies. Adrenaline is more of an old-school haunted house, putting lots of the actors in your face and lots of pop-outs. But you'll also encounter sections that are pitch black, mazes,

people coming out at you from all angles, and a variety of other surprises to get your blood pumping. If you want an adrenaline rush, Adrenaline is the house for you. Insanity is more of a funny (but also scary) adventure where you'll encounter clowns, weird characters, and unsettling settings, like spinning rooms. "It's a blend of fun house meets haunted house," says Burial Chamber Website. Trapped, Burial Chamber's newest addition, provides the buried alive experience (safely) by ball pit balls. Each house takes roughly 20 minutes to go through, and those 20 minutes will be the most exhilarating of your night!

Masks can be purchased at concession stands. Ticket prices start at \$15 for one house, per person, \$25 for two houses, per person, and \$30 for three houses, per person. Tickets start to sell at 6:45 p.m. and stop at 11:45 p.m.

Burial Chamber is known as the Largest Haunted Complex in the Midwest, and if it wouldn't have opened, we would've definitely missed it! This year is going to be vastly different at Burial Chamber, but it can still be a fun and scary experience, just don't forget to wear a mask, and social distance. Don't show fear... they know when you're scared!

SCARE-O-METER

BY ISABEL DEBRUIN

What's better than a spine-chilling movie during the Halloween season? Whether you live for the jump scares in *Annabelle* or prefer your Halloween movies more mild than *Spookly the Square Pumpkin* there is something on this list for everyone.

How to read this article: Each movie has been ranked on the Scare-o-meter. A 10 is the scariest - as in night terrors for a week, while 1 is the utter opposite - a kindergarten teacher could show this in their classroom. Some movies also have fear factors listed. This is a description of the most horrifying scene in the film. **CAUTION:** Fear factors may contain spoilers.

Hocus Pocus: 3 (Disney+)

It's a classic. Everyone should see it at least once this time of year. For those of you who are unfamiliar with it, this '90s comedy directed by Kenny Ortega takes place in Salem on Halloween night. Three hundred years after they were hanged, the Sanderson witches return to steal souls from children. In a hilarious sequence of antics, three kids and a talking cat must send the Sandersons back to the grave and save the town.

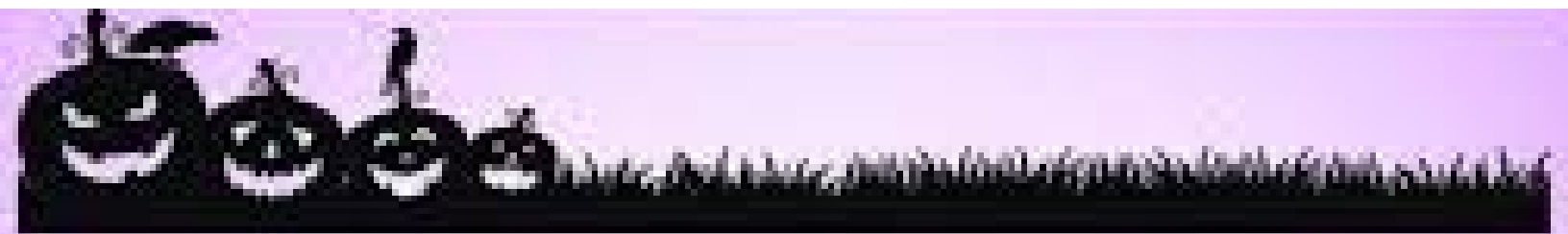
FEAR FACTOR: There is a zombie, and he will lose his head on several occasions. However there is never any gore.

The Nightmare Before Christmas: 4 (Disney+)

For some people this movie is terrifying simply because of how it was made; It's claymation. Honestly this movie didn't earn a four because of any jump scares or gore. This movie is mostly eerie because of the design of the characters and their actions. I mean, who would ever want to kidnap Santa Claus? If you are already looking forward to Christmas, then this movie is for you.

