

“The biggest way [to be involved] is being the scarers inside, dressed up in costume and covered in fake blood. Whatever we can do to make somebody scream.”

Elizabeth Bauer
Career Coordinator

Haunted mazes

Truman's students and campus offer different haunted houses and corn mazes for a scare

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The Career Center's haunted house has been scaring customers for more than five years. Some haunted house visitors even decide not to finish the maze.

“A lot of times there have been a few people who come in but don't want to finish,” Bauer said. “And there have been people who scream so loud and just run through really quickly. Obviously the football players get scared the most. They're hilarious. They're some of our best customers.”

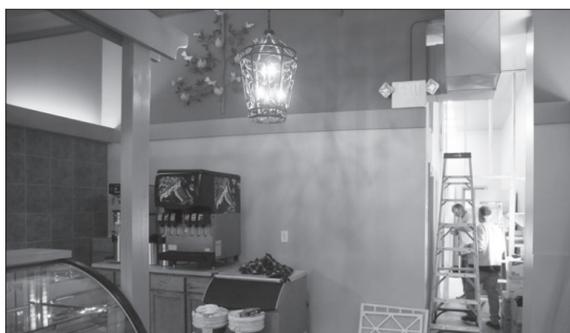
Like the haunted corn maze, the BNB haunted house also began their plans for this year's scarefest right after Halloween last year. Sophomore Teresa Bradley, BNB hall senate vice president, said this year's haunted house is a little different than in past years. This year, the BNB basement is being split in half to be shared with Dobson Hall and their haunting experience, featuring different scenarios in which visitors must strategize to make it through.

“This year it's called Jigsaw Crossing,” Bradley said. “Ours is a backcountry, really inbred hick town. When they walk in they'll go to town hall, and some of the things they'll experience are the town schoolhouse and jungle gym. It'll be creepy.”

Although the maze is set up to scare its customers, it's the customers that end up scaring themselves, Bradley said.

“We use a lot of trash bags and a lot of duct tape,” Bradley said. “There are going to be stuffed animals that we tear apart and blood in jars, but mostly it's people freaking themselves out. We have people standing and jumping out at you and screaming and just trying to freak you out, but it's dark, and it's a lot of maze work, so it's you freaking yourself out.”

Garden deli restored



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Steve and Judy Taylor have restored a building on the square to its former glory and will open the doors to the new deli Nov. 1.

BY SHANNON WALTER
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Steve and Judy Taylor have been working for the past several months to restore and maintain a building on the square that soon will house their New York-style deli called Steve's Garden Deli. Steve's Garden Deli is scheduled to open Nov. 1.

The couple said they have been working together on endeavors such as this for 37 years. They currently own Taylor's Flowers on the north side of the Square and two stores called Evergreen, one located south of Kirksville and the other in Osage Beach, Mo. They have owned many shops, but this will be their first restaurant.

“We've had a country music show, we've had a tree nursery, we've had a western Levi store, there was Taylor Carpet Company, a linen store and a business in Lancaster,” Steve said.

Judy said they have flipped houses and worked in real estate for a few years. She said that if they aren't engaging in these business ventures, they are bored.

“We've always been working together, we're always together,” Steve and Judy said at the exact time as they smiled at each other.

The couple spoke as one person, finishing each other's sentences as they animatedly talked about their new and exciting business venture.

Steve said it was important that he and his

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wife focus on historical preservation when remodeling the deli.

“We had to do a lot of homework to get everything in the building back to the way it should be,” Steve said.

Many of the beautiful aspects of the building were covered by carpet, paint or sheet metal, Steve said. The original tile at the entry to the building was covered by indoor/outdoor carpet, as was the original hardwood flooring in the front. He said a large portion of the remodeling process took a lot of time because they were devoted to preserving the building.

“The building was [in] a terrible disarray,” Steve said. “The back of the store needed to be completely rebuilt, the ceiling had to be rebuilt and the floor was completely gone. Judy chose the paint colors and has overseen the design.”

The finishing touches include a new paint job on the inside and outside, touching up the original ceiling, a new layout and a canvas awning in the front.

Previously, the building held Snyder's Style Shop and Troester's clothing store but has been unoccupied for years. The entire south side of

the Square was built in the mid-1800s, and most of the buildings still hold treasures from their past.

Doctor of osteopathy Justin Puckett owns the building that contains the deli, a new store called My Favorite Memories next door and renovated lofts upstairs. He also owns many other buildings downtown apart from his full schedule as a doctor.

