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Best Scary Movies of All Time

By: Cherokee Miller

We all know halloween is the best holiday because of the movies. Come on what would this time of year be without the “Scream” series. The seven movie series is the quintessential halloween slasher franchise. I just wish they would change the plot, and no, I'm not joking, there really are 7 “Scream” movies. Anyway, here are my top 5 scary movies of all time.

1) “Talk to Me” was one of the best movie experiences I’ve ever had. 10/10





2) You can never go wrong with a “Saw” movie. It is a little too gory to place at #1, but it is a close contender.

3) The Conjuring is the type of movie to give you nightmares but at the same time you can’t look away.





4) “Smile” is a good first scary movie to watch. The first one is much better then the second one

5) “The Mummy” is my favorite to watch when I am looking for a scare but don't want nightmares.



September Sports Highlights

By: Marcus Sommers

The Hamilton Varsity Cross Country team has continued their season with amazing performances. There is a new senior addition to the team, Jace Bean, who strongly follows behind Robert Schiek. On September 19th, the Varsity Cross Country team went to West Noble, finishing with stellar performances with Robert Schiek placing in the top 20 out 200+ runners and the rest of the team showing strong improvement.

On September 22nd, the Varsity team went to The First DeKalb Championship, every person on the team improved by an average of 20 seconds. Robert Schiek showed amazing performance by running a 17:19, taking a 2nd place finish as a team. On October 2nd, the Varsity Cross Country team will be going to Bethany Christian for the Hoosier Plains Conference where they hopefully take home a back-to-back conference victory.

The Hamilton Varsity Volleyball team has shown amazing performances with a win on Senior Night against North Side on Thursday, September 17th. Set scores : 25-16, 25-21, and a close 30-28 leading to a Marine victory. The varsity performances: Harlow with 4 aces, Akira Geeraedts with 3 aces and 10 kills, Baylee Batrom with 12 digs, Lydia Hicks with 10 digs, Heidi Richter with 3 kills, and Annalise Lingo with 6 digs.

Senior athletes recognized at senior night: Jace Bean, Gavin Clark, Copper Farnham, Robert Schiek, Bella Rivera, Olivia Geeraedts, and Annalise Lingo.

Big Ten Conference

By: Graysen Dilts

This conference consists of 18 teams, which are already ranked. Some of the best teams in the Big Ten are USC, UCLA, Indiana, Ohio State, and Michigan. Some of the lower-ranked teams in this conference are Oregon, Wisconsin, Purdue, and Rutgers.

Games to watch - One of the biggest games of the year is Michigan at Ohio State, known as “The Game.” This game airs on November 28, 2026, at noon. In their last meeting, Ohio State defeated Michigan 27-9 in Ann Arbor. Michigan leads the all-time series, and this rivalry remains one of the most intense and closely watched rivalries in all of college sports.

Best Matchups - Some of the best matchups this season include Washington and USC. All-time, USC leads the series 51-32-4, and Washington won the last meeting in 2024. Another really big matchup this season is Indiana and Michigan. Michigan leads this series 58-11, and Indiana won the last game 20-15. This game is predicted to be one of the best matchups in Big Ten football this season.

Teams most likely to win conference - The team with the best odds to win the Big Ten conference this season is Ohio State, with +180 odds. Some teams right behind them are Oregon, Indiana, USC, and Michigan. These are all just predictions because college football consists of all sorts of changes and upsets. The Big Ten Championship Game is on Saturday, December 5, 2026, at Lucas Oil Stadium. Last season, Indiana beat Ohio State in the championship game 13-10, giving Indiana their perfect 13-0 season.

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The Daily Blend

By Navaha Campbell



When you live in a small town, which should be about everyone reading this, there isn't always much to do, try, or have. You can end up doing and eating the same things over and over again. Now Hamilton offers something bigger and better than what you're used to, so come try Blendology!

Blendology is located east of Bellefontaine Road and is open every day of the week, with hours varying by day. Blendology offers protein drinks, fruit smoothies, and energy drinks, which are the perfect way to end the summer. Do you ever crave a small, sweet, or healthy treat but aren't willing to drive 20 minutes to get one? Blendology offers snacks ranging from soft and hard to sweet and healthy.

Blendology tastes fantastic, and the people who have tried it seem to have enjoyed it. So, if you haven't tried Blendology yet, give it a shot! And if you have tried it, how was it? Don't be afraid to go again!







Who would have known?

By Cherokee Miller

Did you know that there are over a dozen different names for Halloween? There are many different cultures and places that celebrate unique traditions during this time of year. Here are some of the different names for Halloween, along with my personal ranking from best to worst. Let us know what your favorite is!

1) **Snap Apple Night:** An old 18th- and 19th-century Irish name based on a popular party game.

2) **Witches' Night / Walpurgis:** related terms: Folkloric names used in different European regions.

3) **Nos Calan Gaeaf:** The Welsh winter-eve celebration equivalent.

4) **Allhalloween:** An older, less common term for the holiday.

5) **Samhain:** The ancient Celtic pagan festival from which many modern traditions originate.

6) **Oíche Shamhna:** The Irish language name for the holiday.

7) **All-hallow-tide:** The broader three-day religious season encompassing the eve





Fall Foliage

By Graysen Dilts

For me, fall is my favorite time of year for many reasons. One reason fall is my favorite is because, when I was younger, my family and I would go hiking at local state parks and just enjoy nature. I specifically remember the crunch of the leaves as we walked, and hearing that sound always brings back memories. Speaking of crunchy leaves, there is a guy on TikTok who posts daily videos of himself stepping on the crunchiest leaf he can find. Seeing these videos reminds me of times with my family as we walked through the woods on a crisp October day.

Another thing I remember is seeing all kinds of wildlife in the woods and just watching them with my family. Another memorable experience with my family was going up to northern Michigan to see the fall foliage at its peak. We would hike up big hills, look out over the landscape, and see bursts of bright colors for miles. It was so beautiful. The sights we saw together will always stay in our memories. I will always love going for a walk in the woods on a chilly morning and taking in everything nature has to offer.

