

# Neighborhood Newsletter

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Thanks to Mim Krout for beautifying our community welcome sign with flowers...



...and to Don Doto for the beautiful clubhouse plantings and Christine Killian for bench decorations!

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

*Contact Cheryl Werner with corrections or comments.*

**VOLC – GRASS CLASS March 2020**  
**READ ☺ & RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

The following information describes the VOLC Lawn Care Program for the 2020 season. BrightView (BV) is providing these services again this year. Grass Class may be updated during the year.

Services for lots are listed here. A sign should be posted at the entrance for pruning/trimming & treatments.

Mowing	Weekly (with exceptions for heat, rain)	25x /year(5 additional, as needed)
Edging walkway/sidewalk	Twice Monthly	12 +/- per year
Weeding of Builder Beds	Once a month starting in May	6+/- per year
Treatments - Fertilizer and/or weed control Grub control	6 treatments - Seasonal. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Treatment in Early Summer includes grub control	6x / year
Spring Cleanup & Mulching	Early March	1x / year
Prune/Trim Flowering & Evergreen Shrubs & Flowering Trees at proper time	Summer and November	2x / year

Red flags talk to our workers. Red/Orange/Pink flags are all Red at VOLC and are in a bucket in the Club House exercise room. If the bucket needs flags leave a message or text on 302-598-4891.

Residents may choose to decline services for given events as follows:

- If you **DO NOT WANT** a **SPECIFIC AREA MOWED** (wet or other reason), place multiple **RED** flags around this area.
- If you **DO NOT WANT** your **LAWN MOWED** in a given week, place **multiple (4+) RED flags along both side boundaries of your property the day of service.** Flags should be visible from both front and rear of your property. This shows BrightView workers where your lot side lines are.
- If you **DO NOT WANT** your **LAWN FERTILIZED/TREATED** for a specific application, place multiple (4+) **RED** flags, visible from front and rear, along both side boundaries of your property on the day of service.
- If you **DO NOT WANT** the **PLANTS/SHRUBS TRIMMED/PRUNED** or **CLEANED/MULCHED** in a given builder bed, place multiple (4+) **RED** flags in the mulched area throughout each bed on the day of service.
- In addition, **ALL PERSONAL (HOMEOWNER) BEDS SHALL BE FLAGGED TO DECLINE THESE SERVICES.**

Damage needing repair from BV services should be reported in writing (with pictures) within 24 hours to IPS.

Complaints about specific lawn care for your lot or common areas should be addressed in writing (with pictures) to IPS.

IPS Contact information for damage and complaints is: IPS phone 302-994-3907, ext #2 or [info@ipsde.com](mailto:info@ipsde.com).

Additional Information:

1. **Prior to any lawn treatment or pruning/trimming**, a sign should be posted at the VOLC entrance a day or so before. You should also receive email notification.
2. **For all lawn mowing**, residents are reminded that nothing is permitted on the lot grass areas except splash blocks at the bottom of down spouts. This means that you remove flexible downspout extensions on the day of service.
3. **The normal mow day of week is TO BE DETERMINED.** Residents are reminded to **NOT WATER** their lawns the day before and the day of the lawn mowing. You will be notified if the normal mow day of the week changes.

VOLC Grass Team (G Team) - Contact information - for questions about our lawn & open space contract etc.

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# Nothing Like FAMILY!



*Marion Bowman's mom, Florence Dannaker, on her 100th birthday.*

This family photo was taken on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2020, on the occasion of Florence's 101st birthday!

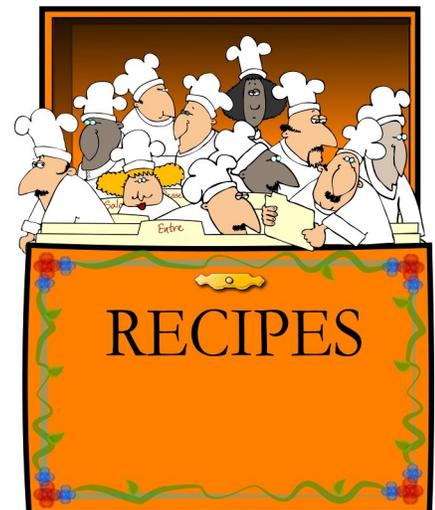
Marion and her mom are behind the sliding glass door while Marion's two daughters and two of three granddaughters are in front. Marion had recently been staying with her mom 5 days a week, but increased that to 24/7 during isolation. They cook and bake and make new memories. "Mom takes care of herself. I just help around the house and outside. She's pretty amazing!"

This is a recipe for bread pudding that Marion's mom has been making. Marion says, "It's remarkably good. It's fun to watch it in the microwave - it rises, then falls, then rises and falls. You think it's going to spill over but it doesn't!"

