



ENTERTAINMENT

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What's playing this weekend



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Local columnist



‘Squid Game:’ Economic survival as a fight to the death

The premise of Netflix's "Squid Game" might be the TV best elevator pitch of all time: It's "Hunger Games" for adults, with a thick layer of late-capitalist panic and a visual aesthetic built for memes. Total slam dunk.

By now, the Korean-language series has thoroughly swept the planet. Its story involves hundreds of financially desperate people who have accepted a mysterious invitation and find themselves in a secret location, competing in life-or-death versions of children's playground games where the last contestant

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Symphony Notes



Retro Vegas-style jazz marks TSO debut

Everyone at the Traverse Symphony is ready to jump, jive and wail this weekend for the debut of the TSO Jazz Orchestra.

We've put together a hand-picked group of five saxophones, four trumpets, four trombones, a four-person rhythm section and a 10-person upper strings group for our big premiere performance. In future shows I plan to augment this group even further.

I've been a big fan of Las Vegas-style shows my whole life. Chalk it up to growing up with "The Tonight Show" Band led by Doc Severinsen, the "Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon," the Rat Pack movies, "The Dean Martin Show" and a ton of other TV shows that were always on in my house when I was a kid.

Later on, in my 30s, the whole retro-mid-century vibe became really popular, so if you ever came to our house, you would hear Bobby Darin and Lena Horne

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The Zombie Run is a themed 5k run/walk that takes place on Oct. 30 at 9 a.m., starting at Right Brain Brewery on 16th Street.

GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT

Halloween is not just for kids

TRAVERSE CITY — Halloween — the holiday of costumes, candy, and creepiness — has been a favorite celebration of mine since the early '90s, when I was old enough to understand what was going on.

Trick-or-treating, costume parades in school, and watching "Hocus Pocus" were things to live for every October.

Admittedly, Halloween seems like a day for youth. However, adults, like me, love the spooky season, even if we can't go door-to-door asking for mini candy bars anymore.

Instead, there are other Halloween-based activities throughout the Grand Traverse region meant for the older demographics during October.

So, to paraphrase the Crypt Keeper, are you ready to learn more, older boils and ghoulies?

Thriller Night at Jacob's Farm, on Oct. 30, is the night that scary creatures get released into the elaborate corn maze to chase the brave, flashlight-bearing souls who dare enter. This year marks the third annual Thriller Night, and according to Brett Hood, farm and maze manager at Jacob's Farm, this activity attracts people of all ages.

"There's nothing gory about Thriller Night, just startling," said Hood. "Last



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year, we had 400 attendees, and many were large groups of adults."

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased in advance or day-of.

Then there's Screams in the Dark, which boasts multiple haunted attractions at one location — the Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds. Having been around for a decade, Screams in the Dark is a local favorite and one of the largest haunted events in northern Michigan.

Kelsey Lauer, registered nurse at Munson Medical Center, goes to Screams in the Dark almost every year with her fiancé for some holiday scares.

"I think it gets better every time!" said Lauer.

Creator and owner Joe Ritchie's spooky set-up includes Dreadmoore Manor, Swamp of Suffering, Pandemonium, and the Haunted Wagon Ride and Trail.



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"Each year, we add new things to the haunt; it's what keeps our fans coming back," said Ritchie. "This year, we

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