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14	Paul & Carlene Winn	1977
	Iain & Marg Maciver	1969
21	Bill & Kellee Croke Chris & Kathy Gregory	1994
	Larry & Pat LeBoeuf	1962
29	Maurice & Dolly Lamontagne	1965



May Birthdays

- 1 Geoffrey Siddall Doris Vadnais
- 2 Wayne Davidson
- 3 Hilde Geidlinger Kathy Gregory Richard Haggith
- 4 Bill MacKenzie JoAnnette Anderson Candy Naro
- 5 Sara Noel Jeanne Kinney LaDonna Perrin
- 7 Anne Craig
 Joan Blair
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- 8 Pat LeBoeuf Ron Nadon
- 9 Dennis MacPhee
- 11 Ruby Moore Allen Tavernier Janet Keedwell
- 12 James Hicks
- 13 Lillian Cranston
- 14 Shirley Higbie
- 15 Bob Raiger Dave Markham



- 17 Charlene McGunnigle Erwin Kejwal
- 18 Heather Wiseman
- 19 Paul Patterson
- 20 Norm Levesque Diane Leal Ricki Burk Flora Perry
- 21 Steve Szumita Gerald Pepin
- 22 Mary Leach Gary Sproule
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- 31 Jack Donovan Ellen Pszenny



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Thank You!!!

from Lois Bircher

he High Point Family Gift Coordinator would like to thank Ranchers for their generosity this last Christmas season.

While the Easter Bunny is on the path used by Santa Claus, youngsters are wearing the socks and shoes and have in hand the games and toys provided by Ranch Mobile Park friends and residents.

In 2016, our 13th year, we gave:

From clubs and organizations: \$1640 From friends and individuals: \$325 Toy box collections: \$1077 **Grand Total** \$3042

Thank you Everyone!



Dance Club End of the Season

he 2016-2017 Dance Club season came to an end April 4th with the annual Hawaiian Luau.

Banquet Masters served up a terrific meal as usual while Blinkey N Fritz kept the crowd on their feet all night with 60's oldie goldies.

The evening also marked the end of my time as president of the Ranch Mobile Dance Club but I can't give up the reins until I say my thanks.

The past four years have been a real learning experience for me & along the way I have had a super support team who deserve recognition. My sincere thanks begins with the devoted table hostesses & continue on with an amazing executive, & all the wonderful people who sell the Share The Wealth tickets, print the tickets & post the dance advertising, those who help put up the decorations, the fearless M.C.'s & the selfless souls who remain behind after dances to reset the tables & chairs & tidy the hall. Thank yous would not be complete without mentioning 3 people in particular by name, Chick & Jackie House, your tireless volunteer contributions to all Dance Club events mean the world to me. Last but not least, my husband Ivan without whose understanding & support I could not have managed.

I know you will all support Norma Alexander & the incoming executives. I wish them well & look forward to the future ... & a bit of a rest.

Hope to see you all on Tuesday, November 14th for the Welcome Back Dance.

Thank You.

Vicki Thurlow

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Cribbage Winners in March

		Ga	mes Total		
March 1, 2017			March 22, 2017		
Rachel Melanson	7	116	Flora Perry	6	217
Simone Dawson	7	97	Joe Dawson	6	213
Al Belli	6	199	Bob D'Ascoli	6	200
Norm Levesque	6	193	Roberta Patterson	5	341
March 8, 2017			March 29, 2017		
Rachel Melanson	7	80	Roberta Patterson	6	212
Glenn Gifford	6	225	Marie Pelletier	6	203
Michael Cunningham	6	223	Paul Patterson	5	328
Elaine Croteau	6	205	Claudette Morency	5	291
March 15, 2017			Cribbage is played on V	Vednesc	lay at 6:15 p.m.
Rose Paquette	6	237	@ CH. \$5.00 Fee.		
Sandy Pare	6	208			
Norm Levesque	5	332			
Deb Slack	5	312			

