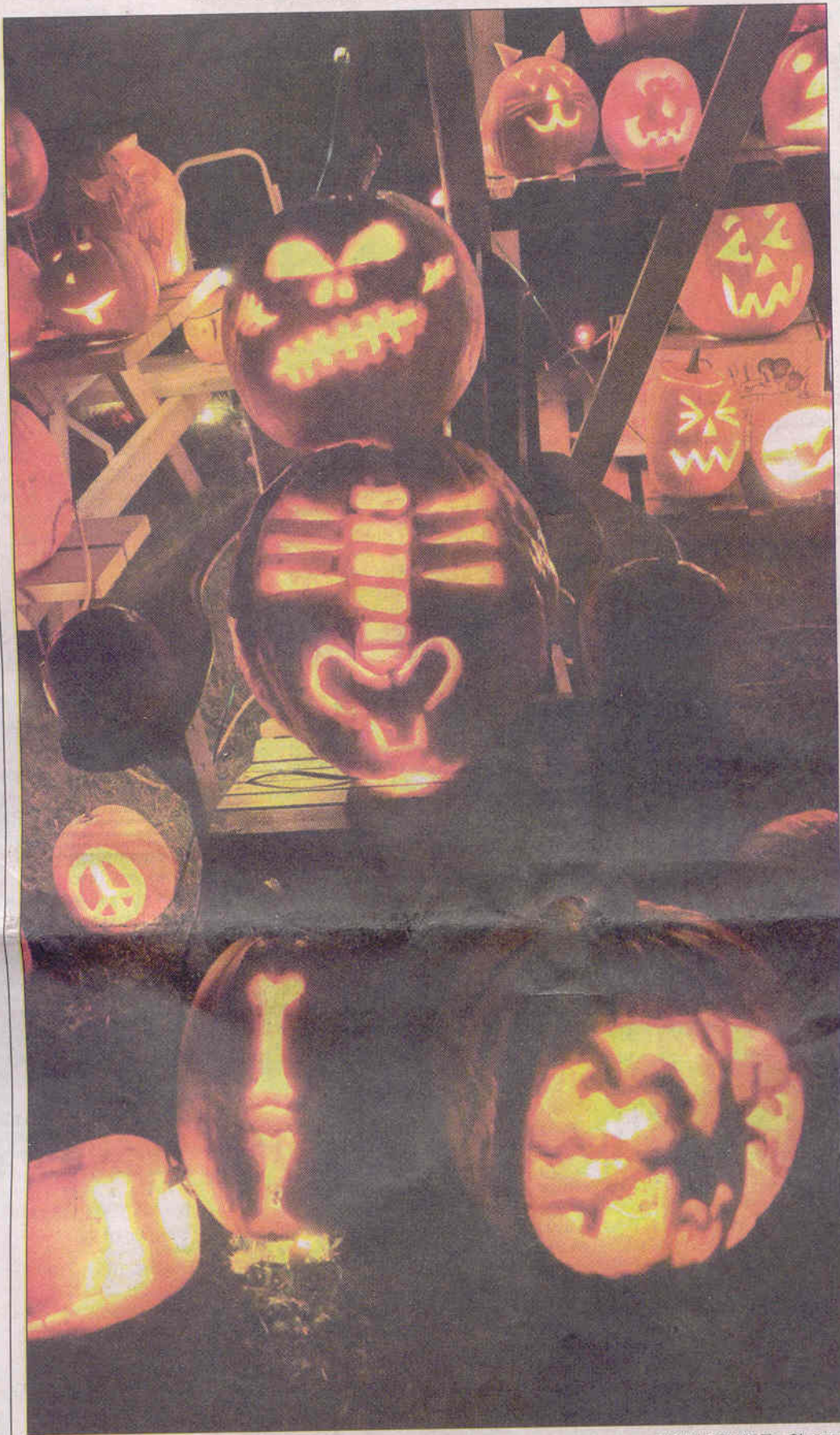


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More than 100 carved pumpkins are expected to be on display by tonight in the yard of Cheryl Veary's home, at 6113 Bridgen Rd. The display is helping raise funds for the Women's Interval Home. See story on Page A3.

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MORE THAN 100 JACK-O-LANTERNS DECORATE LAWN

By TARA HAGAN
The Observer

At Cheryl Veary's house, you get the best view when the sun goes down.

That's because the Sarnia resident has been lighting up dozens of pumpkins all week for an eye-catching display spread across her front yard at 6113 Brigden Rd.

"The best part is when people drive by to see what's going on," said Veary.

It all started last year, when she started collecting and carving pumpkins for the display, which she lights each night of the week leading up to Oct. 31.

"I've always loved Halloween," she said.

Veary and her friends put hours into carving the pumpkins, which totalled 94 last year.

She collected donations from passers-by and raised \$150 for local charity.

This year, things are a bit more organized, she said.

"We've decided to do corporate sponsorships," she said, noting that several local business donated \$20 to have their logos carved and put on display. Others just drop off their creations on the way by the house.

"More and more people are getting into it and coming by," she said. "Every time I come home, someone has dropped off more pumpkins."

More than 80 pumpkins lined the front yard Thursday night, and Veary said she's expecting 200 by tonight.

The designs range from restaurant logos to animals to faces and flowers. Others just have their names carved.

"It's really neat to see what people come up with," she said.

With \$500 already raised from the corporate sponsorship and drop-off donations, the money will go to the Women's Interval Home.

Each year, Veary said she'll choose a different charity to give her proceeds to.

"Since this is such a kids thing, we're going to put the money towards our children's programs," said Karen Hunter of the Interval Home.

"Unfortunately, some kids won't be able to go out for Halloween, so it's nice that people are thinking of them at this time."



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Some of more than 100 pumpkins that decorate the lawn at 6113 Brigden Rd. are seen in this photo.



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