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April Showers and Foolish Pranks
 April. Some folks get all dewy-eyed about it. Birds chirpin', flowers poppin' up...me? I think April's a bit of a tease. One minute, you're in short sleeves, the next, you're diggin' out your long-johns. Cold weather on Easter? That's April for ya. It'll Freeze the ears right off the Easter Bunny, I tell ya. And it's my birthday month, too, which means I've survived another year of this craziness.



Then there's the rain. "April showers bring May flowers," they say. Well, I'd rather have the flowers now. My yard looks like a gopher tortoise convention. And try explainin' to your dog why he can't chase squirrels in a downpour. He'll look at you like you're crazier than a Betsy bug in a fruit jar.

And April Fools' Day? Amateur night for pranksters. Folks get tricked into thinkin' they won the lottery by their cousin Bubba. Bubba, who owes 'em twenty bucks. Even the news tries to be funny. Can't tell if they're serious or just pullin' your leg.

But April ain't all bad. Baseball season starts, which is a plus. And after winter, any sign of spring is welcome. Even if it's just a little flirty. Like a pretty woman smilin' at you, then turnin' around to talk to some rich fella. That's April.

So, here's to April. Mixed blessings, crazy weather, and practical jokes. Don't get too excited. April's liable to change her mind any minute. You'll be standin' there with your umbrella and short sleeves, lookin' like a fool. Just another April victim. Now, if you'll excuse me, I think I hear Bubba callin' 'bout that twenty bucks...and maybe I'll go get myself a birthday key lime pie.

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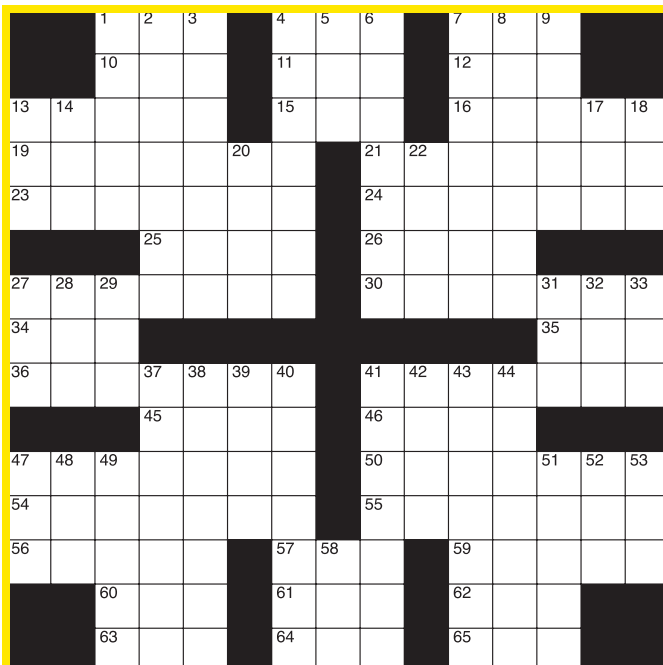
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11. Midway between northeast and east
12. Small Milky Way constellation
13. Fritz __, Austrian chemist
15. A Brit's grandmother
16. Colombian city
19. Visualize
21. Charged
23. People's assets
24. Informative books
25. Jeer
26. You can do it with your horn
27. Agents of your downfall
30. Central Uganda city
34. Supervises flying
35. Type of tree
36. Alfalfa
41. Dishwasher soap brand
45. Hall where military eats
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Speaks incessantly
50. Discuss again
54. Extreme greed
55. Adopt or support
56. Fantasy writer Russell
57. Seize
59. Early Mesoamerican civilization
60. Noted pet detective Ventura
61. Automobile
62. Georgia rockers
63. Color opposite green
64. Amount of time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Sheep sound
2. Some can be emotional
3. Inflammation of colon lining
4. Origins
5. Comedienne Gasteyer
6. Perceived by the senses
7. A place to play ball
8. Occur before
9. Animal body parts
13. Thanksgiving dessert
14. Root mean square (abbr.)
17. 1960s teen idol Bobby
18. Promotional materials
20. One point east of northeast
22. Piers Anthony protagonist
27. Popular sports league
28. Cologne
29. Partner to cheese
31. Constrictor snake
32. Not good
33. Supplement with difficulty
37. Hug with fondness
38. Enforced again
39. Small amount of time (abbr.)
40. Substance
41. Anterior parts of the brain
42. Brews
43. Where ships load cargo
44. Holiday season singer
47. "___ humbug!"
48. Monetary unit of Macao
49. Popular children's book elephant
51. Glutinous
52. Function
53. Old world, new
58. Swiss river