## Bread Pudding - 4-6 servings

2 c milk	1/4 tsp. salt
2 eggs, slightly beaten	3 c soft bread cubes
1/2 c sugar	1/2 c raisins
1 tsp cinnamon	1 Tbsp butter or margarine

Combine milk, eggs, sugar and salt in a 1<sup>1/2</sup> quart casserole; beat. Stir in bread cubes and raisins. Dot with butter  
Microwave 26-28 minutes on medium power, or until almost set in center.  
Let stand for 5 minutes before serving





**A 21 car salute on April 26th!!!  
Happy Birthday, Carol Thompson!**



*"Thank you so much, Donnie, Jen, Steven, Allison, Noah, Ava and Colin for organizing the most shocking, surprising Birthday Parade that brought neighbors, family, and friends along for the celebration..... With horns beeping, confetti, silly string, pots and pans banging together, gifts, cards and flowers, you really took my mind off of the travel business worries that have been very stressful in the last 6 weeks." - Carol*

*At left - grandchildren, Ava, Noah and Colin prepare signs for their MomMom.*



*At right - **Bill McNamee** was greeted by this sign on his lawn. Happy Birthday, Bill!*





At left - **Stan Sanders'** sister, Joan, and her daughter, high school teacher Shannon, whose life was saved with a kidney transplant from a local nurse. The dramatic story unfolded in North Carolina and has a successful ending. By the time of the surgery, Shannon's condition had deteriorated even further, and doctors reevaluated whether the operation could proceed. Fortunately, they went ahead and both women are now in good health.

The story was aired on local television in NC. For more info, go to: <https://www.hcpres.com/news/local-nurse-recovering-well-after-kidney-donation-to-an-avery-high-school-teacher.html>



Above - **Cathy Brindle** sent this picture of a family reunion, taken before the lockdown. "We rented an eight bedroom house at Bethany Beach. Nineteen members of the family made it. We had a great time!"

At right - **Cathy** hanging out with Pax.



Let them eat cake?

Right - Before they ate the cake, **Jim and JoanMarie Powers'** daughter, Janice, son, John, and granddaughter, Olivia, modeled the masks JoanMarie sent in their Easter baskets.





Right - Janet and Stan Sanders' six month old grand-daughter, Haven, loved having her picture taken with Easter eggs and bunny ears.



Above - Maria deArmas' family, all from the same household, kept a safe distance when they visited in March. Maria spoke with them from the doorway.



At right- Nick and Lois Inglisa's granddaughter, Allison, on her graduation from New Egypt, NJ HS. In August, she'll start college at High Point University, in N.C. where classes will start early and will be finished before Thanksgiving.



Above - Sue and Roger Getty's granddaughter, Doc McStuffins (aka Aubrey) enjoys checking in with Pax.

At right - Lau Yang's grandchildren had to wish him a happy birthday from a proper distance.



## Spring scenes from the Neighborhood...



Above - **Linda Trach**, far left, hosted a socially distant HH in April. Using a yardstick, neighbors gathered at a minimum distance of 6 feet apart. They brought their own drinks and snacks, sharing only stories and friendship.

At right - **Christine Killian** snapped this photo in early May - 'Full Moon Over the Clubhouse.'



Above - The **DeVoe** house featured colorful Easter decorations.



Left - **Mary Ohara and Jean Skelly** visited with Norm Petterson and Cathy Brindle.



Right - **Norm** on his front steps.

*At left - Carol and Donnie Thompson enjoy the crowd after they issued an invitation for a socially distanced Cinco De Mayo Happy Hour. Close to 40 people came together and wished each other well. Margaritas ruled the day.*

*Several more corner HHs followed during the lock down.*



*Although this poem is written specifically about Easter, you can substitute any religious holiday or even Spring itself, and the message is the same.*

## How the Virus Stole Easter

Excerpted by a poem By Kristi Bothur

Submitted by Cathy Brindle

Twas late in '19 when the virus began  
Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.  
People were sick, hospitals full,  
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.

As winter gave way to the promise of spring,  
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.  
People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.  
They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.

April approached and churches were closed.

“There won’t be an Easter,” the world supposed.  
“There won’t be church services, and egg hunts are out.  
No reason for new dresses when we can’t go about.”



The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.  
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.  
Then the world heard a sound coming down from the skies  
It started down low, then it started to rise.

Why, this sound was triumphant!  
It couldn't be so!

It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came!  
Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine  
Stood puzzling and puzzling.  
“Just how can it be?”

“It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,  
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money.”





Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.  
"Maybe Easter," it thought, "doesn't come from a store.  
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."

And so this year, let this be our prayer,  
As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at its people.  
May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.  
May 2020 be known as the year of survival,  
But not only that -  
Let it start a revival.



### ***Did you know...***

*...that you can keep clean most of the bacteria from fresh summer veggies and fruits by spraying or soaking them briefly in a mild vinegar solution? Use 1 part vinegar to 3 parts water.*

***Sue Bifano** swears this also keeps her fresh produce fresher longer. She does it as soon as she gets them home, and then, once in the fridge, they're ready to eat. Thanks, Sue.*

### ***... These storage tips from the food experts?***

1. Keep potatoes, onions, and tomatoes in a cool, dry place, but not in the fridge. The cold will ruin their flavor.
2. Store unripe fruits and veggies on the counter. Once they're ripe, move them to the fridge. Banana peels will turn dark brown, but it won't affect the flesh.
3. Store salad greens and fresh herbs in bags filled with a little air and sealed tightly
4. Citrus fruits will do fine for up to a week in a cool, dark place, away from direct sunlight, but you can lengthen their lives by storing them in the fridge in a mesh or perforated plastic bag.
5. Wrap celery in aluminum foil and store it in the veggie bin in the fridge.
6. Other types of produce such as carrots, lettuce, and broccoli start to spoil as soon as they're picked, so place these in separate plastic baggies in the crisper in your fridge ASAP. (Make sure they're dry since moisture speeds up spoiling).

