

Water Quality Conversations

BOA President Tommy Ramirez was contacted by Lane Chilton from Carolina Water Services (CWS) early in June to start communications with our residents about changes that are expected to take place later in 2020 to improve our water system. They have conducted and recorded two virtual meetings to discuss the situation, explain the plans, and respond to questions from residents.

If you need a link to access the recorded meetings, please send a request to the special email address for this topic, brandywinewater70@gmail.com. If you have a question to submit to CWS, you can send it to this address as well. Karen Gould, a Brandywine Bay resident, has graciously agreed to be our education/communication liaison for the community on this issue and is monitoring this email account.

A Summary of the Situation and Plans

Brandywine Bay's water quality testing has identified levels of TTHMs and HAA5s that are above the state's allowable limits. Time, chlorine, and

carbon are the three components of these contaminants forming.

Part of the reason for this issue is that Brandywine's water system is configured with many dead-end branches. This makes it challenging to get ample turnover of water in all the branches, especially if water use on the street is low or houses are vacant or used only seasonally. Low water turnover is a key factor in development of the contaminants.

To address the issue, CWS specialists have tried enhanced flushing procedures and have researched other methods to correct the elevated contaminant levels. After weighing multiple factors, they have decided to pursue the method of using "chloramines" - an ammonia solution - to disinfect the water, rather than the chlorine method that has been used historically. Chloramines are commonly used by municipalities across the country for water treatment. When this new water treatment method is implemented, you may notice a change in the taste and odor of the water.

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Coastal Cleanup Brandywine Team

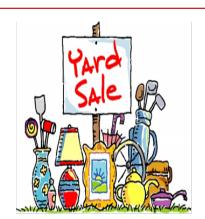
The Coastal Cleanup project, sponsored by Carteret Big Sweep, is looking for volunteer groups to help clean up our county as part of the 2020 International Coastal Cleanup Day on September 19.



Brandywine can form a team to participate!

If you would like to join the Brandywine team, contact Monica Sellars by email at editor.soundwaves@gmail. com. If you would like to form your own team, contact Dee Smith at dee_edwardssmith@ncsu.edu.

Brandywine volunteers would be cleaning up a public space, wooded area or roadside near Brandywine – the exact location will be determined once our team is formed. Bags and supplies will be provided. We will pick up litter and record data about what is collected to help with Carteret Big Sweep's research



All Brandywine Yard Sale Saturday, October 10th: 8 am – 12 noon See inside for more information!

Brandywine Book Club News

By Melinda Brown



The Book Club ladies enjoyed meeting outside this spring. Photo by Rosemary Vogel.

Again, as I write this article, I am unsure of how our Book Club will meet in the next few months. For our May and June meetings, we were able to meet outside. Everyone enjoyed seeing each other and discussing our books even as we were careful to "social distance". The weather should be even nicer for outdoor meetings in the next month or so. We have chosen The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict as our August book. It is a wonderful historical fiction of the life of Hedy Lamarr. She began her life as a Jew in Austria prior to World War II before becoming a beautiful Hollywood star. Surprisingly, she was also quite intelligent and developed some scientific ideas that we use today. This is a book you don't want to put down once you begin reading it.

Since everyone is reading a lot during the pandemic, we decided not to choose books for our new year until our August meeting. Therefore, I do not yet have book selections for September and October. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month. If you enjoy reading and lively discussion, come and join us. Contact Melinda Brown at 247-1055 for more information.



Changes to the 2020 Brandywine Directory

New to the neighborhood? Contact Ann Webster to get your welcome packet and set up your gate access code with your phone number. Need a new gate entry device? Contact Ann Webster to purhcase a new gate entry card or clicker. Ann Webster | 252-646-5586 | brandywinewelcome@gmail.com Moving away? Please give your gate cards to the next owner.

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PetDocks Heat stroke in pets

By Dr. Todd Worrell

The time has arrived for pet owners, particularly those of us with dogs, to be concerned about the heat and its effect on our pups. Heat stroke (also known as heat prostration, or heat-related illness) can occur when body temperatures rise to 104-106 °F. Heat stroke usually involves exposure to high environmental temperatures and can be precipitated by various medical conditions. In some cases, exertional heat stroke can occur in racing and sporting dogs. External factors that decrease heat dissipation include confinement in a poorly ventilated space, sudden exposure to high environmental temperatures, increased humidity, and limited access to water. Internal factors include obesity, heart and brain diseases, upper airway diseases, and thick hair coats or jackets.

