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It's great to have warm months back again and there is so much going on this summer. But, first I would like to take the time to thank all of you who came to this year's **Talent/Bake-off Day**. It was nice to see so many there at Dunstable Town Hall and to have more than one entry in the adult Talent contest. The Youth Committee had several entrants in their Public Speaking Contest and several more who took part in the Impromptu Speech contest as well. Also, this year there was one entrant in the Sign-a-Song Contest. Hopefully, there will be more next year.

Over \$100 was raised for the Travel Fund by the Bake-off auction of items and my raffle. Thank you, again, for making this day a success. This year's talent winner, Corey Spence, will be entered in the North East Regional Talent Contest in August, and the National Showcase of Talent which will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina in November.

On another note, your secretary should have received material for the **North East Grange Lecturers' Conference** by now. Please try to keep the week of **August 2-5** available. It will be held at **Vermont Technical College, Randolph, VT**, with Vermont as our host. National Lecturer Pete Pompper, and National Membership/ Leadership Director Rusty Hunt will also attend.

The cost for this year's conference is \$185 per person for a double room and \$205 per person for a single room. **Remember that this includes room, all meals including the banquet, all programs, and workshops.**

You will want to bring a pillow for your dorm room. None of the rooms are air-conditioned, so bring a fan for your dorm room as well.

Please keep in mind that this conference is not for lecturers only. **Anyone may attend** and everyone who does attend has a great time. **You do not have to be in my program in order to attend, either.**

This year's theme is "**A Vacation To**" and our state's program is "**Nevada**." It will be presented on Tuesday, August 3rd at 9 AM. This is the same day as the Regional Talent Show. There will be a **rehearsal for this program in Dunstable Town Hall on June 12th beginning at 11 AM**, and one prior to performance at Conference @ 9:30 PM on Monday evening, August 2nd.

On another note, do not forget to promote all the contests: Art, Photography, and Pen-in-Hand contests in your Grange.

A word about the **Lecturer's Program Contest**: Do not forget to enter your **Massachusetts** program this year. This program should be a complete program with information, music, quizzes, and skits about our heritage, history, current attractions, and whatever else you wish to include. The program should be about 25-35 minutes and contain the principles of RIME (Recreation, Inspiration, Music, and Education).

Please remember to send in your report forms by September 30th and do not forget to send all contest entries for this year, also.

Finally, have a great, safe summer!

JUNE, JULY, and AUGUST

June is known for Father's Day, weddings, graduations, and the summer solstice. July has Independence Day; and August has our Lecturers' Conference and the dog days of summer with Labor Day quickly following in to close out the summer season.

Whether the weather is hot or rainy, cool or dry, somehow we never seem to be content with summer. Hopefully, the summer months will find you and your family members having a great time, relaxing, eating, playing or just having a laugh together.

June is Dairy Month, Great Outdoors Month, National Bathroom Reading Month, National Candy Month, Potty Training Awareness Month, Children's Awareness Month, Adopt-a-Shelter Cat, and Fireworks Safety Month.

June 1-5: Go Barefoot Day(1); Leave the Office Early Day(2); Donut Day (4); World Environment Day (5). **June 6-12:** Sun Safety Week; National Flag Week; D-Day (6); Donald Duck Day (9) Nursing Assistants Day (10); Anne Frank's Birthday(12). **June 13-19:** Family History Day (14); Fudge Day (16); Recess at Work Day (17); Battle of Waterloo(18); World Juggling Day(19).

June 20-26: American Eagle Day (20); Summer Solstice (21); International Fairy Day (24); Take Your Dog to Work Day (25).

June 27-30: America's Kids Day (27); Descendants Day (27); Please Take My Children to Work Day (28); Library Advocacy Day (29).

July is National Hot Dog Month, Family Reunion Month, National Grilling Month, and National Parks and

Recreation Month.

July 1-3: Canada Day (1); Zip Code Day (1); I Forgot Day (2); Stay Out of the Sun Day (3).

July 4-10: Be Nice to New Jersey Week; Independence Day (4); Chocolate Day (7); Don't Step on a Bee Day (10); Launch of Telstar(10); Teddy Bears' Picnic Day(10).

