



#### Welcome to October-Boooo

Hi all, Anthony Diaz here and welcome to October! We are all recognizing that the season is changing and Halloween will soon be here. And as you'll know Rosa's will be decked out in our most eerie décor.

Some other observances to be noted of course are things like the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's is happing here in Tucson on the 28th of October. You can find details in the back of this issue. Also, it is ADHD Awareness Month, Down Syndrome Awareness and Breast Cancer Awareness as well as October 8th being Depression Awareness Day, and World Hospice and Palliative Care Day.

With that all said, it is time to enjoy the cooling temps (when?), and the anticipation of the nearing holidays and of course the parade of children all dressed up in their costumes for Halloween. I do hope everyone enjoys their October and we are always thank our advertisers, writers and readers for your continued support, keeping this newsletter alive.



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## Anthony Diaz

## THIS HALLOWEEN

## Please Keep In Mind:

- The child who is grabbing more than one piece of candy, might have poor fine motor skills.
- The child who does not say "Trick or Treat" or "Thank You" might be nonverbal.
- The child who looks disappointed when they see your bowl might have an allergy.
- The child who isn't wearing a costume, might have Sensory Processing Disorder or Autism.
- The person who looks too old to be trick or treating, might be developmentally delayed.

Please be accepting, patient, and kind.



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3PM - 7PM

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Harmony Hospice is now Harmony Community Healthcare! Come out and visit our new community education room, dedicated in honor of Kristi Shaw.

Enjoy live music, food and drinks, raffle prizes, and visit with our community partners Roots & Roads, Senior Support Alliance, and St. Luke's Home.

Raffle ticket proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

Live Music 5P-7P Blondie All Over

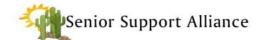
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Raffle Prizes Ribbon Cutting

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## **Self-Care and Aging—**By Tyler Woods

I think one of the truest statements in the world is as we age, we must take care of ourselves. We need to eat balanced meals. Good balanced meals with a variety of nutritious foods that will provide your body with the energy it needs to stay healthy. Make sure to include plenty of fruits, vegetables, complex carbohydrates, and lean proteins.

We need to get good rest because getting enough sleep each night helps us stay sharp and alert. Aim for at least 7-8 hours per night. Get good rest, have some sunshine, perhaps a little exercise or movement.

I will never be able to emphasize this enough. A very important part of aging is to stay mentally engaged to help stimulate the mind by learning something new or picking up fun activities of some sort. Keeping the mind active and engaged is essential for dignified aging. Looking through the paper, reading a book or using an audio book program. The Echo, or as some of us call it, Alexa, has free audio books that can be read, and listening can stimulate the mind. Having an Alexa can make a huge difference for aging with grace and help keep cognition working well.

Self-care is vital when we are aging. At Rosa's, our residents are encouraged to be aware of their physical and mental conditions and to let their caregivers know they still can care for themselves and equally, it is also important for residents to know that they should never feel they are a burden to their caregivers. Caregivers should remind their residents they appreciate it when they ask for help because that is all part of self-care and feeling they still can have some control in their life.

Aging gracefully means to age with family and friends. Encouraging family and friends to visit and call gives the resident an opportunity to still feel connected which makes them feel they still have some control and dignity in their lives. Speaking of control and dignity, as seniors experience the challenges of aging, the lack of privacy might make seniors feel like they can't maintain their dignity so be sure they have privacy when needed. Rosa's has a meditation garden outside around the corner of the house, and I see residents go over there for quiet, comfort and peace of mind.

Finally, caregivers should take care of their own self care and health. Caregivers have many important responsibilities during the course of a day. The role can be overwhelming between the physical and emotional things you have to do. There is a great deal of stress and even burn out. Fear not because when the caregiver is rested, healthy and at peace, it is much easier to care for the person or people you are caregiving. Make sure you are eating, sleeping, doing some activities, socializing and doing the things that make you happy when you get free time and be sure to have an outlet to talk to people so you can vent and get things off your chest.

Aging is more than wrinkles, age spots, skin tags, incontinence and forgetfulness. Aging takes a lifetime and most people age with more grace and dignity of they include a good dose of self-care throughout their lives. It's more than those first strands of gray hair, it is about self-care and even if the person is in some sort of facility, the staff and caregivers can help the aging do so with grace and dignity.



## Walk to Defeat ALS

#### Scottsdale

November 4, 2023 | Salt River Fields

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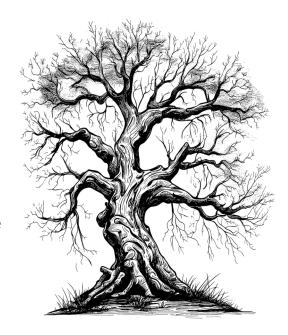


## Mary Reads her Tales—By Leslie Ford and Tyler Woods

Down a dark, dreary lane, nearly hidden by the trees and bushes, there was an old Victorian house surrounded by a lush landscape, that was called The Elm Street Assisted Living Home. In general, this was a quiet little home where the memory impaired and simply aging residents of the house were well looked after and were said to enjoy their lives at the end of the lane.

Johnathan, Mary's father, was moved into the house after he had suffered a stroke that left his memory impaired, and Mary was devasted about this abrupt change in their lives together and she made a pact with herself to that she would still be there for her father in as meaningful a way as she could.

Mary would drive down that dreary lane every day after lunch to read to her father as that was something they had shared all their lives together. First, her father reading to her about adventures and mysteries all over the world, and now she would read those tales of mystery and adventure to her dad.



As one would have it, and the tales being so full of magic and spirit and travelling adventures, the other residents would often join them, listening raptly to the tales being told. Mary's reading hour became quite an event at The Elm Street Assisted Living Home, her father and the other residents daily looking forward to there time exploring other worlds and realms and travelling in their minds to all the places they had lived and visited in their lives.

