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- **Enjoy Your Bike Ride Safely**
- **Get the Low-Down on Savings Alternatives**
- **Yes – You Can Buy a Car Online!**

Plus much, much more!!!

Let Dad Do What Dads Do Best This Father's Day!

Father's Day is a unique opportunity for dads and kids to step outside the norm, learn a bit more about each other and have some fun in the process. Here is a list of activities for fathers to do with their sons and daughters on Father's Day.

11 Activities to do with Kids on Father's Day:

1. Switch roles with them. Let them be the dad and you, the kid.
2. Tell them a story, but not one from a book. Make something up or tell them a few anecdotes from your childhood – especially ones where you got into trouble.
3. Do something important in the community. Volunteer at a homeless shelter. Help Habitat for Humanity build a house. Or, if the kids are older, do some work for a cause they support.
4. Make a movie of the day. If you don't have a movie camera, take a few rolls of regular film, get them developed at a one-hour photo place and make a scrapbook.
5. Pretend you like the tie they got you and wear it all day.
6. Take (don't send) them to a concert. They get to pick the music and you resist the urge to complain about it.
7. Listen. Set aside some time and let the kids know that you're available to listen to anything they have to say on any topic at all. Give advice only if they ask for it.
8. Visit or call or write your own father to wish him a happy Father's Day. If he's not alive, spend some time telling your kids about him.
9. Write the kids a thank-you card – not for the gifts, but just for being. After all, you wouldn't be a father without them.
10. Let them meet the secret you. Tell them something about yourself that they've never heard before – could be a favorite place or a secret dream you had as a kid.
11. Best of all: Do absolutely nothing. Spend a completely unstructured day with the kids doing exactly what they want to do. Ignore the distractions of the phone, e-mail, bills, work and errands and focus completely on them. Top off the day with an ice-cream sundae.

June 14



The first official Flag Day was proclaimed in 1916. The day commemorates the adoption of the flag in 1777. The idea had been around a long time before President Woodrow Wilson made it official. As early as 1861, a number of people and organizations worked to put the day on the national calendar. Displaying the flag on Flag Day is today considered an act of patriotism and hope.

June is National Safety Month!

Riding bikes is a great way to get active. Follow these steps to stay alert and safe:

The Basics

Riding bikes is a great way for you to get active. Riding a bike can help you:

- Get in shape
- Lose weight
- Lower your risk of health conditions like heart disease
- Save money on gas



Follow these safety tips every time you ride.

- Ride a bike that's the right size for you.
- Check the brakes before you ride.
- Always wear a bike helmet.
- Wear bright colors and reflective tape.
- Ride in the same direction as cars.

A bike crash could send you to the emergency room. The good news is that many bike injuries can be prevented. If you have kids, teach them these safety tips right from the start.

Ride a bike that's the right size for you.

Riders of any age should be able to put one leg on each side of the top bar (tube) of their bike with both feet flat on the ground. Otherwise, the bike isn't safe to ride.

Check the brakes.

Make sure the brakes are working before you ride.

If you are choosing a bike for a child, choose one that brakes when the rider pedals backwards. Young children's hands aren't big enough or strong enough to use hand brakes.

Always wear a bike helmet!

Get in the "helmet habit" – wear a helmet every time and everywhere you ride a bike. A bike helmet is the best way to prevent injury or death from a bike crash.

Make sure your helmet is certified. Look for a sticker on the inside that says "CPSC." This means it's been tested for safety.



"This is Daddy, honey. That was Daddy's office voice."

Just for Fun

1. Green - Moola - Dough
2. Playing - Time - Greeting
3. Punch - Hair - A Volleyball
4. High - Balance - Laser
5. Human - Rat - Relay
6. Cat - Dog - Gold
7. Toad - Foot - Bar
8. French - Eskimo - Hershey
9. Area - Fire - Zip
10. Gray - Red - Timber

COMMONYMS

What's a commonym you ask? A commonym is group of words that have a common trait in the three words/items listed. For example: A car - A tree - An elephant ... they all have trunks. These will make you think!

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Why do golfers take an extra pair of socks?

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June Is:

- National Safety Month
- Aquarium Month
- Dairy Month
- National Adopt a Cat Month
- National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month
- Rose Month
- Candy Month

Walk This Way

Since the late 1970s, June 19 has been designated World Sauntering Day, a time to set aside the endless to-do lists that keep us in a state of stress and purposely go for a leisurely stroll.

It doesn't matter where we saunter, which means to mosey around, amble, dawdle, or wander. It might be through several blocks of our neighborhood, through a mall to people-watch and window shop only, or through a nearby park or waterfront.

The rationale is to just slow down and really look around with curiosity, wonder and appreciation of our world. Saunter clothing is comfortable and walking shoes are essential.

Bill Rabe, a Detroit publicist and one-time manager at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island of Michigan, and a few of his friends thought of this event after spending time discussing their hectic schedules that left little time for anything other than more work.

