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Famous Dead Hoosiers Can you name them all?

1. Born in Mitchell, Indiana this pilot who had a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Purdue University was chosen with the first group of astronauts in 1959. He was the pilot for Mercury-Redstone 4 in 1961 and command pilot for Gemini 3 in 1965. He had been selected as commander of the first Apollo flight at the time of his death. He died on Jan. 27, 1967 in the Apollo 204 fire at Cape Kennedy. Who is he?

2. Born in Henryville, Indiana in 1890, this man perfected a secret blend of 11 herbs and spices in a restaurant in Corbin, Kentucky. He founded one of the most popular chicken fast food franchises in 1955. He died in 1980 and is buried in Louisville's Cave Hill Cemetery. Who is he?

3. Born in Marion, Indiana and raised on a farm, he later became a widely admired actor despite only making 3 films. He was nominated for 2 Academy Awards for East of Eden and Giant, but is perhaps most known as the restless teen in Rebel Without a Cause. Killed in a car accident in 1955, his flourishing career was cut tragically short. He is buried in Park Cemetery in Fairmount, Indiana. Who is he?

4. Born in Peru, Indiana in 1891, this man learned to play the violin and piano by the age of 6. At 10 he composed songs such as the tribute to his mother, "Song of the Bird". Later, his song "Don't Fence Me In" was re-released in the WWII musical Hollywood Canteen. He died in 1964. Who is he?

5. The world's most famous 13 year old pediatric patient from Kokomo, Indiana fought a tough fight with

AIDS after contracting it from a tainted blood transfusion to treat his hemophilia. He fought his school board for the right to stay in school and faced unspeakable prejudice from many people for having this disease. He became a national spokesman for AIDS, helping people to better understand it. Who is he?

6. He was the older brother known for inventing the first airplane. Born near Millville, Indiana, he lived there a few years before moving to Dayton, Ohio where his younger brother and soon to be partner in inventions, Orville, was born. Who is he?

7. This American labor leader disappeared in 1975 and is believed to have been kidnapped and murdered. Born in Brazil, Indiana in 1913, he was long rumored to be connected with organized crime and was the subject of many government investigations. He was elected an international president of the Teamster's Union in 1957, was sentenced in 1967 to 13 years in prison in Pennsylvania for jury tampering, pension fund fraud, and conspiracy, and had that sentence commuted by president Nixon on the condition that he resign from office and stop all union activities until 1980. He left prison in 1971, but was unhappy with the bargain and refused to honor it. He was last seen at a restaurant in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan where he was meeting a Teamster Boss and reputed mafia figure. He was declared legally dead in 1983. Who is he?

8. This actress, born in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1908, quit school at age 15 to pursue the acting profession. In 1939 she married actor Clark Gable and lived the Hollywood dream. In 1942 while returning to California from Indiana where she had attended

a War Bond Rally, she, her mother, and 20 others were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas. Who is she?

9. Born in 1910 in the town of Hall, Indiana and moving to Martinsville when he was 14, this former basketball player and coach was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach. He was the first person ever enshrined in both categories and his 10 NCAA National Championships in a 12 year period while at UCLA are unmatched by any other college basketball coach. He died of natural causes on June 4, 2010. Who is he?

10. Born in Valparaiso, Indiana this Purdue graduate attempted some 30,000 hybrids of corn kernels before landing the one that would make him a "gourmet popcorn" millionaire. By 1970 he was a household name known by his signature round glasses and bow tie. He passed away at the age of 88. Who is he?