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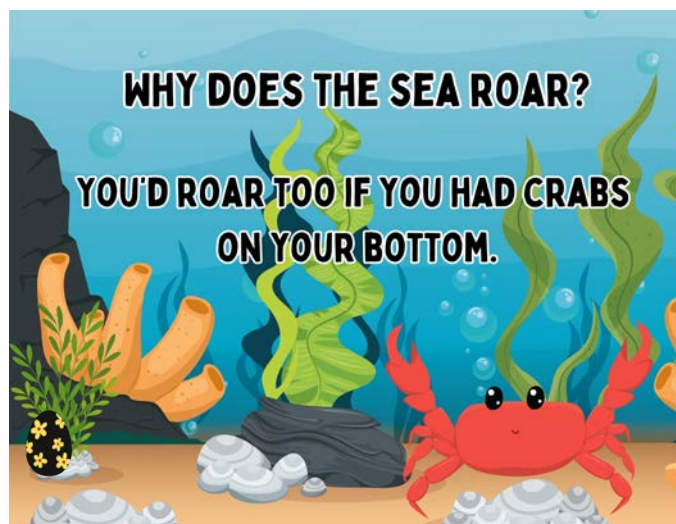
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In this recipe "Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes" from "Simply Scratch" (Avery) by Laurie McNamara, honey-covered pecans are the crowning touch on sweet potatoes, helping to make this side dish one to remember at any special meal.

Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes (Serves 4)

- 2 medium sweet potatoes, scrubbed
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus a pinch
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans

Preheat the oven to 400F.

Massage the olive oil onto the sweet potatoes and set them on a small baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour or until a knife glides through effortlessly. Let cool until safe to handle. Keep the oven on.

Halve the sweet potatoes horizontally and carefully scoop out the flesh into a medium bowl. Set the skins aside. Add the butter, maple syrup, chili powder, cinnamon, and 1/4 teaspoon of the salt and use a potato masher to mash the filling until smooth.

In a small bowl, combine the honey, pecans, and a pinch of salt. Place the skins side by side in a small baking dish. Spoon the filling in, dividing it evenly, and top with the honeyed pecans. Bake for 5 minutes. Serve warm.



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5th

Celebrate Earth Day with us on Saturday, April 5, from 9 am to 12 pm at the UF/IFAS Master Gardener Nursery in Hernando County at 19490 Oliver St, Brooksville, FL! Our event promises a fun-filled blend of activities and information to honor our planet. One of the highlights of the day will be our nursery, offering a variety of beautiful native and Florida-Friendly plants for sale. Enhance your garden while supporting sustainable landscaping practices! Throughout the event, there will be booths featuring various Earth Day topics, along with multiple presenters sharing their expertise • **9:30 am -- The Importance of Recycling** • **10:15 am -- Living With Coyotes** • **11:00 am -- Pollinator Gardens**. In addition to these informative presentations, there will be plenty of activities for kids to enjoy, fostering a love for nature and environmental stewardship from a young age. We are also excited to announce that Hernando County Animal Control will be on site with a Free Adoption Day! Consider opening your heart and home to a furry friend in need.

