

# Neighborhood Newsletter

Almost Spring

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# Neighbors

**JoanMarie Powers’** son, Jeffrey, was recently named Seattle’s Cascade Bicycle Club’s 2022 Volunteer of the Year.

A devoted member of the group, Jeff leads 30-40 Free Group Rides annually, chairs the Rides Committee, assists with the Cascade Training Series, and happily pitches in wherever needed.

Jeff has been riding since childhood, pedaling to school and college and from his home to work. Later as a naval officer, Jeff says “I had to move every few years, and using a bicycle was a great way for me to explore my new location. I’ve learned so much about Seattle from bicycling.”

In addition to biking in many parts of the world, Jeff’s lifelong love of adventure has led to a remarkable variety of experiences. As a naval officer, he was part of a small team that descended to the bottom of the ocean to explore the remains of the Titanic and also to the North Pole to conduct scientific experiments.

Since retiring from the Navy, Jeff’s bicycling and challenges continue. To read more, and see more pictures, follow the link below for the Cascade article:

<https://cascade.org/blog/2022/01/titanic-explorer-submarine-commander-croissant-lover-jeff-powers-lives-ride-and>



Above—A Big Pile—**Donnie Thompson** seen at the end of the line for VOLC snow...

Photo by **Bob Greenblatt**

At left—Some people just can’t resist! **Sue Getty** shoveled her own driveway during the Nor-easter of January 2022.

Photo by **Steve Brubaker**



At right—**Sam Ferrara** with instrument

Below—Sam, at left, front row

News from Sam about his Newark Oompah Band—

“Our 18 piece Newark Senior Center Oompah Band is now celebrating it's 15th year as an ‘out-reach’ musical group of the Center. The band is composed of semi-professional level senior volunteer musicians -- who donate their time and talents to the communities of DE, PA, and MD. All have many years of playing experience and are also members of other fine bands in the area.

We have just recently constructed a very nice Newark Oompah Band WEB SITE -- which gives all information about our band -- great PHOTOS, 30 sec examples of the types of tunes we play ( Oktoberfest tunes, Oldies, and Patriotic tunes), and the places where we have held our performances.

We mainly do 2 types of concerts : (1) We play happy Oktoberfest tunes along with American "Oldies".

(2) We also play ‘all patriotic’ music concerts -- for events such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, or any other event to honor and remember our veterans.

Please click on the hyperlink below to visit our new web site:”

[newarkoompahband.org](http://newarkoompahband.org)



(Neighbors cont.)

Below—Linda Middleton, with husband George, is shown at a family event with just some of Linda’s cousins.



Above—Wanda Search, at right in blue, enjoyed time with her sisters and brother at the celebration of his birthday.



Gigi, Patti Abernethy’s cat, ventured out of hiding long enough for a photo by his sitter.



Jean Skelly’s grandson, Kyle, continued his and his school’s winning ways over the weekend, as part of the free-style relay at the state championship swim meet. Kyle’s school, Salesianum, won their 6th consecutive DIAA Boys Swimming and Diving Championship at the University of Delaware’s Rastrum Natatorium. Jean said the family missed Grandpop Tom, but know he must be exceedingly proud and was likely cheering Kyle on with support and love to swim what was his personal best.

Above—Kyle, in center, holding trophy, with other school juniors  
At left—Their 6th win!



(Neighbors cont.)

At right –Cheers!

**Nancy Weldin**, shown in center, managed to escape to her Florida home before the late January snowstorm. She and friends toasted her return to a sunnier clime! Nancy did report, though, that it was pretty chilly there as well!



**Below—JoanMarie Powers** and son, Jeff, recently visited son, John, in Virginia, and the threesome toured the 25-acre Point of View Alpaca Farm in Mt. Sydney. They fed the animals and admired the view.

Located in the Shenandoah Valley, the farm affords stunning views of the Allegheny and Blue Ridge Mountains.



JoanMarie marveled at the softness and thickness of the alpaca fur. Her sons—and friends—marveled that she fed them out of her hand!



(Neighbors cont.)

