

# THE MONTHLY GAZETTE

*"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat."*

~ Laura Ingalls Wilder



## Animal of the Month – Turtle

Turtles are reptiles that have a bony shell protecting their bodies. They live on every continent except Antarctica and are divided into land, aquatic, and marine turtles. Turtles are an ancient type of reptile, older than snakes or crocodiles. They live on land, but different types can swim in salt or fresh water. While turtles are cold-blooded, they are usually able to keep their bodies well above the temperature of their environment due to their high metabolic rate. Sea turtles can weigh up to 2,000 pounds, while the smallest turtle weighs in between 100 and 165 grams



and is just a few inches long. Turtles aren't loud, but they can make noises, including clucks or barks. Baby turtles are called hatchlings. Red-eared sliders are one of the most popular turtles to have as a pet, as they are quite sociable and active. In many cultures, turtles symbolize longevity, endurance, wisdom, patience, and innocence.

### Special Days

**Best Friends Day**  
June 8

**Flag Day (U.S.)**  
June 14

**Juneteenth**  
June 19

**Father's Day &  
First Day of Summer  
in the Northern  
Hemisphere**  
June 20

**Full Moon  
(Strawberry Moon)**  
June 24

## Flower – Rose



The rose, the flower for the month of June, represents beauty and perfection. Its name comes from the Latin word *rose*, which means "red." It's one of the earliest flowers known to man. Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylonia around 560 BC, used roses to decorate his home. In

Persia, these fragrant flowers were grown for perfume oil, while the Greeks associated the red rose with the blood of Aphrodite's beloved Adonis, the deity of plants and rebirth. Red roses symbolize love.

## Birthstone – Pearl



The pearl is the birthstone for the month of June, although it isn't really a stone. Pearls are made from an organic substance called *nacre* (pronounced *NAY-ker*) that is created by mollusks such as clams and oysters. A pearl's color is determined by the type of mollusk and the water where the mollusk lives. Pearls are often lustrous white but can be tinged with pink, peach, green, lavender, and gold. Some are even silvery black. Pearls are the traditional gift for a 30th wedding anniversary and for new brides.



## June for the Record

**June in different languages—**Did you know that this Gazette also comes in French and Spanish? Months and days of the week aren't capitalized in many other languages. In French, the word for June is *juin* (JOO-uhn). In Spanish, it is *junio* (HOON-ee-oh).

**June moon phases—**Catch the last quarter (half) moon on June 2, followed by the new moon on June 10; the first-quarter moon (the other half) appears June 18. See the full moon on June 24. For those who follow astrology, the full moon is a time when feelings intensify and conflicts may come to light.

**In the olden days of June—**In June 1901, the average annual income was \$1,009. A gallon of milk cost \$0.27, and a loaf of bread would set you back \$0.03.

**June firsts for baseball—**The month of June marks the first recorded baseball game, played on June 19, 1846. Thirty-seven years later, the first baseball game to be played under lights occurred June 2, 1883, followed 14 days later by the first "Ladies' Day" baseball game—with free entry for women to cheer in the stands. Nearly a century later, on June 11, 1974, the Little League changed its rules to allow teams of girls on the baseball field.



## Game-Set-Match

The Wimbledon Championship is the oldest tennis tournament in the world. The first match was played in 1877. The prestigious competition is held every June at the All England Club in Wimbledon, England. The tournament champs bring home almost \$3 million each in prize money.

### June Zodiacs

Gemini (The Twins)  
June 1–20

Cancer (The Crab)  
June 21–30

**June** is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the northern hemisphere and the shortest daylight hours of the year in the southern hemisphere. It is the first month of winter in the southern hemisphere and the first month of summer in the northern hemisphere. It's said that June is named for Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage and a protector of all things female, so some consider it good luck to be married during this month. June is the sixth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

## June Guinness Book Records

- 55' 9" (66.99 m) – Highest throw of a playing card, set June 1, 2014, in India
- 346 – Longest unicycle chain with arms linked, set June 22, 2013, in Germany
- 7,539 – Most pizzas made in 24 hours by a team, achieved by Domino's Pizza, in Australia on June 17, 2012

## June Birthdays

Barbara Pym (novelist) – June 2, 1913  
 Tony Curtis (actor) – June 3, 1925  
 Allen Ginsberg (Beat poet) – June 3, 1926  
 Angelina Jolie (actress) – June 4, 1975  
 Tom Jones (singer) – June 7, 1940  
 Barbara Bush (first lady) – June 8, 1925  
 Hattie McDaniel (actress) – June 10, 1893  
 Stan Laurel (comedian) – June 16, 1890  
 Venus Williams (tennis pro) – June 17, 1980  
 Roger Ebert (film critic) – June 18, 1942  
 Chet Atkins (guitarist) – June 20, 1924  
 Meryl Streep (actress) – June 22, 1949  
 Mindy Kaling (comedienne) – June 24, 1979  
 Mel Brooks (actor/producer) – June 28, 1926

## What's Lucky in June?

Lucky Color: Purple  
 Lucky Animal: Dolphin  
 Lucky Letters: V and G  
 Lucky Day: Wednesday  
 Lucky Plant: Rose