5th

Hernando County Government's Department of Public Works (DPW) is hosting a free Touch-A-Truck event from 9am-1:30pm. Bring the whole family out for a day of fun and learn more about the awesome trucks and equipment that the Department of Public Works, Fleet Management, Inspectors, Sign Shop, Traffic, Transit, and the Utilities Department use on a daily basis. Hear from the staff over at Hernando County Stormwater Management, DPW, the adopt-a-road program, and so much more! Location: Department of Public Works (1525 E. Jefferson St., Brooksville, FL 34601) If the event gets rained out, the make-up date will be Saturday, April 12th from 9am-1:30pm.

6th

Blondes at Bree's Riverside Restaurant in Nobleton FL at 29250 Lake Lindsay Road from 3PM to 7PM Connie on bass, Carol on keys and cool tracks for dancing will get any party started. Fun Variety show

11th

Gary Vitacco-Robles presents the History of New Port Richey's Hacienda Hotel. Local author and historian Gary Vitacco-Robles will talk about the history of New Port Richey's own Hacienda Hotel -- based on his recently published book. Peace Hall in Sims Park Friday, at 6:00 PM. Admission: \$10.00 at the door WPHS members free

12th

12th Annual Loquat Fest, 10 a.m. -- 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at Sims Park in downtown New Port Richey. This fest is a learning and sharing event to help expand the knowledge and appreciation of the loquat tree and its fruit. There will be fresh fruit, preserves, educational talks, and trees and plants for sale.

12th

NPR Parks & Rec Spring Fling, 5:30 -- 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12 in Sims Park in downtown New Port Richey. Come out for this family-friendly event featuring egg hunts, bounce houses, crafts, photos with the Easter Bunny, and more.

18th

The Genealogy Society of Hernando County will meet April 18th at the LDS Family History Center, 21043 Yontz Rd., Brooksville at 10 a.m. This month's presentation topic is TBA. For additional research, the LDS Family History Center research lab and resources, at the same Yontz Rd address as above, are available every Wednesday evening, 6-8:00 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon; 3rd Friday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Or, by appointment anytime, leave a message with John Ellis, (813)716-7804. The LDS requests 'no shorts please'.

19th

Concert in the Park featuring the Caribbean Chillers Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band, 7 -- 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19 in Sims Park in downtown NPR Bring your chairs and/or a blanket and your favorite Parrot Head and head down to Sims Park for this free concert sponsored by New Port Richey Parks & Rec.

26th

EARTH DAY PRESENTED BY REWORLD! at Crews Lake Wilderness Park - located at 16739 Crews Lake Dr., Spring Hill, Florida from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are excited to bring back the Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society plant sale, upcycle vendors, ladybug release, and educational displays. Learn about many creatures with ambassadors from Dundee Farms, Florida Skunk Rescue, and Fox Tales Florida. household hazardous waste collection onsite accepting items including lightbulbs, batteries, oil, gas and paint. The electronics recycling includes disposal of 2 TVs for free. Visit the Pasco County Household Hazardous Waste page for detailed information of acceptable items. Document shredding by Shred 360 will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a limit of 3 boxes/bags per person. Bring in old thermostats or thermometers to properly dispose of mercury and receive a \$5 gift card. The UF/IFAS Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service is offering two workshops at the event: Rain Barrel at 11 a.m. and Composting at 10:00 a.m. Seating is limited, pre-registration is required for both workshops. Rain Barrel Workshop Registration Composting Workshop Registration This event is a partnership between Keep Pasco Beautiful, Reworld Pasco, Tampa Bay Water, Pasco County Environmental Compliance, Pasco County Recycling, Pasco County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources, and UF/IFAS Pasco County Cooperative Extension, and Pasco County Department of Public Works. For questions or vendor information contact Lottie Kelley at lkelley@reworld.com or (727) 856-2917 ext. 201.

