

July/August 2026



COMMUNITY PRIDE ALIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

From the Mayor

By: Gary Griffith
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With this being the 250th Birthday of our country, I am going to take you back to 1976 when we celebrated our country's 200th Birthday, and how things have changed in Bergholz.

The year was 1976 and Bergholz was preparing for the Country's 200th Birthday. Gerald Ford was President of the United States, James Rhodes was governor of Ohio, Verda Starn was the Mayor of Bergholz, (might I say the first and only female Mayor of Bergholz), Bill Rowe was the Chief of the BVFD, and Joe (Pino) Berardinelli was Chief of Police.

Bergholz had (3) operating gas stations run by Jim and Marie Bartimus, Leroy Howell, and Larry and Kenny Sivets. The lone grocery store was run by Harry and Mable Saltzman. Allmon's and Robbin's Markets Salineville, Ohio with Tom Rawlings as President of the bank.

The beauty shop in Bergholz was in the front

of Gib and Edna Turvey's house on 2nd Street operated by Kaaren Long. The town barber was Dale Gallaher who at the time operated out of Chuck Joynson's garage on 3rd Street. Bergholz had (2) Insurance Agencies with McBane and Williams.

If you needed handy work the locals would get ahold of Bob Mackey, later it was Bill Elliott or Danny Bake. If you needed an addition, your go-to man was Chuck Joynson. The garbage man was Bill Starn, and if you needed something welded or your lawn mower blades sharpened you headed to Clyde Boyd's Boyd's welding shop out by the bridge. Featheringham Reality, Dale Featheringham, was your go-to for real estate. The local painter was Bob Walker.

Bergholz had (2) funeral homes with the already established Blackburn Funeral Home on 2nd Street and the newly established Everhart Funeral home on 1st Street

Bergholz had the Bergholz Supply Company operated by Clarence (Buck) Elliott on 1st Street down across the railroad

tracks. Buck carried lumber, fertilizer, animal feed, and other building supplies.

Bergholz had an Appliance Store owned and operated by George Crim. George carried on from his father, Harry Crim, selling appliances and offering service on them. They had a slogan on their truck that said "Crim Again."

The Allen Box Company at the southern end of the Village was one of the employers of a lot of locals at the time. The company was run by the George Family. Atwell and Lee Dillon ran a local trucking company located outside the Village, both were Bergholz residents, later taken over by Henry Sheets. The trucking company provided incomes for many locals.

Bergholz had several timber companies harvesting timber for local sawmills with the Ellis George Lumber Company owned by Lela George, ran by her brother Dick Carson, Jim George, and Howard DeNoon. DeNoon Lumber was operating on Tunnel Hill to get your rough cut lumber operated

by Bill and Janie DeNoon. The DeNoon's have been providing jobs and contributing to the community for 60 plus years!

The railroad had trains running daily through Bergholz hauling coal from the local mines to market, like the Jensie in East Springfield and Industrial Mining in Bergholz.

Bergholz had (4) active churches. The United Presbyterian, The United Methodist, Assembly of God, and the Church of Christ. The Baptist Church had been meeting at the old Bergholz High School prior to the building's demolition

All the kids in Bergholz went to John Gregg Elementary or Springfield High School, part of the Edison Local School District.

Bergholz had their own water department in 1976 that was run by the Board of Public Affairs. On the board at the time was John R(Dick) Carson, Charles (Wing) Gerverson and Wilber Culp. The Water Superintendent was Herb Dallison, and yours truly provided all the backhoe services!

From the Mayor(cont)
Somewhere around 2005 the Board of Public Affairs decided to disband and turned all the assets of the Water Department over to The Jefferson County Water Department.

Bergholz had a street department with Ray Roudebush as the Street Superintendent. The only equipment they owned was a dump truck with a snowplow!

The Bergholz BRASS was in its infancy with Gail and Eleanor Ash as the Bergholz representatives. BRASS stood for Bergholz, Richmond, Amsterdam, Springfield, and Salem Townships. BRASS would provide Emergency Ambulance Service to the entities listed. A welcomed improvement over the old Robbin's Funeral Home Hearse that was donated to Bergholz, parked outside the City Building, and manned by whoever was available to take someone to the hospital!

