WORK IS PROGRESSING on the new Scenic Regional Library project on Douglas Street, with the metal frame erected and curb and gutter work underway. Wright Construction plans to have the new 5,000 square-foot library completed by May.
New Haven library got our “Halloween on” in style as New Haven’s own “spook-stalker,” Dan Terry took us on a ghost hunt October 27.

Our evening began with a presentation and lessons in ghost hunting followed by the crowd of over 70 dividing up into three separate groups for ghost hunting.

Police Chief Dan Terry along with former NHPD officer Ray McDowell and Officer Mike Rudden and Sgt. Jackie Brown, both of whom have ghost-hunted places such as the Fox Theater and the Gasconade County Courthouse, lead us on a ghost hunt in both the Old New Haven School and the Old New Haven High School. Also assisting were Ted Prusinowski and Troy Peterson, ghost hunters from Hermann.

Some people reported they heard noises, others said they communicated with the spirits through yes/no questions using the dousing rods and words coming through the ghost radar phone apps!

The evening concluded with drawings in which the winners received coffee mugs, shirts, or books authored by Dan Terry. There was no charge for the ghost hunting experience, but there was a display table with Dan’s merchandise available for sale.

In addition to the large turnout of the local residents, also in attendance were two ladies from the St Louis Paranormal Research Society. Cindy Duncan, the New Haven branch adult programmer of the Scenic Regional Library, said that there seems to be enough interest in New Haven to invite Jolynn and Wendy with the St Louis Paranormal Research Society back to our town to do a presentation.

The New Haven Library also hosted Scenic Regional Library’s Adult Outreach Coordinator, Laurie Osseck, as she presented her program “The 25 Most Haunted Places in Missouri” on November 7. The audience learned of locations around the state that have had ghostly sightings. The locations included mansions, homes, tunnels, a deserted restaurant, a battlefield, a college, a courthouse, a penitentiary, and a cemetery. All in attendance enjoyed this lighthearted evening that ended with an open discussion.

Submitted by Cindy Duncan
GHOSTHUNTERS use dousing rods as they attempt to locate ghosts at the Old New Haven School on October 27 at "Paranormal Investigation: New Haven Style."