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TALES FROM THE CREW

Gather ye round the campfire as we share our very own hair-raising, spine-tingling, scary Halloween ghost stories. We gathered a variety of the very best real-life ghost stories from our crew to get you in the mood for October 31st.

The Balloon Stalker (Rated: PG)

Our receptionist, Ashley Rodriguez, wanted to share a night of terror that blighted her sixteenth birthday. Her family had just moved into a new house. A Mylar birthday balloon sat deflated for two weeks after her birthday. Then one day during the late afternoon she felt something following her. She looked behind her and although the balloon was completely flat, it was up in the air as if it were still inflated. She and her mom agreed that it could be a ghost possessing the balloon. Later that night she opened her closet and it was standing straight up facing her. She shut the door for the rest of the night and the next morning it was lying on the ground. She threw it away—finally putting an end to the balloon stalker.

Ghosts in the Attic (Rated: PG-13)

Jean Rodriguez, our Treasurer, had many stories to share, the most chilling of which was her tale of fright in an antique store in Rosalyn, WA. After browsing through the main level of this seemingly ordinary antique shop Jean noticed that there were more items for sale in the attic. As she climbed the stairs to enter, she felt a strange force pushing her back down. She felt the presence of two female ghosts ahead who didn't want her to enter. She mentioned it to the shop owner who said she'd experienced that too. She added that the building had been a brothel in the 1800s and that the ghosts were two former

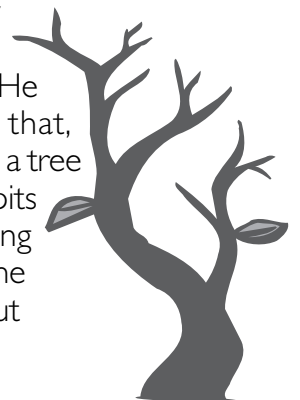


“residents”.

The building was now up for sale. The ghosts enjoyed living in the antique atmosphere of the shop and didn't want it to change—they were doing their best to discourage potential buyers.

Maude's Elm (Rated: R)

Our most spooky real-life story comes from Paul Weyn, our Sales & Marketing Manager. As a young boy growing up in the idyllic village of Swindon, England, Paul often wandered by the bend in the road that the townsfolk called “Maude's Elm.” He wondered why it was called that, especially since there wasn't even a tree there! As a child he heard only bits and pieces of the lore surrounding “Maude's Elm” but thanks to the internet he was able to find out the whole story...



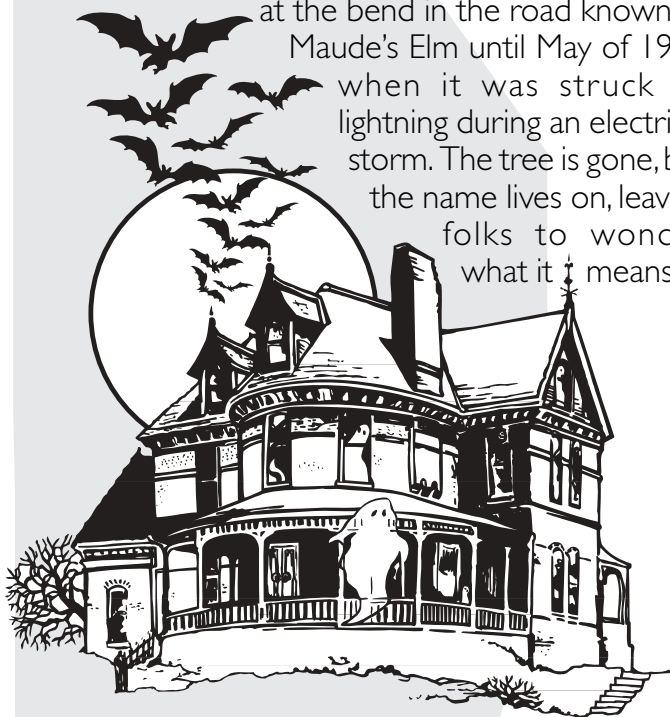
The story goes back to medieval times, a time when the average person thought there just might be witches and vampires and other things that go bump in the night. A time when it didn't take much to get a whole village demanding that a witch be burned at the stake.

Maude's Elm was a real elm tree at one time. It was named after Maude Bowen, a fifteen year old girl who fell into a brook and drowned one night. Although it was truly an accident, when the townsfolk found her, mob mentality decreed that she had committed suicide. Folks in that day believed that a suicide could return from the dead as a vampire. To prevent this they drove a stake of living wood through her heart. From that stake grew the very elm that came to be known as Maude's Elm. The girl's mother, Margaret, went insane from her daughter's death. She could be always found at the tree, weeping for her loss yet nurturing the tree.

The Lord of the town of Swindon became annoyed with Margaret and declared that she was a witch, sentencing her to be burned at the stake while tied to Maude's Elm. This also allowed him to confiscate all her family property ...

Although the mother was burned at the stake, the tree miraculously lived. It continued to thrive and grew to a height of eighty feet. It stood in that location

at the bend in the road known as Maude's Elm until May of 1922 when it was struck by lightning during an electrical storm. The tree is gone, but the name lives on, leaving folks to wonder what it means...



HALLOWEEN HUMOR(?)

What did the mother ghost say to the baby ghost?

- "Don't spook until you're spooked to".

Where do you take a ghost who's backed into a lawn mower?

- To a liquor store. That's where they retail spirits.

Why are so few ghosts arrested?

- It's hard to pin anything on them.

What's a haunted chicken?

- A poultry-geist

What do you call someone who puts poison in a person's corn flakes?

- A cereal killer

Why did the mummy call the doctor?

- Because he was coffin.

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Our team is growing and we'd like to introduce our newest buyer, Maria Clevenger. Maria has eleven years of experience in electronics purchasing and materials management gained working for a local OEM. In fact, she had worked with us as our customer so we knew she would be qualified for the job here.

You'll see some remodeling going on in the near future. Our stockroom is filling quickly and we're making plans to expand the walls of our secure stockroom to increase capacity.

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Our Turnkey Team: Cyndi, Illiana, Joan, Maria and Krysty.

Do you know your turkey?

Well, the one who does talk the best turkey and is the first to guess them all correctly, will win a 15lb turkey compliments of Schippers & Crew!

1. How many turkeys are eaten each Thanksgiving?

- a. 25 million
- b. 30 million
- c. 45 million

2. In 2000 how many pounds of turkey did the average American eat?

- a. 5lbs
- b. 9.25lbs
- c. 17.75lbs

3. A 15lb turkey has about this much white meat:

- a. 65%
- b. 70%
- c. 85%

4. True or false, the female turkey is called a hen?

- a. True
- b. False

5. True or false, turkeys can see in color?

- a. True
- b. False

6. What state does NOT have wild turkeys?

- a. Alaska
- b. Hawaii
- c. Rhode Island

7. What month is National Turkey Lover's Month?

- a. November
- b. December
- c. June

8. True or false, turkey breeding has caused turkey breasts to grow so large that the turkeys fall over?

- a. True
- b. False

9. How many days does it take for a turkey egg to hatch?

- a. 28
- b. 35
- c. 47

10. In 2001, which state produced the most turkeys?

- a. Minnesota
- b. North Carolina
- c. Arkansas
- d. Virginia
- e. Missouri

Entries must be received by November 15th 2004 to win.
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