# The View from My Window—Winter Version



*From Joan Dreibelbis*



*What do you see  
From Your window?*



*Above—From Maria Tricarico*

*Left—From Sharon Dickol*

*Dorian watching the birds at the feeder...*



*From Cheryl Werner*



*From Cheryl Dean*

(Neighbors cont.)



# From My Window—Remote Version



Below—**Patti Abernethy** recently spent time in WA to help her brother after serious surgery. She shot this photo of her brother’s dog, Rockette. She says the frost you see on the grass lasts for hours and the sun doesn’t break through until noon or so to melt it. But, “when the sun is out, the mountains are gorgeous!”



Above—**Sharon Dickol Sharon** snapped this picture one morning at an RV campground in North Carolina.

She found the ride home in her and **Bob’s** new RV quite relaxing, while heading north on I-95.



The Christiana Drama Guild is pleased to announce this Spring’s Musical:

## Roald Dahl’s Matilda, the Musical!

Friday—March 3rd and 4th at 7 PM

Saturday—March 5th at 1 PM and 7 PM

Christiana HS, 190 Salem Church Rd, Newark

Tickets at door:

Adults—\$10

Children, Seniors—\$8



**Cheryl Dean** sent along this information—

“I thought our neighbors or their grandchildren might be interested in attending the musical **Matilda** that Christiana High School is putting on this Friday and Saturday.

Our Grandson, Brandon Leonhard, is playing the part of Matilda’s father, and he is also singing a solo.

**John** and I are very proud of Brandon for many things, including his musical abilities. He plays the drums, steel drums, saxophone and the piano. He has starting writing his own songs and he can also play the piano by ear. He is an amazing young man!”

# Upcoming Birthdays!

## March

Ray Whiteoak	8th
Bob Dickol	10th
Steve Brubaker	20th
Stephano Medio	21st
Monica Chan	23rd
Charlie Pinchot	24th
Linda Smallbrook	28th
Donnie Thompson	28th



## April

Bob Leaming	6th	Paul Wellborn	17th
Patti Abernethy	7th	Don Hobson	18th
Ray Search	9th	Sonja Lemanski	18th
Marilyn Abrams	9th	MT Lednum	24th
Pam Smith	9th	Carol Thompson	26th
Carolyn Aresu	10th	Barbara Lawrence	27th
Linda Trach	15th	Bonnie Anderson	28th
Joan Rowland	16th	Steve Rapp	29th

# Committee News

**Communications**—Pertinent information from the Board and other committees continues to be sent in weekly Monday updates by Committee Chair, Sharon Dickol. Be sure to watch for them in your email inbox, marked as from “VOLC Communications Committee.”

## **Not Getting these Weekly VOLC Email Updates?**

We have learned that not all residents are getting the weekly emails sent every Monday morning. This may be occurring because these emails are being directed to your Promotions or Spam folder, especially if you have a Gmail address. If you haven't received these emails, please check the folders just mentioned. If you aren't sure how, you can contact Sharon Dickol at 302-362-9057 or [volcde@gmail.com](mailto:volcde@gmail.com).

## **Clubhouse**

### **VOLC Clubhouse COVID-19 Policy Update**

Effective February 11, 2022

The following guidance is designed for all meetings and events in the clubhouse.

The universal mandate for indoor masks in public spaces was lifted, effective February 11, 2022. However, the CDC continues to encourage indoor mask use for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status.

**Premise:** The VOLC includes residents in various states of health, including those that may be immunocompromised due to treatments for illness or other issues.

**Therefore:**

- ◆ **Unvaccinated** individuals are **required to wear masks** when attending events inside the Clubhouse.
- ◆ All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, are **encouraged** to wear masks at Clubhouse events.
- ◆ Individuals should maintain at least **3 feet** from others **not in your household**.
- ◆ At this time, the serving of food and beverages is discouraged.
- ◆ If food and beverages are served, individual packaging is encouraged whenever possible.
- ◆ When food and beverages are being served, attendees must **not share** food from their plates or the utensils they use to eat.
- ◆ The Clubhouse is equipped with **hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, and sanitizing spray**. Clean all surfaces after each gathering.

