

# Milestone Senior Living

# JULY

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**Sunday  
July 4th, 2021**



**Welcome Gonzalo  
Your new culinary  
coordinator!**

*welcome*

**Reminder: Wear your pendant!**  
If you need help or  
assistance from an  
RCA push your  
pendant.



**\*Monday  
July 5th, 2021  
There will be NO L2BH  
Exercise.**

## July Birthdays

Sally H      7/12



Resident Council will be every first Tuesday of every month. In the Livingroom.

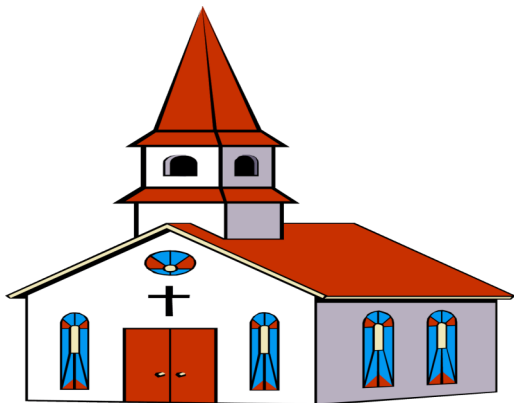
\*7/6 at 9:00am



St. Francis Xavier

Catholic Church

Will Be coming every  
THURSDAY at 10:45am



## Important dates in

July

7/1      Canada day

7/4      Independence day

7/18      International Nelson

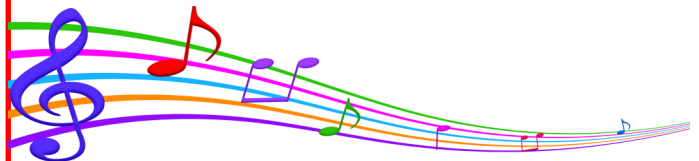
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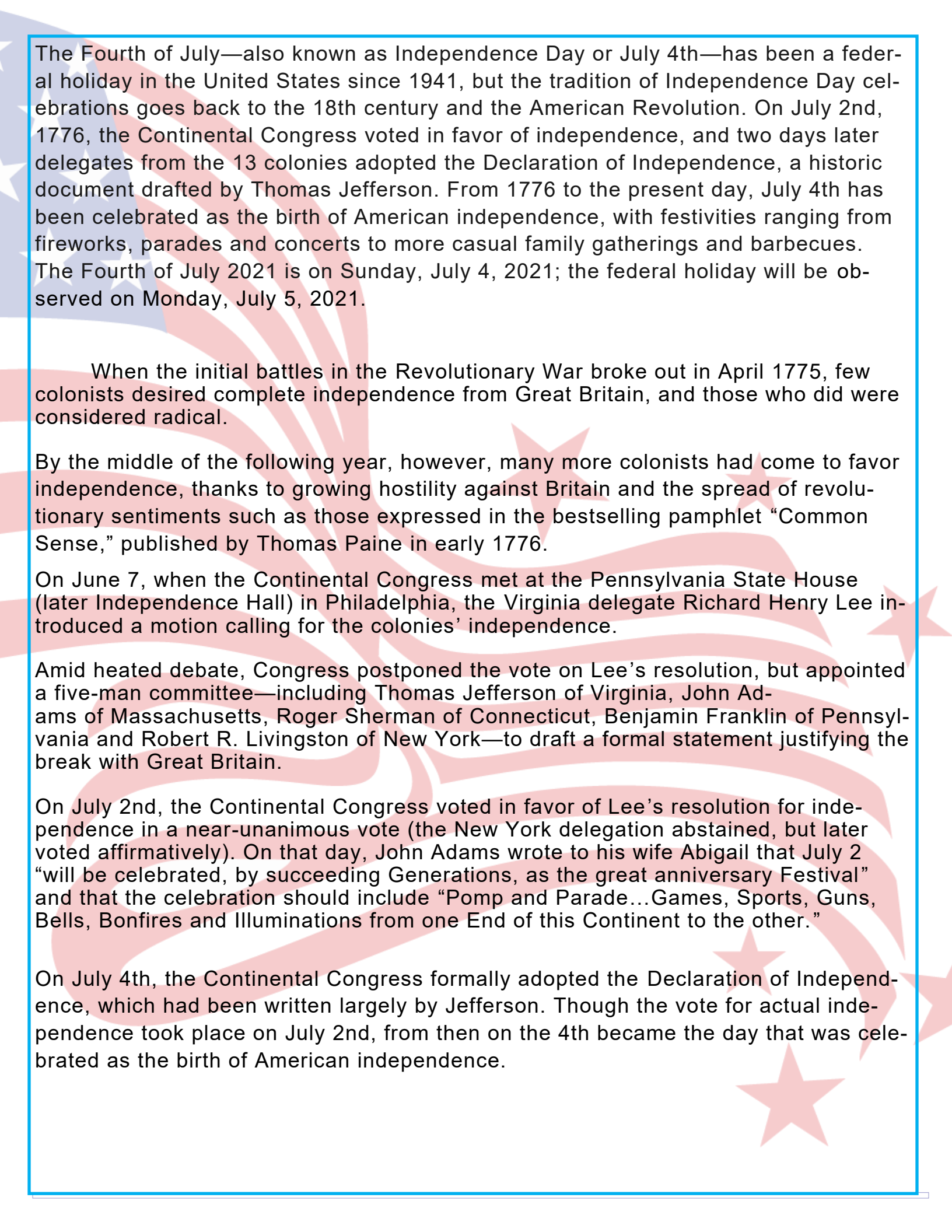
7/30      International Friendship  
day

