

# PATRIOTIC BERRY TRIFLE



## INGREDIENTS

- 1 (1 ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix (such as Jell-O®)
- 2 cups cold milk
- 1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping (such as Cool Whip®), thawed
- 1 (13 ounce) package angel food cake, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1 cup blueberries
- ½ cup fresh raspberries

## DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare the pudding according to package direction. Refrigerate until firmed, abt 1 hr.
2. Sprinkle half of the diced angel food cake onto the bottom of a trifle bowl. Set aside a few of the blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries to decorate the top of the cake. Add half of the remaining berries evenly over the cake pieces, then spoon the set pudding on top of the berries
3. Add the last layer of cake and any remaining berries (except those reserved for decoration). Top berries with frozen whipped topping, spreading gently to create a smooth and even surface. Use the reserved berries to decorate the top however you'd like!
4. Serve immediately, or refrigerate until ready (don't make too far in advance, as the cake will start to break down the longer it sits).



## Kiwi Christmas Magic

~ Activity Connection

New Zealand's Festival of Christmas brings a unique twist to holiday celebrations, transforming the small town of Greytown into a winter wonderland each July. This monthlong extravaganza, aptly nicknamed the "happiest festival in New Zealand," offers a delightful blend of festive cheer and ingenuity.

Although it began only five years ago as a pandemic initiative, the Festival of Christmas has quickly become a beloved tradition, drawing visitors from across the country. The event's timing in July, which is winter in the southern hemisphere, allows New Zealanders a chance to experience a more traditional Christmas atmosphere, complete with the (unlikely) promise of snow.

The festival boasts an impressive array of activities and attractions. Visitors can marvel at spectacular light displays, participate in workshops, and celebrate the Māori New Year. The program also includes vibrant night markets, lively parties, and an abundance of festive food and drinks, including the warming winter favorites of mulled wine and gin.

One of the festival's unique features is how it embraces a "Fire and Ice" theme, creating a captivating contrast that adds to the event's charm. Attendees are encouraged to don Christmas sweaters and gather around braziers (portable outdoor firepits), fostering a cozy community atmosphere despite the winter chill.

But the Festival of Christmas isn't just about entertainment; it's a community effort that brings together families, school children, and local groups. This collaborative spirit is evident in the diverse range of events, from art classes and author talks to "Books at the Bar" reading parties.

While the festival primarily takes place in Greytown, it has put the region of Wairarapa on the map as a winter destination. The event has grown to attract people from all around New Zealand, boosting local tourism and showcasing the region's hospitality. With its unique blend of traditional Christmas elements and distinctly Kiwi touches, this midwinter celebration offers a fresh perspective on holiday festivities, proving that the Christmas spirit thrives in New Zealand, summer or winter.



# HILL STREET PLACE HAPPENINGS

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## Welcome to our New Tenants



**Terese Lux**  
**Apt. 218A**



**Larry & Debbie**  
**Perslin**  
**Apt. 335**



## Life on Lake Poinsett . . .

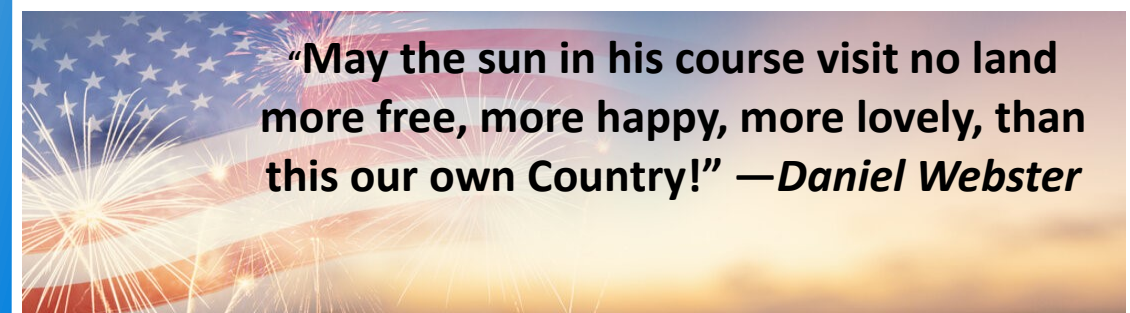
~ Rose Pedersen

Life at Siouxland Resort was never boring. Our resort was located on busy Highway 81, on Lake Poinsett between Arlington & Watertown, S.D. It consisted of a convenience store with groceries, bait shop, fishing tackle. A café & supper club and Bar, a thirty space mobile home park and a campground with 1500 feet of beach front property. There are four smaller lakes that flow into Lake Poinsett making it one of the larger lakes in South Dakota. Popular Fish caught are walleye, Northern, Perch and Bullheads. Several fishing tournaments are held throughout the summer. Water skiing is a popular sport on the lake. Our first year on the lake a ski club was formed. Local skiers performed many tricks, including pyramids and bare foot skiing.

At some point we started inviting car clubs to join us for a car show, the first year we had 7 cars, eventually it grew to over 100 cars. Trophies were given for classes, etc. Always had live entertainment during the shows. This car show continues today in Arlington, S.D.

