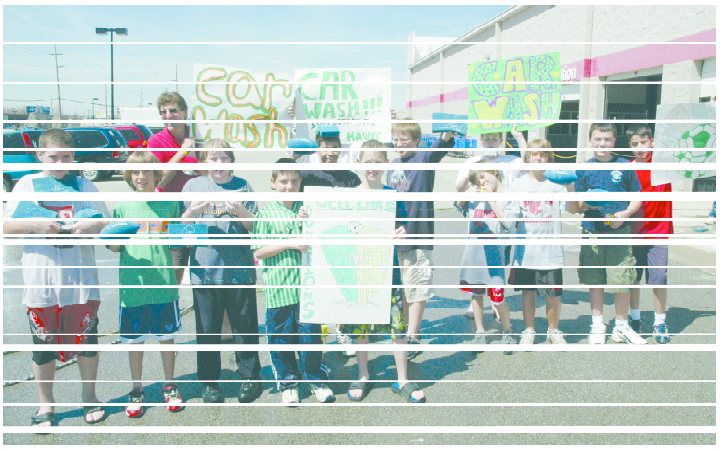
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Happy Faces... Clean Cars



The Mason Hawks Select Soccer Team (shown at right) has good reason for all those smiles on their faces. They sponsored a carwash fundraising event and made over $300 in a few short hours. Our ChemStation Manufacturing Center in Dayton donated the carwash solution and sponges…the kids provided the elbow grease…and a good number of patrons with dirty cars provided the means for this successful event.

ChemStation has just released two new entries to our line of carwash products; a touchless presoak (the best surfactant technology available in the carwash industry) and a rinse aid (created from new technology for rinsing and drying agents developed as a result of increasing environmental concerns over the use of mineral seal oil derivatives).

While the Mason Hawks Select Soccer Team didn't use our newest technology for their Saturday morning fundraiser, you can bet they still gave their patrons a great carwash. If you'd like more information on the ChemStation line of vehicle cleaning products, contact your account representative. ■

More than A System

The ChemStation System of custom-formulated, environmentally friendly industrial cleaning and process chemicals…delivered to refillable containers located in your facility…is just part of the story. We can formulate our products to comply with ANSI Standards and Military Standards. Specialized training is offered to our partners with product and procedure training. OSHA and Regulatory Compliance Assistance are available. And, our team can assist you with the following training:



- Employee
- Lockout/Tagout
- Safe Chemical Handling
- Hazard Communication

Talk to your ChemStation account representative for more details. ■

A Look at May

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month and National Barbeque Month. The first full week of May is Be Kind to Animals Week and National Pet Week, so don't forget to treat your furry and feathered friends. On May 8 we celebrate Mother's Day. It was May 10, 1869 that the newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways were first linked at Promontory Point, Utah. A golden spike was driven to celebrate the linkage. The first permanent English settlement in America was established on May 14, 1607 at Jamestown, VA, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England. On May 19, 1930, the 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, prohibiting Congress from giving itself pay raises. It was a mere 161 years ago on May 24, 1844 when telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message from the Capitol building in Washington to Baltimore. On May 27, 1937, 200,000 people in San Francisco celebrated the grand opening of the Golden Gate Bridge by strolling across it. This year we celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, May 30 (which is the actual official day).



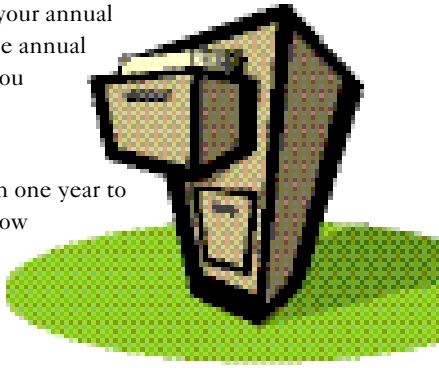
How Long?

Do you know how long you should keep personal financial records, receipts, tax statements, etc.? Bankrate.com has an answer for you. Here's a quick overview, but for details, check out their Web page.

Taxes – Seven years. The IRS has three years from your filing date to audit your return if it suspects good faith errors, and six years if it thinks you underreported your gross income by 25 percent or more.

IRA contributions – Permanently.

Retirement/Savings plan statements – From one year to permanently. Keep the quarterly statements until you receive your annual summary; keep the annual summaries until you retire or close the account.



Bank records – From one year to permanently. Throw away checks that have no long-term importance, but keep checks related to your taxes, business expenses, and housing and mortgage payments.

Bills – From one year to permanently. In most cases, when you receive the canceled check, the bill can be tossed. However, you should keep bills for big purchases (e.g., jewelry, appliances, cars, collectibles, etc.) for proof of their value in the event of loss or damage.

Credit card receipts and statements – From 45 days to 7 years. Keep the statements seven years if they document tax-related expenses.

Paycheck stubs – One year. If your W-2 form matches your stubs, you can toss your stubs. ■

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Friday the 13th

Every year has one to three Friday the 13ths. May 13 is the only Friday the 13th this year. Fear of the number 13 is known as triskaidekaphobia. It is estimated that about 17 million to 21 million people in the United States are afflicted with a fear of Friday the 13th.

People who are afraid of Friday the 13th probably consider themselves to be unlucky in the first place and are more than likely superstitious. A recent survey in England found that 25 percent of the respondents believed that the number 13 was bad luck. Here are a few facts about the history of the idea that the number 13 is unlucky:

- Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was the 13th guest at The Last Supper
- More than 80 percent of high rises lack a 13th floor
- Most airports skip a 13th gate
- Hotels and hospitals often do not have room number 13s



As for the Friday part of the bad luck, it seems that this belief rose from the idea that Jesus was crucified on a Friday, that Eve tempted Adam on a Friday, and that Abel was slain by Cain on Friday.

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Soapbox

Did you know that right and left ears hear differently? The right ear has a preference for speechlike sound…the left ear, for tones or music.

Middle age is when anything new in the way you feel is most likely a symptom.

Madness takes its toll. Please have exact change.

Father, n. Someone who carries pictures in his wallet where his money used to be.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Television won't be able to hold on to any market it captures after the first six months. People will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night – *Darryl F. Zanuck, head of 20th Century-Fox, 1946.*

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

Rainy day cure for doggie odor…Next time your dog comes in from the rain, simply wipe down the animal with a fabric softener dryer sheet, instantly making your dog smell springtime fresh!

Department of Redundancy Department.

A computer's attention span is as long as its power cord.

Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin.

Adult, n. A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

It's not hard to meet expenses; they are everywhere.

Top five excuses for calling in sick: 1) I was sprayed by a skunk; 2) I hurt myself bowling; 3) I tripped over my dog and was knocked unconscious; 4) I was spit on by a venomous snake; and 5) My brain went to sleep and I couldn't wake it up.

If all is not lost, where is it?