



Golf Side Brandywine Canned Food Drive on Sept. 3

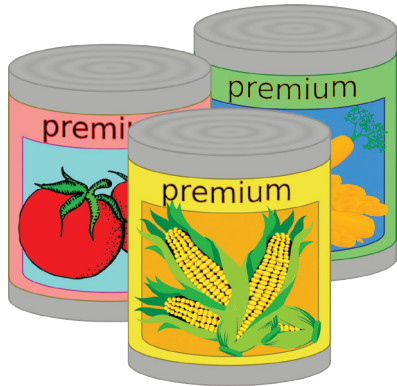
This Monday, Labor Day, September 3, we have the opportunity to come together and help solve a major problem in our area: hunger.

For the vast majority of Sound Waves readers, we've never had to worry about where to find our next meals. But for so many in Carteret County, hunger is a real and persistent challenge.

So why not do something about it?

As a community, we'll have that opportunity this Monday morning. Residents on the Golf Side of Brandywine: All you need to do is place CANNED goods in a bag or box in front of your home by 9:00am. Please don't donate items with glass, plastic or carton packaging. A team of volunteers will pick-up your canned food donations – right at the end of your driveway.

From there, your donations will be staged at nearby All Saints Church on McCabe Road, where Food Ministries Coordinator Linda May will make arrangements for delivery to the neediest of our local area food banks.



For this food drive, canned goods only please!

**The Annual Brandywine
Yard Sale**
Saturday, October 13th
Get your items ready!
See page 9 for details



According to Linda, "Every single can of food makes a difference. And it can make a huge difference!" She recalls, "I remember, as a child, having to split a ten cent can of peas for a meal. That always left a big impression on me. And so I've always had a heart for hungry folks, and I've seen that each of us, doing our own small part, can accomplish something really big."

So, this weekend, please buy a few extra cans of food to donate. And maybe go through your pantry, too! Remember, every single can makes a difference.

Our next planned food drive will be Thanksgiving weekend, and then on a quarterly basis after that.

We could use your help! Volunteers will meet in the pool parking lot at 9:00 to begin collection. Help is needed in collecting canned foods and transporting them to staging areas. Work should be over before noon. If you're able to volunteer, please contact Brandywine resident Rev. Dave Linka at 252-269-1703.

Artists Home Tour for Saturday, September 15, 2018

By Mat Madsen

The Art Tour is about meeting people that have an interest in Art, and getting to know each other. This year's Art Tour on Saturday, September 15 will begin at 9 am, and end at 4 pm.

I will have a balloon attached to my mail box post, at 204 Lord Granville Drive. No other artists within Brandywine Bay have decided to participate in this year's Art Tour.

Because August 29th represents one year in my new home, I'm also hosting a home warming with no gifts allowed. I have everything, and then some. I would just love to have your company and smiles.

Sneak Peek: Inside this Edition of Sound Waves

What will you find on the pages of Sound Waves this month?

- Anniversary and birthday celebrations
- BBA and BOA volunteer updates
- Book Club and Bridge Club restart after a summer break
- Pet of the Month: Ginger
- And more! Just turn the page...



By Susie Garland

The tradition of celebrating a 60th anniversary came into popularity after Queen Victoria celebrated her Diamond Jubilee. Friends and family gathered together at the Beaulieu summer home in Vermont to celebrate Loretta and Allen's 60th wedding anniversary. Can you spot her Brandywine friends in the picture?

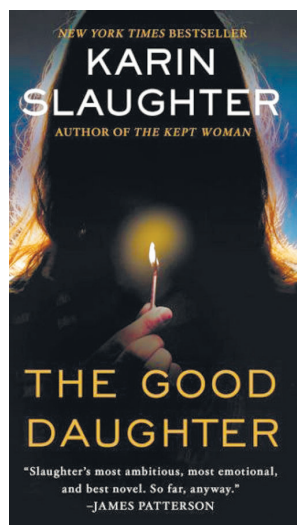
Today, September 6, as both of you look back with happiness and pride on the 60 years that you have spent side by side, may every memory that you share of dreams you have seen come true, help make this special Diamond day a happy one for you. Congratulations and Best Wishes.