Court Whist Scores

Submitted by Betty Bober

January 14, 2017		February 25, 201	7	March 25, 2017	
Shirley Higbie	205	Debbie MacKenzie	224	Irwin Lett	207
Gus Agostinelli	199	Denise Arcand	214	Al Belli	205
Shirley Dukes	198	Eleanor McDaniel	1209	Mary Agostinelli	202
Mary Agostinelli	191	Jane Moonie	207	Jo Wheeler	202
	191				
\mathcal{E}		March 4, 2017		April 1, 2017	
January 28, 2017		Marilyn Lett	195	Jeannine LeBleu	222
Sandy Pare	214	Mary Jo Ward	188	Allan Ward	214
Claudette Morency	198	Simone Dawson	187	Jane Moonie	210
Rachel Melanson	196	Sandra Henley	186	Rachel Melanson	200
Jerry Wheeler	196	Ž		Ruth Moyer	200
•		March 18, 2017		•	
February 11, 2017	7	Mary Agostinelli	220		
Emily Lacey	210	Rachel Melanson	210		
Sue Berton	210	Dotty Belli	205		
Dick Landry	210	Irwin Lott	203		
Ruth Moyer	206				
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May Facts

The 5th month of the year brings us Memorial Day, Mother's Day, and the last full month of Spring.

According to the early Roman calendar, May was the third month. Later the ancient Romans used January as the first month and therefore, became the fifth month and it always had 31 days. May was first named for Maia, the Roman goddess of spring and growth. In the North Temperate Zone, May is one of the most beautiful months of the year. Usually, the snow and ice are gone by this time but the hot temperature hasn't arrived yet. In May, the first garden begins to sprout and the wild flowers start to bloom and the trees and grasses turn green. Wild flowers such as forsythia, dogwood, violets and jack-in-the-box bloom and many birds build their nests to sit on the eggs that will soon hatch.

Below are some fun facts about May:

- 1. The birthstone for May is the emerald which represents success or love.
- 2. The zodiac sign for May are Taurus (April 20 May 20) and Gemini (May 21 June 20).
- 3. The birth flower for May is the Crataegus monogyna and the Lily of the Valley.
- 4. On May 1, 1931, the Empire State Building was officially opened.
- 5. Armed Forces Day celebrated the third Saturday of May.
- 6. Mother's Day celebrated on the second Sunday of May.
- 7. Memorial Day celebrated on the last Monday in May.
- 8. May 5 Cinco De Mayo
- 9. On the first Saturday in May, the Kentucky Derby takes place.
- 10. On May 11, 1858, Minnesota was admitted to the Union.
- 11. On May 14, 1804, Lewis and Clark, the great explorers began their trip up the Missouri River.
- 12. On May 14, 1948, the last British troops left Palestine which led to Israel becoming an independent country.
- 13. On May 15, 1918, the first regular airmail service began in the United States.
- 14. On May 20, 1862, Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act.
- 15. On May 20, 1932, the first solo flight by a woman across the Atlantic Ocean was made by Amelia Earhart.
- 16. On May 23, 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state.
- 17. On May 24, 1607, the first permanent English settlement in America was established in Jamestown, VA.
- 18. On May 27, 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge was opened in San Francisco.
- 19. On May 29, 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th state.
- 20. On May 29, 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state.



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Jokes

The Good Old Days

I have no respect for gangs today. They just drive by and shoot people. At least in the old days, like in West Side Story, the gangs used to dance with each other first.

Marking Time

My sister and I decided to reframe a favorite photograph of our mother and father from when they were dating, some 60 years ago. After removing the picture from the frame, I turned it over, hoping to find a date. I didn't. Instead, my mother had written, "128 lbs."

Blind Date

"How was your blind date?"

"Terrible! He showed up in a 1932 Rolls-Royce."

"What's so terrible about that?"

"He was the original owner."



Looking Good

Even at age 88, my mother was vain about her looks. At a party, an old friend exclaimed, "Edith, you haven't changed in 20 years."

"Oh," said mom, horrified. "I hope I didn't look like this 20 years ago."

A Great Weight-Loss Tip

The biggest loser at my weight-loss club was an elderly woman. "How'd you do it?" we asked. "Easy," she said. "Every night I take my teeth out at six o'clock."

Old and Feeling Good

A nurse friend of mine took a 104-year-old patient for a walk in the hospital corridor. When she got him back to his room and sat him down, he took a deep breath and announced, "That was great! I don't feel a day over 100!"

