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Celebrating August

International Pirate Month

American Adventures Month

**Read a Romance
Novel Month**

International Clown Week
August 1-7

Braham Pie Day
August 6

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
August 6-15

Sandcastle Day
August 7

Elvis Week
August 11-17

Bowling Day
August 14

Chef's Appreciation Day
August 21

International Dog Day
August 26

Pony Express Day
August 29

LUAU 2021!



That's Preposterous!

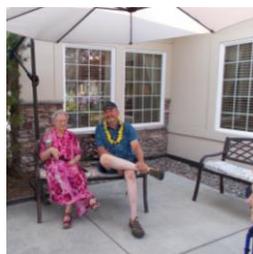
Preposterous packaging is so commonplace that it enjoys its own day of recognition, Particularly Preposterous Packaging Day, on August 7. We've all been there: You order some small batteries to be delivered, and they arrive in a ridiculously oversized box filled with a thousand Styrofoam peanuts. Or you go to the grocery store and find that each banana is individually wrapped in plastic. Or perhaps the packaging misidentifies the contents. These are examples of wasteful or inane packaging practices. Another common packaging mistake is to encase a product in an impenetrable cocoon of plastic. There is even a condition known as "wrap rage" that describes the aggravated feelings that overwhelm people when they cannot open a package. Each year, thousands of people suffer cuts on their hands or sprained wrists due to their struggles to open packaging, injuries that require visits to an emergency room. The best solution to this modern problem may be to avoid preposterous packaging altogether and buy local.

Smooth Sale-ing



Highway 127 runs from Addison, Michigan, to Gadsden, Alabama, and, at almost 700 miles long, it hosts the World's Longest Yard Sale from August 5–8.

The 127 Yard Sale, as it is known by locals, was invented in 1987 by a Tennessee city official named Mike Walker. In an effort to encourage drivers to avoid interstate travel, take local scenic routes, and thereby support local businesses, Walker suggested that local residents line their front yards with goods for sale. Each year, thousands of motorists drive the route, perusing the wares for sale and catching the unique attractions found in the six participating states. Route 127 doesn't just offer the world's longest yard sale but it also provides the backdrop of what may be America's strangest (and most profitable) road trip.



Decoding History



August 14 is Code Talkers Day, a day to recognize the invaluable contributions of the World War II Navajo code talkers. Using a complex Navajo-based code, these cryptographers encoded and transmitted

messages to American forces working in the Pacific theater. The encoded language was so unique that it was never cracked by the Japanese.

While tremendous gratitude is owed to the famed Navajo code talkers of World War II, they were not the first Native American code talkers to be employed by the U.S. military. During World War I, a small group of Cherokee soldiers from western North Carolina were attached to British troops fighting the Germans off the west coast of France. When it was discovered that the Germans were intercepting communications, the Cherokee cleverly volunteered to transmit messages in their native language. The soldiers had guessed correctly. The Germans could not translate the communications. This tactic proved so effective that it was reused during World War II.

It was Philip Johnston, a non-native speaker of Navajo and a World War I veteran, who suggested the use of the Navajo language as code to the Marine Corps. Johnston knew enough of the language to know that it would be indecipherable to the Japanese. The Marines quickly recruited Navajo and helped them develop a code that could be rapidly transmitted and decoded. Throughout the entirety of the war, the Navajo code talkers would gain a stellar reputation for the skill, speed, and accuracy of their code-making. The Navajo may be the most famous of the code talkers, but they were in no way alone. Native speakers of Comanche, Assiniboine, Cree, Meskwaki, Mohawk, Muscogee, and Tlingit also provided unbreakable code for U.S. forces. The Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008 finally recognized every Native American code talker with a Congressional Gold Medal.

WELCOME!!

NEW RESIDENTS

ELLA

LILA

PAT

RENÉ

EMPLOYEES

JIMMY



With Deepest Sympathy

Tom Ward 1953-2021

Joe Huber 1918-2021



My First Rodeo



“Arizona Charlie” Meadows owned a ranch in Payson, Arizona, during the Wild West era and was a big fan of Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show. Some sources suggest that Arizona Charlie was such an accomplished showman and sharpshooter that he performed with Buffalo Bill. It was likely this spirit of showmanship that inspired Arizona Charlie, in August of 1884, to corral the cowboys of the surrounding ranches for the first Payson Rodeo, a rodeo that has taken place every year since, making it the longest continuous rodeo in the world. That first rodeo was little more than a few ranchers and cowboys gathered together to show off their roping and riding skills, but it was an honest-to-goodness rodeo with fees charged to the spectators. The Payson Rodeo may have evolved with the times over the years, but Arizona Charlie’s creation has influenced every rodeo to come after it.

August Birthdays

In astrology, those born August 1–22 are Leo’s Lions. These “kings of the jungle” are natural-born leaders, full of creativity, confidence, and charisma. Leos use their generosity and sense of humor to unite different groups into a common cause. Those born August 23–31 are Virgo’s Virgins. Virgos pay attention to details and like to keep things organized. Their deep sense of humanity and love of others makes them defenders of justice, goodness, and purity.

KAYLA – August 6
SARIAH – August 6
JIMMY – August 13
SUE H. – August 20
JOHN – August 22