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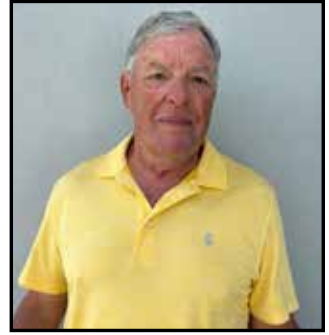
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Meet New Director Brian Penney

Brian and his wife Janice live in Pasadena, Newfoundland, Canada. They moved into the park in March 2014; Unit #146 and are snowbirds from November to April. Both are retired federal government employees. They have four children and 7 grandchildren. Twice a week they motor around on their Goldwing motorcycle with a group of fellow cyclist and frequent area restaurants. In addition to cycling, Brian's other hobbies include kayaking, golf, pickleball, ping pong and table pool. Brian served on the board as secretary for 6 years and has been very involved in park activities helping with various tasks. Janice is on the Hall Decorating Committee. Some of Brian's favorite authors include Michael Connelly, David Baldacci, John Ernst Steinbeck, James Lee Burke, Charles Todd, Jack London, and John Grisham.



Officers and Directors



L to R President Bob Hopkins, Marcel Bourque, Treasurer Marie Clement, Secretary Susan Collins, Gurrin Gillingham, Peter Palmieri, Vice President Tony Foster and Brian Penney. Absent Vince Duyvejonek.



THE BOARD SERVES THE STOCKHOLDERS.

Our Colonial Village Board of Directors meetings are conducted by the Robert's Rules of Order. Many people are not familiar with them. When shareholders want to speak they must be recognized by the President during the appropriate time on the agenda.



Robert's Rules of Order is the standard, widely used guide for conducting orderly, fair, and efficient meetings for organizations. It enables structured decision-making through motions, debate, and voting, emphasizing that one thing is discussed at a time, and every member has equal rights.

Key Principles of Robert's Rules of Order

- **One Thing at a Time:** Only one motion can be discussed at a time.
- **Right to Participate:** Everyone has the right to discuss a topic once before anyone speaks a second time.
- **Recognized Speaker:** A member must be recognized by the chair before speaking.
- **Majority Rule:** A majority vote (or quorum) decides a question.
- **Impartiality:** The Chair must remain impartial.

Basic Procedure for Motions

1. **Introduce:** A member moves to introduce a topic: "I move that..."
2. **Second:** Another member seconds the motion: "I second the motion".
3. **Debate:** Members discuss the motion.
4. **Vote:** The Chair calls for a vote.

Key Terminology

- **Quorum:** The minimum number of members needed to conduct a meeting, typically a majority of members.
- **Motion:** A formal proposal for action.
- **Second:** A declaration that another member wants to consider the motion.
- **Amendment:** A change to a motion (by inserting, striking out, or substituting words) before it is voted on.
- **Point of Order:** Used to point out a breach of rules, requiring the chair to make an immediate ruling.

The president's role and responsibilities depend on the organization's bylaws. Generally, the president leads by setting goals, performing administrative duties outlined in the bylaws, and presiding over meetings.

Regardless of the organization's structure, the president's authority is limited to what the bylaws assign. Some elected presidents may mistakenly think they have unrestricted control, leading to a perception of potential dictatorship among members.



The primary principle for all presiding officers is to represent all members, fostering fairness and impartiality during meetings. The duty extends beyond controlling the meeting; it includes ensuring that all facts, both pros and cons, emerge during debate for an informed decision by the assembly. The president abides by specific rules to maintain fairness:

- In business meetings, the president refrains from making motions or engaging in debate.
- The president may enter debate by leaving the chair and temporarily allowing another officer to preside, but he or she must stay out of presiding until the motion is resolved.
- The president steps down if there is a direct personal or monetary interest in a motion or when censured. However, the president can remain in the chair during nominations or elections involving their candidacy.
- The president only votes in tie-breaking situations, when a tie vote would be created, or in ballot voting.
- The president provides information, corrects misinformation, and aids members with parliamentary procedures, maintaining an obligation to assist in phrasing motions even when opposed.
- When assigning the floor, the president sits down if possible; otherwise, stands back from the lectern/mike.
- Enforcing debate rules and decorum, the president alternates between pros and cons in controversial situations.
- The president refers to themselves in the third person when addressing members, maintaining an impartial tone.
- Attempting to resolve issues without resorting to formal procedures, such as declaring a recess to directly address the problem with the member.
- An effective president safeguards members' rights by adhering to and enforcing the organization's bylaws and rules. This includes ruling out of order any motions conflicting with these documents or violating government regulations.

