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Celebrating July

Cumberland Winds

July 3rd

Potluck Style Picnic

July 4th

Molly Bradley Hudgens Saving Sycamore Speaker

July 9th

Sweet Pea's

July 10th

Pinky's Up Tea Trip

July 12th

Freddy's & Dunbar Cave

July 18

Water Fitness @ New Prov

July 17th

Golf / Driving Range

July 22nd

Catfish House

July 24th

Ice Cream Social & Games

July 29th

Smith Trahern Outing

July 31st

Countdown to Paris

The upcoming Summer Olympics in Paris are generating anticipation worldwide as the city prepares to host this prestigious event for the third time in history. Paris offers a rich tapestry of culture, history, and modernity, making it an ideal setting for the Olympic Games. From its famous landmarks to its vibrant culinary scene, Paris promises a memorable and unique experience for visitors.

Paris is known for its extensive metro system. With over 300 stations spanning 16 lines, the Paris Metro is one of the busiest underground systems in the world. It will play a crucial role in transporting athletes and spectators to various Olympic venues across the city.

Another notable aspect of Paris is its culinary scene. From croissants and baguettes to escargot and foie gras, Paris offers a gastronomic adventure for food enthusiasts. And let's not forget about the charming sidewalk cafés, perfect for people-watching and savoring a café au lait.

Parisians are known for their passion for sports, particularly soccer, rugby, and tennis. The city boasts world-class stadiums like the Stade de France and Roland Garros, where fans gather to cheer on their favorite teams and athletes. The city is focused on ensuring that these top-notch facilities are safe and secure for the massive influx of visitors.

The Olympics provide an opportunity for athletes to showcase their skills and compete on a global stage. It's a chance for nations to come together in the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie. As the countdown to the Paris Olympics continues, excitement is building among sports enthusiasts worldwide. Whether you're a fan of track and field, swimming, or gymnastics, the 2024 Summer Games are sure to offer thrilling moments and unforgettable memories. Mark your calendars and get ready to witness the world's best athletes in action against the backdrop of beautiful Paris.



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: Henry Peerman was born on a farm in Lenior City, Loudon Co. Tennessee. Henry is the youngest of 7. There is a 23-year gap between the oldest (David) and the youngest (himself). Some of you may have seen or heard about Eddie, he is the nephew of Henry who lives nearby. Henry served 4 years in the Air Force as a Field Specialist. While serving he was nominated to serve on Air Force One, although not selected, it was an honor to be nominated. While in the service, he spent several years in Germany. The service also placed him in New Mexico, where he met his wife, Sandra. They have a daughter Laurie who lives in Pleasant View. Laurie and her husband Stephen have two children Logan and Macie. Macie goes to school at the University of Tennessee (Martin) studying to be a veterinarian. Henry loves to take his special friend Coco (dog) on walks, she is 15 years old. Henry retired after working at Dallas Transit for 40 years. It was there that he worked as a mechanic, supervisor, trainer, warranty programmer and engineering specialist. Henry also served on the board at the Dallas Transit Credit Union. During that time, Henry participated in the American department of transit Roadeo. He and his team won first place 4 times. He was able to travel and see many cool places for those competitions. If Henry could live anywhere, it would be back on the family farm. The farm raised dairy cows and grew tobacco. It was 1952 when the farm got electrical power. They used mules as their automation to get things done around the farm. Henry loves to fish, do yard work, volunteer at church, and do things like teach his daughter to ride a bike. They also had this game they played outside called Tree Tag, if you were standing on the ground, you were out. An interesting fact about him was that his machine was on display in the Ross Perot Museum. The thing he most likes about The Villages is his neighbors and how they show care for one another.

In the Fast Lane

With more than 200,000 drive-thru restaurants in America alone, it's easy to see how much people love picking up a meal at a window. Maybe it's because we're so busy that we don't have time to order our meals inside. Or maybe we're just a little lazy. If you're looking for an excuse to grab some fast food, look no further than July 24, Drive-Thru Day.