Random Facts

- At 90 degrees Fahrenheit the moisture in your breath will freeze in midair and fall to the ground.
- Research indicates that mosquitoes are attracted to people who have recently eaten bananas.
- The first leap year was 46 BC.
- Bird guano is 11 to 16 percent nitrogen, 8 to 12 percent phosphoric acid, and 2 to 3 percent potash.
- A baseball weighs between 5 and 5.25 ounces.
- 50,000 people can be seated in Saint Peter's Basilica.
- Golden retrievers bite the least.



- In Hong Kong, a betrayed wife is legally allowed to kill her adulterous husband, but may only do so with her bare hands. (The husband's lover, on the other hand, may be killed in any manner desired.)
- Topless saleswomen are legal in Liverpool, England but only in tropical fish stores.
- The name of Mr. Spock's parents were Sarek and Amanda.
- John Wayne played the leading role in 142 of his 153 movies.
- The Ark of the Covenant was last seen in 586 BC.
- Chinese astronomers made the first recorded observation of Halley's Comment in 240 BC.
- Diamonds burn if you heat them somewhere between 1,400 and 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit.

Fun Toy Facts

- Hasbro was founded in 1923 in Providence, RI and sold textile remnants and later manufactured pencil boxes covered with them.
- Mattel began in 1945 by producing picture frames and miniature furniture made of polyurethane left over from the manufacture of airplane nose cones.
- Kenner started in 1947 making soap and soft drinks.
- Kermit the Frog is left-handed.
- The Hula Hoop was the first major fad created and fueled by the new power in America
 TV ads.
- The Hula Hoop originated in Australia, where it was simply a bamboo exercise ring used in gym classes.
- According to the British Medical Journal, the Hula Hoop was responsible for an increase in back, neck, and abdominal injuries.
- Indonesia banned Hula Hoops because they "might stimulate passion." Japan forbade them on public streets. In the Soviet Union the hoop was seen as a "symbol of the emptiness of American Culture."
- Hula Hoop Endurance records: Longest whirl four hours (over 18,000 turns), by a 10-year-old Boston boy; most hoops twirled simultaneously 14, by an 11-year-old in Michigan.

Mother's Dictionary of Meanings

- **Dumbwaiter**: One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.
- Feedback: The inevitable result when a baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.
- Full Name: What you call your child when you're mad at him.
- **Grandparents**: The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.
- Heresay: What toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.
- **Independent**: How we want our children to be for as long as they do everything we say.
- Puddle: A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.
- Show Off: A child who is more talented than yours.









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- Top Bunk: Where you should never put a child wearing superman jammies.
- Two-Minute Warning: When the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar grunting noises.
- Whodunit: None of the kids that live in your house.

Some Old Coot Makes a Scene in the Store

By: Merlin Lessler

kay, here it goes. Another Old Coot pet peeve! Well, it can't really be called a "pet" peeve since it is article #652, all of which were some sort of peeve. They can't all be Pet. I'll just call this Peeve #652. It takes place in line at a counter. A checkout counter; an ordering counter; a merchandise return counter. Any counter where human line up.

The line moves along fairly well, with only the usual number of glitches: people who wait for the clerk to announce the cost before digging around for their wallet (like it's a big surprise they're going to need it), or people who change their minds and ask the clerk to remove an item from the total, or people with an expired coupon and the clerk has to ring for the manager, or the tape on the cash register runs out and has to be replaced. None of these delays push my peeve button. I expect them and have set my temperament on tolerance instead of crabby.

It's okay for a while, but little by little the irritation builds up. Maybe the "wallet-seeker" takes extra time getting into their wallet, or the coupon challenged customer has more complications than an expired coupon; they are also trying to use it on the wrong size items. Then along comes the TALKER.

She tells the clerk she likes her haircut, "Where did you get it done?" The clerk is hooked! Flattery gets you a conversation. "Over at Shear paradise," she replies. Katie did it." A conversation is unleashed. The customer says, "I go by that shop all the time; I'll have to give it a try." "You should," the clerk responds. "They are all excellent stylists." - "It goes great with your face," says the customer. "Thanks," replies the clerk. "I used to have bangs, but this style changed me. I love it." Bla, bla, on and on go the Talker and the clerk.

