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Time to Celebrate Hemp!

There's a headline you probably didn't expect, but it's Hemp History Week and I've been doing a little research. It has quite an interesting history in the U.S.

Hemp has been cultivated here since at least 1545, when Spanish colonists brought it here. It became a major fiber crop in the New England colonies by the mid-1600s. Peak production happened in the mid-1800s, with increases during both World Wars. But federal laws like the 1937 Marijuana Tax Act & the 1970 Controlled Substances Act largely banned its cultivation until the 2014 & 2018 Farm Bills re-legalized hemp as an agricultural commodity.

Wait! It was a *fiber crop*? As a child of the 70s, we were taught it was something rolled in paper & smoked behind the gym by potheads. There was nothing about its actual uses besides making you stupid.

It turns out that Hemp was originally used to make rope, netting, canvas, and, after the invention of the seed press, seed oil for lamplight & other purposes. In England, farmers with parcels of land of a certain size were *required* to plant a percentage of their fields in hemp, so farmers did the same thing after coming to America.

As America grew, so did the hemp industry. Thousands of tons of hemp fibers were turned into rope each year for U.S. Navy ships. In 1917, Kentucky had 42,000 acres of hemp growing. We were using so much that we also imported fiber from Russia, Italy, and Japan. "Old Ironsides" alone required 60 tons of hemp for rigging—that's just one ship! After the invention of the cotton gin in 1800, the U.S. had growth in the new cotton industry. Hemp production diminished, but it did not disappear.

There's so much more to this story. Check out the 1942 short film ***Hemp for Victory*** that encouraged farmers to grow hemp for the war effort. WOW!



**Now for the Important Stuff...
The Week of July 19-25 is:**

- Family Golf Week
- Magician's Rabbit Week
- Sand Sculpting Championships
- Hemingway Look-Alike Days
- Hemp History Week**
- National Moth Week
- Everybody Deserves a Massage Week
- National Zoo Keeper Week
- National Baby Food Week
- Great Texas Mosquitos Week

Things That Made Me Laugh This Week

Some celebrations only last a day:

19th-International Karaoke Day

National Ice Cream Day

20th-Fortune Cookie Day

Moon Day

National Lollipop Day

World Chess Day

21st-National Be Someone Day

Legal Drinking Age Day

22nd-National Mango Day

Rat-Catchers Day

23rd-Gorgeous Grandma Day

Hot Enough For Ya Day

National Sprinkle Day

24th-Cousins Day

Lumberjack Day

National Drive-Thru Day

Frozen Margarita Day

National Tequila Day

Talk in an Elevator Day

Tell an Old Joke Day

25th-National Cowboy Day

Water Gun Fight Day

Merry-Go-Round Day

Wine & Cheese Day

Hot Fudge Sundae Day

Have a great week & call me if you
need a ride to church.

Serving Him & Loving it!

Carol 🥰

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*Luke 7:23 ~ "Blessed are those who are
not offended by me."*

- Menopause has taught me that calories no longer have to be eaten. Apparently making eye contact is enough.
- According to this BMI chart, I'm too short.
- I am now at the age where picking up a hottie at the club means buying a rotisserie chicken at Costco.
- (An older friend posted this) "Remember when you were little you could just rip off your diaper & run around naked & everyone thought it was so cute and funny? Anyway, I need bail money."
- A truck loaded with Vicks VapoRub overturned on the highway. Amazingly, there was no congestion for eight hours.
- If you drink a gallon of water per day, you won't have time for other people's drama because you'll be too busy going to the bathroom. Stay hydrated my friends.
- Nothing says, "I mean business" like using a buggy at the liquor store.
- I think we associated summer with vacation as kids, so we assume we love summer, but in reality, it's just an unbearable 3 months.

