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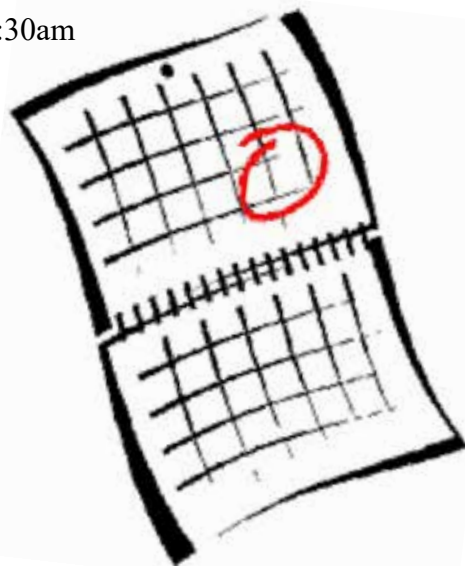
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- 9/6: Oaks: Horseraces - 1pm
- 9/7: Oaks: Activities Committee meeting: 11:30am
- 9/8: Oaks: Hold'em: 6pm
- 9/9: Ladies Luncheon: BJ's - 1pm
- 9/10: Oaks: Hold'em: 1pm
- 9/12: Oaks: LCR - 6pm
- 9/15: Oaks: Hold'em- 6pm
- 9/16: Oaks: Game night - 6pm
- 9/17: Oaks: Hold'em / HOA Meeting - 6pm
- 9/19: Oaks: LCR - 6pm
- 9/22: Oaks: Hold'em- 6pm
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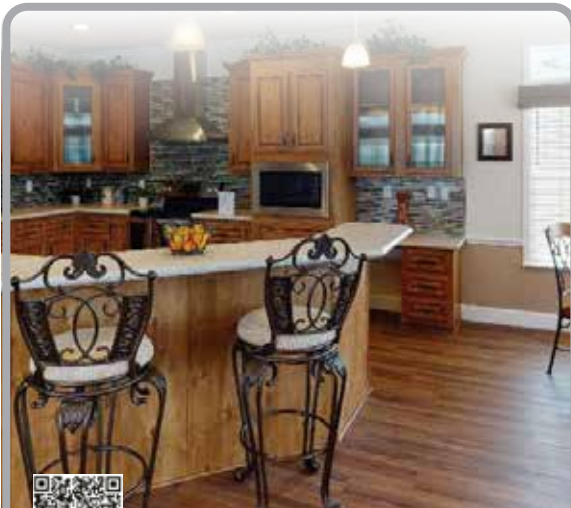
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September is the 9th month of the year in the Gregorian calendar.

Its name comes from the Latin word “*septem*”, meaning **seven**, because it was the seventh month in the ancient Roman calendar.

Seasonal Significance

In the **Northern Hemisphere**, September marks the start of autumn (around September 22–23).

In the **Southern Hemisphere**, it signals the beginning of spring.

Back to School

September is traditionally associated with the **start of the academic year** in many countries, especially in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

Celestial Events

September often features the **Harvest Moon**, the full moon closest to the autumn equinox.

It's also a month known for **clear night skies**, making it great for stargazing.

Historical Highlights

World War II began in September 1939.

The **Constitution of the United States** was signed on **September 17, 1787**.

Birth Flowers

Aster and Morning Glory are September's birth flowers, symbolizing love, wisdom, and affection.

Birthstone

The sapphire is September's birthstone, representing wisdom, loyalty, and nobility.



On goals

A goal without a plan is just a wish.

— **Antoine de Saint-Exupery**

Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity.

— **Louis Pasteur**

Turnabout's fair play



A doctor was having trouble with the plumbing in his home. The pipes in his bathroom were starting to leak. Gradually the leak became bigger and bigger. Finally, at about 2 a.m., the doctor decided it was necessary to call his plumber despite the late hour.

The plumber answered the phone with a gruff voice, and it was apparent that he was annoyed at being called upon at such an hour.