At the time we owned the resort we did not have seasonal camping, and the fourth of July was a popular camping weekend, after a few years, golf carts were introduced and became the popular way to get around, within the 3 acre resort area.—thus— the birth of the fourth of July Golf Cart Parade!! The Golf Carts needed to be decorated to enter and there were judges and prizes involved. This became an annual event. One year, we had a Snoopy Dog House, a war tank, a Royal Flush (with a toilet and a bucket of water for flushing) a Jed Clampett Cart with Jed, Granny, Jethero, Ellie Mae, and the Dog! Just to name a few. (I understand they still have a parade, but don't decorate.)

Pheasant hunters arrived in the fall from all over the states. Winter brought snow mobiles and ice fishermen, card tournaments as well as billiards and darts. We met colorful folks over the years and are left with wonderful memories!





PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

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| MLC Library Outreach                                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| 4th of July Office Closed                            | 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Hope Harbor  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Music: Lutheran Quartet                              | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Chautauqua: Roger Strom<br>Wild Birds of the Dakotas | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| BINGO Night with Lorenzo's                           | 12,26            |
| Virtual Voyage New Zealand                           | 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Men's Group: MN Twins                                | 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Shades of the Past                                   | 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Movie: Boys in the Boat                              | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Sing Along with Dana Funk                            | 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Reminisce: July Celebrations                         | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Walker & Wheelchair Clinic                           | 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Game Day: Player's Choice                            | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Smooth Sailing                                       | 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Wii Bowling  | 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lunch Outing: LeRoy's                                | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Page Turners   | 29 <sup>th</sup> |
| Monthly Birthday Party                               | 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| PO•KE•NO 50¢ to play                                 | 31 <sup>st</sup> |

**SHADES OF THE PAST**

**Root Beer Floats and Rides**

**Thursday July 17th**

**6:00pm**

**Hill Street Place Lobby Area**

Upcoming Events . . .

**Page Turners Book Club** will be reading *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. If you would like a copy, stop into the Activities Office. Join us for a discussion in the Pool Table Room on 11:00am Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Helping Hands at Hill Street Place:** During the month of May, we recorded a total of **48** volunteer hours. Thank you so much for all you do at Hill Street Place and everywhere.

**Bandshell Concerts:** Marshall Municipal Band Concerts at 7PM in the Liberty Park Bandshell, Bus pick up at HSP 6:40pm, return 8:25pm. Sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

**Thank you:** for the donation to the monthly birthday party!

Last Month at a Glance . . .



Flying Saucer Frenzy . . .

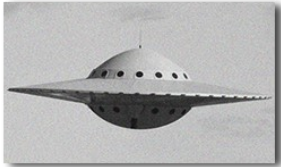
~Activity Connection

In early July 1947, something strange happened on a ranch near Roswell, New Mexico. It all began after a night of intense thunderstorms. The next morning, rancher Mack Brazel rode his horse to check on the sheep. What he found has inspired curiosity, conspiracy, and hysteria ever since. Metal debris was scattered all over the ground. A shallow trench ran for hundreds of feet. When Brazel showed some of the metal to his neighbors, the Proctors, they offered one explanation: it was a UFO.

Excited citizens making UFO sightings had become something of a fad during early 1947. This incident only stoked the fever. Many insist that not only did a flying saucer crash near Roswell but aliens had been recovered by the military. Conspiracy theorists contend that the military then scrambled to cover the entire incident, chalking it up as the recovery of a fallen top-secret surveillance balloon, complete with life-sized test dummies.

Fifty years later, in 1997, the Air Force was still trying to put rumors to rest. It released a 231-page report: “Case Closed: The Final Report on the Roswell Crash.” Each July, however, believers and skeptics alike gather in Roswell to celebrate the UFO Festival. Attendees are encouraged to parade while dressed as their favorite ET and listen to evidence presented by panels of scientists and authors.

UFO sightings aren’t limited to Roswell. Records from the Roman Republic around 200 BC describe ships descending from the sky. Japanese fishermen swore to an at-sea encounter with an alien in the year 1803. And in 1946, Swedish military personnel reported strange “ghost rockets” in the sky. Since a worldwide phenomenon deserves a worldwide holiday, July 2 is now celebrated as World UFO Day.



Fourth of July Fun

- Which flag is the most highly rated?  
A. The American flag. It has 50 stars!
- Did you hear about the angry firecracker?  
A. He was so mad that he exploded!
- What is red, white, blue and green?  
A. A seasick Uncle Sam.
- Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell?  
A. Yeah, it cracked me up too
- What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with fireworks?  
A. Dino-mite!
- Why did the corn on the cob go to the 4th of July parade?  
A. Because it heard there would be a-maize-ing floats!



The Birth of a King

~ Activity Connection

On July 18, 1953, a young man named Elvis Presley walked into the Sun Records studio in Memphis, Tennessee, to make his first record. The resulting acetate disc, with just two songs—“My Happiness” and “That’s When Your Heartaches Begin”—was supposed to be a gift from Elvis to his mother. Rumor

has it, though, that the Presley's did not even own a record player. And besides, his mother’s birthday had long passed. Many speculate that the recording was an attempt by Elvis to get the attention of Sun Records owner Sam Phillips. Apparently, Elvis made an impression, because he was invited back to the studio a year later, on July 5, 1954. At first, the session was uninspiring. The band was about to give up when Elvis began fooling around, goofing off, and singing. That sound was exactly what Phillips was looking for, and the King of Rock ’n’ Roll was born.

