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April Events



- April 1st April's Fools Day
- April 2nd Children's Book Day
- April 10th Golfers Day
- April 14th Look Up At The Sky Day
- April 15th Tax Day
- April 21st Easter Sunday
- April 22nd Earth Day
- April 29th World Wish Day



Funny Bones

"It's my Kirby," cried Mr. Wilson to the veterinarian. "Something is wrong. He hasn't made a sound all day."

The vet used his stethoscope to listen for the heartbeat of the lifeless duck on the examination table. "I'm sorry to have to tell you this, but Kirby is dead."

"How can you be sure?" the old man asked. "Shouldn't you take some blood, or do some sort of test? Isn't it possible that Kirby is in a coma or just in a deep, deep sleep?"

"You're right," the vet said. He stepped out of the room and returned moments later with a Labrador Retriever. The dog stood on its hind legs with its front paws on the examination table. The Lab sniffed the duck, nudging it gently with his nose. The duck was unresponsive and the dog sat and began to whimper.

The vet walked the dog out of the room and returned carrying an orange and white tabby cat. He placed the cat on the table next to the duck. The cat tapped the duck's head three quick times. When the duck didn't stir, the cat meowed, jumped down from the table, and walked out. "I'm really sorry, Mr. Wilson," the vet said. "Kirby is no longer with us."

Mr. Wilson wiped a tear from his eye and then walked to the front desk to check out. When he saw his bill, he began to protest. "Is this for real—\$180 just to give me the sad news that my Kirby is gone?"

"I actually waived my fee for today, Mr. Wilson," the vet replied, adding, "but I have to charge you for the Lab report and the cat scan."

Five Factors To Spur Inspiration

Being creative isn't all about staring out the window and daydreaming. Sometimes it's hard, stressful work, especially when you're under pressure for results. The Innovation Excellence website suggests concentrating on these factors when trying to spark your inspiration:

- * **Mindfulness.** Be aware of what you're thinking. If your thoughts are "I'm just not creative enough," or "I'll never solve this," chances are you won't get anywhere. Try to free your mind of doubts and focus on the positives.
- * **Movement.** Get out of your chair and move around. You'll pump more blood to your brain, and you may see something that sparks an inspiration.
- * **Nature.** Go outdoors. In addition to the exercise, observing what's happening around you in the outside world can open your mind to new possibilities.
- * **Playfulness.** Don't be so serious! Turn your problem or opportunity into a game. This will help you relax and can offer you different approaches to finding ideas.
- * **Art.** Try drawing a picture with colored pens or markers, or doing a painting if you have the space and equipment. Writing a poem works, too. You'll make new connections in your brain and see the world in a new way.

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Celebrate Earth Day As A Family

This year Earth Day is Monday, April 22. You don't have to wait until then, though, to focus your family's efforts on good stewardship for the planet. Here are a few ways to take initiative:

- ❖ **Learn.** The theme of this year's Earth Day is "Protect our Species." Bees are just one of the endangered species that your family can learn about this spring. Consider visiting a nature center or apiary in your area to discover the activities of these amazing creatures and the benefits they contribute to our planet.
- ❖ **Volunteer.** Cleaning up a park or green space in your neighborhood is a good way to learn about waste disposal and recycling, as well as their impact on the environment.
- ❖ **Grow.** Plant a tree, or get involved with a local urban farm or community garden project. Start working on your own garden for this season, and make sure to include plenty of native plants that will attract and support wildlife.
- ❖ **Conserve.** Have a family meeting to brainstorm ways of limiting your adverse impact on the environment.

Consider installing rain barrels for the irrigation of your garden and lawn. Try walking instead of driving to destinations within a mile of your home. Make an effort to keep lights off in rooms that aren't occupied.

For more information and ideas, visit <https://www.earthday.org>



Fast Radio Bursts Are A Puzzle To Scientists

Fast radio bursts (FRBs) have been a puzzle to astronomers since they were first detected. An FRB consists of a brief, bright signal of radio energy emanating from distant galaxies. Although most FRBs last only a few milliseconds, two repeating FRBs have been detected—one in 2016, and a second one today in 2019, according to the Science News website.

