

Halloween Photoshoots

By Jamir Mitchell

This fall season people are really getting into the Halloween spirit with a new trend: ghost photo shoots.

This new trend arose with a burst of creativity and just a click of camera. Trendsetters are dressing up as ghosts and having photo shoots Dancing to the tune of “Oh Klahoma” by Jack Stauber.

Participants put a sheet over their head along with props like sunglasses or hats. They also put a grainy filter over the photo to make it look more natural and aged.

Some create this picture to look funny or just cool, but some get really into it and create very creative and creepy ghost photos.



Some even do the trend with their dogs and make adorable spooky photos.

People have also started to do this trend with pumpkins. They are emptying out the inside of a pumpkin and putting it on their head to create an interesting looking photo.

This sounds like a fun arts and crafts idea to try but be on the lookout for any roaming ghosts this Halloween season.

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A Deeper Look into an Original American Ghost Story: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

By Casandra Stolz

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow is the tale of Ichabod Crane, who accepts the position of schoolteacher in the haunted Hudson Valley town of Sleepy Hollow. His schoolhouse is decrepit, one large room constructed of logs; its broken windows have been patched with the leaves of old copybooks. Ichabod’s quarters are whatever rooms the neighboring Dutch farmers who board him for a week at a time are willing to provide. Ichabod thus makes the rounds of the neighborhood, and his small salary, combined with his constantly changing address, allows him to store all of his personal possessions in a cotton handkerchief. The schoolteacher can’t rely on his looks, so he attempts to get smitten with the prosperous farmers’ daughters. To impress them, he flaunts, what he perceives, as his vastly superior tastes for literature and worldly experience. He reads to the women many books but a collection of witchcraft accounts in New England frightens him so much, ordinary actions begins settling him. A bird’s wings flapping become the sounds of ghosts flying about, the sight of fireflies are now spirits searching for their lost bodies. The most terrifying tale elaborates on a galloping hessian who rides heedlessly through the woods of Sleepy Hollow. The trooper was in the Revolutionary War when his head was shot off, he gallops at night on his black stallion in search of the missing head.

The farmer’s daughter who Ichabod had fallen for and was determined to win over is the character of Katrina Van Tassel. She’s the daughter of a wealthy Dutch Farmer who grows a variety of produce. He falls head over heels in love with her once he visits her at her father’s farm and sees the culinary abundance that would await him. Ichabod is initially confident in his ability to win over Katrina. However, many other rivals are competing with him—

in particular, the Bones hazing. Both brawny, clever, and men find themselves mischievous Brom at the Van Tassel’s estate for a quilting the villages looking frolic one evening. for trouble with his Ichabod manages to gang of sidekicks. dance with Katrina all Ichabod is intimidated night while Brom by his physical appearance, so he avoids fumes. As the night confrontation, which progresses to an end, only encourages (cont. on Page 5)



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Haunted Houses

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

All houses wherein men have lived and died
Are haunted houses. Through the open doors
The harmless phantoms on their errands glide,
With feet that make no sound upon the floors.

We meet them at the door-way, on the stair,
Along the passages they come and go,
Impalpable impressions on the air,
A sense of something moving to and fro.

There are more guests at table than the hosts
Invited; the illuminated hall
Is thronged with quiet, inoffensive ghosts,
As silent as the pictures on the wall.

The stranger at my fireside cannot see
The forms I see, nor hear the sounds I hear;
He but perceives what is; while unto me
All that has been is visible and clear.

We have no title-deeds to house or lands;
Owners and occupants of earlier dates
From graves forgotten stretch their dusty hands,
And hold in mortmain still their old estates.

The spirit-world around this world of sense
Floats like an atmosphere, and everywhere
Wafts through these earthly mists and vapoursdense
A vital breath of more ethereal air.

Our little lives are kept in equipoise
By opposite attractions and desires;
The struggle of the instinct that enjoys,
And the more noble instinct that aspires.

These perturbations, this perpetual jar
Of earthly wants and aspirations high,
Come from the influence of an unseen star
An undiscovered planet in our sky.