# Summer Recipes

## Frozen Creamy Lemon Dessert

Submitted by Nancy Weldin

1/2 c graham cracker crumbs	1 c whipping cream
3 egg whites	2 - 3 tsp grated lemon rind
1/2 c sugar	1/4 - 1/3 c lemon juice
3 egg yolks	

Sprinkle half of crumbs into well greased 9" pie pan.

Beat egg whites until frothy. Gradually add sugar, and beat until stiff and glossy.

Beat egg yolks until thick & lemon colored. Fold this into the egg white mixture.

Mix the cream, lemon rind, and juice; beat until still. Fold into the egg mixture.

Pour into crumb-lined pan. Sprinkle the rest of crumbs over top. Freeze to desired consistency. Yum!



## Grilled Salmon

From my dear friend, Walt Bischoff's 2nd cookbook, **Pop's Potluck 2**

Submitted by Cheryl Werner

1/4 c. soy sauce	salt & pepper to taste
1/4 c. brown sugar	garlic powder to taste
1/4 c. water	1/4 c. chopped parsley
3 Tbsp + 1 tsp. canola oil	1 lb. salmon fillets

Season the salmon with garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Combine liquid ingredients and brown sugar in a plastic bag. Add salmon, and marinate in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours.

Spray a sheet of aluminum foil with cooking spray and grill salmon, allowing 6 to 8 minutes per side or until fish flakes easily. Discard marinade.

WW points - 7

Yield - 2 servings

# Flowery looks around the VOLC



So  
Pretty!



# A "Senior" Quiz

*Can you fill in the blanks ?*

*Submitted by Marilyn Abrams*

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind?\_\_\_\_\_.

2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on The \_\_\_\_\_ Show.

3. 'Get your kicks, \_\_\_\_\_.'

4. 'The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to \_\_\_\_\_.'

5. 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle, \_\_\_\_\_.'



6. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the '\_\_\_\_\_.'

7. Nestlé's makes the very best... \_\_\_\_\_.'

8. Satchmo was America's "Ambassador of Goodwill." Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was \_\_\_\_\_.

9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Red Skelton's hobo character was named \_\_\_\_\_ and Red always ended his television show by saying, 'Good Night, and '\_\_\_\_\_'

11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their \_\_\_\_\_.

12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
  
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute to \_\_\_\_\_.
  
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called \_\_\_\_\_.
  
15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
16. Remember LS/MFT \_\_\_\_\_?
  
17. Hey Kids! What time is it? It's \_\_\_\_\_!
  
18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? Only The \_\_\_\_\_ Knows!
  
19. There was a song that came out in the 60's that was "a grave yard smash". Its name was the \_\_\_\_\_!
  
20. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as its Logo/Representative. What was the boy's name? \_\_\_\_\_

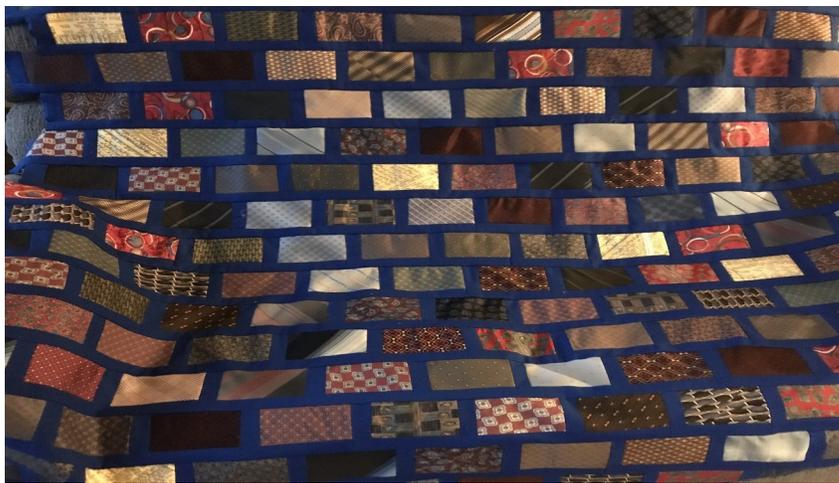


*How'd you do?*

*Answers are on the last page...*

# Things we did while we were home

## We stitched...



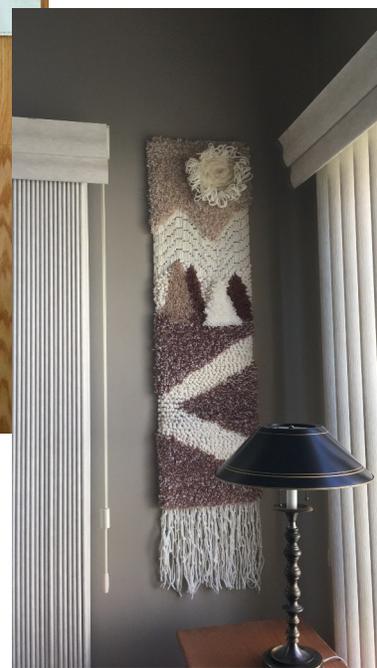
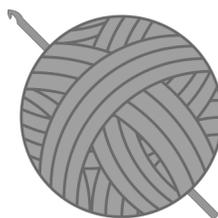
Above: **Janet Sanders** sent this pic: “My mom and I made a twin-sized quilt in my Dad’s memory, using his ties. We finished the top and we are going to have it professionally quilted since it has so much silk in it! “

At right - Janet used Diamond Dotz, a type of plastic embroidery to complete this copy of the painting, *Girls at the Piano* by Auguste Renoir. The finished project is 18” x 26”, and took between 50 and 60 hours to complete. Janet reports that it really shimmers!