Note that Community Board Meetings will continue to be held virtually using Zoom, until further notice.

**To protect our residents, this policy will be updated should pandemic conditions and CDC/Delaware state government guidance change.**

**Activities Sub-Committee**—Based on state and CDC guidelines, limited small-group activities have been resumed. Watch for more events to come!

## Clubhouse Committee cont.

### **Culmination of campaign for a Clubhouse Patio Covering**

The three week period of community voting on whether or not to build a clubhouse patio roof ended on February 23. The votes were counted by Dino Peronti of IPS Management and Linda Trach, Lead Vote Monitor, in a 5 PM Zoom session from the clubhouse, with several residents in attendance.

Others observed the count from home. Ninety one of ninety eight households voted, and there were 71 YES votes (exceeding the number of 65 needed for passage) and 12 No votes. The proposal was therefore passed.

The Clubhouse Committee Chairs, Maria Tricarico and Cheryl Werner, would like to thank the Voting Monitors, Barb Doto, Carol Thompson, and Linda Trach, who graciously and conscientiously accepted the ballots and coordinated the house checkoff, making sure that only one vote per household was submitted. Sincere thanks also go to Dino and to all who voted!

They'd also like to thank the Patio Subcommittee, Christine Killian, Steve Brubaker, Bob Dickol, Ray Whiteoak and Loretta Dougherty, who will now oversee the design, planning, and construction of the pavilion, with oversight by the Board and New Castle County. Our talented and experienced Subcommittee has over 100 years of combined engineering and project managing experience. How fortunate we are to be able to tap into such talent and to have neighbors so willing to help!

### **Puzzles?—**



Looking for the collection of donated puzzles stored in the clubhouse? They have a new home in the form of a file cabinet in the meeting room.

Unfortunately, lots of handling, wide circulation, and the recent move caused several pieces to be lost from the boxes. At Barb Doto's excellent suggestion, all of the boxes were opened and pieces placed in ziplock plastic bags. It would be helpful if they could be returned in the bags and if you could add a bag if you find one missing. In the meantime, loose pieces have

been placed in a plastic bag on the upper shelf. If you are looking for that one last piece, you may find it there.

Puzzles, like books, are for any resident to borrow, without checkout or due date.



(committee news cont.)

## New VOLC Committee Forming - a Subcommittee of the Governing Documents Committee (GDC), focused on the Maintenance Declaration of Restrictions (MDRs)

### From Linda Trach

As you know, the VOLC is a deed-restricted community. Those deed restrictions, or MDRs, are part of our Governing Documents. For those of you who lived here back in 2015 through 2017, you might remember we went through a process where we did an initial rewrite of the 'Red Books' of Governing Documents, the books we had all received from Benchmark Builders. The rewrites were placed in new notebooks, the NON-Red Books.

The governing documents include things like our Certificate of Incorporation, our By-laws, and MDRs. This new sub-committee will be focused on MDRs only, specifically on additions/revisions to Tabs 3 and 4 in our governing documents notebook/pdf file\*. Tabs 3 and 4 tell us what we can and can't do with our homes at the VOLC, on issues such as their exterior appearance and the use of our property. There is also a list of practical guidelines which give specific examples and further elaboration on all of the above.

Our first step, after our team meets and nails down a process, is to seek the Voice of the Community (VOC). We can do that in a number of ways, so please stay tuned so you can give input to what might be added or changing under those Tabs. **Please note that nothing** will be changed without 1) initial input or requests from residents, and 2) a vote by all of us in the community.

Look for upcoming meetings (in face, Zoom or both) - and potentially surveys - to share your voice with us!

\*If anyone has not received the governing documents notebook, we found two leftover copies in the clubhouse. Please let Linda Trach know if you'd like one.

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### Jean Skelly's Bear



Bear Skelly continues a life of adventure—meeting Sue Bifano’s automated kitty, Bob, and attending an activities committee event in the clubhouse—with a friend...



(Neighbors cont.)



Thanks to **Bob Greenblatt** for sending this along.