The headquarters of the World Sauntering Society is on Mackinac Island, in the very same Grand Hotel. There, guests can even stroll the 660-foot, 129-year old porch. No cars are allowed on this remote island; transportation is strictly via horse, bicycle or foot.

Sauntering means you don't care where you're going or when you get there, and you never, ever, work up a sweat. You go aimlessly from points Z to X to Y. Now you know what you'll do on June 19. Put it on your to-do list!

Ways to Save For a Rainy Day

You have many choices of ways to start saving. MyRA can be a good choice if you haven't saved for retirement. It costs \$25 to open an account. You can add \$5 or more with payroll deduction.

Of course, you can add as much as you want. As with any Roth IRA, you can save up to \$5,500 a year or \$6,500 if you are 50 or older. You can withdraw your contributions without taxes or penalties at any age. It will earn up to 2.97 percent interest.

It's designed to be a starter fund. When your balance hits \$15,000, you must roll it over into a regular Roth IRA. Many Roth IRAs earn more interest than the MyRA.

The MyIRA also appeals to people who are about to retire and want a better rate of return than a CD.

Alternatives:

Many Regular IRAs have low investment minimums, charge no annual fees, and a monthly deduction from a bank account. As long as you or your spouse had some income during the year, you can open an IRA.

A target date fund could be right for you. It starts out with more money invested in stock funds, then invests more in bond funds as you near retirement.

Lower-income savers may also qualify for the Retirement Saver's Tax Credit, which can reduce your tax bill by up to \$1,000, or \$2,000 for married couples if they contribute to an IRA, including a MyIRA. Your adjusted gross income has to be less than \$60,000 or \$45,000 for heads of household, and \$30,000 for singles.

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors

Lightning strikes more frequently during the summer months, but it can strike any time of the year.

- * If you are outdoors and see darkening skies or hear thunder, seek a sturdy, enclosed shelter immediately.
- * Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks. Never shelter under an isolated tree. Immediately get away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.
- * Stay away from objects that conduct electricity, like anything with a metal handle or body, or wire fences.
- * Lightning often occurs before the rain begins and soon after the rain ends. Wait 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder before returning outside. * If you are indoors during a thunderstorm, try not to use corded appliances and electronics, such as computers and phones, as well as plumbing. Electrical wiring and pipes can provide a path for lightning to enter the house.

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To solve a sudoku, you only need logic and patience. No math is required.
Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has a number 1 through 9 with only one occurrence of each number.

Each column and row of the large grid must have only one instance of the numbers 1 through 9.

The difficulty rating on this puzzle is easy.

WE WELCOME THIS MONTH'S NEW CLIENTS TO THE "PRECISION ROOF CRAFTERS" FAMILY

Here are some of our new clients that became members of the "Precision Roof Crafters Family" this past month. I'd like to welcome you and wish you all the best!

Joe Albers, Houston
Dran Alessi, Houston
John Benwill, Houston
Pat Bernacki, Houston
Norma Bogucki, Tomball
Mike Borths, Spring
Russ Capper, Houston
Carter Carlton, Spring
Vikrant Chadha, Houston
Joel Charron, Tomball
Chris Cheng, Houston
Zach Claar, Houston
Michelle Clinch, Houston
Mike Cotrone, Houston
Lewis Cowan, Manvel
Lee Crump, Houston
Jerel Cutler, Magnolia
Sergio De La Madrid, Houston
Louis Dorsey, Pearland
Temple Dunaway, Houston
Tony Duran, Houston
Jennifer Dutcher, Cypress
Adriene Eastaway, Houston
Sean Finlay, Shenandoah
Alan Furnish, Houston
Rene Gleespen, Fulshear
Rodolfo Gomez, Houston
Drew Grace, Houston
Harry Green, Houston
Doug Haun, Houston
Lori Hollis, Deer Park
Greg Hottle, Houston
Janet Hufford, Humble
Austin Isensee, Cypress
Scott Kelly, Sugar Land
Hanna Khalil, Magnolia
Mary Lebeck, Houston
Angel Leon, Houston
Jason Leopard, Galveston

Valeria Lima, Spring
Jorge Loreda, Sealy
Alex Marsh, Friendswood
Matilda Matiru, Houston
John Mieleles, Houston
Bethany Moon, Houston
Jim Moore, Montgomery
Dennis Moore, Houston
Trammie Nguyen, Houston
Kevin O'Connor, Houston
Susan Olson, Houston
Tim Ong, Houston
Barry Pardue, Houston
Gregory Pate, Humble
Greg Powell, Houston
Mark Pride, Sugar Land
CP Puvvada, Sugar Land
Diane Rangel, Houston
Monty Reagan, Spring
Oliver Rogers, Houston
Ron Rothmund, Katy
Louis Rubin, Pearland
Nancy Saint, Houston
Daniel Salinas, Houston
Brynn Scally, Sugar Land
Rose Shelton, Houston
Kim Shivers, Humble
Ryan Sonnier, Humble
Allami Sousan, Houston
John Stanfield, Houston
Margaret Stone, Houston
Scott Tollefson, Houston
Archie Tracy, Pinehurst
Louise Vanderhelm, Humble
David Wall, Houston
Vicki Wang, Houston
John Whitehead, Houston
Lynne Williams, Humble
Mike Winoske, Houston
David Worsham, Manvel

We are giving recognition to our new clients and our superb friends who are kind enough to refer their neighbors and relatives to us.

