



A Few Words from the President



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Well, it's that time of year again, the holiday season! A time for gatherings and fellowship and a time for good cheer. As Molossia is a family nation, these traditions are important to us, and we thus place great emphasis on family gatherings. So, as other activities wane in December, Christmas and other holidays celebrations reign supreme. This month we will celebrate Christmas around the National Christmas Tree in Government House, and then Boxing Day (with accompanying shepherd's pie) the day after. And, like most, we will count down the minutes to the new year (even though our official new year celebration is also Chinese New Year). And of course we will be sending out our annual Christmas Cards again this year. So join us in this season of merriment and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Winter In Molossia

For seven months of the year, Molossia is a very public place, numerous tourists visiting, and with a wide variety of events taking place such as Naval missions, parades, rocket launches, expeditions and much more. After 15 October, though, our tourist season ends and Molossia becomes a much quieter place - but still busy. October through December is the holiday and parade season, with our participation in the annual Nevada Day Parade followed the holidays of Halloween, Guy Fawkes and later still Thanksgiving (not an official holiday but still very much enjoyed in Molossia). December brings Christmas, of course, a major holiday in Molossia, followed by Boxing Day. After all that, the focus shifts and after the new year, when weather permits, construction season begins. This does not always mean literal construction (although it often does), but also repairing, painting, and general cleanup in preparation for the coming tourist season. The weather in the desert can be rather harsh and there are almost always repairs to be made to our buildings, signs and fixtures after a year of wear and tear. It's not all work, though, as during this time comes our annual ceremonial new year, the Lunar New Year, as well as Emperor Norton Day and Qingming. After all this, tourist season starts again on 15 April and with the warmer months come most of those interesting events that help make Molossia the remarkable place that it is!



Guy Fawkes Celebration

5 November 2016

On 5 November 2016 XXXIX, Molossians celebrated our sixth annual Guy Fawkes Night. Guy Fawkes Night, or Bonfire Night, is a popular event in Great Britain, dating back to the foiled Gunpowder Plot of 5 November 1605 when Guy Fawkes and 13 of his cohorts conspired to blow up Parliament and King James I of England. After the plot was uncovered and the conspirators executed, the 5th of November became an official holiday in Great Britain, adopted likewise six years ago in Molossia, in recognition of our English roots. Prior to the holiday, Molossian citizens gathered in Government House and created their own Guys, to burn in effigy.



Guy On Fire

That done, on the 5th of November the bonfire in Norton Park was lit and Molossians gathered for the evening festivities. Dinner was shepherd's pie, Molossian style, accompanied by hot apple cider and apples dipped in caramel. Then the Guy Fawkes rhyme was recited by the company, after which the Guys were committed to the bonfire, one by one, the President's going in first. The evening was concluded with gentle revelry around the fire until it became coals and the celebrants dispersed. A fine time was had by all and we all look forward to next year's Guy Fawkes Night!



The Many Guy's of Molossia



Gathered Around the Bonfire, Guys



Laika Day

3 November



6 November 2016

3 November 2016 XXXIX marked the ninth annual Laika Day celebration in Molossia. Laika Day was established by His Excellency, The President in 2007 XXX, to recognize our canine family here in Molossia. Our dogs are faithful companions and friends, as well as frequent sources of entertainment. The President felt that they should have their own holiday, to recognize the significant presence they have in our lives.

Laika Day is named for the Soviet Space Dog, Laika, who became the first recorded animal to orbit the earth. Laika, whose real name was Kudryavka, rocketed skyward on the Soviet spacecraft Sputnik 2, on 3 November 1957, fifty-nine years ago. She perished in space due to overheating after just a few hours. Laika represents the very essence of dogs, loyal, trusting and obedient. These qualities are what make dogs such a large part of human life, and recognition of this is long overdue.

The ninth annual Laika Day began with a trip to the local dog park. The dogs, Molly, Duncan , Annie, Bella, Tom and Thor could run free with few restrictions, and did so for about an hour. Afterward, the adventurers returned to the Molossian Home Territories, for a couple of well-deserved Laika Day treats. Thus ended Laika Day and a fine time was had by all!