Brandywine Book Club Notes

By Melinda Brown

The Brandywine Book Club recently began our new year!!! Members enjoyed reconnecting with each other, welcoming visitors, and discussing books we had read during the summer. Our book for discussion this month was the best seller *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. The novel explores the relationships between two very different families and their children. It also led to an interesting discussion of whether following rules can prevent a disaster. Our next book selection is a thriller, *The Good Daughter*, by Karin Slaughter. We invite you to read the book and join us for some lively discussion at our next meeting. The meeting will be on September 11. New members are always welcome! Contact Melinda Brown at 247-1055 for further information.



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ALL ABOARD!

By Noreen Barrett

Greetings, Neighbors!

Many thanks to everyone who attended our last quarterly BOA Board meeting on August 13th at the K Club. We appreciate your input and would encourage all HOMEOWNERS to come to these meetings and hear what's happening in your community and meet new neighbors.

It looks like the rain is giving us a reprieve, and hopefully we can totally dry out our ditches and surrounds to continue maintenance work.

As important as the role of Board members is, several of our committees also require quite a bit of time to fulfill their roles, and volunteers are always needed. Two in particular, the Architectural Committee (ACC) and the Drainage Committee, are in fact not really "committees," but consist of one very important "go-to" person, Charlie Sabathe and Scott Carpenter respectively. These men exemplify volunteerism and community activism to the fullest, and we thank them wholeheartedly. Having a few more folks on each committee would certainly lighten their load and would ensure the components of each committee are being communicated in the correct manner. A job shared is a job halved! Please consider joining one of these committees.

During our meeting, there was a discussion regarding the covenants and specific wording as it relates to the rules on trailers of any type in Brandywine. Please read below the official stance on the subject of all trailers:

This Agreement is made for purposes of reference the 16th day of March, 2009 by and between the undersigned Owners of Lots within that area of the Brandywine Bay development

1. Article IV, Section xi, "**Mobile Vehicles and Buildings**" is re-written to read as follows: Section xi. *Mobile Vehicles and Buildings.*

These covenants shall not be interpreted to allow inclusion on any Lot of a temporary building, including but not limited to, any tent or any other non-permanent structure. In addition, no motor home including recreational vehicle ("RV"), camp trailer, utility trailer, boat trailer, or boat, personal watercraft (PWC), jet ski, or all-terrain vehicle (ATV) shall be allowed on any Lot for a period of time exceeding one successive week; in addition at least one week must elapse between the removal of any such device, and the relocation on the Lot for an additional one week of such device.

The covenants are clear as it relates to this issue. If you currently have a trailer of any type on your property or a rental property you own, please make alternative arrangements for storage immediately.

We have had several incidents this year of "hit and run" type events. Thankfully, in all cases there were no injuries that we are aware of. Several of our expensive signs and gates have taken the brunt of this type of damage. I would encourage the people involved to please notify a board member if an accident of this type occurs so we may work with your insurance company or privately to collect money for repairs. I would like to remind residents that while Brandywine roads are considered Private Vehicular Areas, they ARE subject to the same rules and regulations as a state highway in regard to speeding and drinking and driving.

We have some fun events coming up soon in Brandywine. Firstly, the Art Tour on September 15th and secondly the community yard sale on October 13th. Additional details of these activities can be found in the Sound Waves.

All the best,

Noreen Barrett

President, BOA.

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Changes to the 2018 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 purchase 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.

CHANGES

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Mary C Budd & Frank Carroll	113 Fairway Drive West.....	214-929-8881
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“Ancient” Brandywine Newsletters Discovered

By Marilyn Zmoda

Have you ever wondered what Brandywine was like 30-31 years ago? Recently discovered Brandywine newsletters from 1987 and onward, through 1993, should give a small inkling of those years. The following are excerpts from these newsletters.

