



Newsletter

October 2019

Pike County

Topic One

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Austin Buss.



Danielle will be out of the office until October 1st, 2019

Topic Two

TRIVIA
NIGHT

Homebank is hosting Trivia Night on October 26th with proceeds benefiting CASA in Adams, Marion, Monroe, and Ralls Counties.

Doors open at 6, trivia begins at 7. Bring own drinks and snacks. \$80 per table with max of 8 per table.

There will be a silent auction and 50/50 raffle

Topic Three

Happy October Birthdays!!

Jean Flint-28th

Enjoy your special day!



Key Dates

October 3rd: Learn & Grow

Documentary: The Medicated Child.

Millions of U.S. children are taking psychiatric drugs, most never tested on kids. Good medicine - or an uncontrolled experiment?

Meeting from 5:30pm-6:30/7pm



October 7th-10th: Out of the Office

I will be out of the office for a training these dates. I will be available via email or phone. For urgent matters please contact Danielle at 217-617-5438

November 15-17: CASA Volunteer Training

A new CASA volunteer training will begin next month! The accelerated training is scheduled to start November 15th and end November 23rd. Please spread the word and call our office 217-223-2272 or Karolina Anton 217-617-6058 for additional information.

Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year for kids. Help protect trick-or-treaters by following these simple safety tips.

HALLOWEEN Driving Safety Tips

- Don't use a cell phone or other electronic device while driving.
- Drive below the posted speed limit in residential areas during trick-or-treating hours.
- If you are dropping off or picking up your kids in an area, pull off the road into a safe spot and turn on your hazard lights to alert other motorists. Parents, make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
- Pay extra attention, particularly to crosswalks, intersections and the side of the road.
- Do not pass other vehicles that have stopped in the roadway, they could be dropping off children.

Be Aware!
Twice as many child pedestrians are killed while walking on Halloween compared to other days of the year

Safety Is Our Top Priority

CROSSING SAFELY: Tips For Lil' Ghosts & Goblins

- STOP**
Find the safest place to cross then stop.
Stand on the pavement near the curb or the edge if there is no curb.
- LOOK**
Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.
Make sure you can see if anything is coming and drivers can see you.
- LISTEN**
Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.
Never cross the road while chatting, listening to music, or talking on your phone.

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Spooky Statistics

- Children are **4x** more likely to be involved in a fatal pedestrian accident on Halloween, than any other night.
- Only **18%** of parents use reflective tape on their children's Halloween costumes.
- 12%** of children ages 5 and younger are permitted to trick-or-treat alone.
- 1:4** have met a new neighbor for the first time on Halloween.

Trick-or-Treat Safety Tips

Beware the overshare.

Refrain from sharing Halloween plans on social media. Social Media savvy burglars have been known to take advantage of homes when people are away.

Only approach houses with porch lights on.
NEVER go inside a strangers home!

Always walk with a parent or approved adult.
No child under 12 years of age should trick-or-treat without an adult.

Stay on sidewalks.
Refrain from cutting across yards or alleys.

Cross the street in groups.
Always cross at designated crosswalks.

Toss away any unwrapped candy
unless approved by a parent.

Wear BRIGHT, reflective costumes
and no low hanging fabric that children can trip on.

Make sure someone in the group has a cell phone
in the event of an emergency.

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Fun Halloween themed crafts for visits

Spiderweb Craft For Kids

PAPER BATS

PAPER PLATE PUMPKIN MONSTER

Trick or Treat Smell my feet

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