



Halloween History in PA

The observance of Halloween, which dates back to Celtic rituals thousands of years ago, has long been associated with thoughts of witches, ghosts, devils and hobgoblins. In the United States, the first recorded instance of a Halloween celebration occurred in Anoka, Minnesota in 1921, but Allentown, Pennsylvania claims one of the nation's oldest Halloween parades, dating to 1905. Over the years, the customs and rituals associated with All-Hallows Eve have changed dramatically, and Halloween has become the darling of American holidays. This one-night event is "out-earned" only by Christmas and "out-partied" only by New Year's Eve and Super Bowl Sunday.

"Trick or Treat!"

An estimated 1.5 million Pennsylvanians -ages 5 to 14 years- were potential "trick-or-treaters" last year, down 144,250 since census 2000. The highest proportion of this age group was located in Lancaster County (13.8 percent), while the lowest was in Forest County (7.2 percent). The commonwealth ranks 42nd among the states in proportion of elementary and middle school-age children to the total population (12.4 percent), though the state compares favorably to the national percentage (13.5 percent). Mothers and fathers often escort their children around the neighborhood on Halloween night, but more grandparents may be joining them. In 2006, an estimated 194,771 Pennsylvania grandparents had children ages 18 or younger living in their households, and 39.2 percent of them were responsible for the children. More than 1.3 million Pennsylvania families have children under 18 living with them.

Famous Graves

For those who need more of a scare than trick-or-treating can provide, Pennsylvania is the final resting place of several famous historical figures. U.S. Army Major-General and Commander-in-Chief "Mad Anthony" Wayne who led American armed forces in 1794 to win the Northwest Territory is one of those fortunate souls. Although he survived the war, Wayne became terribly sick while traveling across Lake Erie. After

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What's going on This Week.....

"Find a Job You'll Love!"

Presented by Sharone G.

Mon, October 29th 9:00-12:30pm

"Intro to CareerLink Services

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, October 30th 10-11:00 pm

"Mock Interviews"

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, October 30th, 12:00-1:00 pm

"Resumes & Cover Letters"

Presented by Sharone G.

Thur, November 1st 1:30-2:00 pm

"Employer Website Assistance"

Presented by Don L.

Fri, November 2nd, 3:00-4:00 pm

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arriving at Presque Isle, Erie, he died and was buried there. Thirteen years later, his son Isaac requested the body to be retrieved and buried at the family cemetery in Chester County. When the General was exhumed, his body was remarkably preserved. Wanting to keep the General's grave in Erie, Dr. Wallace, who was an army surgeon and Wayne's friend, boiled the remains until the bones separated from the flesh. The doctor gave the bones to Wayne's family and placed the rest back into the coffin for reburial at Erie. His bones traveled across the state along now U.S. Route 322, and they lie to this day in Chester County at Old Saint David's Church. Legend has it that some of the bones fell out of the wagon along the way, and every New Year's morning -- Wayne's birthday -- his ghost rises from the grave in search of his bones.

Pumpkins Galore

Pennsylvanians don't have to worry about searching for pumpkins for carving their jack-o'-lanterns. Pennsylvania is one of the top 5 pumpkin-growing states in the nation and produced more than 116 million pounds of pumpkins in 2006. The value of Pennsylvania's pumpkin crop was second only to Ohio (22.3 million dollars), at 19.4 million dollars. Other states in the top 5 for value of pumpkin production in 2006 were New York (18.8 million dollars), Illinois (18.2 million dollars) and California (13.1 million dollars).

Candy and Costumes

Americans consumed about 26 pounds of candy per capita in 2006, and it is believed that children consume much of this around Halloween. In Pennsylvania, the production of chocolate, cocoa, and other candy products is an important part of the manufacturing industry. In 2005, the commonwealth was second in the nation in number of chocolate and cocoa product manufacturing establishments (121). These businesses employed 8,818 people. An additional 31 establishments employed 1,700 workers in the manufacture of nonchocolate confectionary products. Overall, Pennsylvania's sugar and confectionary industry shipped 4.9 billion dollars worth of goods in 2005.

