**GROUP NEWS**

Don’t forget we will be holding a Masquerade Ball at the Anchorage as a fundraiser for the restoration of the mansion. The ball will be held on August 27 from 8 pm until 11 pm. The plans are ongoing. There are a limited number of spaces for $25 each for this function and are now on sale.

Make sure to get your tickets as soon as possible to ensure your spot.

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The group website is temporarily down, but our <http://midohiovalleyghosthunters.weebly.com> is still up. Please check it out and give us some ideas and feedback on the site. Just remember this site has not been changed for a good while, but I hope to start updating it this week. Drop me a line for any suggestions. [vlwohio@yahoo.com](mailto:vlwohio@yahoo.com). Thank you.

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If you have not noticed, there is now a private group on Facebook which will be used as another way to contact members that attend our meetings. This group is not open to the public and has been made private for our use only. We will be posting information on hunts or cancellations of hunts. Feel free to start discussions in this group. Again this is only for those who are attending the meetings and not for public access.

**PARANORMAL NEWS**

Paranormal.about.com has an article posted in July about a group of people that encountered a creature in a Philadelphia park with large yellow, glowing eyes. They watched the creature for about 5 minutes and approached it and it flew straight up into the air. Could this have been a mothman type creature?

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Psychic Development with Guy Lockhart and Susan Sheppard & Sacred Way Astrologers is held every Tuesday at 7 pm at the Dils Center, 521 Market Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Parkersburg, WV. Cost is $5 per night.

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There are auditions being held at the Actors Guild of Parkersburg for the upcoming presentation of The Rocky Horror Show on August 13 and August 14. The performances will be held on beginning: October 28 and 29, November 4, 5, 11, 12, at 8:00 p.m., October 29, November 4, 5, 11 at 11:30 p.m., October 31 at 7:00 p.m., November 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Check out their website for more information. [www.actorsguildonline.org](http://www.actorsguildonline.org)

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The first Moundsville Zombie Walk is being held September 24, 2011, from 6 pm to 9pm. The cost for the walk is a non-perishable item. After the walk there will be a dance for those who wish to participate of Michael Jackson’s Thriller in the old cafeteria of the Penitentiary.

There will also be a Masquerade Party at 9 pm and the cost for it will be $10. These tickets are limited to 500 and will become available at a later date. Watch the Facebook page for updates.

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Check out the calendar for additional community activities for the month.

**JUST FOR A CHUCKLE**

Do you have any suggestions? Drop me a line so I can add it to the newsletter.

**HISTORY AND GHOST STORIES OF SCHEDULED HUNTS**

(Please remember that all hunts are subject to the weather)

**Moundsville**

Construction began in 1876. The first warden was Galbraith Stewart McFadden. South Hall was opened in 1870. The administrative suits were finished in 1871, the walls in 1875 and North Hall was finished in 1876. The gallows were constructed in 1899 that also had four death row cells included in the structure. The facility contains a total of 872 cells, 24 of these cells are in a separate building that were used for women prisoners.

The last hanging at the facility took place on February 24, 1949. The first two electrocutions took place on March 26, 1951, with the final being performed on April 3, 1959.

A building used for prison control and administration was finished in 1950 and a warden’s residence was finished in 1951. The current dining hall was completed in 1987.

The penitentiary was officially closed in April of 1995.

**HUNT REVIEW**

The Lowe Hotel was one of the hunts in July. There was a very interesting story from the hunt; I will let one of the attendees tell that story.

The second hunt was at Ava Maria Cemetery. The was a video camera that was shoved off of a tomb stone by unseen hands, to land on the ground without bouncing off of the stone. Also there was the voice of little girl captured on Jim’s recorder, as if she were standing there holding it. There was a growl heard in the lower corner of the cemetery. A very exciting time was had by all.

**HUNTS IN THE COMING MONTH**

The Anchorage

**BOOK SUGGESTIONS**

# Tom Moore has suggested the book, The River Jordan: A True Story of the Underground Railroad. This book tells the story of an escaped slave, Jane and her family and their adventures in the local areas in Ohio and West Virginia.

# There are several reviews on Amazon.com concerning this book.

**MOVIE SUGGESTIONS**

Do you have any move suggestions? Drop me a line so I can add it to the newsletter.

**ARTICLE SUGGESTIONS**

# Do you have any article suggestions? Drop me a line so I can add it to the newsletter

**WEBSITE SECTIONS**

Do you have any movie suggestions? Drop me a line so I can add it to the newsletter.