The next CV Board Meeting will be November 19, 2026 at 7PM. Here is an appropriate prayer worth sharing with any volunteer organization:



“Oh Lord, let us be grateful for the dedication of all our volunteers. As we come together to work for the common cause, please give us guidance and help us to be patient and receptive to each other’s views. Let us be open to the idea that things are not always ‘black and white’ and a compromise may be needed.”

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June Birthdays

- 1 Henry Flavell, Unit 12 90 Club Member
- 5 Evelyn Van Duyne, Unit 57 90 Club Member
- 8 Beverly Kennedy, Unit 94
- 11 Jack Sonneborn, Unit 149
- 15 Duncan Lewis, Unit 2
- 16 Richard Bradish, Unit 135
- 17 Jack Wilcox, Unit 111 90 Club Member
- 18 Judy Epstein, Unit 9
- 18 David Jensen, Unit 6
- 22 Jan Tremblay, Unit 26
- 27 Scott Oke, Unit 148
- 29 Susan Collins, Unit 73, recently moved from Unit 85
- 29 Bruce Barbour, Unit 74



Jack Wilcox



June Anniversaries

- 4 Dennis and Tammy Adamski, Unit 64
- 29 Don and Susan Collins, Unit 73, recently moved from Unit 85
- 30 Peter and Kelly McKenna, Unit 66



Edit for the May Birthday listing: Vince Martello's birthday is May 3, not Margaret's.

Attention Residents: to be included in this monthly listing of birthdays and anniversaries, please be fill out the Birthday/Anniversary document provided in a folder at the bulletin board. After completing it, drop it in the office mail slot. Be sure to include your email address and current telephone number. If you are 90+, please jot that down.,

Attention Residents: Residents who have lived in the park for 10+ years are welcome to submit a profile to barbcroos@gmail.com. Please include Names, Unit #, Number of years in the park, where is home when not in FL. Or if living in FL where was your residency, names of relatives currently in the park, involvement in the park, hobbies, favorite authors, favorite local restaurants and involvement in sports now or earlier.



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New Residents

Robert and Michelle Gill, Unit 30, from Norton, MA
 Robert and Cheryl Perry, Unit 49, from Largo, FL
 Trevor and Katrina Giles, Unit 100, from St John's, NL
 David Arch, Unit 112, from Grand Island, NY
 John and Laura Stone, Unit 123, from Monroe MI
 Walter and Jennifer Stephens, Unit 178, from Smyrna, TN
 Marilyn Hutton, Unit 180, from Stockton Springs, ME
 Moved: Susan Collins, Unit 73 from Unit 85.



Flag Day – Raise the Red, White and Blue

Flag Day, celebrated annually on June 14 in the United States, commemorates the Second Continental Congress's adoption of the 13 Stars and 13 Stripes, marking a push for unity during the Revolutionary War, as the official national flag on June 14, 1777. It is not a federal holiday but a national observance designated to honor the history, patriotism, freedom, unity, heritage and symbolism of the American flag: Old Glory. It was officially established by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1949.



May 1 Taco Party,
 (with music, dancing and lots of fun),
 was well attended by 40 and hosted
 by Richard and Tammy Bradish
 Photo by Terry Benham





June Events

June 14 Flag Day
 June 20-26 - The 2026 Special Olympics Games will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota with over 4000 participants from all 50 state.
 June 21 International Father’s Day is the third Sunday.
 June 21 First Day of Summer.
 June 12 Colonial Village Pizza and Pool Party, Coordinators: Terry and Dave Benham
 June postponed to July Colonial Village’s Chicken Dinner

Celebrating 250 USA

Independence Day, July 4, 2026, marks the United States Semiquincentennial, our nation's 250th anniversary! The Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, voted for the independence of the United Colonies by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2, 1776.



The Founding Fathers of the United States, were a group of late-eighteenth-century American revolutionary key leaders who united the Thirteen Colonies, oversaw the War of Independence from Great Britain, established the United States of America, and crafted a framework of government for the new nation through the Constitution.