Signs vary depending on the degree and duration of temperature elevation. Panting and elevated temperatures are the most common signs. The animal may be dull, weak and wobbly, collapsed, convulsing, or in a coma. Respiratory and heart rates are usually high, and breathing may be very noisy. Gums of the mouth may be bright red or blue. Pulses may be weak. Vomiting and diarrhea may occur.

Bleeding tendencies may be noted, with small hemorrhages in the gums or skin and blood in the feces, urine, or vomitus. Delayed difficulties may develop 3-5 days after apparent recovery, such as kidney failure, liver failure, infection, severe respiratory distress, widespread bleeding, or sudden death from heart arrhythmias. Diagnosis is based on finding an extremely high body temperature, a history of exposure to heat, and compatible clinical signs. Laboratory tests and chest x-rays are often recommended to assess the effect of the hyperthermia on various body organs and to search for contributing causes.

Heat prostration is always an emergency! The goals of therapy are to lower body temperature, treat shock and other organ damage, and correct contributing factors. Wrap the animal in a cool, wet towel and transport it to a veterinary hospital immediately. Cooling methods should not be extreme, because the body temperature could fall too low. Most animals with heat prostration require intensive monitoring throughout the initial therapy and for days after the emergency has resolved. In the hours and days after the crisis, laboratory tests and chest x-rays may be performed to detect problems that may arise in other organs from the effects of hyperthermia.

Prognosis depends on the severity and duration of hyperthermia and the presence of secondary organ failure. Survival is poor for comatose animals or those with kidney or liver failure or unresponsive bleeding. Animals that survive heat stroke are prone to a recurrence if exposed to a similar situation in the future, so preventive measures are important.

All Brandywine Yard Sale Saturday, October 10th 8 am -12 noon

Rainday: Saturday, October 17th 8 am-12 noon

It's that time of year again!! This will be the only notice in Sound Waves for this event as it is now a quarterly paper. So MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The BOA and BBA Yard Sale Day is approaching! Get your unwanted items ready!! The sale starts at 8 a.m. and continues until 12pm. Advertisements for this event will be advertised in the Carteret County News Times. Sellers are reminded to place a balloon/bow on their mailbox so shoppers can find you. One yard sale sign may be placed at an intersection indicating to shoppers to head down your street (ex: on the corner of Lord Granville and Oakmont Dr.). Please do not staple signs to street posts. Coordinate with your neighbors to get your sign at your intersection if needed. All signs and balloons must be removed by 1pm the day of the sale. Thanks to the BOA and BBA for covering advertising fees this year.

Please be aware that traffic will be heavy in the early morning hours so walkers, bikers and parents of young children should be alert.

If you have any questions - participants are asked to call Angela Zieleck (BOA) at 622-7356 or Jennifer Cox Mann (BBA) at 678-836-7517. You do not need to sign up or register to participate in the yard sale.



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We are aware that residents using home dialysis machines and those with aquariums will need to take additional measures to filter and/or treat the water for these purposes. If this applies to you, please be proactive to learn about the steps you should take to make the water safe for use. If any additional special considerations are identified through Q&A with CWS, these will be shared in future project update messages.

IMPORTANT! Water Treatment Changes

To reduce TTA levels, Carolina Water Service will begin treating our water with "chloramines" -- a chlorine and ammonia solution.

Be aware! Take action if you have:



Home dialysis machine

People using home dialysis must add a filter and/or neutralizing agent to the dialysis machine.

> Ask an expert for help with exactly what you need to do.



Aquarium

Water used for fish, other aquatic animals, amphibians, and reptiles needs to be treated with anti-ammonia filters and/or water conditioner.

Suggested site for reading more about chloramine disinfection: https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/public/chloramine-disinfection.html

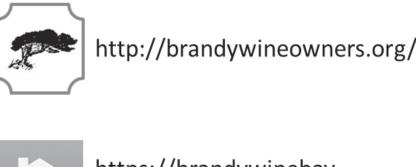
How Can You Stay Informed?

