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# Ambulance Fund,

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I am usually down at the clubhouse on Monday mornings at 8:30 until meetings are over. If that is easier for you to catch me and sign up or renew.

The Ambulance Fund is open to all residents for \$2.50 per person per year. Payment qualifies members for 1 emergency transport per person per year. The fund pays the balance of the bill, up to \$75, after Medicare and insurance. Membership period is stated on your card. There are no grace days.

## Editor Notes

You can tell its summer, as things slow down and people are vacationing. How ironic, we have snowbirds that come down here to stay warm and then we have our residents that go up North now to stay cool!



Let me tell you about a man we just met.

He was dating three women and couldn't decide which one to marry, so he gave each of them \$5,000 to see what they would do with it.

The first woman gave herself a full makeover - hair, makeup, new clothes - and told him she wanted to look her best for him because she loved him so much. He was impressed.

The second woman went shopping and bought him gifts - golf clubs, gadgets, and expensive clothes - saying she wanted to spend everything on him because she loved him. He was impressed again.

The third woman invested the money, made a profit, gave him back the \$5,000, and put the rest into savings for their future together. He was very impressed.

He thought long and hard about it...

...and then married the one with the biggest boobs.

Now to be serious. Our thank you this month goes to Jack Lees. Jack has been involved with many activities and functions through the years here. He previously served with the HOA committee. Jack now collects damaged/torn flags for disposal and if there is an activity where cooking or grilling is involved, He is there.

It matters not if it's for breakfast, dinner or cook out, you will find Jack there. It should also be noted that Jack doesn't cook alone. He is part of the three chefs a teers. We must also thank Dave Andrews who is also a superman at cleaning and keeping our new grill in excellent shape (usually coming in on his own extra time) and Ron Griffin. Without these three, breakfasts would be a no go, not to mention the different dinners and cookouts.

So, Thank You to Jack, Dave and Ron.



## Manager's Moment

Carol Alvey



**W**ATER. WATER EVERYWHERE???? We wish. As you know, water restrictions started in March, but on April 3rd it was modified to be more extensive. The following paragraph is what I received:

“Severe drought conditions and declining water supplies have led the Southwest Florida Water Management District to issue a Modified Phase III “EXTREME” Water Shortage Order. This elevated restriction level emphasizes the urgent need to take immediate action to conserve water.

Additional restrictions that affect Bay Ranch residents are:

- a. Car washing once a week, on your watering day ONLY; and you must use a hose with a nozzle.
- b. Ornamental fountains are limited to four hours a day
- c. You can hose down your carport AS NEEDED, not daily.
- d. Power washing of your mobile is allowed for now.
- e. All water leaks, interior and exterior, must be fixed immediately.
- f. Hand watering is allowed, but only before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

Outdoor water use accounts for more than 50% of water consumed by households, so it is very important to follow the rules. The fine is \$193 for a first-time offender. (After April 17th there will be no warning, the first time fine is mandatory.)

Even if we start getting some of the rain that seems to go around us, it will take weeks, if not months, for the water levels to rise enough to lift restrictions. I will keep you posted, but you can also visit [Pinellas.gov/watering-schedule-and-rules](http://Pinellas.gov/watering-schedule-and-rules) for complete details.

Bay Ranch's watering window is Thursday, 12:01 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. or 8 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. You can only use 1 of these time slots, not both. Common sense should tell you that extremely dry conditions bring fire hazards. Remember no burning of trash or fires are allowed.

## JUST SAYIN'

Jeanne Hunter



**I** tried to give blood last week. Never again!! Way too many questions...”Where did you get it, whose blood is it, why is it in a bucket?”

My sabbatical is over. I've been through chemotherapy. I've been through radiation. I didn't like either, but it still beats the alternative. Now it's time to get back to writing something. Here we go!