The 2016 repeating FRB was tracked to a black hole in a far-off galaxy. The new one is about 1.6 billion light-years away. Theories about what causes repeating FRBs include spinning neutron stars, black holes, and even—possibly—alien life.

"Your health is what you make of it. Everything you do and think either adds to the vitality, energy, and spirit you possess or takes away from it."

—Ann Wigmore

"To keep oneself safe does not mean to bury oneself."

—Seneca the Younger

"Find somebody to be successful for. Raise their hopes. Think of their needs."

—Barack Obama

Spring Cleaning: Get Your House In Order

It's that time of year when we focus on spring cleaning and tidying up. Depending on how well you did last year, and how much stuff you've accumulated since then, this can be a daunting task. To ensure your success, you'll need a plan and a promise to yourself to stay committed to your goal. Here are some areas to focus on:

Clothes. Just say no to ugly Christmas sweaters, frumpy sweats with bleach stains, and anything that can be described as shabby, as well as items you haven't worn in a year or more. Donate them.

Clutter. Old magazines from five years ago, coupons you "might" use at the end of the month, junk mail piling up on your coffee table, etc. Purge, shred, recycle.

Duplicates. Do you have two crockpots, extra sets of linens that are never used, or a second set of dishes? This is the time to get rid of them, along with the other extra items usurping valuable storage space throughout your home. Consider holding a yard sale.

Miscellaneous items. The book you never finished, the toys and games that no one plays with, the knickknacks collecting dust on the shelf, along with any other possessions that aren't cherished anymore. Donate them, or add them to the yard sale inventory.

Stored junk. We all have that drawer or cupboard filled with doodads, clips, clothespins, and old rubber bands. Toss it all. The space you will free up will allow you to organize the things you have left.



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A Few Riddles...

Q. What falls but never gets injured?

A. Rain.

Q. What disappears the second you start talking about it?

A. Silence.

Q. What word does everyone spell wrong?

A. Wrong



Thanks For The Kind Words

“Always great service and honesty, they tell you only what your car needs without the "add ons" and only repair what you need done. Best shop in town hands down!”

-Online reviewer

Curb The Impulse To Buy

Impulse buying can be disastrous to your budget. It can be hard to resist the urge, but you'll be better off in the long run if you learn how to control your desire to splurge. Here's some advice from the U.S. News & World Report website:

- ✓ **Delay.** Resolve to wait at least 24 hours before buying the object of your desire. You'll often find that after a good night's sleep, you don't really want that expensive bauble you saw yesterday.
- ✓ **Avoid your favorite stores.** Identify stores (and online shopping sites) where you have trouble resisting the merchandise. Don't visit them unless you're sure you can really afford to buy something.
- ✓ **Remember past mistakes.** Impulse buying frequently leads to regrets later. Before whipping out your credit card, think back to the last time you purchased something that you later realized was a bad decision. This can help you put your impulse into perspective and stop you from buying an item you don't really want or need.

Ethics Are A Priority

A list of rules doesn't guarantee ethical behavior in your workforce. It's a start, but if you want to have a real impact on employees' conduct, you have to train them on the kinds of ethical practices they should be following. Here's what to do:

- **Identify behaviors to discourage.** Work with your team to develop a list of behaviors and practices that might cause problems and create risks in your workplace. Define inappropriate language and actions so everyone knows what you're talking about.
- **Clarify everyone's responsibility.** Distribute and discuss the checklist. Explain why it's important, as well as what the risks to the organization are if employees ignore any of the items. Emphasize that people are responsible for following guidelines and for speaking up about violations they witness.
- **Follow up on implementation.** You have to ensure that employees are actually following your checklist—and that your organization's leaders really support it. Add the guidelines to your employee evaluation process. Have upper-level managers talk about the checklist items regularly to keep them front and center.

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