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National Bald Eagle Day or American Eagle Day



Date When Celebrated : This holi-
day is always held on June 20

American Eagle Day and National
Bald Eagle Day are used interchangeably,
as the day we celebrate the national
bird of the United States of America.
As our national bird, it symbolizes
freedom, strength, honesty, wisdom
and power.

On this day in 1782, the Bald Eagle
became our national bird, and an im-
portant national symbol. On this day,
the bald eagle was added to the offi-
cial seal of the United States. The bald
eagle is portrayed holding 13 arrows
in its left talon, symbolizing the origi-
nal 13 colonies. In its right talon, it

holds an olive branch, a symbol of
peace.

Did You Know? Our national bird al-
most became the turkey. The virtues of
the two birds were hotly debated by
Congress, prior to selecting the Bald
Eagle as our national bird. Can you im-
agine eating bald eagles instead of tur-
key on Thanksgiving!?

An important distinction: National Bald
Eagle Day is defined as a national
"observance", rather than a holiday. As
a result, government offices, banks and
business are open on this day.

Celebrate this special day by:

Learning more about our national bird.
 Go to a zoo that has a bald eagle
 Flying the flag. While the flag itself does not portray a
 bald eagle, the top of the flag pole is often adorned
 with a bald eagle. (perhaps you never noticed!)

The Origin of National Bald Eagle Day:

On January 28, 1982, then President Ronald Reagan
 issued a proclamation in accordance with a joint resolu-
 tion of Congress (S.J. Res 121) declaring June 20, 1982
 to be National Bald Eagle Day

In 1995, then president William Clinton proclaimed
 June 20, 1995 as American Eagle Day.

While neither of these presidential proclamations made
 the observance an annual event, the American public
 has celebrated it annually. This is a true tribute to the
 honor and respect we have for our stately and majestic
 national bird.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Party Mix

2 cups Corn Chex	1 can French Fried Onions
2 cups Rice Chex	¼ cup melted butter
2 cups Wheat Chex	2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 can mixed nuts	1 tablespoon steak seasoning

Combine cereal, nuts and onions in large mixing bowl;
 mix. Add butter, brown sugar and steak seasoning; mix
 well. Microwave 6 minutes, stirring every 2 minutes.
 Spread on cookie sheet to cool.

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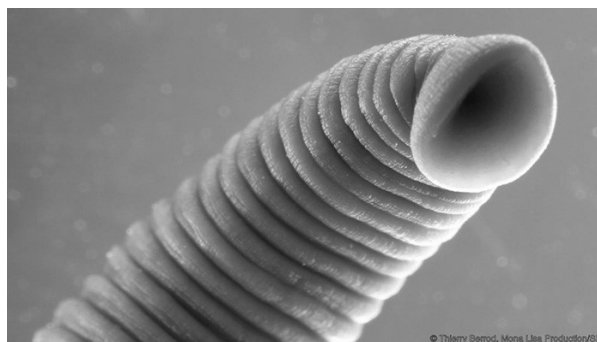
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Scientists Discover 33 Crea- tures Trapped In A Poison- ous Cave That's Been Sealed Off For Million Of Years

The Movile Cave in Romania has been sealed off for
 millions of years. Its air is thick with harmful gases, yet
 it is home to dozens of bizarre creatures.

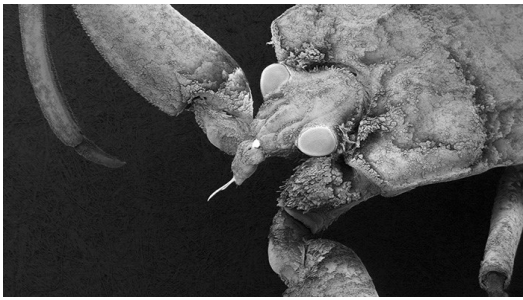


The cave has remained isolated for 5.5 million years,
 BBC Earth reports. But despite a complete absence of
 light and a poisonous atmosphere, the cave is crawling
 with life.

Scientists have identified 48 species living inside of the
 cave. Incredibly, 33 of the creatures that were found
 have never been seen outside of this specific cave.

Microbiologist Rich Boden is one of the few people to
 have entered the cave.

"It's pretty warm, and very humid so it feels warmer
 than it is, and of course with a boiler suit and helmet on
 that doesn't help," Boden told the BBC. "The pool of
 warm, sulphidic water stinks of rotting eggs or burnt
 rubber when you disturb it as hydrogen sulphide is giv-
 en off."



Entering the cave is not for the faint of heart.

First, you lower yourself by rope 20 meters down a narrow shaft in complete darkness. Then you must crawl through narrow tunnels that eventually open up into a central cavern containing a lake.

To explore the rest of the cave, you must dive into the lake and navigate narrow underwater passageways.

On top of that, the place is filled with creepy crawlers.

How do these creatures survive?

In most caves, animals get their food from the water dripping down from the surface. However, Movile Cave has a thick layer of clay above it, which is impermeable to water.

Instead, the food comes from a strange frothy foam sitting on top of the water. The foam contains millions of bacteria.

"These bacteria get their carbon from carbon dioxide just like plants do," Boden said. "They get the energy needed from chemical reactions."

Movile is the only cave whose ecosystem is known to be supported in this way.

Over the years, the animals inside the cave have adapted to their unique environment.

Every creature living in Movile Cave has no vision and lacks any kind of color pigments. Without the ability to see, the organisms developed extremely long antennae, limbs, and other bodily features to feel their way around the cave.

Researchers categorized all of the animals in the cave. They included 3 species of spider, a centipede, 4 species of isopod, a leech never seen anywhere else in the world, and a waterscorpion.

How and why the animals entered the cave still remains a mystery. However, it seems they're trapped for good.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

FIRST IN FLIGHT



The little Cessna had just cleared the pattern in its climb to 1,500 feet when my father said, "OK, we can land now." With my newly minted private pilot's license in hand, I had wanted him to be my first non-instructor passenger. I'd planned to circle the Michigan State University campus and come back to the university-owned airport. I reminded him of this, and I'll never forget what Dad said, more than 40 years ago: "I'm not fond of small planes. I just wanted you to know that I have confidence in you."

TALKING IS LIKE KETCHUP

I sat in my dad's living room reading one night while he watched television. An hour passed before I realized it, and I felt bad for not speaking during that time. I asked if he was OK, and he said yes. Then I apologized for not talking more. "Carmen," Dad replied. "Talking is like ketchup. If you like the meat enough, you don't need the ketchup—and if you like the company enough, you don't need the conversation." My dad never earned a college degree, but he was the smartest person I ever knew.

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Greed

Once, there lived a man who was very foodie. His only interest was, how to eat varieties of delicious food. But his problem was - he never liked to spend money. So, he was always in search of a person to whom he could make a fool.

He made a time-table of visiting his relatives, including his friends house. One day, he went to one of his friends house. They talked a lot about their childhood days, college life and other thrilling moments. After finishing the gossiping, the man told his friend to accompany him for the lunch in a restaurant. His friend, on the other hand knew about his nasty habit. First, his friend didn't agree but later joined with him.

Both of them sat in a very expensive restaurant. They ordered a lot of things and enjoyed the delicious food. When both of them were done, his friend told him that he would be back within two minutes from the wash room. The man sat alone there waiting for his friend. By that time, the attendant cleaned the table and handed over the receipt.

The man, as usual not in a mood to pay that bill. He pretended as if he was severely coughing and in that pretext buy some time from the attendant. Fifteen minutes passed, yet there was no sign of his friend! Once again, few minutes later, the service man came. But this time, he kept the bill on the table and went away.

Now, there was no escape for this greedy man. He looked here and there, then reluctantly plunged his hands on the pocket for the wallet. The amount was quite high! He cursed himself inviting his own friend for the lunch. With a heavy heart, he paid the money in thousands.

While going home, he telephoned his friend. His friend laughed aloud said, 'Come on, dear! What's yours and mine? You spend or I spend, it is all the same.'

The greedy man now understood his own game played by his friend!

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All You Need To Know: June Solstice 2020

The June solstice is June 20. Longest day for the Northern Hemisphere. Shortest day for the Southern Hemisphere.