**Is a credit freeze or fraud alert right for you?**

by Seena Gressin  
Attorney, Division of Consumer and Business Education

During Identity Theft Awareness Week 2022, we’ve talked about reducing your risk of identity theft. Credit freezes and fraud alerts can help. Both are free and make it harder for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. One may be right for you.

**Credit freezes**

A [credit freeze](#) is the best way you can protect against an identity thief opening new accounts in your name. When in place, it prevents potential creditors from accessing your [credit report](#). Because creditors usually won’t give you credit if they can’t check your credit report, placing a freeze helps you block identity thieves who might be trying to open accounts in your name.

A freeze also can be helpful if you’ve experienced identity theft or had your information exposed in a data breach. And don’t let the “freeze” part worry you. A credit freeze won’t affect your credit score or your ability to use your existing credit cards, apply for a job, rent an apartment, or buy insurance. If you need to apply for new credit, you can lift the freeze temporarily to let the creditor check your credit. Placing and lifting the freeze is free, but you must contact the national credit bureaus to lift it and put it back in place.

Place a credit freeze by contacting each of the three national credit bureaus, [Equifax](#), [Experian](#), and [TransUnion](#). A freeze lasts until you remove it.

**Fraud alerts**

A [fraud alert](#) doesn’t limit access to your credit report, but tells businesses to check with you before opening a new account in your name. Usually, that means calling you first to make sure the person trying to open a new account is really you.

Place a fraud alert by contacting any one of the [three national credit bureaus](#). That one must notify the other two. A fraud alert lasts one year and you can renew it for free. If you’ve experienced identity theft, you can get an [extended fraud alert](#) that lasts for seven years.

Learn more about [credit freezes, fraud alerts, and active duty alerts](#) for service members. And, if identity theft happens to you, visit [IdentityTheft.gov](#) to report it and get a personal recovery plan.

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# 50 Life Lessons

This list was originally written by Regina Brett, a columnist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, as she approached her 50th birthday. We could surely add more!

**Charlie Pinchot** sent this along.

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living, or get busy dying.
17. You can get through anything if you stay put in today.
18. A writer writes. If you want to be a writer, write.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Overprepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
36. Growing old beats the alternative - dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood. Make it memorable.
38. Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
42. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
43. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
44. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
45. The best is yet to come.
46. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
47. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
48. If you don't ask, you don't get.
49. Yield.
50. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.



Life  
Lessons



# Delaware—Small Wonder



Following facts from *Delawareinc.com*

Thomas Jefferson called Delaware, a “jewel” among the states, thus giving it one of its nicknames, “The Diamond State.”

Did you know:

- Delaware is the second smallest state, with a land area of 1,948 sq. miles? (Rhode Island is the smallest.)
- Delaware is the least populated state in America?
- With an average altitude of 60 ft. above sea level, Delaware is the lowest state. Ninety-five miles long and between nine and thirty-five miles wide, Delaware’s highest point, is near the Pennsylvania line, and only 442 ft. above sea level?
- 67.8% of Fortune 500 companies are Delaware entities?
- There are more corporate entities formed in Delaware than residents?  
Over 89% of all companies that held an IPO in 2019 were Delaware corporations.  
Delaware has a unique Court called the Court of Chancery. The court is a preeminent business court in the United States, the judgments of which shape Delaware law, particularly in business entity and fiduciary matters, and are relied upon by other states as authoritative.
- Neighboring states know Delaware for its “Tax Free Shopping,” and it is one of only five states without sales tax. Other states without sales tax are Alaska, Oregon, Montana and New Hampshire.
- Delaware’s official state name is “The First State.” The first of the thirteen original colonies to ratify the Constitution in 1787, Delaware is given the first position in congressional votes and national events, such as Presidential Inaugurations.
- With only three counties, Delaware has the fewest number of any state.
- Delaware’s state bird is the Blue Hen, and it is sometimes called the “Blue Hen State.”
- For over a century, the state’s economic and industrial development was closely tied to the DuPont family, founders of one of the world’s largest chemical companies and the parent company of General Motors Corporation from 1933 until the 1950s.  
<https://archives.delaware.gov/2019/01/02/du-pont-family-brief-introduction/>
- Delaware is home to Dover International Speedway, also known as the “Monster Mile,” which hosts two NASCAR races each year. <https://www.doverspeedway.com/>
- Tourism is a major industry. Delaware’s Rehoboth Beach has been nicknamed “The Nation’s Summer Capital” due to the number of people from Washington D.C. who come to enjoy the Atlantic’s sandy shore as a vacation destination. <https://www.beach-fun.com/>
- Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Smyrna, protects one of the largest remaining expanses of tidal salt marsh in the mid-Atlantic region. [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Bombay\\_Hook/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Bombay_Hook/)