And as the moon from some dark gate of cloud
Throws o’er the sea a floating bridge of light,
Across whose trembling planks our fancies crowd
Into the realm of mystery and night,—

So from the world of spirits there descends
A bridge of light, connecting it with this,
O’er whose unsteady floor, that sways and bends,
Wander our thoughts above the dark abyss

The Ghosts of Greenville

By Elijah Williams

(Greenville, PA) – If you haven’t lived in Greenville your whole life, you may have noticed the atmosphere is a little strange at times. Lifelong residents may not disagree either, these are stories of bizarre encounters and unexplained events from Greenville and surrounding areas.

A quick Google search will take you to an online forum called GhostsofAmerica.com, and there you can find several stories about Ghost related encounters.

According to one user, on a hot summer in 2009, they were sitting under a tree near a swing set when it started to move. Not the slight movement that comes with a breeze, but the one as if someone were using it. However, no one was on it and there wasn’t even a breeze. The user then got up and moved toward the swing, with every step closer the swing would slow down. When the user was right on top of the swing it stopped. They went to touch the swing to see if something was wrong with it, and it was freezing cold.

There have been three separate reports on the GhostsofAmerica forum about something unbelievably fast running past people.

The first one was near Beatty School and happened so fast, the best the women could describe it as was a “small horse.”

Another user stated he was driving in Transfer with his girlfriend, they were looking at the Harvest Homes Fair ground and enjoying the day. Out of the corner of his eye the user saw a 4-6-year-old girl running towards his car. When he turned back, she was gone.

Another user driving on Dutch Lane, going towards Farrell, claimed to see “something” run past their car toward the graveyard. They described it as being “so fast you couldn’t tell for sure what it was” and “It was not a person at all. I know what I saw and that was not human!!!.”

Another User also claimed she has had strange activity on her property near Beatty School. Ranging from things moving on their own to strange people on her property.

Rumors of Satanic Rituals and old burial grounds are the beliefs of some. Could these events be connected? Are they cause by man? Are these events other worldly? It may be sometime until we find those answers, but until then be careful at night!



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2020 Costumes

List Compiled by Josie Barton and Casandra Stolz

Although your 2020 Halloween party may take place Zoom, this crazy year deserves crazy costumes and passionate costume lovers do not disappoint. Here are eleven easy, funny, and iconic costumes for Halloween 2020.

1. Hand Sanitizer

o Remind everyone to keep a 6 feet distance with a hygienic costume. Good luck keeping it stylish.

2. Mail-In Ballot

o Yandys.com is selling \$38 mail-in ballot costume. Featuring a tube dress that comes complete with postal service details.

3. Carol Baskin

o DIY costume: The tie-dye shirt, the flower crown, a furry friend, blue flare jeans, berry lip stain, and colorful earrings.

4. Bob Ross

o Intrinsic and simple, let your inner artist out or ask a friend to borrow their Bob Ross wig from a previous Halloween. This iconic costume never gets old.

5. Unicorn

o Why are unicorns so popular this year? Because Unicorns help remind people to escape from reality, something we could all use this year.

6. Baby Yoda

o Get this cute and comfy look with pointed ears on a hood, a comfy robe, and whatever you do, don't forget the chicky nuggies.

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History of the Cemetery Next Door

By John Robbins

The Shenango Valley Cemetery on College Avenue in Greenville has been a part of the community since before Thiel College arrived in Greenville. The cemetery was incorporated on June 7th, 1865 and was the first in the area to hold money to maintain lots and graves, known as perpetual care. Over its 155-year history, the Shenango Valley Cemetery has grown from 25 graves in 1865 to 68 acres and 13,885 graves in 2020.

In the early years of the cemetery, it sat mostly alone on what is now



Top 5 Fictional Halloween Characters

By Austin Balaschak

Halloween...a holiday filled with candy, costumes, and creatures. Things that go bump in the night are some of the most recognizable names, not only in the holiday lure, but also in pop culture. Names like Dr. Frankenstein, Jason Voorhees, Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde. We will be looking at the top five Halloween fictional characters. These are opinion based.