The Founding Fathers include those who wrote and signed the United States Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States, certain military personnel who fought in the American Revolutionary War, and others who greatly assisted in the nation's formation. The single person most identified as Father of the United States is George Washington, commanding general in the American Revolution and the nation's first president. In 1973, the historian Richard B. Morris identified seven figures as key founders, based on what he called the "triple tests" of leadership, longevity, and statesmanship: John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Washington.



Most of the Founding Fathers had ancestry traceable back to England, though many had family roots extending across the other regions of the British Isles: Scotland, Wales, the Caribbean's, and Ireland. Additionally, some traced their lineage back to the early Dutch settlers of New York (New Netherland) during the colonial era, while others were descendants of French Huguenots who settled in the British Thirteen Colonies, escaping religious persecution in France. Many of them were wealthy merchants, lawyers, landowners, and slaveowners.



History of Father's Day



Father's Day in the U.S. is celebrated annually on the **third Sunday in June** to honor fathers, grandfathers, and father figures. The 2026 celebration is on June 21. It became a permanent federal holiday in 1972 when President Nixon signed it into law, recognizing the contributions of fathers to family and society. This date was first observed in the USA and has since been adopted by many countries. In Spain, Italy and Portugal, Father's Day is celebrated on March 19th, which is the Feast of St. Joseph.

Inspired by a 1907 mining disaster in West Virginia, Father's Day was first proposed in 1909 by Sonora Smart Dodd, a woman from Spokane, Washington, inspired after listening to a Mother's Day sermon. Sonora admired her father, William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran who raised her and her five siblings alone after her mother died. Seeing the need to honor dedicated fathers like hers, Dodd began a rigorous campaign to establish Father's Day as a counterpart to Mother's Day. The first such celebration took place on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, largely promoted by the local YMCA and numerous churches.

Despite Sonora Smart Dodd's enthusiasm and dedication, Father's Day did not gain immediate national recognition. Many people viewed it as unnecessary, or merely a commercial gimmick mirroring Mother's Day. Early celebrations were scattered, and while some communities embraced the day, it struggled to gain a foothold on a national level. However, support from influential figures like President Woodrow Wilson, who in 1916 honored the day, and Calvin Coolidge, who supported its national observance in 1924, helped maintain some momentum.

Easy Summer Tiramisu Dessert or Dip Recipe



Ingredients

- 1 Cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 TB espresso powder
- 4 OZ cream cheese, softened
- 8 OZ Mascarpone cheese
- ½ Cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tsp cocoa powder
- Wafers or Fruit for dipping

Directions

In a medium bowl, whisk heavy whipping cream and espresso powder until blended.

In large bowl, use hand mixer to beat cream cheese until smooth. Add Mascarpone cheese and beat until combined. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating after each addition. Add vanilla extract; beat mixture. Add espresso mixture, beat until soft peaks form.

Keep refrigerated until ready to serve. Spoon mixture into serving bowl. Sprinkle with cocoa powder. Serve with wafers or fruit.

Mandarin Tea Buns Recipe

Submitted by Grace Hiscock, Unit #54

- 4 Cups Flour
- 2 TB Baking Powder
- Pinch Salt
- 1 Cup butter
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One finger has its own pulse.

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Of the many biological advantages human evolution has brought us, two of the biggest are our brains and our thumbs. While the utility of our brain is pretty obvious, it's our opposable thumbs that do much of the work of day-to-day life. In fact, some scientists credit our thumbs as a driving force behind human culture. Around 3 million years ago, early hominids such as Australopithecines used primitive tools — basically just sticks and rocks — and possessed hands similar to a chimp's. A million years later, as our early ancestors began migrating out of Africa, increased manual dexterity thanks to improved opposable thumbs gave rise to more complex culture, because of the variety of tools these early species could now manipulate. Eventually, starting some 300,000 years ago or so, *Homo sapiens* began grasping all the tools that make modern life possible — whether a philosopher's quill, a carpenter's hammer, a warrior's weapon, or a TikTokker's iPhone.

Today, “thumbs up” means liking things. But this positive gesture likely comes from WWI pilots, who used the hand signal to give the “OK” on preflight checks.

Facts:

- The World Thumb Wrestling Championships are held every year in Suffolk, England.
- A pygmy shrew's heart beats 1200 minutes per minute, the fastest pulse of any mammal.
- On average a human hearts beats 35 million beats per year.
- Roughly 2 million years ago the opposable evolved in early human ancestors.
- In 1999 “Thumbs Wars”, a parody film that was released replaced “Star Wars” characters with thumbs.



