

Brave the Haunted Library in Stanfield



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The Haunted Library returns to Stanfield this year on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Or visit the carnival, or take a hay ride

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STANFIELD — Hay rides, carnival games and a Haunted Library will take over Bard Park in Stanfield on Saturday, Oct. 30, in the annual Fall Festival.

Organizer Cecili Longhorn said the festival will have all its traditions this year.

"It's good family fun," she said. "I don't think I've ever had anyone who's not happy. They all want to come back."

A fundraiser for Stanfield Parks and Recreation, the Fall Festival includes a hay maze, a hayride, hot dog dinner, a classic car trunk-or-treat and games. Small prizes will be handed out at the game booths, but participants will also be able to compete for entry into a drawing to win a big screen television.

Instead of having participants purchase individual tickets, this year, the festival will use wristbands that can be purchased for \$20. Longhorn said the goal is to make the festival less stressful for parents.

"We want parents to go enjoy it with their kids and not worry about needing more tickets or getting a wallet out every two minutes," she said. "We want it to be good, relaxing, and fun. People need that."

The Fall Festival will run from 5-8 p.m. on Oct. 30.

One of Stanfield's most anticipated attractions is the Haunted Library, and Longhorn said it will return with all the scary surprises.

"A lot of people are used to how the library looks day-to-day, so it's a lot of fun to see how you can transform the library," Longhorn said.



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In the past, the Haunted Library has featured terrifying characters from monsters to evil clowns, but this year, it will have a fairy tale-inspired production: "Scary Tales."

"Libraries are all about reading and dreaming," Longhorn said. "We wanted to capture that but be scary."

The Haunted Library will run from 6-9 p.m. on both Friday, Oct. 29, and Saturday, Oct. 30. Admission to the Haunted Library is \$5 on its own; one admission token is included with the festival wristband.

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