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Brief History of Halloween

By Claire McDonough

One of the earliest renditions of Halloween can be found around 2,000 years ago, known widely as Samhain, pronounced Sah-win, means “Summer’s end” in Gaelic. Not much is known about it, but we do know it was a yearly meeting at the end of the harvest year, when people would gather crops for winter. It was usually preformed mainly by the Celts, who celebrated the New Year on November 1st. It was believed that this was the night that spirits of the dead returned. This later related to All Saints Day.

Later borrowing from traditions in England and Ireland, Americans began to dress up in costumes and go house to house asking for food or money, a practice that eventually became today’s “trick-or-treat” tradition.

DID YOU KNOW?

One quarter of all the candy sold annually in the U.S. is purchased for Halloween. Today, Americans spend \$6-billion on Halloween candy, costumes and festivities!

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History of Halloween



Helping Others

While Having Fun

By Ryan Oliver

Were you recently at John’s Place helping the homeless and receiving community service hours? Well, if you weren’t, don’t worry. Student Council will be going back at the end of the year.

Now let me tell you a little more about John’s Place and how you can help. To help homeless people two local churches work together to help house and feed homeless people in Mattituck and Riverhead. Overnight shelter is provided at Mattituck Presbyterian Church. In addition, Church of the Redeemer works to provide hot meals and clean clothes for the homeless. It’s a lot of work and they can’t do it by themselves. That’s why they need your help.

When we went to the shelter last week we put together cots, cleaned and make care packages. When you help those who are in need, not only does that feel good, but you get to have fun with your friends while doing it.

Student Council offers many opportunities for students to participate. If you want community service hours, you might as well get started in doing some good!

Haunted Houses “Don’t Exist”

Story and Art By C.P. Letzeap

Crash. Thump. Scream.

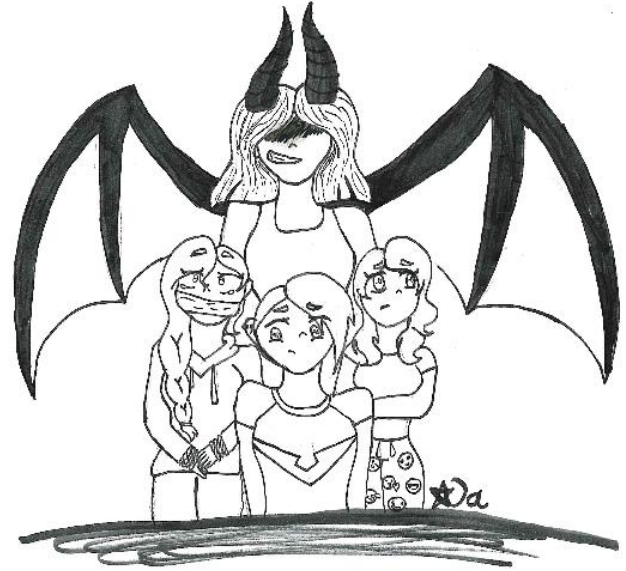
The sound of my best friend dropping a glass bowl as she fell backwards off the couch. We had just finished watching IT, and to be fair, she did warn me that she wouldn’t be able to handle it. So naturally, I had to scare her by pretending to see the clown outside the window. “Why Alex?! Why are you doing this to me?!?” she cried.

“Katie you’re so dumb lol this is going on my snap” muttered Jade, who could care less about what we were watching.

“You’re always on your phone! Why don’t you actually pay attention to us?” said Sierra.

Yep, these are my friends.

Katie, the scared one. She had long brown hair that fell down her back in a loose braid, and she wore an oversized blue hoodie and fluffy white pajama shorts that resembled clouds. Jade, the phone-addicted one. She had short, black hair that fell just above her shoulders and unnaturally bright green eyes. She wore a grey tank top and camo sweatpants. This brought on a lot of “WHERE’S YOUR LEGS” jokes. Sierra, the attention seeker. Her hair was wavy and brightly colored shades of purple blue and pink. We call her Tink sometimes, because she might die from lack of attention. She wore a bright green t-shirt and some very flashy pajama pants, along with *the stupidest* slippers in the universe.



And me, Alex. I’m wearing navy blue sweatpants that fall past my toes, and a t-shirt from my favorite tv show. My hair is dyed silver, and cut short. I’m pretty much the opposite of Katie, in the sense that I have absolutely no reaction to the jumpscare and murder scenes that nearly kill her. I guess that makes me the brave one. Katie was still upset from my clown scare, so she left to go get a soda. I was still wheezing from her reaction because she says some strange stuff when she’s scared. For example this time she screamed, “CHICKEN STRIPS” which completely caught me off guard and I had a laugh attack. She soon came back from the kitchen groaning.