The Addams Family (1991): 3 (Netflix)

This movie showcases the creepy and kooky family that we all know and love. In this instalment of the story, a pair of con artists attempt to rob the Addams' of their fortune by claiming a man with amnesia is their long lost Uncle Fester.





Coco: 1 (Disney+)

This movie is beloved by all age groups. Centered around the Mexican holiday of Dia de los Muertos, Coco teaches us that families are held together by love. Miguel is a budding musician who finds himself stuck in the land of the dead. Because his family will not send him home unless he agrees to stop playing music, he must find his own way home. Along the way he learns what it means to be a family member and that things are not always as they seem.

Beetlejuice: 6 (Sling TV)

This eccentric film starring a young Wynnona Ryder revolves around a ghost couple trying to reclaim their house. The happy newlyweds die in the first five minutes of the movie and are shocked to return as ghosts. However, their house is sold to a family with wildly different tastes. When all of their plans to scare the family away fail, they become entangled in the shenanigans of a bio-exorcist. Will they ever get their house back?

FEAR FACTOR: At multiple points throughout the movie ghosts are depicted based on the way they died. There are also scenes in which the ghosts stretch their skin. This may be a little disturbing if you are squeamish.





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Winchester: 7 (Netflix)

The Winchester Mystery House is a real house built by Sarah Winchester. Supposedly the ghosts who were killed by guns manufactured by her husband's company asked for the mansion. This film tells a story of vengeful ghosts who are intent on killing Sarah and the others in the house.

FEAR FACTOR: There are several jump scares, but there is very little gore. The scariest part of this movie is simply knowing it is based on real life.

The Shining: 7 (AMC)

This movie is a staple in the horror genre. The audience is introduced to the Torrance family who will be acting as the caretakers at the Overlook Hotel for the winter. However, the hotel's dark past takes a toll on the Torrances. Fans of *The Haunting of Hill House* will find a new favorite in this movie.

FEAR FACTOR: Jack Nicholson's line "Here's Johnny!" along with the twins who want to "play forever and ever" have become iconic because they are the most suspenseful moments of the film. Audience members should also be prepared for a tidal wave of blood rushing from an elevator and images of axe murder victims.



The Haunting In Connecticut 2 Ghosts of Georgia: 9 (Peacock)

If you are in the mood for an adrenaline rush, this is the movie for you. This film centers on a family who has recently moved onto a property that was previously a part of the underground railroad. With plenty of jumpscare, this is a great way to celebrate the Halloween season.

"Face" Masks



Mummy



Jack O' Lantern



THE CREEPIEST EVENTS IN HALLOWEEN HISTORY

BY KIERSTON MOTT

Halloween is upon us, Patriots! It's time to eat all things pumpkin, get sick of pumpkin, and then not eat pumpkin until next fall. This Halloween has already been unlike any other before it. With the rise of COVID-19, this Halloween has already been one for the books. However 2020 is not the first year for odd Halloween occurrences. Let's look back on some of the creepiest events in Halloween history.

Harry Houdini, a native of Appleton, passed away on Halloween in 1926. Houdini was known for his dangerous magic tricks and even had a couple brushes with death because of them. Houdini was in Albany, NY on October 11 for his tour. He was doing his escape trick from a Chinese water torture cell when part of the equipment broke and fractured his ankle. Against medical advice, Houdini continued his tour, which included a lecture at McGill University. Houdini met with a couple university students that day. A student named J. Gordon Whitehead asked Houdini if it was true that he could resist any brutal punch to the stomach. Houdini confirmed this fact. Without warning, Whitehead punched Houdini hard in the stomach three or four times. This was a large problem because Houdini did not have time to prepare for the punches, but also because he was in a reclined position on a couch because