DECEMBER 1987

Water and sewer department is expanding the waste treatment plant. Their equipment is clean, new, and first class. Walk over and see for yourself. Six new families welcomed to Cedarwood, including Henry and Patsy Deese. Our talented ladies have made it a bright Christmas with their trees and decorations in our area. PEACE ON EARTH

JANUARY 1988

January Board meeting held at President Stakes' home. \$38,000 was received from Oak Ridge (Developer). Roads will be deeded to our Association shortly. More volunteers are needed to rake, pick up litter and generally keep the areas neat and well drained.

New residents include Anita and Kathleen Murphy on Westchester Drive.

There is a great interest in a Brandywine Bay Garden Club. Thanks given to our ladies for the Christmas decorations, not only beautiful and reasonable, but gave our area some class.

Plans were announced by the LGA for the coming year, with an invitation to all Brandywine ladies to participate. Membership now stands at approximately 27 and dues are \$15 annually. The ladies tee off on Tuesday for nine holes of play year 'round, be it 40 or 100 degrees. Our motto: "Golf forever, Housework whenever." Joint nine hole tournaments will be held yearly with Bogue Banks CC and Star Hill CC.

The MGA has a little more than 50 members-some of which are a few "not yet" residents and some part time residents. Annual dues are \$20. Work on the new, long-awaited golf shop seems to be progressing slowly- but who would want to be working out there in this weather?

FEBRUARY 1988

Board meeting held at Gary Stakes home. Treasurer reported \$106,577 on hand, with \$750 assessments outstanding

The Road Committee (perhaps our most important committee ever) has been formed. Construction will begin in March and the committee is now working with Ron Cullilpher, Stroud Engineering.

Another committee has been formed to coordinate with property owners on the south side of Hwy NC 24.

Annual meeting will be held in April at the Webb Center for the purpose of electing two new board members. Ballots will be sent to all property owners.

Wants and Needs list:

1. A friendly cooperation between all residents
2. Completion of golf shop as soon as possible

Unwanted list: Letters written that are unsigned.

Our clean-up group had its effort from Brown's residence to NC 24 and then to the golf shop--6 bags of trash were collected--mostly beer cans.

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS

MARCH 1988

The contract paid for the Oak Ridge (developer) is underway concerning the roads and drainage. The deed for the roads is finalized except for one signature. Liens have been placed on properties with past due accounts of one year.

DON'T PUT YOUR TRASH ON VACANT LOTS!! THIS IS A FIRE HAZARD AND VERY UNATTRACTIVE! There is a huge pile of burnables located between the driving range and sewage plant. Discard your limbs, trees, straw, etc. there PLEASE.

Nine new residents, which include six at Cedarwood Village.

We are again having break-ins at the golf shed. Recently two carts were damaged on March 10. On three other dates two suspects were seen, but not caught and after a stake-out; two were charged with trespassing.

The LGA sponsored a St Patrick's Day 18-hole tournament with 16 couples participating. Club members drew names for partners.

APRIL 1988

The new Road committee is very busy. The new ditches have been raked and seeded. They could use two more interested men.

One new family in residence. Ten lots sold in the Honours section. People ready to build as soon as the streets are done.

A lengthy article was included on Zoning regulations in Carteret County, by the late Al Sonnenberg.

The goose on #13 is still on her one egg. The pair near the wooden bridge have seven young. Another four were hatched recently. You'd enjoy checking them as you go by. The mallard family came to a bad end. It's a shame because they were so beautiful.

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K Club Bridge will resume after summer hiatus on Sept. 12th. Hoping you all had a great summer and you are ready for some good cards and fun company to finish out the season! This month's co-hostesses will be Ingrid Carmona and Carol Council. Expect a call from them. We are looking forward to seeing all your lovely faces... Pat and Dolly.

