

## Basketball for All

On January 27, 1927, the Harlem

Globetrotters basketball team played their first game in Hinkley, Illinois. It was an era when Black players were not allowed to play on professional teams. Abe Saperstein, a Chicago sports booking agent, was impressed with the talent of a team known as the Savoy Big Five, so named because they played in Chicago's Savoy Ballroom. He recruited them to play on a new team, the New York Harlem Globetrotters, named after the neighborhood that was the center of African American culture at the time. The team competed throughout the country, even

beating the Minneapolis Lakers, the best team in the NBA, in 1948. The Globetrotters never joined the NBA but instead became one of the world's most beloved and

talented basketball teams, delighting crowds with their play and playful on-court antics.



## Snow Angel

Wilson Bentley was a young farmer in Vermont when he snapped the first photograph of a snowflake on January 15, 1885. He was not a scientist or photographer, but after his parents gave him a microscope at age 15, he became fascinated with the natural world.

Taking After all, their crystals melt at the slightest hint of warmth. Bentley had to invent his own equipment, rigging together a microscope and camera, to capture his ephemeral subjects. He would stand in the cold for hours, waiting for the perfect flake and then transfer it under the lens using a feather as a tool. Until his death in 1931, Bentley photographed 5,000 different snowflakes and was the first to argue that no two snowflakes were alike. Some scientists attempted to replicate Bentley's work to no avail. They even accused him of fraud. But Bentley's images were more than scientific research; they were artistic masterpieces, secret glimpses into nature's wonderful geometry, and they fascinated the public. Bentley died doing what he loved, struck down by pneumonia he contracted after working in blizzard conditions near his family farm.

**January** is the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. The month did not exist until around 713 BC, when it was added to the original Roman calendar along with February. January is named after Janus, the god of gateways and beginnings, who is typically depicted as a two-headed man looking forward and backward simultaneously. This is a fitting image for the first month of the year—remembering the past while also looking to the future.



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# January 2021

## M.C. Activities Calendar

### Special Days

#### New Year's Day

January 1

#### Epiphany

January 6

#### Makar Sankranti

(Hindu Festival)

January 14

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 18

#### Australia Day

January 26

### Happy Birthday

#### Melvin Howard:

Jan. 5

#### Irving Hoine

Jan. 11

#### Clara Sosbergas

Jan. 29

### January is:

Be On Purpose Month  
Bowling & Boxing Month  
Brain Teasers Month  
Change the Calendar Month  
Creativity Month  
Football Fever Month  
Get Organized Month  
Hobby Month  
Hot Tea Month  
Marshmallow Month  
Penguin Appreciation Month  
Polka Music Month  
Reminiscence Month  
Skating Month  
Slow Cooking Month  
Snowman Month  
Soup Month  
Trivia Month

### What's Lucky in January?

Lucky Color: Silver

Lucky Animal: Kangaroo

Lucky Letters: J and Y

Lucky Day: Friday

Lucky Plant: Delphinium



### LEGEND

PHYSICAL

EMOTIONAL

SPIRITUAL

MENTAL

SOCIAL

### LOCATIONS:

IN2L = IT'S NEVER 2 LATE

ACT = ACTIVITY ROOM

TR = TERRACE