

# Mostly Ghostly

F T . W A Y N E C H A P T E R O F T H E I N D I A N A G H O S T  
T R A C K E R S

## SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- Taking over the Haunted Jail
- IGT State Wide Picnic July 22nd
- Team Leader Training will be available at the August meeting

## BUTLER DAYS!!

Butler Days are right around the corner! July 7th and 8th are the days to put on your calendar.

We will need people for both days to help at our booth and to walk in the parade on Saturday.

You can sign up to help by emailing Dawn at [fwghost-tracker@myvine.com](mailto:fwghost-tracker@myvine.com)

There is a sign up for water ball. If you are interested in playing , please let Dawn know. It is free to play. Remember to wear your FWIGT shirts.



Firefighters playing Waterball!

There can only be five people on a team. Let's see how many teams we can get together and dominate the game!

I would like to thank Tammi V. for donating the money for the booth and for taking the time to set this event up.

Great job Tammi!

Thanks to all of those who are making the float and to those of you who will be donating your time.

This will be a great time! I hope to have a big turn out.

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Haunted Jail Ghostly Story	2
Crissy the Skunk Lady	3
IGT Picnic	4
Indy Training Day	5
Famous Graves Fun Facts and	5

## SHANNON PROMOTED TO STATE TRAINER

Shannon was the former Director of the Fort Wayne Chapter for a year and a half.

She recently was voted in to fill the empty State Trainer Position.

Shannon has help make the Fort Wayne Chapter the model

Chapter that it is today.

Congratulations Shannon we wish you the best of luck!!

## COLUMBIA CITY HAUNTED JAIL



Columbia City Haunted Jail  
Photo taken by Dawn B.

Did you hear that the Fort Wayne

Ghost Trackers own the Jail every Saturday in October? That's right! Those of you how have been to the over-nighter, know that it is the most anticipated hunt of the year! So what would you think about being there for eight nights? How do you get to do this?

Sign up to work Saturdays 6p.m. to 11 p.m..

Ghoul School starts September 23rd and 24th. If you are going to work the Jail you must attend Ghoul School!

In order to participate in this years overnighter at the Jail, you must take Ghoul School and work four Saturday nights. When you go into work the jail, you must tell them that you are with the Fort Wayne Ghost Trackers, that way we get credit for working. We must have 13 people each Saturday in order to collect credit for that night. Also, when you work, please email Dawn your name, the date you worked and if you took any friends to work with you! Experience the Jail at its

## GHOSTLY STORY

The 3rd year living in my home, I started hearing things at night after my kids went down to bed. I thought I was Just being a scardie-cat. I blew it off for about a week. It was a Tuesday night. Got the kids feed and in bed. Came down stairs, sat my butt on the couch, and the lights turned off. I Was frozen. I looked at the light switch thinking and hoping it was one of the kids. No one

was around.

I Grabbed the phone off the counter and called my husband. The lights came back on. I was so scared at this point. This was the first time since I was a little kid that something like that had happened. I had a Rush of memories flood my head. When I was little, Things like that happened in our home. The lights would sway, The weird noises, A

rocking chair would always rock on its own. my Brother even saw that too! I Thought all that stuff was behind me. Nope... wasn't over by a long shot. I have a "something" in my home. A couple of them. I have names for them.... The Crawler....



Ghostly Story  
By  
The Debster

A Man who crawls along the floor, SCARES THE HELL out of me.. don't like that one.. he creeps behind me when I'm doing dishes. John is the home leader. This is His home according to him. he loves to move things, Throw things across the room. I Have pictures and video proof

of that. And then there is the little girl. She plays with toys all threw the night. Can't tell ya how many toys I have giving away and thrown away because of Sara. That's what I call her. she was drowned in a bucket in this home by John. She lives in the closet of our "NOW" spare room.

none of the kids will go in there.... This home is one of a kind... wanna buy it????????????????? Hee-Hee.....



