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## Carry a Tune Week & Pick a Tune Day

I'll bet you had no idea how important October 7th is to the American music scene. Well, buckle up, because I'm going to tell you all about it!

**October 7, 1746**, was the birthday of William Billings, known as the Father of American Choral Music. Born in Boston, he and Paul Revere were best friends. Why have we never heard of him? Well, even though he was a singing teacher and composer, he spent more time in other jobs in order to maintain his large family, and was known in Colonial Boston as a tanner. His first music collection, *The New England Psalm Singer*, published in 1770, was the first major collection of choral music by an American born composer.

Billings' style placed an emphasis on the tenor (main melody) and bass voices. This is very different from today's choral music where the sopranos usually have the melody.

He composed over 100 pieces for chorus published in six collections

between 1770 and 1794. The music includes psalm tunes, hymns, and anthems.

Billings' best know tune is CHESTER, first published in 1770. It was sung most recently in the first episode of the acclaimed HBO television series, JOHN ADAMS.

**October 7, 1901** was the birthday of songwriter Ralph Rainger. He wrote mostly film songs, including "Love in Bloom" (1934), first recorded by Bing Crosby but later became Jack Benny's theme song. Rainger, and his co-writer, Leo Robin, also wrote the Oscar winning song, "Thanks For the Memory" from THE BIG BROADCAST OF 1938, sung by Bob Hope and Shirley Ross. It became Bob Hope's theme song.

**October 7, 1950** is the date that the popular program, YOUR HIT PARADE, premiered on national TV in 1950. his program had been on radio for many years.

Each week the TV program went through the top songs of the week, with a few older songs also included in the program.

So, October 7th really **is** a day to be celebrated. Pick your favorite tune (or a few favorites) and have a great day!

### Now on to the “important” stuff...

#### The 2nd week of October is:

- 4-H Week
- Fire Prevention Week
- Great Books Week
- International Post Card Week
- National Carry a Tune Week
- Work From Home Week
- World Space Week
- Customer Service Week
- Spinning & Weaving Week

#### Some fun only lasts a day.

- 3rd-** National Chowder Day
  - Frugal Fun Day
  - National Play Outside Day
  - Techies Day
- 4th-** Change a Light Day
  - Dick Tracy Day
  - Blessing of the Fishing Fleet
  - Ship in a Bottle Day
  - National Taco Day
  - Vodka Day
  - World Communion Day
- 5th-** Blue Shirt Day
  - Get Funky Day
  - National Consignment Day
  - World Teachers Day

- 6th-** American Libraries Day
  - Mad Hatter Day
  - Eat Fruit at Work Day
  - National Noodle Day
  - National Orange Wine Day
- 7th-** Coffee with a Cop Day
  - Chocolate Pretzel Day
  - Pumpkin Seed Day
  - Pick a Tune Day
  - Random Acts of Poetry Day
  - National Inner Beauty Day
  - Walk to School Day
- 8th-** National Salmon Day
  - World Octopus Day
- 9th-** Beer & Pizza Day
  - National Chess Day
  - Family Bowling Day
  - World Egg Day

Have a great week & call if you need anything!

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## WEEKLY GIGGLE

The Bible truly covers everything. Example.

Wife: “What do you think of this rug?”

Hubby: “It’s not my favorite.”

Wife: buys rug anyway...

“Woman, why do you involve me?  
John 2:4