Jack in the Box purports to have invented the first drive-thru in 1951 at its San Diego eatery. Others claim the drive-thru was conceived by two Texans, one a tobacco salesman and the other a doctor. They teamed up to open Kirby's Pig Stand drive-in restaurant in Dallas in 1921. Whether you drive-thru or drive-in, people have been eating in their cars ever since.

A Sticky Celebration



Lollipop. Sucker. Lolly. Sticky pop. Whatever you call them, Lollipop Day falls on July 20. Scientists tell us that even early humans enjoyed these treats, licking and sucking on honey on a stick. The term *lollipops* wasn't used until 1931 when George Smith, owner of the Bradley Smith confectionary company, named a stick candy after his favorite racehorse, Lolly Pop. Some dispute this origin, however, because in England the word *lolly* means "tongue" and *pop* means "slap," so some think that the word *lollipop*, meaning "tongue slap," may have originated in England.

As to the invention of the lollipop itself, some say that in 1905 the McAviney Candy Company may have accidentally invented this hard candy on a stick. The process of boiling the candy required stirring with a stick. At the end of the day, the owner brought the candy-covered sticks home for his children. Three years later, he finally realized he was on to something and began marketing his "used candy sticks."



A Canned Classic



Over the past 87 years, Spam—Hormel’s renowned meat product in a can—has transformed from a mere food into a worldwide pop culture phenomenon. On July 5, 1937, it was first introduced to the world as Hormel Spiced Meat, but

shortly thereafter, Ken Daigneau entered the name *Spam* into a naming contest and won \$100 for his efforts. Since then, over nine billion cans of Spam have been sold.

Spam was popular from the moment of its inception. Within one year of its introduction, 18 percent of all American households were enjoying the canned meat. However, it was during World War II that Spam really took off, as it was part of American army rations. Perhaps it is thanks to those American soldiers that the biggest consumers of Spam are residents of tiny islands that served as American military outposts: Guam, Hawaii, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The average Guamanian eats 16 cans of Spam a year. Spam is incorporated into family recipes, eaten at restaurants, and can even be found on burgers at McDonald’s and Burger King. Spam is so popular in Hawaii that it is called “The Hawaiian Steak,” and other canned meats, such as Armour Treet, are not nearly as popular.

Why has Spam become such a celebrated piece of Americana? Was it the now-famous 1970 sketch by Britain’s comedy troupe Monty Python that launched Spam to international stardom? Or is it the curiosity surrounding the meaning of its name or the mystery of its ingredients? We may never know why Spam has become so popular, but the Smithsonian has taken the lead in immortalizing it. Two cans of Spam, one bearing the original packaging and another with an updated design, have been added to the museum’s exhaustive collection. It may satisfy Spam’s devoted followers to know that their favorite canned meat product is a work of art.

July Birthdays

Those born between July 1–22 are Crabs of Cancer. Crabs love family and nurturing others. They may be emotional, kind, and gentle but are never soft. Cancers are strong-willed and tenacious in their search for peace and homeyness. If you were born between July 22–31, you are a Leo, the Lion. Creative and ambitious with magnetic personalities, Leos enjoy the spotlight. Warm, loving, and kind, they make loyal and honorable friends.

Henry Peerman – July 7
 Karen Lee – July 7
 Marsha Young – July 7
 Dennis Kyle – July 9
 Ed Allen – July 14
 Kitty Boaz – July 20
 “Sarge” Wright – July 22
 Bill Kleeman – July 27
 Carol Perry – July 28
 Debby Eason – July 31

From Scotland to the World



Depending on your musical tastes, you may or may not enjoy Bagpipe Appreciation Day on July 27. This quintessentially Scottish instrument is traditionally used for almost any occasion.

There are over 200 different types of bagpipes, and variations have been played for centuries in parts of Russia, the Middle East, and Northern Africa. Scotland’s Great Highland Bagpipes have earned the most renown. A piper blows air into a blowpipe, which inflates a bag made of elk or sheepskin. Another pipe, a chanter, is held in the piper’s hands and is played like a flute. Also rising from the main bag are drone pipes that produce constant bass or tenor notes, providing background to the chanter’s melody. The music is unmistakable, and you may appreciate it even more after a glass of scotch. It may not be a coincidence that July 27 is also Scotch Day.