## CRISSY THE SKUNK LADY LOCAL STORY



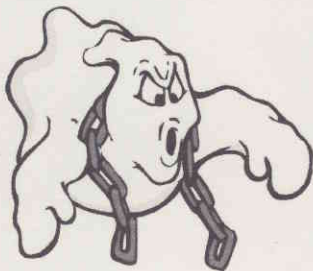
From unknown newspaper article,  
September 16, 1956

Submitted by Dawn B.

It's hard to believe there was such a person as Chrissy, the Skunk Woman. But there was - as anyone past 40 in the little northeastern town of Howe will tell you emphatically. Moreover, there's a distinct suspicion that in her own fantastic way, Chrissy got more fun out of life than most cozy, conforming characters. She was rugged and robust. She achieved a peculiar fame - left-handed but, to her, enjoyable. She lived long - and she'll be remembered longer. FABULOUS CHRISSY was born Christina Hand on a skimpy, poverty-ridden farm near Howe in Civil War times. Hers was a large, hungry family that got hungrier after the sad day Father Hand went fishing - reportedly with too many under his belt. At a likely spot, he heaved out his weighty anchor, failing to note that the rope was snarled around his leg. It was a fatal oversight that left Chrissy fatherless. Despite the Hand family's subsequent lack of ample nutrients, Chrissy grew up stronger and healthy. She had a man's coarse features and brawny shoulders. Her frame was pudgy and powerful and her early voice bull-strong. Chrissy could handle a team and dray with the best mule skinnners of the day - and, 'tis said, out-cuss the less gifted. When the Grand Rapids & Indiana (now the Pennsylvania) pushed a railroad through Howe about 70 years ago, Chrissy became a familiar sight - and sound! - hauling wagon-loads of ties for the railroad.

As near as Howe old-timers can recall, it was about then that romance came into Chrissy's life. She met and married an Irishman named Mike Sullivan. Apparently they got along fine - while it lasted. Chrissy was no ravishing beauty, but Mike had a failing, too. It came in a bottle, and at that time Howe had a distillery, which made things entirely too handy. At any rate, poor Mike got to wobbling around in such a glow one night that he forgot about the new railroad. A train reminded him, with fatal effect. Stoically, Chrissy reassembled her departed husband and gave him a proper burial. After that, she bought a house and a small bit of land on the southeastern edge of Howe, close to the cemetery and a half-block from the railroad. There she lived along until a new romance literally walked into her life, in the form of one Hank Kraut, a vagabond - sometimes called bum! - whom ambled off the railroad, caded a meal from Chrissy, and stayed.

"Hank wasn't very bright," recalled Clarence Taylor, rural mailman who lives close to the old Chrissy abode and knew her well. Hank stayed with Chrissy about three years. Then he got pneumonia and a gangrenous leg simultaneously. Chrissy nursed him tenderly, but presently Hank departed this world to join Father Hand and Mike Sullivan. It was after Hank's death that Chrissy found her screwball niche in Fame's hall. She'd become a town character by then. When she went to town she wore monstrous hats and, even on hot days, a long, thick coat.



## IGT PICNIC



The picnic will be Saturday, July 22, 2006 at Bass Lake Beach in Knox Indiana.

Camping is available, so you could stay over Saturday, or even Friday too if you're interested. Some of us are staying the whole weekend. **The beach and campgrounds were just renovated and are very nice.**

It's a great lake for swimming, boat-

ing and fishing. It's great for kids because the water is shallow off-shore for a long distance and no big waves. The campground offers free activities for the kids and each weekend night features a live band or a DJ. Alcohol is permitted at the campground. Each site has a fire pit and picnic table. There is a convenience store on site. They are working on a beachfront cafe which may be finished by then.

### **The prices are reasonable: (per night)**

\$27 for an electric site

\$22 for a primitive site

There are also two primitive cabins on site - not sure of the price

Each site holds 3 to 6 tents - \$10 additional after the first tent, so if people went in together it would be pretty cheap.

