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Celebrating July

Family Reunion Month

Park and Recreation Month

World Watercolor Month

Canada Day

July 1

**Air Conditioning
Appreciation Days**

July 3–31

Independence Day (U.S.)

July 4

Swimming Pool Day

July 11

Hammock Day

July 22

**World Nature
Conservation Day**

July 28

Dates to Remember

Shoe Drive

July & August

Ice Cream Social & Yard Sale

Aug. 8-10



Summer Picnic Pics!





JULY & AUGUST SHOE Drive FUNDRAISER

**Gently-used &
NEW Shoes,
boots,...**

Help us reach our goal of
100 bags with 25 pairs!



Edith Zimmer.....4th

Rosealee Ward.....9th

Patricia Moore.....9th

Mary Ann Meerman.....25th

Ruth Bailard.....30th

Unlucky July



According to folklore, it is unlucky to wed in July. This nuptial inauspiciousness comes from several old rhymes and sayings. One goes: "Marry when June roses blow; Over land and sea you'll go. Those who in July do wed must labour for their daily bread." An American saying from the 1930s says that July weddings lead to marriages that "are apt to be crisscrossed with sun and shadow." One saying even pinpoints weddings held on July 4, warning couples that they "will live a life that is largely homeless." Over the centuries, it seems that people have looked for any reason to predict the fate of a marriage. And the superstition about lucky months doesn't stop at marriage, either. Ancient Romans advised against being born in May. In 15th-century Europe, Christians thought January was unlucky. Of course, these superstitions are largely baseless.

The Rights of Women

From July 19–20, 1848, the first Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York. The convention garnered little publicity and attracted only 300 attendees, most of them locals, but the small gathering launched a seven-decades-long movement to win women the right to vote.



Perhaps the most famous figure to attend the convention was Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Stanton was well-educated at prestigious schools and learned much at home from her father, a prominent lawyer and politician. Stanton would go

on to marry the noted abolitionist lecturer Henry Stanton, and she, too, would become a powerful voice against slavery.

Stanton and her husband attended the World Anti-Slavery Convention in London in 1840. Much to Stanton's surprise, women were excluded from the convention. While waiting for her husband, Stanton met fellow abolitionist and Quaker preacher Lucretia Mott. The two women, infuriated that they were barred from the convention, vowed to hold their own convention. Eight years later, their Women's Rights Convention opened in Seneca Falls.

In preparation for the convention, Stanton authored *The Declaration of Sentiments*, effectively redrafting the Declaration of Independence with the inclusion of the words *woman* and *women*. In the document, Stanton laid bare a list of legal and social "injuries and usurpations" perpetrated on women by men. This document would become the women's manifesto, asserting the need for equality in the realms of work, family, education, religion, and politics. Convention attendees were asked to vote on the individual resolutions of the document. Ironically, each resolution easily passed except for women's right to vote. It took impassioned speeches by Stanton and guest speaker Frederick Douglass to pass the resolution. It would take another 72 years before women were given the right to vote in 1920.

One Wrong Makes a Right

Douglas Corrigan lived during the earliest era of flight, and he joined a band of pilots seeking fame for their flying prowess. In 1927, Charles Lindbergh famously became the first man to fly across the Atlantic. Young Corrigan was a mechanic on Lindbergh's *Spirit of St. Louis*. He followed in Lindbergh's footsteps when, in 1938, he rebuilt an old plane and flew nonstop from California to New York. The cross-country trip was not remarkable, as it had been piloted before, but the press was nevertheless impressed that such a journey could be made in such an old and unreliable aircraft.

After landing in New York, Corrigan planned to continue across the Atlantic. His hopes were dashed when authorities denied him the chance in such a rickety old plane. Corrigan decided to head back to California. On July 17, he lifted off and headed west. But after a few minutes, he turned his plane east! 28 hours later, Corrigan landed in Dublin, Ireland, claiming that he had gotten lost in the clouds and his instruments had stopped working. While most everyone knew this was a ruse, the papers called him "Wrong-Way" Corrigan, and he became a national celebrity.

We will sadly miss....

Carroll Cook, Elizabeth DeBone-Wall, & Susan Droski who recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.





After nearly 23 years of employment at Fountain View of Coopersville, John Lutz is retiring! Please join us Friday, July 7 for a retirement celebration in his honor. Two o'clock, in building 2.



Thank you, John, for your dedication and hard work as the Maintenance Director over the years. You will be missed.

“May you have a world of wishes at your command; God and his angels close to hand; Friends & family their love impart, and Irish blessings in your heart!”

Leadership Team

Connie Clauson
Chief Operating Officer

Kelly Smith
Regional Operations Director

Tara Frazier
Administrator

Nancy Brewer
Business Manager

Andrea Steffes
Life Enrichment & Volunteer Director

Gary Lutz
Food Service Director

John Lutz
Maintenance Director

Kandy Jo Peters
Staffing Director

Welcome....

Nancy Young, Patricia Moore, Ronald Kieft, & Julian Drews to Fountain View! We are so glad that you are here!