5. Pennywise

This is number five for two reasons. Not only has this character made the transition from the pages to being on the big screen, twice! But he has done it beautifully over the years. This Stephen King character has also made his impact on two generations. He has passed the test of time and has the durability to keep kids “floating” for years to come.



Pennywise the Clown
Image by Slideshow Collectibles

4. Michael Myers

Not to be confused with the star of Austin Powers. Mike Myers. Mi-



College Avenue. That was until 1871 when Thiel moved into Greenville Hall next door. Thus, leading to a connection between the Shenango Valley Cemetery and the Thiel community

In 2001, Thiel College built their first campus football stadium. Since its construction, Alumni Stadium, according to Thiel athletics, is believed to be one of two Division III fields to have a cemetery in its backyard. Along with that connection, the cemetery has been used by Thiel students as a nice quiet place to exercise or find solitude.

Shenango Valley Cemetery, according to the cemetery’s website,



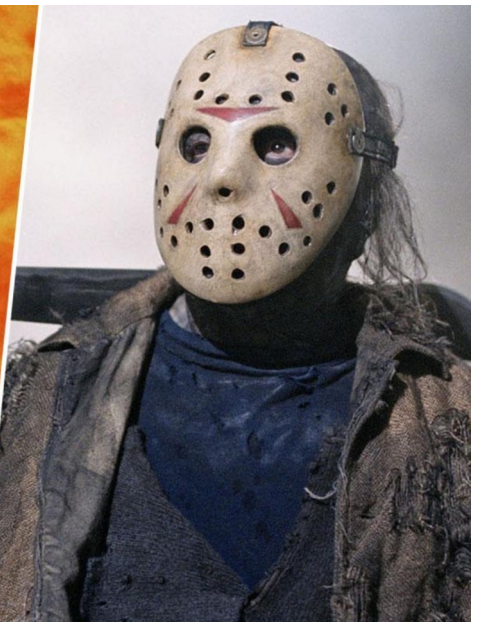
chael Myers is synonymous with the word Halloween after the notorious cult classic Halloween (1978) The name and franchise have made numerous sequels including a reboot. This is a household name either way you look at it.

3. Freddy Krueger

Nightmare on Elm Street gave us one of the most fearful and powerful horror villains to date. Whether it is the scars on his skin, the famous red and green striped sweater, or the famous four bladed gauntlet this character is synonymous with nightmares. He has the power to infiltrate dreams. That leads the path for so many psychological torments outside of the theater.

2. Jason

The man who made an old school goalie mask famous. Jason Voorhees and the camp crystal lake saga is no stranger to reboots and the long string of sequels that tend to make you ask, was this really needed? But there is no question that you will see it sooner or later. This character is inde-



Freddy Krueger and Jason
Image by The Tylt

structible. Not to mention the chills he gives viewers when he is getting near a victim with the infamous sound nearing closing in.

1. Dracula

The man the myth the legend. He has inspired countless spinoffs, tv shows, novels, costumes and more. This nocturnal necromancer has forever changed the stigma with garlic, Transylvania, and ominous castles over lakes if you ever run into one.

These fictional characters have caused lack of sleep for many people over the course of time. Whether it be sneaking into the movies to see it. Circled around a campfire, or even sneaking the DVD from kids’ parents. These horrific creations will always live on, just like the spirit of Halloween.

Ghost

By: Peg Watts

A wandering figment...
Am I imagination?

I exist in the shadows.
I am a ghost

Known, but unseen I wander.
Drawing around you like mist.
But your world is not for me.
I am a ghost

Fading distant memory...
I wait for you in my realm.
Only the fearless enter.
I am a ghost

Seeing what you really are...
When you think you are alone.
I am quiet company.
I am a ghost

Only you know I’m here
The secret we have between us
Our spirits connected
I am a ghost

