One Good Reason Why William Shakespeare Wasn't a Buzzard...

Alas poor Bessy for I Knew thee well.



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Phyllis Spahn, owner of Fringe and Tassel, waves her wand before ogre and witch. Demons and more elegant characters are a common sight this time of year at the costume rental shop.

Costume-shop owner says Halloween not the only time her business booms

By Debra Witt Staff Reporter

Halloween parties are not the only call for costumes, says the owner of Fringe and Tassel costume shop.

Outfitting school and community plays, theme parties, business promotions, advertisements, pageants and parades keeps costume shops busy year round, said Phyllis Spahn, owner of Fringe and Tassel, located in the Haymarket at 735 O St.

Halloween brings in the big-

gest flow of business because the costume orders come in a "tight" time period, Spahn said. But plenty of businesses and organizations have a need for costumes at other times of the year.

Making and providing the costumes for school and community theaters is an account costume shops "need to have," Spahn said.

With one community theater in Lincoln and several schools, she said, there is "something to do all the time."

Fringe and Tassel does very

little outside ordering for readymade costumes people want. If the store doesn't have the costume in its supplies, workers will make the costume according to the special needs of the customer. The store gets its materials to make costumes by scouting the local stores and ordering through companies, Spahn said.

Fringe and Tassel also works with businesses in their advertising and promotions. For instance, she said, grocery stores

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