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IRS: HOW MAJOR LIFE EVENTS CAN EFFECT TAX FILING

There are several kinds of major life events that can affect a taxpayer's filing requirements, tax benefits and withholding. It could be marriage, welcoming a new child, divorce, or loss of a loved one- all of these can impact their tax situation. Here are some common life events and an overview of their effects.

Marriage

Getting married may affect a taxpayer's filing status, tax withholding and eligibility for certain tax benefits. Newly married couples should report any name change to the Social Security Administration and any address change to the U.S. Postal Service, employers and the IRS. They should also review their tax withholding and update their W-4 with their employer, if needed.

Birth or adoption of a child

A new child may make taxpayers eligible for tax benefits, including the Child Tax Credit, Adoption Credit or Child and Dependent Care Credit. There are individual eligibility requirements for each type of credit. The parent's or taxpayer must have a valid Social Security number along with the child, to apply.

Divorce or legal separation

Getting divorced or legally separated affects filing status, tax withholding, who can claim dependents, and eligibility for certain credits and deductions. Changes to income, withholding and filing status may require taxpayers to update their Form W-4.

Death of a spouse or family member

The death of a spouse or loved one can affect filing requirements and status. In general, a final individual income tax return of a deceased person should be filed the same way if the person were alive. All income must be reported up to the date of death along with the claiming of any eligible credits or deductions.

After any major life event, taxpayers should review their withholding, update their personal information and keep important records. IRS online tools and resources at IRS.gov can help taxpayers understand how these changes may affect their taxes and prepare them for the next filing season.

FOOTBALL IS BACK!!

AUGUST 6TH IS THE HALL OF FAME GAME – AZ CARDINALS VS. CAROLINA PANTHERS.

August is National Eye Exam Awareness Month

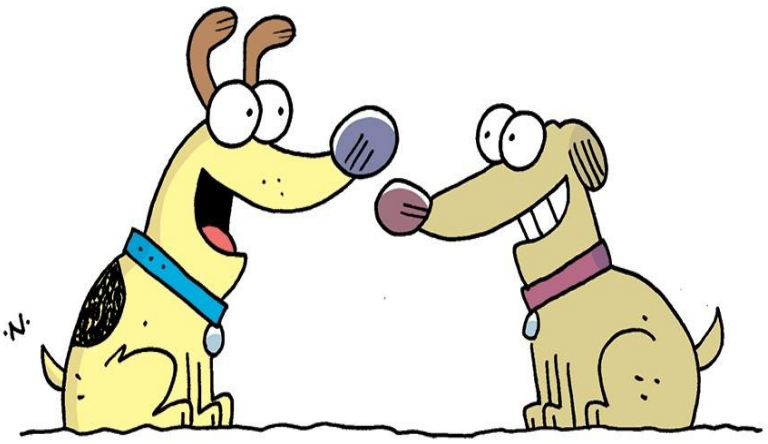
National Eye Exam Month runs throughout August, encouraging everyone to prioritize their vision health. Regular eye exams are crucial for detecting early signs of disease and maintaining clear sight. Schedule your appointment, educate yourself on eye care best practices, and spread awareness about the importance of healthy vision.

Eye Exam Month Hero: Hermann von Helmholtz (1821–1894) was a German physician and physicist who made significant contributions to the fields of vision, hearing, and thermodynamics. He invented the ophthalmoscope in 1851, an instrument still used today to examine the inside of the eye. His work laid foundational understanding for modern ophthalmology and optometry, enabling doctors to diagnose and treat eye diseases more effectively.

How often should you take an eye exam? For adults, the American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends a comprehensive eye exam every 2-4 years between ages 40-65, and every 1-2 years after 65. Children and those with risk factors may need more frequent exams.

Who should you go to? An ophthalmologist is a medical doctor (MD) specializing in eye and vision care, qualified to perform surgery. An optometrist (OD) provides primary vision care, including exams and prescribing glasses/contacts. An optician fits and dispenses eyewear based on prescriptions.

LOOSE PARTS



I DON'T UNDERSTAND FOOTBALL, EITHER. ALL I KNOW IS THAT WHEN THEY GET EXCITED WATCHINGA GAME, THEY DROP NACHOS ON THE FLOOR!

Crispy Potato Wedges

Crispy potato wedges—no oven or fryer needed, just a grill!

Prep Time: 10 mins **Cook Time:** 21 mins **Total Time:** 31 mins

Yield: 15 wedges

Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ancho chile (or Chile powder)
- 1 teaspoon Diamond Crystal kosher salt; for table salt, use half as much by volume
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 large russet potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1-inch thick wedges
- 1/3 cup (80 ml) extra-virgin olive oil

Directions

1. In a small bowl, stir cumin, chile powder, salt, and pepper to combine. Set aside.
2. Light one chimney full of charcoal. When all charcoal is lit and covered with gray ash, pour out and arrange coals on half of charcoal grate for indirect cooking. Alternatively, set half the burners on a gas grill to high heat, cover, and preheat for 10 minutes. Clean and oil grilling grate.
3. Brush potatoes all over with olive oil. Set potatoes on hot side of grill and cook until browned on both sides, about 5 minutes per side. Move potatoes to cool side of grill, cover, and continue cooking until potatoes are tender, 5 to 10 minutes longer.
4. Place cooked potato wedges in a large bowl. Sprinkle with spice mixture to taste and toss to evenly coat. Serve immediately.

Nutrition Facts

Calories 1530; Total Carbohydrates: 195g; Dietary Fiber 21g; Total Sugars 10g; Protein 24g; Total Fat 75g; Vitamin C 79mg; Sodium 1390mg; Calcium 192mg

https://www.seriouseats.com/grilled-potato-wedges-recipe-11793698

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AUG 2
National Sisters Day

AUG 4
National White Wine Day

AUG 7
National Water Balloon Day

AUG 12
National Vinyl Record Day

AUG 14
National Creamsicle Day

AUG 16
National Roller Coaster Day

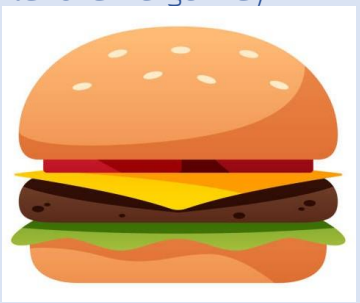
AUG 19
World Potato Day

AUG 21
National Kool Aid Day

AUG 23
Nat'l Coconut Week Starts

AUG 25
National Hero's Day

AUG 27
National Burger Day



AUG 29
National Lemonjuice Day

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- MASTERCARD
- AMERICAN EXPRESS
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