My hair is starting to grow back, looks and feels like peach fuzz right now. I have to be careful at Publix. I use an electric scooter when I shop there. That means I'm at counter height in the produce aisle. This is a problem...last week two people squeezed my head to check for ripeness. I have to avoid that aisle until my hair gets longer. It's going to take a while for

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my muscle tone and energy to return to where it was before the treatment. I calculate about twelve years (if I exercise daily). Had a follow up appointment with my oncologist. She said everything looked good and told me to stop eating fatty. I said, “You mean like potato chips and sweets?” She said, “No. Stop eating, Fatty!”

### **Cat Tales:**

Pip has left the building, but I'm sure he would want me to talk cat stuff in his memory.

How to take a cat to the vet, a journey neither of you will recover from...

- Step 1. Feel organized, feel responsible, feel like a good pet owner. This feeling will not last.
- Step 2. Find the cat carrier. It has been hidden for a reason. You bring it out. The cat sees it immediately...from another room...through walls...through time.
- Step 3. Act normal. Place the carrier casually on the floor like it is just furniture. You are not convincing. The cat is long gone.
- Step 4. Search the house. Call the cat's name. Shake treats and check the usual spots. The cat has entered a different dimension.
- Step 5. Finally locate the cat under the bed, behind something and flat against the floor like a furry pancake. Reach in and the cat goes further back.
- Step 6. Drag the cat out gently, or not gently, but somewhere in between. You now have the cat...the cat does not agree.
- Step 7. Approach the carrier. The cat becomes liquid, spine disappears, limbs extend and natural physics no longer apply.
- Step 8. Attempt to insert the cat in carrier. The head goes in, but the body says no. The cat grips the sides like a rock climber and you are now wrestling a bag of knives.
- Step 9. You push and the cat pushes back. For a moment there is a standoff and nobody is winning. Suddenly, it's chaos.
- Step 10. The cat escapes and disappears again. Carrier sits and mocks you.
- Step 11. Second attempt, try the rear end first. No eye contact. Success, slam the door shut. Victory is temporary.
- Step 12. The cat begins screaming. This is not meowing, it's screaming, like a furry little siren.
- Step 13. Carrier cat to the car while the screaming continues. Whisper apologies, none of which the cat accepts.
- Step 14. Place carrier in car and start the engine. Cat gets louder even though that didn't seem possible.
- Step 15. Drive to vet while the cat narrates the entire journey. Every turn, every stop, every betrayal. You consider turning back.
- Step 16. Arrive at vet and your cat is suddenly silent, too silent. You look in the carrier and your cat is staring at you, memorizing your face.
- Step 17. Sit in waiting room. Dogs are quiet. Other cats are silent. Your cat screams. Everyone looks at you and you avoid eye contact.
- Step 18. Vet calls your name. You stand and lift the carrier which feels heavier, like it contains consequences.

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Last step. You return home, open the carrier and the cat walks out slowly. You think maybe it's over. This is not over.....

Stay tuned. Next month we'll learn how to give the medicine the vet prescribed.

Got a part time job last week, but they fired me because I asked customers if they wanted smoking or non-smoking. Apparently, the funeral home prefers the terms burial and cremation.

### **Serious Stuff:**

I got another card in the mail from Representative Anna Paulina Luna. She is once again reminding us that a big part of her job is helping her constituency deal with federal agencies. Her staff will be available to help in person at the following locations: June 3, Tarpon Springs Library, 10 AM-4 PM and June 24, Belleair Beach Community Center, 10 AM-4 PM. They had one at Largo Public Library, but the date will be passed by the time this is printed. You can also call (727) 610-3980 or go online at [luna.house.gov](http://luna.house.gov) with questions. I am very impressed that she is reaching out to us with this information.

### **Not Serious Stuff:**

An Irishman, an Italian and a redneck walk into a bar. The elderly Irishman slowly walked up to the bar and ordered an Irish whiskey. He sat down at the bar and saw Jesus sitting alone at the end. He said to the bartender, "Is that Christ down there.?" The bartender said yes. So the Irishman said, "Well, get Him your finest Irish whiskey on me."

Next a hunchback Italian man ambled his way to the bar and ordered a Chianti. He saw Jesus and said to the bartender, "Is that the Lord down there.?" The bartender said yes. So the Italian man said, "Get Him your finest Chianti on me."

