

Keep your goblins and ghosts safe this Halloween

Halloween is known as a scary holiday, with ghost, goblins, witches and zombies out roaming the neighborhoods. But the holiday is also scary for other reasons.

With potential dangers such as pedestrian accidents, falls, burns, and poisonings, families should keep safety at the forefront of their mind this Halloween to ensure the holiday is a safe one.

According to Safe Kids Kansas, on average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a vehicle and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Drivers should stay extra alert for more children on the streets and sidewalks. Children are focused on gathering candy and the excitement of the holiday rather than being careful while crossing streets.

"Kids need safety instruction before they go out trick-or-treating," says Cherie Sage, State Director for Safe Kids Kansas. "Many kids will be out trick-or-treating while it is dark when it is more difficult for drivers to see them. There are several easy and effective rules that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury. For example, children younger than age 12 should not be alone crossing streets on Halloween without an adult. If older kids are mature enough to go trick-or-treating without adult supervision, parents should make sure they go in a group and stick to a planned route with good lighting."

Even though it's a good idea for children to have a cell phone with them in case of an emergency, remind them to pay attention to their surroundings, and not be distracted from hazards because they are texting or talking on the phone.

While pedestrian safety is a main concern on Halloween, parents and kids should also be careful when dealing with candy.

"While kids never want to wait to dive into their candy, it is best to check sweets for signs of tampering before children are allowed

to eat them," says Sage. "Remind children to only eat treats in original and unopened wrappers."

Here are some tips for keeping children safe on Halloween:

Walk Safely

Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.

Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.

Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.

Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.

Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.

Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredict-

able ways.

Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.

Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

About Safe Kids Kansas

Safe Kids Kansas works to prevent childhood injury, the leading cause of death and disability to children. Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing injuries in children. Coalition members include over 70 statewide organizations, agencies and businesses and a network of local coalitions across the state.

Visit us at www.safekidskans.org and on Facebook.

This information can be made available in alternative accessible formats upon request. For more information about obtaining an alternative format, you may contact Safe Kids Kansas at 785-296-1223, orcsage@kdheks.gov. Both speech/hearing disabled and hearing Kansasans can access the Kansas Relay Center by calling toll-free 1-800-766-3777. Callers should inform the relay operator of the number they wish to call and the type of call they are making direct, credit card, collect, person-to-person, etc.

For more tips on how to help kids trick-or-treat safely on Halloween, visit www.safekidskans.org and www.safekids.org.



TRICK OR TREATERS walk up and down Main Street at last year's Spook Parade.

Obituary

Darlene Fay Peter

Aug. 6, 1938 - Oct. 23, 2013

Darlene Fay Peter, 75, of Midwest City, Okla., died on Oct. 23, 2013, at Midwest City Regional Hospital. She was born on Aug. 6, 1938, in St. Francis, Kan., to Tobe and Irene Zwegardt.



Darlene Peter

Darlene's youth was filled with barrel racing, riding in the Saddle Club, baton twirling and playing the flute in the band at St. Francis Community High School. She was married to Jim Peter on Dec. 28, 1958, and she remained as his loving wife until his death in 2011.

In 1976, the Lord led her and her husband to surrender to the ministry. Rev. and Mrs. Peter served God by pastoring at

Corum Baptist Church in Corum, Okla., from 1977 to 1980; Silverlake Baptist Church in Bartlesville, Okla., from 1980 to 1985; Freedom Hill Baptist Church in Mannford, Okla., from 1985 to 1999.

Darlene served the Lord for most of her adult life as a "reverend's assistant." She repeatedly worked diligently and received special recognition by camp leadership after spending over two decades as a Falls Creeks Youth Camp cook.

Upon retiring in 1999, they moved to Midwest City and became active and beloved members of the First Southern Baptist Church in Del City family.

Spreading God's word worldwide through missionary trips became her passion later in life with trips to Thailand (twice), Africa and Honduras.

The amount of pies that she

baked for others (to raise money for mission trips) may only be known by her and her maker (whom she probably made a banana split pie for immediately). Her pie-making skills were only surmounted by her expertise as a quilter.

Proceeding her in death were her husband, Rev. Jimmie Peter, mother, Irene Zwegardt, Brother, Marvin Zwegardt and granddaughter Rachael Watts.

She is survived by sons, Timothy Peter and wife, Janina of Moore, Okla.; Daniel Peter and wife, Angela of Aztec, N.M.; Michael Peter and wife, Sheri of Tulsa, Okla.; and Larry Bartels of Norman, Okla.; her father, Tobe Zwegardt of St. Francis; twin sister, Delphine Zwegardt of Albuquerque, N.M.; brother, Melvin and wife, Janet Zwegardt, of Prairie City, Ore.; five granddaughters, one grandson

and 10 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Memorial serves were held on Monday, Oct. 28, in the First Southern Baptist Church of Del City.

A fund will be set up at First Southern Baptist Church in Del City to support the missionary program with Bible distribution in Darlene Peter's name.



School Essay

Sarsaparilla

"Sarsaparilla" is the last word I heard my best friends say right before I went on stage. It gave me a sense of faith, happiness, and courage. It always seems to make my worst days better.

Do you have a best friend that has always been there for you? No matter what you said or did, your relationship wouldn't be shaken? I have three best friends. We couldn't imagine our lives without each other. We are way more than best friends, we are sisters.

I remember the late nights with our long talks and our parents coming out of their rooms telling us to keep it down. Yes, we get into fights,

a lot of fights, but I wouldn't change our relationship for anything. When we aren't together, it seems like we are always on our phones calling each other, facetimeing and texting.

We give each other courage, joy, faith, and hope. We pray for each other when we are going through hard times, but rejoice when things are going well.

Our relationship is like titanium; it cannot be broken! We have always said that God knew our parents couldn't handle us as sisters so he made us best friends. Who are your friends that are close enough to be your family?

Matthisen Witzel
St. Francis eighth grader

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