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Withlacoochee Rockhounds: A non-profit organization with the purpose of fostering interest and promoting knowledge of minerals, gems, fossils and the earth sciences. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month @ 7pm in the Weeki Wachee Senior Citizens Club building, 3357 Susan Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34606. We have guest speakers, videos, demonstrations, classes, workshops and our annual Gem & Mineral show. Raffle every month! Educational and entertaining, fun for all ages! Contact info: withlacoocheerockhounds.com #352-587-2714 or find us on Facebook!

Weeki Wachee Seniors Citizens Club - Come and enjoy time with other active club members; indoor activities include Arts, Crafts: such as (Knitting, Crocheting, Rug Hooking) Card games (Canasta, Pinochle, Poker, Golf, Skip Bo) Games (Mexican Train Dominos, Board games). The Rock Club meets once a month and display gems, mineral, fossils and jewelry. BINGO is ongoing every Thursday 1- PM to 4 PM - Jackpot now is over \$200. (Open to the public) lunch, snacks, and drinks available. Building available to rent for those special events, call Carol (570-441-9139) Now a new program is starting, Sweating to the Oldies on Wednesday mornings. Location 3357 Susan Drive, Spring Hill, 34606 (east of Hwy 19 off Toucan Trail)

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Genealogy Research Schedule for LDS Family History Center, 21043 Yontz Road, Booksville: Research schedule for LDS Family History Center: 3rd Friday, 9-12 noon; Every Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.; 2nd Saturday 9-Noon; or appointment Contact: John Ellis (813)716-7804 and leave message Weeki Wachee Area Club; 7442 Shoal Line; NEW in FEB Quinella \$1/Bingo THURS, game starts 7 pm. Free spaghetti dinner. "Show Me The Money" game MON 7-8:30 pm; 12 games/2 sets of 6. \$1/card (3 cards together). Snacks provided. BINGO SAT, 11-2; Opens 10. Kitchen serves great food for purchase. No outside food please. Join Reg Mtgs, 2nd TUES of month; Potluck 6 pm, Mtg 7:00. Mon & Wed Dance Exercise with Kristina 10 am; Chair Stretch 11 am. Mon "Gold Sneakers" at 9 am. Check Facebook for speakers, events & details. Bldg Rental avail. MaryAnn 863-381-4769.

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How to celebrate Earth Day as a family

Protecting the planet is a year-round responsibility, and that obligation is emphasized each April 22 when the world celebrates Earth Day. In 1969, an oil spill in California killed thousands of sea animals and contributed to significant ocean pollution. This environmental disaster inspired Gaylord Nelson and Denis Hayes to establish Earth Day in 1970 as a global event to raise awareness about environmental issues.

Every year around a billion people are motivated to protect the planet for Earth Day. Families can work together to do their part in protecting the environment. Here are some ways families can commemorate Earth Day together.

Clean up the neighborhood: Families can work together to make their neighborhoods cleaner. Litter in streets or parks can end up in waterways after being carried into storm drains by rain or wind, according to the Marine Debris Program. A 2016 report from the United Nations found that nearly 50 percent of cetacean and seabird species have ingested litter. Picking up litter from local neighborhoods is a relatively easy way for families to do their part on Earth Day.

Walk and bike more: Families can learn about their carbon footprints and how their lifestyle choices affect the environment. One way to cut down on carbon emissions is to walk or bike to school and to skip the car whenever possible.

Visit a local park or wildlife habitat: Families can experience the beauty of nature and be reminded about humankind's responsibility to protect habitats and wildlife at a park, sanctuary or wildlife area. When visiting, it's important to stick to trails and remain mindful of leaving no trace behind.

Create reusable bags: Individuals can turn old T-shirts and other clothing into reusable cloth shopping bags. There are no-sew project instructions online that offer tips about how to repurpose old clothing that is no longer worn into something Earth-friendly.