Lobster Fest 2018

By Terry Smith

The 14th Annual Lobster Fest will take place at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church in Indian Beach, 920 Salter Path Road, on Saturday, October 13, from 11:30 to 3:30 pm. It is very hard work for the dedicated volunteers, yet year after year the event is deemed a success. It is essentially a day long party, and proceeds help fund the ongoing ministry of St. Francis by the Sea.

Live lobsters are delivered to the church directly from Maine. On-site cooks prepare them to go and for meals served at the church. A team of workers spends the day in the back of the refrigerated delivery truck filling orders for live lobsters and keeping the cook team supplied. Another team cracks the claws and cuts the tails to ease the process of eating the lobster. The sanctuary is turned into a dining room where dedicated volunteers serve dine-in and take-out meals.

A complete lobster dinner, including potato salad, coleslaw and homemade dessert is \$25. A cooked lobster without the trimming, is \$21. If you are feeling more adventuresome, you can get live lobster for \$19 each and cook them at home. The lobsters are large approximately 1 ½ lbs. each, and exceptionally good.

The best way to ensure you will get one is to purchase tickets in advance by October 5. It is risky not to purchase tickets before the event. If you are picking up take-out orders, it is best to arrive before 3 pm. Special delivery is available upon request for orders of ten or more.

You may get tickets from any parishioner, or by phone – 252-240-2388 (church office) or 252-354-5859 (Linda Davies). Those who bought tickets in the past should receive order forms in the mail.

Credit cards (Visa, Master Card or Discover) will be accepted by phone (no voice mail orders, please) or in person at the church, Monday – Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm generally. Call 252-240-2388 to be sure someone is available to take your order.



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BOA Board Minutes:

Board Meeting, August 13, 2018

at K-Club

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present were, Nancy Beszterczei, Noreen Barrett, Bob White, and Rachel Love-Adrick.

Noreen asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written from the July meeting. Nancy Beszterczei made a motion to approve the minutes, Bob White seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: BOA dues were due on May 15, 2018, after this date a late fee is assessed. As of today, 2 dues are still unpaid, the board is following up with each owner. All money for previous gate damages have been paid in full.

Secretary’s report: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Bylaws Update:** At the March 2018 board meeting the board voted to amend the terms of the board members from 2 years to 3 years. Based on the current bylaws and the procedures followed for previous amendments the board felt that they were within their rights to amend the bylaws in this manner. However, we were informed that based on North Carolina Gen. Stat. 55A-10-21, which governs non-profit corporations including community associations, requires the Board and members of the Association to vote on an amendment to an Association’s Bylaws. This has called into concern the current and some previous bylaw amendments. At the May 2018 meeting the board was voted in as the interim board until the bylaw amendments have been rectified. The board has received a quote of \$3,000 to \$5,000 from the HOA attorney, Alan Trask regarding a redrafting of the bylaws. The board is requesting a redrafting of the bylaws to incorporate the previous amendments that can be found on the website, the 3-year amendment to board member terms, and a bylaw process amendment. Following the redrafting of the bylaws, the changes will be sent out to vote to the community to ensure that the changes are legitimate.
- 2. HOA Dues:** 637 BOA dues have been paid, currently there are 2 outstanding BOA dues.
- 3. Gate Card & Database/Phone Directory:** The database is being updated based in the audit form sent out with the dues. The phone directory is 90% complete and the gate card audit is 20% complete. Ann Webster is taking over the gate card duties from Lin Chidsey. Thank you Ann for stepping up! Ann Webster’s contact information is listed in the Sound Waves under the Committee Chairpersons.
- 4. Bridges Street Extension:** NCDOT is encouraging citizens to voice their opinion regarding the proposed project to help narrow down the location of this extension. For more information about the project or to share your opinion visit <https://publicinput.com/BridgeSt> or contact the project manager Liz Workman at (919)854-6221 or lsworkman@ncdot.gov.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Road Maintenance:** The board requested quotes for an evaluation of roadways within the community that require maintenance, and a cost estimate of the suggested repairs. After receiving quotes, the board has hired Able Paving & Seal to make repairs to the neighborhood. The first area to receive attention will be Hammocks Place, and the filling of the pothole at the 24 gate exit. Work should start this week, and is weather dependent.
- 2. Food Drive:** The food drive will be Labor Day. Please look for more information in Sound Waves, and be on the lookout for an email from your neighborhood rep.
- 3. Entrance Gate Protocols:** When the gate is not working we ask that residents try the other gate before calling an emergency number, especially late at night. Please then report the gate outage to the Board in the morning.
- 4. Yard Sale/Art Tour:** Community Yard Sale will be on October 13th. Please see articles in August and September Sound Waves. On September 15th there will be a community Home Art Tour. Please see past and current Sound Waves for articles promoting the event. Past editions of Sound Waves are available on the website: brandywineowners.org/homeowners/sound-waves
- 5. Air B&B:** The Board has received reports of Air B&B’s in the neighborhood. Our neighborhood and covenants were developed before short term rentals. The board has reached out to the HOA attorney, Alan Trask, on how to manage short term rentals in the neighborhood. The board is looking into the issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification –A new sprinkler system was installed at the 70-gate. The old system was original to the development. Fall flower plantings have been scheduled.