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Cats Can Recognize Their Owners' Voices

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While dogs are often touted as man's best friend, cats can be so aloof that they seem like little more than a passing acquaintance. However, there is more going on between felines and their human owners than a cat's sometimes steely exterior may suggest. In October 2022, researchers from France published results from an experiment examining the relationship cats have with their owners' voices. In the study, cats responded more positively to a familiar human voice (swishing tails, pivoting ears, pausing grooming) than when they heard the voice of a stranger.

This builds on previous research from 2013 that found a similar connection between a familiar voice and its effects on a cat — though none of the felines in that study even bothered to get up in response to the voices they recognized. Unlike dogs, cats were never domesticated to follow a human's orders, and instead were the product of a more symbiotic relationship, as the rise of agriculture gave rise to rodents and other pests for cats to hunt.

The French researchers also studied *how* owners spoke with their pets; specifically, if they used cat-directed speech — aka baby talk — which is known to positively impact both babies and canines. (In fact, babies learn words more quickly when listening to baby talk.) Owners' voices were recorded asking questions such as “Do you want to play?” and “Do you want a treat?” using both cat-directed speech and human-to-human conversational speech. Like dogs and babies, cats reacted more positively to cat-directed speech than to an owner's normal speaking voice.

Facts:

- Cats have more bones than humans.
- Humans have 206 bones, but the average cat has 244. The majority of these extra bones are found in a feline's long tail and backbone. Where human have up to 34 vertebrae, cats have some 53 vertebrae, giving them additional flexibility and wrestling ability.
- The oldest known domestic cat to ever live (recorded in 2004) was Crème Puff; 38 years.
- The oldest fossilized evidence of a pet cat comes from Cyprus.
- There are 21 possible number of different sounds a cat can make.
- **Myth:** Cats have 9 lives. Source *vetexplainspets.com*. The myth of cats having nine lives is believed to have originated in ancient Egypt, where cats were revered and considered sacred animals.

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There is a jellyfish that's considered biologically immortal.

Source: *Interestingfacts.com Animals & Nature* by Darren Orf

Source: *worldatlas.com* and *oceanscubadive.com*

Immortality is the dream of ancient mystics and futuristic transhumanists alike, but for humans and most other animals on Earth, the promise of such longevity remains out of reach — that is, unless you're a jellyfish known scientifically as *Turritopsis dohrnii*, nicknamed the “immortal jellyfish.” The life cycle of most jellyfish begins with a fertilized egg that grows to a larval stage called a planula. Eventually, the planula attaches itself to a surface, and forms into a tubelike structure known as a polyp. These polyps eventually bud and break away into an ephyra, aka a young jellyfish, and these floating youngsters then develop into adult medusae capable of sexual reproduction.

Most species of jellyfish call it quits at this point, and eventually die like every other species on Earth — but not *Turritopsis dohrnii*. Instead, when this creature becomes damaged for whatever reason, it can revert to a blob of living tissue that eventually turns back into a polyp, and once again its developmental process repeats. Of course, this jellyfish isn't immune to the numerous dangers of the ocean — whether from predators or climate change — but if left to their own devices, these incredible creatures can just go on living forever.

Although the immortal jellyfish is a longevity outlier in the animal kingdom, there are a few other organisms that can pull off similar feats. Planarian worms display a limitless ability for regeneration, and can become two worms when cut in half. Additionally, the bacterium *Deinococcus radiodurans* is resistant to basically everything, as it can reassemble its genome and effectively return to life even after intense heat or radiation — a feat that earns the hardy bacterium the fitting nickname “Lazarus microbe.” Maybe immortality isn't so impossible after all.

Florida's coastal waters host various jellyfish species, including the Moon, Cannonball, Atlantic Sea Nettle, Mauve Stingers, and the dangerous ones to humans are the Portuguese Man o' War (with 100 feet tentacles) and Box jellyfish. Both of these are on the Atlantic and Gulf side. They do not swim; they float and drift with strong offshore winds and currents; most commonly in Nov. through April. The quick and easy treatment of any jellyfish sting, is to rinse in vinegar not fresh water.