Karen Gould will provide updates as new information is available using the NextDoor app. Tommy Ramirez also will continue to send email updates on this topic through the Brandywine Bay email distribution list. Finally, CWS will be sending flyers to Brandywine residents about the changes and posting updates and answers to community questions on their Brandywine water website, https://thebrandywinebay.com/.

If you have not provided your current email address for the Brandywine distribution list, please send your contact information to brandywinewelcome@gmail.com. You may also wish to join the NextDoor app, if you have not already. These communication channels will continue to be used to provide timely updates as information is received from CWS and as the project progresses.

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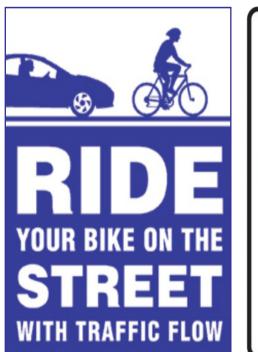


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What Should You Do If Your Water is Brown/Smelly?

If you experience any problem with your water, please act quickly so the CWS team can see and sample the water right away. First, call customer service at (800) 525-7990 to report the problem, so that it can be tracked in their database for trend analysis. Then call Lane Chilton directly (during business hours only) so that he can respond right away. His mobile phone number is 252-723-8953.

Article contributors: Sandra Gahlinger, Karen Gould, Tommy Ramirez, Monica Sellars.





October is Fire Prevention Month

By Mark Roche

Fire Safety Tips for the Home -

1 – Every level of your home should be equipped with smoke alarms that are interconnected so all will sound at once. Change your batteries annually.

2 – Show children what a smoke alarm sounds like. Also, practice what they should do when they hear it and the importance of acting without delay.

3 – Tell kids how to avoid smoke when escaping. Teach them to bend over or crawl to get under the smoke, keeping their head two feet or less above the floor, where the air will be cleanest.

4 – Practice EDITH (exit drills in the home). At least twice annually, hold an in-home fire drill at various times of the day and night.

5 - Walk through your house as a family. Know all exits and escape routes. Check that pathways are clear and windows and doors open easily.

6 - Remind everybody to carefully feel doors and doorknobs with the back of their hand before opening them. Never open a door that's warm. Instead, try another escape route.

7 – Tell family members to close doors behind them on their way out. This will help slow the spread of fire.

8 – Agree on a meeting place. Family members may leave the home by different routes, so pick a gathering spot that's a safe distance from your house such as a mailbox or street light. Call 911 from a cell phone or neighbor's house.

9 – Teach kids their home address. Practice it with them until they can state it clearly.

10 – Emphasize this rule: Once you're out, stay out! Be sure your kids know to never go back inside a burning home. Not for anything, even pets.

How Can You Help Misplaced Mutts?

By Monica Sellars

Misplaced Mutts is one of several non-profit organizations in our area that rescues, fosters, rehabilitates, and rehomes pets who need forever families. The coordinators of Misplaced Mutts are currently in need of





new volunteers to foster dogs and cats that they rescue from area shelters, stray pets, and pets found in other unsafe conditions. They are also in need of supplies for the pets in their care, like food and toys, and monetary donations to pay for things like veterinary visits and heartworm treatments.

Our dogs are both former Mutts, and I know other neighbors have also adopted through this organization. They are a wonderful group of incredibly dedicated and passionate animal lovers who always appreciate any help that you can offer.

If you are interested in helping Misplaced Mutts care for pets, or in adopting a pet, find more information on misplacedmutts. com and on their Facebook page.

The Grass Plug Experiment

By Monica Sellars

We were spending time in our back yard this spring when we noticed that spiky, painful weeds had invaded our lawn. After a Google search, we learned that we had a case of "burrweed" or "spurweed." We applied the appropriate weed killer, and our yard became a sad sight – we had more bare spots than grass.



Our past experiences with putting out seeds to grow new grass were not successful. Instead, we decided to try planting plugs of healthy, mature grass that could grow and expand to fill in the gaps. We ordered the plugs online and they arrived at our door a few days later. We also pur-



chased a plug tool online, which made it easier to punch the holes where we installed the plugs. To supplement our plug supply, while we were on a roll, we also relocated some plugs of healthy grass from other areas of our yard using the plug tool.

