

# Neighborhood Newsletter

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*Flowers courtesy of Chandrika Thankappan.*

*Check out what else is growing on page 12.*

**Reminder:**

*Starting today, July 1, 2022,  
retail stores in Delaware will no  
longer provide plastic bags at  
checkout.*

*Remember to bring your own bags!*



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**[www.myvolc.org](http://www.myvolc.org)**

***This publication is written by and for the residents of the Village of Long Creek.***

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**Len Krygowski, President**  
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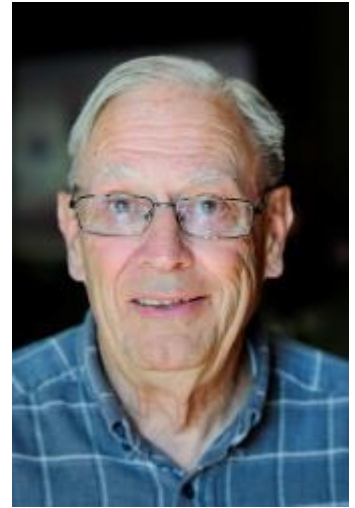


**Newly elected VOLC Board of Directors**

At the annual Board Election Meeting on May 26, residents thanked the currently serving Board of Directors and welcomed the new Board, announced by Dino Peronti of IPS. The new Directors will serve for one year. All have served on previous VOLC boards, except for Steve Brubaker, who has both chaired and worked with several committees.

Board members have chosen their positions on the Board and as Liaisons to Committees, and have agreed to a once-monthly open Board meeting format. The first meeting on June 22nd, was conducted via ZOOM, because of a small community outbreak of COVID-19.

The Communications Committee, speaking for all members of the community, wish them well.



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Carolyn is a returning member from last year's Board.



**Odette Haight, At-Large**  
**Liaison-Welcoming Committee**

# Community members at work!



We've learned from the board meeting reports of VOLC Grounds Committee Chair, **Bob Leaming**, that several dead trees in the community need to be removed, and, in some places, new trees planted. One spot marked for replacement was on Devalinder Lane, diagonally across from the clubhouse. A dead maple tree had been removed, leaving an obvious empty space next to the two maples that were growing well.

**Becky**

Enter **Rebecca Crowe**, who has been growing trees from seed!!

Becca donated the tree and all planting materials. Bob dug out the tree from Becca's back yard and then dug the hole to plant it. Our new little maple has been named 'Becky', and Linda Trach has seen to feeding and watering her, so she can stand tall in line next to her siblings, who are two years older.



**Bob Leaming**, on left, **Becca Crowe** on right, and in center, friend **Kip**, who helped.



Below—Members of the Garden Club maintain the plantings at the entrance sign on Paxon Lane.

From left—**Christine Killian**, **Susan Brubaker**, and **Ruth Leaming**.



Above—Members of the MDR (Deed restrictions) Committee, a subcommittee of Governing Documents, held two open Voice of the Community sessions in May. Based on that feedback and collaboration with GDC members, ballots for a community vote will be sent soon.

Above from left: **Steve Brubaker**, **Linda Trach (Chair)**, **Ray Jenkins**, and **Len Krygowski**.



# *First Monday Luncheons*



*Monica Chan and Lois Inglisa*

**Christine Killian** (at right) started up the VOLC First Monday luncheons in May. Over 30 neighbors attended the event at Steak & Main in North East, MD!

**Judy Pannucci**, our newest neighbor, pulled from the bag of suggestions, and the next restaurant was named. June's First Monday Luncheon was held at Schaefer's Canal House in Chesapeake City. 25 people attended.

Due to a small COVID outbreak, July's luncheon has been cancelled. Stay tuned!



*Judy Pannucci and Linda Trach*



*Ray Search and Jean Skelly*



*Carol and Donnie Thompson*



*Bill McNamee and Maria deArmas*

# Memorial Day, 2022, at the VOLC



Martyanne Grabusky and Sharon Mutschler

Right—May Babies, **Jean Skelly and Bill Smallbrook** were serenaded. Birthday cake and ice cream were among the desserts on the menu.



