

Ghouls Still Prowl the Midlands

Here is a partial list of haunted houses in the Midlands.

STONE CASTLE OF TERROR

portrayed by actors from the Omaha Community Playhouse. Features an Indiana Jones theme, complete with a massive rolling boulder, a dead-ringer for the one in the movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Address: 885 S. 72nd St., across from Nebraska Furniture Mart.

Hours: 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays; 6:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31.

Admission: \$7. Coupons available from the Thrifty Nickel shopper and the playhouse box office.

Information: 392-1119.

Sponsor: Omaha Community Playhouse.

THE FRIGHT ZONE: The funeral home and mausoleum feature white marble, cellar-like lighting and that dank, catacomb kind of mustiness. The kicker here: a \$10,000 device that looks like a very insane and energetic mass murderer being electrocuted. Not for young children.

Address: 5335 S. 139th Plaza in Millard Plaza.

Hours: 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31.

Admission: \$7.

Information: 894-2469.

Sponsor: Benefit for Special Olympics.

ALIEN HARVEST: The production, in its second year, squeezes patrons through a long, dark and meticulously booby-trapped maze. Other attractions: Amoral alien scientists (humans are their lab mice) and Snickers the Disappearing Alien.

Address: 10th and Pacific Streets in the abandoned Burlington Railroad Station.

Hours: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, 6 p.m. to midnight, Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31.

Admission: \$6.

Information: 677-8006.

Sponsor: The Reader to benefit the Omaha Literacy Council.

MYSTERY MANOR: Set in a genuine big, old, scary house (complete with creaky floors and thin, dark hallways), Mystery Manor has a live snake and possibly the most nerve-wracking of all props, the three-story Slide of Doom.

Address: 716 N. 18th St.

Hours: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays through Halloween night.

Admission: \$6; discount coupons available at Mangelsen's and Arby's. \$4 tickets through the Prevent Blindness Nebraska office for Sunday through Thursday.

Information: 572-3520.

Sponsors: Arby's, David M. Mangelsen's, Z-92 and Pepsi. Benefits Prevent Blindness Nebraska.

SCREAM IN THE DARK: A fairly traditional but effective haunt in an old barn at the Bellevue Berry Farm. The haunted

forest is relatively low impact.

Address: Bellevue Berry Farm, 48th Street and Cornhusker Road.

Hours: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31.

Closed Mondays.

Admission: \$4 for the haunted house,

\$4 for the haunted hayrack ride, \$8 for both.

Information: 331-5500.

Sponsor: Guidance Inc.

TRICK OR TREAT ON 10TH STREET:

Youngsters can enjoy Halloween crafts, games, a Fun House play area, storytelling, costumed characters, gymnastics exhibitions and other entertainment.

Address: Western Heritage Museum, 801 S. 10th St.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 27, 28 and 30; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 29.

Admission: \$3 for children, \$2 for adults and \$1 for adults in costume.

Information: 444-5071.

Sponsor: Western Heritage Museum.

NEVER-ENDING NIGHTMARE:

Rooms, mazes, spooks, monsters, special effects and music, including the Rotating Monster Room and the Pick-A-Coffin Surprise Room and haunted house greats such as Pinhead and the Disappearing Man.

Address: 15th and California Streets.

Hours: 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weeknights, 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31.

Admission: \$5.

Information: 457-5657.

Sponsor: Habitat for Humanity Inc.

HALLOWEEN WITH THE WILD THINGS:

Parents and children are likely to encounter spiders, bats, the Woods Witch and The Great Pumpkin at Fontenelle Forest Nature Center.

Address: Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, 1111 Bellevue Blvd. North, Bellevue.

Hours: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 26 through Oct. 28. Pre-registration is required.

Admission: \$4 for members, \$6 for nonmembers.

Registration: 453-5615.

Sponsor: Fontenelle Forest Association.

THE CAPEHART CREEP SHOW

HAUNTED HOUSE: Features a chain saw madman, a werewolf, Freddie Krueger and the horrifying Man in the Floor.

Address: 2108 Vandenberg St. in the Capehart housing area at Offutt Air Force Base.

Hours: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 26 through Oct. 30.

Admission: \$2.

Information: 294-5434.

Sponsor: The 55 Civil Engineer Squadron to benefit the Children's Ward at the Lincoln Burn Center.

WABASH TRACE HAUNTED HAY-

RACK RIDES: Ghosts, goblins, witches, mad coffin salesman and the horrible 30-foot-tall Wabash Dragon will appear in the darkness along the Wabash Trace Nature Trail near Shenandoah, Iowa.

Address: Just north of the cemetery on Argus Road in Shenandoah.

Hours: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 28, 6 p.m.

to 9 p.m. Oct. 29.

Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children younger than 12.

Information: (712) 246-2591.

Sponsor: Proceeds will go to benefit the Wabash Trace Nature Trail.

WIDE OF TERROR: A haunted hayrack ride through a forest infested with flying goblins, eerie witches and the playfully insane Dr. Sicko.

Address: 2601 Saittilio Road, Lincoln.

Hours: Beginning at sunset Oct. 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 29 and 30.

Admission: \$3.50. Children ages 4 and younger, free.

Information: (402) 489-2973.

Sponsor: Proceeds benefit the Sertoma Club of Lincoln.

DUNGEON OF FEAR: Hayrack rides and dozens of haunts in the spooky halls of the 100-year-old Grist Mill McCready Theatre in Macedonia, Iowa. The theater, according to one organizer, "has a real live ghost, too."

Address: Grist Mill McCready Theatre on main street.

Hours: 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 20, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 21 and Oct. 28, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 29.

Admission: \$4, adults; \$3, children younger than 18. 50-cent hayrack rides. Oct. 29, group rate of \$2 per person for youth clubs of 10 or more.

Information: (712) 486-2511.

Sponsor: The Botna Valley Optimists.

FEAR ASYLUM HAUNTED HOUSE:

Address: Jaycees Building, 10951 N. 142 St., Waverly, Neb.

Hours: 7:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 20, 21, 27, 28 and 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Oct. 26, 29, 30 and 31.

Admission: \$4, adults; \$3, children. Group rates available.

Information: (402) 477-9248.

Sponsor: Waverly Jaycees.

THE BEST LITTLE SPOOK HOUSE IN

TREYNOR: Fashioned after the home behind the Bates Motel in the movie "Psycho," this 100-year-old abandoned house on the edge of Treynor, Iowa, includes the Maze of Terror, Dracula's Room and the horrifying Room That Moves.

Address: West edge of Treynor on Highway 92. Take Interstate Highway 29 to Exit 47, then drive east 11 miles on Highway 92.

Hours: 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays beginning Oct. 20.

Admission: \$4, \$3 for children younger than 18.

Information: (712) 487-3038. (It's a local call from Omaha.)

Sponsor: Treynor Fire and Rescue Department.

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