Meanwhile, her groceries remain on the conveyor belt while some old coot standing in line holding a gallon jug of milk in one hand and juggling a Snicker's bar, a tub of ice cream, a bottle of Dr. pepper and a bag of chips in the other. He wasn't smart enough to grab a basket on the way in. Why bother? He just came in for milk. (I refer to myself in the third person when I do something stupid.)

Here's more of the stupid part. The conversation with the clerk follows an ebb and flow pattern. Just when it appears to be coming to a close, it shoots off in a new direction. Finally, the old coot, three back from the TALKER begins to weaken; his hands are cold, turning blue and cramping up. A rumble sounds and then the volcano erupts, "GET A ROOM," yells the old coot and then looks around, as though in winder. Everyone else in line looks at him. They know who said it. They would applaud if they could do it without joining his team. Finally, the line moves forward. The old coots gets to unload his items on the counter. When the clerk looks up he says, "I like your haircut; where did you get it done?"









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10 Facts About Memorial Day

emorial Day is more than just a three-day weekend and a chance to get the year's first sunburn. Here's a handy 10-pack of facts to give the holiday some perspective.

1. It started with the Civil War

Memorial Day was a response to the unprecedented carnage of the Civil War, in which some 620,000 soldiers on both sides died. The loss of life and its effect on communities throughout the North and South led to spontaneous commemorations of the dead:

In 1864, women from Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, put flowers on the graves of their dead from the just fought Battle of Gettysburg. The next year, a group of women decorated the graves of soldiers buried in a Vicksburg, Mississippi, cemetery.

In April 1866, women from Columbus, Mississippi, laid flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers. It was recognized at the time as an act of healing regional wounds. In the same month, up in Carbondale, Illinois, 219 Civil War veterans marched through town in memory of the fallen to Woodlawn Cemetery, where Union hero Maj. Gen. John A. Logan delivered the principal address. The ceremony gave Carbondale its claim to the first organized, community-wide Memorial Day observance.

Waterloo, New York, began holding an annual community service on May 5, 1866. Although many towns claimed the title, it was Waterloo that won congressional recognition as the "birthplace of Memorial Day."

2. General Logan made it official

Gen. Logan, the speaker at the Carbondale gathering, also was the commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans. On May 5, 1868, he issued General Orders No. 11, which set aside May 30, 1868, "for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country during the late rebellion.

The orders expressed hope that the observance would be "kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades."

3. It was first known as Decoration Day

From the practice of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, the holiday was long known as Decoration Day. The name Memorial Day goes back to 1882, but the older name didn't disappear until after WWII. Federal law declared "Memorial Day" the offical name in 1967.

4. The holiday is a franchise

Calling memorial Day a "national holiday" is a bit of a misnomer. While there are 11 "federal holidays" created by Congress - including Memorial Day - they apply only to Federal employees and the District of Columbia. Federal Memorial Day, established in 1888, allowed Civil War veterans, many of whom were drawing a government paycheck, to honor their fallen comrades without being docked a day's pay.

For the rest of us, our holidays were enacted state by state. New York was the first state



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to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday, in 1873. Most Northern states had followed suit by the 1890's. The states of the former Confederacy were unenthusiastic about a holiday memorializing those who, in Gen. Logan's words, "united to suppress the late rebellion." The South didn't adopt the May 30 memorial Day until after WWI, by which time its purpose has been broadened to include those who had died in all the country's wars.

In 1971, the Monday Holiday Law shifted Memorial Day from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

5. It was James Garfield's finest hour - or maybe hour-and-a-half

On May 30, 1868, President Ulysses S. Grant presided over the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery - which until 1864, was Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's plantation.

Some 5000 people attended on a spring day which, the New York Times reported, was "somewhat too warm for comfort." The principal speaker was James A. Garfield, a Civil War general, Republican congressman from Ohio and future president.

"I am oppressed with a sense of the impropriety of uttering words on this occasion," Gen. Garfield began, and then continued to utter them. "If silence was ever golden, it must be beside the graves of fifteen-thousand men, whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem the music of which can never be sung." It went on like that for pages and pages.