The June solstice -your signal to celebrate summer in the Northern Hemisphere and winter in the Southern Hemisphere -will happen on June 20, 2020, at 21:44 UTC. That 4:44 pm CDT in North America on June 20. For us in the Northern Hemisphere, this solstice marks longest day of the year. Early dawns. Long days. Late sunsets. Short nights. The sun at its height each day, as it crosses the sky. Meanwhile, south of the equator, winter begins. What is a solstice? Ancient cultures knew that the sun's path across the sky, the length of daylight, and the location of the sunrise and sunset all shifted in a regular way throughout the year. They built monuments, such as Stonehenge, to follow the sun's yearly progress. Today, we know that the solstice is an astronomical event, caused by Earth's tilt on its axis and it's motion in orbit around the sun. It's because Earth doesn't orbit upright. Instead, our world is tilted on its axis by 23 ½ degrees. Earth's Northern and Southern Hemispheres trade places in receiving the sun's light and warmth directly.

At the June solstice, Earth is positioned its orbit so that our world's North Pole is leaning most toward the sun. As seen from Earth, the sun is directly overhead at noon 23 ½ degrees north of the equator, at an imaginary line encircling the globe known as the Tropic of Cancer-named after the constellation Caner the Crab. This is as far north as the sun ever gets.

All locations north of the equator have days longer than 12 hours at the June solstice. Meanwhile, all locations south of the equator have days shorter than 12 hours.

When is the solstice where I live? The solstice takes place on June 20, 2020, at 21:44 UTC. That's 4:44 CDT in North America on June 20.

A solstice happens at the same instant for all of us, everywhere on Earth. To find the time of solstice in your location you have to translate to your time zone. Here an example of how to do that in the central United States, for those of us using Central Daylight Time, we subtract five hours from Universal Time. That's how we get 16:44 (4:44pm) CDT as the time of the 2020 June solstice (21:44) UTC on June 20 minus 5 equals 16:44 (4:44 pm) CDT on June 20.

Where should I look to see signs of the solstice in nature? Everywhere. For all of Earth's creatures nothing is fundamental as the length of the day. After all, the sun is the ultimate source of almost all light and warmth on Earth's surface. If you live in the North Hemisphere, you might notice the early dawns and late sunsets, and the high arc of the sun across the sky each day. You might see how high the sun appears in the sky at local noon. And be sure to look at noontime shadow. Around the time of the Solstice, it's your shortest noontime shadow of the year. If you're a person who's tuned in to the out-of-doors, you know the peaceful, comforting feeling that accompanies these signs and signals of the year's longest day.

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I was raised in a racist household but Im realizing theres no reason to hate every group of people that is different than me. We bleed the same color of blood. I just don't have a reason to hate people I don't know. Most of the problems I have encountered in my life were by my own race. There's literally no reason for me to hate somebody I don't even know.

I want do things to help people now. Don't know how though.

Age Limit On Success

I am writing this piece after reading a tweet from a celebrity that was encouraging young people to take their lives seriously between the age of 18 and 25 because (as she suggested) at the age of 30, anyone must have something to show as an achievement.

I felt the inspiration but I further felt an unnecessary pressure as soon as she brought the 30 years age in tweet, I felt like it is the root cause of some people's depression.

We grasp most things that influential people say because they are our role models. That is why they need to think deeply before they do or say anything.

I encourage people to work hard to make positive changes in their lives without being made to feel ashamed of their age.

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How National Days Are Defined?

We publish about national days almost in every issue of this paper. We thought it would be appropriate to explain how national days are defined.

Of particular note is the growth of "National Days". The word "National" is being added to an overwhelmingly large number of proposed and recently created days. The word "National" has even been added by some holiday calendar websites for special days that were not created as a "National" day! This causes confusion as to the whether or not, a special days is in actuality a national day.

Why is it important to identify and distinguish true "National" days? We care about the term "National" on holiday titles and others do as well. It is fine with us, if someone puts the "national" tag on a holiday that they create. But, we have several reasons why we believe this distinction is very important:

1. First of all, to respect the intent of the creator. We've spoken with or traded emails with many holiday creators. We feel it is important to maintain the holiday title as they intended.
2. The creators of holidays and events agree the title should be as they created it, and others do not have the right to change it. Some of the creators have said a presidential proclamation or congressional resolution would be nice.
3. We also feel it is important to distinguish those holidays that are truly declared as a "National" day by congress or the president. This is not done lightly. Often the creator of the holiday spends much time and effort to attain an official declaration.
4. It is important that history is not altered. If we arbitrarily change a title, what's next?


To be a true "National" day, one of the following conditions must be met:

1. A proclamation is issued by the President of the United States.
2. An Act of Congress. This requires a legislator to propose the day and congress votes approval.
3. For other countries, the president (or head of the government) or the national legislature declares it to be a national day.

Obviously, it is no small task to create a true National day.

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A Speech By Herman Munster in 1965 Is Going Viral For All The Right Reasons



Herman Munster's "words of wisdom" from 1965 are uniting millions of social media users in 2020.

In a brief clip from the episode of The Munsters, Herman tries to console his son Eddie who was bullied at school.

He said: "The lesson I want you to learn is it doesn't matter what you look like. If you're tall or short; or fat or thin; or ugly or handsome - like your father - or you can be black, or yellow, or white. It doesn't matter. What does matter is the size of your heart and the strength of your character."

Butch Patrick, who played Eddie in the sitcom, said he's aware of the clip going viral on social media and is thrilled its message is still resonating with people decades later.

"The words are strong and they've never been truer than today," said the 66-year-old. "The show was about family values and it can still be watched among all ages and generations. The message is timeless."

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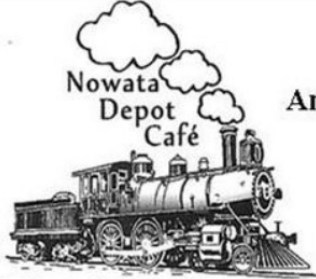
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THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO FAMILY

"Linda, look at the map!" My father slammed on the brakes, glaring at my mom. He didn't believe in excessive planning, and so each summer we embarked on a spontaneous family road trip that didn't always go smoothly. There were lots of late-night panics to find hotels, stops to ask for directions, and elevated tempers. One night, we picked up a hitchhiker somewhere in Kentucky. As we blasted the radio and my dad bought us all ice cream, the hitchhiker told me he'd give his life to have what I had.

BIG SHOES TO FILL

I cleaned out Dad's closet yesterday. There were two things I couldn't box up: his work shirts and his two pairs of Red Wing boots. He couldn't remember birthdays or anniversaries, but he remembered the date on which he'd bought his first pair. I remember it too—April 16, the day after Tax Day. What does a child do with her dad's favorite boots? I think I will make a planter out of them or use them to store something valuable. You can't throw away a man's favorite boots. You've got to keep them and pass them down.

DAD'S SECRET SPOT

My dad was a gardener before it was cool. He would proudly tell people, "I can grow just about anything." He could—except for my beloved lilacs. He tried everything, with no luck or lilacs to show for his efforts. One night when I was a teen, it was raining in that way it does in Minnesota in April: violent and cleansing. I heard the creak of the side door, and he stood soaking wet, etched with scratches, holding an abundance of lilacs. "I found a secret lilac spot," he said. "It wasn't easy, but I got them." That's how he got everything.

GOOD VIBRATIONS

My dad died unexpectedly at age 78, leaving our family heartbroken. During the funeral mass, my sister felt her phone vibrate in her purse. She was a little surprised that someone would be calling her, knowing she was at dad's funeral mass. Afterward, she found there was a message: "Hi, this is your dad," said the male voice. "I wanted to let you know I made it home." The caller obviously had the wrong number, but the message was clear. My dad had completed his journey to heaven and wanted us to know. Thanks, Dad—until we meet again.

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Stories With Unexpected Endings

Each of us has been in an awkward situation at least once in our lives. Luckily, this unpleasant and shameful feeling doesn't stick around for long - especially after realizing that everyone finds themselves in these types of situations. As it turns out, awkward moments aren't always all that scary!

Here at Bright Side, we've collected a list of funny stories that people from all over the world have shared and we are very thankful to be entertained by them.

"I am studying to be an interpreter in France. The only exam that I have failed so far is the Spanish one. It would be okay if I weren't a native Spanish speaker."

"I punished my pupil for faking his parents' signatures. The next day, his parents sent a complaint about me to the principal. Well, I couldn't have imagined that the maiden name of his mother was Batman."

"I opened a Nivea cream bottle and licked the foil. Turns out, it's not as tasty as yogurt."

"I am traveling around Ireland. Decided to take a funny photo with a sheep wearing my glasses. So if you meet a sheep in Ray-Ban shades..."

"Our system administrator is on vacation. I don't know how he does it but every morning, there appears to be a new splash screen on all the office computers - and it's of him on the beach."

"After a year of being a bachelor, I met a very nice 24-year-old girl. When she found out I didn't have a smartphone, a TV set, or an account on Facebook, she got scared and left me. While saying goodbye to me she added that she'd better find someone 'normal' for herself."