A redneck sauntered in and sat down. He ordered a beer and saw Jesus. "Holy cow," he said, "Is that Jesus.?" The bartender said yes. So, the redneck said, "Well, get Him a nice cold beer on me."

Jesus finished his drinks and walked over to the Irishman. He touched the Irishman's legs and said, "For your kindness, you are healed." The Irishman hopped up and danced the jig out the door. Next, he placed his hand on the Italian's back and said, "For your kindness, you are healed." The Italian's back straightened up and he stood tall for the first time in his life. He then walked out of the bar proudly. Jesus approached the redneck, but before He could touch him, the redneck jumped up and said, "Don't touch me. I'm on disability."

Till next month, enjoy life and keep laughing. Just sayin'



# Flag Day

## History and Facts

Popular history holds that Flag Day became a nationally recognized holiday in 1916. However, the story of Flag Day started much earlier and includes one of the most unlikely cast of characters to step onto the national stage.



According to tradition, the city of Hartford, Conn. began this patriotic custom on June 14, 1861, after native son Victor Morris urged his community to celebrate the 84th anniversary of the adoption of the American flag with a special day of remembrance.

Public support for Flag Day picked up steam in 1885, when B.J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher from Fredonia, Wis., mobilized his students to celebrate “Flag Birthday” on June 14. Cigrand later championed for establishing a national flag holiday when he became editor-in-chief of American Standard magazine.

George Balch, a kindergarten teacher from New York City, brought Flag Day to the children of his school in 1889. Interest in this event became so popular that the State Board of Education of New York soon adopted its variation of Flag Day.

Across the state border, Colonel J. Granville Leach, a noted historian for the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, worked diligently to establish a similar Flag Day event in Philadelphia. On June 14, 1893, school children assembled at Independence Square, where they honored the Stars and Stripes by waving small flags and singing patriotic songs.

Not to be outdone, the American Flag Day Association organized the first general public school celebration of Flag Day in Chicago, Ill. More than 300,00 students participated in this event on June 14, 1894.

It was when Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane delivered a stirring Flag Day speech in 1914 that the nation began to recognize the significance of this event. “I am what you make me; nothing more,” said Lane. “I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself.”

All these efforts finally paid off in 1916 when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing June 14 as Flag Day. In 1937, Pennsylvania became the first state to make Flag Day a legal holiday.

President Harry Truman later signed an Act of Congress in 1949, officially designating June 14 as National Flag Day.

Across the country, numerous cities and towns have made Flag Day an annual patriotic celebration, replete with parades, picnics, essay contests and fireworks. Fairfield, Wash., Appleton, Wis. and Quincy, Mass. each lay claim for the nation’s longest-running Flag Day parade while Three Oaks, Mich. maintains that it has the largest Flag Day parade in the country.

With a surge of patriotism and a steady increase in flag sales, Flag Day should continue to be a highly revered American holiday for a long time to come.

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## 10 interesting facts about the American Flag:



**T**here have been 27 versions of the American Flag.

From the 1777 original that had 13 stars and 13 stripes for the American colonies, there have been many changes and iterations of the flag. Each time a state was added to the union, a star was added. We, of course, now stand with 50 stars and 13 stripes.

**The Flag can be displayed for all 24 hours.**

While it is Federal law that the flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset (unless there's inclement weather), there are measures that can be taken to show the flag for all 24 hours. All that needs to be added is proper illumination of the flag so it can be seen in the dark.

**The colors were chosen carefully.**

The Red, White and Blue did not just happen by accident. The founding fathers wanted the colors to have meaning, not just look visually pleasing. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

**The current design wasn't professionally made.**

Rather, it was then 17-year-old high school student, Robert G. Heft, of Lancaster, Ohio who submitted the design in a contest in 1958. It was chosen out of over 1,500 submissions by President Dwight Eisenhower.

**The current Flag is the only one to have lasted more than 50 years.**

As stated above, there have been many changes to the design of the American Flag. But the one we currently observe is the longest running iteration of the symbol, likely because no states have been added to the union since 1959.