Costume shops can also look forward to a boost in business around Halloween. In 2005, 99 formal wear and costume rental establishments in Pennsylvania employed 579 people.

-The Pennsylvania State Data Center-Penn State University



HEALTH CAREERS WEEK

Each November, Governor Edward G. Rendell and the commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaim a designated week as Health Careers Week. The week is meant to create awareness and address Pennsylvania's growing need for qualified health care professionals. This year during Health Careers Week, the PA CareerLink Monroe County will sponsor a Healthcare Employer Symposium, on **Tuesday, November 6, 2007** starting at **9:00 am**. The focus of the program is to provide information and create awareness of health careers specifically in Monroe County. Designed to give job seekers an in depth look at High Demand Health Care Careers, the symposium will feature a panel presentation by top employers in the Health Care Profession and provide an opportunity for questions. Also available will be health care job listings. Sign up today to reserve your seat by calling 570-620-2850!

Careerlink TEAM Meeting Schedule

Administration Team: Tuesday , November 27th at 9:00 am.

Career Guidance Team: Thursday, November 15th at 9:00 am.

Customer Information & Resource Team: Wednesday, December 5th at 2:00 pm.

Business Services Team: Tuesday, November 27th at 9:00 am.



TEAMOLOGY

TEAM: A number of persons associated together in work or activity to perform a common goal.



Administration TEAM



Let Burnley Workshop bake your Thanksgiving Pies! BURNLEY & UNITED WAY OF MONROE COUNTY announces the Holiday Pies of Caring! All pies are \$6.50 each and orders must be in by November 18th. The mouthwatering selection includes: Deep Dish Apple, Sugar Free Apple, Sugar Free Peach, Pumpkin Custard, Coconut Custard, Cherry, Pecan, Mince Meat, Chocolate Cream, Banana Cream, Blueberry and Lemon Meringue. If you are interested-please see **Nancy Henry**. Pick up dates are November 20th and 21st.

Business Services TEAM



On Thursday, November 1st, ADECCO (Hackettstown) will be at the **PA Career-Link Monroe County** from 9am-3pm, recruiting Call Center personnel for the International Trade Zone. These will most likely be temporary positions-now through January '08.



The Holidays are just around the corner! UPS will be here Wednesday, November 7th and Friday, November 16th recruiting seasonal driver helpers and distribution center helpers for the holiday season. Job order 515854 applies and specifies that all interested applicants **MUST** complete the on-line application process for driver helper at www.upsjobs.com.

Customer Information & Resource TEAM



New Format for CRC Schedule! Starting Nov. 5th, we will move away from the "specific teams on certain days" schedule and just have each staff member who works the CRC scheduled personally. For many of you it will appear that your times are the same as before. I tried to keep most people in the same time they were before-especially our partners who come in at specific times just to work the Career Resource Room. What we are hoping to obtain from this schedule is more flexibility in staffing the CRC if you are not able to do it on the time assigned. It will be your responsibility to get someone to cover for you if you are unable to work the CRC at your scheduled time. As we move forward, we will continue to fine tune and improve this scheduling process. Thank you all for your continued cooperation and support-if you have any questions, please see John Casella.



JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Kens PDQ Lube Center Inc

DS2

—Auto Lube Technician
-web 519184

—Electronics Technician II
-web 517855



Shawnee Academy

—Cook/Server
-web 518872
—Clinician
-web 518873

Pocono Services for Families & Children

—Kitchen Assistant
-web 517688
—School Bus Driver
-web 517681

Pocono Metal

—Machinist
-web 518262

Weiler Corporation

—Customer Service
-web 518067



**Don't Forget to turn
your clocks back!
Daylight Savings Time ends at
2:00am Sunday, November 4th!**

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