The 200th Birthday Celebration in Bergholz was held at the Firehouse on July 4th, 1976, with a day of celebration, food, and fireworks at the end of the day! The celebration could not have happened without the cooperation of the local churches, women's clubs, yes Bergholz had a Jr and Sr Women's club, the BVFD Auxiliary, Bergholz Village Council, Bergholz Ruritan Club, Springfield Township Trustees, local

businesses, and the members of the BVFD that worked tirelessly to pull this all off.

With all this history from the past, a lot has changed in those 50 years gone by. Most of the names mentioned have long passed. A few still remain.

The Village has lost most of what and who was mentioned except for a few. Our population has been cut in half. We are grateful to have The Bergholz Community Foundation that was developed by Ralph McBane and Bill DeNoon to carry on the Vision Ralph and Bill had for the future of Bergholz. That Vision can be seen by the different projects funded by the organization in Bergholz.

Bergholz is lucky to still have a gas station-carry out operated by Donna Daily, Insurance Agency still operated by the McBane family, a lumber company still operated by the DeNoon family. A Post Office and the Bank operated by Consumers Bank. A Museum of local history operated by the Featheringham family. The local refuse company run by Ron Gower. Last, but not least, the BVFD and Bergholz Emergency Service that still operate under the guidance of Dwyane Morley and Donna Daily. Without these two organizations Bergholz would be doomed for anyone needing emergency

assistance. If nothing else, Bergholz residents want to make sure these two organizations don't go by the wayside like a lot of others!

May the Birthday of our great country be greater than ever and hopefully someone will be writing about the 250th celebration in Bergholz when our nation reaches 300 years old!

As always Thank You to all residents both past and present for what you do to make Bergholz the envy of the valley!

Mayor
Gary Griffith

Bergholz Community Foundation

By: Nikki Klein

Summer is Finally Here! We hope you're enjoying the start of a wonderful summer season in our community.

Be sure to join us for the Library Dedication Ceremony on July 4th, immediately following the parade. The dedication will take place at the library grounds, which will also be the location for all of the day's traditional festivities. As summer arrives, we're reminded of how special it is to live in a community where neighbors come together to celebrate, connect, and create lasting memories. Events like these help strengthen the bonds that make our town such a wonderful place to call home. We look forward to celebrating with

everyone and making lasting memories together this summer!

To help support and celebrate this special community project, memorial benches, tables, and other commemorative items will be available for purchase. These items will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so interested residents are encouraged to reserve theirs early. Please contact a trustee if interested.

We're also excited to announce that the official Grand Opening of the Library will take place later in July. More details will be shared soon!

Reminder: Community Healthcare is seeing patients right here in Bergholz. To schedule an appointment with Mallory Puckett, CNP, please call 330-854-2510 or 740-768-1001. Mallory is available in Bergholz on Thursdays.

Our funding supports programs that make a difference in our community, including cultural, health, social service, educational, literary, and scientific initiatives. If your organization is working to strengthen and serve our community, we encourage you to apply. Grants are available to organizations that qualify as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our grant applications are available on our website. <https://bergholzfoundation.org>

Community Healthcare

By: Dr. Brady Steineck

Our team is honored to be joining you and to call Bergholz our new home! As a primary care medical group, we know that health care is deeply personal, and that in a small community, trust is earned over time—not assumed. We are opening our new office here with a simple mission: to provide care that is comprehensive, compassionate, high-quality, and cost-effective. That means being there for you across all stages of life, listening carefully to your concerns, delivering excellent medical care, and doing everything we can to keep care affordable and accessible. And in addition, we are very proud to be staffing the office with someone born and raised in Bergholz—nurse practitioner Mallory Puckett!

“Comprehensive” for us means looking at the whole person, not just a single visit or a single symptom. Our clinicians and staff will work together to address preventive care, chronic conditions, urgent needs, and the emotional and social factors that affect health. “Compassionate” means we will treat every person who walks through our doors with dignity and respect, taking the time to explain, to reassure, and to involve you in decisions. “High-quality” means we follow the best evidence and standards in medicine,

continually improve our practices, and measure ourselves against clear goals. And “cost-effective” means we are always mindful of the financial burden of care—seeking solutions that are thoughtful, transparent, and sustainable for families and employers alike.

