

AUGUST

August Events

- August 3rd National Watermelon Day
- August 4th National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- August 9th Book Lover's Day
- August 13th Left Handers' Day
- August 15th Relaxation Day
- August 17th National Honey Bee Awareness Day
- August 26th National Dog Day
- August 31st National Eat Outside Day
- August 31st International Bacon Day



Midget-sized *T. rex* Cousin Found

When you think of the Tyrannosaurus rex, you probably imagine the giant predator reptile from the movie *Jurassic Park* and its sequels. Scientists have discovered an early cousin, though—one who was barely three feet tall.

According to the *U.S. News & World Report* website, the new species was uncovered in New Mexico. Dubbed *Suskityrannus hazelae*, based on a Native American word for "coyote," it lived about 92 million years ago, long before the nine-ton *T. rex* appeared on the scene, and weighed about 90 pounds.

Other remains of *T. rex*'s ancestors are even smaller, but the recent find offers a fresh example of how these smaller dinosaurs evolved into the towering thunder lizards depicted in movies.



Childproof Your Home Office

If you work at home and have small children about, safety is paramount. Guard against these common home-office dangers:

- ➔ **Cords.** Keep phone lines, electrical cords, and window cords looped and out of children's reach to reduce potential strangulation hazards.
- ➔ **Clutter.** Small objects like pen caps, loose change, rubbers bands, and the like can easily choke a small child (or pet). Keep your workspace clear of anything that might find its way down a little one's throat.
- ➔ **Shelving and storage.** Keep file cabinets locked so children can't open them up and cause them to fall over.
- ➔ **Sharp edges.** Scissors, letter openers, and other sharp objects should be kept out of reach—and out of sight—to prevent injuries.
- ➔ **Chemicals.** Cleaning supplies, liquid paper, ink cartridges, and the like can be hazardous if ingested. Don't leave them accessible to curious kids.



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Create A Family Budget With This Help

A family budget can help you control your expenses, but many people are uncomfortable with the concept, or worried that it'll be too complicated. It takes some planning, but the *U.S. News & World Report* website has some advice:

- ★ **Bring everyone together.** You should be on the same page as your partner(s). Have an honest discussion about your individual and joint goals.
- ★ **Track income and expenses.** This is a crucial first step. Figure out how much money you bring in every month and what bills you have to pay. This helps you set priorities.
- ★ **Evaluate your spending.** Look at everything you spend your money on—bills, food, entertainment, and everything else. Look for areas where you can keep expenses down.
- ★ **Build your savings.** Set aside a certain amount of money every month to put into savings. It doesn't have to be a lot. In time, even a modest monthly sum can grow into something substantial, so look at the long term.
- ★ **Reduce debt.** Don't carry a balance on your credit cards. Pay down your mortgage and student loans as fast as you reasonably can. The less debt you have, the more breathing room for the future.

A Green New Plan

The Danish island of Bornholm has big plans for the years ahead. With a population of 40,000 and annual tourist visits of about 600,000 a year, this 227-square-mile island, located in the Baltic Sea, is striving toward a circular economy.

Rather than allocate money for the improvements to its current waste management system, the island government closed it and began moving toward a sustainable future that would have the island garbage-free by 2032. One of the main people driving this charge is the CEO of the waste management facility. With the backing of the deputy mayor and the island's leaders, plans are being developed that will make it the first municipality to recycle and reuse everything.

They are working to develop solutions that will make recycling practical and easy for residents to adopt, and for tourists to understand and abide by. There is also a focus on the businesses that provide goods and services and the changes they will need to make for the island's environmental future.

Other components of Bornholm's "Bright Green Island" agenda call for eliminating its carbon footprint by 2025, increasing its organic farmland, and completely converting to green energy sources. There is an educational aspect to these plans, calling for additions to the curriculum for teaching school-age children about environmental sustainability. The local university is even creating a research center focused on circular economies and transitioning to green practices.

The current policy in Denmark has been urging households to recycle 50% of their waste by 2022. Bornholm's plan for a circular economy is one where nothing goes to waste and neighbors barter, sell, or lease unwanted items and become more mindful of their consumerism.

It's a long-term commitment the people of Bornholm are willing to make.

The Right Name

A grasshopper walks into a bar and takes a seat...

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Summer Caution – Keep Our Children Safe

Always check the temperature of the car seat surface and safety seat belt buckles before restraining your child to prevent burns. Consider blocking the sun with window shades to keep it cooler. **NEVER** leave a child unattended in a vehicle.



Now You See Me, Now You Don't

A simple game of peekaboo can play a crucial role in your baby's development. This activity helps teach infants object permanence and develop strong attachments during their first year of life.

Hiding behind your hands, a blanket, or a door might be confusing and even distressing to your baby at first. However, these emotions will subside once you reappear in their line of sight. This positive response is a good indication that your little one takes comfort in your presence and has a secure bond with you.

This game allows babies to identify and realize the existence of things that are no longer visible. Use a towel to cover a favorite toy or hide one object behind another. When you first start to engage your baby in this manner, you can leave a little bit of that hidden object in view to help him or her find it. Gradually work your way up to hiding objects that will require them to remove a layer to get at what they want, crawl to the hiding place, or look around the corner.

Talk to your baby throughout this process, especially if you are hiding from them behind a blanket or door. Your voice will encourage them to keep looking until they find you.



Perkasie Under the Stars Car Show

The 21st Annual Under the Stars Car Show is scheduled for 5pm - 9pm on August 17th, 2019

Under the Stars is one of the region's premiere car shows. Over 400 antique, classic, and custom vehicles line Perkasie's historic town center, drawing over 4,000 visitors from across the region. This year for the first time, we are featuring a special exhibit, "The British are Coming....!" On W. Walnut and S. 6th St with a number of special awards for this section only.



See Perkasie Boroughs website.



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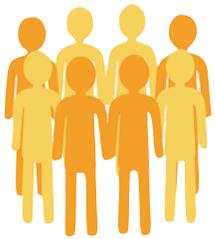
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