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Justin Kimmel Nick Rigg

OFFENSIVE MVP
 Justin Kimmel, the Marauder fullback, had 4 carries for 25 yards and one touchdown in the victory over Woodbridge.

DEFENSIVE MVP
 Nick Rigg, playing defensive end, had 8 tackles in the 35-3 victory over Woodbridge.

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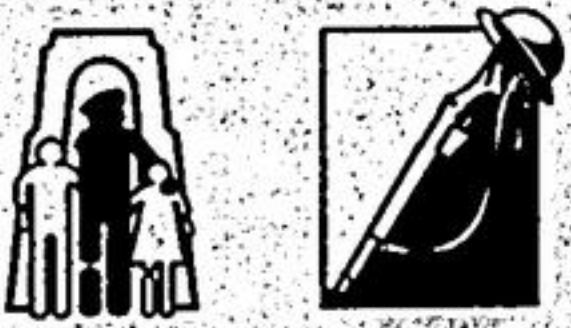
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2,100 trick-or-treaters visited his spooky house

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The idea began fairly innocently, she said.

"It was fun," Ms Betel said, recalling her first Halloween in Richmond Hill six years ago. "I tried it one year on a small scale and then, each year, it just progressively grew.

"Each year I came up with a new theme. I was enjoying it so much, I just kept doing more and more and more."

Every year they feel pressure to outdo the previous year's show. Still, she gets a lot of personal satisfaction from it.

"I do it because I enjoy it. I get a kick out of it and it's my creative release. People ask, 'Is this your business?' No, I enjoy it."

With so many people coming by, they decided last year to use the opportunity to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. This year, donations go to Children's Wish Foundation.

For Tonia and Nick Natale of

Maple, whose haunted castle draws more than 500 people, the inspiration comes partly from the community. It's a new neighbourhood with lots of young children.

"We have three kids of our own," Ms Natale said. "They love it. They look forward to it every year and my husband and I are both like kids, too.

"We're young at heart. We remember when we used to go to haunted houses. It was a lot of fun to go through some of the houses that were really decorated. So with the help of family and friends, we just made it happen for the kids in the community because Maple is such a nice community."

The house, at 26 Isaac Murray Ave, has a drawbridge, burning torches, cemetery, stuffed bodies, a flying witch, bodies on the roof and dry ice.

"Inside, the bodies are all very still. You don't know if they really move or not. It's the fear of the unknown, it's amazing," she said.

The castle was built over three

weeks and, some nights, they're up until midnight working.

"I couldn't put a price on it," she said. "We have a lot of fun. We make parties out of it. We have people over. It's really a community thing."

Then there's David Le Fevre. Last year, more than 2,100 people went through his haunted house at 790 Leslie Valley Dr. in Newmarket. Even when he held an open house the Saturday before Halloween, 400 people showed up.

"It's constant, absolutely constant. We have actors and actresses in the garage all dressed up and scare the living daylight out of the kids from Grade 8 on," Mr. Le Fevre said.

In addition to live actors, the set-up has coffins, a nine-foot tall grim reaper, coffins with live people, spider webs, people hiding in a cornfield and graveyard. This year, they added a six-foot inflatable pumpkin on top of the house.

"As you walk up to the house, all

you hear is screams coming from the garage, so that builds tension," he said. "Everything is blacklit, everything is fluorescent, lots of music. It's pretty cool," he said.

Mr. Le Fevre and his son begin work on the house just after Labour Day. He has no idea how much money he has put into it and doesn't want to know.

"I really don't want to figure it out," he said laughing. "But we keep everything we build and we build a lot of our own props, illusions such as heads on tables. Every year, we buy something else. It seems to be creeping out on to the front deck and into the front yard now.

"But Halloween is a big deal in our house," he said. "But I think I missed my calling. I should have been working for Disney."

It started eight years ago as a way to celebrate his birthday, which falls on Oct. 31.

"Halloween is my birthday and I always wanted to do something weird like this," he said.



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