

Fun Facts about October: Embracing Autumn

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October is a month full of surprises, festivities, and seasonal change. Here's a collection of fun facts about October, alongside insights from our team.

1. Origins of the Name

October gets its name from the Latin word *octo*, meaning "eight." It was the eighth month in the ancient Roman calendar, which started in March.

2. National Pumpkin Month

October is recognized as National Pumpkin Month! Pumpkins are not only a staple of Halloween decor but are also delicious in desserts. Pumpkin Spice is a high commodity of the season. However, according to a survey completed by some LGE team members, the consensus is clear: it is far from a crowd favorite.

3. Halloween Origins

Halloween, celebrated on October 31st, traces its roots back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. It marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter, when it was believed that the boundary between the living and the dead was blurred.

4. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is dedicated to breast cancer awareness, promoting education and early detection, and encouraging support for those affected.

5. The Colors of Fall

October is known for its stunning foliage as leaves change colors. This phenomenon occurs due to a decrease in chlorophyll, creating the reds, oranges, and yellows we see. The length of time a leaf is colored is correlated with temperature and moisture conditions.

6. Fall Temperatures

Average temps for October in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, are a high/low of 61° / 37°. The average prediction from our survey is that we will be having an unseasonably warm October this year (contrary to my prediction). With these average temperatures, we maintain our usual production and sales levels, ensuring our clients can depend on us for their aggregate needs.

October is a multifaceted month, rich in traditions, opportunities, and the perfect backdrop for ongoing construction projects. As we celebrate this vibrant season, our company remains committed to producing and supplying high-quality rock, sand, and gravel, ensuring that the industry keeps moving forward smoothly.



Rick in Halloween's Past:

-Lady Bug with sister, Meghan

-John Elway

-Tweety Bird with Meghan (as clown)



NSSGA ROCKtober

During the month of October, the National Stone, Sand, & Gravel Association (NSSGA) takes the opportunity to share resources and information about the aggregates industry. Read member stories and view content highlighting how aggregates shape our society.

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Sioux Falls Art and Wine Walk

Celebrate the arts and enjoy the fresh air at the October Art & Wine Walk this Friday, October 4th, 5pm-8pm! Walk from one shop to the next, enjoying wine samples and discovering new art at every location.

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Happy Birthday

Darlene Holder - October 04
Firestone

Gage Anderson - October 04
Brookings

Adam Wesdorp - October 05
Ace Ready Mix

Andrew Krantz - October 05
Dell Rapids East

Dane Andersen - October 05
Dell Rapids East

Giovanni Beavers - October 06
Ace Ready Mix

Rick Everist Jr. - October 08
Sioux Falls

Levi Reiners - October 08
Dell Rapids East



Entering the Giving Season

As the leaves change, we find ourselves stepping into a special time of year known as the Giving Season. This upcoming stretch of months, starting with Halloween and culminating in December, serves as a reminder of the impact of giving back to our communities.

Halloween kicks off the season, where the spirit of fun and community comes in the form of treats and tricks. Whether you're handing out candy to excited trick-or-treaters or organizing local events, this holiday is an excellent opportunity to foster a sense of togetherness. It was great to see that the majority of LGE employees that took our October survey hand out candy on Halloween!

As we move into November, the focus shifts to gratitude and community support. With Thanksgiving approaching, many organizations launch food drives to ensure everyone can enjoy a meal during the holiday. This is a perfect time to get involved—donate non-perishable food items, volunteer at a local food bank, or participate in a community gathering to collect donations. Additionally, coat drives will begin, providing warmth for those in need as winter sets in. Your contribution, no matter how small, can make a significant difference.

Loren Schmitz - October 08

Ortonville

Thomas Gannon - October 09

Ace Ready Mix

Jacob Irwin - October 09

Ace Ready Mix

Brady Locke - October 10

Sioux City

Francisco Pastrana Chavez -

October 10

88th Transload

Finally, December brings an abundance of volunteer opportunities. From serving meals at shelters to participating in toy drives, the month is filled with ways to give back. Many organizations need extra hands during this busy season, so consider dedicating some of your time to those in need. Whether it's wrapping gifts for children or helping at local charities, these experiences can bring immense joy and fulfillment.

As we move into this season of giving, a heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone that continues to give and participate in our organized events. Our most recent snack and board game drive for the Sioux Falls Family Visitation Center (pictured above) and United Way donation campaign were great successes. Every act of kindness from our organization, no matter how small, contributes to a larger wave of goodwill that can uplift many.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Lynn Mayer Shults



Lynn just celebrated her 25th anniversary with LGE and has made substantial contributions to the safety and regulatory programs in our Mountain Division. Thank you for your hard work, Lynn!



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