

Market House Museum's 'History of Paducah' Quiz

How much do you know about Paducah?

(Answers are found on the bottom of page two)



1. Paducah had several radio stations over the years. Which of the following was NOT a Paducah radio station? A) WDXR B) WPAD C) WZFX



2. In the early days of Paducah, many tracts of grassy land were donated or made available to the City by community minded citizens for recreation and refreshment from summer's heat for youngsters and adults alike to enjoy. One, named Captain Bob Noble, made available one of the largest park land sites. How big is this park? A) about eighty acres B) fifty acres, C) one hundred ten acres.



3. Paducah was (and still is) home to several drive in restaurants. Which of the following was NOT a drive in restaurant in Paducah? A) The 19th Hole B) Bob's Drive In C) Harned's Drive In D) The Chicken Roost



4. Paducah had a history of flooding until the floodwall was built in the early 1940's, which along with a natural earthen work floodwall, gives roughly twelve miles of protection from the river. What years did Paducah suffer floods, among others? A) 1884, 1913 and 1937 B) 1901, 1903 and 1921 C) 1863, 1921, and 1903.



5. Paducah suffered a horrendous ice storm in the 1880's that shut down all activities virtually overnight; electric and telegraph lines collapsed from the weight of the ice. Only the bravest ventured out. What was this storm remembered as? A) Paducah's White Week B) The Great Ice Blizzard C) Colder than Kraut Week.



6. Irvin S. Cobb, a famous Paducah writer, who went on to write for the Saturday Evening Post, had a sister who ran a business in Paducah for many years. What was the nature of the business she ran? A) a drug store B) a millinery/hat shop C) a pet shop and boutique.



7. Dolly the Mule was a favorite bit of Paducah history. Dolly had served the Paducah Fire Department for many years until she had more than earned her retirement. She went into easier service at Oak Grove Cemetery, where she pulled carts. Whenever she heard the fire bell, though, she dashed to the fire house. Old habits die hard! Where is Dolly today? A) buried at Oak Grove B) at a farm C) stuffed and on display at the Market House Museum.



8. A popular breakfast/pancake house was located just off the Old Mayfield Road-Beltline intersection, and it served many a Hollywood star and famous name in its day. It's slogan was, Long, short, fat or tall, we will feed you all!" What was the name of the restaurant? A) Rise and Shine B) Lily Marlene's C) Skinhead's



9. A popular movie drive in was located in Lone Oak, Kentucky. It was known as the Paducah Drive-In. It stood on Highway 45 and had a large Indian Chief painted on its stylish Art-Deco front. Who was the Paducah sign painter who did the painting? A) H B Hargrove, Jr B) Sol Keeney C) William Swartz



10. A large local marching band received many kudos and awards for its abilities over the years. Though not the only award-winning band, it was one of the best in the area. What school band was this? A) Tilghman's Band of Blue B) Berryhill's Finest Marching Band C) Red Haven Brass Hats



11. Kreskge's Dime Store on Broadway made delicious home made pie every day. Slices were displayed in glass towers. What was their specialty? A) strawberry and custard B) raisin and gooseberry C) rhubarb and raisin.



12. A well known grocery owned by the Sullivan family was located next to the railroad tracks near Old Benton and Oaks Road on Paducah's Southside. What was the name of this well known grocery with the neon blinking sign? A) Farmer's Market B) Produce Paradise C) Food World



13. Paducah's favorite amusement park started operations in 1953 with rides called the Little Dipper and the Turnpike. It was auctioned off after insurance costs soared through the roof in 1983. What was the name of this amusement park? A) Family Funland B) Watkin's Fun-A-Rama C) Noble Park Funland.

ANSWERS: 1-C, 2-A, 3-D, 4-A, 5-A, 6-B, 7-A, 8-C, 9-A, 10-A, 11-A, 12-A, 13-C