

Halloween Safety Urged

Many children's fantasies come true on Halloween night, as the youngsters return home with bags of treats after trick or treating their neighbors. In recent years, however, increasing instances of Halloween tragedies has increased efforts to promote safety for youngsters.

The Marshall Merchants Association, in cooperation with the Madison County Sheriff's Dept. and the Marshall Police Dept. are sponsoring a Halloween Party for Madison County youngsters on Oct. 31 from 3 until 6 p.m.

Participating merchants along Main Street will distribute treats to trick or treaters during the afternoon. In addition, there will be a Halloween Party at Town Hall during which children can be fingerprinted for easy identification.

Operation Child Find, a child identification program operated by the Buncombe County Sheriff's Dept., has fingerprinted more than 6,000 children.

As in the Buncombe County project, Madison County youngsters must be accompanied by an adult. A copy of the child's fingerprints will be given to the parents. Police will not keep the fingerprints on file.

In case a child should become missing, the fingerprints can assist law enforcement agencies in locating the child. There is no charge for the fingerprinting.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion's Davis-Sexton post in Marshall is also encouraging youngsters to have a safe holiday. The following safety tips are offered with their assistance:



ANNA KATHERINE KOENIG was fingerprinted by members of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Dept. last week during Operation Child Find stop in Weaverville.

Wear costumes that are lightly colored, short enough to prevent tripping and are non-flammable. If children will be on the streets after dark, attach strips of reflective tape to the costumes.
Don't wear masks that restrict vision. Facial make-up is a good

substitute for masks.
Have children carry a flashlight so they can be seen by motorists. Illuminate jack o' lanterns with flashlights, not candles.
Parents should accompany children on trick or treat rounds and children should be instructed to stay in their own neighborhoods.
Children should be warned to wait until they get home to indulge in their treats. Parents should inspect all candies before they are eaten.
Parents should also advise children to obey all traffic rules.
Parents can make this Halloween the safest ever by bringing their children to the Marshall Halloween Party and following these simple safety rules.

Smith Graduates

Staff Sgt. David B. Smith of Burnsville has graduated from the U.S. Air Force non-commissioned officer leadership school at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Smith is a plumbing technician with the 325th Civil Engineering Squadron. His wife, Debra, is the daughter of Harley Honeycutt of Rt. 2, Mars Hill.

While at the school, Smith studied techniques of leadership, management and supervision. He is a 1973 graduate of E. Yancey H.S. in Burnsville.

Democrats Outnumber Republicans 3 to 1

There are an additional 614 voters eligible to take part in the Nov. 6 elections, according to figures released Monday by the Madison County Board of Elections. The board reported that 11,039 Madison County residents have registered for the upcoming elections.

Democrats continue to outpoll Republicans by a better than three-to-one margin in the county. The figures released Monday show that there are 7,832 registered Democrats and 2,873 registered Republicans. Three hundred and thirty-two voters are registered as independents and

two voters are listed as Libertarian Party members.

Since April, Madison County Democrats have registered an additional 323 voters. Republican registration has increased by 209 voters.

The election board also announced that voters in the newly-created Revere precinct will vote at Garland Adams' vacant house on Revere Rd. Voters in the Laurel precinct will continue to vote at Laurel School. Grapevine precinct voters will again cast their ballots at Coates' Country Store on Hwy. 213.

Jeanette Lawson Nix



Native of Madison County. Mother of four children. Member of Calvary Baptist Church, Mars Hill, NC. Graduate of Hot Springs High School. Attended Mars Hill College.

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