We are guided by four core values. First, we are committed to serving the community as a whole—not just the people who already have a doctor or good insurance. That includes partnering with local organizations, schools, businesses, and faith communities; participating in health education and outreach; and doing our part to improve the overall health of the town. Second, we value selflessness. In practical terms, that means putting patients’ needs at the center, working as a team, and being willing to go the extra mile—staying late for a worried parent, making follow-up calls to check on a senior living alone, or helping a neighbor navigate a difficult diagnosis.

Integrity is our third core value. You can expect honesty from us—in how we communicate, how we recommend tests and treatments, and how we handle your medical information. We will be clear about options, upfront about costs whenever possible, and committed to doing what is

right, even when it is not the easiest path. Our fourth value is quality. We will invest in strong clinical staff, up-to-date training, and systems that will help us deliver safe, reliable care. We welcome feedback, and we will use it to improve. Our goal is for you to feel confident that the care you receive here is as good as, or better than, what you might find in a much larger town or city.

To everyone in this community—patients, families, business owners, local leaders—we want you to know that we are here to serve you and to grow with you. We see this not as “opening a clinic,” but as beginning a long-term relationship. As we settle in, you’ll see us at local events, listening to what matters most to you and looking for ways to be helpful beyond our walls. We invite your ideas, your questions, and your honest feedback. Together, we can build a practice that reflects the values of this town and supports the health and well-being of every neighbor. Thank you for welcoming us; we look forward to caring for you and growing alongside you in the years ahead.



Average Moe’s Gym

By: Samantha Sheldon

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Happy Summer, everyone!

We are excited to be approaching our 2-year anniversary as Average Moe’s Gym! Time sure does fly when you’re getting fit.

We also want to remind everyone that even though it’s summertime, we’re still offering classes **6 days a week** to help you stay on track with your fitness goals.

Tuesday – Extreme Fit at 6:00 PM

Kick off your week with our high-intensity Extreme Fit class! This energizing workout combines movements coordinated to music with MMA-inspired exercises and plyometrics to help build muscle, boost endurance, and burn calories long after your workout is over.

The best part? All movements can be modified to fit your fitness level, so you can work at your own pace while still getting an incredible workout.

We can’t wait to celebrate our anniversary with all of you and continue helping our community get stronger every day. See you in class!

Holidays

July

4th - Independence Day

August

2nd - Friendship Day



**Northeast
Jefferson County
Food Pantry**

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Hours of Operation

Worker program on the 2nd
Saturday of each month:
9am-11am.

Regular program on the 3rd
Thursday of each month:
9am-11am.

**CLOSED MONTH OF
JULY FOR VACATION**

If you or someone you know is facing food insecurity, you're not alone, and there are resources available to help. Whether you're dealing with job loss, reduced income, or just need a little extra support, local food pantries can provide free groceries and produce for your family.

Dear Friend, Summer is a joyous time here in the Food Pantry but for vulnerable children and families it can be a time of hunger and hardship. During summer break, many children no longer have access to school meals as an important source of nutrition. Many parents will struggle to come up with an extra meal each week, per child. Meeting the increased need for families and individuals will put

tremendous strain on the food pantry's partners who want to ensure everyone has access to healthy food all summer long. Your support makes it possible to provide healthy food through programs that help children, families, and seniors. I hope you enjoy this summertime. Feed the Need and are inspired to see smiles and hear words of thanks that show your compassion and love for those in need.

The Food Pantry will be closed for month of July for vacation and will reopen on August 8th for Worker Program and Regular Pantry August 20th God Bless and Have a Safe Summer

**East Springfield
Community Recreation &
Service Center**

By: *Sue Call 740.543.3700*

The Center wants to thank everyone who joins us for our monthly dinners on the second Thursday of each month. We are going to take a break for the month of July. August 13th will be our next dinner. That menu hasn't been decided yet!

The Center is available to rent. It has been booked solid in May and June with graduation parties, birthday and anniversary parties, and baby showers. Please contact me about prices and availability.

Check social media or flyers posted in the community for details of all Center activities.