"Geesh," he said to the doctor, "do you think you could have waited till a decent hour to call?"

"Well," the doctor answered, "You never hesitate to call me in the middle of the night with a medical problem. I have a plumbing emergency! What else am I supposed to do?"

"You're right," conceded the plumber. "Tell me what the problem is."

The doctor told him about the leak in the bathroom.

"Tell you what to do," the plumber said. "Take two aspirins every four hours and drop them down the pipe. If the leak hasn't cleared up in the morning, call me at my office."

— adapted from *Take This Book, Please*, by Henny Youngman

Make it a double?



A well-dressed man began to stop in a bar every after-noon and order two martinis. After several weeks of serving the man the bartender asked him why he didn't order a double instead.

"Oh," the man said. "It's a matter of sentiment. A few weeks ago a good friend of mine died, and before he went he asked me that whenever I have a drink, I have one for him, too."

"Gotcha," the bartender said with understanding.

But a week later when the man sat down he ordered only one martini.

"Hey, what about your dead buddy?" the bartender asked.

"Oh, this is for him," the man answered. "I'm on the wagon." — adapted from *Take This Book, Please*, by Henny Youngman

On laziness

Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.

— **Jules Renard**

*There is no pleasure in having nothing to do;
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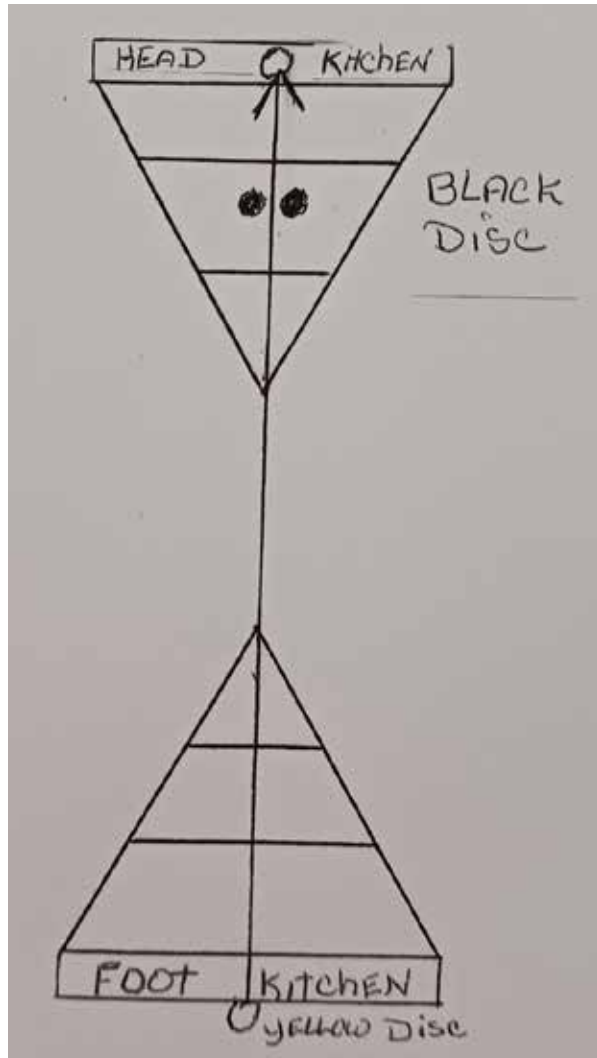
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History

- **Origin:** The holiday originated during the **late 19th century**, a time of growing industrialization and labor unrest.
- **First Celebration:** The first Labor Day was celebrated on **September 5, 1882**, in New York City, organized by the Central Labor Union.
- **Federal Recognition:** It became a **federal holiday in 1894**, following the Pullman Strike—a nationwide railroad strike that led to significant unrest and prompted President Grover Cleveland to make peace with the labor movement.