"4 days before our wedding, my bride broke her left ring finger."

"I was boasting my unpredictability and spontaneity to my new partner. At this moment, he slowly brought his lips to mine and whispered voluptuously, 'So, amaze me.' I still don't know why I burped in response."

"I asked a trainee to make 150 copies. She made only 50. When I told her about it, she threw the already-made copies into a garbage bin... and went to make new ones."

"Today in the park, I met my classmate that I hadn't

seen since school ended. She was with her husband and 2 kids and I was catching Pokémon with my friends."

"Today, a Russian man asked me if I came from Russia. Being surprised, I answered that I didn't. Then he explained that my tattoos translated to belonging to the mafia. Hmm!"

"I fell asleep on a train and slept for only several minutes. When I woke up, everyone in the wagon was looking at me with strange smiles. I still don't know what I did."

"I was on vacation in Australia. When I was sleeping, an enormously huge and creepy insect crawled on my bed and then disappeared. I couldn't find it. That was the longest night of my life."

"I work as a receptionist in a hotel. Today clients wrote a complaint saying that the water in the sea was too salty."

"The other day, 2 guys came up to me on the street. One of them said, 'Give me your mobile phone, quickly.' In response, I punched him in the face. The second one was shocked. Turns out, they were promoters. They were giving out leaflets inviting me to join a course in self-defense."

"My daughter-in-law taught my grandson to cry and shout, 'Am I not good enough for you?' And he does it every time I ask her whether she would like to have one more child."

"Today my husband and I decided to split up the house chores. So it was his turn to wash the dishes. He opened the tap, wet his hands, closed the tap, dried his hands, took the car keys and left. He came back with a dishwasher."

"I am a hairdresser. Today I got a client who showed me with gestures that he was deaf and mute. Fortunately, I know a few gestures in sign language and tried to communicate with him. Not being able to stand it, he said aloud, 'God, my ingenious plan failed. Please cut my hair quietly.' "

"To take revenge on me after a quarrel, my wife wrapped her sneakers in foil instead of the usual sandwich she packs me, and I took it to work."

"I was celebrating the new year in Rio de Janeiro. I went there for the fantastic beach fireworks. Just before midnight, I decided to go to the hotel to pick up my camera and got stuck in the elevator till 3 AM. Happy New Year!

"I have an allergy to sea water. I've lived in Tahiti my whole life."

"Today I got a strong urge to buy my wife flowers. She accepted them with tears in her eyes saying, 'Darling, you didn't forget.' The most interesting thing is that I still don't understand what she was talking about. Well, at least I dodged a bullet!"

"I told my boss that she made a mistake in the timetable because there is no 29th of February this year. She said, 'Do you mean that Tuesday is followed by Thursday this year?' She was very serious."

"On the 24th of December, I was going home to celebrate Christmas with my family in the country. The snowstorm was very strong and I got stuck in the countryside. I thought that I would have to celebrate Christmas alone in the car. The car was already covered up with snow when somebody knocked on the window. Turns out, a man behind me also got stuck. He got into my car with a couple of burgers and 2 glasses of Coke. There can be happy endings in the worst of situations!"

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Dad Writes Hilarious Review For His Daughter's Pretend Restaurant

A father wrote a restaurant review for his 16-month-old daughter's pretend restaurant and it's bringing joy and laughter to thousands of people.

Chris Kyle posted a photo of himself seated at a kiddie table while his daughter Ava was preparing his meal from her toy kitchen.

"So I tried to support another Black Owned Business for lunch today. It's called Ava's Kitchen, just opened end of April. It's a very clean establishment, but whewww let me tell you about this owner," Chris wrote on Instagram.



"First off, I asked why there are balloons on my chair, and it's not my birthday? She talm'bout, mind yah business; those are Mommy's."

Despite the attitude, he decided to stick around. Unfortunately, the service only got worse.

"I been waiting on my order to get done for 45 minutes, and I'm the only customer here. She was making good progress at first, then she stopped for 20 minutes to go watch Paw Patrol."

But Chris says he's not going to give up on the new restaurant just yet.

"Overall the customer service could be better, but the cook is a cutie; so I'll give her another chance."

After his post went viral, Chris followed up with a message of gratitude due to the overwhelming response.

"Today has truly been a blessed day," he said. "My first text of the morning was from my guy Jay Towers at a Fox 2 News, simply checking up on me and the family."

He continued: "After chatting with him, I check my email, and three more news marketing companies

emailed me wanting to share our story on their websites and social media platforms.

Next, I log onto IG, and boom, @herviewfromhome tag us in a post for their 100k+ following. I received 800+ new followers today.

Orders for my company @hashtagprops were coming in all day long. Man, I feel like I'm just waiting for the next blessing to fall into my lap.

God has placed this unexplainable favor on my life, that draws people and attention to whatever I touch. I can already see that favor has been passed onto Ava; but her blessings will be 10x what God is doing in my life! She's already touched lives around the world, and she can't even talk yet! Just wait until you see what we do next!"

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Teen Spends 10 Hours Cleaning Up Protest, Rewarded With Free Car And Scholarship

A teenager in Buffalo who spent 10 hours cleaning up after a protest has been rewarded for his efforts by the community.



Antonio Gwynn Jr. started at 2 a.m. and did not stop cleaning for the next 10 hours. When an organized group of neighbors arrived later that morning to assess the damage, they found that Gwynn had already done most of the work.

Gwynn, an 18-year-old high school senior, said he saw on the local news that Bailey Avenue in Buffalo was covered in glass and garbage, and he knew people needed to use that street to get to work in the morning.

Word spread of how Gwynn single-handedly took action and his community rewarded him.

Gwynn has been offered a full scholarship to Medaille College and a 2004 Ford Mustang convertible. He's even getting a year of free auto insurance, courtesy of local businessman Bob Briceland.

"We just need to get together our whole city and show people how there's so many good people here," Briceland said.



The car was gifted to Gwynn by Matt Block, who said he saw Gwynn's story on the news and decided to give him his Mustang. Block, 27, told CNN the car is one he wanted since he was a child, but these days he is only using it occasionally. He saw Gwynn ask for some car buying advice on Facebook, and Matt decided to offer up his sports car.

It turns out that gift has more meaning than Block ever imagined. Gwynn's mother, who passed away in 2018, also drove a red Mustang. When he realized the coincidence, Gwynn says that he was so shocked he "didn't have any words," and Block says it gave him "goosebumps."

Gwynn is thankful for the community response, saying, "I appreciate everything everyone is doing for me."

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry



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I had been retired for five years; the first two years I volunteered a lot; the next two years doing part-time work; and the fifth year I spent completely at home with my husband and dog. No work, no make-up, no schedule! Cosmetics had especially been a "need" of mine (I've been cursed with "allergy shiner"...dark circles under red-rimmed eyes!) Nice clothes and hair styles were also fun...but these were a thing of the past.

And I questioned....Questioned my value, work, looks, etc! Then one cold, gray October day, at 11:30 a.m., there was a frantic pounding on the door. In my pajamas (at 11:30!) I opened it to see three firefighters ordering me, my husband and dog to leave the house immediately - the street was being evacuated. I rushed to put on some jeans...no makeup, hair uncombed, in my ratty, old gray-green grunge sweater...and raced out the door with my little family!

At the end of the street stood all my neighbors, and I thought, "Oh darn! They're gonna see me in my ratty sweater, hair uncombed, and allergy shiner eyes! That's not the REAL me!" And everyone warmly greeted me, and we chatted and waited for directions.

We were told it would take four hours, so we decided to go for a walk. It was a slow, lovely walk until our 9 yr-old dog collapsed and couldn't get up! And I thought, "Oh darn! The Vet's gonna see me like this in my ratty sweater, hair uncombed, and allergy shiner eyes! This isn't the REAL ME!" But we hurried to get help, and later on, with antibiotics for a fever we didn't know our dog had, we walked back to the end of our street, to wait with our neighbors for directions.

It was wonderful to chat with those we see everyday...until a cameraman and reporter from the Local News approached and asked if I would mind answering some questions. And I thought, " Oh darn! Everyone watching this is gonna see me in my ratty sweater, hair uncombed, with

allergy shiner eyes! And it's not the REAL ME!" Well, that night we watched the news about a potential gas leak on such and such Street, and there were my neighbors, the news reporter speaking to them, and then turning to a calm elderly lady in a green sweater who warmly smiled, answering questions cheerfully! And EVERYONE WAS REALLY warm, friendly, and perfectly wonderful!

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

My Mother's Teaching: Integrity Leads To A Life Of Honor

When I was little, I was taught to be a person of integrity. This means that I maintain high moral standards, and do the right thing even when no one is watching.

