

JUNE 2018

# Parkhaven Press

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## Celebrating June

### Iced Tea Month

### Zoo and Aquarium Month

### Fireworks Safety Month

*June 1–July 4*

### Flag Week

*June 10–16*

### Father's Day (U.S.)

*June 17*

### World Music Day

*June 21*

### “Happy Birthday to You” Day

*June 27*

### Welcome New Residents

*Dave & Rose Penwell*

*Mary Jane Cutler*

## Rebecca's Rambles

Spring had a hard time getting started this year but that just makes us appreciate it more when it did show up. It seems like the daffodils and tulips were extra beautiful. Did you see the tulips down by the Manhattan sign as you come in to town? They were gorgeous.

There is a lot of lifting, twisting, and turning in the care of the elderly. That leads to higher risk of injury. I'm so excited to tell you we have not had an injury claim in 17 months. That is just amazing and lets me know that our staff is using the proper techniques they have been taught when lifting and transferring residents. Thanks guys, you are a great group.

I want to tell you another place Parkhaven's staff shines. The summer months are always hectic because everyone wants and deserves a vacation. It is amazing how our employees step up, pick up an extra shift and make it possible for everyone to get a much needed break. You are the best.

Father's Day is the 17<sup>th</sup>. As usual, we are planning a special celebration. If you plan to have dinner with one of our residents please let us know.

Don't forget to support our wonderful volunteer fire department on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Parkhaven has a team participating in the Blaze Run. If you need a place to cheer the runners on come by as they will be going right through our parking lot. Go Parkhaven!

We have some great activities coming up this month. Stop by for a calendar and pick out something that interest you. Have a great June!

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## Heroes of June



We're calling the month of June wonderful, super, and heroic. Forgive the use of superlatives, but June celebrates both Wonder Woman Day on June 3 and Superman Day on June 12.

Wonder Woman has been getting a lot of press lately thanks to a massive surge in popularity after the release of her own Hollywood movie. The comic book superheroine may have become a box office smash in 2017, but for the preceding 75 years, Wonder Woman was something more subversive.

Wonder Woman wasn't the first female superhero, but she was the first female superhero created specifically to be a feminist icon. Her creator, William Moulton Marston, was a Harvard-educated psychologist who believed that women would rule the future because men were too immersed in violence and war. In many respects, Wonder Woman embodied his hope for a new world order of feminist peace. Over her 75 years, Wonder Woman has been caught in a tug-of-war between being called a feminist icon and feminist failure. Regardless of her politics, Wonder Woman has become a worldwide cultural phenomenon worthy of her own holiday.

Superman as the hero we know today made his comic book debut on June 12, 1938. While Wonder Woman was designed as a savior, Superman was originally conceived as a villain by creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. He made his first appearance in 1933 in a story in which a mad scientist finds a nobody and turns him into "the superman," a bald madman bent on destroying the world. Of course, this idea was scrapped in favor of a cape-clad alien who becomes a savior to Earth.

Wonder Woman and Superman may be some of the most beloved superheroes of all time, but a debate rages: who is more powerful? The two have battled 15 times, with Wonder Woman defeating Superman eight times and drawing him four, but who's counting?

## Fields of Joy

The first Saturday in June has been designated Prairie Day to recognize the vast grassland ecosystem that is vital to our planet. The Great Plains of North America once stretched from the Canadian prairies of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, throughout America's Midwest, all the way into northern Mexico. The chief component of the prairie is the tall undulating grass with a deep root system capable of withstanding everything from drought to torrential rain. This 170 million-acre ecosystem was one of the most fertile habitats on the planet, supporting a diverse array of plants, birds, insects, and iconic animals such as the bison. Alas, only one percent of this habitat remains. The prairie has largely been converted to farmland, becoming North America's "breadbasket." The South American *pampas* and Russian *steppe* have suffered similar fates, but as in North America, preservation efforts are building.

## Jouett's Ride

Most Americans are familiar with Paul Revere's famous ride, warning American colonists that "the British are coming!" Yet almost nobody knows of John "Jack" Jouett. Well, Jouett's story needs to be known in time for Jack Jouett Day on June 4.



In 1781, almost six years after Revere's ride, with America still in the grips of the Revolutionary War, Jouett was at a Virginia tavern when he spotted British Lt. Colonel Banastre Tarleton with 250 British troops. The British regimen aimed to march on Charlottesville, the relocated home of Virginia's General Assembly, where they would capture Patrick Henry and Richard Henry Lee, and Virginia governor Thomas Jefferson at his nearby Monticello estate. Jouett wasted no time racing the 40 miles to Monticello. He arrived in the early hours of June 4, giving Jefferson enough time to escape, and he then raced on to Charlottesville to alert the lawmakers of the approaching soldiers. For his efforts, Jouett was dubbed "the Paul Revere of the South."

