

4th of July Fun Facts

- 150 million hot dogs are consumed each July 4th.
- Massachusetts is the only state that bans all consumer fireworks.
- The official vote for declaration actually took place on July 2, 1776. The papers were published on July 4th.
- Americans spend more than \$1 billion on fireworks each year.
- The 4th of July Parade in Bristol, Rhode Island, holds the record for being the oldest.
- The Star Spangled Banner became the United States' national anthem in 1931.



Musings from Activities . . .

~ Abbey Agra

When I went to the United Kingdom to visit my sister, I realized that there is a big difference between American English and British English. They immediately could tell I was American off of the first sentence I spoke. Luckily, they watch and listen to so much American media that they still understood me. But, I had to tune my listening ears to understand them.

They said cheers for thank you. Boot for car trunk. Bonnet for car hood. Car park for parking lot. Chips for fries. Trousers for pants. Nappies for diapers. Flat for apartment. Not to mention the slang. Brotha for



brother. Loo for the toilet. Quid for pound. Cheeky for rude. Innit for isn't it. I was in Wales, so they spoke Welsh and English and different dialects of each. Suffice to say, my brain was working on overload those first couple of weeks.

My sister had assimilated, and now has a mixture of a British-American twang. I told her that she was faking it because she had only been in the UK for less than a year. But by the time I left three weeks later to return to MN, I felt like I was saying a few British words myself. Suddenly, I



was saying cheers mate, albeit sarcastically. I was calling my sister's one bedroom apartment a flat and French fries chips. And I was slowly getting used to their accents.

I will say with pride that me being there influenced my sister's fiancé to call nappies diapers, biscuits cookies, dummies pacifiers, and prams strollers. His family made fun of him for being so American. A midwife even asked if he was American too! That surprised me, because he does not sound American at all. He was born in that very small town of Prestatyn, but they could not recognize his accent. So for this 4th of July, grill your burgers, light your sparklers, and celebrate America's independence from the people across the pond who say funny words and pronounce things weirdly.

EACH OF US HAS A FIRE IN OUR
HEARTS FOR SOMETHING.
IT'S OUR GOAL IN LIFE
TO FIND IT AND KEEP IT LIT.

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

Coloring Fun	1
MLC Library Outreach	2
BINGO	2,9,16,23,30
HSP Bible Study	3,10,17,24,31
PO•KE•NO 50¢ to play	3
4th of July - Office Closed	4-5
Coffee in the Gazebo & Outdoor Fun - Hope Harbor	8
Chautauqua: Birds of Alaska	10
Chautauqua: Birds of Hawaii	11
City Band Concerts	10,17
Joke Club	12
Brain Games	12,19,26
Tenant Happy Hour	12,26
BINGO Night	13,20,27
Sing Along with LuAnn	14
Wii Bowling	15
Game Day: Sequence	17
Men's Group	18
Shades of the Past Ice Cream Social & Evening Cruise	18
Lunch Outing: Picnic in Park	19
Monthly Birthday Party	22
Virtual: Summer in Paris	23
Walker & Wheelchair Clinic	23
Music: Hammertyme	24
Craft: Geode Coaster	18
Let the Hill Street Place Olympics Game Begin	26
Movie: Race - The Incredible True Story of Jesse Owens	26
Card Makers	26
Page Turners Discussion: The Memory Keepers Daughter	29
Reminisce: Olympics	29
Lake Shetek Outing	30
Fold & Deliver	31

Upcoming Events . . .

Page Turners Book Club - Page Turners will be reading *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*. If you would like a copy stop into the Activities Office. Join us for a discussion in the Pool Table Room on Monday, July 29th.

Health & Wellness Clinics - Stepping Stones Foot Clinic is on Weds. July 3rd & 17th. If you are interested talk to Susie. • Hearing Aid Clinics: Guza Hearing Center on Tues. July 9th or Hearing & Speech on Tues. July 16th at 3:30 PM • Avera offers Lab Draws on Tuesdays, ask Susie for more information.

• Curana Blood Pressure Clinic on Thursday, July 25th in the Pool Table Room at 11:30 AM. Curana also offers in-home visits.

Helping Hands at Hill Street Place - During the month of May we recorded a total of **38** volunteer hours. Thank you all who recorded their hours. The volunteers with the most hours in July will receive points for the Hill Street Place Summer Olympics Game.



Last Month at a Glance . . .



Shades of the Past

~ Abbey Agra



Established in 1986, Shades of the Past Car Club has over 90 members and are a community based organization who love cars and all things classic. Last month, they had the Regions best car show with a cruise and live music. There were a total of 330 vehicles.

Minnesota Street Rod Association selected the Shades of the Past show as one of its six "voting events" for the year, and the inclusion of those cars contribute to the increased number of vehicles. The Mustang was the featured car this year, in celebration of its 60th anniversary.

On July 18 at 6pm, Shades of the Past will be coming to Hill Street Place for the annual Ice Cream Social and Evening Cruise event. Come enjoy wonderful ice cream floats, prizes, and take a cruise around town in a classic car!