**Susan Brubaker** also stitched in different ways. At left, she mastered a lacey knit stitch, using leftover yarn, to create this pretty scarf.

At right, she finished a latch hook piece (the kit was about 20 years old!) and hung it on the wall...



*(Stitching cont.)*

At right - **Mim Krout** sewed more than 25 masks for the Food Bank.

Below- while not stitched, her Easter cards for her granddaughters were pretty crafty. Mim says, "That was funny because they are 13 and 15 years old and probably think my crafty cards are dorky."



Below - **Grace Hobson** also made masks. Besides giving a few to neighbors, Grace will donate her masks to a Nemours drop-off site. Grace said, "They will be used at A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children and other Nemours locations throughout the Delaware Valley. The Director of Volunteer Services tells me that they anticipate having to have masks for patients, parents, and staff at least through the summer, so they still need masks despite a large donation of masks from the Amish community."

Above - Grace also made a mask for her doll.

"Her name is Wanda. She is a Saucy Walker doll made by Ideal, and her dress is original. I got her for Christmas when I was in 5th grade. It was the last doll Santa Claus ever brought me. I keep her in a display cabinet in the entrance foyer along with some other dolls and Don's 18 gauge model train."



Even more...

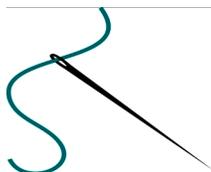
*Left - Cheryl Werner went back to the knitting she started a few years ago and had abandoned. "I've never progressed beyond beginner level, and I have two special skills - tangling the yarn and dropping stitches. But, with ripping out and starting again, I can manage hats and scarves. I enjoy it and will donate all."*



*Above - Christine DeVoe has sewn over 120 masks for family, friends, and HealthforHealthCareWorkers.org. Christine is a retired surgical RN.*



*Above - Barbara McNamee, Barb Doto and Christine Killian joined forces to sew and donate over 200 masks for Health for Healthcare Workers too!*



*At right - Sue Bifano shows the knitted dinosaur sweater she made for her grandson, Paxton.*

## We Puzzled... -

Tom Skelly started small...



...but, he soon graduated to 500 - 1,000 pieces to complete beautiful puzzles with wife, **Jean**. At last count - 22!!!

**Ruth and Bob also conducted a food drive for the Food Bank, as did Patti Abernethy for a family in need.**

## We Helped...

Right - **Ruth Leaming**,

Husband, Bob, says "My new hero, Ruth, has gone back to working part time at Christiana Care in Wilmington taking advantage of being able to work in the same unit where she helped to provide so many comfort dolls. I do wonder if this may just be a fallout of Ruth having me around 100% since my retirement in January!"



Left - **Nancy Halbedl** says one thing she did is save a life - "At 3:15 AM on Mother's Day, I checked a voicemail, 'This is Mom. My arm is in pain and I can't move it.' I asked my daughter to check on how long the wait would be in the ER. When she said it wasn't bad, I replied to the voice mail. Turns out, it wasn't my mom, but an 85 year old woman who was on kidney dialysis and had heart problems. She'd been trying to reach her daughter! I assured her that calling 911 would send the paramedics and that the ER would take her right away. I got the son's and daughter's cell phone numbers and left messages. The next day, her daughter called to thank me. She reported that her mom had a blood clot in her arm and was awaiting a room."

### We taught...

*Odette Haight homeschooled her granddaughter, Harper, shown at Odette's DR table, and at right, proudly displaying a floor puzzle of the United States.*



### We walked...

*With pets and without...*



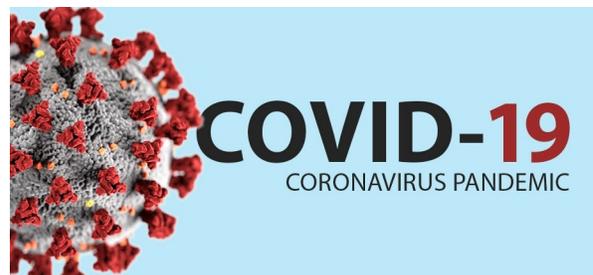
### We planted...



*Ray and Wanda Search's house was a show-stopper!*

### We volunteered...

*Above, 'Captain' Bob Leaming says, "I have found my retirement 'dream' job - working for the Delaware State Parks running boats on the Delaware River over to Fort Delaware."*



*Kept us in, but not down...*

# We farmed and snapped...

Susan and Steve Brubaker have been spending a lot of time at their daughter's newly purchased 50 acre farm in Elkton. From clearing brush to building barn doors, they've done it all.

While home in the VOLC, walks are a daily habit, and Steve likes to snap photos of what he sees.



