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## History can be haunting part II

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Augusta, Kan. — An owl hoots mournfully...a chilly prairie wind springs up...and clouds drift across a full moon...10 people gather to investigate reported paranormal activity in a local building. The building has been vacant almost 10 years, with only occasional visits from contract workers.

Lori DeWinkler with Moonlit Ghost Hunts, Inc. reports that rumors about the building involve faint voices being heard and movements have been seen in shadows.

“We thought it would be a great place for one of our group investigations.”

Moonlit Ghost Hunts gives guests access to the most current equipment in the field, taking them to a location known to have paranormal activity, and giving them a chance to have a hands on experience of investigating so that the participants can be the one to determine if the location is haunted.

DeWinkler advised that a good paranormal investigator is open minded enough to believe that paranormal activity can and does exist, but skeptical enough to not call everything they experience “paranormal.”

Those drawn to paranormal investigations all have their reasons, be it a past personal experience or simply the adrenaline rush they receive when coming face to face with a haunting.

She explained that there are a number of common signs and symptoms that seem to turn up again and again in reported cases of paranormal activity.

First, it is important to note all observations, and/or sensations. Observation is the main investigative technique used by paranormal investigators to determine the legitimacy of reported activity: it is used in collecting data, and analyzing evidence.

What specifically should one look for when trying to determine if a place is haunted? The signs of a haunting include, but are not limited to auditory experiences, visual experiences, and physical as well as environmental experiences.

Last weekend’s group began their investigation by meeting together at a “command” area to discuss safety rules, assign areas of the building to investigate and obtain equipment to assist in the process.

Cameras were placed in several sections of the building and was monitored at the command area. The equipment provided for the investigators’ use included the following: flashlights, full spectrum camcorders, laser grids, digital cameras, night vision scopes, analog tape recorders, EMF detectors, infrared thermal scanners and plenty of extra batteries.

The group was divided into three groups, each exploring a different section of the building, and reporting back at a specific time.  
Evidence

Two investigators in different locations reported separate auditory experiences, women’s voices saying “We need to take care of this,” and “Can you help me?”

In addition to the voices, separate investigators at different times witnessed the shadow of a person standing at the end of a hall, and when the shadow “saw them,” it turned and started walking off.

In the beginning of the investigation, a participant reported feeling very “uneasy and apprehensive” in the hall where the shadow had been seen.

And in the same hallway, the temperature reading had been noticeably lower than in other parts of the building.

Hours of analysis follows an investigation -- with video footage and voice recordings all being examined carefully.

“We definitely found enough evidence to say that there is activity still going on! It was quite an experience for ourselves as well as all of the guests,” DeWinkler said.

Join an investigation

Anyone contacting Moonlit Ghost Hunts at [www.moonlitghosthunts.com](http://www.moonlitghosthunts.com), or calling 316-285-9086, and telling them that they read Lori’s story in the Gazette, will be eligible for a buy one, get one free offer for any investigation in October or November.

Moonlit Ghost Hunts will be returning to the local site this weekend and there are other location investigations scheduled. Click on “Be an Insider” on the website and see the list of upcoming investigations. Take the opportunity to have your own paranormal experience and a night you will not long forget.

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