



# HAPPY NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH!

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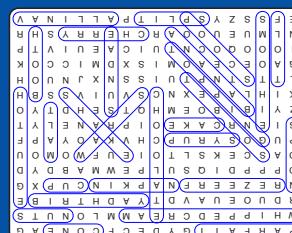
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| BANANA    | FREEZER   | SORBET        |
| BIRTHDAY  | HOT FUDGE | SPLIT         |
| BOOTH     | MALT      | SPOON         |
| CAKE      | NAPKIN    | STRAW         |
| CHERRY    | NUTS      | SUNDAE        |
| CHOCOLATE | PARFAIT   | SYRUP         |
| CONE      | SCOOP     | TOPPING       |
| CUP       | SHAKE     | VANILLA       |
| FLOAT     | SMOOTHIE  | WHIPPED CREAM |

## Yummy July

- National Hot Dog Month
- National Pickle Month
- National Ice Cream Month
- National Blueberry Month
- National Baked Bean Month
- National Picnic Month
- National Watermelon Month
- National Grilling Month

## July Fun Facts

- Until the 18th century, the word July in English had the stress on the first syllable and rhymed with duly or truly.
- No month ends on the same day of the week as July unless it is a leap year, when January does so.
- Although 6 months have passed, July 1st is not the mid-point of the year. The exact halfway point comes at 1pm EST on July 2nd in a non-leap year.



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*Client Newsletter*

**JULY 2024**

## MANAGER'S MINUTE

It is with the highest amount of pride possible to be able to tell everyone that we have been selected as one of the Better Business Bureau Midwest Plains 2024 Torch Award for Ethics recipients. This award is not handed out lightly and we have worked hard to reach the level of service required to be presented this prestigious award. We work extremely hard to make sure we always take care of our clients in the best way that we can.

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While this is an award showcasing the shop, it would not at all be possible without the entire crew, Megan, Chris, Trent, Destiny, James, Miquel, Jeremy and Jon. All of these people care deeply about what we are doing and how we do it.

Thank you to you, our clients, for the continued support and trust you have placed in us to service your vehicles and we hope to see you soon.

- Mark

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# HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!



Early U.S. settlers brought their love of fireworks with them to the New World and fireworks were part of the very first Independence Day – a tradition that continues every 4th of July when we celebrate as John Adams had hoped “with pomp, parade....bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other.”

# ONE GIANT STEP IN JULY...

Apollo 11 was the spaceflight that first landed humans on the Moon. Commander Neil Armstrong & lunar module pilot Buzz Aldrin formed the American crew that landed the Apollo Lunar Module Eagle on July 20, 1969. Armstrong became the first person to step onto the lunar surface six hours and 39 minutes later.



# JULY 22 IS NATIONAL HAMMOCK DAY!



On July 22nd, relax in the shade and enjoy National Hammock Day. These portable, comfortable slings create excellent napping spaces no matter where you are! Though the hammock dates back thousands of years to Central America where it protected people from creatures and dirt, the netted bed didn't find Europe until explorers brought it back in the 17th century. Not long after, the hammock found its way onto naval ships, providing comfort and maximizing space. After swaying across the oceans, the hammock eventually became a more leisurely item. Made from a variety of fabrics, it suspended between trees in backyards and at lake cabins. Easily packed into a backpack, hammocks became essential elements of survival. Hikers, campers and mountain climbers added the light and compact sleep sling to their kits. So, whether you use a hammock to take a nap or as a convenient tool in your camping kit, July 22nd recognizes one innovative way to catch some sleep!

# LEMON-BERRY FIRECRACKER CAKE

Nothing says Fourth of July quite like a patriotic red, white, and blue dessert, especially this eye-popping lemon-berry firecracker cake. It's decorated with an explosion of color to match the festivities in the sky!



• Prep Time: 5 mins + marinating • Grill Time: 40 mins • Servings: 10		
Ingredients		
• Cooking spray	• 1 c. plus 1 tbsp. (or more) lukewarm water	• 7 (or more) drops blue gel food coloring, divided
• 1 (15.25-oz.) box white cake mix	• ¼ c. raspberry jam	• 3 c. powdered sugar
• 1 (3.4-oz.) package instant lemon pudding mix	• 7 (or more) drops red gel food coloring, divided	• 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
• 4 large eggs	• ¼ c. blueberry jam	• ¼ c. red, white, and blue sprinkles
• ½ c. vegetable oil		
Directions		
1. Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly coat a Bundt pan with cooking spray.		
2. In a large bowl, whisk cake mix and lemon pudding mix to combine. Add eggs, oil, and 1 cup lukewarm water. Using an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat until smooth, about 1 minute.		
3. Scrape 1 cup lemon batter into a medium bowl. Stir raspberry jam and 5 drops red food coloring into batter until combined. Add more food coloring, a drop at a time, if a deeper red color is desired.		
4. Scrape another 1 cup lemon batter into another medium bowl. Stir blueberry jam and 5 drops blue food coloring into batter until combined. Add more food coloring, a drop at a time, if a deeper blue color is desired.		
5. Pour red batter into bottom of prepared pan. Pour remaining lemon batter over red batter. Pour blue batter over lemon batter.		
6. Bake until a tester inserted in center comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool in pan 15 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and let cool completely.		
7. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, whisk powdered sugar, lemon juice, and 1 tablespoon lukewarm water, adding more water drop by drop if necessary, until thick and smooth and mixture is a lava-like consistency.		
8. Scoop a heaping 1/4 cup white glaze into a small bowl and stir in 2 drops red food coloring. Scoop another heaping 1/4 cup white glaze into another small bowl and stir in 2 drops blue food coloring.		
9. Drizzle white, then blue, then red glaze over cake. Scatter sprinkles over top. Let glaze set about 30 minutes before slicing.		

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Happy Parents' Day  
July 25th!



# SUMMER HEAT TAKES A TOLL ON YOUR CAR'S BATTERY

If you're feeling the summer heat, so is your car's battery. Contrary to popular belief, summer highs rather than winter lows pose the greater threat to battery life, according to the non-profit Car Care Council.



"When most motorists think of dead batteries that cause starting failure, they think of severe winter weather, but summer heat is the real culprit," said Nathan Perrine, executive director, Car Care Council. "Many battery problems start long before the temperatures drop. Heat, more than cold, shortens battery life."

Sooner or later all batteries have to be replaced. Excessive heat and overcharging are the two main reasons for shortened battery life. Heat causes battery fluid to evaporate, thus damaging the internal structure of the battery. A malfunctioning component in the charging system, usually the voltage regulator, allows too high a charging rate, leading to slow death for a battery.

To get the most life out of a battery, the Car Care Council suggests the following simple steps:

- Be sure the electrical system is charging at the correct rate; overcharging can damage a battery as quickly as undercharging.
  - If your battery is the type that needs to be topped off, check it regularly, especially in hot weather. Add distilled water when necessary.
  - Always replace a battery with one that's rated at least as high as the one originally specified.
- Keep the top of the battery clean. Dirt becomes a conductor, which drains battery power. Further, as corrosion accumulates on battery terminals it becomes an insulator, inhibiting current flow.
- Driving habits such as frequent engine on/off cycles will cause more wear on the starter than a simple back and forth to work. Other factors include driving and weather conditions, mileage, vehicle age and excessive electrical draws like in-vehicle entertainment systems. Check the battery if you notice headlights and interior lights dim, accessories that fail to operate, or the "check engine" and/or battery light illuminated.

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