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On This Date

1865 – Dr. Joseph Lister became the first surgeon to perform an antiseptic operation using carbolic acid as a disinfectant.

1888 – Bertha Benz, wife of Karl Benz (inventor of the three-wheeler motor carriage), took the first motor trip. Without her husband's knowledge, she borrowed one of his cars and traveled 60 miles to visit her mother. She was gone for five days.

1990 – Sue, the world's largest, most complete, and best-preserved *Tyrannosaurus rex* skeleton, was discovered in South Dakota by paleontologist Sue Hendrickson. It is now a star attraction at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

Did You Know?

The 52 cards in a deck represent the 52 weeks in a year. The four suits represent the seasons. The 13 cards symbolize the 13 phases of the lunar cycle.



Quote of the Day

“There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all.”

~ *Peter Drucker*

Happy Birthday!

Katherine Lee Bates (1859–1929) was a prolific writer, social activist, and Wellesley college professor who mentored poet Robert Frost.



Bates wrote poetry, travel books, and children's and young adult literature. She is best remembered as the songwriter of the patriotic anthem “America the Beautiful.” The song was originally written as a poem, published on July 4, 1895, under the title “Pikes Peak.” Fifteen years later, the words were set to music by Samuel A. Ward as the song we know today. Bates is in the Songwriters Hall of Fame.