**A snippet of the Flag the Star-Spangled Banner was written about was sold in 2011.**

The flag that flew at Ft. McHenry, immortalized by Francis Scott Key, is still around. A 2" x 5" swatch of it was sold at an auction in 2011 for a whopping \$38,000. The rest of the flag is on display at Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

**The Flag has a National Day of Recognition.**

Flag Day, which celebrates the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777, was established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916 after years of local celebrations.

**Flags should be disposed of in a "dignified manner."**

If an American Flag is damaged beyond repair and you need to dispose of it, you can burn it with dignity. Many municipalities around the country conduct flag burnings on Memorial Day or the Fourth of July where you can participate.

**The Flag can touch the ground and still be used.**

There is a myth that once a flag touches the ground it needs to be burned or disposed of. That's not entirely true. If a flag is soiled or touches the ground, it can be washed and dry cleaned and continue to be used.

**Six American Flags have made it to the moon.**

You have probably seen Neil Armstrong on the moon with an American Flag, but he is not the only one to plant one on the surface of the moon. Five additional Apollo missions, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17, ended with an astronaut placing a flag on the moon.



## Did You Know?

If you have a torn or damaged Flag, you can drop it off at Coach Lot 134. Jack Lees has a can at the end of his driveway where you can place your flag. Jack takes them to the Elks. The Elks then do a proper disposal when they have a full collection. They then burn them appropriately as required for proper disposal.



## Resident Club News

Game schedule for the Summer: All games will be held on Wednesday nights, starting at 6:30. The first and third Wednesday will be card Bingo. The 2nd Wednesday of the month will be Buffalo Bingo, and the fourth Wednesday of the month will be Nertz.



The Breakfast will be Saturday the 13th starting at 8:30 until we run out of everything.

In honor of Father's Day, we will once again be serving bacon. So come early and enjoy all the breakfast you can eat for only \$8.00.

On June 20th, we will be serving a Pasta Night Dinner. Tentative dishes are: Mexican Lasagna, regular Lasagna, 3 Cheese Ziti and Chicken Alfredo. These are subject to change after this printing. Salad, rolls or bread, dessert and coffee are also included, If you would like wine or any other beverage it is BYOB. Happy Half hour is 5:30 and serving will start at 6. Tickets will be available prior for \$10.00. If you don't have a chance to purchase prior, please sign up, so we can have a rough count, to make sure we have enough for everyone.

Karaoke is also back with DJ Tom at the helm. June date has not been set as of this printing, so keep watch for the signs by the back gate and by the dumpsters.

Meetings on Monday more will be scaled back for the summer. Officer Bowland usually is here on the 2nd Monday of the month, so we most likely will be having one then. Keep watching on Neighbors site for more info.

## Organizations & Clubs

### Ash Emperors

The Ash Emperors are meeting every Saturday at 1PM at Cozy Cigar, which is located on West Bay in Largo. If interested or have questions, please call Adam Pirhofer at 623-7808 or Dave Andrews at 727-542-6917.

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## Bingo

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**W**e start selling at 5pm. We stop selling at 6pm and Bingo starts at 6:30. We need more people to come, so we can continue to play through the summer. So come on down for a night of fun, and who knows, you might even win. Please no large bills.

## Buffalo Bingo

**B**uffalo Bingo is a form of Bingo, but played with a set of dice, a game card and pen-nies. It will usually be held on the second Wednesday of the month for the summer months at 6:30. All are welcome. All you need is you and about 50 pennies, we have the cards all ready for you. (We can make change if you are short pennies).

## Canasta

**W**e will meet every Tuesday at 1:00. Looking for more players. We will be glad to teach you.

## Card Bingo

**C**ard bingo is changing to be held on the first and third Wednesdays, for the summer season. Calling starts at 6:30  
This is Bingo where every 4-some (and sometimes 3-somes) deals out a full deck of cards, then discards the card as the caller calls it. Whoever runs out of cards first wins the pot of 1 quarter for each player.



## Coffee Klutch

**H**eld at the clubhouse every Monday just before the Residents Club meeting. So, plan on coming down, have a cup of Joe, a donut, and a great visit with your fellow Ranch-ers.



