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## April Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Debra Livingston | 12 | David Curran     |
| 1  | Michael Morra    | 12 | Linda Gagnon     |
| 2  | Pat Quinn        | 12 | Connie Muck      |
| 3  | Lynn Dutra       | 13 | Louis Guigon     |
| 3  | Patsy Hutton     | 13 | Tony Nguyen      |
| 3  | Dolly Lamontagne | 13 | Linda Stone      |
| 3  | Theresa Smith    | 13 | Valerie Vaughn   |
| 4  | Lee Ellsworth    | 14 | Richard Hutton   |
| 4  | Judie Howes      | 15 | Deborah Matthews |
| 5  | Carole Dumican   | 15 | Barbara Nowak    |
| 5  | Bob Franklin     | 16 | Joyce Larsen     |
| 5  | Phil Frump       | 16 | Ernie Ruff       |
| 5  | Barbara Prahst   | 17 | Pat Burrell      |
| 6  | Brendan Cole     | 17 | Ken Paradine     |
| 6  | Claire Labbe     | 17 | Mary Jo Ward     |
| 6  | Wayne Stott      | 18 | Shirley Maguire  |
| 7  | Dwayne Bruzek    | 18 | Carla Maniskas   |
| 7  | George Noack     | 19 | Betty Bubelis    |
| 7  | Bill Westerman   | 20 | Dave Szabo       |
| 8  | Bill Arnold      | 21 | Cynthia Clark    |
| 8  | Dennis Brand     | 21 | Jessica Keyes    |
| 8  | Nancy Cheek      | 24 | Paul Stickler    |
| 8  | Janice Vedrode   | 25 | Melissa Pierson  |
| 8  | Teresa Wienken   | 25 | Flo Renfro       |
| 9  | Ed Kovach        | 25 | Janice Souza     |
| 9  | Steve McLaughlin | 26 | Marie Pelletier  |
| 9  | Terry Melanson   | 26 | Diane Witles     |
| 9  | Patty Menz       | 27 | Anne Alcorn      |
| 9  | Tammy Rau        | 27 | Valerie Knox     |
| 10 | Rodney Renfro    | 29 | Darrell Parks    |
| 10 | Judy Ruhlin      | 29 | Barry Pattison   |
| 11 | Richard Davis    | 30 | Brenda Kaufman   |
| 11 | Doug McLean      | 30 | Dale Stoner      |
| 11 | John Provost     |    |                  |
| 11 | Lynn Scovish     |    |                  |
| 11 | Mike Witek       |    |                  |



Happy Birthday



## April Anniversaries

3	Louis & Judith Guigon	1982
7	Garrett & Jean Murray	1984
9	Stephen & Mary Kyle	1977
10	Ray & Linda Jewell	1965
13	Bert & Lois Cordle	1968
14	Don & Barbara Prahst	1956
19	Gene & Janet Benkowski	1975
19	Frank & Karyn Reis	1986
21	Bob & Connie Bosch	2017
21	Vernon & Ann Perry	2017
22	Kendall & Joanne Innes	1979
22	Mike & Barbara Nowak	1966
25	Dick & Carla Lies	1981
25	Mick & Lisa Lynch	
25	Pat & Carol McMahon	1972
27	Wayne & Lisa Stoner	1985
30	Joe & Simone Dawson	2004



## Wednesday Cribbage

### 2/4/2026

Lois Bruzek	6	221
Kate Golden	6	163
Jim Jewell	5	334

### 2/11/2026

Deb Slack	7	118
Denise Foster	7	115
Glenn Gifford	5	337
Ruth Sproule	5	335

### 2/18/2026

Deb Slack	8	
Kenny Dawson	6	226
Mort Mortenson	5	328
Lois Bruzek	4	389

### 2/25/2026

Joseph Dawson	6	226
Janice Holtzberry	6	225
Simone Dawson	6	167
Denise Foster	5	323

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## January 3, 2026

First Place	Doris Chantigny	191
Second Place	Donna Tarvin	187
Third Place	Simone Dawson	173

## January 10, 2026

First Place	Debbie MacKenzie	208
Second Place	Simone Dawson	195
Third Place	Roy MacKenzie	193
	Deb Slack (Tie)	193

