

Chit Chat at Citizens



August 2025



Lefties Take the Lead

Did you hear the one about the inventor who developed a left-handed hammer? It didn't sell. He forgot to invent left-handed nails! But if he had, they likely would have been sold by the Left Handers Club, which celebrates International Left Handers Day on August 13.

Left Handers Day is about more than just advocating for left-handed products, like scissors, pens, and can openers. It's about

creating "Lefty Zones," where right-handed people attempt tasks using their left hands. For one day, the proverbial shoe will be on the other foot, with righties struggling to use tools unfit for their right-handedness. It's a day when all lefties will fight for their, um... rights.

**New Event or August
New Entertainment with Lorelei**

1st

Pamper Yourself Day

5th

Entertainment with Robert Twine

8th

Church Under the Tree

10th

Emerald City Extravaganza

19th

Piano music at Lunch with Matthew on

3rd floor dining room - New

Entertainment

22nd

End of Summer Luau Party

28th

Fun Small Stories

Journey Back to Oz

August marks a celebration for fans of *The Wizard of Oz*—the 86th anniversary of the beloved film’s release on August 25, 1939. In addition, the 125th birthday of the classic book, first published in May 1900, was celebrated earlier this year. Whether you first met Dorothy and Toto on the page or the silver screen, their journey down the Yellow Brick Road continues to charm audiences of all ages.

L. Frank Baum’s *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was a sensation from the start, quickly becoming a staple in American children’s literature. Over the decades, the story has inspired sequels, stage plays, and, most famously, the 1939 MGM film starring Judy Garland as Dorothy. The film dazzled audiences with its Technicolor magic, memorable songs, and a cast of unforgettable characters: Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, and, of course, Toto (who was played by a female Cairn terrier named Terry).

The book and the movie differ in small ways—Dorothy’s slippers are silver in the book but ruby red in the film, for example—but both deliver the same heartwarming message about friendship, courage, and finding your way home. The story’s appeal has lasted in part because it offers both adventure and comfort. As author Ray Bradbury once said, “Oz is what we would hope and like to be,” a place where villains aren’t so villainous and hope always wins out.

The Wizard himself is a memorable figure, too. When his secret is revealed, he admits, “I’m really a very good man, but I am a very bad wizard,” reminding us all that sometimes, good intentions matter more than magical powers.

So this August, why not revisit Oz? Dust off the book, queue up the movie, or share the story with a grandchild or other young friend. After all, as Dorothy reminds us, “There’s no place like home”—and for many, Oz will always feel a little like home, too.

Breaking News

Resident Refrigerator Reminder

Containers must have the resident's name and delivery date. AFTER three (3) days, the container and contents will be discarded.

Clothing

All clothing needs to be left with the receptionist to be labeled.

Voluntering

Interested in volunteering with the Citizens Activity Department

You can contact

Cathie Troxell at 270-772-9229 or you can email at

ctroxell@citizenssnf.com or

Stacey Smith at 240-772-9237 or you email at stsmith@citizenssnf.com

Auxiliary Group

The group is looking for members to join. You can contact Susan Basford at 301-676-8198 or you can email her at smbasford@comcast.net

Gift Shop is open daily from 1:00 - 4:00

Banking hours are Monday through Friday from 1:45 - 4:00

Happy Birthday!



In astrology, those born between August 1 and August 22 take on the lion star sign of Leo. Leos are dignified, strong, and powerful, making good leaders and honorable friends. They're also ambitious—reaching for the stars, working hard, and accomplishing their goals. Those born between August 23 and August 31 are Virgos, known for being industrious and efficient. They pay close attention to details and get the job done right on the first try. Here are a few celebrities born in August:

C. Pavcek 4th	A. Shafer 6th
S. Master 9th	M. Baker 10th
C. Wiles 13th	W. Pritchard 17th
J. Davies 18th	D. Stone 21st
S. Finch 23rd	P. Wolfe 24th
J. Carmichael 26th	P. Brady 26th
M. Baltrosky 26th	L. Howard 28th
B. Scott 28th	