For about 10 years Steve said he had an idea to open a deli, and the idea grew into something real when Puckett told him about the building.

“I'd been looking for a location and he let us know [about the building] one night at five o'clock, and the next morning I called him at eight o'clock and said we'd take it,” Steve said.

The Taylors have one employee, Melissa Miller, who will be working in the kitchen with Steve. She said she heard about the deli and hunted the Taylors down for a job.

“I was persistent to get the job because it's something new and exciting coming to Kirksville, and I wanted to be involved,” Miller said.

Miller has lived in Kirksville her entire life and said that is why this new business is exciting for her. The three all agreed that they have bonded and can't wait for the opening.

“[Miller] has had experience with food and we have not, so we're flying at the seat of our pants on this one with Melissa's help,” Steve said.

Halloween spirit takes over campus

BY JENNIFER LEWIS
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The Halloween spirit is advancing on Kirksville like a legion of zombies, invading residence halls with orange and black themed spookiness.

The Halloween excitement starts Friday, with the Student Activity Board's annual Pumpkin Carving on the Quad from noon to 3 p.m. The SAB will provide free hot chocolate, apple cider, caramel apples and candy, along with free pumpkins for students to carve into ghoulish faces or designs.

One of the biggest events on campus is the trick-or-treating through the residence halls, which takes place Saturday and is sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

“We've had trick-or-treating in the halls since I was a student here, which has been quite a while, so it's a really long-standing tradition,” Emily Haupt, Residence Hall Association said. “The students decorate their hallways for the trick-or-treaters to come through, and some of them even do small haunted houses in the halls, and they

always have a lot of fun doing that. Last year there was just really good energy. There were a lot of people out, walking around from event to event, and there were a lot of community members on campus, and it was just really exciting.”

Laura Bates, director of student activities and campus activities with the Center for Student Involvement, said that the trick-or-treating in the residence halls is an important aspect of Halloween at Truman.

“I think the students really enjoy interacting with the community,” Bates said. “Some halls just give away candy, but there are other halls that will actually have games and things going on in the main lounges for people coming in. I think the energy on campus is really good and the residence halls love to see the community members wandering through our campus with their kids, with giant smiles on their faces. It's really great to see how campus and community can come together.”

Bates also said he admired the effort and creativity the students and organizations put into designing the Halloween activities.

“I've gone to many of the events that we help advertise,” Bates said. “And to see

the level of time and energy that is put into doing those for just a couple of days — it's a lot of fun just to see the output, and I think people really have fun taking part in them. It's fun to see that kind of creativity, and people always have a smile — though I'm sure the sugar rush has a bit of a hand in it.”

Some of the residence halls are putting together their own Halloween-themed activities. The Grim and Ryle Hall Senates are working together to create a massive party on the fourth floor of Grim Hall, which consists of three lounges. Each of the three rooms will have its own theme and the biggest room will be for dancing. Kyle Miller, the president of Grim Hall Senate, said the party is open to all Truman students and will go from 9 p.m. to midnight on Halloween. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

“Normally, in the past, it's been geared for just Grim residents, but this year, as president, I'm striving to make it a bigger event,” Miller said. “Partially just because it's really fun, but also to get Grim's name out there a little more.”

The United States is not the only place adorned with skeletons this time of year. The Mexican holiday of “El Dia de los Muertos,” or Day of the Dead, is often thought by

Americans to be the Mexican equivalent of Halloween, when it is in fact something quite different.

Eric Jewel, associate professor of Spanish at Truman, said that on the Day of the Dead, Mexicans create altars in their homes in honor of deceased loved ones, featuring pictures of the deceased, food, religious figurines and things they had enjoyed during their lives. They also put out yellow flowers called cempazúchitl, which is supposed to guide the dead back to their homes with its scent. Mexican families also go to the cemeteries where their loved ones are buried, clean up the burial sites and decorate them with flowers. Then the family members sit together and tell stories and share memories of the loved ones that have passed on. Despite the theme of death, however, Jewel said the Day of the Dead is not a sad occasion.

“In America, when someone who has died comes back to visit us, we're usually freaked out,” Jewel said. “But in Hispanic cultures, and in Mexico, they look forward to it. It's not morbid, it's not scary, it's not something that you're afraid of. It's just a natural part of life for them. Yeah, there are some tears shed, but this is primarily a get-together to celebrate the life of the deceased, rather than to focus on the death.”



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