

Treynor Fire Dept. hopes to scare up funds

Haunted house gives boost to new station

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TREYNOR — "The Best Little Spook House in Treynor" is a scary looking place right now.

But the frightening sights of 1994 will hopefully lead to an even safer feeling for people served by the Treynor Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad.

The department is sponsoring the haunted house in an effort to raise money for construction of a new fire station.

The haunted house opened Friday night and will be open five more days before Halloween.

After years of sharing space with the city of Treynor in City Hall, the 23-member Fire Department is outgrowing what is becoming a continually more cramped situation.

"The space we have now is limited," said firefighter Troy Granger, who is organizing the haunted house. "Now the city needs more room for storage, which leaves us

with even less space."

The department purchased land just south of Iowa Highway 92 near the American Legion hall, and the property is the site of one of the oldest houses in Treynor.

With a somewhat spooky building already in place, a haunted house was a natural, Granger said.

"We're eventually going to tear it down, but we thought we'd get some use out of it before we have to demolish it," he said.

Granger said work to get the haunted house prepared was done by department members with help from others.

"We want everybody in the community to feel like they are contributing to the construction of the fire station," he said. "A lot of people have become involved with the project."

Granger said no estimates had been made for construction of the new fire station. As is the case with the haunted house, the goal will be to have much of the work done by volunteers.

One department member is working on a preliminary blueprint for the building. Granger said Treynor



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Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Lustgraaf is just one of the ghouls in department's haunted house.