

September 2015

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Celebrating September

Intergeneration Month

Coupon Month

World Alzheimer's Month

International Day of Charity

September 5

Labor Day

September 7

Balance Awareness Week

September 14–20

Hummingbird Celebration

September 17–20

Respect Day

September 18

Centenarian's Day

September 22

Vegan Baking Day

September 25

Good Neighbor Day

September 28

**Women's Health
and Fitness Day**

September 30

What's New?....well we have added a few new things to do! Nifty Knitters on Tuesdays, Bunco & WII on Wednesdays & on Fridays a Redbox Matinee!

Sept. 7th the center will be closed in honor of Labor day!

Sept. 18th & 19th at 9a.m. is our Rummage Sale. Volunteers are need! There is a signup sheet on bulletin board.

Sept. 25th @ 11:30a.m. is our Carry-In with special guest "One Way Farm" Children's Home.

Coupon Club please see Nell for info.

If you are interested in learning CPR, please see Stella..

Please check out the Sign-Up sheets on the bulletin board, as those help us better plan for activities! ☺

Gone but Not Forgotten

Anyone who has owned a pet is familiar with the feelings of loss once that pet has passed on. World Animal Remembrance



Month, celebrated in September, has been designated to remember all the good times with our companion animals.

When Dolly the sheep won worldwide renown in 1996 as the first cloned animal, few may have considered the possibility of cloning a family pet. But for the hearty sum of a hundred thousand dollars or two, a clone of a beloved pet is exactly what families can get. Sooam Biotech is already using DNA to clone companion, pet, and police dogs in its South Korean laboratory. But it's a buyer-beware business; just because your pet may look the same, there is no guarantee that it will have the same personality or temperament.

Still others are using this fascinating science not to bring pets back from the dead but to resurrect extinct animals. Many animals have gone the way of the dodo—the great auk, the thylacine, the Carolina parakeet, the Atlas bear, and even the black rhinoceros are all now extinct.

Some scientists are using DNA in an attempt to turn science fiction into a real-life *Jurassic Park*. In this popular Michel Crichton book (later brought to film by Stephen Spielberg), dinosaur DNA is used to create a theme park of cloned dinosaurs. And, right now, Harvard scientists are busy trying to clone a woolly mammoth by reconstructing the entire mammoth genome.

While mammoths will not be roaming Earth any time soon, many believe it is only a matter of time before we can successfully replicate these long-lost animals in the laboratory. The most important question on scientists' lips is not "Could we?" but "Should we?" Perhaps these scientists could watch *Jurassic World*, the latest film thriller in the *Jurassic Park* film franchise, to see how these experiments might play out.

Avast Ye Misnomers

September 19 means it's once again Talk Like a Pirate Day. Does this mean we should go around spouting "Arrgh" and "Ahoy, matey"? Researchers chalk up this type of pirate speech as nothing but Hollywood hoopla.

Many real pirates from the Golden Age of piracy most likely spoke like any other river-dwelling Londoner. After all, pirates were often former English-speaking merchant sailors. Most pirate myths—from speech patterns to parrots, eye patches, and peg legs—come from the book *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson. When Disney turned the book into a movie in 1950, actor Robert Newton's portrayal of Long John Silver became the benchmark of nearly every pirate to follow. So, perhaps September 19 should be named Talk Like Robert Newton Day instead? Aye aye!

The Straight Doh

Over 60 years, nearly one billion pounds of Play-Doh have been extruded into billions of little plastic canisters for kids to play with. In 1998, this modeling compound was even inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame. And now it has its own holiday on September 16: National Play-Doh Day.



Play-Doh wasn't originally intended as a toy. Invented to be wallpaper cleaner (rolled on walls to remove dirt and grime), the glob of off-white putty soon inspired the imagination of school children. In 1956, Play-Doh inventor Joe McVicker cut a deal with Captain Kangaroo and other children's show hosts to promote the product. Today, Play-Doh fills a reported 100-million-plus cans with colorful putty every year.

While the official recipe is a trade secret, there are many unofficial recipes for homemade dough. What you may not be able to replicate, however, is Play-Doh's trademark smell. But even this was offered on its 50th anniversary—as a Demeter-brand cologne for creatives.

Celebrating Tolkien Week

J.R.R. Tolkien is best known as the author of *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, and *The Silmarillion*. This set of books conjures the fantasy world of Middle-earth, a magical place inhabited by elves, dwarves, trolls, dragons, wizards, and, of course, the peaceful and portly race of pint-sized people known as hobbits. *The Lord of the Rings*—with 150 million copies sold—is the second best-selling English novel of all time, with *The Hobbit* (at 100 million) ranking third, according to Ranker.com. The legions of Tolkien fans worldwide now celebrate September 22 as Hobbit Day. After all, September 22 is the birthday of not just Bilbo Baggins, the hero of *The Hobbit*, but also of Frodo Baggins, Bilbo's nephew and hero of *The Lord of the Rings*.



As if one day were not enough to honor Tolkien and his fiction, the entire week surrounding September 22 is now celebrated as Tolkien Week. After all, there is so much more to Tolkien's story than just hobbits; he created an entire universe complete with several languages and its own mythology.

