



PLACE, SONG, BOOK, MOVIE OF THE MONTH

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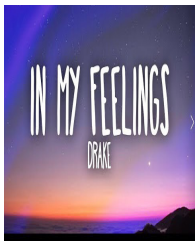
PLACE

The place of the month is the Richardson Adventure Farm located in Spring Grove, Illinois. Though it takes a while to get there, the long drive is worth it to be able to walk through the largest corn maze in the world! It's suitable for all ages and is open from September 1 to November 4. The maze contains over 10 miles of trails, making it the perfect place to go for an a-maze-



SONG

The song of the month is "In My Feelings" by Drake. It's been number one on Billboard 100 for 10 weeks in a row, and has inspired the "Kiki Challenge," in which you jump out of a moving car when the song comes on and dance on the road. Many people think that the song was written about Kim Kardashian, but regardless of the meaning, the song constantly circulates throughout many radio stations.



BOOK

The book of the month is "One of Us is Lying" by Karen M. McManus. This young adult mystery novel follows four high school students that have all become suspects after a fellow classmate mysteriously dies, so the four students try to solve the case. The New York Times Bestsellers list has featured the book for 60 weeks, so far. The book is eventually going to become a TV series.



MOVIE

The movie of the month is "Crazy Rich Asians", which was released on August 15, 2018. Based on the book series by Kevin Kwan, the movie follows Rachel Chu as she travels to Singapore to meet her boyfriend's family, who turn out to be extremely wealthy, but unsure of what to think about her. The movie stars Constance Wu as Rachel Chu and Henry Golding as Nick Young, Rachel's boyfriend.



ZOMBIE PAINTBALL

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With Halloween right around the corner, you may be looking for some spooky activities to partake in. In the neighboring town of Monee, you and some friends can go on the Zombie Paintball Safari at Undead Acres. The safari consists of a group of people all on a trailer using paintballs to shoot at the "zombies" who appear to be trying to attack you. The plus side of this is you do not have to fear getting hit back. Undead Acres is open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday starting September 29th, all the way through October

28th. Zombie Paintball is open to kids of all ages and the price starts at 22 dollars per person. This price includes all things necessary for the safari such as 80 paintballs, a paintball gun, and unlimited compressed air. If zombie paintball is not something that interests you, there is also the Haunted Terror Trail, which is only 15 dollars per person. At Undead Acres they also support police, military, and fireman so if you bring an ID you can receive a special coupon at checkout. The location of Undead Acres is 3450 W. Crete Monee Road. Monee, Illinois.



HOCUS POCUS 2

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People are getting into the Fall mood by cozying up on the couch with and binge watching their favorite Halloween movies. The popular Disney film, Hocus Pocus, is set for a sequel, just not exactly the way people expected. The sequel is a book, rather than a movie, and was released on July 10th of 2018.

Plot

Hocus Pocus was a Disney film released in 1993 and Halloween enthusiasts watch it around the Fall. The first Hocus Pocus movie was about a family who had just recently moved to Salem, Massachusetts. The Dennison children, Max and Dani, start preparing for Halloween. As October 31st rolls around, Max is put in charge of taking his little sister door to door to trick-or-treat. Allison, comes along with them. They make their way towards the Sanderson Witch House, whose legend lingered throughout the town. With a supposed way to revive the witches, Max lights the black flame candle. The Sanderson Sisters were witches who had lived in Salem 300 years ago. Up until Halloween 31st where the children had set them free. After they were released, they were horrified by the strange

new time period. The sisters are brought into a world that is foreign to them. Adjusting to the 20th century, they set off to search for the children. If they do not succeed their goal of "suck[ing] the souls out of all of Salem's children", they will disintegrate. The movie goes on with both the witches, and the children attempting to defeat one another.

New Movie and Book

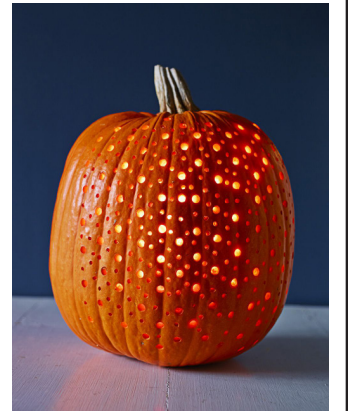
On July 10th, the novel "Hocus Pocus and the All-New Sequel" was published by A.W. Jantha. July 10th was also the 25th anniversary of the original Hocus Pocus movie. The newly written novel is described as "a fresh retelling of the original film". If you aren't interested in reading this Fall, don't fret. The release date is unknown, but you can expect a "Hocus Pocus 2" movie coming out in the future. Some fans of the original movie were looking forward to it's release, until they had heard that the cast will be changed. On the other hand, some people think it could be very interesting having different people act in the upcoming movie. Overall, Hocus Pocus could just be the perfect story for October.

PUMPKIN CARVING HISTORY

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A long standing tradition for those who celebrate Halloween, is carving unique Jack O'Lanterns. This idea is based off an Irish urban legend called "Stingy Jack".

The urban legend starts with a man named Stingy Jack inviting the Devil to have drinks with him. Jack didn't want to pay for the drinks, so the Devil turned himself into a coin. Soon after, Jack decided to keep the coin and put it into his pocket next to a cross, so the Devil couldn't change back. Jack soon released the Devil and made a deal with him that the Devil would not bother Jack for an entire year, and if Jack passed away, the Devil would not claim his soul. The next year, Jack once again tricked the Devil into climbing up a tree. While climbing, Jack carved a cross into the tree to prevent the Devil from being able to climb down. Jack said he would remove the



carving if he promised Jack he would not bother him for ten more years. Later on, Jack passed away. As the legend goes, God and the Devil would not allow Jack into Heaven, nor Hell. The Devil sent Jack with a piece of burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into carved-out turnips and has been roaming the Earth ever since.

The Irish referenced Stingy Jack as "Jack O'Lantern" and people began to make their own versions of Jack O'Lanterns out of turnips and potatoes. Immigrants from these countries brought the tradition to America. Even though this legend is not known by many, people still continue to celebrate Halloween every year by carving Jack O'Lanterns.

WEIRD COSTUMES

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Halloween is probably the only time you can dress up as anything you want and nobody can say anything about it. Why not go all out and be something totally original? Below are a few examples of costumes that one could wear this Halloween.

Yellow Brick Road

This costume idea comes straight from the movie, The Wizard of Oz. The Yellow Brick Road costume is unique and you can be almost positive that nobody will be wearing the same thing.



Chinese Takeout

We all know Chinese food is comfort food, so why not get a comfortable Halloween costume of it? This costume is wierd and fun, but only if people do not try to take a bite out of you.



Runny-Nose

The runny nose costume will definitely get a laugh out of your family and friends. If you are into puns, such as a person dressed as a nose and a runner, this is the right costume for you.

