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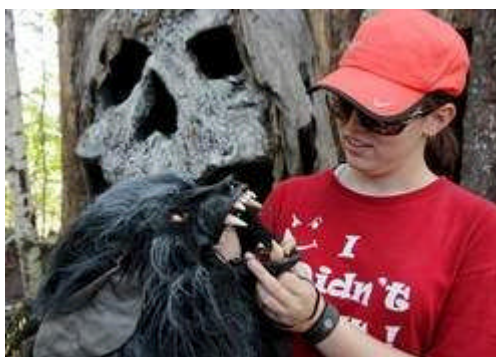
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LEE — The faint of heart better prepare for a night of ghoulish haunts, towering scarecrows and spine-tingling tricks as the Haunted Overload fills the forest of the DeMeritt Hill Farm with spooks and specters this October.

The story goes that the forest was once a village that lost its name long ago and since has had some strange and spooky things happen. Some residents have left, while others are still lingering in the woods. The homes of those villagers have swayed and pitched their roofs, some looking as if they could topple over with a touch.

What could be called a cursed settlement created by local haunt lovers has something to scare everyone. Skeletal remains scatter the woods, corn maze creatures haunt the night and the sound of specters disrupt the quiet night.



**Samantha Diamon holds a costume she uses to stalk guests at Haunted Overload in Lee.**

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For the second year in a row, Haunted Overload owner Eric Lowther has transformed the woods behind the DeMeritt Hill Farm into a spectacular display with lights, fog, sounds and actors ready to jump out at visitors from the most unexpected places. The attraction has received so much national attention, it has been named one of the top attractions in the country. It is scheduled to appear on a Weather Channel special for its creative haunting themes.

The scene visitors will see is a far cry from the first haunted house Lowther made in his friend's basement when he was 12. With actors donning werewolf masks and playing life-size marionettes, Lowther is hoping to scare every person that dares to enter his haunted forest.



**Eric Lowther, owner of Haunted Overload, holds hands with part of a giant clown creation at his attraction in Lee.**

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said.

Elsewhere a broken, weather-worn baby carriage sits innocently outside one of the shacks, a sign that inside anyone with fears of living dolls or childlike ghosts will have shivers sent up and down their spines. Inside guests will see walls of demonic dolls.

Organizers said those afraid of actors should know the group's rule of thumb is that actors will not touch customers and guests shouldn't reach out and grab or touch those working at the attraction.

For those without the stomach to run through the nighttime maze, there is a lighter version intended to let families wander through the haunts without the actors jumped out from behind trees. Fright Night Lite is open on Oct. 20 and Oct. 27 with a much less intense scare.

"I always loved Halloween. The imagery, the weather, the smell of the leaves. It's the best time of year to be outside," Lowther said. "It gives that spooky feeling all on its own."

Last year, the Haunted Overload saw 5,000 people in six days. A busy stretch that staff said they hope to see again this fall. The attraction is only open during the last weeks of October, with tickets being sold online at [www.hauntedoverload.com](http://www.hauntedoverload.com) or at the DeMeritt Hill Farm store on Lee Road.

Those attending Fright Night Lite on either Thursday, Oct. 20 or Thursday, Oct. 27 can get

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tickets for \$12.50 a person. Main event tickets for a more intense scare are \$20 a piece for Oct. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and 31.

Do not enter if you suffer from asthma, heart conditions, are prone to seizures, have physical ailments, respiratory problems or are pregnant. Those who suffer from claustrophobia are also advised not to enter.

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