Plant more greenery: It doesn't have to be a tree, but families can visit a garden center to purchase seeds, seedlings or full-grown shrubbery to enhance their landscapes with more Earth-friendly plants. CO2METER, a carbon dioxide monitoring website, says plants and trees, combined with oceans, remove about 45 percent of the carbon dioxide emitted by human activities each year. A typical hardwood tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of CO2 per year.

Embrace locally grown foods: Families can plan meals together that feature in-season foods purchased at a local organic farmer's market.

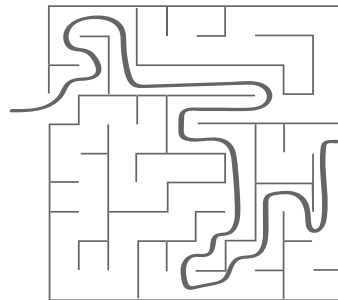
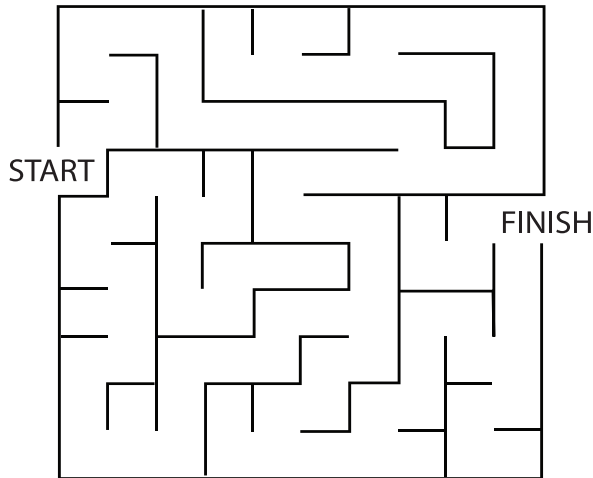
Earth Day is a time when families can work together to help protect and preserve the planet.





Maze Craze

Find the way through the maze to the finish line.



People FACT:



Eight to twelve is the average number of these that a person owns in a lifetime to help them get around.

Answer: Cars

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1429: Joan of Arc arrives to relieve the Siege of Orléans.

1770: James Cook arrives in Australia at Botany Bay, which he names.

1967: Muhammad Ali is stripped of his boxing title after refusing induction into the US Army a day earlier.

NEW WORD

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Italian: Accensione

French: Allumage

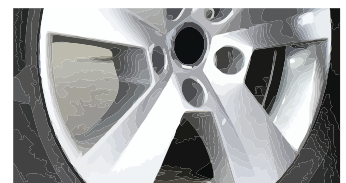
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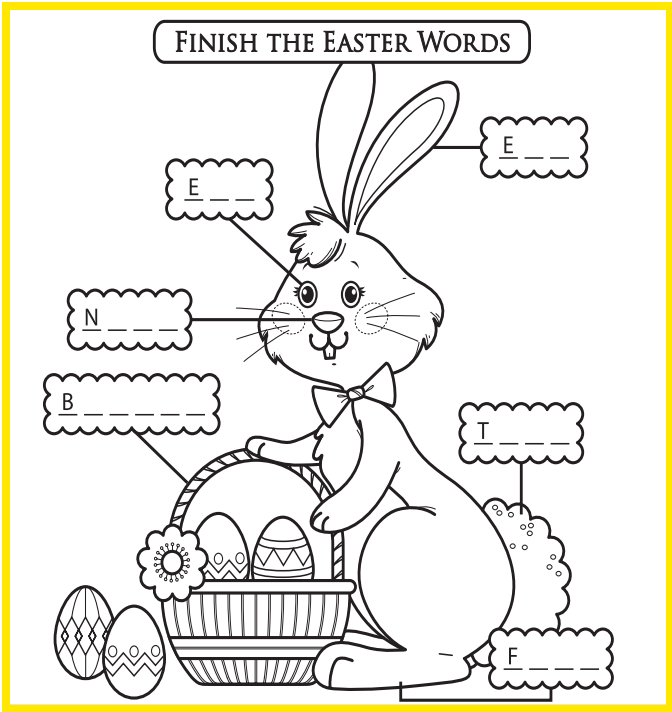
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Humane ways to address uninvited garden guests

A beautiful garden is a wonder to behold. After a homeowner toils in the yard amending the soil and planting, it's imperative that a garden be given the best chance to thrive. However, the natural wildlife that shares the space might see that newly cultivated land as the perfect place to enjoy an easy meal or gather nesting materials.