Facts

- Jellyfish do not have a brain (or a heart).
- Most animals, whether a minuscule fruit fly or a complex human, have a central nerve center known as the brain. However, jellyfish don't follow this seemingly basic biological blueprint. Instead, jellyfish rely on two separate nervous systems: The "large nerve net" controls swimming, while the "small nerve net" is essentially responsible for everything else. Even without a brain, jellyfish perform complex actions, especially when feeding and mating, suggesting that brains aren't a requirement when it comes to defining life on Earth. In fact, jellyfish might be better at the whole "living" thing than many animals — biologists say that they've survived every single extinction event in Earth's history.
- Jellyfish aren't fish. They're an invertebrate in the phylum Cnidaria. Marine biologists often prefer using the term 'fish' and 'seajelly' for this reason.
- A group of jellyfish is known as a "smack," though sometimes it's called a "bloom" or "swarm".
- 95% of a jellyfish is water. The tentacles of the largest lion's mane jellyfish on record is 120 feet.
- 500 million is the minimum number of years ago that scientists estimate ancestors of jellyfish first roamed the ocean. There are more than 2000 known species of jellyfish. However, scientists think that there are thousands more that have yet to be discovered.
- Jellyfish can be found all over the world. Dangerous ones can be found in the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans, especially the Indo-Pacific region. Source: worldatlas.
- All jellyfish have stinging cells called nematocysts that can inject venom, but not all are dangerous to humans. Some cause only mild irritation, while a few species, like box jellyfish and Irukandji jellyfish, can be life-threatening. Source: ChatGPT
- Jellyfish-derived substances have been explored for medicinal purposes, including the protein apoaequorin, claimed to improve memory but lacking robust evidence. Additionally, jellyfish venom has shown potential in treating neurodegenerative diseases and cancer, though these applications are still under research. Source: ChatGPT

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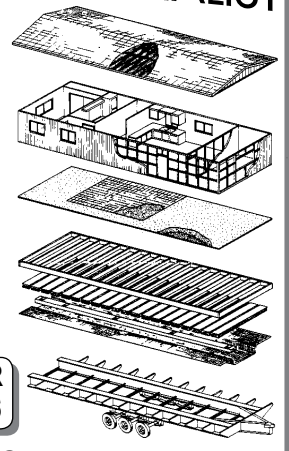


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Six of the Longest-Lived Species on Earth

Source: *Interestingfacts.com Animals & Nature*

The average human lifespan has increased significantly over the last century, but we still don't measure up to some of the longest-living plant and animal species on Earth. Sponges that sit at the bottom of the ocean for millennia, hardy trees that live where few other plants can survive, and centuries-old behemoths of the deep sea are just a few of these masters of longevity. Read on for more about six creatures that stretch the limits of lifespans on Earth.

Greenland Shark

For decades, scientists suspected that Greenland sharks (*Somniosus microcephalus*) had long lifespans based on their slow rate of growth, but evidence was lacking until a team of Danish researchers devised a new way to gauge their age in 2016. They realized that a protein in the sharks' eyes formed at birth and didn't degrade over time. The researchers carbon-dated the proteins, and found that the largest of the 28 sharks they studied, a 16-foot female, was likely between 272 and 512 years old — making Greenland sharks the longest-living vertebrates on Earth. Their hyper-extended lives may be due to their slow metabolism, which helps them survive the cold Arctic waters year-round. In fact, Greenland sharks may not even reach maturity until they're over a century old.



Bowhead Whale

Bowhead whales (*Balaena mysticetus*), an Arctic species that can average 60 feet in length and weigh 60 tons, were hunted for centuries for their oil and baleen. Ironically, that practice has offered clues to their longevity. In the 1980s and '90s, subsistence hunters in Alaska found, embedded in animals they harvested, old stone and metal harpoon points that were estimated to have been in use from the 1860s to 1890s and even earlier — indicating that the whales were at least a century old. The sequencing of the bowhead whale genome in 2015 revealed genetic mutations that might contribute to their resistance to cancer and lifespans of 200 years or more, confirming Native Alaskans' observations that the whales could "live two human lifetimes." Most scientists agree that bowhead whales are the longest-living mammals on Earth.

Glass Sponge

These poetically named marine invertebrates don't look much like your typical kitchen scrubber. Glass sponges have skeletons composed of geometric granules of silica that grow into elongated spears or vase-like shapes. A deep-sea glass sponge with the scientific name *Monorhaphis chuni* grows almost 10 feet long, forming the largest animal-made silicate structure on Earth, according to a 2012 study. And if that rather specific superlative isn't impressive enough, *M. chuni* can live to be 11,000 years old, one of the oldest creatures on the planet. Scientists have analyzed *M. chuni* skeletons for clues about environmental conditions in the distant past, because — much like tree rings — the structures reveal the chemical signatures



of their surroundings over time. Researchers are now using the data to build models of future climate changes.