Ass the songs, speeches and sermons ended, the participants helped to decorate the graves of the Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

6. Not even the Unknown Soldier can avoid media scrutiny these days

"Here rests in honor glory an American soldier know but to God." That is the inscription on the Tomb of the Unknowns, established at Arlington National Cemetery to inter the remains of the first Unknown Soldier, a WWI fighter on November 11, 1921. Unknown soldiers from WWII and the Korean War subsequently were interred in the tomb on Memorial Day 1958.

An emotional President Reagan presided over the interment of six bones, the remains of an unidentified Vietnam War soldier, on November 28, 1984. Fourteen years later, those remains were disinterred, no longer unknown. Spurred by an investigation by CBS News, the defense department removed the remains from the Tom of the Unknowns for DNA testing.

The once-unknown fighter was Air Force pilot, Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, whose jet crashed in South Vietnam in 1972. "The CBS investigation suggested that the military review board that had changed the designation on Lt. Blassie's remains to "unknown" did so under pressure from veterans' groups to honor a casualty from the Vietnam War." The New York Times reported in 1998.

Lt. Blassie was reburied near his hometown of St. Louis, MO. His crypt at Arlington remains permanently empty.

7. Vietnam vets go whole hog

On Memorial Day weekend in 1988, 2500 motorcycles rode into Washington, DC for the first Rolling Thunder rally to draw attention to Vietnam War soldiers still missing in action or prisoners of war. By 2002, the numbers had swelled to 300,000 bikers, may of them veterans. There may have been a half million participants in 2005 in what organizers bluntly call "a

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demonstration - not a parade."

A national veterans rights group, Rolling Thunder takes its name from the B-52 carpet bombing runs during the war in Vietnam.

8. Memorial Day has its customs

It is customary on Memorial Day to fly the flag at half staff until noon, and then raise it to the top of the staff until sunset.

Taps, the 24 note bugle call, is played at all military funerals and memorial services. It originated in 1862 when Union Gen. Dan Butterfield "grew tired of he 'lights out' call sounded at the end of each day," according to the Washington Post. Together with the brigade bugler, Butterfield made some changes to the tune.

Not long after, the melody was used at a burial for the first time, when a battery commander ordered it played in lieu of the customary three rifle volleys over the grave. The battery was so close to enemy lines, the commander was worried the shots would spark renewed fighting.

The WWI poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrea, inspired the Memorial Day custom of wearing artificial red poppies. In 1915, a Georgia teacher and volunteer war worker named Moina Michael began a campaign to make the poppy a symbol of tribute to veterans and for "keeping the faith with all who died." The sale of poppies has supported the work of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

9. There is still a grey Memorial Day

Several Southern states continue to set aside a day for honoring the Confederate dead, which is usually called Confederate Memorial Day: Alabama - four Monday in April, Georgia - April 26, Louisiana - June 3, Mississippi, last Monday in April, North Carolina - May 10, South Carolina - May 10, Tennessee (Confederate Decoration Day) - June 3, Texas (Confederate Heroes Day) - January 19, Virginia - last Monday in May.

10. Each Memorial Day is a little different

No question that Memorial Day is a solemn event. Still, don't feel too guilty about doing something frivolous, like have a BBQ, over the weekend. After all, you weren't the one who instituted the Indianapolis 500 on May 30, 1911. That credit goes to Indianapolis businessman Carl Fisher. The winning driver that day was Ray Harroun, who averaged 74.6 mph and completed the race in 6 hours and 42 minutes.

Gravitas returned on May 30, 1922, when the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated. Supreme

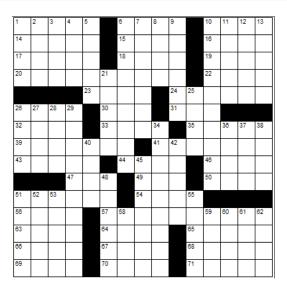
Court chief justice (and former president) William Howard Taft dedicated the monument before a crowd of 50,000 people, segregated by race, and which included a row of Union and Confederate veterans. Also attending was Lincoln's surviving son, Robert Todd Lincoln.

And in 2000, Congress established a National Moment of Remembrance, which asks Americans to pause for one minute at 3 PM in an act of national unity. The time was chosen because 3 PM "is the time when most Americans are enjoying their freedoms on the national holiday."



