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Celebrating August

Read-a-Romance Novel Month

Happiness Happens Month

Boomers Making a Difference Month

International Clown Week

August 1–7

Homemade Pie Day

August 5

International Lefthander's Day

August 13

Root Beer Float Day

August 6

Elvis Week

August 9–17

International Geocaching Day

August 20

Senior Citizens Day

August 21

Women's Equality Day

August 26

The Gold Rush

On August 16, 1896, prospector George Carmack and his family were looking for gold along Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in Canada's Yukon Territory. Gold was discovered in vast quantities, and Carmack immediately filed claims to mine the land. Word of the find quickly spread, and by the end of August, the length of the entire creek had been claimed by gold miners. Not even winter could stop the miners, and prospectors raced by dog sled to the Klondike and the newly renamed Bonanza Creek.

It wasn't until July of 1897 that the first shipments of Klondike gold arrived in the cities of Seattle and San Francisco. The gold shipments were valued at \$1.13 million. (That's over one billion of today's dollars!) Word of the gold spread like wildfire, and soon prospectors from all over the world were flooding the West Coast and preparing for the journey north. A great economic boom hit cities like Seattle and San Francisco, which birthed outfitting and supply industries for the prospectors.

It is estimated that 100,000 people attempted the trip into the Klondike between the summers of 1897 and 1898. Many gold-seekers had no experience whatsoever in mining or prospecting. Mass resignations occurred across the country as people left their livelihoods behind to search for riches. Even Seattle's mayor left his post to try his luck. Of the 100,000 aspiring gold miners, only 30,000 eventually made it to the Klondike.

Travel to the Yukon proved treacherous thanks to mountainous terrain and unpredictable weather. The Canadian government issued strict food and equipment requirements for prospectors in an attempt to prevent death from exposure and starvation. Of the 30,000 who made it to the Yukon, only 4,000 struck gold. And of these 4,000, only a few hundred became rich. By the summer of 1898, the word *Klondike* was spoken with scorn. As rumors of gold found in other northern locales spread, the Klondike was abandoned, and the gold rush was over.

Resident of the Month

Joan Helen Joyner

Joan was born April 2, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois, and grew up in the city. After high school she enrolled in nursing school and was a surgical nurse for several years. On February 11, 1961, she married her high school sweetheart John Peyton Joyner. They were married fifty-seven years until his passing in 2018. She has four children: three sons and a daughter (Mike, Susan, LJ, and Scott). After her last son was born in 1972, Joan retired from nursing and took a job working in a doctor's office as a reception and office manager. After many years, she joined a financial planning group as a stock broker's assistant. She tried to retire a couple of times but they kept asking her to come back. She finally retired at the age of 72.

For over fifty years, Joan lived with her family in the same house in Schaumburg, Illinois. She was most proud of her flower garden. In 2015, she and her husband John moved to Palm Springs, California, to be closer to her daughter Susan, and son LJ, as well as her grandchildren Ashlee and Danny. In August 2019, Joan moved to Oakview Park. Her son LJ had moved to Anderson, South Carolina, the year prior to be near his spouse's family. Joan has really acclimated to living here in South Carolina and is very attached to several of the great employees that care for her.



Chain Reaction

Your stomach might start to growl when you learn that August 24 is Iconic American Restaurants Day. This is a day to appreciate those perennial restaurant chains that have graced the American restaurant landscape for decades. Howard Johnson's. Beefsteak Charlie's. The Red Barn. Sizzler. And yes, even McDonald's.

If some of these restaurants don't sound familiar, that might be because so many iconic restaurants are regional. Friendly's restaurants—137 of them—were once found up and down the East Coast. In the mid-1990s, 200 Luby's Cafeterias could be found in and around Texas. One person's beloved restaurant chain is another person's head-scratcher.

What makes an American restaurant iconic, anyway? A recognizable logo? A classic menu? The sheer number of restaurants? Perhaps an iconic restaurant chain offers a place that provides all the trappings of a home-cooked meal out on the road.

Bargain Hunters



The second week in August is Bargain Hunting Week, but where can you find a bargain these days? According to experts, there are always deals to be had, if you know when and where to look.

Restaurants are often the least crowded on Tuesday, so they offer two-for-one or kids-eat-free deals to lure customers. Grocery stores often receive new deliveries each week, so you're more likely to find discounted meats and produce on delivery day. Electronics retailers will start stocking new models in April, so shoppers often find great deals on year-old models throughout the spring and summer. Experts swear that the best airfare prices can be found at 3 p.m. on a Tuesday, as all airlines race to match discounts offered by the major airlines the previous Monday.