Paulette Francis on right with her daughter, Christina.

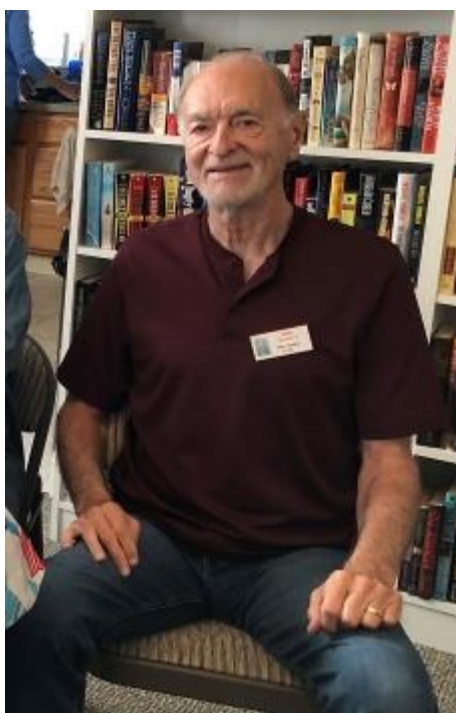


Folks feasted on BBQ meats from Smokes Smokehouse, fried chicken, traditional sides, fruit and multiple desserts.

Bottom right and left—These three vets took part in the Memorial Day Remembrance at the event, that honored both those who died in combat and our VOLC residents who served in the military.

At left—**Stan Sanders**, US Army, who served in Vietnam.

At right—a bit of friendly competition as veteran Marine **Ray Krout** covers over **Ken Francis'** Navy cap.



# Neighbors



Road warriors

**Sharon and Bob Dickol** continued their traveling ways with their RV in April, this time trailing a car bought just for the purpose. Traveling south to Virginia and North Carolina, they enjoyed magnificent sunsets, sipped wine at vineyards, and toured landmark sights along the way. Stops in Williamsburg, VA and Asheville NC, home of the Biltmore Estate (seen above from the approach), were highlights. They made a good friend of Arlo, the winery owner's dog on their last night.

In June, Sharon and Bob packed up again and headed to Michigan. They arrived in St. Ignacio, where it was sunny and a delightful 63 degrees. Mackinac Island awaited. Below—The Mackinac Bridge, at 5 miles, is the longest suspension bridge in the Western Hemisphere. Later, an alpaca farm proved a way to get up close and personal with some furry friends.



Then, it was on to Niagara Falls where Bob and Sharon enjoyed the scenery from the Maid of the Mist and the Observation Tower.

Lake Seneca (left) and the Finger Lakes wineries and museums were next!

(Neighbors, cont.)



**Patti Abernethy's** grand-nephew, Cameron, liked her cat's furniture so much, Aunt Patti let him bring it home!



Above—Bear Skelly thoughtfully brought candy to **Jean Skelly's** co-workers at Heart and Home on Mother's Day.

He also found a new friend at church, who loved his hugs.



Left—**Lenny Tricarico** was walking his dog, Cooper, when they were surprised by this sight on an early evening walk around the VOLC. Lenny was delighted! Cooper, on the other hand, not so much!

Right—**Cheryl Dean** spotted this patriotic balloon on its way to touchdown at Lum's Pond.



**Lois and Nick Inglisa's** grandson, Eddie, recently graduated from New Egypt HS in New Jersey.

While earning all As throughout his 4 years, Eddie also completed the Pre-Engineering program where he earned a certification for AutoCAD. In the fall, he will attend Clarkson University to study Mechanical Technology.

Eddie is the youngest of Nick and Lois's six grandchildren. Four have completed college and one is starting 3rd year.

Congrats, Lois and Nick! You have six precious reasons to be proud!







While still chilly here, **Barb and Joe Doto** recently cruised to milder climes, including Nassau, Bahamas and Bermuda. They found the shipboard life and the lovely ports to be most relaxing.

Joe enjoyed golf at sea and they both enjoyed the perfect day at Coco Cay.