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## CORN HOLE

*Bob Hertensteiner*



**C**ornhole is back playing on Tuesday nights. Playing starts at 6:30. But please be there to sign up by 6:15.

## CRAFTS

**B**everly Grey  
On break for the summer.



## Euchre

**E**uchre is also taking a break until fall.



## Fitness For Life

*Patty-Schlagel Adair*

**B**ack in the pool! Starting June 2nd, we will start water aerobics. I have float tubes. Bring water weights or empty water bottles or gallon jugs that work well for weights. Come have fun and work out too. We meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 9AM.



## HOA

## Hoss Collar

**H**oss collar is now on break until fall.

## Karaoke

**K**araoke is back, watch for the date in June.





## Koffee Klatch

Come join us at 8:30-9 for coffee and doughnuts or muffins or whatever we can find. Join in the conversation and meet some of your fellow Ranchers.



## Ladies Having Fun

*Cindy Ann Douglas 260-715-0646*

Ladies meet for lunch and friendship. Mark the date for the last Friday of the month. Cindy enjoys handing out prizes and don't forget your dollars for 50/50 as it helps to pay for the Christmas party. Cindy will post a signup sheet for the outing as soon as she makes the reservations.



## Library

*Bonnie Bach, Coach 1051*

Books in the library are donated by Bay Ranchers. Come on in and borrow a book or drop off the ones you have read. Please put books in the tote and we will put them back on the shelf. Looking for any large print books. Sorry. No magazines please.



## Nertz

Nertz (or Pounce) is a fast-paced, multi-player solitaire game for 2-12 players that combines speed and strategy. Each player uses their own standard 52-card deck to compete simultaneously, trying to empty their 13-card "Nertz pile" by playing cards into shared, ascending foundation piles (A-K) in the center. Night. Hopefully we will have enough decks for everyone to play, but feel free to bring one of your own if you choose. We currently are scheduling for the last Wednesday at 6:30.



## Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard is going to be revamped into shuffle fun. WE ARE NOW MEETING Mondays 1:00pm to practice and learn. Anyone who wants to play can come and join in and we will divide into teams and play each other here. Don't know how to play and want to learn? Contact Patty Harwood Coach 1395 240-505-5893.





## Residents' Club.

**M**eetings start at 9am right after Koffee Klatch. Want to stay informed and help plan events?? Then join us every Monday. Hope to see you there.

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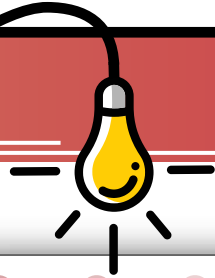
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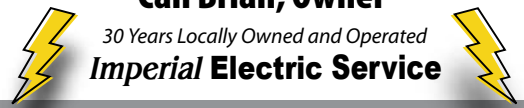
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# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1342, 550-7377*



**L**et Cindy know if there are any corrections or Birthday/Anniversary we miss.

## **Birthdays:**

- 2. Robert Sterry
- 4. Wayne Redshaw
- 9. Jack Lees
- 10. Frances Moore
- 11 Jean Harrington
- 13 Marjorie Stockwell
- 16 Ruth Moore
- 18 Therese Leon
- 22 Richard Yaskolka
- 24 Louise Parker
- 25 Gloria Finch
- 26 Patricia Holden



## **June Anniversaries**

- 9. Roger & Debbie Heil



## **When did Father's Day originally start?**

**J**une 19, 1910

The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States.

In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring that the third Sunday of June 1966 to be recognized as Father's Day. It would take six more years before President Richard Nixon established Father's Day as a permanent national holiday to be observed on the third Sunday of June every year.



## Classic Dad Jokes



**W**hen does a joke become a "dad joke" When it becomes apparent

What do you call a dad that falls through the ice? A pop-sicle.

Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything

Anti-gravity book? It's impossible to put down

Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field.

"Dad, did you get a haircut?" "No, I got them all cut!"

"My wife is really mad at the fact that I have no sense of direction. So, I packed up my stuff and right!"

