## That's a Fact! Winter Edition



Indian Summer is a period of abnormally warm weather occurring in late autumn between Nov. 11 and 20, with generally clear skies, sunny but hazy days and cool nights.

A second name that the Anglo-Saxons had for December was "Yule Monath," which relates to the custom of burning a Yule log during this month as a part of the pagan Yule celebrations.

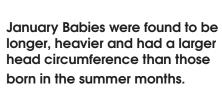




Most begin their Christmas decorating on Dec. 1. While 1% of the population leaves decorations up all year, 7% don't decorate at all.



January 5 brings Twelfth Night, an English folk custom that marked the end of Christmas merrymaking and, in ancient Celtic tradition, the end of the 12-day winter solstice celebration. On Twelfth Night, it was customary for the assembled company to toast each other from the wassail bowl.







November's traditional birthstone is the topaz, usually a yellow to amber color. The ancient Greeks believed that topaz could make a wearer invisible. A symbol of honor and strength, topaz was also believed to bring longevity and wisdom.



Kentuckians want snow more than any other state, according to a survey published in the Biltmore Beacon of North Caroline. In fact, 77% of Kentuckians want snow for Christmas.



The full moon in December has been traditionally referred to as the Full Cold Moon by a number of different Native American tribes. Unsurprisingly, it is named this way because the cold winter months follow it.