

"To think too long about doing a thing often becomes its undoing"- Eva Young



JUNE 2020

June is the sixth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and one of the four months with a length of 30 days. The month of June is probably named after Juno, the wife of Jupiter, and queen of the gods [Hera in Greek mythology]. It was held sacred to her, and was thought by the Romans to be the luckiest month for marriage, since Juno was the Goddess of Marriage. Wherever the goddess went she was attended by her messenger Iris (the Rainbow), who journeyed so quickly through the air that she was seldom seen, but after she had passed there was often left in the sky the radiant trail of her highly-coloured robe.

BIRTHSTONE: Moonstone or Pearl

FLOWER: Rose or Honeysuckle

HOLIDAYS/EVENTS:

- 6th - DDay
- 14th - Flag Day
- 20th - First Day of Summer
- 21st - Father's Day

INTERESTING FACTS:

- 1633 - The Holy Office in Rome forced Galileo Galilei to recant his view that the Sun, not the Earth, is the center of the Universe
- 1775 -The Continental Army was established by the Continental Congress, marking the birth of the United States Army.
- 1831 - James Clark Ross discovered the Magnetic North Pole.
- 1835 - P. T. Barnum and his circus began touring the United States.
- 1844 - Charles Goodyear received a patent (#3,633) for vulcanization, a process to strengthen rubber
- 1846 - The first officially recorded, organized baseball game was played under Alexander Cartwright's rules on Hoboken, New Jersey's Elysian Fields with the New York Base Ball Club defeating the Knickerbockers 23-1.
- 1870 - Christmas was declared a federal holiday in the United States.
- 1889 - The first long-distance electric power transmission line in the United States was completed, 14 miles between a generator at Willamette Falls and downtown Portland, Oregon.
- 1919 - The US Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guaranteed voting for women, and sends it to the individual states for ratification.
- 1947 - The Diary of a Young Girl (better known as The Diary of Anne Frank) was published.
- 1953 - The first Chevrolet Corvette rolled off the assembly line in Flint, Michigan
- 1971 - The Ed Sullivan Show aired for the very time on CBS.
- 1983 - Reading Rainbow premiered on PBS

FROZEN CANDIED GRAPES



DIRECTIONS

Pluck all the grapes from their vine and rinse them in a colander. Transfer the still-damp grapes to a gallon size ziploc bag. Pour the Jell-O mix into the bag, seal and shake until grapes are coated. Freeze overnight (8-10 hours). Keep frozen.

To make a variety of colors simply divide grapes into separate bags and add a different flavor Jell-O mix into each bag. Freeze separately and then combine once frozen.

Shaking in a bag is the fastest, easiest, cleanest way to make this recipe. However, if you want the grapes to be as evenly coated as you see pictured: pour Jell-O mix into a bowl, and roll each individual grape in the mix using a toothpick.

INGREDIENTS

a bunch of grapes, rinsed
sugar-free Jell-O mix (dry) milk



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Stone Ridge

has been busy building bird feeders and they had a lot of fun hammering the pieces together and then picking out what color they wanted to paint them and keeping them full of birdseed. We have a beautiful variety of birds coming to visit us to keep us company. Our garden is looking great So excited for those fresh tomatoes!



Veesh

enjoying a blanket fort!
Also took a trip to Orange City to explore some Dutch Heritage and see the tulips!



South Cypress

had fun doing arts and crafts and making s'mores!



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JUNE Happy Anniversary! MID-STEP MILESTONES

ONE YEAR

Lilian Miller, 10th
Killian Ayoniseh, 10th
Steven Gray, 10th
Kasey Tuttle, 17th
Jessica Wassgren, 24th

TWO YEARS

Haley Hoffman, 4th
Melissa Reed, 4th
Marisela Gonzales, 11th
Brandi Napier, 22nd
Amanda Pierce, 25th
Stephanie Robinson, 25th
My N.T. Pham, 25th

THREE YEARS

Nichole Zeman, 5th

FOUR YEARS

Lucinda Hulit, 13th

FIVE YEARS

Aja Simpson, 15th

SIX YEARS

Kenneth Banks, 9th

EIGHT YEARS

Shana Belfiore, 11th

TEN YEARS

Abigail Haller, 21st

TWELVE YEARS

Sarah Sands, 2nd
Ashley Bradbury, 16th

THIRTEEN YEARS

Raylina Wimmer, 18th

FOURTEEN YEARS

Oludayo Ayodele, 19th

SIXTEEN YEARS

Carolyn Niemeyer, 1st

SEVENTEEN YEARS

Dawn Hysell, 30th

TWENTY ONE YEARS

Katerina Fondoulakis-Listamann, 25th

TWENTY NINE YEARS

Brett Johnson, 11th

THIRTY THREE YEARS

Mary Beth Kirkegaard, 2nd

THIRTY FIVE YEARS

Patricia Shuck-Norton, 11th

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Kim Ritchie is a HCBS Assistant at Leech
She has been with MSS for 19 Years.

