

# The Gatekeeper Gazette

For Poll Workers—Our “Gatekeepers of Democracy”



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## **OFFICE CLOSURES**

4th of July: July 5 (observed)

Labor Day: September 6

# Happy Birthday!



## July

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## August

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## September

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Bob August  
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Sara Ayala  
Sharon Biernat  
Sharon Birdsell  
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Dawn Brovelli  
Dana Coble  
Megan Cousar  
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Karen Current  
Gail Del Col  
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Patricia Francis  
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John Harkins  
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Svetlana Kovalenko  
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Bob Little  
Victoria Marshall  
Jackson Mroz  
Dianne Munson  
Crislyn Parker  
Estellita Rainwater August  
Emil Reiser  
Daniel Reiss  
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Lorelei Rodrigue  
Shawn Rourke  
Pam Schroeder  
Billy Schindler  
Christine Sewell  
Melvin Smith  
Claire Stone  
Steve Superak

# Patriotic Trifle

## Ingredients:

- 1 (16-ounce) pound cake, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 quart strawberries, sliced, with 1 cup reserved
- 1 pint blueberries, with 1/2 cup reserved
- 1 (16-ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed



## Directions:

1. In a trifle bowl or large glass serving bowl, layer half the pound cake, strawberries, blueberries, and whipped topping. Repeat layers once more then garnish with reserved berries in a flag pattern, as shown.
2. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve.

# No Bake Patriotic

## Twinkie Cake

### Ingredients:

- Strawberries (chopped)
- Blueberries
- Twinkies
- Strawberry glaze
- Whipped cream or Cool whip



### Directions:

1. Layer your dish with the twinkies.
2. Pour and then spread the glaze over your twinkies, and add a layer of chopped Strawberries.
3. Top with whipped cream or cool whip.

# What you may not know about the 4th of July



## 1. The Declaration of Independence Wasn't Actually Signed in July

On July 4, 1776, Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence, but it actually wasn't signed until almost a month later. When the declaration was officially approved on July 4, John Hancock and Charles Thompson (president and secretary of the Continental Congress) signed the draft that day. But the official copy wasn't signed by all 56 signers until August 2, 1776.

## 2. The First American Flag Only Had 13 Stars

The United States flag didn't always have 50 stars. In fact, the original flag only had 13—which represented the 13 original colonies. The blue square with the stars is referred to as 'the union' on the flag, and should always be displayed at the peak of the flag staff or on the uppermost right side, if hung on a wall.

## 3. The First Fourth of July Was Celebrated in 1777

When the Declaration of Independence was finalized in July of 1776, future president John Adams wrote a letter to his wife Abigail, saying he expected the date to become an annual celebration in America—and he was right. In 1777, the first Fourth of July was celebrated with fireworks and parades.

## 4. Apple Pie Is Considered the Most American Dessert

When the colonists first came to America, they were looking for ways to distance themselves from Britain. They ditched their traditional scones and cakes and learned how to make a flaky pastry crust from Dutch immigrants who had also come to America. Since apples were easy to come by, they filled the pastries with apple slices and the tradition of apple pie (and independence) was born.