

# Tiger King: Yes, it's bonkers

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For the Keizertimes

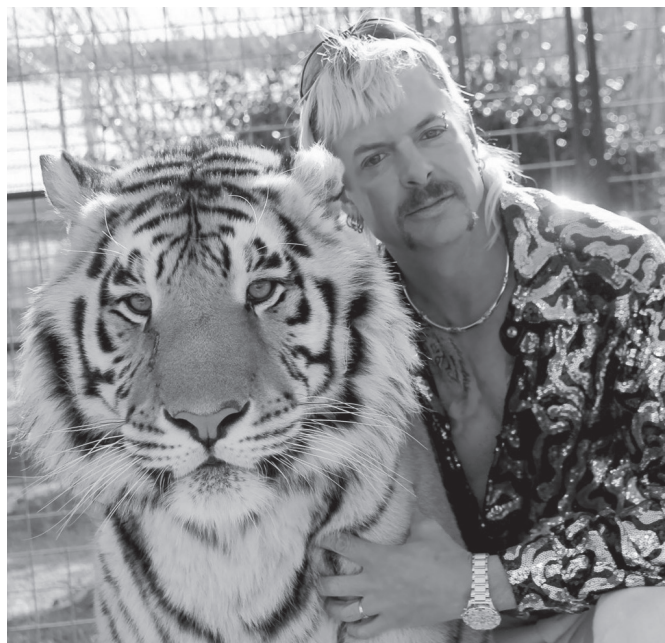
If you have been lucky enough to read one of my reviews in this newspaper before, you might have noticed a trend: thus far I have only reviewed movies and television shows that are original creations of streaming platforms such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Hulu. With so many options out there in today's digital entertainment world, I must admit that it can sometimes be difficult to pick a movie or series that people would actually care to read about. Once or twice, however, I have come across a piece of media that needs to be reviewed because it has evolved into something much larger: a cultural phenomenon. After seeing numerous memes of a heavily tattooed man with three teeth, hearing more than one reference to husbands being fed to tigers, and seeing many a

shout out on social media, it was not long before I saw that *Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness* (or just *Tiger King* for short) was one such touchstone that demanded my attention if only so I could understand just what the heck everyone was talking about. The hype and buzz are understandable, as *Tiger King* is one of the most bizarre journeys I have ever taken.

It was also one that occasionally made me feel uncomfortable, if I am 100 percent honest. The real-life people that make up the *Tiger King* cast are some of the weirdest individuals you will ever meet, and this often makes the show seem like an exercise in mean-spirited mockery. The aforementioned tattooed man with three teeth, for instance,

a man named John Finlay, was actually asked to remove his dental bridge to achieve the look because the producers wanted to portray him in a certain way, according to an *Us Weekly* interview with another star, Doc Antle. That look, one must assume, is "methed out hillbilly." Even when the show isn't actively trying to make fun of its subjects or warp the narrative to its own ends, the feeling remained. Or, rather, it remained until I was reminded of another fact: that these people aren't just weird, a lot of them are also not great people. Some of them are downright unpleasant and dangerous. The "Murder, Mayhem and Madness" is in the title for a reason. So maybe making fun of them is okay? I don't know, but I do

## REVIEW



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The antics of a man who calls himself Joe Exotic are center stage in a new Netflix documentary series.

know that questions like this kept me from enjoying the series as much as I could have, but I wouldn't say this is a fault of the documentary itself.

Because what the documentary sets out to do, it does well (a few narrative biases notwithstanding). Not only was it entertaining, but it was also informative. Who knew there was a heated war over the exotic cat black market trade? I certainly didn't. The subject is ripe, and in a world saturat-

ed with true crime dramas, the story of Joe Exotic the Tiger King and those surrounding him is a breath of fresh air.

Plus, there are plentiful adorable big cats that act like little cats. Who doesn't like that?

*Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem, and Madness* is now available on Netflix. It can also probably be found in the conversations of your coworkers, friends, and family.

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1:31 p.m. - Domestic disturbance in the 3900 block Partridge Lane NE.  
7:39 p.m. - Theft of services in the 700 block of Dearborn Avenue N.

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**  
8:22 - Theft from motor vehicle in the 5200 block of Keizer Court NE.  
1:27 p.m. - Arrest for possession of methamphetamine in the 4300 block of Cherry Avenue NE.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14**  
4:11 p.m. - Traffic accident at the intersection of Chemawa Road NE and Ulali Drive NE.  
6:06 p.m. - Robbery in the 5400 block of River Road N.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**  
12:44 a.m. - DUII in the 5000 block of River Road N.  
7 a.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the in the 1700 block of Stone Hedge Court NE.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**  
4 p.m. - Theft in the 3800 River Road N.  
4:56 p.m. - Criminal mischief in the 6900 block of Arrow Point Court NE.  
6:20 p.m. - Shoplifting in the 3800 block of River Road NE.  
8 p.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the in the 100 block of Glynbrook Street NE.

8:18 p.m. - Domestic disturbance in the 1700 block Kersey Way NE.  
11:30 p.m. - Criminal mischief in the 1000 block of Hidden Creek Drive NE.  
11:34 p.m. - Disorderly conduct in the 3900 block of Partridge Lane NE.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**  
12 a.m. - Unlawful entry into vehicle in the 3600 block of Hills Creek Court N.  
12:57 a.m. - Arrest for criminal trespass in the 5300 block of Lancers Court N.  
3:45 p.m. Criminal mischief in the 3700 block of Homestead Court NE.  
8:09 p.m. - Criminal mischief in the 3800 block of Partridge Lane NE.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**  
7:52 a.m. - Aggravated harassment in the 4100 block of Gary Street NE.  
10:47 a.m. - Unlawful entry into vehicle in the 5000 block of Alendale Way NE.  
1:15 p.m. - Theft of vehicle in the 5400 block of River Road N.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**  
9:06 p.m. - Theft in the 800 block of Chemawa Road N.



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