

July 2022

# Tuscany Traditions

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## Upcoming Events

07/03

**Fireworks at Prairie Meadows**

07/04

**Fireworks at Adventureland**

07/07

**Copper Creek Outing**

07/13

**Altoona Farmer's Market**

07/14

**Library Craft**

07/19

**Iowa Beef Steak House**

07/21

**Shopping at Kohl's**

07/26

**Jasper Winery**

07/28

**Hy-vee/Prairie Meadows**

## Fourth of July

Independence Day, also called Fourth of July or July 4th, in the United States, the annual celebration of nationhood.

It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Independence Day is celebrated on Monday, July 4, 2022, in the United States.

The Congress had voted in favor of independence from Great Britain on July 2 but did not actually complete the process of revising the Declaration of Independence, originally drafted by Thomas Jefferson in consultation with fellow committee members John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and William Livingston, until two days later. The celebration was initially modeled on that of the king's birthday, which had been marked annually by bell ringing, bonfires, solemn processions, and oratory.

Such festivals had long played a significant role in the Anglo-American political tradition. Especially in the 17th and 18th centuries, when dynastic and religious controversies racked the British Empire (and much of the rest of Europe), the choice of which anniversaries of historic events were celebrated and which were lamented had clear political meanings. The ritual of toasting the king and other patriot-heroes—or of criticizing them—became an informal kind of political speech, further formalized in mid-18th century when the toasts given at taverns and banquets began to be reprinted in newspapers.



# The Tuscany Zoo Trip

**Edencrest at the Tuscany visited the Blank Park Zoo. We had a lot of fun seeing all the different animals and visiting the ice cream stand. Blank Park Zoo is a 49-acre zoological park on the south side of Des Moines, Iowa, United States, near historic Fort Des Moines. It is a member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and is the only accredited zoo in Iowa.**

**Blank Park Zoo host around 2800 different animals. They have a train ride through the zoo. Camel rides and face painting. Feeding the goats and fish was a lot of fun.**



**Bernie and Shirley enjoying the Blank Park Zoo with their cute hats.**



**Residents really enjoyed our trip to the Blank Park Zoo. The day was sunny and beautiful for the occasion.**





## Fun Facts For July

- The birth flower of July is the lily.
- Did you know July is the month of junk food?
- The weather can get mega hot in July.
- The 4th of July is Independence Day in the USA.
- The lunar landing happened on the 16th of July 1969.
- Ruby is the birthstone of July.



## Welcome to the Community

Joann Datwyler  
Joan DeGroot  
Betty Dick  
Larry Kaplan  
Darlene McReynolds  
Jean Pillers  
Harold Schrodtt  
Kenneth Waltman



# Copper Creek Lake Park

**"Located on East University Avenue, this park is easily accessible from Pleasant Hill and Des Moines. A lighted 1.22-mile trail surrounds this beautiful 40 acre lake filled with a diverse selection of plants and wildlife. Cyclists and walkers can enjoy traveling through the heart of this park as a part of the Four Mile Creek Greenway Trail system, which connects Pleasant Hill to several other communities in the Des Moines Metropolitan Area." Edencrest at the Tuscany walks at Copper Creek 2 times a month.**



## July Birthday's

07/14 Shirley McClelland

07/19 Deborah Schmidt

07/25 Darlene McReynolds

### July Birthstone

**Ruby is the July birthstone – and it's one of the most coveted of gems. The name is derived from the Latin word ruber, meaning “red” – the color of love and passion. Few things catch the eye like the ruby birthstone.**

