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CELEBRATING SENIORS MAKING THE BEST OF THE REST OF THEIR LIVES

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Talk Like a Grizzled Prospector Day?

Talk Like A Grizzled Prospector Day commemorates the start of the California Gold Rush, which began on January 24, 1848, when James Marshall discovered gold while building a saw mill for John Sutter, near what is now Coloma, California.

Prospectors first came to the Sacramento Valley after Marshall found flakes of gold in the American River near Sutter's Mill, at the base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. At the time there were less than 1,000 non-native inhabitants in California. Newspapers began reporting the discovery of gold and by August, 4,000 miners had descended on the area. The first people that came from outside of the territory came by boat, and arrived from Oregon, the Sandwich Islands—soon to be called the Hawaiian Islands, Mexico, Peru, China, and Chili.

In December 1848, a report of the abundance of gold prompted more prospectors to travel to the territory. Throughout 1849,

thousands arrived, either traveling by sea or over land, and became as the '49ers. Mining towns popped up in the area, and with them came shops, saloons, and brothels. Many mining towns became lawless and San Francisco became an important city in the territory. By the end of 1849, the non-native population had swelled to 100,000. The Gold Rush helped California gain statehood in 1850 and gold discovery peaked in the state in 1852. In all, more than 750,000 pounds of gold were extracted during the Gold Rush.

The implication of a grizzled prospector is of one who has stayed so long searching for gold that their hair has turned gray. Some refused to quit the profession and continued to live in the western territories. Besides a gray beard, the stereotypical grizzled prospector had faded clothes, missing teeth, a pickaxe, and a mule.

So, how do you participate? Well I'll be hornswaggled. All y' gotta do is....well... talk like a grizzled prospector, dagnabbit! Tarnation, folks! How ya 'spose we's jus' hearin' 'bout this? Great horn-i-toads! Start growin' out them whiskers, an' brushin' up on her prospector lingo.

Now on to "important" stuff...

I'm going to try to get into a better schedule for 2021 for our important days, so you'll have enough notice to really do some celebrating, because let's face it, we could all use a reason to celebrate!

January 18th-24th is:

- Hunt for Happiness Week
- Handwriting Analysis Week
- Sugar Awareness Week
- No Name Calling Week
- Week of Christian Unity

Some fun only lasts a day:

- 18th**-Disc Jockey Day
Winnie the Pooh Day
Robert E Lee Day
Thesaurus Day
- 19th**-Popcorn Day
Tin Can Day
- 20th**-Camcorder Day
Cheese Lovers Day
Penguin Awareness Day
- 21st**-Sweatpants Day
National Cheesy Socks Day
National Hugging Day
Hug Your Puppy Day

22nd-Answer Your Cat's Questions Day

23rd-Eagle Day

Local Quilt Shop Day

National Pie Day

Snowplow Mailbox Hockey Day

24th—Belly Laugh Day

Peanut Butter Day

Talk Like a Grizzled Prospector Day

Have a great week & call if you need anything! I think I'm going to watch an old Gabby Hayes film and get in the mood.

Serving Him & Loving it!

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