After I grew up, I started applying this principle to every area of my life, but in doing so, I encountered opposition. Whenever I told the truth, I was told, "You take things too seriously." Whenever I worked hard, others would say, "It's not worth working hard." For a while, I wondered if I really needed to continue to do the right thing and if I could bend the rules a bit. However, whenever I did or said something that contradicted my beliefs, I would lose my inner peace. From then on, I made up my mind not to compromise my values just to please others.

If you have had similar experiences to mine, why not ask yourself some questions? If you send your car to a mechanic for repairs, do you want the mechanic give your car the best service? If you allow a financial advisor to handle your money, do you expect him to give you the best return for your investment? Of course you do. Integrity is one of the greatest of life's treasures that you cannot live without.

Integrity shapes your character and reveals your true faithfulness. Apply it to every area of your life. Perhaps,

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in the short run, you might get ripped off. However, in the long run, as long as you stay true to your values, you will be the one in charge of your life.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Grow!

My husband and I bought a house when we were in our 50's. One reason the small fixer-upper (which we knew we'd never have money to fix!) was so attractive, was a massive Japanese Red Pine which looked like a giant bonsai in its front yard. For 20 years it was a beauty to all who passed by, raccoons who climbed its trunk, and squirrels who ate in its branches. It shaded the bright sun over my small garden of roses, phlox, and various flowering shrubs that I'd planted for bees.

Early last year, after a night of heavy February snowfall that blanketed Seattle, as we were enjoying a quiet Saturday morning, the house shook and we heard a thunderous crash. The tree had collapsed over the full length of the yard, taking out most of the shrubs. So tree services were called, trunk and branches cut, wood carted off...and after a week, a moonscape remained...wood shavings and holes everywhere.

In March I bought a few flowering shrubs for the bees, to replace those that I assumed would not survive being crushed. And guess what happened in May: the sun shined! That's it! When the sun so fully shined on that sad looking little yard, seeds of new flowers blew in - bright purple "Gayfeather" and tiny blue-flowered "Alcemet", both bee magnets! The old garden shrubs ALL grew back and flowered even more than ever before in the new, bright sun! The barren moonscape slowly transformed into a glorious profusion of color and fragrance! This June, one year later, every plant has tripled in size in the sunshine!

Let's find our sun - the warmth and brightness of the heart that sees potential and beauty! Let's grow!

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell



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Treasure Chest Full Of Gold Found In Rocky Mountains

A treasure chest full of gold has been found in the Rocky Mountains, according to the man who hid it there more than a decade ago.



Thousands of people have ventured into the Rocky Mountains searching for the treasure chest filled with gold and diamonds, estimated to be worth over \$1 million.

It was hidden in 2010 by Forrest Fenn, an 89-year-old art and antiquities collector, to inspire people to explore nature and give hope to people affected by the recession.

Clues leading to the treasure's location were included in a poem published in Fenn's autobiography "The Thrill of the Chase."

Fenn estimated that as many as 350,000 people from all over the world went hunting for the treasure.

On June 6, 2020, Fenn confirmed on his website that the treasure has been found.

"It was under a canopy of stars in the lush, forested vegetation of the Rocky Mountains and had not moved from the spot where I hid it more than 10 years ago," he said. "I do not know the person who found it, but the poem in my book led him to the precise spot. I congratulate the thousands of people who participated in the search and hope they will continue to be drawn by the promise of other discoveries. So the search is over. Look for more information and photos in the coming days."

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

8th Graders Donate End-Of-Year Trip Money To Help Navajo Nation

8th graders at a school in New Mexico used all of the money raised for their end-of-year trip to help the struggling Navajo Nation.



The 8th grade class at the Waldorf School in Santa Fe had spent the entire year raising \$2,800 for their rafting trip. But their trip was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

So, the students chose to make a major impact on the lives of others by using the money to help the Navajo Nation.

In May, the Navajo Nation surpassed New York and New Jersey for the highest per-capita coronavirus infection rate in the US, CNN reports.

Parent Jess Falkenhagen spoke with Navajo leaders to find out what supplies were urgently needed.

The students used their \$2,800 fund to purchase diapers, formula, toilet paper, wipes, medicines, soup, potatoes, pasta, beans, rice, pet food and a dozen reusable five gallon jugs filled with water.

Falkenhagen drove with her daughters, Daisy and Indie Russell, to Window Rock, Arizona, to make the delivery on behalf of the eighth grade class.

Their teacher, Daisy Barnard, told CNN, "I am very proud of my students, but I'm not surprised. This is a very generous and compassionate group of teens. They have been raised to think outside their own immediate lives and it shows in moments like this."

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry

He turned his life around to raise his children

My brother has overcome so much. He dropped out of school in seventh grade, went in and out of juvenile halls, got addicted to drugs and became homeless. He now has a great part-time job so he can raise his kids and coach multiple sports teams. He created a ministry that takes care of the homeless by Angel Stadium, runs The Wild Horses, which promotes father-daughter time, and is active in promoting suicide prevention—all while raising his four children. -Becky M., Mission Viejo, Calif.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

Kids Embarrassing Parents

Kids say the silliest things — and while mostly harmless, sometimes those things can lead to some very embarrassing situations. Recently, one reddit user posed the question, "Parents on Reddit, what was the most embarrassing moment for you caused by your children?" And unsurprisingly, the site totally delivered with some hilarious answers. Here are just a few of the funniest stories of kids:

1. "My daughter's daycare had circle time every morning as a way to start the day. Anyway we were late and walked into the middle of circle time. My daughter said, 'We're late because my mommy had diarrhea.'"
2. "When my sister was pregnant with my nephew, my sister kept the baby's name a secret from my then 4-year-old niece. While babysitting my niece, I convinced her that her parents were planning to name the new baby Homeslice. She announced her new brother's name to everyone in her daycare, random strangers at the grocery store, or anyone else who would listen. My sister still hasn't forgiven me for that one."
3. "Was riding on a public bus and my 5-year-old put her



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hand on a guy's shoulder in the seat front of us and said, 'This man is very fat.'

4. "My daughter decided to strip completely naked, nappy and all, in the shop when I had my back turned for about five seconds. I only became aware when a lovely lady tapped me on my shoulder and whispered into my ear, 'Excuse me, love, your child is dancing naked beside the potatoes.'"

5. "When I was 5 or 6, we were at my dad's company picnic. I was introduced to his boss and I told him, 'My daddy says you're a son of a bitch.' My dad's coworkers fed me ice cream all afternoon."

6. "'You're a funny little man, but I like your hat.' My 4-year-old said that to a little person in the airport who was wearing a cowboy hat. I practically wanted to keep walking and leave him there, then I heard the man respond, 'Thank you. And you're a funny little man too!' He was great about it, and several of us ended up smiling instead of being mortified."

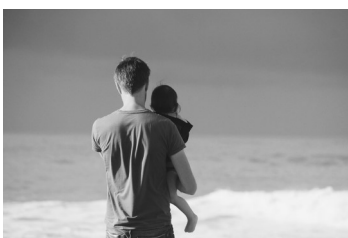
7. "Once we invited a couple from church over to our house for the first time, to watch a Bears game. At the time my son was 3 or 4, and would refer to the teams by their jersey color. Well, that day they were playing the Falcons, and the Bears were in white. A few minutes into the game, my son wanders up to me and quietly asks, 'Which one is Bears?' I told him it was the white team. To which he then shouts out, 'Yeah, we cheer for the white guys, because we don't like black guys, right, Dad?' I had to awkwardly say, 'Yes, the Falcons are wearing black, and today we do not like them because they're against the Bears.' Everyone laughed a bit, but there were some side glances."

9. "My daughter is 8 now, but when she was 2, I taught her to say behold instead of look. We'd be at the store or something and she'd go to point out whatever damn thing she saw, 'Daddy, behold!'"

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

Something Funny About Father's Day

There's something funny about Father's Day. Big-name merchandisers seem to think all dads could only possibly like three things: golf, ties and anything made out of leather. The greeting card aisle is



stocked with long, sappy messages. Barbecue supplies and cooking aprons are proudly displayed at shop fronts. And World's #1 Dad mugs stack skyscraper-high on store shelves.

But my dad isn't like most dads.

His golf game induces more cuss words than pars. I'm pretty sure he's only worn a tie twice in my lifetime. His leather wallet was picked up at a market in Mexico for just a few pesos. And he gives the gagging motion whenever he hears anything gushy. Sure, he takes pride in his grill and I would give him every #1 Dad mug in the world if i could, but he doesn't fit the mold of what the industry says he should be. He likes motorcycles and boats.