We had such a great feeling of success with this method after our first attempt that we decided to try to germinate our own grass plugs. We got a bag of centipede seed and some potting soil, and within a few weeks we had more plugs!



This was a relatively easy and cost effective way for us to get some healthy, green grass quickly in our back yard. Since our first planting, the grass has filled in nicely. We are working our way around to the other patches in the yard that also need some filling in. We hope that the homegrown plugs will be just as effective as the plugs we bought, but it's still a little too soon to know for sure.





Sound Waves is looking for neighbors to contribute stories and photos, so tell us about it!

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Have you spent your down time writing poetry, memoirs, or fiction stories that neighbors would enjoy reading?

Would you like to share about a favorite recipe, vacation memory, community group or hobby, or yard or home maintenance advice? Do you know an interesting neighbor for the Meet Your Neighbor story or a cute pet for the Pet of the Month?

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MGA Happenings

By Vince Moreno

June Tournament



Winners Charlie Sabathe / Mark Roche / Tom Normyle/ Joe Kirk





Winners John Miller / Nick Viglianese / Vince Moreno / Ken Ghelli

July Tournament



We played our traditional Red - White - Blue game, in honor of Independence Day. The winners were Bob Colbourne / Nick Viglianese / Lyle Vogel / Gordon Wall.



Second place won by John Miller / Bob Warren / Vince Moreno / Pat Daly.

Photos from Brandywine



Neighbors congratulated their graduates with yard signs. Well done, Class of 2020!



New playground equipment has been installed at the neighborhood playground beside the BBGC pool. Kudos to Tommy Ramirez for coordinating this improvement project for our community.



Meet Susan Pike, one of the newest BOA Board members!



Check out the cool crustacean I found in our front yard! We share our neighborhood with such interesting wildlife!



It's always impressive to see tree trimmers at work, way up there. Photo by Mariana Goldstein.

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Virtual History Presentations Continue with Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Deeds

NEW BERN, NC, The New Bern Historical Society will continue its popular virtual history presentations with "Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Deeds." Originally a Lunch & Learn crowd-pleaser, selling out twice, now it will be livestreamed on the Historical Society's Facebook page starting August 17 at 2pm. It will be aired daily in five segments at no charge.

This program features a visit from five remarkable women from New Bern's past. Some will be familiar; others may surprise you. From the 19th and early 20th centuries, and varied walks of life, these women have fascinating stories that you'll want to hear. You'll meet Kady Brownell, a Civil War soldier; activist Sarah Dudley Pettey, physician Lula Disosway, photographer Bayard Wootten, and nurse and businesswoman Charlotte Rhone. These characters will tell you how, while they considered themselves ordinary women, they left an extraordinary legacy in New Bern. Five local actors, under the direction of Jane Maulucci will portray these women.

Cast: Nelda Coats as Kady Brownell, Teisha Gibbs as Sarah Dudley Pettey, Cinda Hill as Lula Disosway, Pat Mora Coxe as Bayard Wootten, and Carol Becton as Charlotte Rhone.

The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. Offices are located in the historic Attmore-Oliver House at 511 Broad Street in New Bern. For more information, call 252-638-8558 or go www.NewBernHistorical.org or www.facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety.

Other Ideas for Fun

Live Concert Downloads

You can experience the energy and great music from live concerts at home too! Try using iTunes to listen to recordings of live concerts by some of your favorite musicians. Once you have purchased the recording, you can listen again and again. If you prefer to watch and listen, check for concerts airing on PBS; other television channels to check include MTVLive and AXS TV. Online options for concert content include Wolfgang's Valult, Qello Concerts, and RedBull TV.

Reference: https://www.theverge.com/2017/4/28/15456296/music-on-line-concerts-free-streaming-guide.



Virtual Field Trips to NC Farms

Check out this site for links to virtual field trips of NC farms: https:// localfood.ces.ncsu.edu/2017/05/localfood-virtual-field-trips/

These farm-related resources are fun and educational for the whole family! Maybe the virtual field trips will inspire your family to try some of the

delicious local farm products that are available here in our area.

