

Family Life

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The Nonpareil

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Scary monsters at the city wide PTA preparation for their opening night Friday - haunted house try on their costumes in Nonpareil photo by Theresa Goodall

Scary and not-so-scary activities for Halloween

Traipsing through a spook house or attending an overnight get-together are two ways that ghosts and goblins can celebrate the Eve of All Saints Day this year.

Two haunted houses will be open to the public in Council Bluffs this Halloween season.

The city wide PTA haunted house is located at 3307 Seventh Ave. and will be open Oct. 28-30 from 7 to 11 p.m. and Oct. 31 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

City PTA president Chris Wilson said the PTA is concerned about children's safety at Halloween. The reason for the spook house is to present an alternative to trick-or-treating. Mrs. Wilson said

The PTA is sponsoring the house with the help of businesses and individuals in the community.

Hunter Realty has donated the house for the duration of the activity and other business

and individuals have donated materials for the construction of scary sights inside the house. Dozens of volunteers will act as monsters and crowd control personnel when the house is open.

THE PTA SPOOK house is a non profit project according to Mrs. Wilson. The cost for children will be 25 cents and adults will be 50 cents. PTA members will be admitted for half price when membership card is shown.

The Eagles Club haunted house is located at 16th Street and Avenue F and will be open Oct. 27, 28, 30 and 31 from 6 till 9 p.m.

Jackie Welchel, chairwoman of the spook house said this is the fourth year the Eagles Club has had a haunted house. This year the drill team of which she is the captain and the ritual team are sponsoring the project she said.

"It started out as a 'thank you to the Aerie and the auxillary for their help and for the use of the building. Mrs. Welchel said The proceeds will go to the Eagles.

Admission cost to the Eagles spook house will be 75 cents for children and \$1 for adults.

A NOT-SO-SCARY way to celebrate the Eve of All Saints Day is planned for Oct. 28 at the YMCA. The Halloween Overnight is for children in first through fifth grades.

YMCA program director Diane Langreck said the fun night can be an alternative to trick-or-treating or it can be an added activity. It's up to the parents.

The night's activities will include swimming, a movie, snacks and arts and crafts. The program director said she expects at least 100 children at the sleep-over.