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THE VILLAGES GAZETTE



*"Don't ruin a good today by thinking
about a bad yesterday. Let it go."*

- Unknown



State Facts: Tennessee



Tennessee is often referred to as "The Volunteer State." This nickname may have originated during the War of 1812, when Tennessee's volunteer soldiers played a key role, particularly in the Battle of New Orleans. Alternatively, some believe the name stems from the Mexican-American War, when President James K. Polk called for 2,600 volunteers nationwide, but Tennessee sent an astonishing 30,000. This surge in volunteers was largely motivated by the death of Davy Crockett at the Alamo.

In 1927, Ralph Peer, a record producer with Victor Records, started recording local musicians in Bristol, Tennessee, aiming to capture the region's traditional "folk" music. Among these artists was the Carter Family, who earned \$50 for each song they recorded. Another notable performer who auditioned for Peer in a vacant Bristol warehouse was Jimmie Rodgers, widely regarded as the "Father of Country Music." In 1998, the U.S. Congress officially designated Bristol as the "Birthplace of Country Music."

BIRTHSTONES: PERIDOT, SPINEL, & SARDONYX



August Birthdays

Resident Birthdays

Don McLaren 8/4
Jenny Seay 8/5
Jan Roberts 8/9
Virginia Jackson 8/17
Geary Eason 8/19
Judy Orem 8/23
Caroline Wright 8/25

Staff Birthdays

Brianna Patterson (Server) 8/13
Debra Pinedo (Caregiver) 8/15



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8/4 Coast Guard Birthday
8/7 Purple Heart Day
8/17 National Senior Citizens Day
8/19 National Aviation Day
8/26 Women's Equality Day



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BIRTH FLOWERS: POPPY & GLADIOLUS