History Notes

Did you know that dollar bills are also called “notes”? Today, we use notes in seven denominations ($1, $2, $5, $10, $20, $50, $100). But, until 1945, currency notes in denominations of $500, $1,000, $5,000, and $10,000 were also printed by the U.S. government. While notes over $100 are no longer made, they are still in circulation.* So, if you come across one of these larger denominations today, you could use it just like you would use a smaller note.

Can you match these details with the history of $1, $2, $5, $10, $20, $50, and $100 notes?

1. This note was first issued by the Federal Reserve in 1963 and makes up about 45% of currency production.
2. The current edition of this note was issued in 2013.
3. In 2004, this note added a red and blue image of the American flag on the front.
4. This note was first issued in 1914.
5. This note has been unpopular for most of its history, being viewed as awkward to use in cash exchanges. It was also “born” on June 25, 1776. Yes, it’s older than America.
6. Abraham Lincoln appears on this note now, but Alexander Hamilton’s face was on it before 1914.
7. In 2003, this note was first in the priority of redesigns. These changes, which included watermarks, color-shifting inks, and security threads, made it easier to tell a real note from a fake one.

Answers: 1. $1 note, 2. $100 note, 3. $50 note, 4. $10 note, 5. $5 note, 6. $20 note, 7. $2 note.

*Wescom does not carry currency denominations that are no longer in production.

Source: https://www.uscurrency.gov/history
https://www.moneyfactory.gov/home.html

#WescomKindness Shows Appreciation of Our Healthcare Workers

Gift cards for front line workers and grant support to Southern California food banks are just two of the ways Wescom is supporting the local community during these challenging times.

Wescom Credit Union is honored to support our local community. Recently, we donated GrubHub gift cards to Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, DoorDash gift cards to UCLA Ronald Reagan Hospital in Westwood, and Togo’s sandwiches to Kaiser Permanente in Anaheim. Each hospital received $10,000 worth of kindness to thank the workers on the front line. Plus, it helped support local restaurants.

We also provided grant support to four Southern California food banks. The money will help them continue to provide food and meals to those in need throughout Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

For more than 85 years, Wescom has been dedicated to helping Southern Californians build better lives. We will continue to show #WescomKindness to the communities in which we work and live.

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The West Covina Branch Moved

As of May 11, 2020, Fortune Finders can visit our West Covina branch at its new location in McIntyre Square at 2646 E Garvey South, Suite F, West Covina, CA 91791. When you visit, you'll get to experience a brand-new design with improved features such as:

- A tech-forward design
- Walk-up ATMs
- An on-site coin booth

While the design and technology are new, some things haven't changed. Young savers will still recognize the same range of banking and financial services, the same friendly staff, and the same hours as before – Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Did You Know?

A ton of dollar bills = $908,000
A ton of quarters = $40,000
A ton of pennies = $3,632
That's because dollars and coins weigh different amounts.

A single dollar bill = 1 gram
A single quarter = 5.7 grams
A single penny = 2.5 grams

So, the next time someone says, "I wish I had a ton of money," ask them what kind of money they had in mind!

Source: michigan.gov

Summer Fun Word Scramble

Unscramble each group of letters to form one word related to summer.

IWMS___________________________________________________________
HCBEA_________________________________________________________
CNICPI_________________________________________________________
LPOO__________________________________________________________
LSSANAD_______________________________________________________
ISCOPPEL_______________________________________________________
VTELRA________________________________________________________
ETMNLEAWRO_________________________________________________
NSU____________________________________________________________
THA____________________________________________________________

HOLIDAY HOURS

All Wescom branches and the Member Contact Center (phone, chat, and email) will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Saturday, July 4th.

Would You Rather?

With so many fun things to do on the 4th of July, it’s hard to decide.

How to Play: Play this fun game with at least one other person. Take turns asking questions from the list. Avoid answering “neither” or “both” to keep the game fun.

1. Would you rather watch fireworks or go to a baseball game?
2. Would you rather march in a parade or play baseball?
3. Would you rather eat burgers or hot dogs?
4. Would you rather eat at your favorite park or your favorite restaurant?
5. Would you rather ride your bike or swim in the pool?
6. Would you rather eat a red popsicle or a blue popsicle?
7. Would you rather turn off the air conditioning unit or turn off the internet for one day?
8. Would you rather draw stars or stripes in the driveway with sidewalk chalk?
9. Would you rather sing “The Star-Spangled Banner” or “Yankee Doodle Dandy” in front of your friends?
10. Would you rather spend a summer day at the beach in a sweater or hike a rocky trail in sandals?

Answers: swim, beach, picnic, pool, sandals, popsicle, travel, watermelon, sun, hat.