A haunting voice that whispers
Only you can release me
Desire keeps me earthbound.
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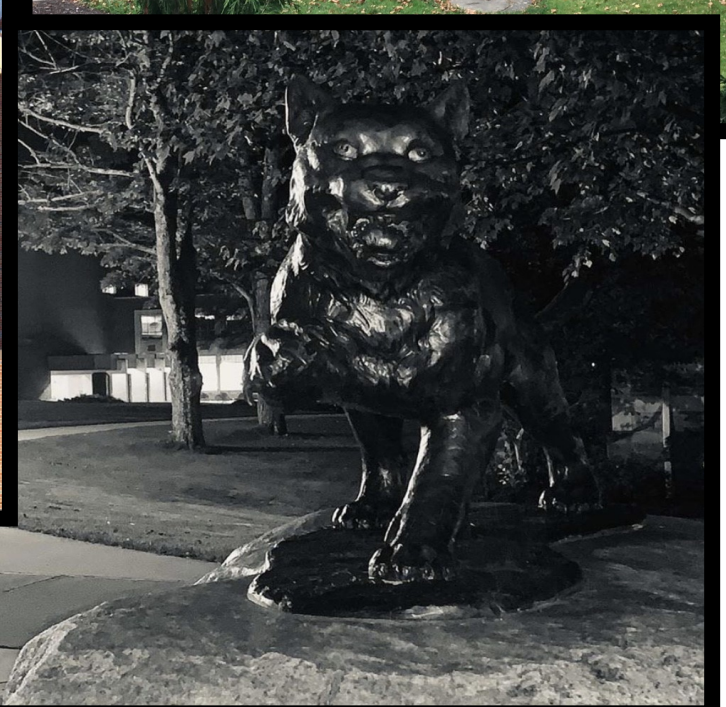
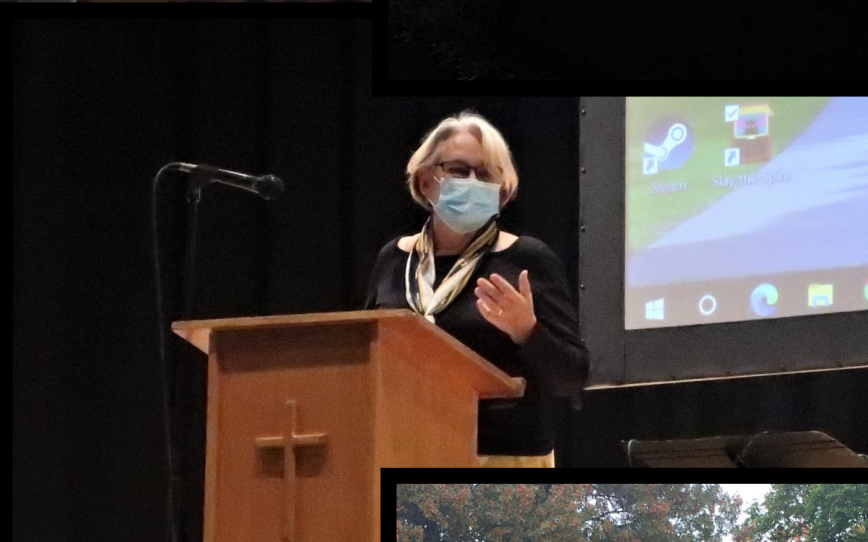
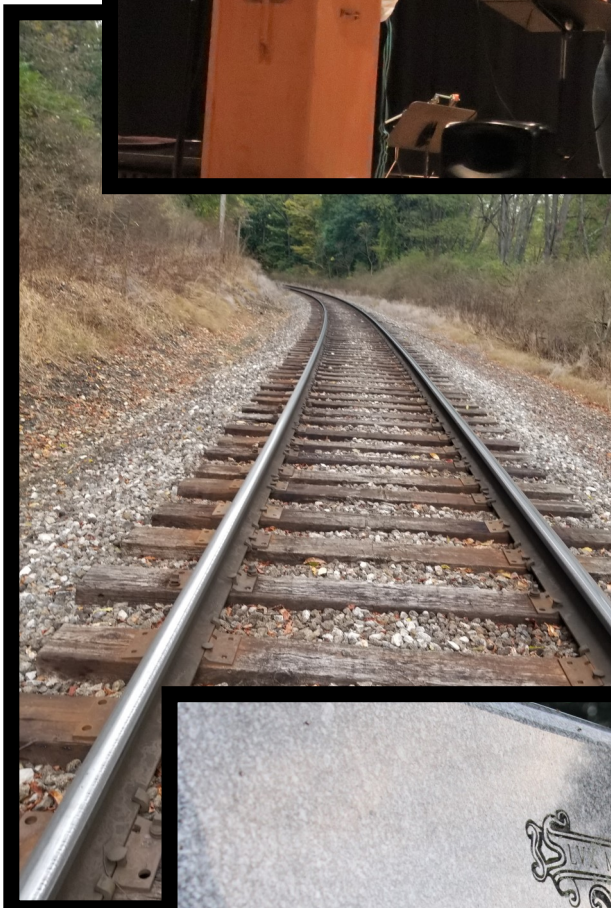
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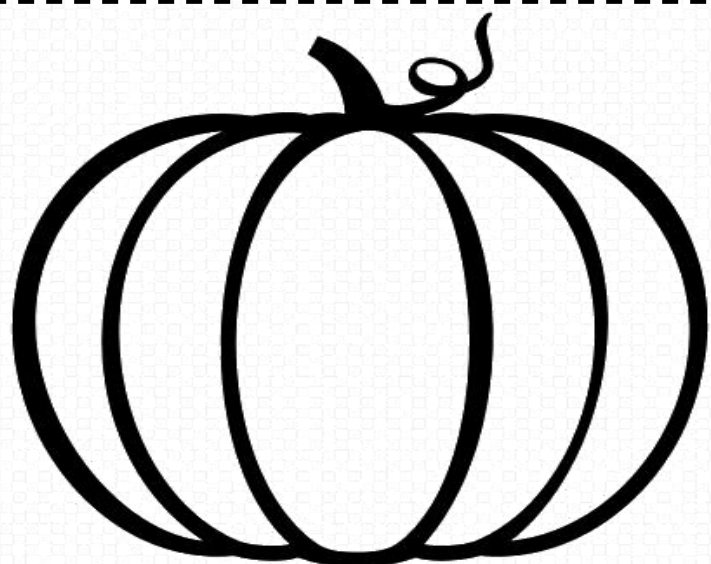
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- 2. Submit by leaving your pumpkin in the Thielensian box in the Post Office.
- 3. Your name is to be printed on the back.
- 4. No bashing Thiel College or profanity.
- 5. Contest open to Thiel Community excluding Staff.
- 6. The winners will be announced social media November 16th at 12pm.
- 7. Prizes
1st: \$25 Sheetz Gift Card
2nd: \$10 Sheetz Gift Card



