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Haunted Hayrides at the Concession Stand

Phyllis -- a driving force

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It is that time of year again when the howls of the Haunted Hayrides can be heard echoing across Arbuckle Acres. Although the scare stations and wagon drivers put in many hours, there are devoted people who have worked in the concession stand since it began ten years ago.

Phyllis Greeson has been the driving force in managing the concessions since the very beginning when it was set up in a barn. The move to Arbuckle Acres and into the Lions Club building has enabled the concession stand to expand its menu to include hot sandwiches. Because Phyllis spends time seeking donations from stores,

contributions from businesses and enlisting workers, the concessions bring in a good share of the profits from the hayrides. Donato's provides as much cheese and pepperoni pizza as can be sold. Walmart's hot chocolate is a big hit and I can personally attest was sold as fast as it could be made and poured on opening night this year. This year Maplehurst provided pies which sold out within the first two hours and the box of donated Hilligoss donuts are

sold almost immediately.

Because the Lions Club's October breakfast was on the opening day, Phyllis and a few devoted friends spent from noon to midnight ensuring the success of the stand. When the chili cookoff began serving at 6 p.m. Phyllis had tables set up in the tent selling pizza, hot dogs, hot coffee, cold drinks, and pie for people to purchase. This was besides the decorated tables and food available in the building itself. The price charged for the food is very reasonable to keep it affordable for most families. With all volunteer labor it can be offered at a reasonable price.



Along with Phyllis, Duane Phillips, Cheryl and Bill Roach, Joe Mitcvhell and Rita Obenchain, to name just a few, have been an active part of the success of Haunted Hayrides. I know there are many others whose names I am not mentioning. If you know someone who supports this project which provides the banners and Christmas lights that adorn our town, be sure and thank them for their time and energy.