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Yesterday was Fathers day a day that is often overlooked or under rated. So my comment today is a shout out to all those fathers out there who deserve a great deal of credit in ensuring their families are well rounded and prepared for what the future may bring.

By no means do I want to minimize the great importance of mothers who maintain the very fabric of the family unit. We do honor our mothers on mothers day by taking them out to breakfast or dinner and making sure they have a bouquet of flowers or their favorite chocolate delivered with a nice card or note.

But dads on the other hand don't usually have flowers delivered to them and you don't see many adds on the television or the internet urging you to buy this or that for our dad. The holiday, although honored by many, doesn't seem to have the same reaction as Mothers day.

What you will see or hear of are great deals on the latest tool or special equipment to help dad with repairing or building things to enhance the family. This is a good thing but it usually equates to some kind of chore or labor for dad. I'm not complaining because I have been the recipient of some great items over the years, which have made many of my tasks much easier.

If we are going to honor fathers then I guess we should talk about what they do. Fathers are the ones usually pacing while

mothers are giving birth to their children. Fathers are the ones that provide a home for the mother and child to go home too and begin the years of nurturing and raising the child.

Fathers run out to pick up and comfort their children when they fall off their bike, or off the swing while at the park. Fathers are the ones who check out the strange sound at night that has no explanation, they then stand guard over the home until morning and are able to locate the source of that strange sound.

Fathers cheer their children on or even coach their little league games or other sport events, they can be the best cheerleaders in the stands at times and will often look a little over the top when their child does something significant. Many fathers take their daughters to their first dance or take their sons on backpack trips or hunting. Fathers usually are the first to expose their children to new things and experiences, such as driving.

Fathers are the ones that walk their daughter down the aisle when they get married and then relinquish their responsibility of care and nurturing. So you see fathers have a great deal of responsibility and I know this is the day after Father's Day, but remember this day comes around every year about the same time, so you have plenty of time to plan for next year. This has been Mike Downey for community comment.