# Delaware News

**New Castle County Reassessment of Homes** has started, and they have been through most of the neighborhood. This slide show, describes the procedure being followed by Tyler Technologies, both with the process of collection and what happens next.

<https://www.nccde.org/DocumentCenter/View/44781/NCC-Reassessment-Public-Information-PowerPoint-Presentation?bidId=>

**New initiative for Vial L.I.F.E. program.** Keep important medical information available for first responders to your home. Kits are free at county libraries.

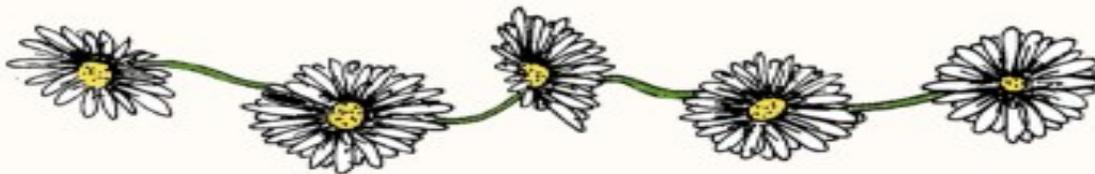
<https://nccde.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2143>

**New Castle County** information about anything related to agencies can be found here

<https://nccde.org/>, including Library Services and Parks and Recreation.

**The Delaware Dept. of Motor Vehicles** offers many services that can be transacted online.

[DMV](#)



# Coming events for Early Spring



## Glasgow Park– March Hunt is a Bird Search Awaken Your Senses Scavenger Hunts

Pick up a scavenger hunt form at the park and go searching.

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## Longwood Gardens JANUARY 22, 2022-MARCH 27, 2022

### Winter Wonder

Although not in Delaware, Longwood Gardens is the Brandywine Valley area’s most famous botanical garden. Through March 27th, you can experience hundreds of orchids in bloom.

<https://longwoodgardens.org/>

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## Delaware Art Museum MARCH 12, 2022 - JUNE 5, 2022

### The Louis Comfort Tiffany Exhibition

This year, the [Delaware Art Museum](#) is taking on a new exhibition featuring the innovative workings of Louis Comfort Tiffany. Tiffany’s work will be on display this spring featuring stellar examples of his famous windows, lamps and vases. Learn more about this exhibition [here](#).

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## Art Studio in Wilmington, sponsored by New Castle County Parks and Recreation–

Spring at the Art Studio. Many classes for all ages. <https://nccde.org/259/Art-Studio>

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## Lewes Tulip Celebration–April 1st, 2022 - 10:00 am to April 17th, 2022 -

Celebrating our Dutch Heritage, Various sites throughout Lewes

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## Annual Wildflower Weekend at Mt. Cuba Center

APRIL 29, 2022 - MAY 1, 2022 (RAIN OR SHINE)

At the first sign of spring, wildflowers begin to bloom in the Brandywine Valley. One of the best places to witness their peak beauty is at the [Mt. Cuba Center](#) during their annual [Wildflower Weekend](#). The colorful display will have live music, garden activities and more! Register online and check out more about the activities throughout the weekend.