Paint **Mim Krout** proud!! Wisdom Oak Winery, which daughter, Laura, owns and runs with her husband, Jason, won the 2022 Monticello Cup with their Meritage blend, "NINETEEN." The competition this year included 75 wines from around the Monticello/Charlottesville area.

Wine and Country wrote, "NINETEEN bested 73 other entries to win the region's top wine honor. The competition highlighted over 60 different wines and was judged by 10 distinguished members of the wine trade. The Monticello Wine Cup is awarded to wineries in the Monticello American Viticultural Area, the oldest in Virginia and distinguished by their nationally ranked wines and exceptional vineyard experiences."



**2022 Governor's Cup:** They also won the Governor's Cup, a competition comprised of wines from anywhere in the entire state of Virginia. There were 615 entries in this year's competition setting a new record. Wisdom Oak winery was awarded a Gold medal in this competition as well as given the designation of making the "Governor's Cup Case." This means they scored in the top 12 for the entire competition, besting over 600 other wines!

<https://www.wisdomoakwinery.com/>



(Neighbors, cont.)



*Christine Killian, permanent mother of 2 rescue cats, couldn't say no when the rescue hospital called looking for a temporary home for 5 abandoned kittens. The adorable and entertaining kittens were certainly well-fed and nurtured with Christine!*

*Bottom right —After they were neutered, Christine even knit little body suits to keep their sutures safe!*



*The kittens are now ready for adoption. If you would like more information about these kittens or the process of adoption, you can contact Christine or the Summit Bridge Veterinary Hospital in Bear at 302-834-7387.*

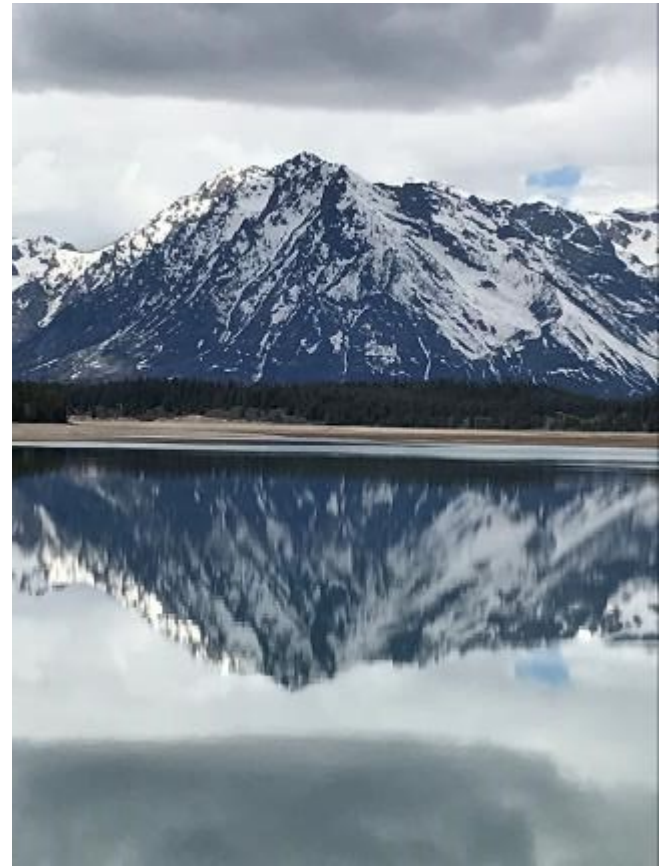
*Christine also sent along these photos taken with her family at East-ertime in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.*

*At right, Christine in center, with daughter Michelle, and family.*

*At left, with grand-daughters Kendall and Kelsey.*



(Neighbors cont.)



**Bob and Ruth Leaming** spent two weeks in the Pacific Northwest after flying into Seattle, renting a car, and driving over 2,400 miles across Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Oregon. Bob reports "Saw so much beauty and nature at West Glacier, Yellowstone, and Grand Tetons National Parks. Encountered Black Bear, Grisly Bear, Moose, Bison, Elk, Big Horn Sheep and even Wolves. We were so fortunate to be able to make this trip during this tenuous time of Covid concerns and so lucky to be able to explore Yellowstone just weeks prior to the flooding."