You may also bring campers

**There is a really great two screen drive-in in Knox and some of us are going Friday night.**

**We will also have some cemetery hunts set up for Saturday for those who feel the need (you know I'm there..)**

The cost for the picnic is \$5.00 and there is a \$2 admission fee into the beach (price reduced with pavilion rental). It is usually a few bucks more to get in. Beach admission is free for campers.

In addition to swimming and eating and hanging out we will play volleyball, bag-o. Frisbee, etc. We can also share out photos and EVP, so bring them along...

**This is a potluck, family reunion type of get-together. Please bring your favorite dish to share along with whatever meat you'll want to grill and stuff to drink. Please let DENISE, STACY and I know if you'll be attending and what you'll bring. This way we can start getting an idea of what we need people to bring and not end up with 20 of the same thing. Aside from food we'll need paper plates, napkins, plastic forks, charcoal, some extra grills, volleyball net, bag-o game, Frisbee, etc. Just let us know, thanks!**

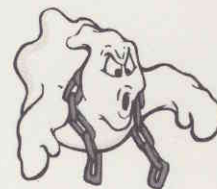
ALL IGT MEMBERS ARE INVITED!

If you are interested let us know via e-mail ASAP so we can start getting an idea of how many are attending.

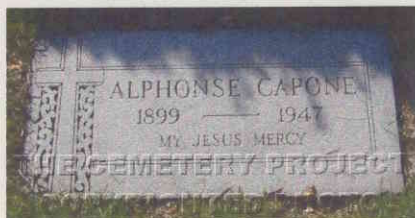
Troy Wilkey

South Lake Interim Director

[ghostoast68@yahoo.com](mailto:ghostoast68@yahoo.com)



## FAMOUS GRAVES



Al Capone's Grave. A famous gangster buried in Hillside, IL.

Elliot Ness was the lawman who brought Al Capone to justice. Buried in Cleveland, Ohio

Pictures and information taken from  
[www.thecemeteryprojects.com](http://www.thecemeteryprojects.com)



## INDY STATEWIDE TRAINING DAY

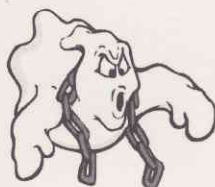
The Indy Chapter will be hosting a statewide training day on August 26th.

You can find all the detailed information on the State Web site.

[www.indianaghosts.org](http://www.indianaghosts.org)

You can also sign up by emailing Michelle.

[mhuff0620@yahoo.com](mailto:mhuff0620@yahoo.com)



## FUN FACTS AND QUOTES

### Did You Know?

Six-year-olds laugh an average of 300 times a day. Adults only laugh 15 to 100 times a day.

"A thousand words are worth a picture- and they load faster, too."  
 - **Unknown**

### Quote of the Day

"Nothing is so unbelievable that oratory can't make it believable."  
 - *Cicero*



In 1982, a cactus in Phoenix, Arizona killed a man. David Grundman fired two shotgun blasts at a giant saguaro cactus that ended up falling on top of him.

Sources:  
[coolfacts.com](http://coolfacts.com)  
[Amusingfacts.com](http://Amusingfacts.com)



**FT. WAYNE CHAPTER  
OF THE INDIANA  
GHOST TRACKERS**

Monthly meeting third Saturday's of the month.  
Held at the Mizpha Shrine.  
Next meeting August 26th at 6:00 P.M.

For more info email Dawn  
E-mail: fwghosttrackers@myvine.com

**If you have or think you have ghosts, we offer  
free investigations services.  
Contact Dawn at  
fwghosttrackers@myvine.com**

Indiana Ghost Trackers, Inc., is a statewide not-for-profit organization with Chapters in Indiana and Chicago. We investigate paranormal activity using photography, voice recording, video and other technology that aids in the detection of unexplained phenomena. We provide no cost home and business investigations while maintaining privacy to all those requesting our help