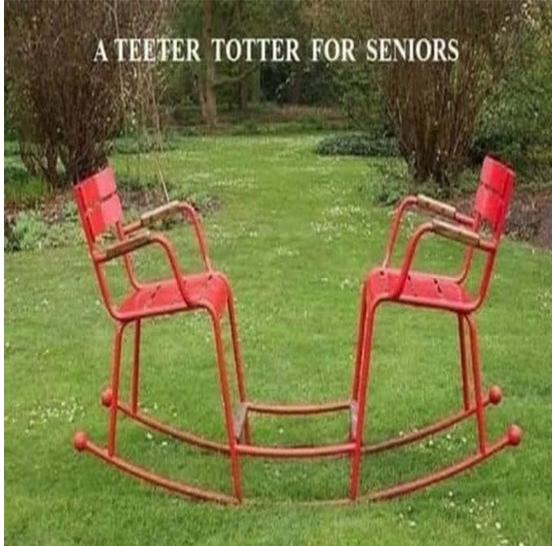
From Barb Doto



**Never buy a border collie when your drunk.**



How fast was the ostrich running when it hit the tree?



**SOME OF YOU NEVER GREW UP HAVING THIS FIERY SPIT OF SATAN DABBED ON EVERY SKINNED KNEE AND CUT.**



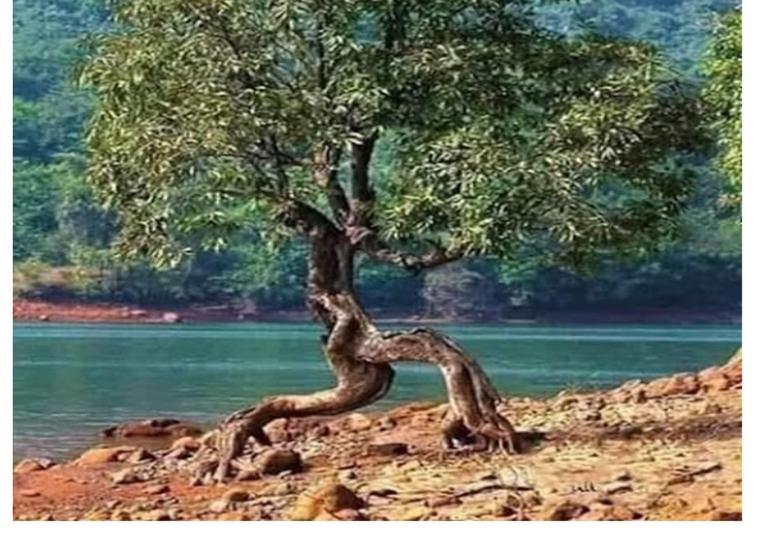
**She wanted an iPad**

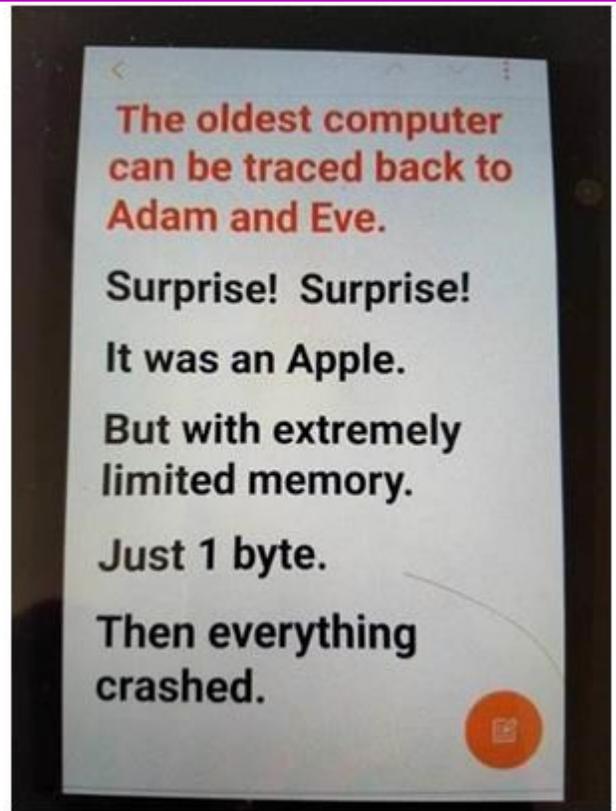


Forget frying an egg on the sidewalk, it's not Florida hot until your kayak melts in the sun 🤣🤣



**SOMEONE CAUGHT THIS TREE SNEAKING OUT OF THE LAKE...**





Some call it multi-tasking, I call it doing something else while I try to remember what I was doing in the first place

**I just ordered a life alert bracelet so if I get a life, I'll be notified immediately.**

I told my wife I saw a deer on the way to work. She said how do you know he was headed to work?