Every gardener likely has a tale about chipmunks, squirrels, woodchucks, and rabbits making nuisances of themselves in the garden. Many of these animals seem to have a taste for bulbs and other plants, which can wreak havoc on what gardeners carefully plan and plant. Finding balance so everyone can get along may require patience and some well-crafted deterrents.

- ~ Provide food elsewhere. Try luring the animals away to another area of the yard where the meal is even easier to come by. Squirrels and chipmunks love to dig and bury their caches, so a far-off corner with freshly tilled soil along with some berries, nuts and additional treats might attract them to that area instead of a newly established garden.
- ~ Install fencing. While chipmunks and squirrels can scale fences easily, such acrobatics may be more challenging for lumbering groundhogs or rabbits. Make digging more difficult by laying chicken wire fencing on top of the soil and stake it down in some areas.
- ~ Use a scent deterrent. Some animals are put off by the smell of other animals or aromas they find unpleasant. The capsaicin in red pepper and cayenne can be off-putting to these animals, so sprinkling it around the garden may ward off pests but not harm the plants. Just reapply after each rain. Similarly, some people have had luck using peppermint. Plant mint around where you do not want the squirrels and chipmunks. Since mint can grow fast and become invasive, it's best to plant in containers and move accordingly.
- ~ Use water or movement. Animals can be scared away if they are sprayed with water, so a well-aimed water gun can chase away the animals when a gardener is able to stand watch. It may be easier to set up pinwheels that blow in the wind, or hang aluminum pie plates or old compact discs from strings near the garden, which may deter animals from getting too close.
- ~ Build a greenhouse. When dealing with tenacious squirrels and chipmunks, the only solution may be to block off all access. Utilize an enclosed greenhouse for the garden, which will keep animals out and even extend the growing season.

Many animals can become nuisances in a yard, particularly in and around gardens. Some humane solutions could remedy the situation.



HAPPY SPRING Y'ALL!



April Days Past



April 1st 1748 The ruins of Pompeii are rediscovered by Spaniard Roque Joaquín de Alcubierre

April 2nd 1513 Explorer Juan Ponce de León claims Florida for Spain as the first known European to reach Florida

April 3rd 1882 American outlaw Jesse James is shot in the back of the head and killed by fellow gang member Robert Ford at home in St. Joseph, Missouri



April 4th 1968 US civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated by James Earl Ray at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee

April 5th 1722 Dutch navigator Jacob Roggeveen is the first European to discover Easter Island or Rapa Nui in the southeastern Pacific

April 6th 1772 Catherine the Great Empress of Russia, ends tax on men with beards, enacted by Tsar Peter the Great in 1698

April 7th 1805 Lewis and Clark Expedition leaves Fort Mandan, beginning their journey to the Pacific Ocean

April 8th 1766 1st fire escape patented, a wicker basket on a pulley & chain

April 9th 1667 1st public art exhibition at the Palais-Royale in Paris

April 10th RMS Titanic sets sail from Southampton for her maiden voyage

April 11th 1783 Hostilities formally cease in the American Revolutionary War after the Continental Congress proclaims the "Cessation of Arms" against His Britannic Majesty



April 12th 1861 Fort Sumter in South Carolina is attacked by the Confederacy, beginning the American Civil War

April 13th 1970 Apollo 13 announces "Okay, Houston, we've had a problem here", as Beech-built oxygen tank explodes en route to Moon

