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## FLASHLIGHT TOUR OF HAUNTED EMPORIA TO INCLUDE WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

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EMPORIA, KS— Grab your flashlights and get ready for a spooky look at Emporia as you've never seen it before! The 2007 Flashlight Tour of Haunted Emporia will take place Friday, October 26. The tour includes the Lyon County Historical "Night at the Museum," the Emporia Granada Theatre, historic Plumb Place, and the William Allen White House State Historic Site. The tour will feature performances and presentations from Emporia State University Educational Theatre Company members, local storytellers, and historians.

The Lyon County Historical "Night at the Museum" (118 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.) will feature model trains by flashlight, county ghosts, glowing tombstones, and a mummified foot. Those who stop at Plumb Place (224 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.) will hear stories of sightings of the ghost of Senator Plumb. The Emporia Granada Theatre (807 Commercial St.) will feature stories of the spirit of the Granada Studio. Visitors at the William Allen White House (927 Exchange St.) will learn about Mrs. Gillette and Teddy, the dog whose spirit is said to still roam the house. Refreshments and prize entry will be in the William Allen White House Visitor Center.

Tours begin at any of the above locations at 6 p.m. and every half hour thereafter until 9:30 p.m. Those taking the tour are asked to bring their own flashlights. Tour stops are 20 minutes long and include a performance of Edgar Allen Poe's *The Tell-Tale Heart* at the Friesen Performance Studio in Roosevelt Hall on the ESU campus at 7, 7:30, and 8 p.m.

Tour tickets are available for \$8 (adults), \$5 (college students, children over five, and senior citizens), and \$20 for a group or family of up to five people. A limited number of tickets are available and may be purchased at The Sweet Granada, The Granada Coffee Company, Lyon County Historical Museum, ESU Memorial Union Information Service Center, or the William Allen White House State Historic Site Visitor Center.

The Flashlight Tour of Haunted Emporia is sponsored by the William Allen White Community Partnership, Inc. and the Emporia State University Theatre Educational Theatre Company. Proceeds

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benefit ESU theatre scholarships, the Granada Theatre Alliance, Lyon County Historical Society, Plumb Place, and the William Allen White House State Historic Site.

The William Allen White House State Historic Site is a National Historic Landmark and is one of sixteen state historic sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society. The home is open for tours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and groups of 10 or more, \$2 for students; and free for KSHS, Inc. members, current military, and children five and under.

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