

FP WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 15-19

Dumb laws in different states...

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WEATHER

MONDAY:
PARTLY
CLOUDY
HIGH OF 50

TUESDAY:
MOSTLY
CLOUDY
HIGH OF 57

WEDNESDAY:
RAIN/
THUNDER
HIGH OF 47

THURSDAY:
RAIN/
THUNDER
HIGH OF 51

FRIDAY:
SHOWERS
HIGH OF 51

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Submission ideas:

- ◆ Weekly Polls
- ◆ History
- ◆ Interesting Facts
- ◆ Poetry
- ◆ Unique holidays

This week's newsletter is recycled from a few years ago; in case you forgot...

ARIZONA: NO SPITTING IN PUBLIC

In the town of Goodyear, Arizona, it is unlawful to spit 'in or on' any public building, park, sidewalk, or road. Offenders may be charged a fine of up to \$2,500 and six months in prison. (And in case you need a reminder, it's also just lousy etiquette.)

ARKANSAS: MUST PRONOUNCE STATE NAME CORRECTLY

Visitors beware: it is strictly prohibited to pronounce 'Arkansas' incorrectly. Per the state Code, the only acceptable pronunciation is 'in three (3) syllables, with the final 's' silent, the 'a' in each syllable with the Italian sound, and the accent on the first and last syllables.' So keep your Arkan-sass to yourself.

CONNECTICUT: PICKLES MUST BOUNCE

A pickle cannot be sold unless it bounces. According to a 1948 article, this law became a necessity after two scheming pickle packers tried to sell pickles 'unfit for human consumption' on the sly. Connecticut's Food and Drug Commissioner at the time proclaimed that a real pickle 'should bounce' when dropped from the height of one foot, leading to a new state regulation.

GEORGIA: CAN'T EAT FRIED CHICKEN WITH UTENSILS

For chicken chompers in Gainesville, Georgia, 'finger-lickin'' is not a suggestion—it is mandatory. Thanks to a 1961 law added to the city code as a publicity stunt, it is illegal to eat fried chicken in 'the poultry capital of the world' with anything other than your fingers. A tourist was 'arrested' for such a chicken-forking violation in 2009.

ILLINOIS: NO 'FANCY' BIKE RIDING

Listen here, city slicker: Galesburg city law strictly prohibits 'fancy riding' of any bicycle on city streets, particularly riding with both hands removed from the handlebars, both feet removed from the pedals, or 'any acrobatic' shenanigans on your fancy velocipede. According to a Galesburg police officer, 'I suspect the trick riding ordinance came during a time or concern about bicyclist safety and perhaps crashes involving bicyclists.' It is seldom enforced.

(all info retrieved from msn.com)

Weekly Activities

Monday: Rummy tourney 9am, Fun monthly quiz

Tuesday: *\$5 Tuesday, FP CLOSED 10-1:30pm

Wednesday: Trestle trail walk 10am

Thursday: *Egg dying/decorating 10am

Friday: Wii Games

INDIANA: PROPER BLACK CAT ETIQUETTE ON FRIDAY THE 13TH

In the municipality of French Lick Springs, all black cats must wear bells around their necks on Friday the 13th. The rule was introduced on October 13, 1939, 'as a war measure to alleviate mental strain on the populace,' and has technically been in effect since.

IOWA: NO FAKING YOUR BUTTER

I Can't Believe It's Not A Misdemeanor! Any person who attempts to pass off margarine, oleo, or oleomargarine as real butter is guilty of a simple misdemeanor in the state of Iowa, punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a \$625 fine.

LOUISIANA: NO CATFISH STEALING

In Louisiana it is illegal to steal someone else's crawfish—like, really illegal. Meriting its own state law, crawfish theft in excess of \$1,500 can land the offender with up to ten years prison time or a \$3,000 fine. But mostly, they will have to endure the humiliation of being called shellfish for the rest of their life.

MARYLAND: NO CURSING WHILE DRIVING

Making road rage even rage-ier, it is illegal to swear or curse upon any street or highway in Rockville, Maryland. Anyone caught swearing faces a misdemeanor charge, effectively having to add \$100 to the city swear jar.

MINNESOTA: NO PIG GREASING

Long winters can be boring, but that's no good reason to hold a greased pig contest in your parlor. Since 1971, it has been considered a misdemeanor to operate, run, or participate in any activity where a pig is oiled up and released with the object of being recaptured—and the same goes for 'turkey scrambles.'

OREGON: NO 'TESTS OF PHYSICAL ENDURANCE' ... WHILE DRIVING

It is considered a speed racing offense in Oregon if you participate in any 'test of physical endurance' while on the highway. Sorry, y'all: No more seeing how long you can work the steering wheel with your teeth.

PENNSYLVANIA: BINGO IS ONLY FOR NON-FELONS

Fool me once, shame on you: No person convicted of a felony may operate a Bingo game in Bensalem, Pennsylvania.

RHODE ISLAND: DON'T IMPERSONATE AN AUCTIONEER

Rhode Island 'false personification' laws deem it unlawful to impersonate an auctioneer. Choose your Halloween costume accordingly.

SOUTH DAKOTA: FIREWORKS APPROVED TO HELP WITH FARMING

Farmers in South Dakota have the green-light to set off fireworks or explosives to protect their sunflower crops... so long as they are six hundred sixty feet away from the nearest church, home, or schoolhouse.

TENNESSEE: PERMITS FOR PANHANDLING

Panhandlers in Memphis must apply for a permit before panhandling. Formerly, this formality cost the destitute \$10. Today, it's free.

WISCONSIN: BETTER MAKE THAT BUTTER DELICIOUS

Giving credence to its reputation as 'America's Dairyland,' Wisconsin law demands that all cheese and butter produced in the state be 'highly pleasing.' Oh, and cows have the right-of-way on highways.