Kim Ritchie



What do you enjoy most about your job? **Being with the girls, taking them on outings**
What are some activities that you have participated in with members or at the agency that you have really enjoyed?

Taking girls to concerts, Grandview Park, Wrestling

What is your favorite movie or TV show? **I Love Christmas Movies**

What is your favorite sports team? **Vikings**

What is your favorite music or song? **Elvis Presley**

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work? **Spending time with family**

Do you have children, grandchildren, spouse or pets you would like to mention? **I have two grown children a boy and a girl, 1 grandchild, a girl who is adorable. I also have a dog, his name is Elvis.**



IN THE KNOW

THANK YOU

Thank you to Polly Shuck-Norton for going above and beyond to make sure we are all safe. - from your first shift crew

Congratulations

Joanna Widjaja graduated from Morningside college with her Bachelor in Science in Biology. Joanna was accepted to medical school at Northwestern Health Sciences University where she will begin her journey towards becoming a chiropractor.

Michal Widjaja graduated from Morningside college with her BA in Counseling in Psychology. Michal was accepted to grad school at St. Cloud University where she will be studying applied behavior analysis.

Haley Hoffman graduated from USD with her Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Haley is attending grad school at USD where she is studying Human Factors and Ergonomics.

I figure we can all use some positive news these days. I am so very proud of these ladies!! - Kayla Conner



SUMMER holidays

Match the words to the correct pictures and complete the crossword. Then find a secret message.

Word List: ball, beach bag, bucket, camping, crab, deckchair, flippers, inflatable ring, kite, lifeguard, sandcastle, shells, snorkelling, starfish, sunbathing, sun cream, sunglasses, sunshade, swimming, surfing, towel.

The secret message is _____

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WELCOME NEW HIRES

SPRING HILL APARTMENTS

Katzia Guerrero, HCBS Asst.
Amy Mossberg, HCBS Asst.

LEECH

Cali Cook-Sorenson, HCBS Asst.

SOUTH CYPRESS

Mercedes Hodges, Adv HCBS

SPRING HILLS DUPLEX

Stormii Rolfes, HCBS Asst.

CHEROKEE

Skyla Edwards, HCBS Asst.

LAWTON

Ashley Neal, HCBS Asst.

STONE RIDGE

Marina Baarur, HCBS Asst.
Mariam Awad, HCBS Asst.

PARK VIEW

Kiley Hamilton, RLA
Elizabeth Parmelee, Diet Aide

COURAGE

Abigail Reed, LPN
Sheila Michubu, RLA

BLUFFVIEW

Breanna Castillo, RLA
Kaylee Moe, RLA
Quincy Christie, RLA
Kaitlin Clark, RLA
Jizelle Flores, RLA

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Tammy Castle, 1st
Betty Kluver, 1st
Vanessia Hoffmeier, 2nd
Sabrina Dean, 2nd
Alec Nelson, 4th
Ninfla Rojas, 4th
Latonya Booker, 4th
Mason Gentry Sr. 4th
Teresa Honeycutt, 5th
Tracy Bertrand, 5th
Danielle Rolfes, 8th
Linda Klemmensen, 9th
Deborah Ayodele, 10th
Bilise Simbassa, 10th
Gary Turbes, 11th
Tina Flores, 12th
Matthew Mann, 13th
Kass Kunze, 14th
Davis Griffin, 14th
Elizabeth Parmelee, 15th
Abigail Haller, 18th

Leslie Delao, 18th
Trina Mely 22nd
Amonia Sayonkon, 23rd
Kristi Parkls, 23rd
Xavier Spann, 23rd
Victor Gonzalez, 25th
Tracey Lewis, 25th
Kasey Tuttle, 26th
Tanya Giffin, 26th
Maria Baca Magana, 26th
Marisela Gonzales, 26th
Mary Bertram, 26th
Jennifer Brainerd, 26th
Richard Most, 27th
Josie Christensen, 27th
Deanna Luhr-Rodriguez, 28th
Nyamal Jock, 29th
La'Stacia Gorman, 30th
Chase Pipkins, 30th

"I'm a greater believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it." - Thomas Jefferson

"When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too." - Paulo Coelho