July 11-17: Sports Cliche Week; World Population Day (11); International Town Criers Day (12); Gummi Worm Day (15); Hot Dog Night (16); Cow Appreciation Day (17).

July 18-24: National Ice Cream Day (18); Hug Your Kid Day (19); Rat-catchers Day (22); Tell an Old Joke Day (24).

July 25-31: Parents Day (25); Take Your Dog to Work Day (26); Walk on Stilts Day (27); Rain Day (29); Cheesecake Day (30).

August is Cataract Awareness Month, National Panini Month, National Inventor's Month, and Children's Vision and Learning Month. **August 1-7:**

National Clown Week; Friendship Day (1); National Night Out (3); Coast Guard Day (4); International Beer Day (5); Hiroshima Day (6); Purple Heart Day (7).

August 8-14: Assistance Dog Week; Happiness Happens Day (8); Veep Day (9); S'mores Day (10); Blame Someone Else Day (13); V-J Day (14). **August 15-21:** Best Friends Day (15); Bad Poetry Day (18); Aviation Day (19); National Homeless Animals Day (21). **August 22-27:** National Safe at Home Week; Be an Angel Day (22); National Waffle Day (24); Kiss and Make Up Day (25); Women's Equality Day (26); Global Forgiveness Day (27). **August 28-31:** Race Your Mouse Around the Icons Day (28); According to Hoyle Day (29); Toasted Marshmallow Day (30); Love Your Lawyer Day (31).

Questions to Ponder

1. Which is healthier ... a carrot or a sunny day?
2. Which is louder . . . a smile or a frown? .
3. Which is angrier.. the kitchen or the living room?
4. Which is quicker. . yellow or black ? .
5. Which is joudier.. going to sleep or waking up ?
6. Which is thinner.. day or night?
7. Which is deeper. . an enormous hole or loneliness?
8. Which is quieter.. a knife or a whisper?
9. Which is faster... gossip or a race horse?
10. Which iscrisper. .. winter or celery?

(There are no wrong answers.)

Things to Remember

1. The value of time.
2. The success of perseverance.
3. The pleasure of working.
4. The dignity of simplicity.
5. The worth of character.
6. The influence of example.
7. The power of kindness.
8. The obligation of duty.
9. The wisdom of economy.
10. The virtue of patience.
11. The improvement of talent.
12. The joy of originating.

"Life is like a grindstone. Whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends upon what you are made of."

-Ellen Hitchcock

The Rose

A rose by another name spells love. The medieval science of words held that anagrams (rearrangements of the letters of a word) were magic. In the case of the rose, they were right. Its anagram is Eros, the god of love. But the word-scientists overlooked a second anagram- sore. Rose thorns, incidentally, point backward down the stem, an adaptation for climbing, not for protection.

June's flower is the rose. Roses have always been a part of nature's landscape design. Fossil evidence shows that roses have been around for 30 million years. Some type of rose has been discovered growing wild in every habitable place in the northern hemisphere. The were roses in the "hanging Gardens of Babylon" and the Greeks and Romans spread them

throughout their empires.

In the Middle Ages, the rose was important for its medical value. The medicines were distributed by druggists for ailments such as worms, insomnia, and to mask the unpleasant tastes of other medicines. One other rose byproduct was made from rose leaves and gum into a poultice for toothache.

The largest rose bush in the world grows in Tombstone, Arizona. Brought as a young plant from Scotland in 1885, its stem is 6 inches in diameter and its head covers an area of over 700 square yards- enough to shelter 150 people under its branches.

The oldest rose in the world is calculated to be about 1,000 years old. This amazing Rose Tree grows on the wall of Hildesheim Cathedral in Germany and continues to bloom and fruit freely each year.

By the way, are you aware that the rose is a fruit? The rose family (Rosaceae) also includes apples, cherries, raspberries and other fruits. Some roses produce fruit like "hips," a source of vitamin C concentrate and good for jellies and jams.

No rose is a perfect 10, but there is a 9.4, the highest rating ever given by the American Rose Society. It was bestowed upon Starina, a miniature with tiny almost perfect red buds.

