

Alpine Meadows
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Information

February Birthdays

If you were born between February 1–18, you are an Aquarius, the Water Bearer. Aquarians are loyal and smart humanitarians who want to make a difference in the world. They are energetic, have inquisitive minds, and come up with creative solutions. Those born from February 19–29 are Pisces, the Fish. Like fish, Pisces go with the flow, but on the inside, they are intuitive, intensely spiritual, and deeply emotional.

Lisa Marie Presley (singer) – Feb. 1, 1968
Farrah Fawcett (actress) – Feb. 2, 1947
James Michener (author) – Feb. 3, 1907
Mary Leakey (scientist) – Feb. 6, 1913
Peter Tork (guitarist) – Feb. 13, 1942
Hugh Downs (news anchor) – Feb. 14, 1921
Amy Tan (author) – Feb. 19, 1952

Barbara Standefer – Feb 11th

Get Ready to LOL

February 8 is Laugh and Get Rich Day. If only it was that easy! Gelotology is the psychological study of laughter, and scientists are still trying to figure out just why we laugh. Laughter involves many different parts of the brain as well as the coordination of many muscles. Laughing 100 times is equal to 15 minutes of exercise on a bike. It's a total body workout, with all the physical and psychological health benefits to boot. So, while laughter may not fill our bank accounts, it certainly enriches our lives. 😊



ANSWERS:
1. D, 2. A, 3. E, 4. C, 5. B

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Be my
Valentine

A Groundhog's Tale

February 2

Country Store & Auction

February 9

Valentine Party

February 15

Wii Bowling Tournament

February 15

Presidents' Day

February 19

Majestic Movies

February 21

Fat Thursday Mardi Gras

February 22

Bountiful Barbershop!

February 24

Broadway with Jewels

February 26

Delightful Dine

February 28

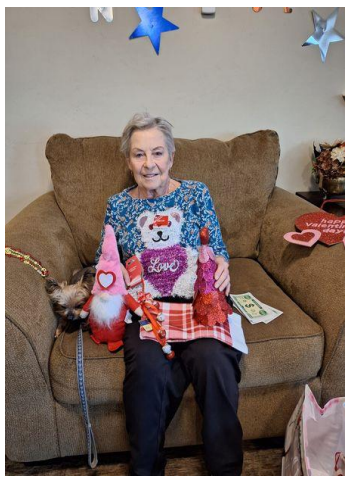
Pucker Up!

Valentine's Day always falls on February 14, and many may be happy to see it pass. But in the south of France, people still plant kisses until the Saturday after Valentine's Day. The residents of Roquemaure call it the Festival of the Kiss, and kiss they do. They smooch from sunup to sundown in honor of their favorite saint, Saint Valentine. Valentine became the patron saint of love when, according to legend, on February 14 around the year 270, he was caught performing illegal marriage ceremonies for Roman soldiers and was martyred by Roman emperor Claudius II Gothicus.

In 1868, the supposed remains of Saint Valentine were purchased in Rome and transferred to Roquemaure. The French village was renowned for its winemaking, but in 1868, its vines were diseased. Villagers and winemakers believed that the arrival of Saint Valentine's remains would cure their ailing vines. Miraculously, within four years, the vineyards had recovered.



And so, during the Festival of the Kiss, Roquemaure returns to the year 1868. Residents wear costumes from that era, and storefronts boast 19th-century decorations. A market sells traditionally fashioned items. Even the street names are rewritten, bearing the names of France's most lovesick poets and artists. Everyone drinks wine and kisses until they can't feel their lips. The local winery is named Cave Saint Valentine and produces specialty wines for the occasion. The local post office even gets in on the fun, sealing every letter with a kiss. This is why Roquemaure is known as "La Capitale des Amoureux," the Capital of Lovers.



Resident of the Month: Lois Maxine Pfeiffer Huckstep



Maxine was born December 17, 1928 in Eagle, Idaho. She is one of four children born to Harold Tayloe Pfeiffer and Emily Virginia Pfeiffer. Her mother passed away when Maxine was at the tender age of 13 years old. Maxine was tasked with taking over the household chores including the cooking. She had never even boiled water, so the learning curve was steep.

She graduated from Eagle High School in 1947 with a class of 19 kids. She joined the St. Luke's nursing program in Blackfoot, Idaho at age 18. Back then, women in the nursing program were not allowed to be married. She was forced to quit the program even though she only had 3 weeks left of her schooling when she married William D Huckstep (*the boy next door*) on June 14, 1949. She was sad to not be able to finish her degree that she had worked so hard to achieve. In August 2016, Mayor Beiter and St. Luke's presented her with an honorary nursing degree and made July 20th, Maxine Pfeiffer Huckstep Day. It was a great honor for her.

Bill owned Huckstep Housemovers, moving everything from hen houses to mansions for more than 65 years. Maxine helped with the running of the business while raising a family. Their home was always open to welcoming many people at their



door for a meal, ice cream and a warm visit. They owned and operated the Warm Springs Pool in Idaho City and Maxine was also involved with teaching Cub Scouts over the course of many years. Boy Scouts of America awarded her the Silver Beaver Award for her contributions.

Maxine and Bill, together raised eight red-headed children: **Betty**/Sheldon, **Dan**/Janet, **Larry**/Debbie, **Patricia**/Stacey, **Scott**/Loretta, **Dorothy**/Matt, **Bob**/Gwen and **Connie**/Bill; and now have 45 grandchildren, 117 great-grandchildren and multiple great-great grandchildren. She is 95-years-young and ready to go! She loves her new home here at Alpine Meadows and enjoys all the new friends she is getting to know better each day.



The Magic of Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras is a spectacle of color, merriment, and culture that involves masquerade balls, parades, and the donning of elaborate costumes. Each year, it is a time to indulge in festivities and enjoy the spirit of community. In 2024, the celebration begins on January 6 and leads up to Fat Tuesday on February 13—the culmination of the Carnival season.

from place to place, grand parades with intricate floats, live music, and colorful Mardi Gras beads are common features. The heart of Mardi Gras lies in its diverse cultural influences, blending elements of French, Spanish, African, and Creole heritage, which contribute to the rich tapestry of this celebration.

spectacle of Mardi Gras, as participants embrace anonymity and the freedom to be anyone they choose for the day. Whether you're in New Orleans, Rio de Janeiro, or any of the other cities that celebrate Mardi Gras, the joyous atmosphere and sense of unity are easy to find.



Notable Quotable

“Mardi Gras is the love of life. The harmonic convergence of food, music, creativity, eccentricity and the joy of living. All at once.”

~ Chris Rose
Sports Commentator

Mardi Gras Trivia Quiz

Are you a Mardi Gras expert? Choose the answer to each question below and find out how much you really know.

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| 1. What year were floats first a part of Mardi Gras? | A. Mobile, Alabama |
| 2. Where was Mardi Gras first celebrated? | B. 2013 |
| 3. What is often hidden inside king cakes? | C. Nice, France |
| 4. Where did the first Carnival celebration take place? | D. 1857 |
| 5. In what year did New Orleans host the Super Bowl during Mardi Gras? | E. A plastic baby |

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