The Center is especially grateful for everyone who participated and attended the 2026 Memorial Day Parade. We were proud to a part of the special time remembering those who gave their lives for our county, particularly this year the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Shawn Dorsey, former owner of Carry Out Express, was the Parade Grand Marshall. Float Winners were: 1st – Church of the Cross, 2nd – ES Community Center, 3rd ES Christ United Methodist Church. Novelty Winners were: 1st – Jeff & Charlene Mencer (Gator), 2nd – Mencer Grandchildren (Gator), 3rd – Liberty Guys and Gals 4-H Club. Motorized Vehicle Winners were: 1st – Rob Alloggia (1934 Ford Truck)-, 2nd – John Ramsey (Spahn's Dairy), , 3rd – Jefferson County Queen and Princess. Horse Winners were: 1st – Donna Huber, 2nd – Eric Davis, 3rd – Ron Waggoner. Thank you to the Fire Departments and EMS crews that gave their time as well – Amsterdam, Bergholz, Richmond, and East Springfield.

**East Springfield
Christ UMC**

By: *Nicki Tennant*
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Christ UMC welcomes our new leader, Teri Bado. Teri is a Lay Speaker from Smithfield, Ohio and is just starting her call to the

ministry. We are excited to have Teri and watch her grow during this exciting time of her faith journey.

Sunday July 19th we will be hosting our 2nd Block Party. Last year's party on the church lawn was such a success, we decided to do it once again! Worship at 11am will be led by our new preacher, Teri Bado. Following Worship will be an old-fashioned picnic style lunch - hot dogs, baked beans, macaroni salad, chips, watermelon, plus more! There will be inflatable(s), yard games, and a place and time to visit. The East Springfield Volunteer Fire Department will be coordinating and hosting the cornhole tournament! Please join us for a fun filled afternoon!

The Adult Sunday School Class started their Summer Quarter, "The Lord's Patience with His People." Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am.

If you are looking for a home church, or just want to stop in for a visit, we have Adult Sunday School at 9:45am and Morning Worship at 11am. You can also watch our worship service on our Facebook page. We would love for you to come and join us.



Something to Think About

By: Dave Miller

July 4, 2026, is the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. It is being celebrated in many ways: parades, picnics, even food stuffs. A bakery recently had an ad on TV advertising 250th anniversary baked goods.

As I was thinking of these things, my mind went back to the 200th anniversary celebration in 1976. I was ministering on Staten Island in New York City at the time. Our area had a Fourth of July parade every year, and at the same time our church would have a picnic on the church lawn. Late that afternoon, a group of us went down the North Shore of Staten Island and watched the parade of tall ships, majestic and glorious, sailing up the New York Harbor.

I thought it would be appropriate to journey back in history for a minute and consider the “why” of the founding of the United States of America.

In the Third Session of the Second Continental Congress, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed, and John Adams of Massachusetts seconded a resolution declaring the United States a free and independent state. Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Roger Sherman, and Philip Livingston were appointed a committee to draw up a Declaration of Independence. The famous document, written almost

entirely by Jefferson, was adopted July 4, 1776.

When Jefferson, years later, was asked to write his own epitaph, as his greatest achievement he listed his authorship of the Declaration of Independence, not his term as President of the United States.

The document includes these words, “We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

This document was read publicly on July 8, 1776. People were called to the reading by the ringing of the Liberty Bell. When our family visited Philadelphia in the early 70’s, the Liberty Bell was in a dirty dingy hallway. I understand it is now in a much more beautiful display area.

Words from Leviticus 25:12 appear on the bell. “Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.”

The Mayflower Compact begins with the words, “In the name of God, Amen.” A little later are the words, “Having undertaken for the glory of God, and the advancement of the Christian faith.”

Not only were there documents prepared, but George Washington and Robert Morris visited the shop of Betsy Ross in

Philadelphia and asked her to make a flag for this new nation. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress resolved that the flag be red, white, and blue.

An article in the Herald Star of June 14, 2002, said Washington explained the colors of the flag this way. The red stripes represent the blood spilled for those who fought to maintain and establish our nation, the blue stands for freedom and justice, and the white stands for the purity and serenity of the new nation.