Ocean Quahog

The thick shells of ocean quahogs, a type of clam, litter Atlantic beaches from North Carolina to Newfoundland — and beachcombers might not realize they’re stepping on one of Earth’s longest-living species. These edible bivalves (*Arctica islandica*) mature slowly, with their progress shown in growth ridges on their shells. By counting these ridges, scientists from Bangor University in Wales discovered that an ocean quahog they harvested from Icelandic waters in 2006 was 507 years old; they named it “Ming” after the Chinese dynasty that ruled at the time of its birth. Ming subsequently earned a Guinness World Record as the oldest non-colonial animal ever (meaning the creatures live alone and not in colonies, as glass sponges do).

Seychelles Giant Tortoise

He’s big, he’s slow, and he celebrated his 190th birthday in 2022. Jonathan the Seychelles giant tortoise has lived for more than a century at the governor’s residence on St. Helena, a small island in the South Atlantic, along with three other younger tortoises. Seychelles giant tortoises are thought to live well past 100 or even 200 years old, though their ages are difficult to pin down because they usually outlive the people studying them. Jonathan’s age was determined from an 1882 letter mentioning his arrival at St. Helena as a fully grown tortoise, suggesting that he was already at least 50 years old at that point. While Jonathan does hold the Guinness World Record as the oldest known land animal, his veterinarian told *The Washington Post* that fame doesn’t faze him: “While wars, famines, plagues, kings and queens, and even nations have come and gone, he has potted on, totally oblivious to the passage of time.”



Bristlecone Pine

When it comes to longevity, ambulatory animals have nothing on plants. Several species of trees can live for a couple thousand years, but the oldest trees on Earth are Great Basin bristlecone pines (*Pinus longaeva*) — a rare species found only in arid, high elevation areas of California, Nevada, and Utah. Shaped by constant winds into twisted, gnarled silhouettes, bristlecone pines have been shown to survive for at least 4,000 years. In 1964, a geographer sampled a bristlecone pine nicknamed Prometheus and discovered 4,862 growth rings in its trunk before it was cut down, although the conditions in which the tree grew were so harsh it may actually have been about 4,900 years old (many trees typically form around a ring a year). The oldest living specimen is a tree dubbed Methuselah in California’s Inyo National Forest, estimated to be about 5,000 years old. To protect it from human-caused damage, there are no signs marking its location.



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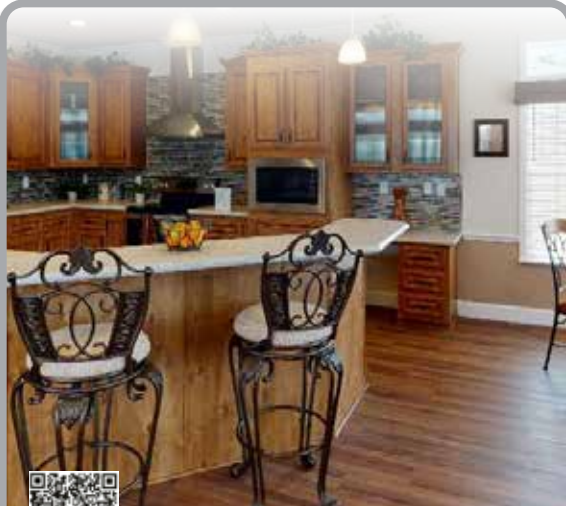
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Caffeine Is A Natural Pesticide.

Source: Interestingfacts.com/fact/caffeine-is-a-natural-pesticide by Michael Nordine

Farmers aren't the only ones with a vested interest in keeping bugs off crops. Plants themselves have a number of defenses against their entomological enemies, including, it turns out, caffeine. The chemical serves as a natural pesticide that "disturb[s] the behavior and growth of numerous insects and their larvae," according to a *New York Times* report on the discovery of caffeine's natural function in 1984. Until then, researchers had been mystified about why plants produce caffeine in the first place, as useful as it is for people.



In tests, caffeine proved effective against mosquitoes, tobacco hornworms, milkweed bugs, mealworms, and other pests; some of these tiny foes became uncoordinated, while others' appetites were suppressed. (Aside from coffee and tea, plants that naturally include caffeine are kola, cacao, guarana, and yerba mate, among others.)