Operator: 911, what's your emergency?  
 Man: A guy just got hit by a car, I need an ambulance.  
 Operator: What's your location?  
 Man: I'm on Eucalyptus street.  
 Operator: Can you spell that for me?  
 Man: (long awkward pause)  
 Operator: Sir? Are you there?  
 Man: I'm gonna drag him over to Pine street and call right back.



**People who ask me what I'm doing tomorrow probably assume that I even know what day of the week it is.**

Funnies from Charlie Pinchot.



The first senior moment.



They say with age comes wisdom - therefore I don't have wrinkles, I have wise cracks.

I don't want to brag or make anybody jealous, but... I can still fit into the earrings I wore in high school.

I went to visit a psychic. I knocked on her front door and she yelled... "Who is it?" So I left.



# Decisions Were made ...



# WELCOME SPRING - NAME THAT FLOWER!

1. Part of an eye \_\_\_\_\_

2. Footwear \_\_\_\_\_

3. One way to get rich quick \_\_\_\_\_

4. A vegetable that does not need sugar \_\_\_\_\_

5. A dressed up ferocious animal \_\_\_\_\_

6. A flower between the hills \_\_\_\_\_

7. What Billy did when he sat on a tack \_\_\_\_\_

8. Results from Cupid's arrow \_\_\_\_\_

9. A bird and a riding accessory \_\_\_\_\_

10. A sweetheart's farewell \_\_\_\_\_

11. The rising sun \_\_\_\_\_

12. A country with a lot of motor transport \_\_\_\_\_

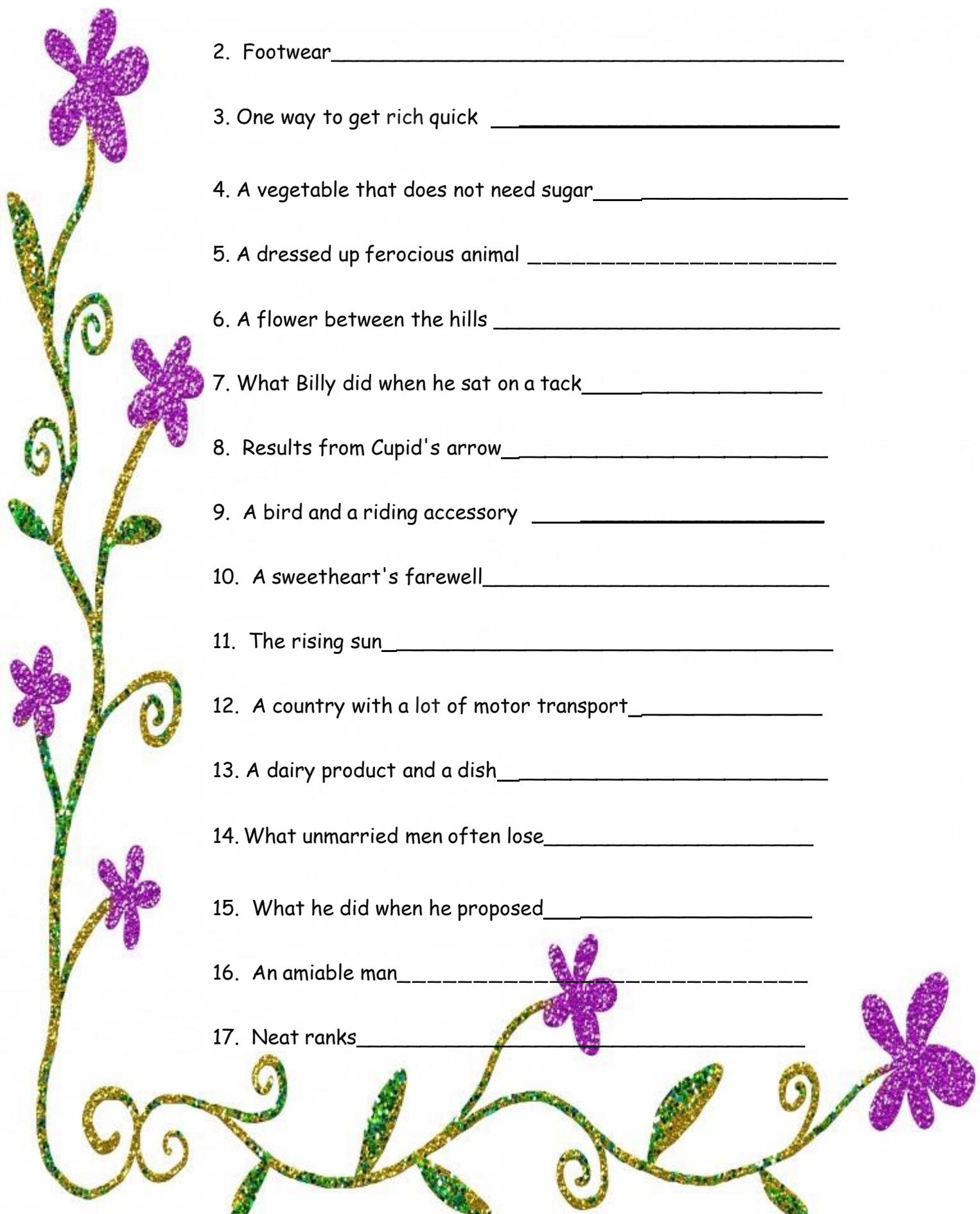
13. A dairy product and a dish \_\_\_\_\_

