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Cottonwood Villa

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Nov. 1
Daylight Savings Time
ENDS

Nov. 3
Election Day

Nov. 7
Happy Birthday
Tracey

Nov. 8
Happy Birthday
Mary Sue

Nov. 11
Veterans Day

Nov. 26
Thanksgiving

Nov. 27
Black Friday

A big thank you to all who completed the satisfaction surveys that were sent out. We value your feedback and appreciate the time you took in giving honest answers. Your comfort and quality of living matter to us. We acknowledge each one's comments and forward them to the appropriate staff.

Did You Know?

First White House Resident: On November 1, 1800, John Adams became the first U.S. President to live in the White House while rooms were still unfinished.

Abraham Lincoln (1863): During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued a national proclamation setting the last Thursday of November as a day of thanksgiving, hoping to unite a war-torn nation.

The editor and writer **Sarah Josepha Hale**'s advocacy for the national holiday began in 1846 and lasted 17 years before it was successful. In support of the proposed national holiday, Hale wrote presidents Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, and Abraham Lincoln. Her initial letters failed to persuade, but the letter she wrote to Lincoln convinced him to support legislation establishing a national holiday of Thanksgiving in 1863. The new national holiday was considered a unifying day after the stress of the Civil War. Hale's efforts earned her the nickname "Mother of Thanksgiving"

Fun Fact: Sarah Hale was the author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb".

Riddle me this:

I can be hot or cold, I can be made with fruit or vegetables or even meat, but either way when I'm on the table I'm a treat. What am I? (answer on flip side)

Cottonwood Character Sketch

Our resident Tracey Noel grew up right here in Ainsworth. Her favorite teacher was Mr. Syfie and during High School she enjoyed baton twirling and hanging out with friends. Life took her to Casper, WY. She married and spent a lifetime in Customer Service. For a short season of her life, she and her husband worked as a truck driving team, so Tracey has been in all but a few of the lower 48.

Given the choice, Tracey would choose exploring the world above staying in one country; having a personal driver rather than a personal chef; being an early bird over a night owl; and owning a cat over owning a dog. Tracey's favorite color is purple, her favorite treat is sugar free chocolate, favorite place to visit is Georgia, best movie ever seen is Dirty Dancing; the weird food combo that she loves most is a deli sandwich with potato chips on it, and if she could trade voices with someone famous it would be Dolly Parton.

Did you discover a random fact about your neighbor that you didn't know before?

Do you have a favorite story or fact that you would like to share?

Maybe you have a favorite joke or riddle?

Please contact Renée if you would like to contribute to the next newsletter.



"Actually, the attraction wasn't freedom from religious persecution but, rather, the all-you-can-eat buffet."

Riddle Answer: Pie



Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789

By the President of the United States of America (George Washington), a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor--and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.