Visit the New Brandywine Little Free Library



Are you looking for a new book to read? Now you don't have to go far! Brandywine's new Little Free Library is a community book exchange, sponsored by the Friends of the Library of the Webb Center. Look for the red barn in the parking lot beside the playground and BBGC pool. Thanks to Brandywine Bay Golf Club for installing it for our neighborhood! You can take a book, read it, pass it on or return it. You are encouraged to leave a book when you take a book. Please shut the doors tightly.



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Time for a Check-Up



Presented by Greg Patterson and James Allen Canady

You probably already know you need to monitor your investment portfolio and update it periodically. But in times of market volatility like we've experienced over the last few months, some folks would rather just not look at their investments. The reality is that market volatility often can present an ideal time to review over your investment assets and go through a check-up. Even if you've chosen an asset allocation, market forces may quickly begin to tweak it. For example, if stock prices go up, you may eventually find yourself with a greater percentage of stocks in your portfolio than you want. If stock prices go down, you might worry that you won't be able to reach your financial goals. The same is true for bonds and other investments.

Do you have a strategy for dealing with those changes? You'll probably want to take a look at your individual investments, but you'll also want to think about your asset allocation. Just like your initial investing strategy, your game plan for fine-tuning your portfolio periodically should reflect your investing personality.

The simplest choice is to set it and forget it--to make no changes and let whatever happens happen. If you've allocated wisely and chosen good investments, you could simply sit back and do nothing. But even if you're happy with your overall returns and tell yourself, "if it's not broken, don't fix it," remember that your circumstances will change over time. Those changes may affect how well your investments match your goals, especially if they're unexpected. And the market and economy changes over time. Does your allocation need to be tweaked based on current economic conditions and expectations or does your portfolio need rebalancing during the current market volatility? At a minimum, you should periodically review the reasons for your initial choices to make sure they're still valid.

Checklist for keeping tabs on your portfolio

- Watch your portfolio to make sure your asset allocation is still appropriate for your situation
- Check on whether your investments themselves have changed
- Consider whether your portfolio needs to be rebalanced or reallocated
- Find out whether new investing vehicles or other options may be right for you

Points to consider

• Keep an eye on how different types of assets react to market conditions. Part of fine-tuning your game plan might involve putting part of your money into investments that behave very differently from the ones you have now. Diversification can have two benefits. Owning investments that go up when others go down might help to either lower the overall risk of your portfolio or

improve your chances of achieving your target rate of return. Asset allocation and diversification don't guarantee a profit or insure against a possible loss, of course. But you owe it to your portfolio to see whether there are specialized investments that might help balance out the ones you have.

- Be disciplined about sticking to whatever strategy you choose for monitoring your portfolio. If your game plan is to rebalance whenever your investments have been so successful that they alter your asset allocation, make sure you aren't tempted to simply coast and skip your review altogether. At a minimum, you should double-check with your financial professional if you're thinking about deviating from your strategy for maintaining your portfolio. After all, you probably had good reasons for your original decision.
- If you're eligible for a defined benefit pension, you may have several payment options to choose from. Your pension plan will calculate a basic single life annuity automatically, and, if you choose a different payment option, it will recalculate the amount of your benefit based on mortality and interest rates. That means no one option is inherently better or worse than another, but each option needs to be evaluated in light of your financial and family circumstances and your expected longevity.

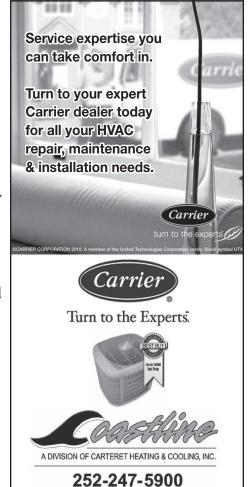
If all of this sounds like something you'd rather not deal with yourself, remember that this is why we have financial professionals committed to serving as your trusted advisor and helping you wade through the waters during both choppy and calm times in the market. Don't hesitate

to reach out to a financial advisor for a review of your situation and a portfolio checkup.

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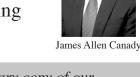
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Broadband Survey Announced

RALEIGH – Secretary of N.C. Department of Information Technology (NCDIT) and State Chief Information Officer Tracy S. Doaks is urging the public to participate in the new North Carolina Broadband Survey, launched today by the NCDIT's Broadband Infrastructure Office.

