Fun Facts: Halloween – October 31

The Evolution of Halloween
The annual holiday that is celebrated each year on October 31st originated with the Celtic festival of Samhain; a Gaelic festival acknowledging the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. Today, the tradition has evolved into a day (and night) filled with activities such as trick-or-treating, carving pumpkins, wearing costumes, and social celebrations.

Trick-or-Treaters
- **42 million**: The estimated number of potential trick-or-treaters in 2021—children aged 5 to 14—across the United States.
- **About 128 million**: The latest number of homes or apartments where people live and possible places for trick-or-treaters to visit.

Spooky Places
- Scarville city, Iowa (Population – 78)
- Slaughter Beach town, Delaware (Population – 227)
- Tombstone city, Arizona (Population – 1,307)
- Bad Axe city, Michigan (Population – 3,025)
- Kill Devil Hills town, North Carolina (Population – 7,777)
- Sleepy Hollow village, New York (Population – 10,955)
- Munster town, Indiana (Population – 23,761)
- Salem city, Massachusetts (Population – 44,819)
- Casper city, Wyoming (Population – 58,656)

Costume Fun!
Approximately 800: The number of formal wear and costume rental establishments in the United States in 2020.
Some of the most common occupational Halloween costumes children wear:

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<th>Occupation</th>
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*Full-time, year-round employees ages 16 and over

Sweet Stuff
- **3,320**: Total number of candy and nut stores in the United States in 2020.
- **Approximately 45,000 (45,662)**: The number of people employed by U.S. chocolate and chocolate candy manufacturing businesses in 2020.
- **Approximately 22,000 (22,245)**: The number of people employed by U.S. nonchocolate candy manufacturing businesses in 2020.