The upcoming Summer Olympics, starting July 26 and continuing until August 11, in Paris are generating anticipation worldwide as the city prepares to host this prestigious event for the third time in history. Paris offers a rich tapestry of culture, history, and modernity, making it an ideal setting for the Olympic Games. From its famous landmarks to its vibrant culinary scene, Paris promises a memorable and unique experience for visitors.

As the countdown to the Paris Olympics continues, excitement is building among sports enthusiasts worldwide. Whether you're a fan of track and field, swimming, or gymnastics, the 2024 Summer Games are sure to offer thrilling moments and unforgettable memories. Mark your calendars and get ready to witness the world's best athletes in action against the backdrop of beautiful Paris.

During the Summer Olympics, you can compete in the Hill Street Place Summer Olympics Game. There will be daily opportunities to collect points. The three people with the most points will be our Olympic medalists! Go for GOLD!

SUMMER OLYMPICS

ARCHERY	T	E	N	N	I	S	Z	W	Q	X	O	W O R D S E A R C H
CYCLING	C	Y	C	L	I	N	G	Y	Z	Q	L	
DIVING	Q	W	R	E	S	T	L	I	N	G	Y	
GYMNASTICS	P	Z	Q	Y	R	O	W	I	N	G	M	
PARIS	A	R	C	H	E	R	Y	Q	X	Z	P	
OLYMPICS	R	Q	S	W	I	M	M	I	N	G	I	
ROWING	I	T	R	I	A	T	H	L	O	N	C	
SWIMMING	S	G	Y	M	N	A	S	T	I	C	S	
TENNIS	V	O	L	L	E	Y	B	A	L	L	M	
TRIATHLON	Z	Q	X	W	D	I	V	I	N	G	T	



Peru, Indiana, calls itself the Circus Capital of the World, and for good reason. For years it was the overwintering home to seven of the world's major circuses. The circus life rubbed off on the residents of Peru, and today they celebrate their Circus City Festival from July 15-20. Peru's famous circus history began when the successful businessman Colonel Ben Wallace decided to enter the circus business in 1882. He first purchased all the tents, poles, and costumes of a failing circus, then traveled to Texas to buy some horses. Still unsatisfied, he bought other exotic animals in Chicago and hired a firm to build elaborate and ornate wagons. Wallace might have been new to the circus business, but he spared no expense in assembling the greatest animals and performers of the day. He called it Wallace and Co.'s Great World Menagerie, Grand International Mardi Gras, Highway Holiday Hidalgo, and Alliance of Novelties. Sadly, in 1884, before he could take his wondrous show on the road, it suffered a horrible fire, and Wallace lost nearly his entire investment. Undaunted, he rebuilt his circus, and it quickly became one of the country's best-known acts, and Circus City was born.

Oven Corn Doggies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups flour plus a little more for dusting
- 2/3 cup yellow cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 large eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 4 precooked hot dogs or sausage links
- Ketchup and mustard for serving



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Whisk flour, cornmeal, baking powder, sugar, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Mix in milk, eggs and oil until just combined.
3. Insert a chopstick or popsicle stick into one end of each hot dog, allowing a 2-inch handle. Dust with flour.
4. Pour batter into a tall drinking glass, leaving 4 inches at the top. Using handle, dip each link into batter, coating completely. Place on prepared baking sheet.
5. Bake for five minutes. Use a spoon or spatula to reapply batter to the links where the batter slipped onto the sheet. Bake for an additional 20 minutes until golden brown. Serve with ketchup and mustard.

Makes 4 servings.

A Canned Classic

~ Activity Connection



Over the past 87 years, Spam—Hormel’s renowned meat product in a can—has transformed from a mere food into a worldwide pop culture phenomenon. On July 5, 1937, it was first introduced to the world as Hormel Spiced Meat, but shortly thereafter, Ken Daigneau entered the name *Spam* into a naming contest and won \$100 for his efforts. Since then, over nine billion cans of Spam have been sold.

Spam was popular from the moment of its inception. Within one year of its introduction, 18 percent of all American households were enjoying the canned meat. However, it was during World War II that Spam really took off, as it was part of American army rations. Perhaps it is thanks to those American soldiers that the biggest consumers of Spam are residents of tiny islands that served as American military outposts: Guam, Hawaii, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The average Guamanian eats 16 cans of Spam a year. Spam is incorporated into family recipes, eaten at restaurants, and can even be found on burgers at McDonald’s and Burger King. Spam is so popular in Hawaii that it is called “The Hawaiian Steak,” and other canned meats, such as Armour Treet, are not nearly as popular.

Why has Spam become such a celebrated piece of Americana? Was it the now-famous 1970 sketch by Britain’s comedy troupe Monty Python that launched Spam to international stardom? Or is it the curiosity surrounding the meaning of its name or the mystery of its ingredients? We may never know why Spam has become so popular, but the Smithsonian has taken the lead in immortalizing it. Two cans of Spam, one bearing the original packaging and another with an updated design, have been added to the museum’s exhaustive collection. It may satisfy Spam’s devoted followers to know that their favorite canned meat product is a work of art.

