

Beware! Haunted Houses Lurk in All Corners of City

Continued from Page 37

Thursday and from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$4 per person.

Genesis V's Haunted House (the former home of Haunted Hotel California) is sponsored by radio station KXKT-103.7. Hours: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Admission: \$4 per person. A 50-cent discount coupon is available at businesses in the Omaha-Council Bluffs metropolitan area. Proceeds benefit the Tangier Shrine transportation fund, St. Vincent DePaul Family Shelter and Heartland Elementary School.

Other seasonal haunts in the Mid-

lands:

■ Scream in the Dark Haunted House at Southroads Mall, across from the Southroads 4 Theater in Bellevue. Hours: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

■ Academy of Terror Haunted Barracks, 11000 N. 72nd St., one mile north of Interstate 680. Hours: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Donation: \$3.

■ Vata's Pumpkin Patch, 1 1/4 miles south of Highway 370 on 180th Street near Gretna, Neb. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. (Haunted farmhouse and spook shed are appropriate for children ages 2 and older.)

Guidelines Help Ensure Safety

Continued from Page 37

St., said his facility has a \$24,000 smoke, heat detection and security system.

Patrons and staff members, he said, are never more than 15 feet from an exit. The house, he maintains, can be evacuated in 35 seconds.

Brad Finkle, project chairman of the Vintage KOIL 1290 Stone Castle of Terror, said his facility has been inspected by seven representatives of the Fire Prevention Bureau and the city's Permits and Inspections department.

There has been bureau discussion, Bruno said, of requiring sprinklers in storage rooms, hallways and other limited-access areas.

At least one operator believes such guidelines would make it difficult to keep a haunted house open.

Finkle, who has been involved with haunted houses for 15 years, does not think it is feasible for a facility that is open for only a few weeks a year to install a system that could cost between \$5,000 and \$20,000.

■ The Waverly (Neb.) Jaycees will sponsor the "Haunted Depot" Thurs-

day through Oct. 31 at Wayne Park in Waverly. Hours: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday; 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Saturday and Wednesday. Admission: adults, \$2; children ages 12 and younger, \$1.

A Saturday matinee for children ages 12 and younger will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: 25 cents.

If such improvements are required, Finkle said, "I don't know if we'll be around next year, and I don't know if a couple of others will be around."

Bruno, however, does not believe a mandate for a limited sprinkling system would be unreasonable in the interest of public safety.

History Is Alive At Ft. Atkinson

Continued from Page 37

the land in the early 1960s and excavation began in 1963. Construction of the fort buildings began in 1978, Farber said.

Authenticity of the restoration was aided by copies of the original 1819 engineer's drawing and Army records.

Groups Concoct Fun Formulas For Schoolchildren, Families

Halloween activities are brewing in the Omaha-Council Bluffs metropolitan area. Here's a sampling to help you decide "witch" event sounds appropriate for you — or your little goblins.

■ "Treat on 10th Street" — Oct. 27-31, Western Heritage Museum. The museum will be transformed into a magical Halloween neighborhood, giving children a safe place to trick or treat. Costumes are encouraged. Halloween crafts and games are

are planned.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 27, 29 and 30; noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 28; and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 31. Admission: \$3 for children, \$2 for adults (or \$1 for adults in costume).

Sponsors are the museum, the Omaha School of Gymnastics, The Omaha World-Herald and KMTV-Channel 3.

■ "Hair-Raising History" — Oct. 27 at Prospect Hill Cemetery and Joslyn Castle. Sponsored by Landmarks Inc. and Emmy Gifford Children's Theater, the event begins at 3 p.m. with a walking tour of the cemetery, 33rd and Parker Streets. Visitors will be "haunted" until 4:30 p.m. by Gifford actors in "ghostly" costumes.

Children and their families are invited to Joslyn Castle, 3902 Davenport St., from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Younger goblins may take part in face-painting, fortunetelling and ghost storytelling. Or they may check out the Halloween dress-up room.

Adults may listen to tales by the Ghost of Sarah Joslyn, portrayed by Amy Kunz, and peruse the architectural drawings of castles by Tom Kuhlman.

Popcorn and apple cider will be available.

Tickets, \$5, are available at the

cemetery and Joslyn Castle. For more information, call 346-1055 or 345-4849.

■ "Spookfest" — Oct. 28, Omaha Children's Museum, 500 S. 20th St. The Halloween safety costume party begins at 1 p.m. and is sponsored by Cox Cable Omaha.

Children will appear on a live telecast from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Cox Channel 3. Cox Channel 7 will replay "Spookfest '90" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 29 and 30.

■ "14th Annual Haunted House" — Oct. 26, Social Settlement Association of Omaha, 4868 Q St. The 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. event is sponsored by the association's Friendship Club. Features include a pet cemetery and haunted castle. Donation: adults, \$1; children, 50 cents.

■ "Haunted Jail" — Today through Sunday and Oct. 25-31, 226 Pearl St. in Council Bluffs. Sponsors are the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County and the Council Bluffs Jaycees.

Hours: 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. other days. Admission: adults, \$2.75; children ages 4 to 13, \$1.75.

■ "Haunted Forest Walk" — Oct. 30, 4101 N. 17th St. in Carter Lake. Sponsored by the Boys Club of Omaha and the Henry Ogram Club. Hours: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission: \$1. Proceeds will benefit the Laker Keystone Club.

■ "14th Annual Halloween Hullabaloo" — Oct. 26-30, Folsom Children's Zoo and Botanical Gardens, 2800 A St. in Lincoln. Hours: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Schoolchildren will be able to receive treats at 16 stations on the zoo grounds. Admission: adults, \$2; children, 50 cents plus \$1.50 for a treat bag.

DANCING TONITE
ROAM IN 5010 CENTER OMAHA