*Left—David “Larry” Ford, age 20, in Viet Nam, 1970*

*Right—Cheryl Ford with family*

*Below—Cheryl with grandchildren*



*Cheryl Ford and family gathered to celebrate as her husband, David Larry Ford, was added to the In Memory Program on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Larry’s bio on the website, written by Cheryl, can be found here.*

<https://www.vvmf.org/Honor-Roll/501159/David-Larry-Ford/>



*Chandrika Thankappan loves gardening! After many years of membership in garden clubs, both at her last home and in the VOLC, she continues her green thumb ways.*

*In addition to the beautiful flowers on the cover, Chandrika has a thriving vegetable garden.*



(Neighbors cont.)



Sue Bifano's grandson, Paxton, made his semi-annual visit from Colorado in June.



Above—Dozens of neighbors came out to wish Don Doto well on his move to Jenner's Pond. Don was one of the earliest VOLC residents, moving here in 2007. Barb and Joe Doto hosted the farewell.



An accidental meeting offered Chandrika Thankappan and her husband, Dr. T, the opportunity to catch up with Susan Brubaker.

Below—Susan Brubaker took this photo of a beautiful rainbow. And it hadn't even rained!



Neighbors



Above—**Nick Inglisa** took a break on his walk to enjoy the view on a picture-perfect day!



Above—**Breakfast Club at IHOP**. The next one is July 14th at 10 AM. All are welcome!



**JoanMarie Powers** and her son, **John**, enjoyed a nice lunch outdoors at Schaefer's Canal House in Chesapeake City.



At right—**Jean Skelly, Nancy Weldin, and Linda Trach** enjoyed dinner at Krazy Kat's Restaurant in Montchanin.



## Summer Birthdays

### July

Susan Anderson	6th
Nancy Ferrara	18th
Mindy Steele	18th
Cheryl Ford	31st

### August

Katie Whiteoak	1st
Tom Novak	3rd
Loretta Dougherty	9th
Linda Middleton	10th
Gary Legreid	14th
Bob Anderson	22nd
Roger Getty	22nd
Dina Bole	25th
Mary Ohara	28th
Fran Rapp	31st



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### **An attorney's advice to avoid ID theft**

Submitted by **Nancy Weldin:**

1. Only carry the cards you need.
2. Place the contents of all the cards in your wallet on a copy machine. Copy both sides. If your wallet is stolen, you will have a record of everything in it and the numbers to call to cancel accounts.
3. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen. That tells the credit card companies you were diligent.
4. Call the 3 national credit reporting agencies immediately to place a fraud alert: Equifax, Experian, Transunion. Also call the SS fraud line.
5. When writing checks to pay your credit card bills, do not put the complete account number on the For line. Just write the last four digits. The credit card company knows the rest, but anyone in the channels it passes through won't be able to get the whole thing.



On June 17th, 2021, President Joe Biden signed a bill, proclaiming Juneteenth a federal holiday. How much do you know about Juneteenth?

The holiday commemorates the day in 1865 when Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and slaves were now free. This was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official on January 1, 1863. Reasons for the delay are many, and none has been unequivocally proven true. It is known, however, that there was great celebration!

Juneteenth celebrations continue with many former slaves and descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on this date. Rodeos, fishing, barbecuing and baseball are just a few of the typical Juneteenth activities, and it also focuses on education and self improvement.