## January 17, 2026

First Place	Debbie MacKenzie	213
Second Place	Cindy Hurley	196
Third Place	Ruth Sproule	186

## January 24, 2026

First Place	Barrie Menser	202
Second Place	Lori Kohls	201
Third Place	Kelly Menser	194

## February 21, 2026

First Place	Doris Chantigny	184
Second Place	Simone Dawson	172

## February 28, 2026

First Place	Joanne Lavigne	209
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Third Place	Denise Foster	200



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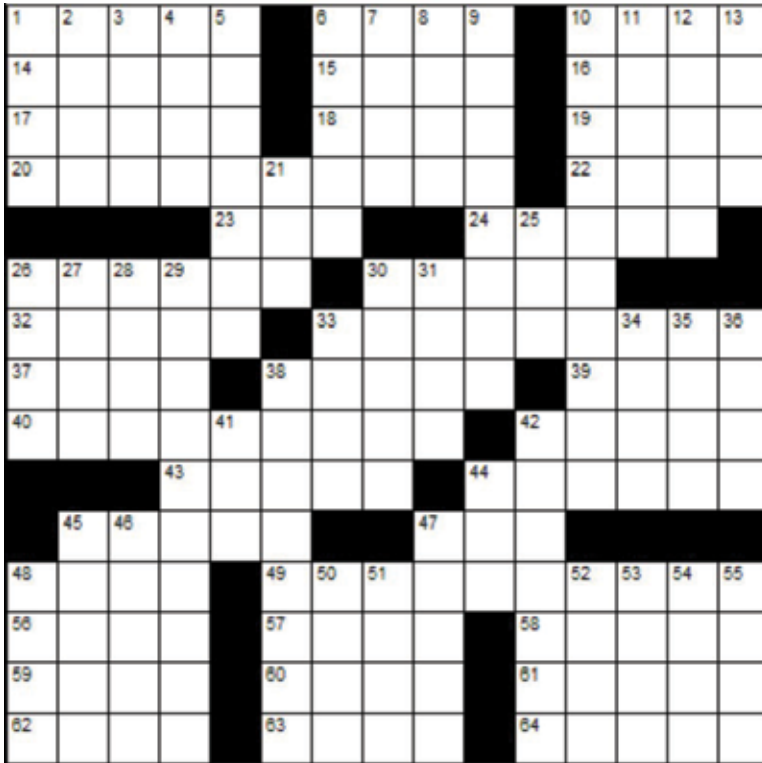
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## ACROSS

1. Adhesive
6. Ice hockey disk
10. Bog
14. Female egg organ
15. Metal used in steel
16. Decorated, as a cake
17. Spooky
18. Being
19. Fifty-three in Roman numerals
20. One of three copies
22. Advanced
23. Night before
24. Couples
26. Fancy
30. Domain
32. Leases
33. Mustache style
37. Poi source
38. Dispatches
39. Domestic
40. Cabinetries
42. Nickel or steel
43. Diversions
44. Ribald
45. Parenthetical comment
47. Circle fragment
48. Not fatty
49. Bestride
56. Sea eagle
57. Black-and-white cookie
58. Vast
59. Assists
60. Found on rotary phones
61. Swift
62. Lock openers
63. Scream
64. File

## DOWN

1. He writes in stanzas
2. Affirm
3. Indian dress
4. Voyage
5. Unseeing
6. Fragment
7. Celestial bear
8. Price
9. Sometimes used by gardeners
10. 10 to the centimeter
11. More aloof
12. Harnesses
13. Rewrite
21. Climbing vine
25. Ever last one
26. Illustrated
27. Overhaul
28. Prefix meaning "Within"
29. Stiffness
30. Positions in a social hierarchy
31. Terminates
33. In this location
34. Matted cotton for stuffing
35. Asian nurse
36. Depend upon
38. Any unspecified person
41. Roll of bills
42. Gruesome
44. Be mistaken
45. Eagle's home
46. Like most beaches
47. Coral reef
48. Fluid escape
50. One of the Great Lakes
51. Marine mammal
52. Small amount
53. Blockhead
54. Den
55. Countercurrent



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**Month of the Military Child.** More than 2 million children in grades K-12 have parents who are serving in our military. Make a difference in the life of a military child by seeking out opportunities to acknowledge their sacrifice, volunteering for organizations that support them, and recognizing their contribution to the nation.

