



Back To School

"Best friends forever" Mary Clark and Lucy Glenn attend the recent Niles Teen Center Back-To-School Dance at the Niles Family Fitness Center. Almost 300 local teens attended this year's dance.

Lights Out

Annual Haunted House Is Canceled Due To Not Enough Visitors; Costume Party Planned

The Niles Teen Center Haunted House has met its end. Teen Center Director Mark Williams said the haunted house, a fixture at Tam Golf Course for the last nine years, would not see a 10th.

Halloween will not be without celebration for teen center members this year as a late night costume party and dance and national "Lights On After School" events are planned for late October to replace the haunted house.

Williams said it was a hard decision to cancel the event because the many teen center members who built it and dressed as ghouls and monsters

that haunted it for a three-day run loved it so much.

"There's not enough foot traffic," Williams commented.

The event cost the teen center \$1,200 in materials that was usually covered through entrance fees of 300 to 400 visitors each year, but Williams said that would not cover the overtime of teen center staff needed for the building and staffing of the event.

Williams said if there were a great outcry from the com-

munity wanting the haunted house back, he would then reinstitute it.

A Halloween costume party will be held Saturday, Oct. 29 after Golf Mill Mall is closed from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The National Lights On after school event is planned for Thursday, Oct. 20.

It will feature information on youth related organizations and allow youth to become involved with an upcoming permanent art exhibition.