He takes on the household duties of laundry and cooking dinner and watering the flower garden. He still brags about his mad dance skills he showed off during the father-daughter dance at my high school football game's halftime show ("I stole the crowd's attention!" he laughs with rosy cheeks.) And every time we talk on the phone, which seems to happen more and more often as I have gotten older and moved farther away, he ends the conversation with two words that mean everything to me: Be safe.

My dad isn't like other dads. He's better. He's filled with big bear hugs and scratchy-faced goodbye kisses. He speaks in sarcasm as if it was his first language. And he never fails to encourage me to reach beyond my limits—trying out for high school dance team after multiple fails, moving to New York City, applying for my dream job—no matter how much those limits push his own comfort zone. And that, to me, is truly inspiring.

Of course, many people think their own dads should hold that coveted #1 title (which, fine, I guess they can all have a little slice of that best-dad pie). The eight dads below are inspiring in their own right. Some have overcome dark circumstances, some are building businesses that help others, and some are simply present, active and loving parents—qualities that every kid can admire. So for all the dads out there, mine included, happy Father's Day!

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

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Up-coming Events

TOPS #570 We meet 9am to 11am Monday morning at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Miami 2337 N. Main St. "Taking off pounds sensibly!"

TOPS #567 meet every Thursday at 10am 433 N Mississippi in Nowata.

TOPS #506 in Miami Heavenly Winds Worship Center meet every 6pm Monday evening. For more info call Susan Walls at 918-540-0570

Every 4th Saturday of the month Veteran's Support Group: Veterans for Veterans. Have you served in the military? Are you struggling with readjustment? Anxious about the future? Struggling to connect with friends and family? Struggling with school? WE CAN HELP! Free veterans support group at 10am every 4th Saturday of the month. The Landing 502 West Corner Fairland, Ok. For more information call Larry Boyd (918) 541-7592 or Cindy (918) 676-3228.

Food Truck Wednesdays —Every Wednesday, grab some tasty eats and gather on the grounds of Guthrie Green. During Food Truck Wednesdays, lunchtime transforms into a community-wide affair, with roaming food trucks posting up at this Tulsa park. While you dine on delicious food, be sure to enjoy the live music and fresh air. Guthrie Green 111 E Brady St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-574-2421

Big Cabin Senior Exercise Program—Fitness program for seniors held at the Big Cabin Baptist Church gym three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 to 11 a.m.

American Legion Post 178 in Grove, OK – Bingo every Saturday evening at 6pm. Family atmosphere. Contact Lee Cathy for any questions at: 901-487-9060

PRYOR DANCE—Every 1st. and 3rd. Thursday of the month. 6:15 pm—9 pm—Cost is \$5.00 per person, Double H Band will be playing. Cookies and Coffee will be serving. It's for seniors but all ages are welcome. Mayes County Nutrition Center 851 SE 9th Pryor (just east of 9th and Elliott intersection)

Jun 5, 2020 - Sep 30, 2020 Butterfly House at the Papilion - Get an up-close look at beautiful butterflies at Honor Heights Park in Muskogee. The Papilion is a teaching garden and open air butterfly house that welcomes visitors to get a great view of these winged wonders. The Papilion is currently the only captive butterfly house in Oklahoma, with up to 26 varieties native to the southeast United States. See butterflies emerging daily in the chrysalis house, along with themed displays

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in the teaching gardens. Border beds are full of butterfly nectar and host plants that attract countless native butterflies to the area. A children's garden offers kids an opportunity to explore herbs, vegetables and flowers through sensory observations. Please note: Potential visitors should check at 918-684-6303 for specific dates and times, or on the Butterfly Papilion Facebook page. The butterfly house is closed in inclement weather or if lightning is in the area. Hours Monday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Wednesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Sunday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Holiday hours: 9am-2pm. Address: Honor Heights Park 1513 N 48th St Muskogee, OK 74401 Phone: 918-684-6303, 918-684-6302.

Jun 19, 2020 - Jun 21, 2020 Peoria Powwow - The annual Peoria Powwow in Miami is a grand festival of Native American culture and dance. This American Indian event features a wide range of contest dancing, including gourd dancing and straight dancing, as well as grass, traditional and fancy dancing. Other categories of dance will also include cloth, buckskin, jingle and fancy shawl. Come to the Peoria Powwow in Miami and join the Master of Ceremonies as he or she leads visitors throughout the festival's various events. Hours: Grand entry: Friday at 8pm. Address: 60610 E 90 Rd Miami, OK 74354. Phone:918-540-2535.

Jun 19, 2020 - Jun 21, 2020 Spring Home & Outdoor Living Expo - If you're ready to get some projects done around the house, head to Expo Square at the Tulsa fairgrounds for the Spring Home & Outdoor Living Expo. Held in the River Spirit Expo building, this exciting event will feature a variety of vendors offering great deals on outdoor living options, home energy savings and all kinds of resources for your next home project. Guests can peruse themed booths to learn more about specializations like tiny homes, upcycling, rescue groups and more. Kid-friendly attractions make this a great place to bring the whole family. With the 2020 show being rescheduled in June to work around the virus shutdown, don't miss the second largest home and garden show in Tulsa. Friday: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Sunday: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74114 Phone: 918-605-5480

Jun 23, 2020 The Black Crowes in Concert - The Black Crowes are reunited and will bring their "Shake Your Money Maker World Tour" to BOK Center in downtown Tulsa. Chris and Rich Robinson will herald the thirty-year anniversary of their landmark quintuple platinum debut album "Shake Your Money Maker." The Robinson brothers have not played a show since 2013 when they vowed never to play or speak together again. Thankfully for fans, times seems to have healed these wounds. Hear your favorite hits like "Hard to Handle," "She Talks to Angels" and "Remedy" during this reun-

ion show in Tulsa. Starts at 7pm. BOK Center 200 S Denver Ave Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-894-4445

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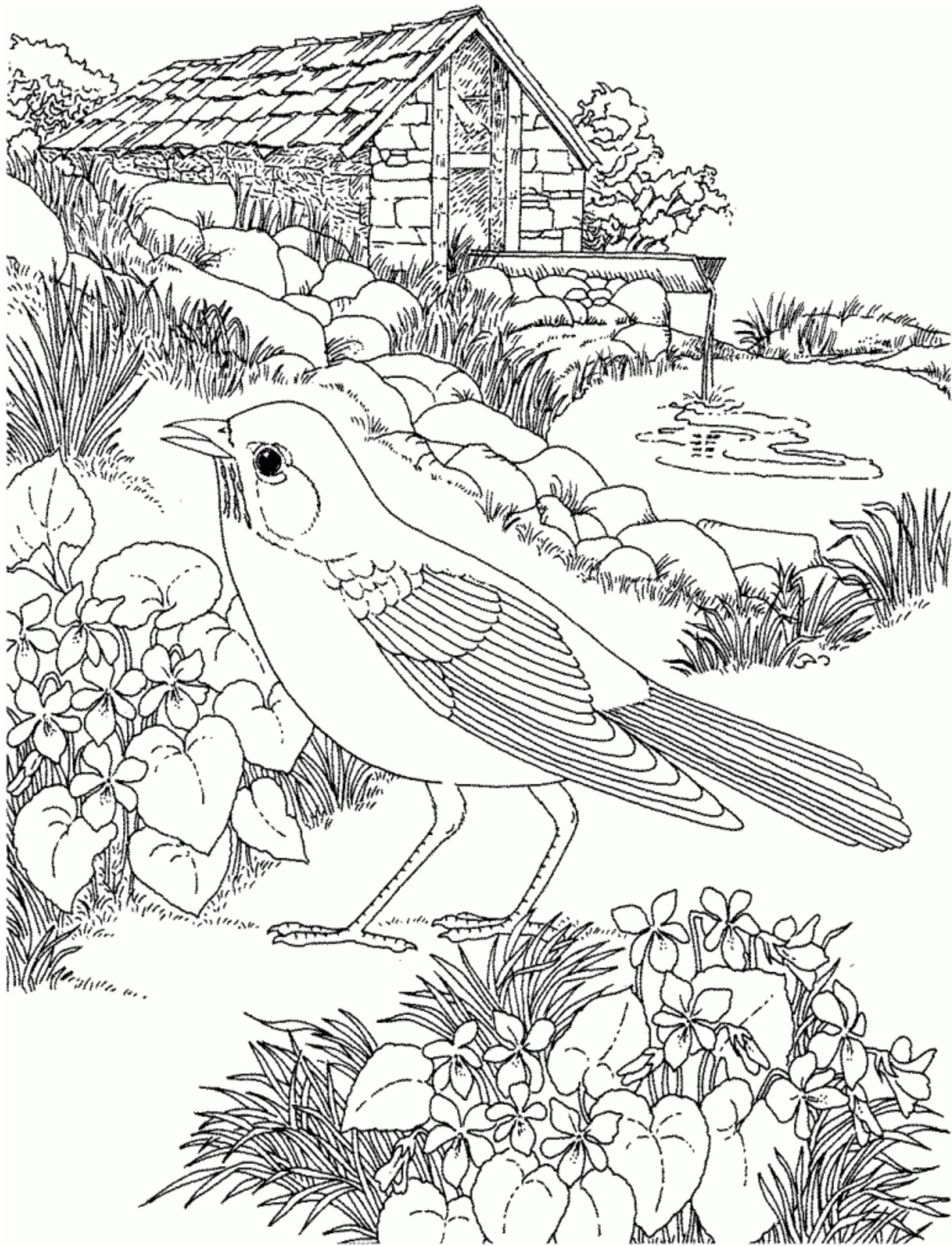
Jun 25, 2020 Food Truck Thursday - Once a month, downtown Claremore transforms into a community hub teeming with people. During Join in on all the fun on Food Truck Thursdays, featuring local musicians, late night shopping, book signings and free children's activities. While exploring all Claremore has to offer, be sure to munch on delicious food truck fare from a large array of local vendors. Thursday: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Downtown Claremore, OK 74017 Phone: 918-341-5881 Office Fax: 918-342-0663