Below right - Steve called this photo, "V" over the VOLC."  
At left - "Good morning, VOLC."

And center - "Fire over the VOLC"...



# VOLC Pet Parade



At right - RIP, Boo - **Bob and Ruth Leaming** lost their beloved "rescue" on June 15. Boo was 15 years old, and they'd had him for 11 years.



Above - **Sophie Palermo** stays safe at home with Mom, **Rossana**. Rossana has had Sophie for 11 years.



**Cooper Tricarico**, a puggle pup, sleeps on Mom **Maria's** lap after a busy morning.



Above - **Sadie Haight's** mom, **Odette**, says they both need haircuts!

Center ... - while not real pets, these visitors act like they own the place! Ducks built a nest and moved into **Janet and Stan Sanders'** hydrangea bush. At last count, there were 7 eggs!

The VOLC fox takes a stroll around his neighborhood... and lower right, visitor, **Boots** shows up at **Patti Abernethy's** house for breakfast.



Above - Cody Trach had on his spiffy Christmas scarf when this picture was snapped. Mom, **Linda**, says he likes dressing up.



The Basin 5 Pups helped to trim the nearby bench for Christmas.



Above - **Tommy Medio**. See his story on the next page!



**Patti Abernethy's** cats rest after breakfast.



**Bob Greenblatt's** cat, **Pumpy**, came to him at 2 months old and was with him for 18 years.

# Pet Parade - New England Transplants

By Steve Medio, Barbara and Stefano's son

My parents Barbara and Stefano (#66) moved to the Village of Long Creek in August of 2019 from the metro Boston area. They have greatly enjoyed living in their beautiful new community, home, and being closer to their son, daughter in-law and three grandkids. Now that life is slower and more enjoyable than the hustle and bustle of the Boston Metro area, they considered getting a pet. Mom told me a story of when she and Dad were first married (they have been married 53 years), and she had a parakeet. Mom was off working one of her two jobs and Dad was home sleeping from one of his two jobs, and accidentally left the window open. Long story short... the bird flew out the window and was never seen again.

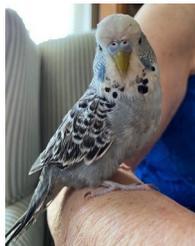
My wife and kids fell in love with an adorable two month old English Budgie when spending the day in Lewes, DE, and decided that it would make a perfect present and pet for Mom's birthday this

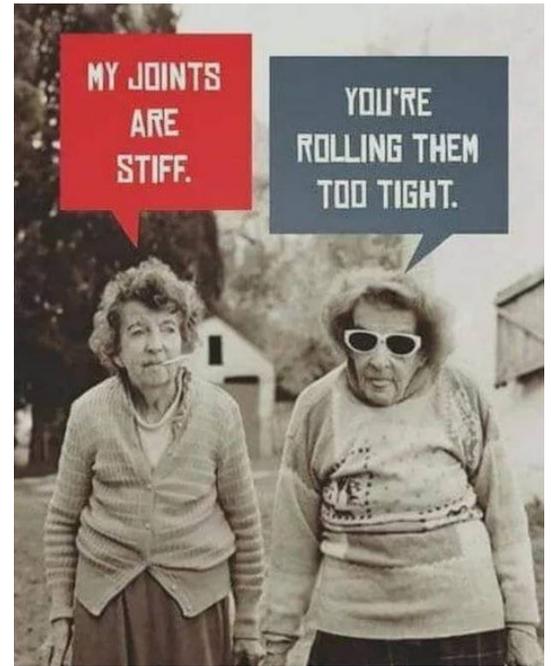
past February 2nd. My mom took one look at the English Budgie and instantly decided

(like any good Boston Sports fan) to name him Tommy after Tom Brady. Unfortunately for my Dad, Tommy has become the most important man at 66 Devalinder Dr. Tommy has picked a favorite and clearly its Mom. On any given day, Tommy is on my Mom's shoulder, while she's vacuuming, reading or just watching TV. Tommy also benefits from my Mom's Italian cooking, and his favorite is my Mom's homemade Italian pasta and tomato sauce. Dad (who studied under a master carpenter in Italy) built a perch

out of silver maple. Tommy loves his natural perch but it has not changed Tommy's opinion of Dad.

Tommy is more than my parent's pet we consider him family member and I consider him my little brother. We don't have him talking yet, but my best guess is his first words will be "Momma" and "Pasta". Hopefully you will never see a gray, blue bearded English Budgie on your stroll around VOLC. We don't want an open window for history to repeat itself or for Tommy to leave home as his namesake Tom Brady recently did. Please enjoy the pictures for now and this beautiful bird that has made such an impact on our all of our lives.