“Alexxx the Pepsi’s gone” she said. “Well there’s more in the basement fridge, just go grab some.” Now she got scared. “The.. uh.. You mean the basement? Nuh uh, nope, never going into a basement ever again in my life.” I gave her the staredown. Jade and Sierra started making quiet chicken noises behind me. I put my hand to my ear and made a confused face. “Is that.. Do y’all hear summ? Is that a.. A CHICKEN! KATIE’S A CHICKENNNN!!”

“NOT TRUE! I’LL GO IN YOUR STUPID CREEPY BASEMENT!” She stomped away, slamming the basement door behind her. I high fived Sierra and Jade for our amazingly coordinated chicken noises. We continued doing other things, I grabbed some more food and we were just chatting for a while. It turns out we’d been chatting for 20 minutes. *Without Katie.* Katie likes to disappear a lot, but this time I’m worried. She said she didn’t want to go into the basement, so it seems unlikely she’d still be down there. Unless something happened to her...

“Hey, uh Jade? Where’s Katie?” i asked. “I dunno Alex, where’d you send her?” she said, not looking up from her phone. “The basement... I’ll go look for her,” I said. I started walking down the hall when Sierra popped up next to me. “I’ll come too Alex” she said. I opened the basement door and yelled down the stairwell. The lights weren’t even on. Sierra grabbed my arm, she whispered something before covering her mouth. “Oh no..” I cautiously reached for the light, pulling the chain.

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! UNITY CLUB! Supports Everyone

By Zoey Dalrymple-Lepore

Unity Club is about uniting together and working through our LGBTQA+ confusion. We support one another and since this technically is a GSA, you don't have to be a part of the community to be there! Many of our members give assistance to each other as we deal with these important issues.

Recently, we celebrated National Coming Out day. We support teens and young adults who are ready to come out to whomever they wish. Alongside this, we encourage students to support their friends who are part of the LGBTQA+ community for who they are.

We meet in Ms. Robert's classroom after school frequently. Sometimes we travel to other schools to discuss issues and last year the high school students even had a dance with other clubs. So listen for announcements for meetings. Our club's main focus is to support one another and to show that being you is ok!



Haunted Houses- a short story

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As the room lit up around me, I saw no signs of life. "Katie..? Katie??" I started to take a step down the stairs when I heard something. Muffled noises, as if someone was trying to talk. I ran down the stairs, almost falling at the bottom. I clapped a hand over my mouth to stop myself from screaming. Katie was tied to one of the support poles, she was bleeding and she seemed really pale all of a sudden. I ran over to her, feeling a burst of cold air. I reached out to her and her eyes widen as I heard her muffled warning scream. I heard the basement door slam as Sierra screamed, still at the top of the stairs. She slammed her fist repeatedly against the door, screaming for Jade's help. I ripped the gag off Katie's mouth and she gasped for air. "Alex, we have to get out of here! Something's in the house!!" she cried.

"What? What's in the house?"

"I don't know! A ghost or a demon or something! I swear I'm not crazy, this thing isn't human!"

I wasn't doubting her for long when a dark figure walked out of the shadows behind me. I turned around, getting to my feet and facing them. It had huge, dragon like wings and sharp horns. A long scaly tail swished behind it, causing a vase to crash to the ground. As it stepped out into the light, I realized exactly what was going on. Jade wasn't our friend. Jade was a demon. I knew as soon as I saw the eyes. Those green eyes. They weren't natural, but it didn't cross my mind that they were inhuman.

I lowered my gaze to the ground. I wasn't going to give her the satisfaction of a last conversation. I wasn't scared like I probably should've been. I was sad and disappointed. Disappointed I was going to be murdered by my best friend. Jade only snapped her fingers as green flames erupted from the ground under her feet. She was unaffected by the heat but I knew I was going to be burned alive. Jade smiled, showing her long sharp fangs as the flames moved closer and closer to us. I grabbed Katie's hand, blankly staring into Jade's eyes as there was a flash of green light and then everything went black.



Random Facts That You Didn't Need To Know

Compiled By Imogen Blair

We like learning about weird things you don't learn in school. Luckily, the internet really helps.

- The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.
- The first product to have a barcode was Wrigley's gum
- American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first-class
- On average, Americans eat 18 acres of pizza everyday.
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.



#staycurious



- The only nation whose name begins with an "A", but doesn't end in an "A" is Afghanistan.
- Non-dairy creamer is flammable.
- Golf courses cover 4% of North America.
- Most toilets flush in E flat.
- It is illegal to eat oranges while bathing in California.



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- In a test performed by Canadian scientists, using various different styles of music, it was determined that chickens lay the most eggs when pop music was played.

**Information gathered from www.djtech.net*

Election Word Search

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