The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

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the guests begin exchanging ghosts’ stories and the infamous Headless Horseman tale. Ichabod searches comfort from Katrina as guests are leaving but is presumed to have rejected. He mounts his horse in defeat and begins his ride home under the moonlight.

As he rides to the spot where the hessian was shot, he catches sight of a massive, shadowy figure on horseback. Ichabod calls out “Who are you?” but receives no answer, and quickens the pace of his horse, while the figure follows behind him. At one point, the two riders climb a hill and Ichabod realizes that the figure is headless—it must, he thinks, be the

Headless Horseman of the famous story. Panicking and frantic at this point, he rides faster and faster. To get across the bridge where a church will be in sight. According to the tale told at the party, the church is where the headless horseman will vanish. But as he crosses the bridge the alleged horseman hurls his head at Ichabod for a direct hit, knocking him to the ground. The next day, when Ichabod’s students report him missing, a search party is sent out. They find the horses hoof prints, next to a smashed pumpkin. Ichabod is never to be seen again.

As readers we presume this tale is

less about the haunting of a horseman and more about the deceptions one will go for love. The author of this tale is Washington Irving, apart of the romanticism movement after the Revolutionary War. The Legend was written in 1820, the first year colonies in the New World gained their independence. Irving was a part of a movement aiming to separate them from the rest of the world and create a country as a nation. They used this chance of individuality and creativity to addressed economic, social, and other concerns by their writings. This Halloween, what are some favorite tales will you be telling?

