

# Northern Pines News

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## Celebrating June

### Happy Birthday

**Audrey!!!**

*June 2*

### Jim Quales Music

**Performance**

*June 4*

### Coffee and Conversation

**with Andrea**

*June 9*

### Dessert Social with Brian

*June 10*

### Glow Crazy BINGO with

**Nicole**

*June 12*

### Happy Birthday Jane!!!

*June 17*

### Dad's and Doughnuts

*June 19*

### Father's Day

*June 21*

### *When We Die-We Live*

***For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.***

***(John 3:16)***

What happens to us when we die? There are all kinds of opinions out there about where people go when they die. Some believe that dead souls float away into nothingness, others believe in re-incarnation and that dead souls return in a different form. Christians believe that upon death, our spirits return to the Father. God has a clear plan for his children. We do not have to guess where we go, when we die.

A little while ago, I came upon a story that sort of captures God's plan for humanity. The school system in a large city had a program to help children keep up with their schoolwork during stays in the city's hospitals. One day a teacher who was assigned to the program received a routine call asking her to visit a particular child. She took the child's name and room number and talked briefly with the child's regular class teacher. "We're studying nouns and adverbs in his class now," the regular teacher said, "and I'd be grateful if you could help him understand them, so he doesn't fall too far behind."

The hospital program teacher went to see the boy that afternoon. No one had mentioned to her that the boy had been badly burned and was in great pain. Upset at the sight of the boy, she stammered as she told him, "I've been sent by your school to help you with nouns and adverbs." When she left, she felt she hadn't accomplished much.

But the next day, a nurse asked her, "What did you do to that boy?" The teacher felt she must have done something wrong and began to apologize. "No, no," said the nurse. "You don't know what I mean. We've been worried about that little boy, but ever since yesterday, his whole attitude has changed. He's fighting back, responding to treatment. It's as though he's decided to live." Two weeks later the boy explained that he had completely given up hope until the teacher arrived. Everything changed when he came to a simple realization. He expressed it this way: "They wouldn't send a teacher to work on nouns and adverbs with a dying boy, would they?"

Perhaps this is how God's love works in our lives. Like that little boy we were scarred and isolated from God by sin, with no hope of making it. Sin condemned us to eternal death. God in his mercy sent Jesus Christ, not to teach us nouns and numbers but verbs and a number. Verbs like ***loved, gave, believes, shall not perish, but have eternal life.***

And numbers like one. That one died for all and therefore all died (2 Corinthians 5:14); and by one sacrifice he has made perfect those who are being made holy (Hebrews 10:14); that this same God has appointed but one day to die, and after that the judgement (Hebrews 9:27), and finally that one day he is coming back to take his people to be with him.

Surely God wouldn't send his One and Only Begotten Son to work on verbs and a number with a dying and hopeless humanity, would he?

**-Chaplain Joan**

## Olympic Origins



With the 2026 Milano Cortina Winter Olympics fresh in our minds, it seems an opportune time to celebrate the founder of the modern Olympic Games, Baron Pierre de

Coubertin. On June 23, 1894, Coubertin created the International Olympic Committee, the group organizing and maintaining the integrity of the Olympic Games.

Before the 1800s, many societies did not see any need for organized athletics. Sports were widely considered to be an unimportant diversion. Born in Paris to a wealthy, aristocratic family, Coubertin was expected to head into politics or a command position in the military. Instead, he went to school and focused on education, particularly physical education and the role of sports in society.

Coubertin believed that engaging school children in sports would physically, morally, and socially strengthen generations of French citizens and make France a more powerful nation. With the country still reeling from its defeat in the Franco-Prussian War, Coubertin thought sports could keep the French better prepared for battle. Sporting events were also democratic. Regardless of background or upbringing, any athlete could be victorious on the playing field.

In Coubertin's mind, ancient Greece was the perfect model of a society that took sport seriously. The gymnasiums of Athens were places where people exercised both their bodies and minds. In 1889, Coubertin gathered a number of athletes and advisers with the purpose of reviving the ancient Olympic Games. While many countries sponsored their own Olympic-style games, the notion of a world games was novel. At the 1894 meeting of his newly formed International Olympic Committee, it was decided that amateur athletics should occur every four years and competition should be in modern sports rather than ancient ones. Two years later, the first modern Summer Olympics was held in Athens, Greece.

## June Birthdays

In astrology, those born between June 1–21 are Gemini's Twins. The Twins represent energetic communication and interaction. Curious Gemini's love to collect and share information. Witty and intellectual, they attract many friends, mentors, and colleagues. Those born between June 22–30 are Crabs of Cancer. Kind and protective, Crabs love to nurture others. While they may be emotional, they are never soft. Cancers are tenacious in their pursuit of domestic harmony.

Jerry Mathers (actor) – June 2, 1948

Frank Lloyd Wright (architect) – June 8, 1867

Judy Garland (actress) – June 10, 1922

Jim Nabors (actor) – June 12, 1930

Alois Alzheimer (doctor) – June 14, 1864

Moe Howard (comedian) – June 19, 1897

Meryl Streep (actress) – June 22, 1949

Pearl S. Buck (novelist) – June 26, 1892

Mel Brooks (actor) – June 28, 1926

Lena Horne (singer) – June 30, 1917

## The Fabric of Freedom



June 14 is Flag Day in the United States, a day commemorating the adoption of the American flag by the Second Continental Congress in 1777. Known as "Old Glory," "Stars and Stripes," and the "Star-Spangled Banner," the flag has

13 horizontal red and white stripes symbolizing the original 13 colonies. The canton is the rectangle in the upper left corner. It's blue with 50 white stars representing the 50 states, alternating in numbers of six and five per row. Throughout America's history, there have been 27 flag designs, with the canton stars changing each time a state was added. Before the 48-star flag, canton designs had no official arrangement of stars. Sometimes they were in a circular pattern and other times in a star pattern. Since 1777, one thing hasn't changed: the American flag has always stood for freedom.