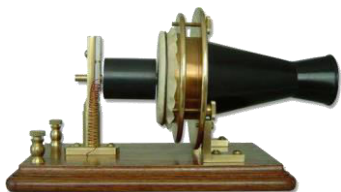


Clash of Inventors



Alexander Graham Bell is hailed as the inventor of the telephone. It was Bell who discovered that sound travels over electrical wires and that

these wires can be connected in a way that allows two people to speak to each other over long distances. On March 10, 1876, the telephone was born when Bell spoke to his assistant, Thomas A. Watson, saying, "Mr. Watson. Come here. I want to see you."

Was Bell the sole inventor of the telephone? Another renowned inventor, Elisha Gray, was working on a similar device. On February 14, 1876, Bell submitted an application to the patent office for his telephone. Just hours later, Gray submitted his own application for a patent. Gray wrote:

"To all whom it may concern: Be it known that I, Elisha Gray, of Chicago, in the County of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a new art of transmitting vocal sounds telegraphically, of which the following is a specification: It is the object of my invention to transmit the tones of the human voice through a telegraphic circuit, and reproduce them at the receiving end of the line, so that actual conversations can be carried on by persons at long distances apart."

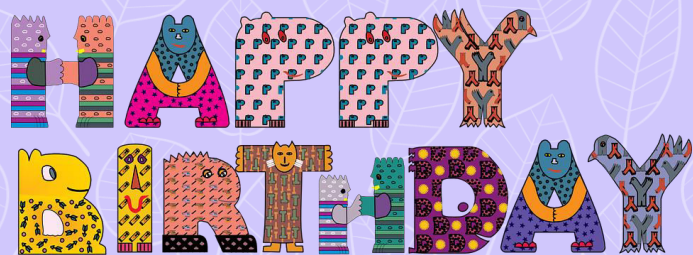
When Gray discovered that Bell was awarded the patent, he took Bell to court. Not only did Gray believe that he submitted his paperwork first, he believed that Bell learned of one of his designs and stole it. How did Bell steal Gray's design? One of the patent examiners at the patent office swore in an affidavit that he had shared Gray's paperwork and designs with Bell. The legal battle lasted over two years.

The courts eventually ruled that while Gray had invented an important, even vital, component of the telephone, Bell had succeeded in creating the whole telephone. The rest, as they say, is history.

March Birthdays

Collette Schurman
Leroy Rothfus
Shana Stephenson
Jeremy Ward
Kenneth Heavilin
Laura Gittins
Kathleen Tordoff
Mary Lou Walker

March 3rd
March 13th
March 18th
March 19th
March 20th
March 25th
March 28th
March 31st



Verses and Voices



World Poetry Day, initiated by UNESCO in 1999, arrives on March 21 to honor globally the artistry and diversity of poetry. It pays

homage to poets who craft words into emotion, images, and storytelling, transcending boundaries and enriching human experiences. You can mark the occasion by sharing favorite poems with friends or family, attending poetry readings or events, or even trying your hand at writing a short poem. Dive into different poetic styles, from traditional sonnets to modern spoken word, exploring the richness of expression they offer. You might also support local poets or poetry organizations, sharing their work on social media or attending their performances. Whether you choose to write, read, or listen to poetry performed, World Poetry Day invites us to immerse ourselves in the beauty and power of words.

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Celebrating March

Umbrella Month

Optimism Month

Irish American Heritage Month

Women in Construction Week
March 3–9

International Women's Day
March 8

Wellderly Week
March 18–23

Napping Day
March 11

Quilting Day
March 16

St. Patrick's Day
March 17

Tea for Two Tuesday
March 19

Good Friday
March 29

Easter
March 31

A letter from our new Business Office Manager (BOM) Halee Parker.



I grew up in Woodburn and Osceola, Iowa.

I now live in Indianola, Iowa.

I have an older sister, Jessica, and a little brother Davian. I also have many step siblings.

I married my husband Curt, in 2021. Together we have 6 kids, three that are mine and three that are my bonus babies. Trenidee(girl) 12,

Stefan(boy) 10, Weslee(boy) will be 10 in March, Landyn(boy) will be 6 in March, Braxton(boy) 4, and Berklee(boy) will be 2 in April. I have two dogs, a Pitbull named Rodeo who will be 6 in March, and a Cane Corso named Tiger that will be 4 this year. We also have 2 cats, Tiger and Nala.