Thiel Happenings

Compiled by Adam Button

Thursday, November 5

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Courageous Tomcat Conversation Series

Saturday, November 7

9:15 am - 12:00 pm

Academic Scholarship Competition

Wednesday, November 11

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Veteran’s Day Visit

Thursday, November 12

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Day in the Life of a DHI Student

Saturday, November 14

9:15 am - 12:00 pm

Academic Scholarship Competition

Thursday, November 19

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Financial Aid Information Session

Friday, November 20

All Day

Final Day of Classes

November 21 - 24

Fall Finals Week

A Mischievous Nightmare

By Sydney Balas

While Zoey and her sister Alex walked home, they met a strange man who said. “Those two kids over there are aliens and I need you to catch them.” “Okay Mr. K,” said Zoey and she and Alex chased the aliens all around the block. When they caught them the girl said, “Please don’t hurt as we’re trying to get home. I’m Ali...” “We aren’t trying to hurt you; we’re just trying to get you home.” Then they asked Mr. K how they’re going to get home. He said, “Their mother is here to pick them up.” “Goodbye,” they all said



About the Author

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We, at the Thielensian, thank her for her submission.

2020 Fall Time Bucket List

By Josie Barton

- Halloween is approaching! Join your fellow college peers to celebrate autumn with these fall-themed events and adventures. Whether you like cozy days spent in your room with movies and popcorn or enjoying the fall weather on a walk with friends, these activities will get you right into the Halloween spirit!
- 1. Trick-or-Treat!
 - 2. Go for a hike in the woods in the Riverside Park.
 - 3. Pick pumpkins at Deb’s Pumpkin Patch in Courtland, Ohio.
 - 4. Take your pumpkins back to school and carve pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns.
 - 5. Explore a corn maze and eat delicious gyros at the Cool-spring Corn Maze and Farm Market in Mercer, PA.
 - 6. Enjoy Starbucks’ annual Pumpkin Spice Latte.
 - 7. Grab some friends and go apple picking at Harford Orchards LLC in Hartford, Ohio.
 - 8. Have a lazy day in your room with a Halloween movie marathon. Some classics include Halloween Town, Hocus Pocus, Halloween, The Nightmare before Christmas, Beetlejuice, The Addams Family, Scream, Ghostbusters, The Shining, Casper, Edward Scissorhands, Scary Movie, and Monster House.
 - 9. Get sick from a bag of candy corn.

- 10. Go to the Greenville dollar store or Walmart and stock up on fall and Halloween decorations such as lights, posters, and props for your dorm room.
- 11. Have a fall photo shoot with some friends at a near-by pumpkin patch, apple orchard, or park.
- 12. Pet a black cat.
- 13. Cozy up with a cup of hot apple cider from the Bistro and read a classic Halloween book such as Frankenstein, Dracula, The Shining, or The Exorcist.
- 14. Make a Halloween craft for your dorm room such as spooky ghosts, paper pumpkins, or hanging bats.
- 15. Make your friend or family member a Spooky basket. Include their favorite Halloween candy, a fleece blanket, Halloween socks, a fall candle or soap, caramel apples, baking supplies, caramel popcorn, and fall movie dvds.
- 16. Go to a near-by Halloween store such as Spirit Halloween in Hermitage, PA and pick out a fun or scary costume.
- 17. Attend the Scarecrows in the Park event in Central Park on October 22nd from 9:00am-4:00pm.
- 18. Attend the Harvest Trunk and Treat function at Pap Pap’s Smokehouse on October 24th from 2:00-5:00pm. Explore the pumpkin patch and enjoy food, games, and a photo booth.



- 19. Attend the Drive Thru Trick or Treat event in Riverside Park on October 29th from 4:00-6:00pm.
- 20. Attend the Riverside Haunting fair in Riverside Park on October 30th at 7:00pm



2020 Costumes

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7. Zoom Fail

o Business casual in 2020 really means wearing professional attire on top and pajamas on the bottom.

8. Ruth Bader Ginsberg

o Honor the highly loved and respected former Supreme Justice, RBG. This is a great costume for your grandma.

9. Black Panther

o Black Panther, played by Chadwick Boseman, has always been a popular costume idea for movie lovers. Wear this to pay your respects to the talented and well-known American actor.

