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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## WOODYISMS

August is one of those months where there are no federal holidays, but August signals the start of the school year, and what that means this year is still uncertain. August is the middle of the Hurricane Season and the end of the “dog days of Summer”. What are the “Dog Days of Summer”? Does it have anything to do with Man’s best friend?

This period of sweltering weather coincides with the year’s heliacal (meaning “at sunrise”) rising of **Sirius, the Dog Star**. Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Majoris—the “Greater Dog”—which is where Sirius gets its canine nickname, as well as its official name, Alpha Canis Majoris. Not including our own Sun, Sirius is the brightest star in the sky. In ancient Greece, Egypt, and Rome, it was believed that the dawn rising of Sirius in mid- to late summer contributed to the extreme weather of the season. In other words, the “combined heat” of super-bright Sirius and our Sun was thought to be the cause of summer’s sweltering temperatures. The name “Sirius” even stems from Ancient Greek *seirios*, meaning “scorching.”

For the ancient Egyptians, the dawn rising of Sirius (known to them as “Sothis”) also coincided the Nile River’s flood season. They used the star as a “watchdog” for that event.

Of course, the appearance of Sirius does not actually affect seasonal weather here on Earth, but its appearance during the hottest part of summer ensures that the lore surrounding the star lives on today!

The actual dates for the rising of Sirius varies from year to year, but the *Old Farmer’s Almanac* considers the period of 3 July to 11 August to be the dog days of Summer. And who is going to argue with them.

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Ken,

Greetings from "the last frontier". Mary Ann and I are enjoying our new condo. It is easy to like 70 degree days and 50's overnight as well as the scenery. The mountains surrounding the valley where we live always provide a great view.

We hear about the resurgence of COVID on the TV and the "cancel culture" activity. Few if any demonstrations going on up here and the state is requiring masks when outside your residence.

We're busy hitting yard sales and thrift stores to decorate the condo. Aiming for an early salvation army decorating scheme.

Regards,

Woody

## BREAKING NEWS....

BIRTHDAYS: LATE BREAKING....DEE SCOTT JULY 31

ROB DALY AUGUST 16..... KEN LAWSON AUGUST 21....CAROL LAWSON AUGUST 23

ANNIVERSARIES:

JOHN & KAYLA GINAKES AUGUST 16.....RICHARD & JANICE BENDETTI AUGUST 28

JIM & LYNDA ORTH AUGUST 22

GET WELL:

ALAN SNOW IS HOME FROM HOSPITAL ..WE WISH HIM A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

ETC:ETC;

OTHER REGIONAL CLUBS HAVE MANAGED TO HAVE COVERED DISH MEETINGS IN OPEN AIR LOCATIONS...IF MEMBERS KNOW OF ANY SUCH VENUES, PLEASE SEND INFO TO KEN LAWSON..