



Neighborhood garage gets 'haunting' transformation

By Joan Korinek

Two and a half weeks before Halloween, a transformation begins at 5530 Wilderness View.

In his double garage, Randy Cades builds a haunted house consisting of five rooms, a maze and various "spooky" hallways.

"I've always liked Halloween," Cades said. "It's a fun time of year to be creative."

Cades, 29, said the haunted house is a different way for children to have safe Halloween fun. Since it is located in the Salt Valley View neighborhood, parents don't have to take their children downtown to a spook house, he said.

"It gives a lot of enjoyment to little kids," Cades said. The haunted house is a way of keeping Halloween alive, and a chance to have fun and to "act crazy for a few nights."

Cades built his haunted house for the first time last year. He said 380 people went through it and about 40 percent of those were adults.

Cades said this year's haunted house is different from last years. He said he doesn't want people to know what is going to happen so they will be surprised.

This year's haunted house casts a graveyard, a guillotine, a torture

chamber, a maze, an electric chair and a jail, he said. Cades described two rooms as "gotcha rooms," where people will encounter unexpected surprises.

The self-employed construction contractor said he furnishes the house with various materials he has collected from construction jobs over the years. Cades said if he were to buy all the materials, the haunted house would cost about \$700 to build.

Cades said the rooms had to be framed and painted. An electrician does the electrical work and makes the house fire-safe.

This year, there haven't been any problems and everything has run smoothly, Cades said. Cades, his wife, Sally, and nine neighbors worked on the house and will operate it.

Cades said he gets ideas for the haunted house's contents from other haunted houses. Other ideas he just "thinks up." He said he tries to think like a 10-year-old and determine what would be scary at that age.

Cades said he and his wife plan to circulate flyers and posters in a two-mile radius to inform people about the haunted house. He said they handed out 500 to 600 flyers last year.

The haunted house will be open tonight through Monday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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The following is a partial list of haunted houses, castles and unearthly gatherings in Lincoln this weekend.

Friday
Willard Community Center, 1245 South Folsom. Admission is 50 cents. Teen dance, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Culture Center, party sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta.
Saturday

Mueller Planetarium, Morrill Hall, 14th and U streets. Halloween Laser-light Spectacular. Continues through Monday. Cost is \$2.50.

Sunday
Malone Community Center, 2040 U St. Kappa Alpha Psi, 8 p.m.
Monday
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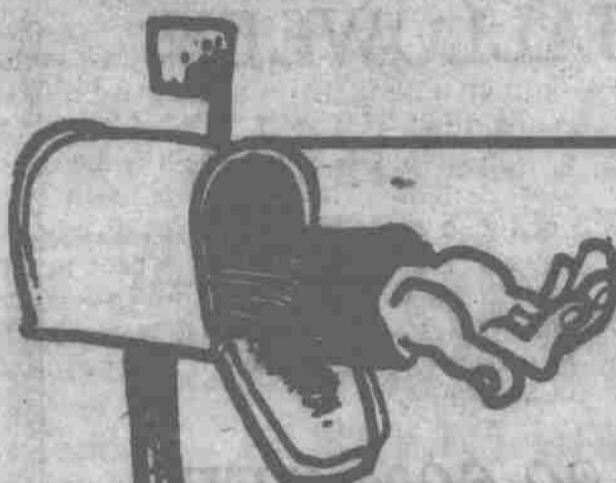
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