Star-Crossed Lovers



For over 2,000 years, the Qixi Festival has been celebrated in China on the seventh day of the seventh month, which this year falls on August 4. This holiday is known by several names: the Double Seventh Festival, the Night of Sevens, and the Magpie Festival, but it is perhaps best known in the west as China's Valentine's Day.

The Qixi Festival is based on the romantic folk tale of Zhinu the cloud weaver girl and Niulang the ox herder. Niulang had once saved an old ox when it fell ill. What Niulang did not know was that this old ox was once the God of Cattle, sent from heaven to live on Earth as penance for a former misdeed. To show his thanks, the ox introduced Niulang to Zhinu, the seventh daughter of the Goddess of Heaven and the Jade Emperor. Zhinu had come to Earth to escape the boring routine of heaven.

The two fell deeply in love, married, had two children, and set up a life together, with Niulang herding oxen and Zhinu weaving. When the Goddess of Heaven discovered that her daughter had married a mortal, she descended furiously to Earth and took Zhinu back to heaven.

The old ox instructed Niulang to kill him and wear his hide so that the mortal could ascend to heaven to find Zhinu. Niulang wept for the loss of his ox but did as he was told and took his children to find Zhinu. The Goddess of Heaven, divining the plot, created a massive, uncrossable river to forever separate the lovers.

Niulang and his children wept in their grief. Magpies were so moved that they flew to heaven and formed a bridge over the river. The Goddess, too, was moved, and so she decreed that once a year, on the seventh day of the seventh month, the two lovers should meet on the Magpie Bridge. During the Qixi Festival, if we look to the night sky, we see Niulang and Zhinu as the stars Altair and Vega, separated by the river of the Milky Way.

Recipe of the Month

Pound Cake by: James Michael

Ingredients:

1 cup butter (2 sticks)

2 cups sugar

2 cups flour

6 eggs

1 Tsp. Vanilla

½ Tsp. Salt

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees

2. Spray bunt pan or tube pan with cooking spray

3. Cream the butter and sugar together

4. Add 1 egg then ½ cup flour, repeat until you have added all eggs and flour

5. Add the salt and vanilla

6. Pour in pan

7. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes or till golden brown on top

8. Let cool for 10 minutes

9. Remove from pan

MLK's Dream



Organizers of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom expected 100,000 people to attend their demonstration on August 28, 1963. In the end, 250,000 showed up, making it the largest demonstration in U.S. history. A speech by Martin Luther King Jr. was set to cap the march. King had used the phrase "I have a dream" in several speeches leading up to the event, and his advisors cautioned him against leaning too heavily on the theme. But when the gospel singer Mahalia Jackson said, "Tell them about the dream, Martin," King abandoned his drafted speech and launched into what is now one of the most famous speeches in history.

Employee of the Month

Jessie Dickson



Jessie Dickson was born in 1998 and graduated from Hillcrest High School in 2017. She has lived with her grandparents her whole life and now helps take care of her Nana, which inspired her to work at Oakview Park caring for the residents. Her Maine coon cat, Jay Feather, is the love of her life. They do everything together when at home. She also loves to read, practice calligraphy, play board games with friends, anime and Asian food. She loves going to the lake in Waterloo with her cousin. It brings Jessie joy to help and take care of people.

August Birthdays

Betty Tyler 8/3

Charles Horne 8/13

Peggy Brimberry 8/18

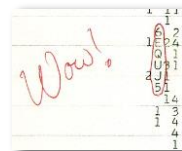
Vonnie Thomason 8/22

Mary Dubose 8/22

Barbara Alexander 8/27

Marion Pritchett 8/31

Wow!



On August 15, 1977, astronomers at the Big Ear Radio Observatory in Ohio detected a signal that they had never encountered before. It was so unusual that astronomer Jerry Ehman circled a printout of the data and wrote "Wow!" next to it. The cause of the *Wow!* signal was inexplicable, and some claimed that the only plausible explanation was that it was sent by extraterrestrial life. The signal has not been repeated in the 40 years since it was picked up, perhaps providing further evidence that it had an extraterrestrial origin.

Only recently have scientists attempted to decipher the skies that night. Two comets could have been picked up by the Big Ear in 1977. One theory is that the signal was transmitted by a hydrogen cloud attached to a passing comet, but some scientists doubt this explanation, still favoring the ET hypothesis.