

Haunts Ready for Halloween

At least seven haunted houses are offering to scare the pants off Omaha-area residents this Halloween season.

A former convent at 617 N. 90th St. (one block north of Dodge) will open Wednesday as a haunted house sponsored by the southeast Nebraska chapter of the National Foundation-March of Dimes.

Hours will be 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays; 6:30 p.m.-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31. Proceeds go to the prevention of birth defects.

WOW/Variety Club spooks will man a copy of the "Star Wars" bar and other attractions in the lower level of the Center shopping center, 42nd and Center Streets, through Oct. 31.

Hours are 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 6:30 p.m.-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Sundays; closed Mondays. Proceeds go to the Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute.

A "Disco Inferno" dance floor will be among the rooms at the Viking Ship, 2582 Redick Ave.

KOIL, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Viking Ship, a North Omaha youth recreation organization, are sponsoring the haunted house with help from the Omaha Jaycees and Jayceettes.

Hours will be 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 7 p.m.-11 p.m. Fridays through Sundays through Oct. 31. Proceeds will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Viking Ship.

The three-story "squirrel cage" jail, the former Pottawattamie County Jail, 226 Pearl St., Council Bluffs, is the site of the haunted house sponsored by KRCCB, the Bluffs Jaycees and the County Historical Society.

The house will be open Friday through Oct. 31. Hours will be 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 7 p.m.-midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

Proceeds go to the Jaycees and the historical society.

Omaha Youth for Christ/Campus Life will put spooks into business Friday at an old farmhouse at 132nd and Harrison Streets which has the reputation of a true haunted house, a spokesman said.

Hours will be 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 7 p.m.-11 p.m. Fridays through Sundays through Oct. 31, with proceeds going to the groups' programs.

Also opening Friday will be a Millard Jaycees haunted house 1½ miles south of Q Street on Highway 50.

Hours will be 7 p.m.-11 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, 7 p.m.-midnight Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31. The Jaycees will use proceeds for community action projects.

About 40 members of the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church senior youth group have spent this month creating a haunted barn 3½ miles south of Highway 370 on 84th Street.

Proceeds will go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Hours will be 8 p.m.-11 p.m. Oct. 26-30 and 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Oct. 31, Halloween night.