

### **Squirrel Cage Jail At Gallatin To Offer "Haunted Tours" Halloween Night** **News**

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Former inmates of the Gallatin Rotary Jail have come back from the dead to help Trudi Burton and crew host a haunting from 6-10 p.m. on Halloween night, Thursday, Oct. 31, at the Squirrel Cage Jail in Gallatin.



Mrs. Burton, coordinator, along with the Daviess County Historical Society, will be offering free guided tours for children of all ages.

“Our decorations are not designed to be super-scary,” said Mrs. Burton. “We aim to draw the younger kids in hopes they will have some fun and also learn about the history of the jail. Our jail is a local treasure and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.”

Built in 1888 the Daviess County Rotary Jail is one of only three such rotating jails still standing in the United States. It is an eight-sided brick structure and the only jail to have the sheriff’s living quarters attached. Yes, that was about the only thing the rascals and ruffians in the hoosegow could look forward to – a home cooked meal courtesy the sheriff’s wife. Meals were passed to the prisoner’s pie-holes through a grub-hole.

Inside the octagon-shaped half is a rotating drum divided into eight wedge-shaped cells. It has been called the “Lazy Susan” type jail because access to individual cells was granted by rotating the entire structure (manually, using a simple hand crank) until the desired cell faced the exit.

The spook night at the jail will be geared toward good old-fashioned Halloween fun...But some outlaws and hooligans will emerge from the strobe lights to help Mrs. Burton emphasize the horrors of living in metal cells behind those cold, gray bars.

Mrs. Burton will tell true stories about bad things that happened to some of the inmates housed at the jail, including a dismemberment and a hanging.

Groups are welcome. Treats will be given out and parents need to accompany your children.

Gallatin Police Chief Mark Richards, Denise Felderman, Glen Burton and James Rogers will be hosts. For tours of the jail at any time call Trudi Burton at 660-663-7342.

The jail is located just a few blocks west of the Daviess County Courthouse