### *Official Juneteenth Poem by Kristina Kay, 1996*

#### *We Rose*

*From Africa's heart, we rose*

*Already a people, our faces ebon, our bodies lean,*

*We rose*

*Skills of art, life, beauty and family*

*Crushed by forces we knew nothing of, we rose*

*Survive we must, we did,*

*We rose*

*We rose to be you, we rose to be me,*

*Above everything expected, we rose*

*To become the knowledge we never knew,*

*We rose*

*Dream, we did*

*Act we must*



## A little Poem—Author Unknown

Submitted by Joan Dreibelbis

Another year has passed, and we're all a little older.  
Last summer felt hotter, and winter seems much colder.  
There was a time not long ago, when life was quite a blast.  
Now, I fully understand about living in the past.  
We used to go to weddings, football game and lunches.  
Now we go to funeral homes and after-funeral brunches.  
We used to have hangovers, from parties that were gay.  
Now, we suffer body aches, and while the night away.  
We used to go out dining and couldn't get our fill.  
Now we ask for doggie bags, come home and take a pill.  
We used to often travel to places near and far.  
Now we get sore bottoms from riding in the car.  
We used to go to nightclubs and drink a lot of booze.  
Now we stay at home at night and watch the evening news.  
That, my Friend, is how life is, and now my tale is told.

So enjoy each day and live it up, before you're too damned old!



## From Representative Eric Morrison

The 27th District has the most current road projects of any representative district in the state. Although delays and detours can be frustrating, it's exciting to have so many improvements being made for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Below, please find a summary of current projects. Also, please see the [DelDOT Project Portal](#).



The **I-95 and SR 896 Interchange** project will improve safety and reduce congestion. Currently, the project is in the design phase and should be completed in 2025. Advanced utility work should start in fall 2022, with main construction starting in early 2023. (In June 2020, DelDOT received a \$56.8M federal grant allowing this project to start two years sooner than originally anticipated.)

**US 40 and SR 896 Improvements** will construct a grade-separated interchange to improve safety and reduce congestion. Currently, the project is in the design phase and should be completed in 2026. Right now, design is underway for Alternative 1.

The project at **Glasgow Avenue from SR 896 to US 40** will implement a “Main Street” concept by reducing travel lane width, modifying shoulders, adding turn lanes and transit amenities, and providing bicycle and pedestrian accommodation on both sides. Also included will be safety improvements at Old County and Paxson Lane. Currently, the project is in the design phase and should be completed in 2027. Survey and other fieldwork are ongoing, and a public workshop will be held in 2022.

**US 40/SR 72 Intersection Improvements** include reconstructing and widening the intersection of US 40 and SR 72 and providing operational and safety improvements. Currently, the project is in the construction phase and is substantially complete. The minimal remaining construction should be completed soon.

The work on **US 40 from Salem Church Road to Walther Road** will provide an alternative travel lane in each direction and also multi-use paths on US 40 from Salem Church Road to Walther Road. Currently, the project is in the design phase and should be completed in 2025.

On **SR 72, from McCoy Road to SR 71**, SR 72 is being widened to four lanes with bicycle lanes and sidewalks and a center turn lane. Currently, the project is in the construction phase and should be completed in 2024. Construction for utility relocation work began in March 2019 and was largely completed in November 2021. Roadway construction work should begin in the summer of 2022.

The project at the **SR 896 and Bethel Church Road Interchange** will improve intersection safety and operation. Currently, the project is in the design phase and should be completed in 2029. Design work will start in the fall of 2022.

At the **Denny Road and Lexington Parkway intersection**, a roundabout will be installed at the current intersection to accommodate vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. Currently, the project is in the design phase and should be completed in 2023. A public workshop will be held in the summer of 2022.

# Active Adult Community

*Recently, the Activities Committee sought feedback through a survey in the Monday update. Ranked responses and comments proved valuable, and the committee wishes to thank those who participated.*