10. Stranger Things

o Easy Eleven character costume idea: Shave your head, get a bloody nose, and grab a box of Eggo waffles.

11. The Sanderson Sisters

o Grab your two best friends to recreate this classic and iconic Hocus Pocus group costume.

By Samantha Walker

Between frigid weather and the pandemic in our midst, people are searching for ways to celebrate the Halloween spirit and stay safe.

Thankfully, the season is full of autumnal entertainment alternatives.

Between movies and books to thrill, scare, and celebrate the season, there is plenty to fill our time indoors.

Here is a list of spooky movies and good reads that will chill, thrill and spice up these times of solitude.

Movies:

Halloween

Halloween is a cult classic synonymous with the holiday. This is a series that has been redone and added to for decades with even more to come. I mean, is there even a spooky season without Michael Myers to haunt our nightmares?

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

If you're looking for a good scare without the commitment to a franchise as long as Halloween, Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark is a solid option. This movie follows a group of unsuspecting teenagers who stumble upon Sarah Bellows' grave. Bellows' uses her tortured and horrible secrets to create a collection of scary stories, stories that become a little too real for the unfortunate teens.

Sleepy Hollow

This is retelling on the story of the Headless Horsemen by Tim Burton. A young Johnny Depp brings his notorious acting style to the character of Ichabod Crane. Crane is determined to end the terror of the mysterious, possibly supernatural, headless killer. The

overall tone and setting of this movie make it a perfect movie to watch at night while rain hits your window.

The Craft

A movie often called "downright mean" follows the lives of a group of high school outsiders thirsting for power. Their place as the resident weirdoes isn't enough for these girls as they are determined to learn "the craft", a dark magic involving blood oaths and nighttime beach rituals. Maybe delving into dark magic isn't the best idea...

Hocus Pocus

Okay, let's be honest, doesn't everyone start the Halloween season with Binks and the Sanderson sisters? This is race against time after Max accidentally brings three witches with a taste for children hanged during the Salem Witch Trails back from the dead. Now, Max, his sister Dani, and their friend Allison must steal the sisters' spell book to stop them from becoming immortal.

The Addams Family

If there is any list of Halloween movies and cult classics, it would be criminal to forget everyone's favorite odd family. While they may be creepy, kooky, mysterious and spooky, the Addams are a loving family always swept up in some sort of shenanigan; from murderous, money-hungry nannies, to an almost cult-like summer camp.

Books:

House of Leaves

Originally an unorganized heap of random pages floating on the internet, this book is said to terrify its reader. According to one review, the reader could not even bring herself to finish the story and gets chills just having it in her room. Those who could finish the book suggest never to read alone or with the lights out.

Stalking Jack the Ripper

Labeled a "deliciously creepy horror novel," Audrey Rose Wadsworth defies societal norms

as she begins to study forensic medicine. Her sneaky side hobby drags her into a whole new world when she begins analyzing a string of savagely murdered corpses. This book is a beautifully sinister read that mixes fiction with reality as Audrey delves into the life of one of the world's more notorious killers.

Horrid by Katrina Len

Exploring themes of mental illness, rage, and grief this book is often compared to Stephen King. Just trying to find a fresh start following the death of her father, Jane and her mother move to the "dilapidated old house" her mother grew up in. Unfortunately, moving on is not as easy as Jane would like as her mother mysteriously struggles as a result of moving back to her childhood home and she deals with constant bullying from the local "bad seed." Jane finds an abandoned children's room in her new home that is not as abandoned as it seems...

My Plain Jane

A modern take on the classic tale of Jane Eyre with a new haunting twist. In reviews, My Plain Jane is described as a perfect combination of a "classic romance novel and Ghostbusters." For those who want a good ghost story for the season but missing the nerve to jump into the land of horror with their leader, Stephen King, this is a safe book to give a little chill.

The Simplicity of Cider

When searching for a fall read, not every reader is looking for a fright. Some people just want a charming, seasonal choice. This book follows the budding romance and friendship between a dedicated cider-maker, Sanna, and a father, Isaac, trying to protect his son, Sebastian. Sanna tries to preserve her family apple orchard with some helping hands from her new friends.

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