April 14th 1912 RMS Titanic, the world's largest ocean liner, hits an iceberg at 11.40pm off Newfoundland, sinks in the early hours of April 15

April 15th 1947 Jackie Robinson becomes the first African-American to play in US major league baseball

April 16th 1787 1st American comedy, "The Contrast," makes its debut

April 17th 2011 "Game of Thrones", based on the fantasy novels by George R. R. Martin premieres on HBO



April 18th 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire kills nearly 4,000 while destroying 75% of the city

April 19th 1775 American Revolution begins in Lexington, Massachusetts, with the "Shot Heard Round the World" fired later that day in Concord

April 20th 1999 Columbine High School massacre: Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold kill 13 people and injure 24 others before committing suicide at Columbine High School, Colorado



April 21st 1956 Elvis Presley's 1st hit record, "Heartbreak Hotel", becomes #1

April 22nd 1993 Holocaust Memorial Museum dedicated in Washington, D.C.

April 23rd 1702 Queen Anne is crowned at Westminster Abbey, London

April 24th 1704 1st continuously published newspaper in America - The Boston News-Letter published in Boston by John Campbell



April 25th 1990 Hubble space telescope is placed into orbit by space shuttle Discovery

April 26th 1938 Austrian Jews required to register property above 5,000 Reichsmarks



April 27th 1867 Charles Gounod's opera "Romeo et Juliette" is premieres at the Théâtre Lyrique, Paris, France

April 28th 1788 Maryland becomes 7th state to ratify US constitution

April 29th 1967 Aretha Franklin releases her single "Respect" Billboard Song of the Year, 1967

April 30th 1789 George Washington is inaugurated as the first President of the United States of America at Federal Hall in NYC



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Where were the “Golden Penny Coins” were hidden in the March 2025 edition?
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Did you know?

According to the 2024 Work in America Survey from the American Psychological Association, 43 percent of workers feel tense or stressed during their workday. That stress is not being left behind at the office, either. In fact, 76 percent of employees indicate work-related stress is affecting their sleep. Though workplace stress does not discriminate based on age, the APA survey found more than half (51 percent) of workers between the ages of 26 and 43 report feeling workplace stress. By comparison, 42 percent of employees between the ages of 44 and 57 report feeling stressed at work while three in 10 workers between the ages of 58 and 64 indicate they feel tense or stressed at work. Burnout is a notable issue many workers are now facing, and 20 percent of those experiencing burnout report that their employers are not doing enough to prevent employee burnout.

A spring lawn revitalization strategy

New growth is a hallmark of spring, whether it plays out in the birth of birds and bunnies or with the returned buds on trees and plant stalks. While most greenery rebounds naturally, lawns may need a little extra TLC in order to return to their once lush, green glory. Revitalizing a lawn in spring is a multifaceted process but can be well worth the reward when green grass adds to a beautiful landscape and functional yard. Here is how to get started when the weather warms, courtesy of The Farmer's Almanac and The Home Depot.

- ~ Clean up debris. Spend a few hours raking up leaves from the lawn and removing any other winter debris like twigs so that air can reach the grass below. Also remove any thatch that has developed.
- ~ Test the soil. Take a sample of the soil to determine its pH level and nutrient needs. Then you can make adjustments to set a strong foundation for the lawn to grow.
- ~ Do some weeding. Pull out any weeds that have poked through early on and apply a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent additional weeds from taking over.
- ~ Start the aeration process. A core aerator punches holes into the soil. This enables air and water to penetrate through to the roots.
- ~ Overseed the lawn. Apply grass seeds over the lawn, paying special attention to any bare or thin areas so that the seed will fill in the lawn.
- ~ Water consistently. It is important to water the lawn deeply and consistently, especially when the weather is dry, to help promote strong root development.
- ~ Time fertilizer correctly. Apply a spring fertilizer around three weeks after the lawn starts to turn green or after the first two or three mowings. If fertilizer is applied too early it can feed weeds instead of the grass and result in fertilizer runoff.
- ~ Mow to an appropriate height. Begin to mow when the ground is dry enough and the grass is long enough to need cutting. Leave some length to the lawn; otherwise, sunlight will reach the soil and encourage weed seeds to germinate.