*Some takeaways:*

- ◆ *The survey showed definite interest in a **Craft Fair/Sale**, so, the committee has scheduled one for **October 22 at 10 AM**. Please let Christine Killian or Cheryl Werner know if you plan to sell items at that event and what those items will be.*
- ◆ *The clubhouse belongs to all residents, every homeowner should have a key fob, and neighbor get-togethers can be scheduled with Cheryl Werner, who keeps the clubhouse usage calendar. The Clubhouse Guidelines can be found on our community website. [www.myvolc.org](http://www.myvolc.org)*
- ◆ *A group of avid stitchers is working to designate a day and time to revive Stitch 'n Bitch in the clubhouse. Information will be forthcoming.*
- ◆ *Evening cardplayers are organizing again too.*
- ◆ *The Patio Subcommittee is working on making the area more comfortable and attractive. In the meantime, there are tables and chairs currently available for your use. Feel free to meet neighbors there for a drink or coffee.*
- ◆ *The VOLC had an organized travel club a few years ago that became a victim of too much work and not enough interest. If you'd like to share information about an event or trip that you think other residents might also enjoy, you could put the info together and ask the Communications Committee to send it out. Any attendance would be the individual's responsibility.*
- ◆ *Phillies/Eagles watch Party—Great idea! The clubhouse is yours to gather with neighbors for this purpose. Send the date and time yourself or ask a Communications Committee member to do it.*
- ◆ *Exercise or yoga—The committee is working on organizing something in this area.*

*Sincerely,*

*Christine Killian and Cheryl Werner, Activities committee Co-chairs*

# What's Going On?

## From New Castle County Happenings...

### Glasgow Park Farmers Market

Thursdays, 3 - 7 p.m.

Glasgow Park Farm Complex

2275 Pulaski Highway, Bear

### Glasgow Park Summer Concert Series:

Summer concerts are back at Glasgow Park presenting a diverse lineup of local music on select evenings through September. Bring your blanket or chair and grab a bite from the Glasgow Park Farmers Market before the show. All ages. FREE

#### July 7: Bickel Brothers

Doors at 6 p.m., Show at 6:30 p.m.