The depth of the Tolkien obsession is perhaps best exemplified by the Tolkien Society—part fan club, part charity, and part literary society. In addition to publishing a journal of Tolkien scholarship and maintaining an extensive Tolkien archive, the society also hosts an annual event known as Oxonmoot. Each September Tolkien enthusiasts travel to Oxford, England, and attend a long-weekend's worth of seminars and art shows about all things Tolkien. This Tolkien-related gathering also includes a masquerade ball, where fans dress up as their favorite fantasy characters. For those unable to make the pilgrimage to Oxford, perhaps the best way to celebrate Tolkien Week is to read his novels, watch the film versions of the books, and complain about the many inaccuracies and liberties taken by the films' directors.

Home of the Whopper

It's no lie; in New Harmony, Indiana, the third Saturday in September brings the Big Whopper Liar's Contest. These aren't little white lies but long, well-wrought yarns expertly crafted to bring tears of laughter to audience members' eyes. There was the one story about a woman who discovered that her grandma's trick for the perfect piecrust involved pressing her false teeth into the dough. Then there's the hunting tale of the boy who had his great granddad's rifle full of enough shot to take down a rattlesnake, a charging wild boar, an 11-point buck, and 13 turkeys sitting on a tree limb. While the grand prize won't make you rich, your reputation will certainly precede you.

Unwelcome to the Emerald City



Most cities love an influx of tourists. Tourists, after all, bring dollars. The more popular a city is, the more those dollars add up. So it is very

strange indeed that September 16 is Stay Away from Seattle Day, a day when Seattleites request for everyone to please refrain from visiting their wet Pacific Northwest city.

Seattle residents themselves offer myriad reasons to shun their city: exorbitant gas prices, never-ending rain, earthquakes, a fleeting summer that begins in July and ends in September. Or is the real truth that Seattle is so wonderful that its residents want to keep it all for themselves? It is world-renowned for its coffee (thank you, Starbucks), doughnuts (thank you, Top Pot), and salmon (thank you, Mother Nature). Then there's the unparalleled natural beauty, great music scene, a cutting-edge technology industry, and hey, we even hear the whole rain thing has been exaggerated. (It's mainly a constant drizzle, not a downpour.) So, what is it, Emerald City? Are you awful or awesome? The only way to find out may be to visit sometime soon.

Googled at Birth

Who could have known on September 4, 1998, that the strange term *google* would come to be used in hundreds of languages across the planet? Seventeen years after the company's September creation, it seems Google is a part of our everyday life. Google's Internet search engine and e-mail are its most well-known tools, but that technology is small potatoes compared to what Google (derived from the term *googol*, a mathematical term for the number 1 followed by 100 zeros) hopes to achieve in the future.



Google began at Stanford University in California. Two PhD students, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, wanted a better way to search for information on the Internet. Their mission statement was "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful." New Google projects hope to do that and much more.



Another Google innovation is the driverless car, a technology being used in cars from Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Toyota, and other automakers. *MIT*

Technology Review claims self-driving vehicles may soon be safer and more fuel-efficient than any car on the road, with Google's prototypes logging 700,000+ miles of safe driving to date.

In the kitchen, Google also is inventing a refrigerator that orders milk for you. In fact, Google wants your whole house to be smarter: self-adjusting thermostats, remote control coffee pots and lights, even a "smart" dressing room that tells you what clothes are fashion forward.

Google X, Google's secret research and development lab, has even researched an elevator into space. Apparently, many are interested in a way to leave Earth without the use of rockets. Someday soon, we could be "googling" ourselves into outer space.

September Birthdays

In astrology, those born between the 1st and 22nd of September are Virginal Virgos. Virgos are industrious, efficient, and pay close attention to details, which is why they tend to get the job done right on the first try. Those born between September 23rd and 30th balance the scales of Libra. Libras seek harmony and value fairness and justice. Although they'd rather avoid conflict, they are excellent team players who are tactful and polite at soothing those embroiled in argument.

Lily Tomlin (comedian) – September 1, 1939
Bob Newhart (comedian) – September 5, 1929
Grandma Moses (artist) – September 7, 1860
Otis Redding (singer) – September 9, 1941
Agatha Christie (author) – September 15, 1890
Frankie Avalon (singer) – September 18, 1940
Jim Henson (puppeteer) – September 24, 1936
T.S. Eliot (poet) – September 26, 1888
Gene Autry (singer) – September 29, 1907
Fran Drescher (actress) – September 30, 1957

What's My Point?

Grammarians rejoice! September 24 is Punctuation Day. If punctuation makes you feel as excited as an exclamation point, then get ready to express your enthusiasm over some rarely used punctuation marks, so obscure that they don't even appear on keyboards.



The *interrobang* looks like a question mark with an exclamation point cut through its heart, and it means "?!". The *exclamation comma* and *question comma* are versions of these marks with a comma below instead of a dot. Why?

Because sometimes you want to exclaim excitement or ask a question in the middle of a sentence, not at the end. Three dots forming an upside down triangle are known as the *because* or *therefore sign*. An *irony mark* looks like a backward question mark and means that the sentence should be read with irony...this sentence not included, of course.