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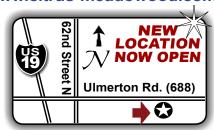
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Getting into Heaven

woman died and found herself at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter approached her with a smile. "To enter, you need only pass a simple spelling test. Can you spell the word 'love'?"

"L-O-V-E," the woman replied, and St. Peter stepped aside and allowed her to enter Heaven.

Several years later, St. Peter found her on a cloud and said, "I have a big meeting today with the Boss, and I can't watch the gates. Would you mind taking my spot?"

The woman agreed. The morning passed uneventfully, and then she looked up and saw her husband approaching. "It's so nice to see you!" she exclaimed. "How have you been?"

"Just great," her husband replied. "I married the beautiful young nurse who took care of you while you were sick, and we had three more children. I won the lottery. We lived in a huge mansion. We had matching BMWs. My wife and I were taking our yacht on a second honeymoon cruise when I fell overboard and drowned." He looked around. "So, how do I get into Heaven?"

"You just have to spell one word.

He smiled. "Great! What word?"

She stared at him. "Kyrgyzstan."



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man in Dublin went in for a serious operation. The surgery took some time and the man was returned to his room to recover. As he came out of the anesthetic he looked around his room and saw that all the shades had been drawn, even though it was early afternoon.

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ALS Awareness Month. Sponsored by the ALS Association to focus the public spotlight on ALS—amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. It usually strikes people ages 40 to 70 and afflicts about 20,000 Americans.

Clean Air Month. Supported by the American Lung Association, Clean Air Month educates people about the importance of clean air in their lives. It's also a time to celebrate the Clean Air Act of 1970 and its impact on the way people think about the environment and on the overall health of everyone.

Mental Health Awareness Month. One in five Americans lives with a mental disorder, with depression topping the list of health-related productivity costs in the workplace, responsible for more than \$51 billion in absenteeism. Strive to make mental health at work a top priority for employers.

National Bike Month. Sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling—and encourage more folks to give biking a try.

Weekly

Children's Book Week, May 1-7. Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is an annual celebration of books for young people. Every year, commemorative events are held nationwide at schools, libraries, bookstores, homes—wherever young readers and books connect.



Drinking Water Week, May 7-13. For more than 35 years the American Water Works Association and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week—an opportunity for water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role that water plays in our daily lives.

National Women's Health Week, May 14-20. National Women's Health Week is an observance led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health. The goal: to empower women to make their health a priority.

Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 21-27. Tropical cyclones are among nature's most powerful and destructive phenomena. If you live in an area prone to tropical cyclones, you have to be ready. The National Hurricane Center and the Central Pacific Hurricane Center issue watches, warnings, forecasts, and analyses of hazardous tropical weather.

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Donna Beach	\$10	Haseney Electrical Services.
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Karin Russell	\$5	Royal Interprises
Carol Woodward	\$5	Battleline Termite & Pest Control, Inc.
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Beverly Spike	\$5	Doll Brothers Upholstery Cleaners
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Safeguard your identity with these security tips

The Federal Trade Commission says that millions of Americans become victims of identity theft each year. You don't have to add to this year's total. Here's some expert advice, compiled from various websites, on protecting your identity:



Online

- Explore the websites you shop. Reliable merchants will provide their address (not a post office box!) and phone number. Do some research before giving your credit card to a seller you know nothing about.
- Look for secure transactions. The URL's prefix should change from http to https, or shttp, to indicate that sales are encrypted or otherwise secure from hacking.
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- Mail with care. Don't leave outgoing credit card payments of tax documents in your residential mailbox for the letter carrier to pick up. Take them to a Postal Service mailbox or post office to ensure their safety.
- Shred after reading. You know this, but it bears repeating: When you discard credit card bills or anything bearing your personal information, rip it up or shred it so garbage divers can't salvage it to use against you.
- **Keep track of your credit cards.** Don't keep more charge cards that you can monitor for fraudulent activity. Pay attention to expiration dates; if you don't get a replacement on time, contact your bank immediately in case it's been stolen.

Everywhere

• **Memorize essential data.** You don't want a lost wallet or stolen briefcase to compromise everyone's identity. Commit Social Security numbers, ATM passwords, and other important data to memory so you don't need to carry them with you and risk losing them.

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