Many roses have special names. One of the most popular roses, however, is named the Peace Rose. It was smuggled onto the last plane to leave France before the germans invaded during World War II. Peace was chosen as an emblem of hope for the first UN assembly after the war. This rose is a coral shaded yellow in the fall and spring, and a blushing cream-pink in midsummer. It celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1995.

Each rose color has a different meaning:

Pink: You are gentle, graceful, lovely.
Red: I love you.
Yeljow: Joy, friendship.
White: Innocence, purity, faithfulness

Combinations:

Pink and White: I will always love you.
Red and Yellow: Congratulations
Orange and Yellow: Passionate thoughts

A single rose: Perpetual love

A thornless rose: Love at first sight

Daddy Can Fix it

by Marjorie Holmes

Father can fix it. Or Daddy, as little folks call him. Or, as they get older, Pop or Dad.

Whatever his title, there's nothing like that remarkable do-it-yourself but do-it-for-everybody-else male parent.

Often his ingenuity surges to the front even before his offspring arrive, as he fashions a crib, a feeding table. More, today's dad enjoys bathing and feeding his babies sometimes, rocking them, telling them stories. And when they come running in with a broken toy, how many a lucky wife can console, "Don't cry. Wait till Daddy gets home. Your father can fix it."

Daddy can fix it. Anything, Everything. Radios, clocks, a bike, a pair of roller skates. A doll, a leaky boat, an eyeless stuffed rabbit. Or those antiques his wife is always dragging home from auction sales. Patiently, cleverly, with glue and tape and nails, and paint and love and imagination- whatever the object, if it's dear to its owner, somehow, some way, he'll devise the means of its salvation.

Father can fix it. Often he will even build it. A playhouse, a picnic table, a fireplace, a wall, a patio in the yard.

Handyman- yes, he's usually that, but more important, he's the family handyman in matters of the heart. Report cards. Budding romances. Times of illness, worry, family strain. That complication in the Cub Scouts, that looming problem at church, at school- don't worry, talk it over with Dad. Dad will analyze the whole thing wisely, come up with the proper solution, make you realize it's not so grave a complication, after all. Or if it proves to be- well your father will be standing by.

Daddy can fix it. Dad will get it for you. That costume for the play, though it means a trip clear across town. The supplies you need for the bazaar. That last-minute birthday present. Those pretzels and cold drinks for the teen-age party. And, regularly, with the car crammed with little folks, groceries at the supermarket on Friday night.

Father can fix it. Find it, get it, pay for it, help you figure it out. Here's to him, bless him- the one who lives at our house, and at yours. The American dad!

The Concord Hymn

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled, here
once the embattled farmers stood, And fired
the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept; Alike the
conqueror silent sleeps; And Time the
ruined bridge has swept Down the dark
stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream, We
set today a votive stone; That memory
may their dead redeem, When, like our
sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit, that made those spirits dare To
die, and leave their children free, Bid
Time and Nature gently spare The
shaft we raise to them and Thee.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The New Colossus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to
land; Here at our sea-washed, sunset
gates shall
stand

A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame Is
the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes
command

The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!"
cries she With silent lips. "Give me
your tired, your
poor, Your huddled masses yearning
to breathe
free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed
to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" -
Emma Lazarus

Friendly Flowers for Allergy

Sufferers

These four easy-to-grow plants boast
very little allergy-inducing pollen. Enjoy them
in the garden and snip a bouquet to bring
inside. They all thrive in full sun and well-
drained soil:

Dahlia
Iris

Magnolia
Geranium

Our Country's Flag

How many of the following questions can you answer correctly?

1. Who is said to have made the flag?
2. How many stripes are there on the flag?
3. How many red stripes are there on the flag? How many white stripes are there?
4. What does the red on the flag represent?
5. What do the stars on the flag represent?
6. For what purpose should the flag be flown at half-mast?
7. What does the white on the flag represent?
8. What does it mean when the flag is not flying at the White House?
9. What does the blue on the flag represent?
10. Traditionally, if a flag touches the ground, what must be done with it?