How It's Celebrated

- **Parades:** Many cities host parades showcasing labor unions, workers, and community organizations.
- **Barbecues & Picnics:** It's also seen as the unofficial end of summer, so families often gather for cookouts and outdoor fun.
- **Retail Sales:** Major sales events happen over Labor Day weekend, especially for back-to-school shopping.
- **Sports:** College football season often kicks off around Labor Day weekend.

Fun Fact

Labor Day is sometimes confused with **May Day** (International Workers' Day), which is celebrated on **May 1** in many countries. The U.S. chose September to distance itself from the more politically charged May Day.

"Without labor, nothing prospers."
— **Sophocles**

"The reward of a thing well done is having done it."
— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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It was afraid of getting stumped!

What's the best thing to put in a pumpkin pie?
Your teeth!

Why do birds fly south in the fall?
Because it's too far to walk!

What did one autumn leaf say to the other?
I'm falling for you!

Why did the scarecrow win an award?
Because he was outstanding in his field!

What's the cutest season?
Aww-tumn!

Why don't trees play poker in the fall?
Too many cheaters!

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?
Squash!

Why did the apple stop in the middle of the road?
Because it ran out of juice!

What's a tree's favorite drink in the fall?
Root beer!



On plans

We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.

—Joseph Campbell

Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless.

— Thomas A. Edison

Snow birds

The License Plate Parade

In Florida, locals often joke that you can tell winter has arrived not by the weather, but by the sudden influx of out-of-state license plates. One resident recalled how their quiet street turned into a mini United Nations of vehicles—New York, Ontario, Michigan, and even a few from Alaska. “It’s like a car show for snowbirds,” they said, “except everyone’s driving a beige Buick.”



The Bingo Showdown

At a community center in Arizona, a long-time snowbird from Minnesota shared how competitive bingo nights became the highlight of her winter. “You’d think we were playing for gold bars,” she laughed. “One lady brought her own lucky dauber and wore a visor like she was at a poker table in Vegas.”

The Great Thermostat Debate

A couple from Quebec who wintered in Naples, Florida, had a running disagreement: the husband wanted the AC blasting, while the wife insisted on keeping windows open to “feel the tropical air.” Their compromise? Alternating days of climate control. “We called it the thermostat truce,” they joked.

Golf Cart Culture

In many snowbird communities, golf carts are the preferred mode of transport. One retiree from Michigan recounted how he customized his cart with fuzzy dice, a mini fridge, and even a horn that played “La Cucaracha.” “It’s not just a ride,” he said, “it’s a lifestyle.”



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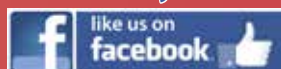
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 Oaks - Hold'em: 6pm	Oaks: C ing: 5:3
	Labor Day	
7 Oaks: Activities Committee meet- ing: 11:30am	8 Oaks: Hold'em: 6pm	Ladies BJ's - 1p
14	15 Oaks: Hold'em- 6pm	Oaks: C - 6pm
21	22 Oaks: Hold'em- 6pm	
	First Day of Autumn	
28	29 Oaks: Hold'em- 6pm	

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Officer Bowl- 10pm	3 Oaks: Hold'em: 6pm	4	5 Oaks: LCR: 6pm	6 Oaks: Horseraces - 1pm
9 Luncheon: 1pm	10 Oaks: Hold'em: 1pm	11 Patriot Day	12 Oaks: LCR - 6pm	13
16 Game night	17 Oaks: Hold'em / HOA Meeting - 6pm	18	19 Oaks: LCR - 6pm	20
23	24 Oaks: Hold'em- 6pm	25	26 Oaks: LCR: 6pm	27 Village: Hee Haw Hoedown - 5pm
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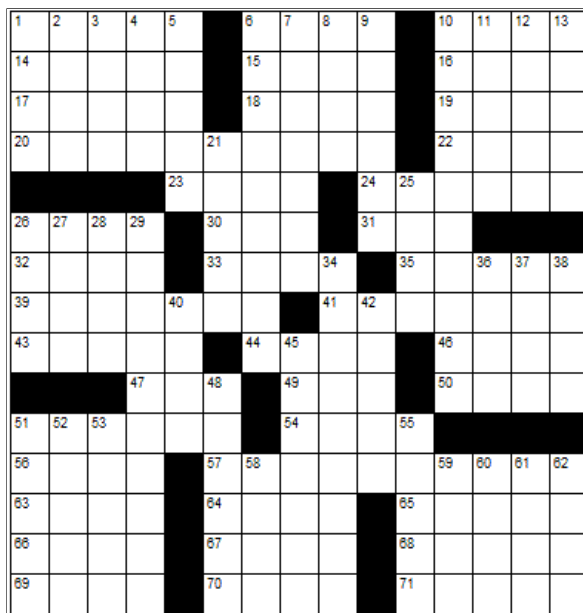


