

ELI Weekly

Scary Springfield: Ghosts Who Live Here

Since Halloween is on Wednesday, it is the perfect time to meet some of the ghosts that haunt Springfield. You have already heard that the Pythian Castle is haunted, but there are quite a few stories saying that we have some other spirits too— here are a few of them.



Phelps Grove Park

The first ghost we will visit lives in Phelps Grove Park (near MSU’s campus). She is called the “Bride Under the Bridge” and has a sad story. She was killed the day of her wedding in a car accident. She has been seen by the third bridge in the park on some evenings. Most who have spotted her say she stands holding the hem of her dress, and her face is covered in darkness.



Landers Theatre

The Landers Theatre, on Walnut Street, is allegedly home to a few spirits, too. One is a janitor who died in a horrible fire at the theatre in 1920. He is often seen up in the balcony by the actors onstage. There was also another tragedy that occurred at the Landers. The story says that on a night a long time ago, a baby was accidentally dropped from the upper balcony. Actors have supposedly seen the baby repeat its fall over and over. Others have heard the baby crying, followed by the comforting words of a ghostly mother. There is one other ghost that has reportedly been seen from the outside of the building only. It is the ghost of a woman with long blond hair who is dressed in Elizabethan-style clothing. She looks out from a fourth floor window at the people on the street. However, no one has ever spotted her inside the theatre.

One of Springfield’s best known hotels also has a ghost. The University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center (which is near Sunvillage) is the home of “The Colonel,” who has been seen by nearly everyone who works at the hotel. Apparently, the land where the hotel now stands was once the location of a large plantation owned by a Civil War hero, who some theorize to be a man named John S. Phelps. “The Colonel” is an older man, dressed in black, who is most often seen between midnight and 4 AM in the ballroom and back hallways of the hotel.



University Plaza

Missouri State University is also home to a few spirits. One of the dormitories, Freudenberger House (more commonly known as Freddy) is the home to a female ghost called the “Dorm Mom.” She is matronly and mostly stays on the fifth floor, making sure everything is in order. Some also say that Kentwood Hall (where we have the ELI final party) is haunted.



“Freddy” House

Drury University is also said to have some ghosts. One dorm, Smith Hall, is built where several Victorian houses used to stand. One of those houses was home to a little girl who died in a fire trying to find her Teddy Bear. Residents have seen her, dressed in pink and roaming the halls looking for her bear. Sometimes, students will arrive to find their locked doors to be standing wide open and items moved around.

If you are feeling very brave, you might go looking for one or more of these haunting spirits. The stories sound pretty convincing—do you believe in ghosts?

Activities This Week

October 31

Special Halloween Tours @ the Pythian Castle

Tour the haunted castle in Springfield for a spooky night!
6-7:30 PM or 10PM-12AM; \$15.00



First Friday Art Walk

Downtown’s monthly event where you can tour the art galleries during the special hours of 6-10PM; **FREE**



For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>
Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab

Announcements



- **Pronunciation Class**
Topics this week:
Check flyers in halls later
- **Academic Lectures This Week**
Tues. 10/30: Levels 3 & 4; room 401
Childhood Education & Family Studies

Wed. 10/31: Level 5 only; room 410
Gerontology
- **Set Your Clocks Back**
Sunday, Nov. 4 is the end of Daylight Saving Time. This means that you set your clock back one hour: **2:00AM becomes 1:00AM**. You'll gain an hour of sleep!

Did You Know....

A few interesting facts about Kenya:



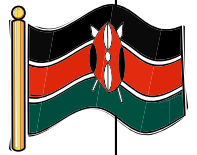
Mt. Kenya is Africa's second highest mountain peak, behind Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Kenya is called the "Cradle of Mankind," because fossils of the earliest known man were found there.

The most popular sport in Kenya is soccer and there are a large number of world class long distance runners from Kenya.



Kenya has over 65 national parks and wildlife preserves, each with distinct wildlife. The scenery includes coastal waters, rivers, waterfalls, deserts, and lakes. Animals native to Kenya include cheetahs, hyenas, snakes, hippopotamus, rhinoceros, lions, and leopards.



What's Showing at The Moxie?

The Moxie is downtown's independent cinema located at the corner of Walnut and Campbell. This week:

- 2 Days in Paris
- King of California
- Rocky Horror Picture Show (@ the Shrine Mosque)
- The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo



See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Degrees: High/Low
Forecast for October 29-Nov. 4

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	66/40	19/04
Tuesday:	71/46	22/08
Wednesday:	70/43	21/06
Thursday:	56/38	13/03
Friday:	65/44	18/07
Saturday:	51/36	11/02—chance of rain
Sunday:	56/42	13/06



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or the weather channel.