## July Music

7/7      Star Entertainment

7/23      Wendy & Daniel  
Smith





The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2021 is on Sunday, July 4, 2021; the federal holiday will be observed on Monday, July 5, 2021.

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.

By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet “Common Sense,” published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies’ independence.

Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee’s resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee’s resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 “will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival” and that the celebration should include “Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other.”

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

# Early Fourth of July Celebrations

In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty.

Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence, beginning immediately after its adoption. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war.

George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at the Battle of Yorktown, Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.

After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to commemorate Independence Day every year, in celebrations that allowed the new nation's emerging political leaders to address citizens and create a feeling of unity. By the last decade of the 18th century, the two major political parties—the Federalist Party and Democratic-Republicans—that had arisen began holding separate Fourth of July celebrations in many large cities.

## Fourth of July Fireworks

The first fireworks were used as early as 200 BC. The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4 of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies. The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* reported: "at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." That same night, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common.

# Fun Facts about July

## 1. July is UFO season.

July is likely when you will start seeing crop circles appearing! This has been happening for a very long time, no matter what UFO enthusiasts might tell you! It's thought that crop circles have been emerging in July since at least the 1970s.

## 2. The phones started ringing in July!

It was in July when the first-ever telephone call was made. It took place between Canada and the US in 1881. It really did mark the start of those long summer phone calls!

## 3. Are you a lion or a crab?

There are two zodiac signs which claim July as their host month – if you were born in July, you're either a Cancer (crab), or a Leo (lion).

## 4. The month is named after an emperor.

July's name comes from Julius Caesar, who was actually born towards the start of the month. It was originally known as Quintillis based on the ancient Roman calendar but was renamed in honour of the

## 5. It's a month of many odd holidays.

Plenty of US national holidays fall in July. For example, Americans are likely to take part in National Pickle Month, as well as National Ice Cream Month. Ever tried both at the same time? You're missing out!

Of course, it is a hugely important month in the North American calendar for obvious reasons. July plays host to US Independence Day, as well as Canada Day. France, too, celebrates Bastille Day in

## 6. What's your birthstone?

If you were born in July, your birthstone is the ruby, and the flower for the month is the water lily.

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
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## Meier, Margaret

CROSS PLAINS - Margaret Meier departed this earth on Sunday, June 6, 2021, at Milestone Senior Living in Cross Plains, Wis., at the age of 93. She was born on May 10, 1928, in Waunakee, Wis. Margaret was married to Joe L. Meier on June 1, 1948, until his passing on Dec. 19, 2018. They enjoyed having people stop by to chat, play cards, and go fishing. The grandchildren loved her pies and applesauce.

Survivors include her children, Sandra Johnson, Bill (Rita) Meier, and Sue (Mike) Benes; grandchildren, Matt Benes, Stephanie (Nate) Schiele, Luke (Morgan) Meier, and Jon Meier; and great-grandchildren, Jack Pierick-Meier, Will, Jalen, Lukas, and Avery Meier.



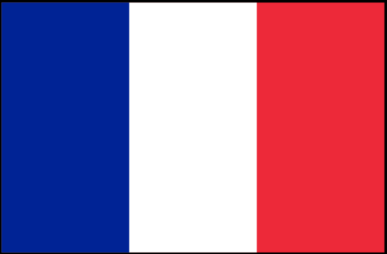

Margaret and Joe were preceded in death by son, Robert; their parents; son-in-law, David Johnson; and many other family members.

A memorial gathering will be held at REX'S INNKEEPER to celebrate Joe and Margaret's life together on Monday, June 21 for visitation and lunch from noon to 2 p.m.

Donations can be made to the Agrace Hospice Foundation for the kind, considerate care they gave our parents. We would also like to thank the wonderful staff at Milestone Senior Living for the last two years of care for mom.

They touched so many lives over the years, and we treasure the memories.

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

	Confirmed:	Deaths:	Recovered:
	33,524,838	601,730	27,503,424
	29,977,861	389,302	24,022,735
	17,966,831	502,589	14,492,167
	5,692,968	109,878	5,199,240
	5,375,593	49,236	5,034,316

	Confirmed:	Deaths:	Recovered:
Global:	178,840,744	3,874,630	148,982,683
Wisconsin:	677,030	8,064	490,043
Dane:	46,720	336	