My favorite vacation spot is Mississippi; I love the views and places to explore.

My hobbies are whatever sports my kids are in, and some crafting on the side. I am also still attending college, so homework takes up a portion of my spare time.

My favorite thing about working at Windsor Manor is the residents and the employees. I am excited to build relationships with everyone.

One More Spring

by Vera Gezel (Windsor Manor Resident)

Please, dear Lord, just one more
Spring
To see your world awakening
The snows and cold of winter gone
Green grass emerging on the lawn.

Buds are bursting to be free
And bathe with greenery every tree
And deep below the frozen Earth
Bulbs are straining to give birth.

Geese head North, they form a "V"
A sign of Spring for all to see
Ice on rivers soon will break
No more ice fishing on the lake.

The porch will warm for coffee times
Which we can't do in colder climes.

My days grow weary, nights are long
And at my age, I'm no longer strong.
My time on Earth is going fast
So, Lord, I pray, before they're past

Please, dear Lord, just one more
Spring
To feel the warmth and hear birds
sing.
And if by your grace I'm given more
Please give me two, or three, or four
..... or more.



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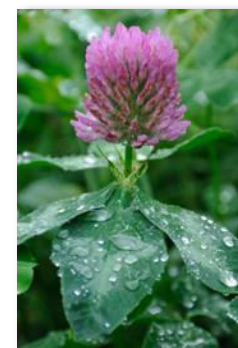
Tea for Two Tuesday March 19th

Tea for Two Tuesday is established for two or more people to enjoy a cup of tea together. Tea is a very relaxing and soothing beverage. And, how much more pleasant it is, when it is enjoyed with others. While the name of this very special day is **Tea for Two Tuesday**, we encourage you to have "a spot of tea" with any number of people. Go ahead.... make it a Tea party. The more, the merrier!

The older we get, the more we turn to tea over coffee and other drinks. Call yourself a "Teetotaler" if you like. But, drinking tea does not make you a Teetotaler. (Sometimes spelled Teatotaler, Tee Totaler, and other variations)



In Praise of Weeds



Gardeners get giddy in March as the ground begins to thaw and green buds burst forth showing signs of spring. However, not all of those buds are welcome, and gardeners will begin their assault on unwanted weeds. But wait! Before you break your back pulling out garden invaders, take some time to understand these pests. March 28 is Weed Appreciation Day.

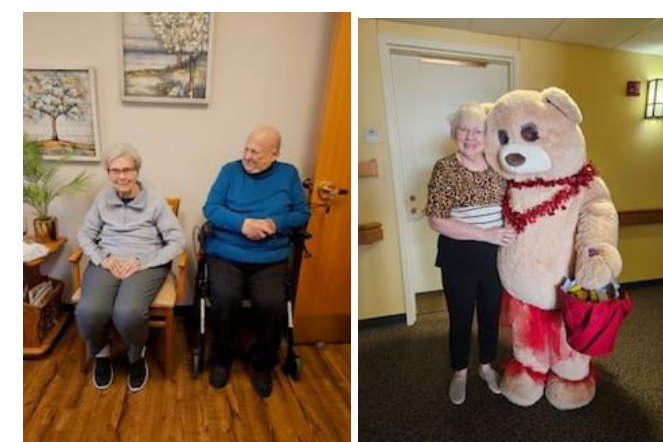
HISTORY OF WELDERLY WEEK

Wellderly Week gives a new meaning to "acting your age". The celebrations encourage seniors to pursue a passion, take up a new hobby, and do what makes them happy. It is a reminder that retirement years are an opportunity to develop interests that we were unable to pursue in our youth. Pursuing a hobby not keeps the elderly occupied but is also important for their emotional and mental well-being.

What is Easter? Easter is one of the central holidays of Christianity. It honors the Resurrection of Jesus three days after His death by crucifixion. Christ is Risen!



Activities Corner



Easter OPEN HOUSE

March

29th

9-10am

Coffee and Donuts

10-5pm

Treats