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Celebrating October

Go on a Field Trip Month

Learn to Bowl Month

Country Music Month

International Day of Older
Persons
October 1

Dick Tracy Day
October 4

Sukkot
October 9–16

Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 10

Silly Sayings Day
October 13

Character Counts Week
October 16–22

International Artists Day
October 25

Senior Health & Fitness Day
October 26

Halloween
October 31



It's great to be part of a wonderful corporation
Thank you! Nearly a hundred combined years
of service from our Fountain View leadership
team!





The guys trying out some new activity gadget boards that were donated in memory of a Coopersville resident and made by local high schoolers!



On Guard

October 2 is Guardian Angels Day, a day to appreciate the protection of these mysterious guardians. A guardian angel is a *tutelary* being, a god or spirit that protects a person, place, or culture. Guardian angels figure prominently in both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. They act as God's emissaries sent to the world to carry out His wishes and watch over individuals. But most every culture has its version of a guardian angel.

The ancient Greeks called these benevolent spirits *daimons*, from which we get the word *demon*, while the Romans believed that individuals, places, and objects were guided by *genius*. Buddhists have their *Dharmapalas*, or Dharma protectors, while Indigenous tribes enjoy the help of *guardian spirits* or *dream walkers*. All these spirits have something in common. They pass us the strength and knowledge to avoid harm in all its forms. In this manner, they provide us with good common sense.

Cooking Up Fun

Something special is cooking on October 20, International Chefs Day. This is a day to pass on cherished recipes and cooking techniques to a new generation of chefs, ensuring a healthy and delicious future.



The role of chefs has dramatically transformed over the years. While chefs have always cooked food, developed recipes and menus, and managed cooks in a kitchen, top chefs are now expected to be public figures and role models. This can be on scales small and large. Where chefs once stayed in the kitchen, they are now often a visible presence in the dining room, mingling with guests. Some high-profile celebrity chefs even use their fame and financial clout to bring sustainability to the food industry and provide food for the hungry.

We will sadly miss...

Karen Rodgers, Donna Dagen, Delores Lee and Marjorie Cristell who recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.



Residents in B3 enjoy an afternoon sing along with Jeff.



A Shocking Discovery

While American Founding Father Ben Franklin was not the first to hypothesize that lightning was made of electricity, he was one of the first to conduct experiments to prove it. On October 19, 1752, Franklin published an account of his now-famous kite experiment in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*.

Before Franklin's ingenious use of a kite to harness electricity from lightning, he used pointed metal rods, the first lightning rods, to draw electricity "out of a cloud silently." Franklin placed these rods atop weathervanes and ship masts, with wires running down to the ground or water, to protect buildings and ships from lightning strikes. His key and kite experiment logically followed. Franklin's account in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* described exactly how to both build and fly a kite to repeat his experiment. The kite was outfitted with a long metal lightning rod to draw the electricity from the storm clouds. The electricity then traveled down the length of string, wet with rain, to a metal key tied near the hand. It was from this electrified key that "all the other Electrical Experiments be perform'd."

"Doris June Schilleman born May 17, 1926, passed away Friday, August 12. During the early hours of dawn she passed quietly in her sleep to a heavenly peace she so richly deserved. We will especially miss her beautiful smile. We want to personally thank the staff at Fountain View for taking such kind and loving care of our mother."

Pam and Patti

Welcome...

James Bonnema to Fountain View!
We are so glad you are here!!



Miniature Masterpieces

It is no small feat that October is Dollhouse and Miniature Month. Miniatures are a multi-million-dollar industry, with trade conferences, museums dedicated to displaying fine art miniatures, collectors, and artisans. While it is obvious that people love tiny things, it is less clear why we love it when things get miniaturized.



Psychologists believe that creating miniature settings provides life-sized humans with feelings of power and control. Humans assume the role of godlike creators who create and manipulate

elaborate miniature dreamlands that fulfill all our desires. This is why children, who often lack control, so enjoy playing with dollhouses. Kids can control both the environment of the house and the social actions of the dolls themselves.

Miniatures are also especially pleasing to our senses. Vast amounts of detail are crammed into tiny surface areas. The human eye is drawn to detail, tempting our brains to process vast amounts of input. Miniatures are like candy for our sensory-hungry brains.

Dollhouses did not originate as children's toys but as pursuits for wealthy adults. The first "cabinet houses" of the 17th century were built so that the rich could show off collections of precious miniature objects. Tiny "Nuremberg kitchens," complete with hearths, brooms, and even servants, were constructed for mothers to teach their daughters how to set up and run households.

In many ways, little has changed in the world of miniatures. They are often still a hobby of the rich. The world's most expensive and elaborate dollhouse is the Astolat Dollhouse Castle, a seven-story, 29-room, miniature masterpiece valued at \$8.5 million. The nine-foot-tall house was built by famed miniaturist Elaine Diehl over 13 years. Every one of its 10,000 miniatures was handcrafted, including its working fireplaces, stained glass, gold chandeliers, and the world's smallest antique Bible.

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Drawing Success



In 1923, the talented cartoonist Walt Disney moved to Los Angeles, California, after his Laugh-O-Gram animation studio went bankrupt. On October 16 of that year, Walt and his brother Roy founded the Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio, the studio that would eventually become the Walt Disney Company. It would be five years before Disney created Mickey Mouse, who debuted in the cartoon short *Steamboat Willie*. Mickey would become so popular that Walt used the character in several cartoon shorts. Walt's ambitions then grew. In 1934, he decided to produce a feature-length cartoon. The film employed over 300 animators, artists, and assistants and went 400% over budget. Some called it "Disney's Folly," but we now know it as *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. This smash-hit would make the Walt Disney Company the most successful media company in the world.