

## Teens Welcome 'Story Spinners'

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Ghostly whispers will be heard when Debi and Stan Gajewski of "The Story Spinners" perform their eerie tales at the Niles Teen Center in Golf Mill Shopping Center on Friday, Oct. 28 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Gajewskis founded The Story Spinners and Debi is both president of The Windy City Storytelling Guild, which meets in their Niles home, and producer of the storytelling portion of Folk Fest at The Grove in Glenview.



Niles' Debi Gajewski of The Story Spinners spins a story.

"One of the stories I'm going to be performing is called 'My Mother's Hands.' It's more of an eerie story and has a twist at the end," said Gajewski, who has resided in Niles for 18 years.

"There's the story they call the demon Boo Hag and the Boo Daddy," she said. "In the story, the young man doesn't know his wife is a Boo Hag. He does research and learns what's needed to keep a Boo Hag or Boo Daddy out of your home."

Then there's a tale about requited love. A young couple is going to get married, but her groom ditches her. Gajewski said she is so devastated that she dies. The young man marries another woman and eventually comes back home for his father's funeral. That's when the story gets interesting.

"When I tell stories, I evaluate the audiences' reaction," said Gajewski. "The kids really do love these."