14. What unmarried men often lose \_\_\_\_\_

15. What he did when he proposed \_\_\_\_\_

16. An amiable man \_\_\_\_\_

17. Neat ranks \_\_\_\_\_



## *Name That Flower*

### *Answers*

1. iris
2. lady slipper
3. marigold
4. sweet pea or tomato
5. dandelion
6. lily of the valley
7. rose
8. bleeding heart
9. larkspur
10. forget me not
11. morning glory
12. carnation
13. buttercup
14. bachelor button
15. aster
16. sweet William
17. primrose

## Plant Native!

There is a growing movement to “plant native” and efforts are being made in the state, county and VOLC to support and encourage that trend. To that end, there are many websites to help you find the shrubs, trees and flowers that will support the local ecosystem.

New Castle County

<https://www.nccde.org/1772/Use-Native-Plant-Species>

Plant Native:

<https://www.plantnative.org/rpl-denjny.htm>

Gardenia.net

<https://www.gardenia.net/native-plants/delaware>

Delaware Plants

<https://delawarenativeplants.org/>



### More Fun Facts About Delaware:

1. Delaware is the 9th most connected state, with 99% of its citizens having access to high-speed connectivity. The state enjoys the fastest Internet speeds in the country, with connection speeds higher than every other country observed with the exception of South Korea.
2. In Wilmington, Delaware, students once set the record for the world's tallest LEGO tower. The tower was 113 feet tall and made from more than 500,000 LEGO bricks.
3. First settled by the Dutch in 1631, Lewes is the first town in the first state.
4. Delaware is the third most bike friendly state in the U.S.
5. Annie Jump Cannon, born in Dover, classified more than 225k stars! She was also the first woman to become an officer in the American Astronomical Society.
6. Delaware has the largest population of horseshoe crabs.
7. Got milk? isn't a question in Delaware, as their state beverage is milk!





I lost my job at the bank on my very first day! A lady ask me to check her balance so I pushed her over ...



She said she missed me  
Normally that would be good  
But she's reloading

My family's Coat of Arms ties in the back ~  
is that normal???

Since I bought this toy for my dog...  
no more salesmen,  
break-ins, or friends popping in  
unannounced.  
Just peace & quiet.



Police came round last night and told me my dogs were chasing people on bikes

My dogs don't even have bikes.

