

## Cheddarheads Take Hollywood By Storm!

### BOOK REVEALS WISCONSIN ROOTS—SCANDALS AND STORIES—OF MOVIE STARS

MADISON, Wis.— Did you know that famed Hollywood pin-up girl **Gregg Sherwood Dodge** was known for the bar fights in her hometown of Beloit, Wis., including one brawl over earrings?

- 1 That a small cult of followers once believed blue-eyed Hollywood hunk **Jeffrey Hunter** was truly divine after the Whitefish Bay, Wis., native played Jesus in the movie *King of Kings*?
- 2 That acting legend **Spencer Tracy** first earned money lighting 50 gas streetlights a night in Milwaukee for \$3.50 a week.
- 2 That celebrated director **Orson Welles** had a Wisconsin upbringing so bizarre—including a black magic grandmother, an alcoholic father and an affair- and money-loving benefactor—that he often denied his Badger State heritage, saying “I’m ashamed to be from Kenosha; it’s a terrible place.”
- 3 That classy actress **Colleen Dewhurst** smashed streetlights, and her friend’s car, during her wild high school days in Milwaukee?
- 4 That Kenosha native **Don Ameche** was so ostracized for being Italian that no university fraternity would pledge him until he found fame on the college stage?
- 5 That comic actor **Gene Wilder**’s dad was once sued by Schlitz Brewery for making a toy outhouse with a miniature bottle of Schlitz inside it?
- 6 The TV dad **Fred MacMurray** played sax, canned peas and prepared corpses to make ends meet in Beaver Dam, Wis.
- 7 That comedian **Chris Farley** got his first laugh telling a nun, ‘Gee Your Hair Smells Terrific,’ at his Catholic grade school in Madison.
- 8 That 2002 *Spider-man* foe the Green Goblin (**Willem Dafoe**) was expelled from Appleton High School for producing a video the school thought pornographic?

Discover the details behind these and many more bizarre facts and childhood tidbits in Badger Books’ newest publication, *Famous Wisconsin Film Stars* by Kristin Gilpatrick.

The book intimately profiles the Badger State’s most famous movie stars and directors—with facts only their hometowns could know.

*Famous Wisconsin Film Stars* includes biographies on those mentioned above as well as such stars as **Gena Rowlands**, **Tony Shalhoub**, **Tyne Daly**, **Carole Landis**, **Fredric March**, **Dennis Morgan**, **Jack Carson**, **Charlotte Rae**, **Ellen Corby** and stuntman **Ray “Crash” Corrigan**, among many others.

The book also profiles *Rebel Without a Cause* director **Nicholas Ray** of LaCrosse, *Great Spider Invasion* horror flick director **Bill Rebane** of Gleason, Wis., and the zany directors of *Naked Gun* movies, the **Zucker Brothers**, of Shorewood. *Famous Wisconsin Film Stars* also features a chapter on movie actors—such as Ripon College dropout **Harrison Ford** and UW-Superior graduate **Arnold Schwarzenegger**—who attended school in the Badger State.

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#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

*Famous Wisconsin Film Stars*, which retails for \$16.95, is Kristin Gilpatrick’s fourth book. Her first three historical biography-style books featured war veterans’ stories and include: *The Hero Next Door*®, *The Hero Next Door*® Returns and *Destined to Live*. Gilpatrick can be reached—and review copies obtained—through Badger Books at [kristin@badgerbooks.com](mailto:kristin@badgerbooks.com) or **800.928.2372**. (Gilpatrick may also be reached at her home office at 608.222.0195).