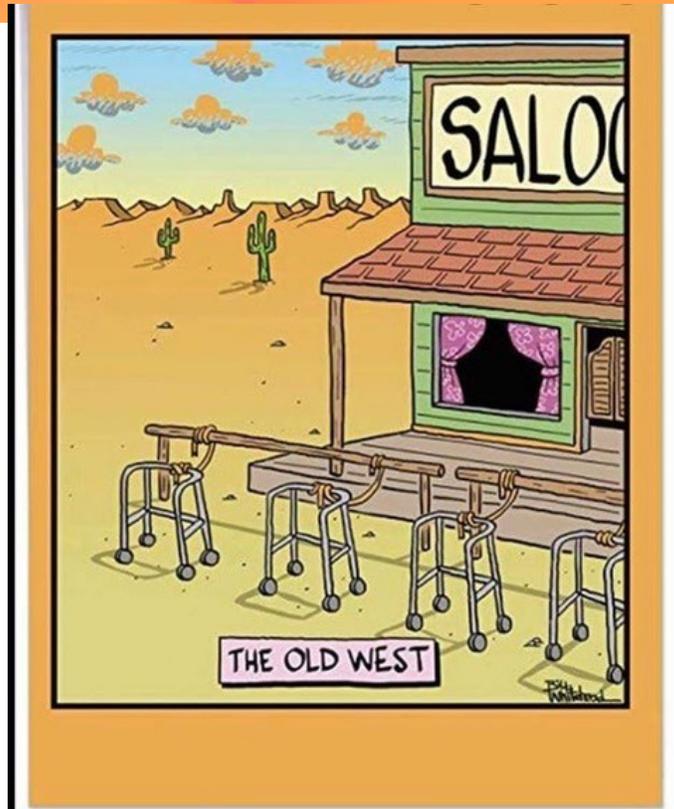
**ONE MINUTE YOU'RE 21, STAYING UP ALL NIGHT DRINKING BEER, EATING PIZZA AND DOING SKETCHY STUFF JUST FOR FUN.**

**THEN...**

**IN A BLINK OF AN EYE YOU'RE 60, DRINKING WATER, EATING KALE AND YOU CAN'T DO ANY SKETCHY STUFF, BECAUSE YOU PULLED A MUSCLE PUTTING ON YOUR SOCKS.**

**I see people around my age mountain climbing, I feel good getting my leg through my underwear with out losing my balance**

fb/i Might Be Funny



# Upcoming Birthdays

We'll have to have a BIG party when this is over!  
For now, a virtual Happy Birthday will have to do...

## July

Susan Anderson	6th
Cathy Brindle	7th
George Lulli	11th
Nancy Ferrara	18th
Mindy Steele	18th
Cheryl Ford	31st



## September

Cheryl Werner	6th
Nancy Halbedl	12th
Mim Krout	12th
Christine Killian	18th
John Johnson	23rd
Grace Hobson	25th

## August

Katie Whiteoak	1st
Tom Novak	3rd
Ron Dreibelbis	4th
Loretta Dougherty	9th
Linda Middleton	10th
Gary Legreid	14th
Bob Anderson	22nd
Roger Getty	22nd
Mary Ohara	28th
Tom Skelly	31st



## *Blue Angels over Wilmington - Photos by Donnie Thompson*

The US Navy's Blue Angels and the Air Force Thunderbirds executed a perfect flyover on April 28th from NYC via Trenton NJ and Philadelphia PA to Wilmington DE. The flyover was a show of support for health care workers, first responders, military personnel and others on the frontline of the fight against COVID-19.

Their appearance proved a successful diversion for the residents of **VOLC** as many came out of isolation at 2 PM to witness the return of the planes to home base. The weather was warm and the skies clear. It was quite a sight!

**Donnie and Carol Thompson** drove to a Wilmington shopping center and parked in the lot for a good view. They report that the few cars there were parked away from each other and folks exiting their vehicles kept their distance.



## A COVID-19 Mental Health Alert

Submitted by Barb Doto

People are going crazy from being in lock-down! I've been talking about this with my microwave and toaster and we all agree that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine since she puts a different spin on everything. And I certainly said nothing to the refrigerator as he was acting cold and distant. The iron calmed me down when she said no situation is too pressing. The vacuum was unsympathetic and told me to just suck it up. The ceiling fan was more optimistic and said it would all soon blow over. The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion. The door knob told me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and the curtains told me to pull myself together. Things are getting a little crazy around here.



# ChristianaCare treats its first hospitalized COVID-19 patient with convalescent plasma

From ChristianaCare News: Health system joins the Food and Drug Administration in national effort using plasma from recovered COVID-19 patients

April 23, 2020

ChristianaCare has treated its first hospitalized COVID-19 patient with plasma donated by individuals who have recovered from COVID-19.

ChristianaCare is partnering with the Blood Bank of Delmarva in the Food and Drug Administration's national Expanded Access Program for Convalescent Plasma as a treatment protocol for COVID-19. ChristianaCare is one of more than 1,600 health care institutions across the United States registered in the program under the leadership of the Mayo Clinic.

Convalescent plasma is collected from individuals who have recovered from the virus, and it is administered to patients with COVID-19 who are at high risk of progression to a severe or life-threatening stage of the disease. Antibodies present in blood plasma of patients who have fully recovered are known to help fight infection. Over the past century, convalescent plasma has been safely collected and used at various times to treat polio, measles, hepatitis B, influenza, Ebola and other pathogens.

Qualifying donors are people who previously tested positive for COVID-19, but since fully recovered and symptom free for 14 days or longer.

“In our continuing effort to provide the highest level of care to our community during this pandemic, ChristianaCare is facilitating access to investigational convalescent plasma by participating in the National Expanded Access Treatment Protocol,” said Infection Disease Specialist Alfred Bacon, M.D., medical director of clinical trials at the ChristianaCare Medical Group and principal investigator of the study.