Car Shopping – Online?

There are more than half a million car salesmen out there thinking every day about selling a car (and making a good commission).

Thanks to technology, you can know just about what they know about the car you want.

Using online car information services is an easy source of information. But before you wade through the sites, get an idea of what kind of car you want.

If nothing else, visit a car lot when it is closed and take some notes about prices on a make and model you like, according to msn.com. Then you will be well prepared to navigate online site.

Truecar.com has a non-cluttered website, easy for finding cars. You can search by make, model, year, or price. Then you get a list of similar available cars. If you see what you like, you can use the TrueCar form to email the dealer and find out if the car is still available. If you want a CarFax report, you'll have to pay for it from this site.

Edmunds.com is probably the best know of car buying sites and it has great features, but sheer scope of information and choices can be a tad intimidating,

One good thing is that you can see the invoice price of a new car (what the dealer actually paid.) The sticker price includes the dealer markup.

Edmunds acts as the middleman. Dealers offer you a no-haggle price. You sort through offers and decide which one you like the best.

On used cars, be sure to check out the Car Fax reports available at Edmunds and other sites. This will tell you if the car has been in an accident and how many owners it has had. Click the "next" button to see prices from three dealers in your area. The dealers aren't identified; you have to enter your name, phone number and address to get to the dealer names and certificates with savings guarantees.

To Have and to Hold Joint Accounts?

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"SCORE, CHAM — JOINT BANK ACCOUNT!"

Should couples always have joint checking accounts?

Sheryl Garrett of the Garrett Planning Network says retaining some independence is healthy for most couples. Each should have their own checking account, and they should also have a joint checking for household expenses, like housing, groceries and utilities. Garrett, quoted in Kiplinger's Finance, says should both deposit the same amount monthly unless one earns quite a bit more.

Most money experts tend to agree with this assessment.

But the reason is not just because this is a good way to organize bill paying.

Transparency is also important. No one in a financial relationship like marriage should have money secrets.

According to a survey by Smart Money, 40 percent of women and 36 percent of men have lied to their spouse about the price of something they bought. This ranks as the most typical money lie.

Some money lies can be much more serious. A spouse who uses savings for risky investments, or worse, outright gambling, is damaging the family financial partnership. Another spouse who uses marriage money to build up a secret stash of cash, when caught, undermines the relationship and creates suspicion.

A joint checking account also forces some discussion about money, which is crucial for a happy financial outcome.

But a "yours, mine, and ours" approach is not always essential and to some degree depends on incomes, individual money skills, and debt, experts say.

“Wrap It In Bacon for Dad” Chicken

Ingredients

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- ½ (8 ounce) package cream cheese, sliced
- 4 slices bacon
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh chives
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup milk
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 pinch salt and ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).
2. Pound the chicken breasts until flat. Put a slice of cream cheese and 1 teaspoon chopped chives in the middle of each breast and roll up. Wrap each rolled breast with 1 slice of bacon and secure with toothpicks. Place in a 9x13 inch baking dish.
3. In a medium bowl, combine condensed soup, mayonnaise, milk, lemon juice, pepper and salt. Mix until smooth, then pour over chicken.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour, or until no longer pink and juices run clear.

Source: AllRecipes.com

Candied Bacon

¼ cup packed brown sugar ground black pepper to taste
2 tablespoons clover honey 1 pound thick-cut bacon
2 tablespoons maple syrup

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- Mix brown sugar, rice vinegar, maple syrup, and black pepper in a small bowl.
- Place bacon slices on cooling rack set over a baking sheet.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 10 minutes, turn slices, and bake another 5 minutes.
- Remove bacon and brush both sides with brown sugar mixture. Return bacon to the oven and bake another 5 minutes. Repeat basting every 5 minutes until bacon is browned and crisp, about 35 minutes.

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Client of the Month!

Every month we choose a Precision Roof Crafters' Client Of The Month. It's just our way of saying thanks and giving a little recognition to our good friends and clients who help support us!

This month's client of the month is **Mike Olson!** Congratulations! And, **thank you, Mike Olson, for referring us to Mike Winoske!!!**

Mike Olson wins a **\$50 Gift Card** from Carrabba's Italian Grill. You can be the client of the month too! Watch for your name here in an upcoming month!

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Commonym Answer:

1. slang for money
2. types of cards
3. they can be spiked
4. beams
5. races
6. fish
7. stools
8. kisses
9. codes
10. wolves

Riddle Answer:

In case they get a hole in one!

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