Haunted

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Although she described the financial situation as "bleak," Young said the budget cuts have provided the library with an opportunity to reinvent itself.

"There's a lot of changes going on in Dallas. We'd like the library to be more the center of the community and that people see it as such. It really has a lot to offer," she said.

After finding out about the budget cuts, library supporters began tossing around ideas about how to make up for the loss. Young said the haunted house idea just stuck.

Since making the decision to do the haunted house, the library has been successful at attracting volunteers from church youth groups and school key clubs to help with the endeavor, said Young. Neiman is one of those volunteers.

A Boy Scout leader, Neiman has already been taking his "odd" collection of Halloween props to Camp Acahela every year, and he's happy to add this event to his to do list.

"I enjoy being with the kids; this is one holiday they can let

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> **Nadine Young** Chairperson of fundraising and development Back Mountain Memorial Library

their hair down. They (the library) need the money, they need the help; I enjoy the props and we have a good time with it," he said.

Neiman also organizes the children's auction, annual which is conducted by his

scout troop. Asked what will happen if the library doesn't raise the \$70,000 it needs, Young said specifics haven't been discussed by the board.

"We don't even want to go there. We're all feeling pretty positive that we can pull this off," she said.

She said she knows the haunted library won't make up all of the financial shortfall and said other fundraising ideas are being discussed.

"We're trying to take a pro-accost is \$5 per person.

tive approach here and not wait to find out how bad it will be because it looks pretty

"We're looking at this as an opportunity."

The haunted house will be in the basement of the library, an already spooky place, said Young. Because the library building was originally a school, "a haunted school theme" is planned.

Several activities will take place outside of the library, including a graveyard, face painting, pumpkin carving and food

The Back Mountain Haunted Library will run Friday and Saturday. October 24 and 25 from 6 to 11 p.m. and Sunday, October 26 from 5 to 9 p.m. The

make up the difference.

tainment here for \$20.

carving and a food booth.

ganizations.

of the barn.

Barn Ministry," said

"For a family of four, you can

Other outdoor activities will

The Lehman Haunted Barn

has been around since the

1980's. On average it grosses

\$30,000 over five weekends in

October, much of which is do-

nated to charity and youth or-

"We started it for our youth

group, it was something fun to

do, we called it the Haunted

Jonathan Pineno, coordinator

As the scope of the project

and the amount of money com-

ing in grew, organizers decided

to donate a large portion to

charity, said Pineno. They cre-

ated the Wyoming Valley Chil-

dren's Aid Fund which distrib-

listings of dates, times and loca-

Check the calendar page for

utes money to those in need.

include face painting, pumpkin

get a whole evening if enter-



Angie and Henry Cebulski direct members of College Misericordia's cross country team in loading the sea cannister. Pictured from left are: Assistant Coach Dave Allison, Jeff Dahlgard, Bobby Dmuchowski, Coach Frank Kinkead and Jared Kohler, in truck. Mike Petrikonis and Justin Sandy were also on hand to help.

Books

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school will open on the grounds this month. Six classrooms are available and local teachers will volunteer time at the end of their own working day. Classes will be limited to 40 students each.

"She used to send her kids to the public schools but even that costs a lot of money and she just couldn't afford it anymore," said Angie Cebulski, Sister Sponsa's sister, who lives in Georgia. "She prayed and prayed and the (Liberian) Minister of Education told her she

could open her own school." Cebulski and her husband, Henry, were on hand last week to unload the items collected by Rockensies. "She has been our lifeline," said Cebulski of Rockensies.

Erin Youngman and her husband, Dr. Timothy Lawlor, were in charge of gathering schoolbooks and materials from around the area. In addition to the donation from Wycallis Elementary, Dallas High School supplied well over 1,000 books through the efforts of Frank Galicki, principal.

They donated much needed

"We are caring for more children than ever before and trying to meet and balance the most basic of needs."

> Sr. Sponsa Beltran In letter to contributors

science, and world history books, tons of English books and even introductory business texts," said Youngman. "Their contributions were unbelievable and will make a huge difference at the new school. They must have cleaned out every storeroom at the school."

Dr. Tom Winter of Penn State University's Recycling Center arranged the donation of several boxes of math books. In addition, Dallas School Board Director David Usavage chipped in with his own collection of picture/story books.

Sister Sponsa was unable to return to Monrovia for several months after a recent fundraising trip to the United States because of the war going on there. She is now back at her Rehab Center and has written about the horrors that her children suffered during that war.

"They had completely run out of food and had taken to boiling grass and bugs and eating anything they could find...We are caring for more children than ever before and trying to meet and balance the most basic of needs. Although the fighting has stopped, malnutrition is rampant and continues to claim hundreds of victims every day..."

The donations are put to good use.

"Her kids are fantastic and they work very hard to learn," said Angie Cebulski. "They have a technical school and they make things to sell like soap. They even have a beautiful choir."

Donations are gladly accepted and can be made payable to Sister Sponsa Beltran/Our Lady of Fatima Rehab, c/o Mrs. Eileen Rockensies, 47 Harford Drive, Shavertown, PA 18708.

Local haunts benefit charities

By ERIN YOUNGMAN Post Staff

With Halloween quickly approaching, you may have a hard time deciding which Back Mountain haunted house to visit. Now that there are three, the choice is more difficult than ever. But whether you choose the ever-evolving Lehman Haunted Barn, the seriously scary Penn State Haunted Forest or the newest one, the Back Mountain Haunted Library, relax, much of the cost of your ticket will go to a charitable

If you're feeling generous, sample all three to support a wide range of causes.

Penn State's Haunted Forest is a favorite for many. It features a haunted hay ride, Halloween decorated Hayfield House and of course, the scary haunted forest.

Nolan Bennet, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Student Government secretary, said the Haunted Forest raises thousands of dollars for cancer research

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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out Halloween goodies

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JACKSON TWP. — The Jackson Township Neighborhood

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Municipal Building on Halloween, Friday, October 31, from

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members of the Jackson Township Neighborhood Crime Watch

Ask about obtaining a Crime Watch PIN# for your family.

"In 2001, the last year we held the haunted forest, we raised \$14,000," said Bennet.

The money is donated to the Four Diamonds Fund, a national organization which pays for cancer research, as well as other costs those with cancer have to endure, said Bennet.

'It goes to pay for medical bills for families that can't afford them, as well as for whatever they might need like clothing," he added.

About 40 volunteers, mostly students, and some staff, will participate in the fundraising

The Haunted Library is the newest spooky spot in the area. Nadine Young, chairperson of the Fundraising and Development Committee, said the haunted library will sport a 'school theme." All proceeds will go toward the library's operating budget.

Young said in the wake of a \$50,000 cut in the state's contribution to the library, the haunted library is a way to try to

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