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This is our 33rd edition of Good News Sunday Fairfield. We want to continue bringing you good news and heartwarming stories in these difficult times.

Denise Sanchez and her family were going camping for Father's Day when there was a very strong storm. The next day tragedy struck when a tree fell on one of her sons eight-year-old Robert while she was in the bathroom. "The force, the thump, was so loud that I couldn't believe it. I was pretty far from there, and you could feel it, all the people from the campsites around were running toward us, and there was this humongous tree on the ground." Denise said. Neithan her 15-year-old son saw Robert trapped and ran to help him. Neithan pushed away all the branches and freed his little brother. Robert was then taken to the Riley Hospital for Children by the firefighters. Thanks to Neithan Robert only had a broken arm. Robert was very grateful for his brother. "Nothing could have prevented it," Denise added. "I'd say being prepared for a problem is best especially in an area with no cell service." To donate to a children's hospital, go to [Donate to Connecticut Children's Foundation, Inc. \(connecticutchildrens.org\)](http://ConnecticutChildrens.org). Connecticut Children's Foundation provides help to kids with a wide range of conditions with over 1,000 doctors.

In the middle of their shift on early Sunday several employs walked out of the Waffle House and the restaurant closed for the first time. Six police officers from the local correctional facility came after a 12-hour shift. "There wasn't a single clean dish in sight," said Bright one of the officers. "There was one elderly woman in there. I had never seen (her), but she has really bad arthritis in her hands. Looking at her, it hurt her to work a broom. So, I was like we need to help them." They worked for two hours cleaning, taking orders and getting the Waffle House running. They did this because they know a stressful job being police officers that have to calm down mad inmates. They have been praised for their selfless action.

Independence Day

Today is 4th of July or Independence Day. It was made a federal holiday in 1870 but was celebrated as early as 1781 in Massachusetts. Soon other territories and states took up the tradition by the mid-19th century. On July 2nd in 1776 the Continental Congress voted for independence and then 2 days later on July 4th the 13 colonies adopted a Declaration of Independence. That is how it became Independence Day or the 4th of July.

In April 1775 the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out. They first wanted just to be on good terms with Great Britain but then they wanted independence. Then in 1776 on June 7 the Continental Congress met in Pennsylvania's State House to talk about independence. They had a big debate and appointed Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York to write the declaration of independence. Jefferson made himself the leader of the group and wrote the first draft.

We hope you are having fun celebrating the 4th of July and our independence. There are many ways to celebrate 4th of July the most common is seeing big fireworks and see a 4th of July parade. Many people bake cookies in star shape. A lot of people have picnics and parties with friends and family.

One common item in the 4th of July festivities is the star-spangled banner. The song's lyrics were made by Francis Scott Key while he was watching the attack on Fort M'Henry and called it Defense of Fort M'Henry. This song grew very popular and on March 3, 1931 the title was changed and adopted as the national anthem. The star-spangled banner is now played at most of public events and on fourth of July.

Uncle Sam is an iconic character of America and all that we stand for. The name was originally thought of because of a meat supplier. In the 19th century Samuel Wilson was a meat supplier that supplied a lot of meat to the army in crates with their name on it. The soldiers started calling it a gift from 'Uncle Sam' and the name stuck. Thomas Nast was a political cartoonist. He drew Uncle Sam as a person with a white beard and top hat along with patriotic clothing. Uncle Sam first appeared in his cartoons in 1838. Later James Montgomery Flagg made Uncle Sam by making the now famous "We Want You" poster. Uncle Sam appears in parades and films and has become a symbol of patriotism.

Quote of the week.

“May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.”

- Peter Marshall

“This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.”

- Elmer Davis

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Announcements



The Library Reading challenge has begun. This summer the reading challenge is called Tails and Tales. Our goal is to get 1,000 minutes a person. 1 minute is equal to 1 point when you get points you get prizes and get tickets. You can use the tickets for one of the prizes and you might win. You also earn badges and there are very fun activities like scavenger hunts and writing contents and even pen pals so you can meet so many new people. We love it and so will you so go check it out at the library. Click on the link to get to the library [Summer Challenge 2021 | Fairfield Public Library](#).

For the month of July the library is having a sketch challenge. They provide you ideas to sketch every day. This is very creative and you can also earn points in tails and tales. To learn more go to [Summer Reading Sketch Challenge | Fairfield Public Library \(librarymarket.com\)](#).

On this day (July 4) ...

In 1534 Christian III is elected King of Denmark and Norway.

In 1754 George Washington gives France Fort Necessity.

In 1776 the US Congress declares independence.

In 1826 John Adams and Thomas Jefferson die as enemies.

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