of his ankle. Houdini experienced a good deal of pain from the hits and still had stomach cramps later that night. The next day he woke up in worse pain, but he still continued his tour and got on a train to Detroit. He then developed cold sweats and a 104 degree fever. A doctor diagnosed him with appendicitis and urged him to go to the hospital. Houdini being ever so stubborn, refused to get medical assistance again. Houdini struggled through his show and eventually collapsed after ending the show early. He was then rushed to the hospital where he had an emergency appendectomy. The doctors believed that his appendix had ruptured days before his appendectomy. He did not recover from his surgery and ended up dying on Halloween. His death is considered accidental, but many have their own theory. It is unlikely that the blows to his abdomen were the cause of his appendix rupturing, so J. Gordon Whitehead did not face charges for Houdini's death. Some also believe that because Houdini was such a skeptic the spirits were the cause of his death because of his meddling. Houdini's wife Bess tried to contact Houdini from beyond the grave every Halloween for the next ten years. She eventually gave up, but many continue to try and contact Houdini every Halloween.

You might be wondering if anything unearthly has happened in recent Halloween history. The answer is yes. If you're a junior or senior you might have even been alive for this event. It was in 2003 when the Halloween solar

Three large sunspot groups appeared. Sunspot groups are groups of dark spots on the Sun with a slightly cooler temperature than the rest of the sun. The largest of these spots was thirteen times the size of the Earth. These spots caused seventeen solar flares. A solar flare causes the Sun's magnetic fields to stretch and then snap. On October 28 the largest sunspot ejected the largest solar flare recorded at the time directly towards Earth. A coronal mass ejection followed. A coronal mass ejection is when there are enormous explosions on the Sun's surface that blast billions of tons of electrified gas and subatomic particles into space at up to five million miles per hour. After the coronal mass ejection a geomagnetic storm followed. Twenty four hours later another coronal mass ejection followed by a geomagnetic storm occurred. After all of those big fancy space science words you are probably wondering how the Earth is still intact and we're all not dead. The Earth's atmosphere is the hero of this story. Nothing hit Earth's surface, but the storms did damage Earth's satellites. The satellite issues caused GPS and radio communication problems along with many other things. If these storms happened nowadays that damage might look very different. In 2003 the internet was still relatively new. And if you can remember back that far, smart phones didn't exist. The solar storms did have major other effects though. Japan lost an entire scientific satellite, and the Martian Radiation Environment Experiment on NASA's Mars Odyssey Mission was cancelled. Astronauts in the International Space Station even had to take cover because of the high radiation levels. Airline flights from North America to Asia, specifically over the North Pole, had communication problems and had to be cancelled. Antarctic scientists lost power for a hundred and thirty hours.

Sweden lost power for an hour as well. Luckily none of the damage was too extensive. There were positives for this storm. The storm let off an amazing ray of northern lights also known as aurora borealis. The most amazing thing about this case of aurora borealis was that they were seen extremely South. Sightings were seen as far South as central Europe, the Mediterranean, Australia, California, Texas, and Florida. The solar storms of 2003 lasted from October 9 to November 7. Nothing sets the scene for a uncanny Halloween better than a eerie sky.



The most famous spooky event is the *War of Worlds* radio broadcast of 1938. Orson Welles had rewritten H.G. Wells sci-fi novel *The War of Worlds* into a radio script. On October 30 1938, in New York, the broadcast went out to millions of Americans. The broadcast consisted of a spoken introduction followed by a weather report and orchestra music. Nothing out of the usual, right? Well don't worry, the chaos ensued after. The music was interrupted by an announcement that there was an explosion on Mars. The music continued again. It was nothing to panic about; Mars was far away after all. Then there was an announcement that a meteor hit a farmer's field in Grover Mills, New Jersey. It was said that a martian came out of the large metallic cylinder. The martian was followed by many more of its kind. They were described as being as large as a bear, having tentacles, having black eyes and a v-shaped mouth, and looking like a gray snake. The martians then fired "heat-ray" weapons and even took down the seven thousand National Guards that had been deployed. After being attacked by artillery, the martians released poisonous gas. The same meteors filled with martians were then announced to have landed in Chicago and St. Louis.