J.O. Henry, a member of Fellowship Mt. Zion Church presents a marvelous study on the Constitution of the United States of America. If you or your group/organization would like more information, J.O.’s number is 740.327.5407

Trinity United Presbyterian

By: Steve Jenkins
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What are your expectations for yourself in this life? Who do you rely on? More importantly, who relies on you.

So, each day you look around and see what other people need to be doing. You hear or see news that by your estimation is a reporting of this world being in a terrible mess that was created by some-one else and everybody else is to blame. Oh, and what those people were given was unjustified. I am more worthy of it than they are.

In other words, everyone else should see the world and create a world that benefits you.

Well here the good news, only you can make that happen and it begins by looking at the gifts of time and talent which you have been freely given and blessed with. It is you that determine if and how well they are being refined. Refined and used to produce the best results the best or, if rather, you have shoved them aside simply because, well to be honest, you are too unmotivated to use the blessings that you have been freely given. That usually comes followed by the statement, “that’s somebody else’s job.”

I look around our communities and see many opportunities for someone to make a difference, but ***who will step up and do it? That person is reading this article right now.*** When I see a plastic bottle or can lying in a parking lot or along the road, I pick it up and put it in my car so I can recycle it at home. Some people may think that is a small act, and it is—but it helps clean up what others see. People also notice how we live. Are we leaving behind litter, or are we showing the beauty of God’s creation? If we want a better future for our community, we must work together, communicate face to face, and gather regularly with a shared purpose.

Presbyterian (cont)

On July 19th, 2026, Trinity Presbyterian Church will be hosting an all church and believers' picnic. We want to take this time to celebrate what the talents in this community have to offer and what a stronger faith brings as an opportunity to enhance the results. This would be a great time for family gatherings. Any church who would like to gather with us or anyone in the community that understands that we only accomplish great things when we work together. It is not someone else's responsibility to make things happen, that responsibility belongs to each and *every one of us personally*.

I hope you will join us the 19th of July at 11:00 outside Trinity Presbyterian Church where we will enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and the covered dishes of ladies who know how to make great meals. I pray that you will join us and bless us with your talents and ideas and with a firm commitment to creating positive change and the blessings that that will bring.

May God bless you all and we look forward to being with you on July 19th

Pastor Steve Jenkins



Bergholz Fellowship /Chestnut Ridge Churches

By: Pastor Lee Iden
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Summer is here with a VENGEANCE! OK, I will be the first to admit that I am a WINTER person! I ENJOY the snow and the ice and the wind and the COLD! And I will be the first to admit that I actually disdain the heat and humidity of the summers and as I get older, it gets worse. But this is the season in Ohio, that by the way, I love, so I'll deal with it.

I appreciate so much the opportunity to present these small bits of information about our small church in Bergholz! We don't have a lot of resources to advertise the things that are going on in our small congregation church, and I personally consider Bergholz Fellowship and Chestnut Ridge church, ONE church! We are one church worshipping in two locations, and I think that is great! When we left the UMC in 2023, essentially, we were two churches pastored by one person. We had the same district superintendent, belonged to the same conference but had two separate sets of responsibilities. Bergholz had their paperwork that was due on a regular basis and Chestnut Ridge had their own sets of paperwork due on a regular basis.

I was involved in an accident 6 years ago that prevented me from physically attending two worship services on the same day and so both churches got together and decided that they would worship as one church alternating buildings every month. I believe that this has worked well and when, several years ago, I presented the prospect of returning to separate worship services, both churches, THANKFULLY, declined and today, we continue to alternate buildings every month..

We have a congregation that love the Lord Jesus Christ and strive to do His work in a world that frankly sometimes does not want to hear from God. They do a good job of helping other in the ways that they can by supporting local entities, tithing of the resources given to them and being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world they live.

During the Bergholz Community yard sale during the first week of June, Chestnut Ridge hosted, with the blessing of Bergholz Fellowship, a hot dog stand at the small building beside Bergholz Fellowship church. We got to fellowship with many of the village residents, build relationships with so many people and raise money for local entities as well! It was a GREAT weekend!

We had sufficient help in running the stand, a lot of good baked goods to sell to the public and just a wonderful time of sharing God's love in the process!