Drainage – Maintenance is ongoing at Emerywood, Eastchester, Westchester, Lord Granville, Reserve Green, English Turn, Hillcrest, and the 70 gate. Only two phone calls were received during the last major storm events.

Gates – The phone lines at both the 24 and 70 gates were damaged. There are temporary lines in place at both gates, and the gates are working.

Cameras – In working order. Nothing to report.

Boat Storage – The storage area is at full capacity, and has a wait list of 30 people.

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420 Oakmont Dr.....	Re-paint Shutters and Door	7/1/218
306 Lord Granville Dr..	Remove Tree(s) Cut Back Bushes	7/9/2018
407 Hillcrest Dr.....	Paint Trim, Front Door, Deck.....	7/17/2018
301 Lord Granville Dr..	Remove Trees	7/18/2018
207 Tree Fern Dr.....	Install Fence.....	7/18/2018
218 Lord Granville Dr..	Remove Tree.....	7/30/2018

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Love-Adrick, August 20, 2018

Observation and Perspective

By Mat Madsen

In the August issue, the topic was "Observation and Perspective." This will lead you into this month's topic, "**Light, Shade and Blending.**" This topic is familiar to the experienced artists.

I want to reach out to those artists that are getting started as well. Remember the mother in my March art article who declared, after taking a lesson along with her child, "I didn't know I could draw."



The first consideration in planning your painting in any media is a drawing of the composition. And the first consideration of the drawing is the direction of the light source.

Will the light come from the right, left, above, front or the rear? Once the direction of light is established, this direction of light will be maintained throughout the progress of this composition.

I tell my students that they need to learn how to sketch, before they draw. Drawing an object is precise, whereas sketching allows you the free hand motion to establish what you are seeking for a drawing.

I always create a sketch of a painting on paper, before I move onto a canvas with a drawing for the actual painting. I use an H pencil for the drawing instead of a B pencil so it's easier to erase. You don't want the graphite from the B pencil to mix with the paint.

You can use objects from around your home to set up a "still life" on a table. I built a table just for this purpose, and with a light source, you can see the "light and shadow." Move the objects and light source to different positions to achieve the best composition.

Blending all and any object with the knowledge of the 9 step value chart is simply going from dark to light to create volume, and volume creates more dimensions. When I'm painting, I'll blend dark to light.

I use different tools, imagination and techniques for blending dark values

into light values, both in drawing and painting. Use your finger, a Q tip, tissue, rag, and anything else that will create the effect that you're looking for.

View my Drawing and the painting of the "**Lighthouse**" on www.artby-mat.com and the photo included in this article. The drawing started from a reference, and I added the steps, lamp, birds and the ship.