“We are working closely with the Blood Bank of Delmarva in the collection of blood plasma so it is available in our hospitals and are looking to bring new patients into the program if they are appropriate for the treatment. A key to the success of this program is recovered patients willing to donate their plasma.”



“Before donated blood can be used, it is tested for safety. Then it goes through a process to separate the blood cells so that all that is left is the plasma with the antibodies. A single plasma donation has the potential to help up to four patients with COVID-19.

Through the Expanded Access Program certain investigational new drugs or treatments are made available outside of clinical trials. The focus of an expanded access program is to provide treatment, whereas a clinical trial is focused on research.

Initial data available from studies using COVID-19 convalescent plasma indicate that a single infusion of plasma has shown benefit for some patients. It is not known if this treatment will or will not help those with COVID-19 or if it will have any harmful effects, but this is one of a few promising treatments at present, Dr. Bacon said. This program also will help researchers collect important information on patients who received the treatment.



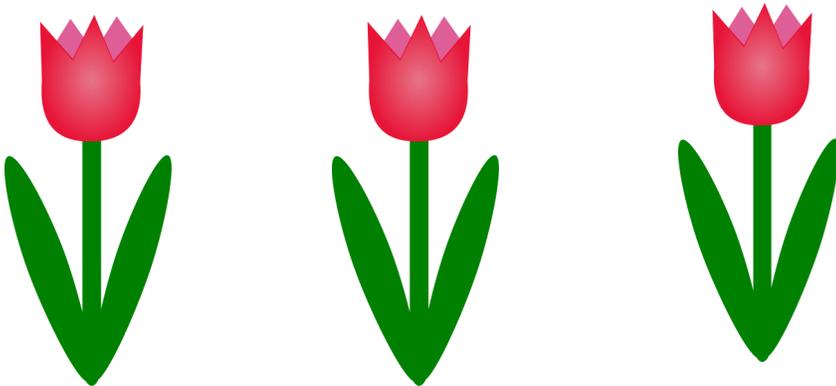
*Alfred Bacon, M.D., medical director of clinical trials at the ChristianaCare Medical Group*

Those who have recovered from COVID-19 (14 days symptom-free) are encouraged to [register online](#) with the Blood Bank of Delmarva.

[Additional information](#) about convalescent plasma for the treatment of patients with COVID-19.

*Thanks to Nancy Halbedl for this good news about Delaware’s health system.*

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- Do your part:***
- Wash your hands often.***
- Avoid close contact.***
- Use a mask in public.***
- Cover coughs and sneezes.***
- Clean and disinfect.***

## Ah, say that again?

*They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:*

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

**A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.**

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

**Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM . Please use the back door.**

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

# A DEAD DUCK

*Submitted by Jean Skelly*

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet..

"How can you be so sure?" she protested.. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

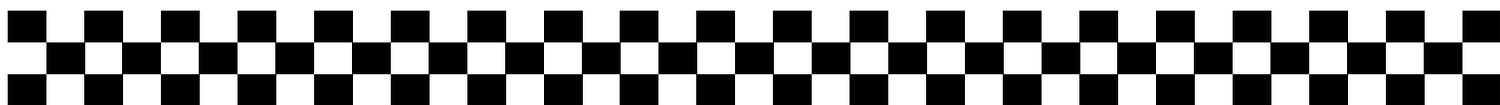
The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman..

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$1,500!" she cried, "\$1,500 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$1,500."



***The official mascot of the 2020***

***Coronavirus pandemic!***

***Washes hands frequently, always wears a mask, and...***

***Scramble the letters of Corona, and you get RACCOON!***

# PUNS FOR FUN

*From Martyanne Grabusky*

Turning vegan would be a big missed steak.  
Crushing pop cans is soda pressing.  
When the smog lifts in California, UCLA.  
I'm terrified of elevators and I'm taking steps to avoid them.  
Drink wine. It isn't good to keep things bottled up.  
Huge fight at local seafood diner. Battered fish everywhere!  
Electricians have to strip to make ends meet.



I hate this snow! No, wait! I love this snow! Signed Bi-Polar Bear.  
People are making apocalypse jokes like there's no tomorrow.  
Cows have hooves because they lactose.  
For chemists, alcohol is not a problem, it's a solution.  
Puns about Communism aren't funny unless everyone gets them.  
Whenever I try to eat healthy, a chocolate bar looks at me and snickers.  
Well, to be frank, I'd have to change my name.



Life and beer are very similar. Chill for best results.  
Cow stumbles into pot field. The steaks have never been higher.  
The problem with political jokes is that they sometimes get elected.  
I'm pining for a good tree pun. I wish they were more poplar.  
Afraid of Santa? You may be claustrophobic.



Dogs can't operate MRIs, but CATSCAN.  
Irony - the opposite of wrinkly.  
I have a chicken proof lawn. It's impeccable!  
I ate a frozen apple. Hard core!





*Submitted by Marilyn Abrams*

## LIFE BEGINS AT EIGHTY

The first 80 years are the hardest. The second 80 are a succession of birthday parties.

Everybody wants to carry your luggage and help you up the steps. If you forget your name, or anybody else's name, what day it is, or an appointment, or promise to be in two or three places at the same time, spell words wrong--you only need to explain that you're 80.