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Of course, all of this was fake, but some people tuning in did not know that. This led to a nationwide panic that aliens were actually taking over the Earth. Some people near the landing sights even tried to flee. The next day, Halloween, Orson Welles woke up to find his name plastered on the headline of all the papers. He went from a nobody to a celebrity overnight. This very radio broadcast led him into his Hollywood fame where he then starred in and directed the classic film *Citizen Kane*. Welles' broadcast struck fear in a lot of people, but hey, he ended up winning an Academy Award!



There is no doubt that these events in Halloween history are weird, but the fate we're living in now might be even weirder. It's no death of a magician, solar storm, or alien attack, but it *is* a global pandemic. Halloween 2020 will no doubt be a Halloween to remember. However you decide to celebrate Halloween this year, remember to stay safe.

Happy Halloween, Appleton East!

Clown



Skeleton



Medical Professional





Halloween has been a tradition in The United States since the early 1900s, when Irish and Scottish immigrants brought over the holiday. At the beginning, Halloween was only celebrated through decorations and cards, but towards the 1950s costumes and trick or treating became commercialized. Although the holiday did not originate in America, the United States plays a big role in the celebration of Halloween. This holiday has since become known for dressing up in creative costumes and going to neighbors' houses for candy in America, but Halloween is not always celebrated in the same way across the world.

Mexico

Latin American countries, such as Mexico, celebrate Dia de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead). This holiday begins on October 31 and concludes on November 2 with All Souls Day. During this three-day celebration, altars are decorated with flowers, candy, photographs, food, and drinks to honor their deceased loved ones. It is believed that during this celebration their loved ones return home and visit their family. Another tradition of Dia de los Muertos is the sugar skull. These skulls are an offering to the god Miclantecuhtli, who is believed to grant them a safe journey to the underworld. On the last day of celebration, relatives will gather by the grave sites to host a picnic and say goodbye to their deceased loved ones.

**BY ALYSSA
JUNKINS**

**HALLOWEEN
AROUND THE WORLD**

Ireland

Halloween originated in Ireland, and some traditions created by the Celts are still carried on today. Children continue to dress up in costumes and go trick or treating while adults participate in parties or large bonfires in the countryside. Multiple games are played throughout the night, such as bobbing for apples or miniature treasure hunts. An infamous card game played on Halloween is where a child chooses a certain card displayed, and wins whatever prize found underneath it. These prizes mostly consist of coins, candy, or pastries. Barnbrack is a fruitcake that is eaten on Halloween that holds a “muslin-wrapped treat” inside. Whatever is found inside is told to tell your future. If a ring is found, the person will be married soon, but if a piece of straw is found the person will have a good harvest that year. As for the “trick” part of the night, children play “knock-a-dolly,” similar to the American “ding-dong ditch,” where they knock on a neighbor’s door and run away before it is opened.



China

Similar to Latin American countries, China also celebrates Halloween by honoring their ancestors. This festival is called Teng Chien, where they place offerings in front of photographs of ancestors and relatives. To guide the spirits from the dead, they light bonfires and lanterns throughout the night.



Another celebration in China is the “Feast of the Hungry Ghosts.” The “hungry ghosts” are said to be the spirits of those who died unnatural deaths or those whose family line has died out, that are looking for affection or recognition. These spirits are also offered food and drinks in hopes to make them feel welcomed.

Israel

In almost all Middle Eastern countries, Halloween is not officially celebrated. Instead in the larger cities of Israel, clubs and bars will host special parties on October 31st for those that wish to dress up. Children usually do not celebrate anything on Halloween, but they do participate in a similar holiday earlier in the year. This Jewish holiday is called Pruim and takes place on the 14th day of Adar (which is usually in March). Although they still dress up and go door to door, they do not ask for candy. Instead they go to visit the elderly and ill people in their neighborhood to give food and drinks. The children that participate in this tradition collect money throughout the year to afford their costume as well as the gifts they are giving others.

Happy Halloween!

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Cut out and carve a very patriotic pumpkin!