Then one day, Johnathan didn't wake up. Yes, this is a tale of life and death, and Johnathan had lived well. No one knew what was going to happen next. Mary seemed to have disappeared with her father. She never came back around. It was a mystery, where had she gone?

And then, one dark Halloween Eve, Fred, a resident who loved Mary's reading ran and told staff that he heard Mary reading to her father. The staff made note that perhaps his medication needed to be increased and sent him on his way. Fred knew there was more than him losing his mind, he had distinctly heard Mary reading. Fred went for more help. He gathered the residents sitting in the living room and told them to come out into the full moon and sit around the old oak tree.

The residents were more than happy to accommodate Fred with his desire to play a practical joke on Halloween. The residents all took folding chairs out and sat, pretending they were hearing Mary read the story. The howling of coyotes in the distance made the evening feel eerie with the full moon. But it was not the moon that created the image of Mary and her father. They sat in awe as Mary turned her head and said, "what took you so long?", as she plunged into another story.

The old Victorian house is empty now, and up for sale. But every Halloween's eve Mary, Johnathan and Fred with a variety of other former residents sit underneath that old oak tree and all listen as Mary continues to read to them all.



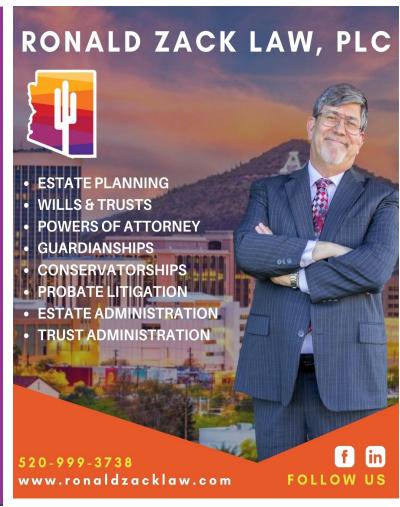






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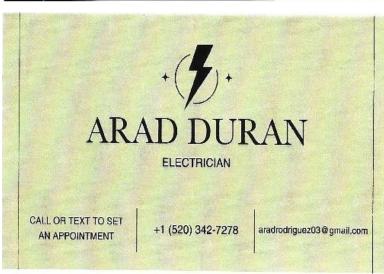




## Sahuarita Police Dept. Blood Drive

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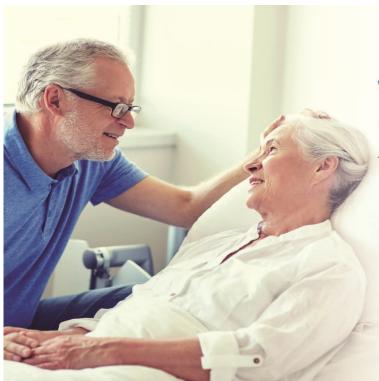
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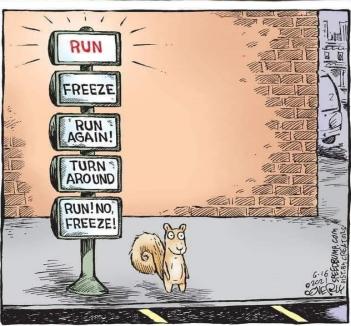
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## **Humor Corner**









## Halloween 3 ingredient Ghost Bark

#### **Ingredients:**

12 oz semi-sweet chocolate chips4 oz white chocolate or white candy melts





#### Instructions

The easiest way to make this is to melt the milk, dark, or semisweet chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl in 30-second intervals.

12 oz semi-sweet chocolate chips

Pour the melted chocolate over a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Leave about a teaspoon aside.

Spread evenly until you reach your desired thickness.

Melt the white chocolate the same way you did the semi-sweet chocolate then add dollops of white chocolate to the bark.

4 oz white chocolate

Using a toothpick, drag the white chocolate down to make the tail of your ghost shapes. You can also use a sharp knife's tip for this.

Using a toothpick again, dip it in the leftover semi-sweet chocolate, or whatever chocolate you are using, and add the eyes and the mouth.

Clean and repeat this process until you are satisfied with how your bark looks.

Add the sprinkles, then chill in the fridge for an hour or until it solidifies.

Halloween sprinkles

Source: https://lifestyleofafoodie.com/ghost-bark/#recipe-link

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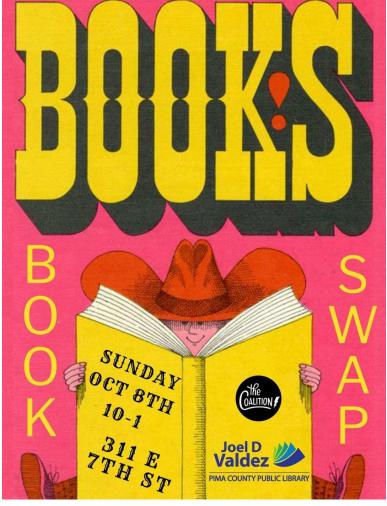


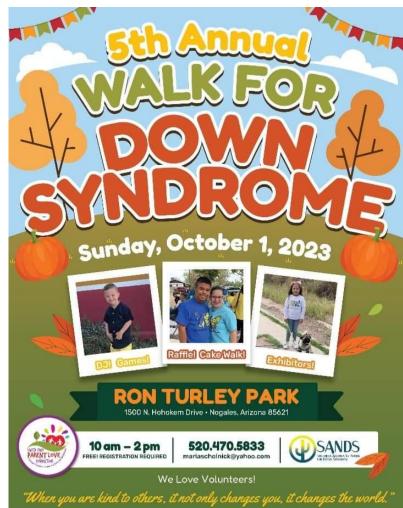
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