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Sunken Treasure

On September 1, 2013, undersea explorer Barry Clifford was making yet another dive to the sunken *Whydah*, the only fully authenticated Golden Age pirate shipwreck in American waters. Clifford discovered the ship and its trove of pirate-era artifacts in 1984, but he had yet to find the 400,000 gold pieces that purportedly sank with the ship off the coast of Cape Cod in 1717 during a violent nor'easter. On that September day, Clifford and his team discovered several coin-shaped masses chemically crusted together after centuries underwater. The report of the *Whydah* and its vast trove of pirate artifacts gave other treasure-seekers hope that similar sunken wrecks still wait to be found.

There is no shortage of rumors when it comes to pirate shipwrecks and lost hordes of gold. Captain Kidd, before being executed for piracy, attempted to save himself by claiming that he had buried a treasure worth 400,000 British pounds. In 1700, ten thousand pounds of treasure were found buried in the sands of Gardiner Island off the coast of Long Island, New York. In 2015, Barry Clifford discovered a 50-kilogram silver bar off the coast of Madagascar that he believed was part of Kidd's lost treasure. Despite authorities confirming the bar was 95% lead and was not evidence of Kidd's lost treasure, the find only heightened the frenzy to find Kidd's lost loot.

Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard, was notorious for plundering ships laden with gold and silver. Blackbeard's ledgers indicate that he had amassed a pirate fortune worth millions. Before his death, he declared that his "real" treasure "lay in a location only known to him and the devil." When Blackbeard's ship *Queen Anne's Revenge* was discovered in waters near Beaufort, North Carolina, in 1996, treasure hunters believed that the treasure was finally found. Underwater archaeologists uncovered loaded cannons, a blunderbuss barrel, anchors, and other artifacts, but no trove of gold. Like so many times before, the absence of treasure did not dim the hopes of treasure seekers but stoked the passions of exploration and discovery.

Celebrating September

Piano Month

*Piano Playing and Hymns with Sue every
Thursday in Pathways*

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15–October 15

**Country Gold Band Performs every 2nd
Friday night of each month**

Labor Day (U.S.)

September 5

Grandparents' Day

*September 11
Adopt a Grandparent*

Mini Car Show

*September 16
(Families Invited)*

International Talk Like a Pirate Day

September 19

World Alzheimer's Day

*September 21
Croatan Chorus Concert in Pathways*

Rosh Hashanah Begins

September 25

Decorate for Fall Week

September 25–October 1

Ancestor Appreciation Day

September 27

Monthly Birthday Celebration

September 17

Skimming the Surface

Easdale Island off of Scotland's west coast is home to just 60 residents, but this tiny island hosts a very big event each September: the World Stone Skimming Championships. Hundreds of visitors from all around the world arrive to a party atmosphere all for the sake of tossing some stones.

Easdale was once the center of Scotland's slate mining industry. Everyone in town knows of Easdale's "still pools," the former quarries and venue for the event. Some of these pools extend as deep as 300 feet below sea level. Skimmers, of course, must use authentic Easdale slate for their skimming stones.

Contestants must stand with two feet on the skimming platform. Stones must bounce at least two times on the surface of the water to be considered valid. Skims are measured to where they sink. The real feat is reaching the back wall of the still pool 70 meters away, which is not impossible but still a demanding throw for even the most skilled skimmers.

Welcome to Croatan Village



**Carl
Katie
Elaine
Marie
Wilma
Patricia**

A Little Bit of this....



And a Little bit of that...





Our Men's Club still had a great time dining together even though we had to postpone our fishing trip due to the weather. Please join us September 16th here at Croatan Village for a Mini Car Show, rain or shine 😊



September Birthdays

In astrology, those born from September 1–22 are Virgo's virgins. Often symbolized by the goddess of agriculture, Virgos are deeply connected to the material world. They are logical, practical, and aware of every detail. Those born from September 23–30 balance the scales of Libra. Libras strive for equilibrium and symmetry and flourish in harmonious partnerships. Libras often surround themselves with tasteful art objects and designs that create balanced environments.

Happy September Birthday's



Charlotte 9/4

Betsy 9/6

Helen 9/20

Fun Fact: By Any Other Name



In January of 1791, George Washington, using the power vested to him by Congress through 1790's Residence Act, chose a site along the Potomac River for the new U.S. capital.

Washington appointed three commissioners with the task of naming this new city, all the while assuring them that "they should decide freely on their own view of things." Rumors swirled in Philadelphia of the city being named Washingtonople or Washingtonopolis. Others lobbied that it be called Columbus, in honor of Christopher Columbus and the impending 300th anniversary of his arrival in America. Finally, on September 8, 1791, the three commissioners were joined by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison to decide on the name once and for all. A compromise was struck. The city itself would be called simply Washington, with the surrounding area known as the District of Columbia.