Glasgow Park Farm Complex

2275 Pulaski Highway, Bear

#### Upcoming Concerts

**July 21:** Stacia LaChole & Blacsoul Band

**August 4:** Megan Knight

**August 18:** Kid' Davis & The Bullets

**September 1:** Pristine Raeign

**September 15:** What the Funk

**September 29:** Nic Snow



### Recipe : *Corn, Tomato Salad—*

#### *Summer in a Bowl*

*Submitted by Nancy Weldin*

*Kernels from 1 large steamed corn on the cob*

*5 oz. diced avocado*

*2 tablespoons diced red onion*

*1 1/2 cups cucumbers*

*1 cup halved cherry tomatoes*

*2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil*

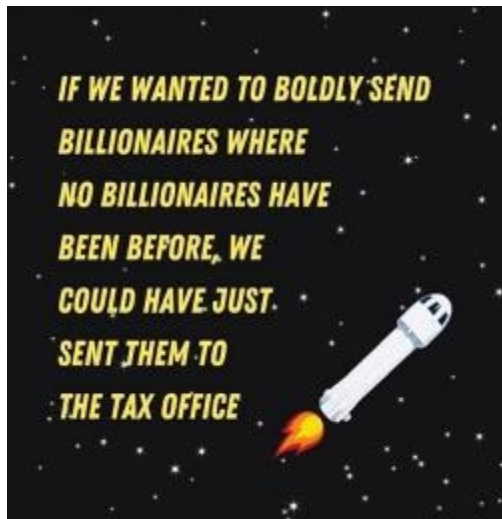
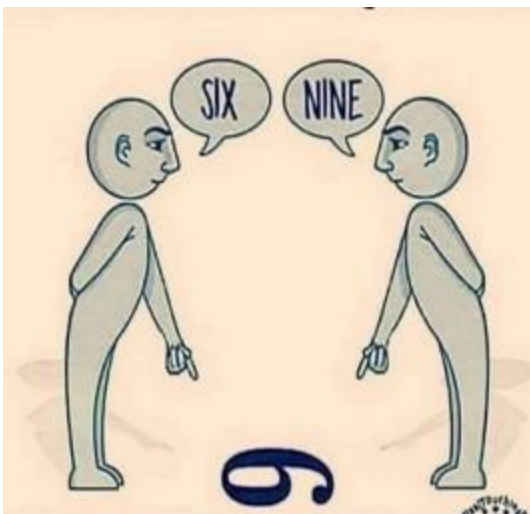
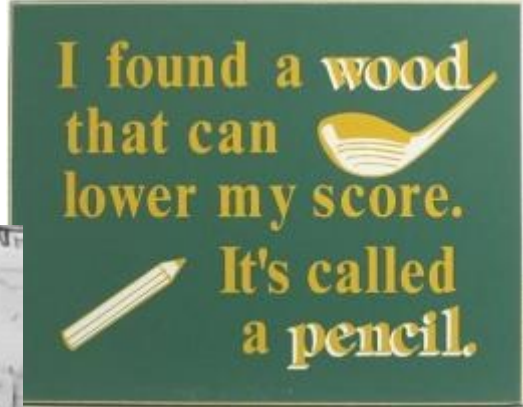
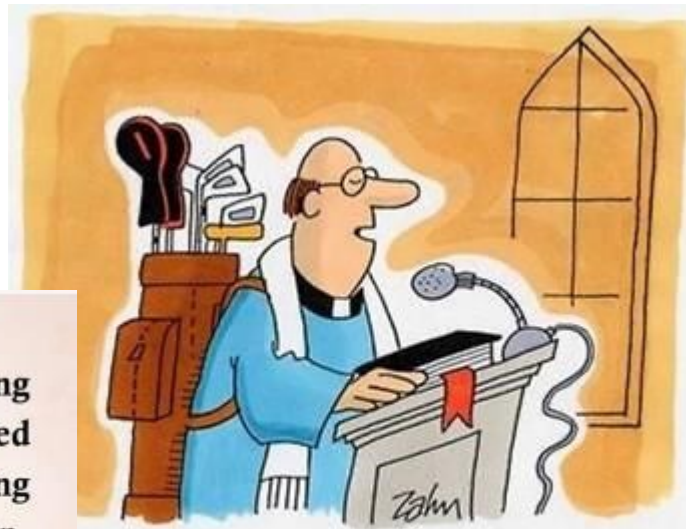
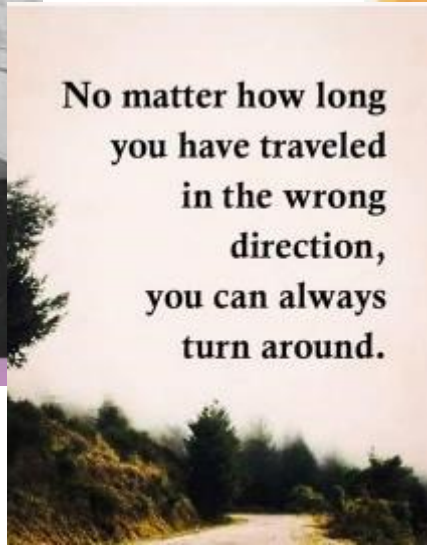
*2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice*

*1/4 teaspoon kosher salt*

*Fresh black pepper to taste*

*Toss all ingredients together; serve immediately.*

# SUMMER



More Funnies from Charlie Pinchot

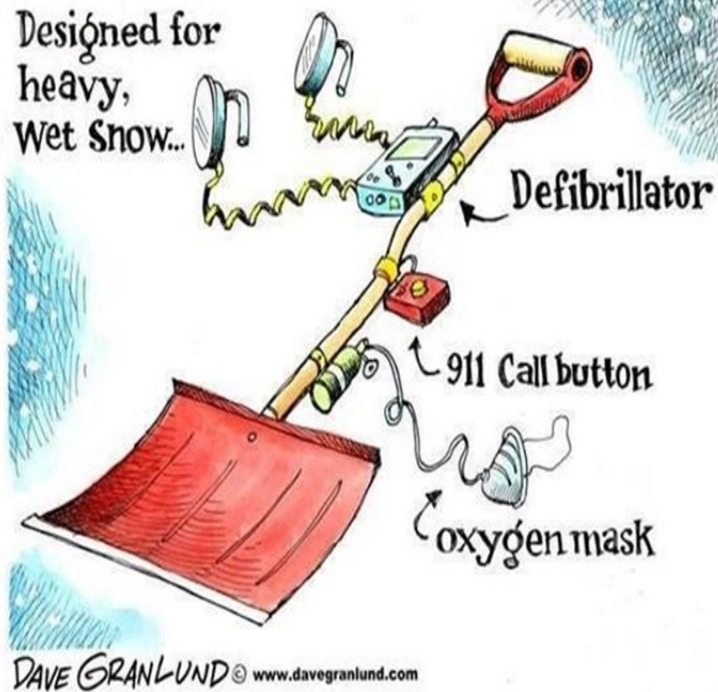
**Walmart Is Opening  
Dental Offices In  
Some Of Its Stores.  
There Will Be An  
Express Lane For  
People With 12 Teeth  
Or Less.**