Answers will follow in next month's newsletter. :)

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Mudlavia Springs

by Kelli McQueen

Originally named the “Indiana Springs Company” this was a massive hotel and spa built in Warren County, Indiana just east of Kramer. Built near the site of a natural spring, the area was discovered by a civil war soldier named Samuel Story who in 1884 was said to have been digging a drainage ditch when he stumbled upon the spring and drank from it. His rheumatism symptoms started to disappear. On December 25, 1890, Harry L. Kramer opened a beautiful hotel on the grounds known for its healing waters and mud baths. It drew many visitors including some famous people like James Whitcomb Riley, Captain Jack Crawford, and John L. Sullivan. Rumor has it that it was also a favorite rest stop for gangsters such as Dillinger and Capone and that many bodies were disposed of in the surrounding lakes on the property. The building was destroyed by fire in 1920. Supposedly what remained of the building was used as a Sanitarium for the insane which also caught fire mysteriously. A smaller building was built on the property during the 1960's and was known as Pleasant Valley Lodge, a rest home for the elderly. It burned in 1968. The picture below is what is left of Pleasant Valley. Supposedly strange phenomena has occurred here including apparitions, being scratched and pushed sometimes down the stairs, ghostly voices, and party noises. Many believe it has been the site of various rituals.



BEFORE

AFTER



Vampire Movies That Don't Suck

by Kelli McQueen

Thanks to the successful movies based on the Twilight series of novels and the recent tv/cable shows such as The Vampire Diaries and True Blood, there has been a rise in the popularity of all things vampire. It seems there is something intriguing and even sexy about the undead.

GT Indy members were asked to name their favorite vampire movies. What makes these films so engrossing? The seduction of the vampire's kill? The fact that they are hard to kill and only stalk their prey in the blackness of night? The temptation of wanting that kind of immortality and power? The attractive actors and actresses playing the part? Whatever the reason, people always have and certainly still do love vampire movies.

Christine DeHart-

"Lost Boys. Just because!"

Heather Stenger-

"The Lost Boys! Why? Just look at the cast!"

Kelli McQueen-

"The Lost Boys had an amazingly talented and hot cast and a great soundtrack. I also liked the movie Fright Night as a young kid. It freaked me out that a vampire could be living next door, killing your best friend, trying to seduce your girlfriend, and nobody would believe you." "I also was really freaked out by Grace Jones in the movie Vamp. She was very scary and I loved being scared by that movie when I was younger."

C.B. Bjork-

"I gotta go with a great silly movie: Love at First Bite."

Joey Chapin-

"I don't really have a very fave one, but I love the first one ever made. There's something to be said about black and white movies." (Nosferatu released in 1922 was the first vampire movie ever made).

Judy Smith-

"I'll stick with the silent "Nosferatu" and the original "Dracula" with Bela Lugosi. In my opinion, you wouldn't have "the Lost Boys" without them!! :)"

Phil Norcross-

"Interview with the Vampire."





Biography Channel Believes in Ghosts

By Kelli McQueen

If you get the Biography Channel you won't want to miss the brand new season of its most watched original series of all time, "Celebrity Ghost Stories". Hear celebrities tell about their personal encounters with the paranormal. This season features such guests as Marilyn Manson, Deborah Gibson, Christopher Knight, Alice Cooper, Jermaine Jackson, and Corey Feldman just to name a few. Eighteen 1 hour episodes will air on Saturdays beginning Saturday July 17 at 10 PM ET/ 11PM PT.

Stay tuned afterwards for the new series "My Ghost Story" in which real people are interviewed regarding their paranormal experiences which they have captured on video. This dramatic video footage is sure to entertain and maybe even terrify its audience! Tune in!

Meet Member Phil Norcross!

Tell us about yourself (job, hobbies, interests, family, etc.)

I work in an auto shop. I like ghost hunting and working at the fire department. I am married with one kid named Eleri.

How did you get interested in ghosthunting?

I first got into ghost hunting by watching TAPS and other shows like it and I looked online to find a group and that's how I joined IGT.

What has been your most compelling evidence or experience that confirmed paranormal activity in your mind?

I got a class A evp at the Mounds State Park in the little house out in front of the park. We were on the second floor in the parents' bedroom and the k2 meter went off each time we asked questions and so we said, "thank you" for making it go off and the evp said, "You're welcome."

What are your favorite memories or experiences since being involved with IGT?

I would have to say that Prospect Place was one of my best experiences even if we didn't get anything. The group I was with is by far the best group that IGT has and I'm glad to be part of the new IGT Indy.

Where are a few places you would most like to investigate in the future?

I want to get to Moundsville and Mansfield in Ohio and any other adventures Kelli gets us into.