Jun 26, 2020 - Jun 27, 2020 Fort Gibson Sweet Corn Festival - Bring the whole family to the Fort Gibson Sweet Corn Festival for free musical entertainment, children's activities, a wide variety of food vendors, arts and crafts, and corn cooked in almost every way imaginable. Delve into delicious sweet corn from area growers at this celebration of one of summer's finest delicacies. Join friends and family in the corn eating or corn shucking contests for an old-fashioned good time. There will be bushels of corn for sale and food vendors serving corn on the cob and kettle corn, as well as turkey legs, Indian tacos, snow cones, Polish sausages and more. Most activities at this year's event will be centered around Fort Gibson's Centennial Park. 100 Lee St Fort Gibson, OK 74434 Phone: 915-770-8010

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God has dealt with our greatest enemy – the devil. He was given a “death blow” when Christ died on a cross to forgive us all our sins. Although temptations still bother us, we know that we have the upper hand because God is with us to fight off the enemy. God is at hand in our time of need to keep us safe from any harm.

The right hand is also a place of honor and trust. The guest of honor at a dinner sits at the right hand of the host or hostess. Jesus ascended into heaven where he is seated at God's right hand exercising absolute power and authority.

All who place their faith and trust in God have the promise of eternal life with him. There is security in life knowing that God is in control. As the psalmist says, “I will not be shaken.”

DATA MASTER: Heather Conn

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*Guests are always welcome.
See you Sunday at worship.*

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword #388QJ9EZ



Down

1. Lee of Marvel Comics
2. Cry of despair
3. Settles, as a debt
4. Baseball's Matsui
5. "Tarzan" star Ron
6. Abbr. before Grant or Lee
7. "The Dog Is Not ____" ("Get Fuzzy" book title)
8. Good guys in westerns, usually
9. Highly volatile hydrocarbon
10. Outer (prefix)
11. Said in French
12. Period
13. Morning times
18. Conform
22. Nev. clock setting
24. Sportswear giant
26. Frynne's emblem
27. Dwellings
28. Add new sound to a film
29. Thoroughly proficient
30. Calorie-reduced, perhaps
31. Poisonous prefix
32. Tiny land mass
33. Get ____ for (become used to)
34. Social charmer
38. Claims, informally
40. Terminate
41. Ped ____
44. Without borders
46. Crawls (with)
49. Wheel part
50. Attack helicopter
51. Hawaii and Alaska
55. Liquid butter of India
56. Ireland, poetically
58. Following
59. She played Gretchen on "Benson"
60. "Same ____ ever was"
61. TV shopping channel
62. Peruvian region
63. Cold war flier
64. Son____gun
66. They, in Marseille

Across

1. 10th-grader, for short
5. Like a half-dozen and 6, on the Seine
9. "Pagliacci" soprano role
14. Siamese, today
15. Duke Ellington's "I ____ Song Go Out of My Heart"
16. Established principle
17. Soon
19. "Ghostbusters" actress Annie
20. Snub-____ (type of gun)
21. Kind of node or gland
23. Topeka's st.
25. Erik who played Ponch on TV
30. Stop something early
33. Blood-typing letters
35. Fight stoppers
36. Southwestern building material
37. Get along
39. It's often taken to go
42. Go for ____ (swim)
43. Small and sprightly
45. Egress
47. Differ ending
48. Ornate quality
52. Reveal unintentionally
53. Play a good joke on
54. Mental picture
57. Madness
61. Shout from the sidelines on TV
65. Breaks a bottle on, maybe
67. Arthur C. Clarke's genre
68. Third Reich salutation
69. Veteran
70. Bedevil
71. Evenings, to poets
72. ASAP

Solution is printed in page 37

Word Search Puzzle

K	C	S	L	L	E	C	O	L	L	A	R	E	D
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Loose
Lymph
Mauve
Newborn

Normal
Oaths
Ounce
Periodic
Players
Plums
Pouts
Restful
Runaways
Rusted
Seems
Shriek

Slashed
Snouted
Spree
Stern
Tedious
Theme
Trainer
Tremble
Unfits

CryptoQuote Puzzles

Title: Do Not Try To Be Somebody Else **From:** Oscar Wilde

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Q A N T V W K A C G ; A M A W N T J A A C K A
 E K O C W A O P N Y O L A J

Title: Wisdom and Stupidity **From:** Albert Einstein

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

H C A H L M F D J S Y U M F B M F M H U H L U
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Title: Be A Friend **From:** Albert Camus

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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Solution is on page 34

Oriental Shorthair Cats Look Like Egyptian Gods

The Oriental Shorthair is a svelte cat with elegant features and a coat that comes in a rainbow of colors, with up to 300 possible color combinations.

1. The Oriental Shorthair resulted from the crossbreeding of a number of other cat breeds, primarily the Siamese, Russian Blue, Abyssinian, and British Shorthairs.



2. These cats are considered to be very interactive and enjoy playing with human family members or other cats or even dogs.



3. Vocalization is a key part of the Oriental Shorthair's personality. They have a wide range of vocal sounds.



4. They are known to be taught tricks and even enjoy playing fetch.



5. They also have an incredible vertical leap.



One of the internet's most famous Oriental shorthair cats is Teddy -- because he "honks" instead of "meows".

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Stunning Drone Footage Shows The Largest Green Turtle Gathering Ever Seen

Australian researchers released drone video this week showing at least 64,000 endangered green turtles at Raine Island -- an island situated on the outer edges of the Great Barrier Reef.



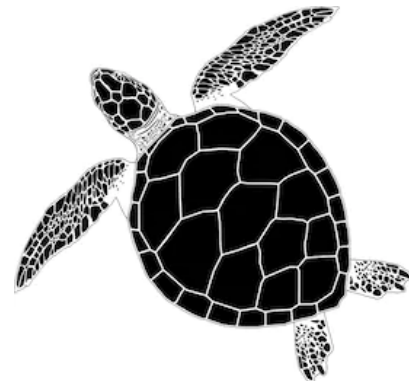
The stunning drone footage, shared by the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, showed the world's largest green turtle gathering ever seen at Raine Island.

"We're seeing the world's largest aggregation of green turtles captured in these extraordinary drone images that are helping to document the largest turtle numbers seen since we began the Raine Island Recovery Project," Anna Marsden, the foundation's managing director, said in a press release.

The green turtle is endangered and under threat thanks to hunting, over-harvesting their eggs and loss of beach nesting sites, CNN reported.

Marsden said the foundation is taking action to improve and rebuild the island's nesting beaches and building fences to prevent turtle deaths, all while working to strengthen the island's resilience and ensure the survival of the northern green turtles and other species.

DATA MASTER: Trinity Terry



Most fathers sweep their mistakes under the rug. Not Ryan

Ryan Critch is of the most inspiring dads I know. He certainly had a rough beginning: He was chased out of town by bookies, was an alcoholic and did basically every drug known to man, eventually becoming an opiate addict. But once he got clean, he took what must have been the hardest step: he shared his story with his tween sons. Most fathers sweep their mistakes under the rug, and if their kids find out about them, they minimize, or even deny, them. Not Ryan. He answers every question fully and honestly. He feels strongly that his sons deserve to know their father's story, not only as a cautionary tale, but also to show that, with forgiveness, grace, love and faith, you can overcome anything.

