

February 2019

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Celebrating February

Haiku Writing Month

Mend a Broken Heart Month

Library Lovers Month

Bubble Gum Day

February 1

Groundhog Day

February 2

Celebration of Love Week

February 10–16

Valentine's Day

February 14

Love Your Pet Day

February 20

Tooth Fairy Day

February 28

Once Upon a Time

Once upon a time, it was decreed that February 26 would forevermore be Fairy Tale Day. Whether you fancy woodland sprites, fire-breathing dragons, princesses locked in high towers, or talking animals, fairy tales and the lessons they impart are integral parts of every culture.

Scientists have traced the first fairy tales back to an era before the written word. An old folktale entitled "The Smith and the Devil," which is about a blacksmith selling his soul to the devil in order to gain magical abilities, dates back to the Bronze Age—6,000 years ago. Researchers from the New University of Lisbon in Portugal believe that this ancient tale was shared orally in a language that does not exist today. It is no surprise that fairy tales are so old. The purpose of these stories, after all, is to teach children clear distinctions between good and evil and right and wrong. Fairy tales are, in essence, morality tales filled with magic and wonder as a means to attract the attention of a young audience. Yet, adults are no less in need of morality tales.

The brothers Wilhelm and Jakob Grimm, famous for their collection of fairy tales, also believed that many of the stories they found had existed for centuries before they wrote them down. They listened to old-timers tell the beloved tales "Little Red Riding Hood," "Cinderella," "Hansel and Gretel," and "Snow White" and then transcribed their versions of the tales into print. The Brothers Grimm were the first scientists of folklore. They even took positions as librarians and historians at the University of Göttingen in Germany.

It would be wise on Fairy Tale Day to choose a story collected by Wilhelm Grimm, for this brother's birthday falls on February 24. If you've grown tired of the same old tales, then perhaps you can read a new tale, such as "The King of the Golden Mountain," "Hans My Hedgehog," or "Cat and Mouse in Partnership."

**Sister Time!
Still close...Marian visits and
giggles with her sister, Nina!**



A Sneeze for the Ages

Among his many scientific achievements, Thomas Edison is also known to have opened the very first film recording studio on February 1, 1893, in West Orange, New Jersey. His Black Maria studio (named after the cramped, dark police paddy wagons known colloquially as “black marias”) was the testing ground and laboratory for his kinetograph, a forerunner to the movie camera. His first famous film recording is known as *Fred Ott’s Sneeze*; he filmed a mere four silent seconds of Fred Ott rearing his head backward in a hearty *kerchoo*. Once his marvelous film was released to the public, Edison was contacted by a number of performers begging him to capture their work for posterity. The kinetograph’s popularity was short-lived, though, lasting only about 10 years. In that brief span, kinetograph theaters known as kinetoscopes opened across the country in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco, but ironically not in Hollywood.

We will sadly miss...

Linda Austgen from room #13, bldg. 3 and **Gaylord “Jerry” Gray** from room # 11, bldg. 3. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.



Winter has arrived at Fountain View!

Happy Birthday

- Donna Dagen.....1st
- Jerry Sweet.....3rd
- Marjorie Tuit.....12th
- James Schafer.....23rd
- Laura Andrews.....25th
- Mary Swart.....26th



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!



Hearing Aids have now been covered by **Medicaid** as of September 1, 2018. You can go online to **Truhearing.com** to find a provider.

Jim's niece Sue found **Sonus Hearing Care Professionals** in Allendale and Muskegon, and the difference in Jim's ability to hear is incredible and well worth the couple-months' process. Thanks, Sue!

Please see below ad from **Sonus Hearing Care Professionals**:

Sonus' Allendale office is open every other Monday from 9a to 5p. Located within Spectrum Health's Campustown Family Practice building, Sonus is able to address all your hearing needs. Whether it's a **free hearing test**, hearing aid **cleaning**, hearing aid **reprogramming**, or if you're in the market for **new hearing aids**, Sonus Hearing has you covered!

Allendale, MI (616) 895-2085

February Birthdays

In astrology, those born between February 1–19 are Water Bearers of Aquarius. Water Bearers are deep-thinking intellectuals, unafraid of exploring outlandish ideas. Their strong sense of community makes them good friends and valuable team members. Those born from February 19–28 are the slippery Fish of Pisces. Selfless Pisces are very wise and empathetic, making them always willing to help others. These deep emotions also make Pisces talented artists and good friends.

- Clark Gable (actor) – February 1, 1901
- Red Buttons (comedian) – February 5, 1919
- Babe Ruth (ballplayer) – February 6, 1895
- Jules Verne (author) – February 8, 1828
- Jimmy Durante (actor) – February 10, 1893
- Galileo Galilei (astronomer) – February 15, 1564
- Cybill Shepherd (actress) – February 18, 1950
- Patty Hearst (kidnapee) – February 20, 1954
- Olave Baden-Powell (guide) – February 22, 1889
- Steve Jobs (innovator) – February 24, 1955
- Fats Domino (musician) – February 26, 1928

Santa did some room visits in early December. Residents received nice gifts and treats from the Lions Club.



Drawing the Short Straw

February 22 is Skip the Straw Day. Banning straws has certainly been a hot topic. More and more companies and communities are outright banning these seemingly harmless modern conveniences. This is because Americans, on average, use one million plastic straws each day, and many of those plastic bits are ending up in landfills and our oceans. For those who still want straws or need them for medical reasons, some companies now provide customers with biodegradable or compostable straws, including paper straws. People used to sip drinks through long hollow reeds of ryegrass. That all changed in 1888 when inventor Marvin Stone patented a spiral winding process for paper and created the first paper straw. His straws were far superior to ryegrass straws, for they did not impart a grassy taste to the beverage. So it seems that we have come full circle, back to Stone's original invention. But will banning plastic straws actually save the environment? Not entirely. Plastic straws are just a tiny percentage of plastic pollution. But the anti-straw movement might raise awareness about the harms of plastic to our planet.



Music by the "Dutch River Band" was a hit.



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Many Happy Returns

February is Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month. Shopping carts are abandoned in the strangest of places: alongside roads, in ditches, under bridges. Today is the day to put those shopping carts back where they belong. It is estimated that two million shopping carts are taken from supermarkets each year, and with one shopping cart valued at \$100, that's \$200



million rolling away. If pushing a shopping cart back to a supermarket all the way from a highway is too much to ask, you can start by returning shopping carts from the parking lot. Unattended carts can do a lot of damage to cars. Furthermore, studies show that abandoned shopping carts lead to people throwing other trash into parking lots. Returning carts fosters good citizenship!