Famous Couples Game

How many of these famous couples can you complete?

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| 1. Michael Douglas | 14. Dale Evans |
| 2. Humphrey Bogart | 15. Queen Elizabeth |
| 3. Homer Simpson | 16. Ozzie Nelson |
| 4. Al Gore | 17. Mickey Mouse |
| 5. Fred Flintstone | 18. Lucille Ball Kelly |
| 6. Romeo | 19. Preston John |
| 7. Barbie | 20. Lennon Richard |
| 8. Cliff Huxtable | 21. Burton Jada |
| 9. Donald Duck | 22. Pinkett Clark |
| 10. Clint Black | 23. Kent Grace Kelly |
| 11. David Arquette | 24. Morticia Adams |
| 12. Natalie Wood | 25. |
| 13. Sarah Jessica Parker | |

A Fragile Moment...

Seven things I have tried:
Laughing at difficulties, and found them disappearing.
Attempting heavy responsibilities, and found them growing lighter.
Facing a bad situation, and found it clearing up.
Telling the truth, and found it the easiest way out.
Doing an honest day's work, and found it the most rewarding.
Believing men honest and found them living up to expectation.
Trusting God each day, and found Him surprising me with His goodness. —
D. Carl Yoder

US Trivia I

How many can you answer correctly?

1. "We the People of the United States" are the first six words to what important document?
2. Who was the first American to walk on the moon?
3. Who were the only two Americans to appear on a US coin who were not presidents?
4. What is the only state that borders only one other state?
5. How are the fifty stars on the US flag arranged?
6. What were the two capital cities before Washington, DC?
7. How tall is the Washington Memorial?
8. Who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner"?
9. In which hand does Miss Liberty hold her torch?
10. In what state would Washington, DC be found?
11. What do we call a government in which the people elect their leaders?
12. What famous words appear on the Great Seal of the United States?
13. What is the only "island" state that is not an island?
14. Who built the first airplane?
15. Who killed President Lincoln?

Answers to US Trivia: 1. The Constitution; 2. Neil Armstrong; 3. Ben Franklin and Susan B. Anthony; 4. Maine; 5. 5 rows of 6 stars and 4 rows of 5 stars; 6. NYC and Philadelphia; 7. 555 feet; 8. Francis Scott Key; 9. her right hand; 10. none- It's a district.; 11. a republic or a democracy; 12. *E Pluribus Unum*; 13. Rhode Island; 14. Samuel Langley --key word> built, not flew; 15. John Wilkes Booth. **Answers to Famous Couples:**
1. Catherine Zeta Jones; 2. Lauren Bacall; 3. Marge; 4. Tipper; 5. Wilma; 6. Juliet; 7. Ken; 8. Clare or Clair; 9. Daisy; 10. Lisa Hartman; 11. Courtney Cox; 12. Robert Wagner; 13. Matthew Broderick; 14. Roy Rogers; 15. Prince Philip; 16. Harriet; 17. Minnie; 18. Desi Arnez; 19. John Travolta; 20. Yoko Ono; 21. Liz Taylor; 22. Will Smith; 23. Lois Lane; 24. Prince Ranier; 25. Gomez Adams **Answers to Flag Quiz:**
1. Betsy Ross;
2. 13; 3. 7,6; 4. courage; 5. the 50 states;
6. mourning; 7. purity and innocence;
8. president not home; 9. vigilance, perseverance and justice; 10. It must be burned.

Hail to the Chief!

Here's some presidential trivia:

1. The only president who was honored with the name of the capital of a foreign country:
 - A. James Monroe
 - B. Calvin Coolidge
 - C. Warren G. Harding
2. Two assassination attempts were made in two weeks on this president:
 - A. Richard Nixon
 - B. Jimmy Carter
 - C. Gerald Ford
3. He was the first vice-president later to be elected president:
 - A. John Adams
 - B. Thomas Jefferson
 - C. Martin Van Buren
4. He was the first president to be married in the White House:
 - A. Abraham Lincoln
 - B. Grover Cleveland
 - C. Benjamin Harrison
5. When family secrets needed to be kept quiet, this president conversed with his wife in Chinese:
 - A. Andrew Johnson
 - B. William McKinley
 - C. Herbert Hoover
6. He was the last member of the Whig party to serve as president:
 - A. Millard Fillmore
 - B. John Tyler
 - C. Zachary Taylor
7. The number of presidents who have been assassinated:
 - A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 4