Sure, Ryan does all the normal "dad" things like coach the teams, grill the burgers and share the housework, and in doing so, is a wonderful example of a modern father and husband. But to me, what makes him so remarkable as a dad is the way he is willing to let his sons see the man he was to better understand the man he has become. That honesty takes a strength that few people have, and his sons (and wife Blair!) are the beneficiaries.

'The joy that being a class dad brings is the same joy that being an active dad brings'
Being a business owner and working from a home office for the past 28 years enables me to have a very flexible schedule and do some really cool things. Volunteering as class dad is definitely one of them! I've been the class dad for my daughter Isabella's classroom since she was in preschool (now she's in second grade), and I wrote a book dedicated to her that helps people live a healthier and happier life. I enjoy paying it forward, helping other people and, of course, spending as much time with my daughter as possible. Each year, I get to help Isabella's class plan and produce field trips, make special keepsake crafts for the other parents, organize the big parachute game at field day, work at the staff appreciation day breakfast and provide interactive DJ activities for the kids at all of the holiday class parties.

The joy that being a class dad brings is the same joy that being an active dad brings. I love doing fun things and spending time with my family. My wife and I enjoy traveling, hiking, arts and crafts, cooking, dancing, playing games and being around happy people. The fact that Isabella gets to do all of the same things with us and we can help out the local schools at the same time is icing on the cake." -Marcello P., Sparta, N.J.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

The Extra Mile

The inspiring story of a dad who goes above and beyond for his kids.



Near midnight. My wife and I were driving home from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where our son Randy was a junior English major. Rita was asleep in the passenger seat.

I headed north, wondering what on earth had possessed us to take the afternoon off to make the trek to campus and back, a six-hour round trip slogging through the towns dotting Highway 47. All for nothing.

For weeks Randy had been telling me how much fun he was having playing intramural coed flag football. Maybe it was his talk of diving catches and trick plays, but I'd felt this sudden urge to cheer him on, like we had in high school.

Just several hours earlier Rita and I had met him at the field. It was a crisp fall evening—perfect football weather. I was pumped.

Randy introduced us to his teammates. "You really came all this way just to see us?" they asked incredulously.

The cheering section consisted of Rita, me and an injured player on crutches. But we didn't mind. We watched the kids stretch and warm up, run through some drills and then...there was some sort of delay.

Randy ran over. "The other team had to forfeit," he said. "They don't have enough players."

I tried to hide my disappointment. No big deal. Unless you'd just driven three hours to get here. We took Randy out for pie and coffee. Nice, but I'd had my heart set on seeing him in action. I'd wanted to cheer for my son.

Now, slowing the car to a crawl through the town of Yorkville, I couldn't help thinking that the whole idea had been foolish. I was behind on work. I really needed to clean out the garage.

I thought of all the T-ball games and soccer matches, band concerts and science fairs I'd gone to over the years for our five children.

Once Rita and I even snuck into Randy's English class to see him perform in a skit. We had been the only parents there that day too. I'd worked hard to be a supportive dad, but was I trying too hard?

Ahead I saw a bridge crossing over the Fox River. A distant memory stirred...from back when I was a Boy Scout. Every fall our troop made a two-day, 40-mile canoe journey down the Fox.

There was one year I would never forget. My dad dropped my brother Mark and me at the launch, made sure our life vests were snug and said goodbye as our flotilla set off. I plunged my paddle into the water and pulled hard, then lifted and stroked again. Mark, in front, did the same.

Before long we had a good rhythm going. I wish Dad could see us, I thought.

About a mile downriver we came to a bridge. I looked up and there he was. Dad, standing right in the middle of the span. He didn't shout instructions or do anything embarrassing. He simply waved until we passed underneath. I looked back and he was gone. Huh? Was I just imagining him?

But several miles later, at the next overpass, there he was again. And the one after that. And the next.

It turned into a game. The whole troop began looking for him. Every time we rounded a bend that day someone would shout, "There's Mr. Payleitner!" All the boys were waving now, but no one was happier to see him than I was.

My dad had taken a chance and literally gone the extra mile (and then some) to show us his love. All these years later it had never left me.

Now I drove across the bridge in the darkness. I imagined Dad standing there, waving, still encouraging me. It made me think of a nightly prayer I'd said when the kids were younger, asking God to help me be the kind of dad my kids need.

At last I understood the most important thing I could do for my children—just be there, even if it meant going the extra mile, the way my dad did for me, cheering me on.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

He is connected, devoted and makes time for each of his kids

I believe my husband and father of my three amazing kids is a ridiculously inspiring dad: David Taylor-Klaus. I know his kids would agree! After managing a particularly difficult bout with depression, David started over in a new career in his 40s by becoming a coach. He likes to say that in his work with executives and entrepreneurs, he reintroduces successful professionals to their families. He focuses on creating the life they want, and the business to support it and walks the talks in terms of his relationship with his kids. David is connected, devoted and makes time for each of them, who are now 22, 20 and 16. It is beyond inspiring to watch him with any of our kids—and especially with all of them together.

Our oldest daughter is an actor and did not take a traditional path. The early years of bi-coastal parenting when she moved to the west coast were not easy for any of us, but with intention and attention, we all supported each other and managed to become even more connected than we'd been when we all lived under the same roof.

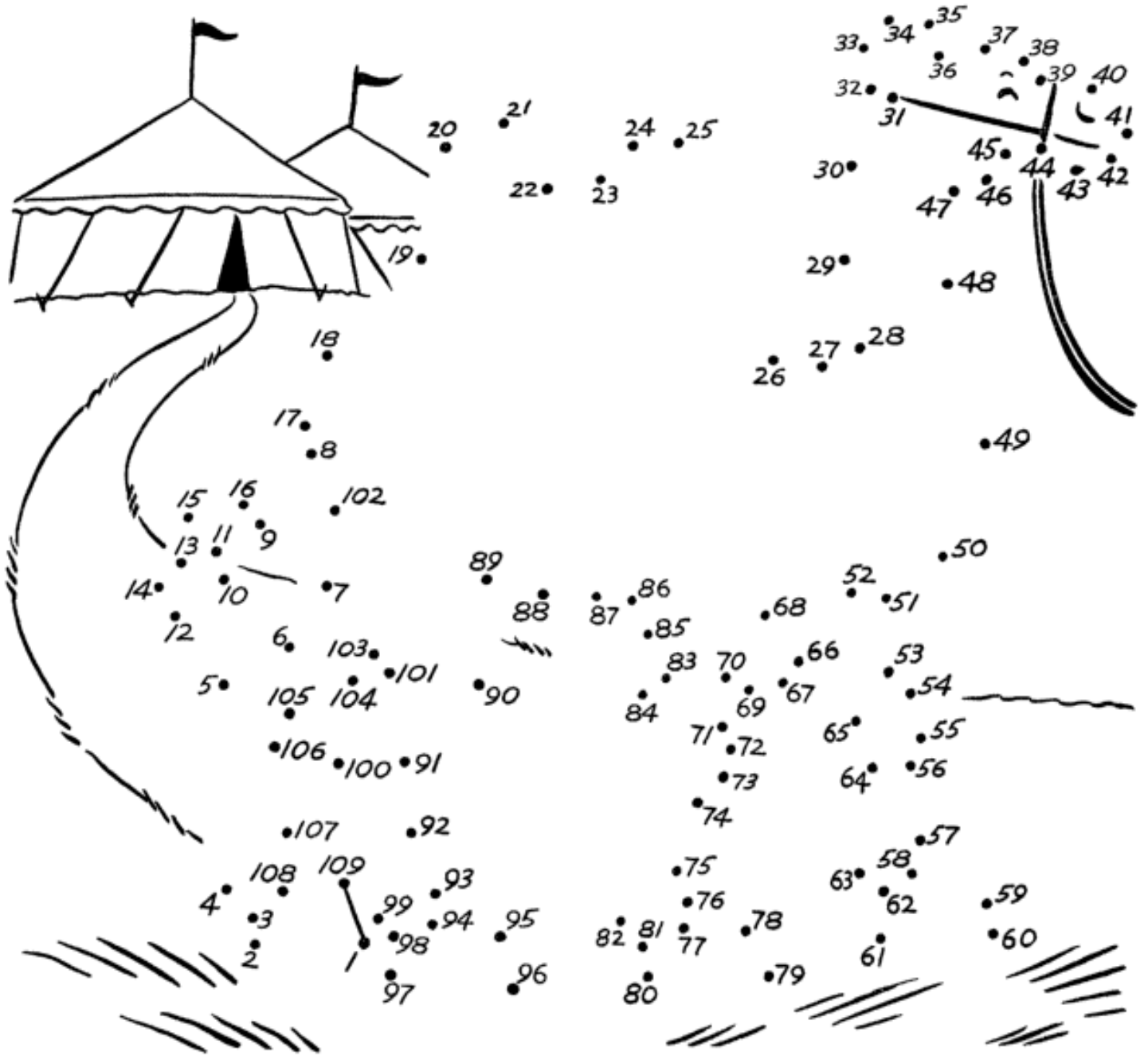
David is the master chef in our family and in many ways took over as the "glue" when I started building a new company supporting other parents of kids with complex issues. His family dinners create a place for us to come together, even when some of the kids are with us via Skype or FaceTime. So, yeah, "ridiculously inspiring dad" is a perfect way to describe David. Just ask his kids." -Elaine T., Atlanta.