Molossia's Dogs

Molossia's Little Free Library

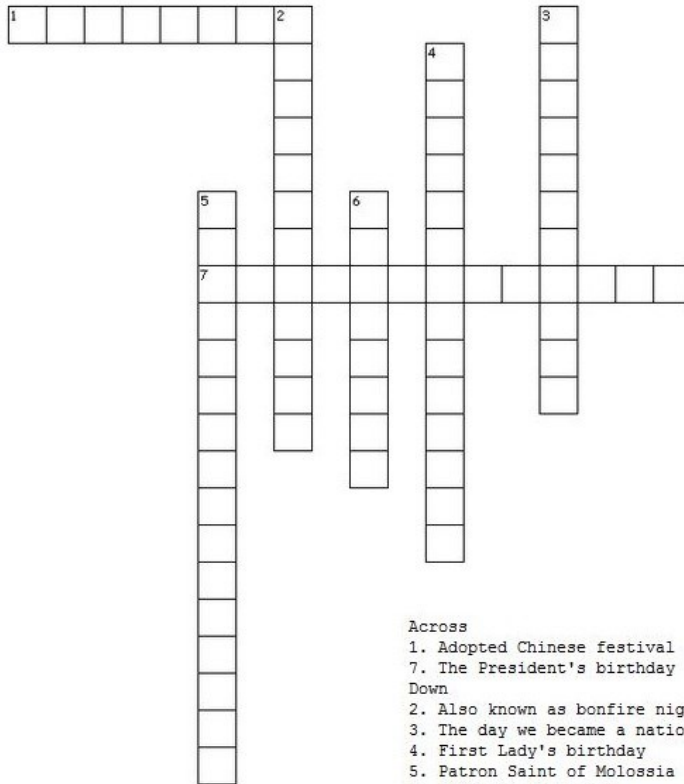
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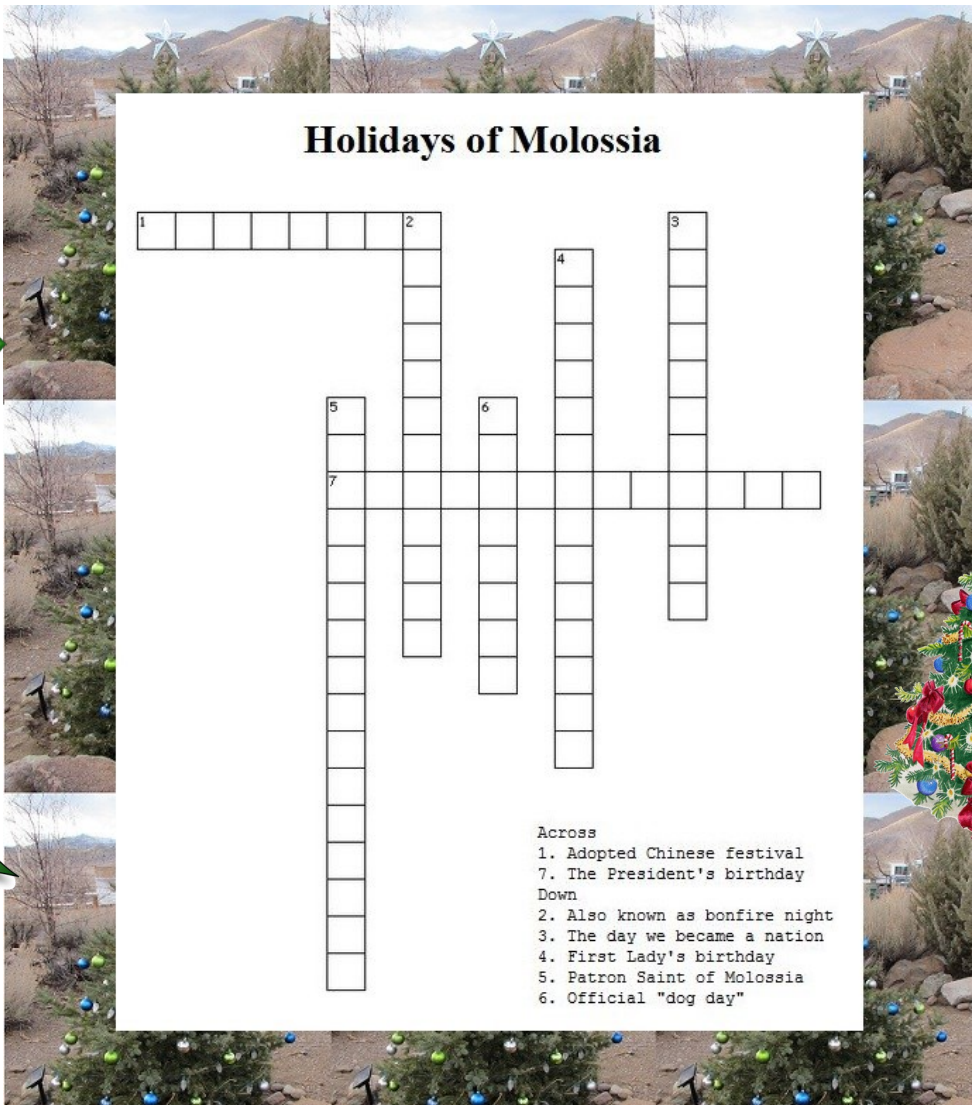
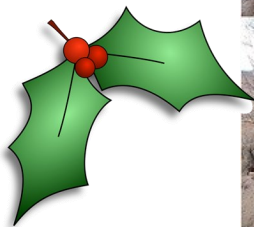
Molossia is proud to unveil our latest initiative, the Little Free Library. Little Free Libraries are tiny collections of books, meant to be swapped for free to passing readers throughout their communities. These libraries are established worldwide to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges, and to build a sense of community. The goal has been the building of 2,510 Little Free Libraries — as many as the libraries businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie sponsored during his lifetime — and keep going. The number of Little Free Libraries worldwide has now far surpassed that modest goal, currently reaching over 50,000.