"How do you get a squirrel to like you? Act like a nut."

"Why don't eggs tell jokes? They'd crack each other up."

"I don't trust stairs. They're always up to something."

"What do you call someone with no body and no nose? Nobody knows."

"Did you hear the rumor about butter? Well, I'm not going to spread it!"

"Why couldn't the bicycle stand up by itself? It was two tired."

"Dad, can you put my shoes on?" "No, I don't think they'll fit me."

"Why can't a nose be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot."

"This graveyard looks overcrowded. People must be dying to get in."

"Dad, can you put the cat out?" "I didn't know it was on fire."

How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it.

"I could tell a joke about pizza, but it's a little cheesy."

"Don't trust atoms. They make up everything!"

"When does a joke become a dad joke? When it becomes apparent."

"I wouldn't buy anything with Velcro. It's a total rip-off."

"What's an astronaut's favorite part of a computer? The space bar."

To whoever stole my copy of Microsoft Office, I will find you. You have my Word.

I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I was tripping all day!

If a child refuses to sleep during nap time, are they guilty of resisting a rest?

"I'll call you later." Don't call me later, call me Dad."

## Advice for People in Their 70's

(I hope there's more than me!)

1. Walk a little every day to protect balance.
2. Stretch gently each morning to reduce stiffness
3. Eat small, light meals for easier digestion.
4. Increase protein to slow muscle loss
5. Drink water on schedule. Not by thirst.



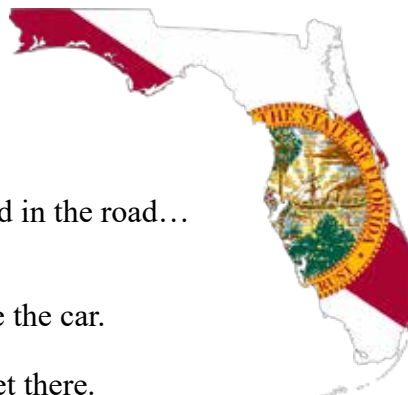


6. Strengthen legs and grip to prevent falls.
7. Choose calm environments, overstimulation drains fast/
8. Avoid long sitting to improv circulation.
9. Get morning sunlight for mood and sleep.
10. Keep evenings quiet to help recovery.
11. Do regular check-ups to catch silent issues.
12. Rest when your body asks, not later.
13. Move every hour, even briefly.
14. Protect sleep, quality matters more than hours.
15. Stay socially connected to protect mental health.
16. Practice gentle breathing to reduce stress.
17. Prioritize comfort and stability over speed.
18. Keep simple routines you can follow daily.
19. Keep your mind active with reading or hobbies.
20. Don't ignore dizziness, swelling, or sudden fatigue.



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 And that one driver?  
 Yeah... they're going 90 like it's a suggestion.  
 Rain hits out of nowhere.  
 Sun comes back like nothing happened.  
 And somehow there's always something unexpected in the road...  
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 And somebody is always driving like they just stole the car.  
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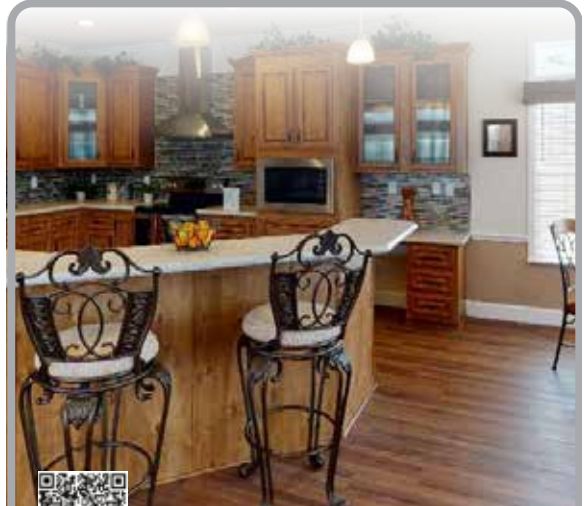
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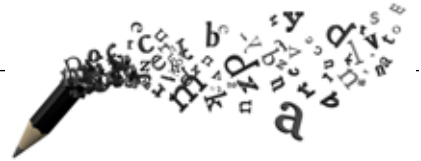
"Freeze a jolly good fellow..."