**I NEVER CALLED  
YOU STUPID, BUT  
WHEN I ASKED YOU  
TO SPELL "ORANGE"  
AND YOU ASKED ME  
THE FRUIT OR COLOR  
IT KINDA CAUGHT  
ME OFF GUARD.**



When I was a kid they didn't call it "Behavioral Disorders", They called it "Being a little brat"



**SO I WAS AT THE BAR LAST NIGHT  
AND THE WAITRESS SCREAMED...  
"ANYONE KNOW CPR?"  
I SAID "HELL, I KNOW THE ENTIRE  
ALPHABET."  
EVERYONE LAUGHED...  
WELL EVERYONE EXCEPT THIS  
ONE GUY.**

**We are not  
aging, we are  
ripening to  
perfection.**

**I like to make lists.**

**I also like to leave  
them laying on the  
kitchen counter and  
then guess what's on  
the list while at the  
store.**

**Fun game.**

# ALL ABOUT PERSPECTIVE...

1. Felt uncomfortable driving into the cemetery. The GPS blurted out "you have reached your final destination."
2. Things that tell the truth. Small children. Drunk people. Yoga paints.
3. I'm the type of person that helps his wife look for her chocolate that I ate.
4. Wife: Look at that drunk guy. Husband: Who is he? Wife: 10 years back he proposed to me and I rejected him. Husband: Oh my good! He's still celebrating.
5. My wife opened my car door for me. Would have been a nice jester had we not been going 70mph.
6. I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes.. She hugged me.
7. You know you're getting old when you use the word "thingy" all the time because you can no longer remember what things are called.



## Historic Mothers

Columbus' - I don't care what you discovered. You still could have written!

Michelangelo's—Can't you paint on walls like other children?

Napoleon's—If you're not holding your report card inside that jacket, take your hand out right now and show me.

Lincoln's—Can't you just wear a baseball cap like the other kids?

Einstein's—It's your senior picture. Can't you do something with your hair?

Washington's—The next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!

Edison's—Of course I'm proud that you invented the lightbulb. Now turn off the light and go to sleep.

Revere's—I don't care were you think you have to go, young man! Midnight is past your curfew.

8. With the rise of self driving vehicles, it is only a matter of time until there's a country song where the guy's truck leaves him.

9. Unfortunately there is no lifeguard in the gene pool.

10. Wife: I want to donate my clothes to people who are starving. Husband: Anyone who fits in your clothes is surely not starving.

11. Whenever my wife uses the words "I was thinking—that means I have to move, build, paint, or buy something. Only slightly less fearful are the words "do this it will only take a few minutes,"

12. I remember the old days when snap, crackle and pop were sounds that came from my cereal, not my body.

13. If you think you are smarter than the previous generation...50 years ago the owners manual showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.

14. My goal is to lose 10 pounds this year. Only 15 more to go.

Funnies cont.



"This is my grandpa. He's going to explain why this country is going to hell in a handbasket."

**My Kid:** I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.

**Me:** Like what?

**My Kid:** Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.

**Me:** Well that's what happened to your older brother.

**My Kid:** What older brother?

**Me:** Exactly.

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Please, can I see your nose?

Not until we're married.



**HUSBAND:**

I want you to have this bracelet. It belonged to my Grandmother.

**WIFE:**

Why does it say, "Do not resuscitate?"

Dear doctor, my husband always speaks during his sleep. What can I give him?

Give him a chance to speak when he is awake!