**National Autism Awareness Month.** A nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all and to ensure that each person on the autism spectrum is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

**National Garden Month.** Gardening grows fun for the whole family. Whether you're digging in the dirt, enjoying the magic of a small seed transforming into a beautiful flower, or observing the bugs, birds, and butterflies, gardening is a delightful way to celebrate the coming of spring.



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- **Keep a food diary.** Record what you eat, how much, what time you ate, and why you ate it. This can help you detect trends affecting your weight, health, and mood.
- **Keep an activity diary.** Keep track of your exercise routine, as well as how much and how often you walk or engage in other physical activities. Try to add a little more exercise every week.
- **Prepare to exercise.** Get out your workout clothes at night before going to bed. This will remind you to exercise and eliminate one excuse for skipping it.
- **Set concrete goals.** Decide what you want to achieve healthwise: Work out three times a week, limit sodas to one per weekend, or whatever seems realistic but worthwhile.
- **Shop smart.** Don't go to the grocery store when you're hungry or tired. Make a list of nutritious choices and stick to it, resisting the urge to grab high-calorie snacks as you wander through the aisles.

## Slow down to eat less

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**E**ating too fast can lead to eating too much. But when you're busy, the temptation to cram a meal down your throat may be overwhelming. Here's how to slow down and savor every bite:

- **Stop multitasking.** Don't try to eat while you're working, texting, or doing anything else. Turn off your devices and focus on your meal. You'll have a better sense of how much you're eating and how full you feel.
- **Sit down.** Eating over the sink or grazing while you search the refrigerator may result in consuming more unneeded calories. Set the table and put your portions on a plate to keep control of how much food you're really eating.
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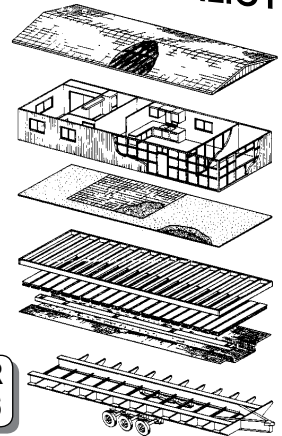
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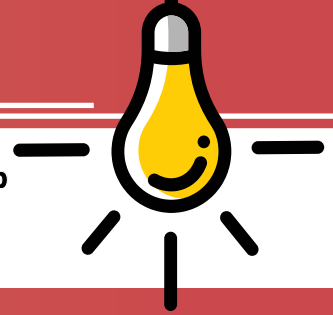
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Take a look at these specific types of workplace fatalities among different age groups in 2014:

Injury	Total injuries	Workers 65 or older
Transportation accidents	1,891	678
Workplace violence	749	188
Equipment/object contact	708	246
Slips, trips, and falls	793	379
Toxic exposure	390	91
Fires/explosions	137	34



## Keep a cool head if shooting erupts

Workplace shootings are terrifying news, but you can take steps to protect yourself in the event of gunfire in the office. Stay safe with these tips:

- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Tell operators exactly where you are in your workplace so police officers and other responders know to watch for you.
- **Describe the assailant.** The more information you can provide about the shooter’s location and appearance, the more easily police can apprehend him or her safely and keep you out of the line of fire.
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## Try this uncommon career advice

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**R**ead enough self-help books, and you'll run across a lot of the same repetitive career advice: Work hard, be helpful, go the extra mile. If you're already doing this, and want to add oomph into your career, consider this advice from the Fast Track Promotion website:

- **Develop your emotional maturity.** Focus on staying calm no matter what happens at work. Treat everyone with respect. Learn to choose your words carefully—and more important, recognize when it's best not to speak at all.
- **Negotiate in good faith.** Find out what the other person wants, and work toward a mutually satisfying agreement instead of one with winners and losers. In other words, seek solutions, not victories. Negotiate as if you're both on the same side.
- **Shift your point of view.** Support your organization's goals, not your own. When you make a decision, ask yourself whether it's one your manager or CEO would make. If not, reconsider your priorities.
- **Provide real value.** Instead of just doing your job, find out how your work supports your organization's objectives, and then give a little extra to help your it thrive. Talk to your manager about what you've done and what you can do to add to the organization's success.
- **Listen to feedback.** Praise is fun to receive, but often we learn most from criticism. Make a point of listening to and considering other people's points of view, and incorporating their feedback into your performance. You'll show that you're a team player committed to improvement.