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You didn't really believe I knew anything about penguins, did you?

## Woman's Poem

**B**efore I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray for a man who's not a creep.  
One who's handsome, smart and  
Strong, one who loves to listen long  
One who thinks before he speaks,  
One who calls, not wait for weeks.  
Oh, send me a king to make me a queen,  
A man who loves to cook and clean.



## Man's Poem

**I** pray for a deaf-mute gymnast nymphomaniac  
With big boobs, who owns a bar on a  
golf course, and loves to send me  
out to go fishing and drinking.  
This doesn't rhyme  
And I don't give a darn!





## A Couple of Funnies

*Every teenager thinks they've found the perfect argument... until Dad has the final word.*

A teenage boy had just earned his learner's permit and asked his father if they could talk about him using the family car. His dad said, "Alright, we'll make a deal. Bring your grades up from a C average to a B, spend some time studying your Bible, and get that hair cut — then we'll talk about the car."

The boy agreed.

About six weeks later they sat down again. His father said, "Son, I'm really proud of you. Your grades are up, and I've noticed you've been reading your Bible a lot more."

Then he added, "But I'm disappointed you still haven't cut your hair."

The teenager thought for a moment and replied,

"Well Dad, while studying the Bible I noticed something... Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair... and many people believe Jesus had long hair too."

His father smiled and said,

"That may be true... but did you also notice they walked everywhere they went?"

You won't believe why this cowboy always ordered two beers..."

A cowboy who had recently moved to Wyoming walked into a small town bar one evening and ordered three beers.

The bartender placed them on the counter, but instead of drinking there, the cowboy carried all three mugs to a table in the corner.

He took a sip from the first one...

then the second...

then the third.

Back and forth he went until all three were empty.

After that, he returned to the bar and ordered three more.

This went on for several nights.

Finally, the bartender couldn't help but ask.

"Friend, you know your beer would stay colder and fresher if you just ordered them one at a time."

The cowboy smiled and nodded.

"I know. But there's a reason."

He leaned on the bar and explained.

"I've got two brothers. One lives in Idaho and the other in Nebraska. Years ago, when we all left home, we made a little tradition."

"Whenever one of us goes for a drink, we order three beers. One for each brother... so it feels like we're still sitting together."

The bartender thought that was a pretty special story.

From then on, the cowboy became a familiar face.



