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CRIME

Vandals hit over holiday weekend

Automotive businesses report burglaries

By VICKIE MOSS
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There weren't a lot of tricks on Halloween, but vandalism plagued a handful of businesses and a couple of automotive dealerships were burglarized over the weekend.

Four businesses — KFC, 2121 S. Princeton St.; Advance Payday, 1532 S. Main St.; Gerken Rent-All, 120 E. 15th St.; and the Gollier Rehabilitation Center, 901 S. Main St. — all reported damage to windows overnight Friday. The damage was found by police officers checking buildings early Saturday morning, Lt. Adam Weingartner, with the Ottawa Police Department, said.

Someone also broke a window at The Ottawa Herald, 104 S. Cedar St., although the damage wasn't discovered until Sunday, according to a police report.

The damage did not appear to be connected to Halloween activities, Weingartner said.

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MIDWEST ECONOMY

Survey: Slumping sales for Christmas

By The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Holiday shoppers could be in a bah-humbug kind of mood this year, according to a survey of business leaders and managers in nine Midwest and Plains states released Monday.

Supply managers surveyed in October's Business Conditions Index for the Mid-America region expect holiday sales to decline by 1.6 percent from last year.

A normal holiday season would see a 6 percent growth in sales, said Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the monthly survey.

The results are in line with other economists' predictions of a ho-hum holiday shopping season during a sluggish economic recovery.

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COSTUMED CRITTERS

Above: Spooks fill the streets Saturday morning during a "Spook Parade" sponsored by the Ottawa Jaycees. More than 150 children turned out to trick-or-treat in downtown Ottawa.



Above: Jan Smith, right, an employee at Sears in Ottawa, hands Halloween candy to Keira Yohe, 7, Ottawa, Saturday morning during a "Spook Parade" sponsored by the Ottawa Jaycees. The Jaycees have been doing the parade for seven years, organizers said.

Left: Maggie Hewett, 3, rides on the shoulders of Bobby Howard Saturday morning during a "Spook Parade" sponsored by the Ottawa Jaycees.



Above: Midy Hutton, Baldwin, plays with her basset hound, Claire, during the costume contest. The 5-year-old dog was dressed as Paris Hilton.



Left: Becky Bentley, employee at Cottonwood Animal Hospital, puts a hat on her dog, Mayci, Saturday to complete the dog's Halloween costume at Cottonwood Animal Shelter, 3161 K-68 Highway, during a costume contest to raise funds for the Bea Martin Peck Animal Shelter. The shelter is building a new facility in the 3100 block of K-68 Highway. Organizers said nearly \$300 was raised for the shelter. **For more photos, go to www.ottawaherald.com.**

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