

SunnyBrook News

Assisted Living and Memory Care

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Celebrating August

**Read a Romance Novel
Month**

**American Artists
Appreciation Month**

International Clown Week
August 1–7

Sandcastle Day
August 3

Bowling Day
August 10

**International Left Handers
Day**
August 13

International Geocaching Day
August 17

Bow Tie Day
August 28

The Fairest of Them All

By the month of August, summer is in full swing, and nothing says summer like the state fair. With live music, animals, wacky inventions, crazy competitions, carnival rides, and a fascinating assortment of deep-fried foods, state fairs offer the ultimate Americana experience for Americans and foreign visitors alike.

The oldest state fair in America is the Great New York State Fair. Although the first fair did not take place until 1841, its story began in 1832 when a group of farmers formed the New York State Agricultural Society. The group tasked itself with innovating and sharing agricultural practices for New York's farmers. In 1841, the Society held its first ever state fair in Syracuse to showcase the bounty of New York's farms. It is estimated that 15,000 people gathered for the fair, where they heard speeches, viewed livestock, sampled fresh produce, and cheered on the contestants of a plowing contest. This first state fair was not much different from the Great New York State Fair of today, which is still held in Syracuse.

New York's state fair may have been the first, but these grand events are found in almost every state of the union, and each fair boasts the unique flavor of its home state. The Kentucky State Fair is known for its World Championship Horse Show, a prestigious competition that has been held since 1902. Every year, the Iowa State Fair boasts a cow sculpted entirely of butter; the first was carved by J.K. Daniels in 1911 and the tradition continues today. Additional butter sculptures have also included Elvis Presley, John Wayne, and the Last Supper. Washington's state fair, known locally as the Puyallup, ranks as one of the biggest in the world.

Speaking of unique flavors, one of the best parts of every fair is the food. Traditional fair fare includes everything from Fisher scones dipped in honey butter and jam, to deep-fried butter, to corn dogs. All across America, there is a state fair to suit every taste.

- **Fun at the Parade for Carroll's 150th Celebration**

- Carroll Celebrated its 150th town celebration. July 19 through July 21st Sesquicentennial will included activities for all ages, such as community tours, live music and much more. The county and city of Carroll are named after Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Md., who was the only Roman Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence. Saturday July 20th Sunnybrook took part in the parade and the members had fun tossing out candy to the crowd.

The Garden and The Tomatoes



The New Bus has Arrived and it has a name "Sunny" and Father did a Blessing For safe travels



The Great Moon Hoax of 1835



On August 25, 1835, the *New York Sun* newspaper published the first of six articles describing the discovery of strange new life on the moon, including unicorns, two-legged beavers that walked upright and lived in huts, and winged, bat-like humanoids that worshipped at the Temple of the Moon. These organisms frolicked on white sand beaches amidst pyramids and massive amethyst crystals. While the discovery may sound far-fetched today, it was very believable then, especially since it was purported to be a reprint of a paper published in the *Edinburgh Journal of Science*. The articles were written by Dr. Andrew Grant, who was describing the findings of his colleague, the esteemed astronomer Sir John Herschel, who had already gained fame for establishing an observatory on South Africa's Cape of Good Hope. What the public did not know was that the *Edinburgh Journal of Science* had folded the year previous and Dr. Grant was completely fictional. The articles had been deliberately written as satire in order to poke fun at those who had written serious articles about life on the moon.

Readers, however, did not recognize the pieces to be satire, and the *New York Sun* suddenly enjoyed skyrocketing sales. Scientists from Yale University even traveled to New York trying to get their hands on the scientific papers from Edinburgh. The articles were reprinted in newspapers across Europe. What is now known as "The Great Moon Hoax" duped readers not just in America but around the world. When Herschel learned that the bogus discoveries had been attributed to him, he could only laugh. Horror writer Edgar Allan Poe was also amused. He had recently published the short story "The Unparalleled Adventure of One Hans Pfaall," where a man voyages to the moon in a hot-air balloon. Poe was working on a follow-up when the articles broke, but he abandoned his work because he felt that he could not compete with the fantastic fictional reporting. *The Sun*, for its part, did not admit that the story was a hoax until a month later and never did apologize.

"Big Boy" Steam Locomotive Arrived in Carroll



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. Caregiver Support Group

Hosted by SunnyBrook and Kindred Hospice
When: Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
Time: 3 pm- 4 pm
Location: Sunnybrook Assisted Living
1214 East 18th Street Carroll, Iowa 51401

Room: 200 Hall Community Room

Snacks and Refreshments provided
The Objective of the Caregiver support group is to provide participants with an environment where they can learn and share their experiences. If you are caring for a loved one at home and would like more information, please attend our meeting.

There will be licensed Medical Staff from SunnyBrook and Hospice to help answer your questions or concerns. Our support group will meet on a monthly basis and is open to the public, so bring a friend.
For more information contact:
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August Birthdays

In astrology, those born between August 1–22 are Lions of Leo. Leos are natural leaders: intelligent, courageous, and bold. Leos' social natures also make them excellent friends. Those born between August 23–31 are Virgo's Virgins. Virgos love paying attention to details—not to be picky, but to help others. Their industrious efficiency makes them smart problem-solvers and fact-finders.

Maria Mitchell (astronomer) – August 1, 1818
Louis Armstrong (musician) – August 4, 1901
Neil Armstrong (astronaut) – August 5, 1930
Matthew Henson (explorer) – August 8, 1866
Alfred Hitchcock (director) – August 13, 1899
Davy Crockett (frontiersman) – August 17, 1786
H. P. Lovecraft (writer) – August 20, 1890
Dorothy Parker (writer) – August 22, 1893
Sean Connery (actor) – August 25, 1930
Charlie Parker (musician) – August 29, 1920
Frank Robinson (ballplayer) – August 31, 1935