Molossia's Little Free Library will stand on our northwest border, not far from the Customs Station, and will be stocked initially with books from the National Library in Government House. We are proud to be a part of this movement and see our library not only as an advancement of literacy here in Molossia, but also as a part of our commitment to the Dayton and Mark Twain community across our border. Come visit our library!

Holidays of Molossia



- Across
- 1. Adopted Chinese festival
 - 7. The President's birthday
- Down
- 2. Also known as bonfire night
 - 3. The day we became a nation
 - 4. First Lady's birthday
 - 5. Patron Saint of Molossia
 - 6. Official "dog day"



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December Calendar

- **Christmas Day - December 25th** The biggest holiday of the year, celebrated with presents, music, Christmas movies, Christmas cookies and lasagna for Christmas Dinner (this is in honor of our Italian heritage). The Christmas Eve meal is a more traditional fare of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, etc.
- **Boxing Day - December 26th** No particular reason except that it sounds neat, and is quintessentially British. We tend to be Anglophiles in Molossia. Celebrated with our own version of "Shepherd's Pie".
- **Penny Baugh's Birthday - December 27th**



THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

Molossia's weather is always gorgeous, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures year-round of 22° Celsius (72° Fahrenheit). However, our little country is surrounded by the US and they are so close, their awful weather invades frequently! So the weather report reflects both our weather and theirs.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	21° C / 70° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-6° C / 20° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	7° C / 45° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	9 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady



Hello everyone! I can't believe that it's Christmas time already! December is here and that means that this is the season of giving. Giving gifts to people makes us feel good and the person receiving them feel good as well. A gift doesn't have to be a monetary item. You can give from the heart by helping someone out with something that you excel in. Giving knowledge to each other is the best kind of gift, it never expires and encourages personal growth. Think of a way that you can give someone a gift this season. You can volunteer your time at a local youth center or even just hop on a message board and offer advice to young micronationalists. Giving of yourself is the most rewarding gift anyone can give. Think outside of the (gift) box this season!

Thank you and until next time...
Merry Christmas!

~Adrienne

