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At Bloodview, Lions 'scare to care'



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The Lions Club is not usually thought about as a scary group. However, the Broadview Heights Lions Club has been serving up scares for the past 30 years with the Bloodview Haunted House.

"They scare because they care," said Gary Cerasi, a Lions Club member, about everyone involved in the project. "It's a crazy way to do it. We've seen probably \$1.6 million go to charity over the years."

The Bloodview Haunted House has become a staple in the community around Halloween. Each year, more and different attractions are set up to keep the scares and good times coming.

Bloodview Haunted House is a large production for a fundraiser. About 100 people a night work, including 65 actors and 35 staff members. The payoff is high, though, with the house raising about \$60,000 each year for the service organization.

"It does a lot of great things," Cerasi said about the Lions Club.

Money in the past has gone to the Federation of the Blind, Pilot Dogs, a Beep Baseball team for the blind, feeding 40 different families, each week, and many more recipients.

The haunted house shows
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the effort the Lions Club has invested over the 30 years it has stood at the end of Towpath Road.

The house gets added to and adjusted. This year, visitors to the haunted grounds can walk through the Gore House and Baby Doll Island, along with the main house and other attractions.

The main house has about 20 rooms to tour. Visitors also have the chance to visit the woods and go to the mausoleum and cemetery before exiting the property.

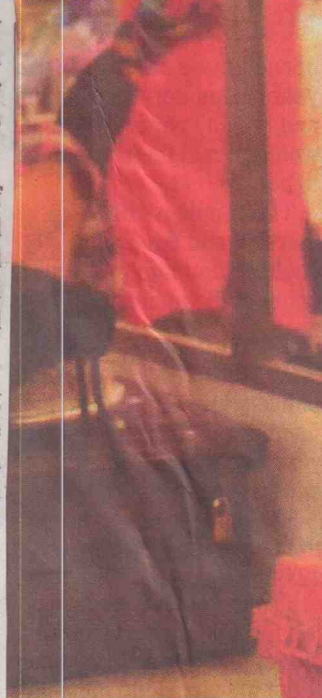
"It takes almost an hour now," Cerasi said.

Visitors to the grounds pay \$15 for a one-time spin around the haunted house or can pay \$20 for all-day tours and a hot dog and beverage.

Monster (drinks), Beef O'Brady's, Buffalo Wild Wings and The Boneyard have helped out the haunted house by providing food and drink.

Starting today and running through Halloween, the haunted house will be open from 8-10 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays and from 8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. The house is located at 1010 Towpath Road in Broadview Heights. Call (440) 526-9148 for more information.

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