By the time you read this article, we will have hosted Doctor Boniface Abanga, a missionary from Africa and heard what he and his people are doing on that continent after building a church only to have it turn out to be TOO SMALL! So now they need to build ANOTHER larger building! BOY, I sure wish we had that problem here in Bergholz! I am excited to hear what is going on in Africa concerning the love of Jesus Christ and the building of His church there! The last time I did any research on the subject, Africa was one of the fasting growing Christian churches on the planet! THAT IS A GREAT THING and the USA could learn something from them.

If you are looking for a good church with good people who love the Lord Jesus Christ, please give us a visit. We worship at Bergholz Fellowship church, 266 2nd Street Bergholz, on even numbered months and Chestnut Ridge Church, 1177 Cinder Rd. SE Bergholz on the odd numbered months. We look forward to seeing you!

Shalom Pastor Lee

Let's Fight Together Outreach

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Hey there. How's everyone?

I'm TJ Anderson and I'm putting on a Rogers Park Flea Market Saturday, August 8th 10am-5pm. The Amsterdam Council and Mayor have given me permission and their blessings to do this, and I appreciate them very much allowing me to do so.

All the proceeds that come from this event will go to Let's Fight Together, Jefferson County United Way, Amsterdam Fire Department, Amsterdam VFW, and the Edison Baseball/Softball Youth Association.

We want to have 40-50 Vendors and Food trucks at this event, someone making hot dogs and drinks for donation only, a gun raffle, and 50/50. Someone is coming to make Rogers Park Flea Market T-shirts. I'm also going to have a basketball shoot out contest for kids and big kids.

We have some fun things planned. This Flea Market will have a lot of support from the community.

One thing we must get started with is advertising. I'm looking for donations to help me advertise for the Flea Market and make it successful. If you would like to donate, it would be appreciated!

Any check donations can be written to

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BOOKMOBILE
SCHEDULE

Tuesday
July 21st
August 11th

Grammy's Diner Amsterdam

10am-10:45am

Bergholz VFD

11am-11:45am

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12:15pm

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"Unearth a Story"
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The Road to 1776 Trivia

1. Who was the main author of the Declaration of Independence?

- A) John Adams
- B) Thomas Jefferson
- C) James Madison
- D) Alex. Hamilton

2. The "shot heard round the world" was fired in 1775 at...

- A) Lexington & Concord
- B) Bunker Hill
- C) Saratoga
- D) Yorktown

3. Which 1765 law taxed newspapers and printed papers in the colonies?

- A) Tea Act
- B) Stamp Act
- C) Sugar Act
- D) Quartering Act

4. In what year did the Boston Tea Party take place?

- A) 1770
- B) 1773
- C) 1775
- D) 1776

5. Who wrote the revolutionary pamphlet "Common Sense"?

- A) Thomas Paine
- B) Patrick Henry
- C) Samuel Adams
- D) Ben Franklin

6. Which 1777 battle is called the turning point of the war?

- A) Trenton
- B) Saratoga
- C) Long Island
- D) Brandywine

7. Complete the famous slogan: "No taxation without _____"

- A) liberty
- B) representation
- C) celebration
- D) hesitation

8. Where did Washington's army survive the brutal winter of 1777-78? A) Valley Forge B) Morristown C) Trenton D) Albany

9. Which European country became America's key ally in 1778? A) Spain B) France C) Netherlands D) Prussia

10. Which treaty officially ended the Revolutionary War in 1783? A) Treaty of Ghent B) Treaty of Paris C) Tr. of Versailles D) Tr. of Madrid

-THE SIGNING SURPRISE

The Declaration was approved on July 4, 1776 – but most of the 56 signers didn't actually sign it that day!

The big signing ceremony happened almost a month later, on August 2, 1776. --

JOHN ADAMS PICKED THE WRONG DAY

Congress voted for independence on July 2, and John Adams predicted THAT date would be celebrated forever with parades and fireworks. He was only off by two days – but he got the fireworks part exactly right! THE ---

-MOST AMAZING COINCIDENCE IN U.S. HISTORY

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson – rivals, friends, and the 2nd and 3rd presidents both died on the very same day: July 4, 1826. That was exactly the 50th birthday of the Declaration they had both helped create. ---

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Trivia Answers: 1B, 2A, 3B, 4B, 5A, 6B, 7B, 8A, 9B, 10B.



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