## Putting the “Why” in Yoga



The practice of yoga is now so commonplace worldwide that the United Nations declared June 21 International Yoga Day. The date is significant, for the summer solstice is used to determine the date when Shiva, the *Adiyogi*, or the first yogi, began sharing his deep knowledge of yoga to seven disciples. And no, Shiva did not hold the first yoga class involving bending and breathing in a Himalayan mountaintop. Shiva, seeing that these seven were now worthy of his teaching after years of mental and spiritual preparation, began to impart his yogic science, which is a balance between the body and mind, a harmony between man and nature, an ultimate realization of the purpose of human existence on the earthly plane—in other words, truly deep stuff. These seven disciples took their seven aspects of yoga to the world, and it is for this reason that there are today seven forms of yoga.

For many students, regardless of which of the seven forms they practice, yoga is merely a type of exercise. While exercise fads come and go, yoga maintains its staying power. After all, it has been practiced for 5,000 years. Spiritual fulfillment aside, yoga is an excellent fitness regimen, for it improves strength and balance, tones muscles, burns calories, and reduces stress. For those who wish to look a little deeper, yoga also offers spiritual fulfillment.

Yoga is not a religion. It has no gods. It requires no faith. Yoga is more like a philosophy coupled with physical practice and meditation. As a philosophy, the first yogis used yoga as a means to achieve immortality. They believed they could use yoga practice to control the physical molecules of their own bodies and prevent aging and death. Yoga practice could also grant access to the immortal soul, that transcendental state of bliss and harmony. In these ways, yoga is considered a means to make us humans live to our utmost potential, to become the greatest versions of ourselves, physically, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally... not a bad goal.

## Seeing What’s Right

When Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880, no one knew she would grow into a famous advocate of the blind and deaf. Her life story, nonetheless, has inspired countless people. Keller was not born deaf or blind. She lost these senses after contracting a childhood fever. She lived an isolated and frustrating childhood, imposed on her by her inability to communicate. It was a teacher, Anne Sullivan, who broke through this barrier. For 49 years, Sullivan and Keller worked as teacher and pupil. Keller became the first deaf and blind person to earn a college degree, thanks to Sullivan and friendships with author Mark Twain and oil executive Henry H. Rogers. Keller became an educator, lecturer, and activist, promoting political and social equality for women and the disabled. She helped found the American Civil Liberties Union in 1920. Helen Keller is often presented as one of the best examples of the triumph of the human will and spirit. Despite her many perceived disabilities, she dedicated her life to the betterment of others.

## Tale of the Tape



June 14–16 heralds Duct Tape Days, and it is no coincidence that this celebration aligns with Father’s Day on June 17. After all, duct tape is Dad’s most versatile tool.

Duct tape was originally invented by Johnson & Johnson during World War II as a cloth-based waterproof tape used to seal ammunition boxes. It wasn’t a man who invented it, but the mother of two Navy sailors, who believed so much in her idea she wrote a letter to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt touting her invention. The rest is history, and men have been obsessed with duct tape ever since. After all, duct tape can be used for everything from taping ducts to curing warts, removing pet hair, mending tubes of toothpaste, plugging leaky canoes, and catching insects. Of course, women use it, too. Some innovators have even gone so far as to create duct tape wallets, shoes, and dresses. Look no further for the perfect Father’s Day gift.

## Tidbits of Info

- Exercise is an effective remedy for many chronic conditions. Studies show that people with arthritis, heart disease, or diabetes benefit from regular activity. It can also help in management of high cholesterol; keeping cholesterol levels within a healthy range can help to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke.
- Adults aged 65 or **older** who are generally fit and have no health conditions that limit their mobility should try to be active daily and should **do**: at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity such as cycling or walking every week

**Join us for Motion Therapy every  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
10am in Montana Room.**

## June Birthdays

In astrology, those born between June 1–20 are Gemini's Twins. They have two distinct and alluring sides to their personality: sociable and ready for fun, or serious and thoughtful. Sometimes they feel as if one half is missing, so they forever seek new friends. Those born between June 21–30 are Crabs of Cancer. Guided by their hearts, Crabs are deeply emotional and nurturing. They create deep bonds and comfortable homes and are always willing to welcome people into their circle.

Rex: 6/4

Chris: 6/6

Bob F: 6/26

Eric F: 6/27

**Happy Birthday!!!!**