"Reliable internet access is crucial for getting North Carolina back on its feet so that students can learn, teachers can teach, businesses can grow and communities can connect," said Secretary Doaks. "As communities begin to survey their citizens, we will gain a better understanding of North Carolina's internet speeds and need, which is critical for building strategies to achieve affordable broadband access for all."

The five-minute survey was created in collaboration with the Friday Institute at NC State University. The survey can be taken online for users with internet access and by phone for users without service, and will be available in both English and Spanish.

"Every community has different challenges and unique needs," added Doaks. "Without the data to understand what those are, designing strategies and implementing plans to expand affordable broadband access will always be a challenge."

Information gathered using the survey will be used to provide context to the state's broadband picture, guiding funding opportunities through North Carolina's Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) grant program, informing research and policy recommendations, and supporting strategic targeting of additional funding channels.

This project is an extension of NCDIT's Speed Reporting Tool, which allowed people to report whether they have internet access at their home or business and determine the speeds received at their address.

"Our office is continually looking for new ways to gather the data that will help us better understand and properly portray the real-life stories of students and families who can't access the internet at home," said Jeff Sural, director of the Broadband Infrastructure Office. "This survey will provide more color to areas that have only been black and white before. That information helps us guide funding strategies and infrastructure expansion efforts across the state."

Survey campaigns will be orchestrated at the local level with support and marketing materials from the state's Broadband Infrastructure Office.

To access the online survey, visit: ncbroadband.gov/survey. Residents without internet service, but with phones capable of text messaging, can text "internet" to 919-750-0553. Standard text messaging rates will apply.

Residents with land lines or cell phones that do not have texting capability, may call 919-750-0553. The interactive voice response system will guide them through a series of short questions to obtain their address and register it in the database as having no internet capability.

Governor Roy Cooper has made expanding broadband access a priority with the goal of affordable access for all North Carolinians. Executive Order 90 established a task force on connecting North Carolina to help achieve this goal.



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Business Spotlight

Innovation Renovation, LLC

By Monica Sellars

Innovation Renovation is a locally-owned business that helps clients with indoor and outdoor home improvement projects. Caleb McGalliard is the owner and operator of Innovation Renovation; he prides himself on being honest and fair with his clients and doing great work. He would be happy to help you with a wide range of home projects, from building a custom closet to creating a backyard patio.



Caleb and Karen McGalliard

Caleb is originally from Morganton, NC, but with family living in Carteret County, he often spent summers and winter vacations here. About five years ago, he relocated to this area permanently to be closer to family; his grandmother and sister are Brandywine residents. Caleb has experience in both landscaping and construction, and he says that he is especially interested in woodworking. He enjoys building decks, furniture, cabinets, framing, retaining walls, and fences.

Caleb also uses his skills for community outreach, primarily through working with church congregations in need of help with buildings and repairs. He says that he heard a calling from God to build churches and help others. His wife, Karen, is originally from the Philippines, and it is their goal together to build a church in her family's community.

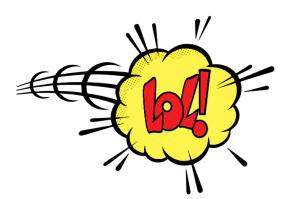
When I met with Caleb for this Business Spotlight article, I was im-

pressed that he was responsive, courteous, professional, and detail-oriented. He is genuine in his wish to help people – specifically, to help you check things off your home improvement list! He understands that you may not have the time or the tools to do the job yourself, and he is pleased to be able to offer his services.

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see the ad in this paper for more information. In addition, you can contact Caleb at 252-717-9358 or find Innovation Renovation, LLC on Facebook. For references from Brandywine neighbors, you can contact Mel Gaston, Brian Huckle, Don Buck, or Barry & Doreen Beer.



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Submitted by Marilyn Zmoda

My wife is a golfer, She's pretty far gone. She's spiked up the carpet and hacked up the lawn She once won a golf ball, by default, to be sure Now she's getting ready to make the pro tour. She's given up ironing, my shirts are drip dry. When buttons are missing, she glues on a tie. I've learned to drink breakfast, that quick instant slime, And thaw out my dinner at Tournament time. We've adjusted our love life since she took up golf. She's deaf to that sweet talk when her putting is off. But, fellows, remember--and have no remorse--She can't spend your money when she's out on the course.

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