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# Parkhaven Press

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## **Celebrating April**

**Arab American Heritage  
Month**

**Poetry Month**

**Jazz Appreciation Month**

**Passover Begins**

*April 8*

**Easter**

*April 12*

**Gardening Day**

*April 14*

**Bulldogs Are Beautiful Day**

*April 21*

**Earth Day**

*April 22*

**Arbor Day**

*April 24*

**International Dance Day**

*April 29*

*To all of our residents, families and friends,*

*I understand how difficulty these last few weeks have been and I wanted to take the time to reassure you that we here at Parkhaven are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe.*

*We have been in close contact with the Gallatin County Health Department and are strictly following the guidelines put in place by the CDC and CMS for long term care communities.*

*Mental health is as important as physical health during this time and we know how important family is so please feel free to call for updates anytime. We also have the option to Skype and have adjusted our activity calendar accordingly.*

*Thank you to all of our families for being understanding during this time and to the staff who continue to offer excellent care.*

*For updates visit our website:*

*[www.parkhavenretirement.com](http://www.parkhavenretirement.com) or our Facebook Page.*

*I am always available for questions or updates so you can call 406-282-7488 or email [crystal@parkhavenretirement.com](mailto:crystal@parkhavenretirement.com)*

*Truly,*

*Crystal Hamilton*

## The “Unsinkable” *Titanic*



On March 31, 1911, nearly 100,000 people gathered on a dock in Belfast, Ireland, to watch the launch of the RMS *Titanic*, the largest and

most luxurious ocean liner ever built, a feat of engineering and a ship that many boasted was “unsinkable.” A little over a year later, on April 14, 1912, the unthinkable happened: On its maiden voyage, the mighty *Titanic* struck an iceberg and sank to the bottom of the Atlantic.

The *Titanic* was the most technologically advanced ship ever built. She had a double-plated bottom and 16 watertight compartments in the hull with doors that could close in case any were breached by water. For many, these innovations were a guarantee that the ship would stay afloat in any conditions. It also had a state-of-the-art electrical control panel and a wireless communications system that could transmit Morse code in the event of an emergency. None of these safeguards, however, could save the *Titanic* from her fate.

A mild winter had resulted in the north Atlantic being full of icebergs in April of 1912. There were many reports of floating bergs, but the crew of the *Titanic* paid them no mind. The 46,000-ton ship could reach a speed of 30 knots, making it not only the largest but also the fastest ship in the world. Captain E.J. Smith was speeding along at 22 knots when the iceberg was spotted, and while he was able to avoid a head-on collision, the iceberg struck the starboard side, ripping a gash in the hull that opened six of the 16 watertight compartments. Unfortunately, the ship’s design could withstand the flooding of only four compartments. An SOS signal was sent from the innovative new communications system, but another ship did not arrive for over three hours. By then, the *Titanic* had broken in half and sunk. Due to a shortage of lifeboats, many passengers perished in the frigid waters. Just 705 of the 2,206 on board survived, and the sinking of the *Titanic* became one of the worst lessons in overconfidence ever suffered by mankind.



*Schedule a tour today!!*

## Before Gatsby Was Great



On April 10, 1925, F. Scott Fitzgerald published *The Great Gatsby*. Fitzgerald’s tale of love and lavishness during the Roaring Twenties is today hailed as perhaps the greatest American novel, but when it was published, it was deemed mediocre at best. By 1925, F. Scott Fitzgerald was a fading literary star. Even he believed that his best books, *This Side of Paradise* and *The Beautiful and Damned*, were behind him. The initial reviews of *The Great Gatsby* weren’t flattering. It was called “unimportant” and “painfully forced,” and sold just 21,000 copies. When Fitzgerald died in 1940, he believed the book to be a failure. A year after his death, though, the book took off, and by 1945 it was considered one of Fitzgerald’s most successful works.

## The “Surgeon’s Photograph”



On April 21, 1934, *The Daily Mail* newspaper published the “Surgeon’s Photograph,” a black-and-white photo snapped by London surgeon Kenneth Wilson that shows

the enormous neck and head of the Loch Ness monster plying the waters of the Scottish lake. Thanks to Wilson’s photo, the world became gripped with “Nessie” fever.

Although it was the most popular and exciting “evidence” of the Loch Ness monster, the Surgeon’s Photo was not the first historical mention of such a beast. A seventh-century biography of Saint Columba, an Irish missionary who brought Christianity to Scotland, tells of how St. Columba faced off with a monster at the Ness River that flows into Loch Ness. Columba, seeing the monster’s attempts to eat a man in the river, invoked the name of God, and the creature fled, never to be seen again. That is, until April of 1933 when a couple was traveling on a new road that had been paved alongside Loch Ness. From the roadway, the couple witnessed “an enormous animal plunging and rolling on the surface” of the loch. Their story hit the newspapers, and news of the monster spread. The Surgeon’s Photograph was published a year later, heightening the rumors of a magnificent creature lurking the depths of the lake.

In 1994, after 60 years and countless expeditions to Loch Ness, the photo was revealed to be a hoax. The Surgeon’s Photograph was not a picture of a fantastic beast but of a toy submarine affixed with a plastic sea serpent’s head. Of course, revelations that the Surgeon’s Photograph was a fake have not dimmed the enthusiasm of Nessie’s believers. Indeed, as recently as September of 2019, scientists were still searching for evidence of Nessie. DNA was collected from Loch Ness, and although 3,000 different types of species were identified—including fish, pigs, deer, birds, humans, and bacteria—no DNA matching a giant reptile or aquatic dinosaur was found.



*Kalli-Dining Room Assistant*

*Brooke-Resident Assistant*

*Brian-Resident Assistant*

*In Memory*

*Of*

*Regina “Reggie” Clark 1953-2020*

*Richard Thompson 1923-2020*

*Conrad Roundtree 1930-2020*

*Nila Vesely 1937-2020*

## Selfies Around the World



Even NASA is getting in on the selfie photo craze, declaring April 22 Global Selfie Earth Day. April 22 is well known as Earth Day, a day to demonstrate support for the conservation of the

planet. Global Selfie Earth Day proposes an interesting twist. Everyone is invited to step outside, snap a selfie, and share it with the world on social media. By the end of Global Selfie Earth Day, NASA hopes to create a photo tapestry of our planet, aggregating tens of thousands of images and sculpting them into a unique image of the globe. During years past, over 50,000 images have been submitted from over 100 different countries. It's your planet, so snap a picture of yourself wherever you are on the globe and post it. You just might be included in NASA's next photo tapestry.

## April Birthdays

In astrology, those born between April 1–19 are the Rams of Aries. As the first sign of the zodiac, Aries like to be number one. Bold, courageous, passionate, and somewhat impulsive, Rams dive headfirst into the most challenging situations. Those born between April 20–30 are the Bulls of Taurus. Bulls not only work hard with a determined and tireless manner but they also enjoy the payoff, rewarding themselves for a job well done. These stable and reliable types won't finish the job until they are completely satisfied.

Leanne – April 4  
Char – April 9  
Betty B – April 9  
Tom – April 13  
Moriah – April 14  
John C. – April 18  
Harold – April 20  
Ed N. – April 23  
Brian – April 26