

May 2022



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Celebrating May
Gardening for Wildlife
Month

Personal History Month

World Laughter Day
May 1

African World Heritage Day
May 5

148th Kentucky Derby
May 7

Mother's Day (U.S.)
May 8

World Belly Dance Day
May 14

International Learn to
Swim Day
May 21

Buy a Musical
Instrument Day
May 22

Memorial Day (U.S.)
May 30

Dates to Remember:

Summerfest Yard Sale
Fundraiser:
Ice Cream Cart, Sale, Music:
Aug. 9~ 6-7:30
...10th-11th sale only

Fiesta Family Picnic

Thursday, June 16

5:00 Bldg 3~music & dinner

5:30 Bldgs 1 & 2~dinner

5:30-6:30~Guests dinner outback



6:30: Everyone out back!

Music by Mariachi
Man "Gabriel"
& Ice Cream treats!

***Lawn chairs welcomed**

*** Wear your fiesta clothes, or accessories**



Monica, Mary Lou, & Mandy-Rhoo!



“Wing-A-Thon” winners for best support \$



CONGRATULATIONS!



Easter egg coloring with Ashley!



Edna Cheyne.....4th

Susan Droski.....16th

Doris Schilleman.....17th

Susan Lord.....23rd



Animal Attraction



The first week of May is Pet Week, a week for humans to shower their animal companions with love and attention. Such a celebration of the human-animal bond might sound strange to those who do not have or want

a pet, but some scientists argue that keeping a pet is an intrinsic part of human nature. Plenty of headlines tout the health benefits of pet ownership, but scientists suggest that our real attraction to animals might be a deep genetic predisposition for social grooming. Social grooming, the physical combing of hair, was one of the first and most powerful forms of social bonding. Petting animals stimulates the release of powerful “love hormones” such as oxytocin. In fact, studies show that some animal lovers possess a genetic variation that produces more oxytocin, making them even more likely to feel bonded to others, including pets.

Funny bunny moments with Mandy



Punny Business

The O. Henry Museum in Austin, Texas, holds one of the punniest events of the year on May 22. The O. Henry Pun-Off gathers 32 of the country's mightiest "punslingers" and challenges them to a competition sure to elicit plenty of good-hearted groans. The Pun-Off showcases two main events. The first is "Punniest of Show," where contestants deliver a 90-second pun-filled monologue that judges rate on a scale of 1-10. The showstopper comes in the afternoon with a no-holds-barred, one-on-one competition in which punslingers must barrage each other with puns. The slightest tongue-tied slip-up or strike (a failed pun attempt) leaves a punslinger disqualified.

Would O. Henry be proud of such a competition held in his name? O. Henry, born William Sydney Porter, was a prolific short story writer at the turn of the 20th century. He was known for his wit, humor, and love of language, and his stories often ended with a surprise twist. The fact that O. Henry has inspired such a competition might be the biggest twist ending of all.

It looks like we're near to the amount of receipts needed for the \$1000! Just 4000 (points) more needed. So, continue to shop at Family Fare & collect receipts for us. Thank you to everyone who has saved these and to Judy Prichard for adding many of them up!



Coopersville O.K.'s choir Spring Concert!

Welcome

John Schreiber, and Karen Rodgers to Fountain View! We are so glad that you are here!



We will sadly miss John Schreiber, who recently passed away. Our thoughts & prayers are with his family and friends.

Going Wild

The old nursery rhyme reminds us, “April showers bring May flowers.” What it doesn’t mention is that those flowers will bloom only if you plant them! Wildflowers delight our senses with their colorful blooms and delicate fragrances, but they also play valuable roles in nature. The first full week in May is Wildflower Week, a good reminder to plant wildflowers for all to enjoy.



The term *wildflower* is not scientific but refers to flowers that have evolved to thrive in their native habitats. They require less water and fertilizer than non-native species and are naturally resistant to local pests and diseases. Most importantly, wildflowers make critical contributions to their local ecosystems. They improve soil health, prevent erosion, and improve water quality. The flowers themselves also provide habitat to native insects and wildlife that act as pollinators. Pollinators facilitate the reproduction of 87.5% of the world’s flowering plants, including 35% of the crops that we eat. Non-native species, on the other hand, often disrupt communities of pollinators. Some non-native flower species even outcompete local wildflowers, decreasing their habitat and adversely affecting the insect and animal species that rely on native flowers for survival.

World Bee Day on May 20 honors one of the world’s most prolific pollinators. Birds, bats, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, and rabbits all make vital contributions to an ecosystem as pollinators. But no animal on Earth is as vital a pollinator as the bee. A 2018 study on pollinating habits conducted by the Royal Society of London concluded that not only do honeybees do the most pollinating, but they are also the most effective and efficient pollinators. Since 2006, colony collapse disorder has decimated honeybee populations around the world. One of the best ways to support honeybees is to plant native wildflowers. These flowers reliably produce the nectar and pollen that honeybees depend on and support the honeybee colonies that we rely on to pollinate so many of our favorite crops.

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Jerrie, Mary Ann, and Marjorie attended a Ladies Tea Party at St. Michael’s Church recently!

