September

There are several dates that occur during the month of September, starting with the fourth, Labor Day. That’s a Monday and our offices will be closed. The following Monday is Patriot’s Day which is not a holiday and our offices will not be closed. Constitution Day is on the 17th, but that’s a Sunday.

The Jewish holy day Rosh Hashanah is September 21 followed by Yom Kippur on the 29th. In between is the arrival of autumn on September 22. Sad, but true, summer is about to come to an end. For the Chicago area summer 2017 has been to date a contradiction of global warming.

The 2017 W.D. Bruce Invitational Golf Outing will take place on September 14 at the Lake Bluff Golf Course.
Bits and Pieces

37% of Americans do not own life insurance—not even $1,000 for burial.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Association, with its analysis of 30 million members, reports that the opioid disorder diagnosis has risen 493% during the period of 2010 to 2016.

“Our most important asset is clearly our great workforce. We have the Midwestern work ethic. We have people who work hard every day and take pride in their work, and that is why we continue to prosper.” This clearly could be a model for ELCO Mutual, but in reality, it was part of a speech by Wisconsin’s Governor Walker.

Charles Kuralt once stated, “Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything.”

Recently a homeowner was trying to figure out how 15 pounds of pork landed on the roof of his home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Seemingly this was something out of thin air, but it is not the only such weird event. In Kuwait City, a bizarre video of drivers abandoning their cars in order to grab paper money from the sky went viral in 2015 although officials had no explanation for the windfall. Also, rush hour motorists were alarmed when it began raining apples over a main road in Coventry, England in 2011. The freak outpour was thought to be caused by a vortex over a nearby orchard. Finally, a women in Louisiana was crossing the street when large, tangled clumps of worms began dropping from above. The worms may have been propelled into the air by a water spout, but it was never confirmed.

7,500,000,000 (7½ billion) is the approximate number of minutes that Americans spent watching Netflix on their phones this past June. Per ComScore this is a 73% increase from the same time three years earlier in 2014.
New Senior’s Exam
(you only need 4 correct out of 10 questions to pass)

1.   How long did the Hundred Years’ War last?

2.   Which country makes Panama hats?

3.   From which animal do we get cat gut?

4.   In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?

5.   What is a camel’s hair brush made of?

6.   The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?

7.   What was King George VI’s first name?

8.   What color is a purple finch?

9.   Where are Chinese gooseberries from?

10.  What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

John Cleese, Actor and Author

According to John Cleese, the English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent events in Syria and have therefore raised their security level from “Miffed” to “Peeved.”

Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to “Irritated” or even “A Bit Cross.” The English have not been “A Bit Cross” since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

Terrorists have been recategorized from “Tiresome” to “A Bloody Nuisance.” The last time the British issued a “Bloody Nuisance” warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Spanish are now excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.
Answers to the Quiz

1. How long did the Hundred Years’ War last? 
   **116 years**

2. Which country makes Panama hats? 
   **Ecuador**

3. From which animal do we get cat gut? 
   **Sheep and horses**

4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? 
   **November**

5. What is a camel's hair brush made of? 
   **Squirrel fur**

6. The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal? 
   **Dogs**

7. What was King George VI's first name? 
   **Albert**

8. What color is a purple finch? 
   **Crimson**

9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from? 
   **New Zealand**

10. What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane? 
    **Orange**

September Birthdays

3     Dianne Green
14    Joseph D. Armstrong
16    William D. Bruce
18    Bud Lesko
24    Christopher Chigas
26    Bob Lackie
28    Earl Huitt
28    Joan Kulpins