## Don't be afraid to ask for help

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**M**any people avoid asking for advice from fear of being seen as ignorant or incompetent. But soliciting guidance from others can show that you're open to new ideas and focused on success. Here's how to ask for help and look good doing it:

- **Be sure you really need help it.** Don't interrupt a colleague for something you can figure out on your own with a little more time and effort. Save requests for problems that are truly difficult to solve.
- **Ask the right person.** Identify the person who can really help you. You'll irritate your co-workers by asking for help on something that's outside their area of expertise.
- **Be direct.** Don't beat around the bush when you need assistance. If you don't know the person, introduce yourself and explain why you think he or she is best person to help you out. Most people are happy to lend a hand, and they'll feel flattered that you think highly of their skills.





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## Assess the risk before taking on the assignment

Carelessness is the cause of many accidents at work and at home, and one cause of carelessness is misunderstanding the risks involved in the tasks you carry out. Be on the lookout for these potential pitfalls:



- **Overestimating your abilities.** Performing a task once or twice may not really provide the experience to do it safely. Make sure you have the proper training and tools, and get help if it's necessary.
- **Taking shortcuts.** You may think that because you've done a job for a long time, you can take shortcuts to speed your work. Don't get complacent about safety measures when you undertake any sort of risky task.
- **Overconfidence in equipment.** The proper tools are important, and keeping them in good shape is vital. Check on all equipment before starting a job to ensure that it's in good repair and capable of holding up under stress.
- **Depending on rescue.** Sometimes people assume that if an accident happens, a co-worker or friend can just call 911 and make everything all right. Remember that small problems can snowball while you're waiting for assistance. You may suffer serious injury before anyone can show up to help.
- **Poor role models.** A manager or co-worker may skip safety measures, but that doesn't make it right. Take responsibility for your own welfare in everything you do, and don't take chances even if other people do.

## Hold to these safety standards



The Occupational Safety and Health Act requires employers to provide a safe workplace for their employees. Although many OSHA regulations target specific industries, they're good rules for any organization that wants to ensure the safety and health of its workforce. Here are a few general areas to monitor:

- **Injuries and illnesses.** Document and report occupational injuries and fatalities, as well as work-related illnesses.
- **Walking and working surfaces.** Your hallways, workspaces, storage rooms, and other areas should be kept clean, organized, and sanitary. Stairs must have railings.
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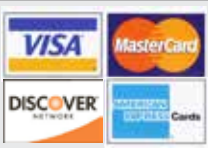


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## Lead your team on the path to innovation

**W**hen you're leading a team focused on innovation, you want to spark creative thinking in every member. Try these strategies used by successful leaders in every industry:

- **Build a community.** Look inside and outside your organization for enthusiastic, imaginative thinkers. Use your network to recruit people to your team, brainstorm ideas, test prototypes, and critique results.
- **Experiment.** Don't put all your eggs into one basket. When you come up with an interesting idea, test it on a small scale first. Encourage lots of experiments to find one or two that produce excellent results.
- **Tell stories.** Charts and data aren't very inspiring. To get creative juices flowing, share stories about people and problems. Find out what your customers want and what solutions would make them smile. Recount flashes of genius from the past. You'll get people thinking about the possibilities instead of the obstacles.



## Get out of the paralyzing 'I'm not creative' rut

**S**ome people seem to be naturally creative. If you're not one of them, don't fall into the trap of thinking you'll never have an original idea or find an ingenious solution. Try these tips for overcoming a negative mindset:

- **Question your attitude.** The first step in getting unstuck is believing you can do it. Start by asking yourself, "Why do I feel uncreative?" You may discover that your belief is based on mistaken assumptions about your capabilities.
- **Ask "What if?"** Let go of the need to craft a perfect solution right away. Examine the problem from different angles and look for new possibilities without regard to what's easy or practical. Asking, "What if I did this?" can unlock a stream of fresh ideas.
- **Hold onto your momentum.** Don't stop generating ideas too quickly. Once you're on a roll, keep going until you have plenty of options to choose from. First ideas don't always work, and you may be able to combine aspects of different solutions to come up with something new that will dazzle everyone.



