

ALPINE

August

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Dare, the first English child, was born in America. Merriwether Lewis, other leader of the famous Lewis and Clark expedition was born in 1774, charting the route to the Pacific Ocean from the Mid-West. All those who fly in planes salute Orville Wright, pioneer aviator and airplane designer whose birthday was August 19th, 1871. Benjamin Harrison, 23rd President of the U.S. was born near North bend, Ohio on August 20th, 1833. John Fitch, on August 22, 1787, successfully demonstrated his invention of a side-paddle steamboat, improving river shipping and passenger travel.

British troops captured Washington D.C. on August 24th, 1864, and burned the White House, before being defeated, and have never waged war on the U.S. again.

Bret Harte, popular writer of stories about the western U.S. cowboys, outlaws, gold prospectors, and early settlers was born August 25th, 1886. Also born on the 25th, in 1918 was Leonard Bernstein, American composer, conductor and world famous pianist.

One of the most important amendments to the Constitution was proclaimed on August 26, 1920 the 19th Amendment, finally giving women the right to vote!

Oil production began commercially in the U.S. in 1859, when Edwin Lauren Drake struck oil in 1859. (I'm sure they did not expect the disaster in the Gulf to happen!)

Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the U.S. was born near Stonewall, Texas in 1908. St. Augustine, Florida has been settled since August 28th, 1565 when Spanish explorers landed there.

August 29th, 1876, Charles F. Kettering, inventor and prominent automobile pioneer, was born. He contributed many ideas in early automobile production, some used by Henry Ford later. On the 31st, 1880, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands was born, and the Grand Old Army of the Republic held its' final meeting on August 31st, 1949.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of those who were so kind after the passing of my husband, Bill. To those who attended the services, sent cards, letters and emails, your gestures of sympathy and caring were very much appreciated.

Baby Sitting Class with CPR and First Aid August 7th at Alpine Community Center

Save-A-Heart will be conducting a CPR and First Aid Certification Class with Baby Care Skills for babysitters on Saturday, August 7th from 9 to 12pm at the Alpine Community Center 1830 Alpine Blvd. This class provides a 2-year certification and is being taught by Carlette Anderson, founder of Save-A-Heart. Must be at least 12 years old to attend. Fee is \$30 per person and a portion of the fee will go to the Alpine Community Center. Space is limited. For more information and to register please call (619) 445-4569.

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