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# **The Pioneer Post**



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## **Prioritize Your Heart Health With Daily Choices**

Please follow advice of your medical professional and speak with them before changing diet, exercise, or supplements. This is for informational use only.

When we think of February, we think of hearts, and it's appropriately the month that observes heart health in America. It's been that way since 1963 when then President Lyndon B. Johnson encouraged citizens to support heart disease solutions for a "nationwide problem of heart and bloodvessel diseases."

There are many actions people can take to combat heart health issues. Awareness of heart health risk factors like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, diabetes, obesity, poor diet, physical inactivity, and excessive alcohol use is key.

For older adults, specific steps can be taken to improve heart health. Stopping smoking, reducing alcohol consumption to no more than two drinks per day for men and no more than one drink per day for women, and improving physical activity and diet are impactful actions.

### **Get Active**

Getting out for a daily walk is not only good for mental health and weight management, but also for heart health! The World Health Organizations says adults over 65 should do at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity each week—That's just around 20 minutes per day! Aerobic activity should be done in bouts of at least 10 minutes. Making sure to get exercise in every day (as opposed to several times a week) is also helpful.



Heart health can be impacted by stress. Along with a healthy lifestyle, help manage stress with good sleep habits, meditation, exercise, and sharing emotions with family or friends.

#### Eat Better

Is the way to your heart through your stomach? The Mayo Clinic recommends eating more vegetables and fruits as they may help cardiovascular health. They also recommend whole grains like whole-grain bread and high-fiber cereals. Go for skinless poultry, fish, nuts, and legumes. Monitoring sodium is also important. Items high in salt include tomato juice, soy sauce, and many prepared foods.

#### **Manage Cholesterol**

Getting physically active and eating better will go a long way in helping with this last action: managing cholesterol! The first step in improving cholesterol is to seek out a medical professional to find your levels for both cholesterol types. Having your blood pressure taken regularly can help you to know the state of your heart's health. If your bad cholesterol (LDL) is high, make sure to have a health professional help you to monitor it.

Give yourself a Valentine this February with a commitment to improve your heart health!



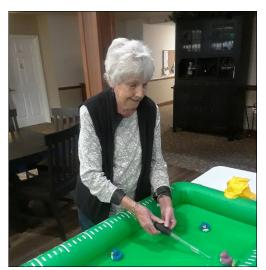




This photo pre-dates Covid guidelines



# **Special Moments**



### **Employee of the Month** Lisa P. (Housekeeping)

Lisa's life creed is "simply live and love." Her family and grandbabies are very close to her heart even though they live miles away. The daily phone calls are one of the best parts of her day. One of the other highlights of her day includes all of the residents at Pioneer Village. The smiles, hello's, and stories she hears lift her spirits daily. And of course when she gets home and her dog "Bear" greets her enthusiastically.

# **February 2021 Highlights**

February observes Black History Month, American Heart Month, and the Boy Scouts Anniversary. It celebrates the library, bird counting, pie making, embroidery, and donating canned foods.

01 Baked Alaska Day; Serpent Day 02 Groundhog Day; Ukulele Day **03** Carrot Cake Day 04 Homemade Soup Day 05 Nutella Day; Gum Day 06 Frozen Yogurt Day; Chopsticks Day 07 Superbowl LV; Send Cards Day 08 Boy Scouts Day; Kite Flying Day 09 Bagel and Lox Day; Pizza Day **10 Cream Cheese Brownie Day** 11 Inventors' Day; Peppermint Patty Day 12 Chinese New Year; Plum Pudding Day 13 Cheddar Day; Tortellini Day; Global Movie Day; World Radio Day

15 Presidents' Day; Gumdrop Day 16 Fat Tuesday; Almond Day 17 Ash Wed.; Cabbage Day; Kind Act Day 18 Wine Day; Battery Day; Pluto Day 19 Caregivers' Day; Chocolate Mint Day 20 Cherry Pie Day; Muffin Day; Pet Day 21 Grain-Free Day; Sticky Bun Day 22 Sweet Potato Day; Margarita Day 23 Banana Bread Day; Dog Biscuit Day **24 Tortilla Chip Day** 25 Chocolate Covered Nuts Day; Clam **Chowder Day; Pancake Day** 26 Pistachio Day; Toast Day; Chili Day 27 Retro Day; Strawberry Day 14 Valentine's Day; Chocolate Truffle Day 28 Floral Day; Chocolate Souffle Day

**Regarding Covid-19:** Resident and staff safety and comfort remains our number one priority during the Coronavirus cases that have happened nationwide. It is important to communicate our plans to mitigate risk in our community. We are following mandated health guidelines. All activities are subject to cancellation per those current guidelines. To read our measures taken, and our current visitor policy, please visit our website.

Make a New Friend Day is on February 11

We asked our residents and staff: What are some of the fun ways/instances in which you've made new friends?

"At a barn dance." - Yvonne

"Playing golf" - Mary P.

"Walking my dog." - Phillis R.

"Going to a football game" - Betty



## **Mountain Chickadee**

At the conclusion of a birdwatching tour several years ago, participants were asked to vote for the "cutest bird." I chose the Mountain Chickadee, a diminutive "busy-bird" found in Southern Oregon, it's black and white-gray, chubby body unmistakable. Except for a single strip above the eye, he looks much like his relative, the **Black Capped Chickadee. Visiting** feeders near the valley floor in winter, he departs for nearby mountain for nesting and raising the young in spring and summer. **Black Capped Chickadees remain** here year round. There are 7 species of chickadees in the U.S., 3 in Oregon. The Chestnut-backed Chickadee is more of a coastal and forest bird:

it's deep rusty back and sides distinguish him from all other chickadees. The winner of that contest was a

Pygmy Nuthatch (also found in Oregon's pine covered mountains.)

- Marjorie N., a resident



### Fun Facts, Mardi Gras

MARDI GRAS IS ALWAYS THE **TUESDAY BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY** 

Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday" in French. With Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent, a 40 day period of fasting before Easter, Mardi Gras is the "last hurrah" of sorts, with participants indulging in their favorite fatty foods and drinks before giving them up.

#### THE OFFICIAL COLORS OF MARDI **GRAS ARE PURPLE, GOLD, AND** GREEN

Purple signifies justice, gold means power, and green stands for faith.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW FOR **FLOAT RIDERS** 

Yep, it's illegal to ride on a float without a mask! The original purpose of the mask was to get rid of social constraints for the day, allowing people to mingle with whomever they chose.

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