8. William Howard Taft weighed as much as:
 - A. 354 pounds
 - B. 381 pounds
 - C. 407 pounds
9. Match the presidents with their actual first names:
 - A. Grover Cleveland
 - B. Calvin Coolidge
 - C. Woodrow Wilson
 1. John
 2. Thomas
 3. Stephen

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Bananarama

- Everything you always wanted to know about bananas, but were too busy to ask:
1. Americans eat an average of (75, 110, 376) bananas a year per person.
 2. The (banana split, banana milkshake, Banana Bag brand of multivitamins) was invented in 1904 by Dr. David Strickler, a drugstore pharmacist in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.
 3. Technically the banana is a (vegetable, berry, legume).
 4. A banana has about (75, 110, 376) calories.
 5. The banana has been Fruit of the Month (more than any other fruit, second only to the apple, never).
 6. The song, "Yes, We Have No Bananas," was an enormous hit in 1923. True or False: The popularity of the song spurred a new dance craze: dancing the Charleston on banana peel-covered floors.
 7. The hugely popular Chiquita Bananas advertising jingle, created in 1944, was once played on radio (75, 110, 376) times in one day.

Which Hunt

Life is full of choices. Can you pick the right answer to each question?

1. Which is larger?
 - A. The planet Jupiter
 - B. All the other planets of the solar system put together.
2. Which are more valuable, carat for carat?
 - A. Diamonds
 - B. Rubies
3. Which group is larger?
 - A. Americans who have visited a dentist at least once in their lives
 - B. Americans who haven't
4. Which sock do more people put on first?
 - A. The left one
 - B. The right one
5. In which direction do forest fires move faster?
 - A. Uphill
 - B. Downhill
6. Which is the more likely outcome of being struck by lightning?
 - A. Survival
 - B. Death
7. Which group is larger?
 - A. People with type O blood
 - B. People with any of the other three types of blood
8. Which are there more of in the WitnessX Protection Program?
 - A. Witnesses in mafia cases
 - B. Witnesses in drug cases
9. Which is larger?
 - A. The United States
 - B. The Sahara Desert
10. Which is the more likely cause of poisoning in children?
 - A. Household Chemicals
 - B. Toxic houseplants

Answers to Bananarama: 1. 75;
2. banana split; 3. a berry; 4. 110; 5. never;
6. true; 7. 376.

11. Which does the US Treasury print more of?
 - A. One-dollar bills
 - B. All the other denominations combined
12. Which is the stronger force?
 - A. Magnetism
 - B. Gravity
13. Which video game was a bigger seller?
 - A. Super Mario Bros.
 - B. Tetris
14. Which group is larger?
 - A. Tattooed NBA players
 - B. Tattoo-less NBA players
15. Which does the average traffic light display more often?
 - A. Red
 - B. Green or Yellow
16. Which beat faster?
 - A. Girls' hearts
 - B. Boys' hearts
17. Which provides better gas mileage?
 - A. Warm gasoline
 - B. Cold gasoline
18. Which pets live longer, on average?
 - A. A guinea pig
 - B. A hamster
19. Which does Hollywood make more money from?
 - A. Ticket sales
 - B. Video rentals
20. Which spin faster?
 - A. Music CDs
 - B. Computer CD-ROMs

Answers to Chief: 1. A (Monrovia, Liberia); 2. C.; 3. A; 4. B; 5. C; 6. A; 7. C; 8. A; 9. A-3, B-1, C-2.

Answers to Which Hunt: 1. A; 2. B; 3. A;
4. A; 5. A; 6. A; 7. B; 8. B; 9. A; 10. B; 11. B; 12. A; 13. A; 14. B; 15. A; 16. A; 17. B; 18. A; 19. B; 20. B.