With a little elbow grease at the start of spring, homeowners can establish strong and healthy lawns.



Gus's Animal Gossip

Did you know?

The American Veterinary Medical Association notes that the Lyme disease vaccine is not right for every dog. The AVMA notes that between 5 and 10 percent of dogs infected with Lyme disease develop signs of illness, but thousands of cases are still reported each year. Many dogs are sufficiently protected against Lyme disease by tick-prevention products recommended by veterinarians, who can help dog owners pick the right products for their pets. During these discussions, pet owners can inquire about the Lyme disease vaccine. The AVMA notes that veterinarians consider a range of variables before recommending the vaccine or suggesting a pet does not need it. Such factors include location, as dogs that live and spend time outdoors in areas with high tick populations may be prime candidates for vaccination. The pet's lifestyle, including how much time it spends outdoors in grassy areas, and overall health will also be considered as veterinarians attempt to determine if the dog needs a Lyme disease vaccination.



What pet owners should know about heartworm

Pet owners go to great lengths to ensure their animal companions are happy and healthy. Nutritious diets and routine visits to a veterinarian are two ways to keep pets healthy. Pet owners also can educate themselves about various conditions that can adversely affect their pets' health, including heartworm.

What is heartworm?

The American Heartworm Society notes heartworm is a potentially fatal disease caused by foot-long worms that can live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets. A pet affected by heartworm can develop severe lung disease, heart failure and organ damage.

Are all pets vulnerable to heartworm?

The American Veterinary Medical Association reports that heartworm primarily infects dogs, cats and ferrets. However, wild animals like foxes and wolves also can be infected, as can animals like raccoons and opossums that many people see in their backyards and local parks. Humans also have been infected with heartworm, though the AVMA notes such instances are rare.

Heartworm and dogs

The AHS notes dogs are a natural host for heartworms. Heartworms that live inside a dog can mature into adults and even mate and produce offspring while inside the dog. Numbers increase if the dog is not treated for heartworm. Even if a dog is treated, the effects of heartworm infection can linger after the worms are gone, contributing to lasting damage to the heart, lungs and arteries. Symptoms of heartworm infection in dogs may not manifest early on. The AHS notes that it's more likely symptoms will develop the longer the infection persists. Such symptoms may include:

~ A mild, persistent cough ~ Reluctance to exercise ~ Fatigue after moderate activity ~ Decreased appetite ~ Weight loss ~

According to the AHM, active dogs, dogs with heavy heartworm infections or those with additional health problems frequently exhibit pronounced clinical signs.

Heartworm and cats ~

The AVMA notes diagnosis of heartworm in cats is more difficult than it is with dogs. Unlike dogs, cats are not natural hosts for heartworms, and the AHS reports most worms in cats do not make it to the adult stage. In fact, many cats with heartworm have no adult worms. That contributes to the difficulty of diagnosis, and it does not protect cats against harmful side effects of heart worm, including a condition known as heartworm associated respiratory disease (HARD).

The AHS notes that signs of heartworm in cats can be subtle or very dramatic. Sadly, the AHS also reports that the first sign of heartworm in some cases is the sudden collapse or sudden death of the cat. If cats exhibit symptoms, those signs may include:

Coughing ~ Attacks that mimic an asthma attack
Periodic vomiting ~ Lack of appetite ~ Weight loss
Difficulty walking ~ Fainting or seizures
Fluid accumulation in the abdomen

Heartworm poses a potentially serious threat to cats and dogs. Pet owners are urged to speak with their veterinarians about heartworm prevention and what to do if a pet becomes infected.



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