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Celebrating March

***Legends BBQ**

March 6

Pure Joy Youth Choir

March 12

***Panera Bread**

March 13

Pure Joy Youth Choir

March 12

Cumberland Winds -Quintet

March 17

Scrapbook YOUR Story

March 19

***Pottery Room & Wing Stop**

March 20

***Fella's Friday at 3rd Base**

March 22

***Woody's Pizza**

March 27

Easter Activities

March 30

Easter Sunday

March 31

**Sign -up required*

A Mathematical Celebration

March 14 marks a unique celebration—Pi Day! It honors the mathematical constant pi (π) because the first three digits, 3.14, match the date. It is also recognized as the International Day of Mathematics, a celebration of the universal language of numbers. In addition, this busy day also pays homage to the genius behind the theory of relativity, Albert Einstein, who was born on March 14, 1879. Ironically, the fact that Einstein's birthday is widely celebrated might not have pleased the esteemed scientist, who once said, "It is a known fact that I was born, and that is all that is necessary."

Pi, that infinite number we encounter in circles, has an inseparable bond with Einstein's groundbreaking work. The beauty of pi lies not just in its numerical significance but in its appearance across mathematical landscapes, including the formulas that are the basis of Einstein's theories. The theory of relativity, famously distilled into $E=mc^2$, unveils the intricate dance between energy, mass, and the speed of light—a mathematical waltz through the cosmos.

This trio of celebrations is a chance to marvel at how math permeates our world. From the spirals of galaxies to the curves of flower petals, mathematical principles govern the very fabric of nature. March 14 is a day to appreciate the sheer delight of numbers, which transcend cultural and language barriers. It's a reminder that math isn't just about calculus or algebra, endless equations to mind-bending theories; it's about the joy of patterns, puzzles, and the universal language that connects us all. It is the basis of the wonders of the universe—the rhythm of the stars, the shapes of nature, and the logic that powers innovation.

As you munch on a piece of banana cream or homemade blueberry pie to celebrate Pi Day, raise a glass and toast to Einstein's legacy. Take a moment to reflect on how equations, formulas, and theories intertwine to unlock the secrets of the universe.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: Nancy DePriest



Nancy was born in Clarksville. Her father was in law enforcement. Clarksville was a great wholesome town. Nancy attended Greenwood Elementary and then graduated from Clarksville High school. Growing up she said she felt like they knew everyone! Nancy loves to read, especially mystery and history. Her favorite book is the Bible but enjoys authors like Mary Higgins Clark. Swimming was a favorite pastime; she now enjoys walking.

Before Nancy was married the thing to do was go to Teen Town after a ball game or sock hops at school. Nancy was married to Wayne who worked at Clarksville Electric Company. They have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. Nancy is the oldest of 4. Her brothers are in Clarksville, but her sister is in Jacksonville. Her daughters live down the street the grandkids are in Nashville, Chicago and at the University of Tennessee!

A unique thing about Nancy is everywhere she has lived she has had great neighbors! She can say the same thing about living here. The building is full of friendly people who care. An interesting fact about Nancy is that she went to the same church for 75 years! She loves where she is now at 2nd mile Church. Her two cats Max and Mittens keep her company! If Nancy could visit anywhere in the world, it would be Israel. It would be amazing to see all the historical places from the Bible and to just be where Jesus was here on earth.

If you were to ask Nancy about something fascinating about Clarksville, it would be about the dining and dancing at Dunbar Cave. It was quite an experience!

Fueling Change

Rudolf Diesel, inventor of the eponymous diesel engine, was born on March 18, 1858. Biodiesel Day celebrates a type of fuel that Diesel himself valued. As he stated in 1912, "The use of vegetable oils for engine fuels may seem insignificant today, but such oils may become, in the course of time, as important as petroleum and the coal-tar products of the present time."

It appears that Diesel was not only a great inventor but also a visionary. In 2012, 100 years after that statement, the U.S. produced over one billion gallons of biodiesel fuel. This fuel is biodegradable and nontoxic, produces less carbon dioxide than fossil fuels, and can be produced from vegetable oils, animal fats, algae, and even recycled restaurant grease.