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1. Cognizant
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18. Writing styluses
19. Nil
20. Value
22. Greasy
23. Coin opening
24. Granny Smiths and Red delicious
26. Ballet attire
30. Half of two
31. Anagram of "Eat"
32. Any minute
33. Voting district
35. Scrutinize
39. Coating of gold
41. Annoying
43. Not liquid
44. Being
46. European mountains
47. Observe
49. S
50. In order that not
51. Mixologist
54. Female deer (plural)
56. Fertilizer component
57. Teasingly
63. Between black and white
64. Whale
65. Red Sea peninsula
66. Wash
67. Bearing
68. Economic down time
69. Got a good look at
70. Strong fiber
71. Affirmatives



DOWN

1. Seaweed
2. Distort
3. At the peak of
4. Backside
5. Anagram of "Sneer"
6. Spying
7. Deceiver
8. Litter member
9. Oust
10. Relating to menopause
11. Electronic letter
12. Move furtively
13. Doesn't go
21. Buffoon
25. Summit
26. Anagram of "Stag"
27. Freshwater mussel
28. Fee
29. Undaunted
34. Disharmonious
36. Handout
37. Little devils
38. Exam
40. Bright thought
42. Adjust again
45. Lures
48. Bury
51. Army brass instrument
52. Impressive display
53. Female ruff
55. Pantywaist
58. Diva's solo
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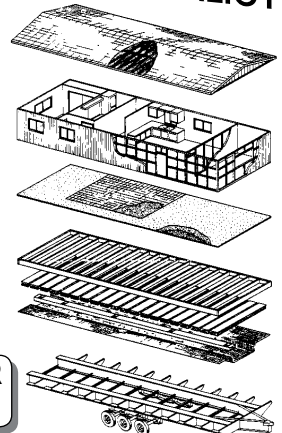
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2. Pumpkin Patch Proposal

"A couple I know got engaged in a pumpkin patch. He carved 'Will you marry me?' into a pumpkin and handed it to her while they were picking out gourds. She said yes, surrounded by hay bales and falling leaves."



3. First Sweater Weather

"Every year, my grandma would knit us new sweaters for fall. The first chilly morning we wore them felt like a warm hug from her—even after she passed, we still pull them out and remember her love."



4. Apple Orchard Mishap

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8. Lost & Found

"I dropped a mitten during a fall hike. A week later, someone had hung it on a trail sign with a note: 'Found this cozy friend—hope it finds its way home.' It did."



9. The Leaf Journal

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— **Elbert Hubbard**

If criticism had any power to harm, the skunk would be extinct by now.

— **Fred Allen**

Before you criticize people, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away. And you have their shoes.

— **J.K. Lambert**

I love criticism just so long as it is unqualified praise.

— **Noel Coward**

On friends

The imaginary friends I had as a kid dropped me because their friends thought I didn't exist.

— **Aaron Machado**

On vacations

No man needs a vacation so much as the person who has just had one.

— **Elbert Hubbard**



Cat wisdom

Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you later.

— **Mary Bly**

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— **Missy Dizick**

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— **Nan Porter**

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