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Celebrating September

Intergeneration Month

Hispanic Heritage Month

Sewing Month

World Beard Day

September 4

Labor Day (U.S.)

September 6

Wonderful Weirdos Day

September 9

Patriot Day

September 11

Yom Kippur

September 15

(Begins at sundown)

International Country

Music Day

September 17

One-Hit Wonder Day

September 25

Fall Foliage Week

September 26–October 2

Ancestor Appreciation Day

September 27

Joe Huber Jr.

Our dear resident Joe Huber was chosen to take part in A Dream Flight to honor WWII Veterans. Unfortunately he passed away before he could take part in the flight. It was such an honor to have and care for such a wonderful man.



*Joe Huber Jr.
Dec 1919-July 2021*



Happiness on the Wing

Bluebirds, with their striking plumage and warbling song, are a pleasant sight to behold. But in many cultures, a bluebird is more than just another pretty bird: It is a powerful sign that happiness is just around the corner. For this reason, September 24 is Bluebird of Happiness Day.



In many Native North American cultures, the bluebird is a symbol of prosperity, fertility, and hope. The Cochiti people of New Mexico believe that the bluebird is the first-born offspring of the sun, and to this day it sings at first light to wake us up. The Ojibwa spirit Nanabozho, while putting color into the world, had his paint stolen by bluebirds. As the bluebirds flew through a waterfall's mist, the paint was scattered to create a rainbow. Nanabozho liked it so much that he decreed that every time the sun touches the mist of a waterfall, a rainbow should appear.

The Chinese have revered the bluebird for millennia. During the Shang Dynasty, dating back to 1766 BC, a bluebird was considered the messenger of Xi Wangmu, the Queen Mother of the West. The goddess began life as a fearsome immortal but evolved into a protector fairy queen. The appearance of a bluebird meant that Xi Wangmu was protecting young women who chose to break from traditional family roles: singers, nuns, and priestesses.

The bluebird of happiness features so prominently in the folklore of the Lorraine people of France that it inspired a stage play called *The Blue Bird*. Throughout the 20th century, it was developed into a children's novel, an opera, and seven films.

Of course, bluebirds are not the only birds with symbolic significance. Owls have been associated with wisdom since the worship of the Greek goddess Athena. Eagles are symbols of strength, courage, and freedom. Ravens symbolize knowledge and act as intermediaries for the gods. Cranes are symbols of healing and hope. But amongst all birds, perhaps none is more lighthearted and joyous than the bluebird.

First, the News

On September 25, 1690, the first newspaper in America was published. Sadly for publisher Benjamin Harris, his *Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick* lasted for just one edition before British censors shut it down. Harris was the owner of Boston's London Coffee-House, an establishment frequented by the city's intellectual elite. The cafe was the premier venue for sharing news of the world and debating the philosophies of the era. Harris, a savvy businessman, knew he had a captive audience for his monthly publication. But Harris was also a known rabble-rouser. He had published inflammatory pamphlets in England before fleeing to the colonies to evade fines and imprisonment. Harris would eventually return to London and the news business, publishing his *London Post* from 1699 to 1706.

Free Money



It may sound crazy, but on September 15 people all over the world will hand out their own hard-earned money to complete strangers. This is Free Money Day, a day to show the world that generosity is always better than self-interest.

This holiday was invented in 2008 after America's financial crisis. International groups dedicated to economic equality thought that it was time for humans to reevaluate their relationship with money. While a certain amount of money is vital for securing basic needs, research shows that large amounts of money do not improve an individual's well-being or overall happiness. The overarching drive to secure wealth may actually be destructive to society and the planet. On Free Money Day, give two banknotes to a stranger. Encourage them to keep one and pass the other on to another stranger. Some give money away digitally through online apps like Venmo. Your generosity is bound to awe your recipient.

Impressive History

The pressed penny is a curious souvenir. After all, why pay 50 cents to flatten and elongate a coin worth just one cent? Well, people love novelty and the delight that comes with finding something new and unusual, and they also love collecting memorabilia. Pressed pennies offer the best of both worlds. They are unique keepsakes that capture a moment in history. These souvenirs have grown so popular that they enjoy their own holiday, Pressed Pennies Day on September 3.

The first elongated coins were pressed by a jeweler in Vienna, Austria, in 1818. They used a modified jeweler's rolling mill, a common tool used to roll gold or other precious metals into wire or emboss patterns on sheets of metal.



Pressed pennies made their American debut at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois. Visitors delighted when they rolled their pennies through a hand-cranked machine to press "Columbian Exposition 1893" on their faces. The exposition celebrated the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the "New World." Each pressed penny provided a souvenir of that anniversary. Coin collectors will note that 1893 was also the year that Indian Head pennies were in circulation. Some collectors may delight (while others cringe) to find a pressed Indian Head penny bearing the Columbian Exposition's imprint. These rare souvenirs are worth hundreds of dollars today.

Penny-pressing machines remain common sights at amusement parks and carnivals. Over 150 penny presses are scattered throughout Disneyland, allowing visitors to imprint pennies with famous Disney characters, depictions of rides, or other commemorative images. Many museums, too, offer penny presses for their exhibits. But don't attempt to press coins in Canada. Defacing Canadian currency is illegal. Instead, you may purchase blank coins to run through the pressing machines.

Welcome!!

New Residents

Corinne

Pete

Evelyn

New Employees

Chanel

Sawyer



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

Maurine McNabb

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Playing with Power



Nintendo is a giant in the world of video gaming, boasting such franchises as *Mario Bros.*, *Donkey Kong*, *Pokémon*, and *Zelda*. But when Nintendo was founded in Kyoto, Japan, on September 23, 1889, video gaming was an entertainment of the distant future. Fusajiro Yamauchi began the company by selling hand-painted *Hanafuda* cards, a type of Japanese playing card. As the decades wore on, Nintendo watched its playing card fortunes rise and dramatically fall. During the 1960s, Nintendo ventured into the instant noodle business, operated a low-budget hotel chain, and even started a taxi service. It wasn't until 1970 that Nintendo created its first electronic toy, the Nintendo Beam Gun. This toy's immediate success prompted Nintendo to focus on electronics. When the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) was released in 1985, it revolutionized video gaming.

September Birthdays

In astrology, those born from September 1–22 are Virgo's Virgins. Virgos pay attention to details and like to keep things organized. Their deep sense of humanity and love for others makes them defenders of justice, goodness, and purity. Those born from September 23–30 balance the scales of Libra. Peaceful and fair, Libras value balance and symmetry. For this reason, they often champion justice and equality. Using tact and calm, they resolve conflicts among family and friends.

Frank – Sept. 2
Carl K. – Sept. 5
Mona – Sept. 14
Mackenzie – Sept. 16
Eva – Sept. 21
George – Sept. 27
Tina – Sept. 28
Bill C – Sept. 29