## Quotes:



**C**reative confidence is about believing in your ability to create change in the world around you.  
—Tom and David Kelley



## Prepare for failure on your road to the top

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**B**rilliant ideas don't always succeed, no matter how hard you work. You'll save time and frustration by analyzing your idea's potential for failure before you begin.



Try conducting a "pre-mortem." Look at your plans and identify specific obstacles you may face, and generate ideas for overcoming them. Also, spend some time determining how you'll decide when the idea just won't work. You don't want to get bogged down in a useless effort when its chances of success don't exist. Be ready to move on when you realize that continuing on your current path isn't worth the time and money required.

## Stop these mistakes on the road to success

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**S**uccessful people know what they have to do to reach the top. Just as important, they know what not to do if they want to succeed. From the *Success* magazine website comes this list of activities to avoid on your way up:

- **Going back to failed strategies.** You'll fail from time to time. Just be sure to recognize what you do wrong so you don't keep repeating it.
- **Pretending to be someone else.** If you're not being true to your personality, people will see it. Strive to make decisions that authentically reflect your values.
- **Trying to change other people.** You won't be able to turn co-workers, employees, managers, customers, and even friends into the people you want them to be. Seek out people whose interests and ambitions match your own.
- **Short-term thinking.** Don't obsess about today's problems, nor trade long-term benefits for immediate gain. Focus on the big picture—your long-term goals.
- **Trusting the wrong people.** Learn whom you can depend on for honesty, assistance, and support. Remember that no one is perfect, and build relationships you can count on.

## Quotes:

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**S**uccess is getting what you want. Happiness is wanting what you get.  
—Dale Carnegie

The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.  
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## Google answers your health questions

People turn to Google for all kinds of information. Health is always a concern, so naturally the search engine fields a lot of questions about diseases and symptoms of illness. Take a look at some of the top health-related inquiries people typed into the Google search bar in 2015 (as reported on the CNN website):



- **“Is bronchitis contagious?”** Answer: Maybe, if it’s the result of a bacterial infection.
- **“Is pneumonia contagious?”** Answer: It can be, because most cases of pneumonia are caused by bacteria.
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- **“How many calories should I consume?”** Answer: Check with a dietician to get advice tailored to your physical needs.
- **“What is Lupus?”** Answer: Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease. Symptoms include headaches, fatigue, joint pain, fever, and rashes.

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## Quotes:

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## Moonlighting strong in the U.S.

**M**oonlight is romantic, but moonlighting at a second job is a different story. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that about 7.39 million Americans held more than one job in November 2015. Moonlighting has risen and dipped over the years, from 6.5 percent of working Americans in November 1996 to 5.6 percent during the recession that started in 2008.

Women tend to be more likely to hold two or more jobs—5.5 percent of working women, compared with 4.7 percent of working men. Among younger workers ages 20-24, 5.8 percent worked multiple jobs in 2014, compared with 4.4 percent of workers 55 years or older.

Almost 90 percent of today’s moonlighters plan to keep working two or more jobs during 2016. A survey cited by the *U.S. News & World Report* website found that although some are dealing with changing family situations or exploring other careers, more than half maintain a second job in order to meet living expenses.



## Tech sector rates highly within the U.S.

**W**e may complain about texting, “listicles,” and viruses, but most people actually have pretty positive opinions about technology. A survey by IT staffing organization Modis, for example, found that 61 percent of us consider the U.S. to be a global leader in tech, a trend that 79 percent think will continue for at least the next five years. And 94 percent believe that technology education is the most important factor in sustaining U.S. leadership in the tech industry.

With 19.8 million people working in the technology sector today (a figure expected to rise 1.8 percent a year), tech jobs are highly sought after. Seventy-four percent of respondents in the Modis survey think that tech jobs are more lucrative than those in other fields. Money isn’t the only consideration, though: Flexible hours are drawing workers to the field (50 percent consider this a valuable benefit) along with the unlimited vacation time offered by some organizations (named by 21 percent).



## Quotes:

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