If you spill soup on your dress, if your shoes don't match, or you carry a letter around for a week before mailing it, that's all right, because you're 80.

At 80, you can relax without misgivings. You have a special alibi for everything. Nobody expects much of you. It's a great deal better than 65 or 70. At that time, they expect you to retire to a little place in Florida or Arizona and become a discontented, grumbling has-been.

But, if you make it 'til you're 80, everybody is surprised that you're alive, surprised you can walk, surprised that you can reveal lucid intervals. At 70, people are mad at you for everything. At 80, they forgive you anything. If you ask me, life begins at 80.

Author unknown



# Random Thoughts

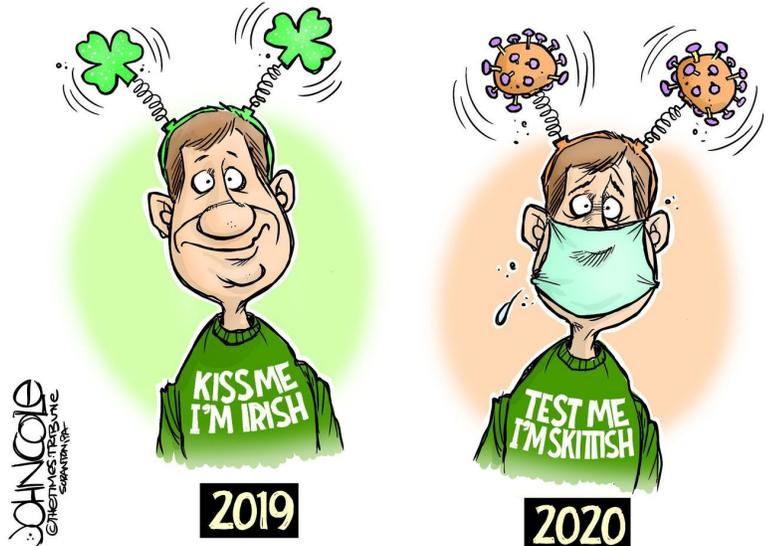
If my body is ever found on the jogging trail, just know that I was murdered somewhere else and dumped there.

2020 is a unique leap year. February has 29 days, March has 300, and April, May and June, 5 years!

Some things are better left unsaid--and I usually realize it right after I say them.

When this virus is over, I still want some of you to stay away from me.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY..



A wise man once said....nothing.

If the schools are closed again in the fall, parents are gonna find a vaccine before the scientists.

Respect your elders. They graduated from school without the Internet.

I decided I'm not old. I'm 45--plus shipping and handling.

Now that we have everyone washing their hands correctly - Next week: turn signals!

Never did I think that my hands would consume more alcohol than my mouth!

Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended.  
Not so much to prevent COVID -19 but to stop eating.

Casinos are now offering curbside pickup. Call ahead and they'll take the money right from your car.

2019 - Stay away from negative people.  
2020 - Stay away from positive people.



# Lockdown Humor

I hope they give us two weeks notice before sending us back out into the real world. I think we need the time to become ourselves again. And by "ourselves" I mean lose 10 pounds, cut our hair and get used to getting up before 10 a.m.

New monthly budget: Gas \$0 Entertainment \$0 Clothes \$0 Groceries \$2,799.

Breaking News: Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to stop COVID-19, but to stop eating.

Low maintenance chicks are having their moment right now. No nails to file and paint, roots to dye, eyelashes to re-mink, and thrilled to be able to wear pajamas or sweats every day!

When this quarantine is over, let's not tell people.

Those car commercials where there's only one vehicle on the road - don't seem so unrealistic these days.

They can open things up next week, but I'm staying in until Christmas to see what happens to all of you first.

Appropriate analogy: "The curve is flattening so we can start lifting restrictions now" = "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now".

People keep asking: "Is Coronavirus REALLY all that serious?" Listen y'all, the churches and casinos are closed. When heaven and hell agree on the same thing it's probably serious.

Never in a million years could I imagine going up to a bank teller wearing a mask and asking for money.

Coronavirus has turned us all into dogs. We wander around the house looking for food. We get told "No" if we get too close to strangers, and we get really excited about going for walks and car rides.

The dumbest thing I've ever bought was a 2020 planner...

**AND -**

I'm in a long line at 7:45 AM today at a grocery store that opens at 8 am *for seniors only*. A young man comes from the parking lot and tries to cut in the front of the line, but an old lady beats him back into the parking lot with her cane. He returns and tries cutting in again, but an old man punches him, then kicks him and pushes him away.

As he approaches the line for the 3rd time he yells, "If you people don't let me unlock the door, you'll never get in!"

Right - **Mary Legreid** sent his graphic. ...."Google Maps sent me a record of the cities I visited in May. It was the same for April. And it will be for June. I need to get a life!"



## Your May visits

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City



Above - Barb Doto came across this poster and thought it was a great reminder of how to use masks properly!

### ANSWERS to the Senior Quiz:

1. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
2. The Ed Sullivan Show
3. On Route 66
4. To protect the innocent.
5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
6. The limbo
7. Chocolate
8. Louis Armstrong
9. The Timex watch
10. Freddy, The Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless.'
11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hoola-hoop
16. Lucky Strike/Mean Fine Tobacco
17. Howdy Doody Time
18. Shadow
19. Monster Mash
20. Speedy