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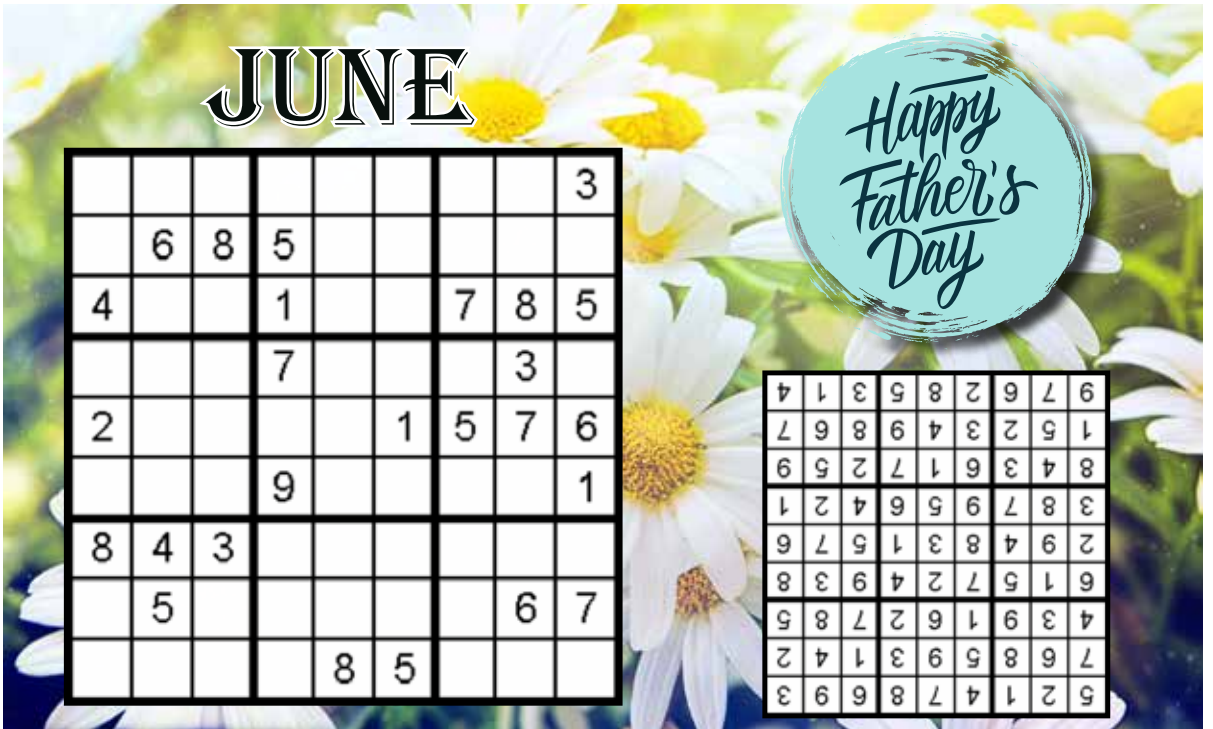
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And every night... he ordered three beers.  
 Always three.  
 But one evening he walked in and quietly ordered two beers instead.  
 The bartender noticed right away.  
 The whole bar did.  
 When the cowboy came up for another round, the bartender gently said,  
 "Hey... I just want to say I'm sorry."  
 The cowboy looked confused.  
 "Sorry for what?"  
 "Well," the bartender said carefully, "you always order three beers."  
 The cowboy suddenly started laughing.  
 "Oh, no worries! My brothers are both alive and doing just fine."  
 Then he grinned and said,  
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## ACROSS

1. Bother
5. Start
10. Not us
14. Decorative case
15. Sporting venue
16. Part portrayed
17. Passing from place to place
19. Celtic language
20. Mesh
21. Metric unit of length
22. Beginning
23. Vibrating effect
25. Avoid
27. Hog's home
28. Cow milkers
31. Master of ceremonies
34. Not solids nor liquids
35. Anger
36. Nonclerical
37. Reveals
38. Make a sweater
39. 54 in Roman numerals
40. Satisfies
41. Chomps
42. Slandered
44. Encountered
45. Reluctant
46. In a constricted manner
50. Decree
52. Drama set to classical music
54. Hasten
55. Fluid escape
56. Warranties
58. Ruination
59. Utilizing
60. Desire
61. Formerly (archaic)
62. On edge
63. Stinging insects

## DOWN

1. False move
2. Absolute
3. Hotel apartment
4. Transgression
5. Scarcely
6. Muse of poetry
7. Heredity unit
8. Becomes larger
9. No
10. Voguish
11. Wild bergamot
12. Otherwise
13. Encounter
18. Overact
22. Paddles
24. Milliseconds
26. Contends
28. Took a chance
29. One of the Great Lakes
30. Trawling equipment
31. L L L L
32. Cripple
33. Non-military people
34. Castle entrance
37. Thai currency
38. Friends and acquaintances
40. "Go away!"
41. Started
43. Missile
44. Illusion
46. Sea swallows
47. Thither
48. Feudal lord
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53. Hurt
56. Destroy the interior of
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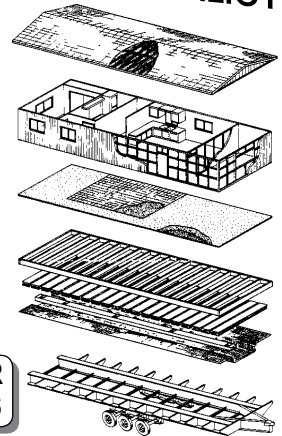
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