For all that, caffeine has yet to come into commercial use as an insecticide. Aside from a host of logistical issues (including its water solubility), its effectiveness is something of a double-edged sword, as it can seep into the soil of coffee farms to such an extent that it actually harms the plants themselves. As with humans consuming caffeine, moderation is key.

Facts

- There are 120+ species of coffee plants.
- It takes 30-60 minutes for caffeine to reach its peak level in the bloodstream.
- A mature coffee tree can produce 1-2 pounds of roasted coffee.
- 2,000 tea leaves are required to make 1 pound of finished tea.
- The country of Turkey drinks the most tea per capita.
- Caffeine isn't addictive! Though you can certainly become dependent on caffeine, experts don't consider it an addition because the withdrawal effects are minor when compared to those of alcohol and other drugs.

Caffeine Improves Bees' Memory.

When bees pollinate coffee flowers and some other plants, they get a caffeine buzz not unlike the one we receive after drinking a cup of joe. (And it's not just coffee plants that pack the punch here — researchers estimate that as many as 55% of flowering plants may have caffeine-laden nectar.) Studies have shown that bees return to caffeinated nectar more frequently than the decaf kind, which is as good for the plants as it is for the bees. The caffeine seems to improve the bees' memory and may act as a kind of reward for the buzzing creatures, making them more motivated to return to — and, more importantly, pollinate — flowers containing that sweet, sweet stimulant.



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13. The more of me you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
Candy, Foot Steps, Love, Fire.
14. If you drop me, I will crack. Smile at me and I will smile back. What am I?
An egg, A plate, A picture frame, A Mirror
15. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
A candle, A gnome, A river, Time
16. Two days ago, I was 21, and next year I'll be 24. When is my birthday?
Jan 1, Feb 29, Dec 31, March 1
17. What goes up but never comes down?
A rocket, Your age, The sun, A bird
18. I have lakes with no water and mountains with no stone. What am I?
Antarctica, Mars, Desert, A map
19. I have keys but no doors. You can enter, but can't go outside. What am I?
A book, A computer keyboard, A bank, The Bermuda Triangle
20. I'm in December, but not in any other month. I'm not a holiday. What am I?



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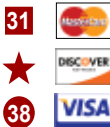
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Bid Euchre	Monday	7:00PM	
Bingo.....	Wed.....	7:00PM	Jan Tremblay.....#26
Chair Exercise.....	Tues. and Thurs.	9:30AM	Brenda Richter.....99
			Peggy Dible
			#164
Euchre	Tuesday.....	7:00PM	Carmel Foster.....#171
Facebook			Susan Collins
			#85
			Peggy Dible
			#164
Poker	Mon. Wed. Fri.....	1:30PM.....	Dave Denny
			#139
“65”	Mon. and Thurs.....	6:30PM.....	Jan Tremblay.....#26
Decorations			Joyce Smith.....#153
			Janice Penney.....#146
Flea Market	Each February.....		Social Activities Committee
Memorials			Evelyn VanDuynes.....#57
Monthly Media Magazine.....	10th of Month		Barbara Roos
			#58
Pickle Ball.....			Scott Oke
			#148
Ping Pong League			Scott Oke
			#148
			Gary Dible
			#164
Shuffleboard	Tues. and Thurs	11:00AM.....	Bill Andrews
			#145
Spring Fling	Each March.....		Social Activities Committee
Trips, Travel.....			Betty Skelly
			#61
Water Aerobics.....		11:00AM.....	Marie Clement
			#58
Website.....			Lois Jensen.....#6
			Barb Roos
			#58

Social Activities Committee - 1st Thursday at 9:30AM. Nov to Apr

Chairman.....	Brenda Richter	# 99
Secretary	Bonnie Lebovic	#76
Treasurer.....	Terry Clement.....	#117
Kitchen Supplies.....	Terry Benham.....	#129
Entertainment.....	Jack Sonneborn	#149



Riddles Answers

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|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 2 | 8. Ton | 15. A candle |
| 2. Incorrectly | 9. David | 16. Dec. 31 |
| 3. Seven | 10. Silence | 17. Your Age |
| 4. The letter ‘M’ | 11. A deck of cards | 18. A map |
| 5. 12 | 12. A sponge | 19. A computer keyboard |
| 6. None | 13. Foot Steps | 20. The letter ‘D’ |
| 7. A towel | 14. A Mirror | |



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