The Perfect Pair

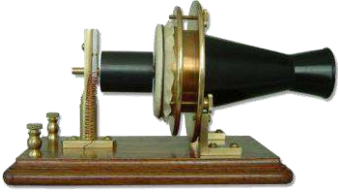


Feeling hungry? March 23 is Chip and Dip Day. This ultimate snack and party pairing has come a long way since chips and salsa. Often, the dip is the exciting element of the duo: creamy ranch made with sour cream, dill, garlic, and dried onions. Or guacamole with fresh avocados, garlic, onion, tomatoes, a dash of cayenne, and a squirt of lime. For a change of pace, try hummus, spinach with artichokes, or a white bean spread.

Although it may be taken for granted, the chip is more than just a vehicle for the dip. Corn, potato, and baked pita chips provide a satisfying crunch. Sometimes you don't need a chip at all. Toasted slices of Italian bread are the perfect base for bruschetta. If you really want to impress a crowd, wow them with cheese fondue. The cheese is spectacular, but equally delicious are the sausage, bread, apples, and veggies for dipping.



Clash of Inventors



Alexander Graham Bell is hailed as the inventor of the telephone. It was Bell who discovered that sound travels over electrical wires and that

these wires can be connected in a way that allows two people to speak to each other over long distances. On March 10, 1876, the telephone was born when Bell spoke to his assistant, Thomas A. Watson, saying, "Mr. Watson. Come here. I want to see you."

Was Bell the sole inventor of the telephone? Another renowned inventor, Elisha Gray, was working on a similar device. On February 14, 1876, Bell submitted an application to the patent office for his telephone. Just hours later, Gray submitted his own application for a patent. Gray wrote:

"To all whom it may concern: Be it known that I, Elisha Gray, of Chicago, in the County of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a new art of transmitting vocal sounds telegraphically, of which the following is a specification: It is the object of my invention to transmit the tones of the human voice through a telegraphic circuit, and reproduce them at the receiving end of the line, so that actual conversations can be carried on by persons at long distances apart."

When Gray discovered that Bell was awarded the patent, he took Bell to court. Not only did Gray believe that he submitted his paperwork first, he believed that Bell learned of one of his designs and stole it. How did Bell steal Gray's design? One of the patent examiners at the patent office swore in an affidavit that he had shared Gray's paperwork and designs with Bell. The legal battle lasted over two years.

The courts eventually ruled that while Gray had invented an important, even vital, component of the telephone, Bell had succeeded in creating the whole telephone. The rest, as they say, is history.

March Birthdays

Those born from March 1–20 are Pisces, the Fish. Like fish, Pisces like to go with the flow in an easygoing manner, but on the inside, they are intuitive, intensely spiritual, and deeply emotional. If you were born between March 21–31, you are Aries, the Ram. These independent adventurers like to strike out on their own and are natural leaders. Their enthusiasm and confidence mean they have big and outgoing personalities.

Ian Romo (Server) – March 3

Dick Kupris – March 3

Patty Hubbard – March 3

Georgetta Killebrew - March 15

Carrie Jones (Housekeeper) – March 29

Homer Kocher – March 30

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY: March 15th

Verses and Voices



World Poetry Day, initiated by UNESCO in 1999, arrives on March 21 to honor globally the artistry and diversity of poetry. It pays

homage to poets who craft words into emotion, images, and storytelling, transcending boundaries and enriching human experiences.

You can mark the occasion by sharing favorite poems with friends or family, attending poetry readings or events, or even trying your hand at writing a short poem. Dive into different poetic styles, from traditional sonnets to modern spoken word, exploring the richness of expression they offer. You might also support local poets or poetry organizations, sharing their work on social media or attending their performances. Whether you choose to write, read, or listen to poetry performed, World Poetry Day invites us to immerse ourselves in the beauty and power of words.