My husband is a true contributor in every sense of the word

I know a ridiculously inspiring dad: my husband, Tor Sweeney. He is 100 percent engaged with our two boys, Ben, 12, and Chris, 10. I always hear other moms talking about how their husbands don't even know what's going on with their kids, but my husband is a true contributor in every sense of the word. We are a team. He is a business owner (who works with his parents, which is not easy), a coach and manager for many teams, and a mentor and fantastic father to our boys. He teaches them to be kind, work hard, act as equal contributors in a family, have self-respect and to show respect to others. He is principled. While that can sometimes be hard, it is also his best quality. He believes in doing right by others, and that is one of the most fantastic qualities to instill in our kids. – Deborah S., Calabasas, Calif.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

Dot To Dot Picture Puzzle (Connect dots to complete the picture)





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National Hollerin' Contest Day

Date When Celebrated : This holiday is observed on the third Saturday in June



National Hollerin' Contest Day is the perfect opportunity to yell and scream at the top of your lungs.

Spivey's Corner, North Carolina has a population of about 50 people. But, on National Hollerin' Contest Day, an estimated 5,000-10,000 people come to enjoy the annual National Hollerin' Contest. Can you imagine the honor of winning this contest!? Its definitely something to yell about.

Did you know? There are different types of "hollers". More information

Now, rev up the decibels on your vocal chords, and spend today hollerin'!

The Origin of Hollerin Contest Day:

People have been hollerin' about this day every year since its beginning in 1969.

We did not find any documentation confirming this to be a "National" day. We found no congressional records or presidential proclamation. However, there does appear to be some national recognition of this event.

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton



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CryptoQuote Puzzles Solution

Title: Do Not Try To Be Somebody Else **From:** Oscar Wild

Be yourself; everyone else is already taken

Title: Wisdom and Stupidity **From:** Albert Einstein

Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.

Title: Be A Friend **From:** Albert Camus

Don't walk in front of me... I may not follow Don't walk behind me... I may not lead Walk beside me... just be my friend

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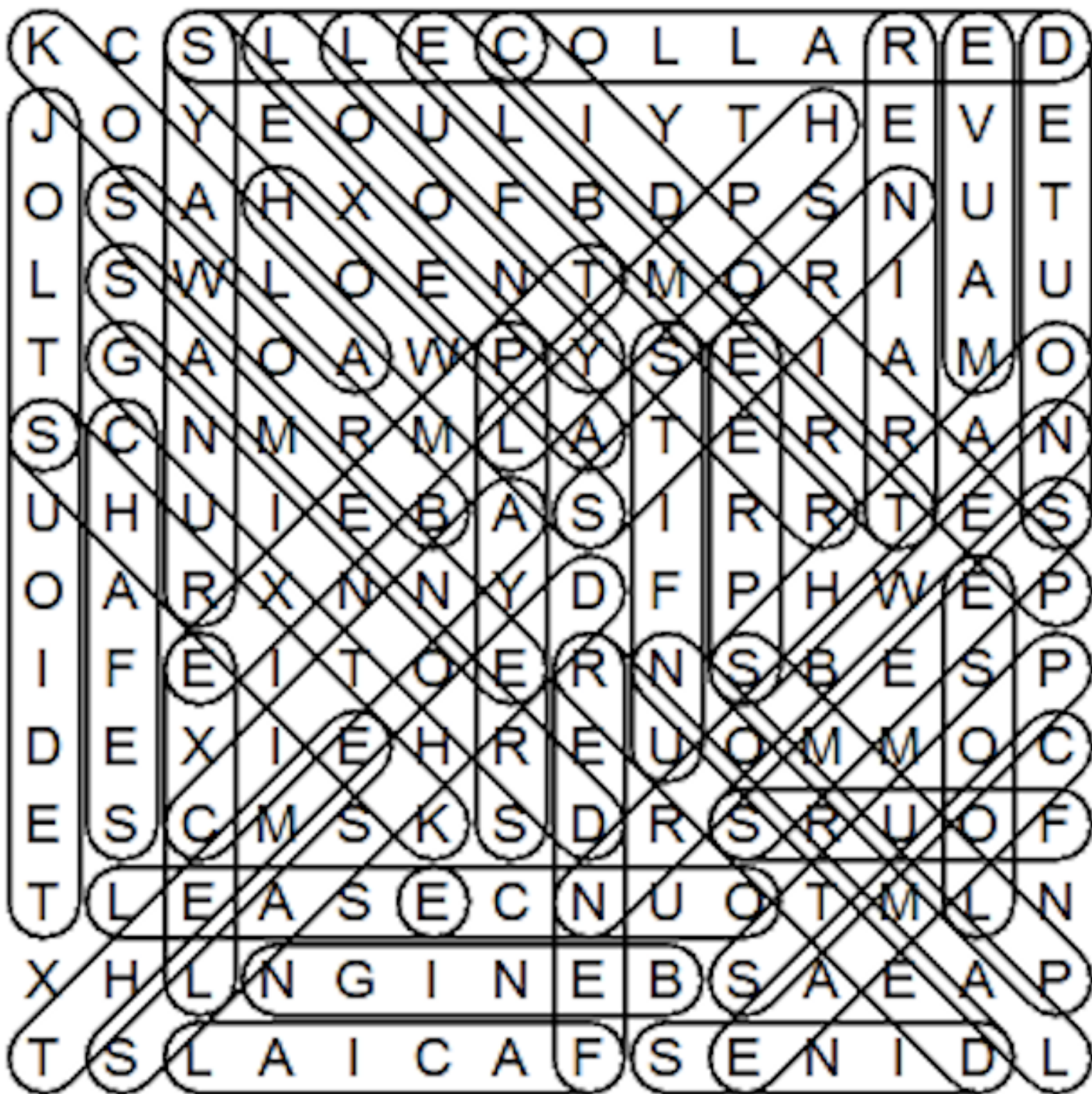


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Sudoku Puzzle Easy Solution

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Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

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Crossword Puzzle Solution

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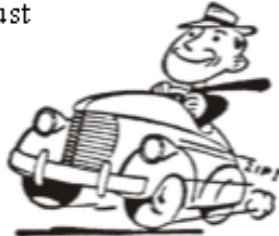
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My dad and I started AsktheDentist.com together in 2010, and today we help millions of people every month who read our articles. We've grown our blog into a family business, and I feel incredibly lucky to get to work with my dad each day while going to my dream job!

I love working with someone so honest and dedicated to his readers and patients. There is no one I know in the world who is a more selfless and ethical healthcare practitioner out there. I love that my job is to help millions of people with their health and give that information away for free. Health, after all, is what allows us to enjoy our lives and our time with friends and family—the fact that we get to do it together makes it all the more special.

I remember pining over a boy in high school, hoping he'd ask me to prom. My dad said, "Get on the phone right now and ask him yourself." He tried so hard to convince me to do it and even said he'd give me 50 dollars if I made the phone call. He was a feminist role model for me and my two sisters before feminism was cool—always pushing us to challenge the status quo, ask for more and go for whatever we wanted." -Catharine B., San Francisco

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My friend Jon Vroman is a father of two boys, a phenomenal speaker and author of *The Front Row Factor*. He founded the global organization The Front Row Foundation that takes terminally ill patients, no matter the age, to any front row experience of their choice. He's taken breast cancer patients to a Bon Jovi concert, a teen to meet Peyton Manning and stand on the sidelines at a Broncos game, and 5-year-old kids to meet their favorite singer. He also hosts the Ultimate Dad's Retreat, where we meet for a guys' weekend to enrich our family life and become better fathers. Jon has a huge heart for serving and enriching the lives of everyone he meets. I can't think of any other dad doing more incredible things. -Sean D.

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