For the painting I increased the height of the lighthouse, added the house and the dramatic coastline with high waves. The color red draws your attention to the lighthouse. The blending of the colors creates the volume. The waves create a "line of design" to the main subject, the lighthouse.

The art topic for October will be "**Atmosphere and Hidden Lines,**" with a painting as an example.



Artists Home Tour Planned for Saturday, September 15, 2018

This year's Art Tour will begin at 9 am, and end at 4 pm. Visitors won't be asked to leave just because it's 4 pm.

No other artists within Brandywine Bay have asked to participate in this years the Art Tour.

Because August 29th represents one year in my new home, I'm also hosting a home warming with no gifts allowed. I have everything, and then some. I would just love to have your company and smiles.

I will have a balloon attached to my mail box post, at 204 Lord Granville Drive. This will be less travel for everyone on a Saturday.

This Art Tour is not about selling my art. I'll be pleased to keep every one of my paintings. They all mean a lot to me, and each one has its own story to tell. I'm always happy to reminisce, so please ask.

The Art Tour is about meeting people that have an interest in art and getting to know each other.

This Art Tour within Brandywine Bay has been announced in the Sound Waves as only for the residents in our community. Please ask any of your friends from outside our community to attend along with you. I will also have my own, very interesting guests, attending from outside our community, that you will enjoy meeting.

Art in one form or another is a part of us each and every day, and for me, I call this my therapy; my relief from stress, daily chores, and forever ongoing projects. Those who belong to a Book Club, Garden Club, Bridge Club, and play Golf know the relief these activities offer to their spirit.

We're all looking forward to a very good turnout from our residents, and our visitors.

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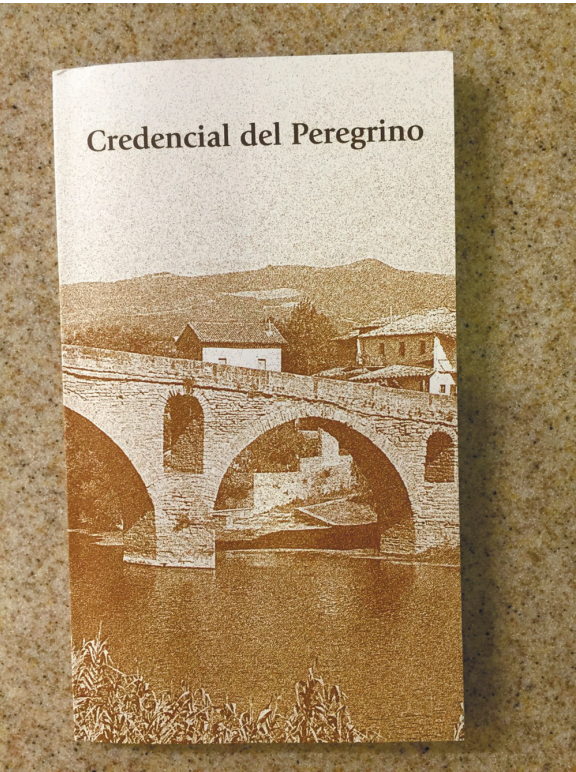
Hiking the Camino de Santiago

By Sue Fox

In a short while, I will be setting off on a new adventure with my sister and a dear friend. We are planning to hike the Camino de Santiago from the south of France across the north of Spain to Santiago de Compostela. It is a 500-mile journey that will take us over the Pyrenees, as well as through other mountain passes, across plains, and through towns large and small. It will challenge us physically and emotionally. It will bring us closer to each other and closer to our true selves.

We will actually begin in Paris. We will have 3 days to check out the sites and then will hop the train to begin our journey from St. Jean Pied du Port, France.

The cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, according to tradition, sits over the spot where the bones of St. James, apostle of Jesus, are buried. For 1000+ years pilgrims have traveled the roads from their homes to the cathedral searching for spiritual renewal, forgiveness, a miracle, etc. The pilgrim wears a scallop shell to symbolize the journey. Like the many lines of the scallop shell, converging at the top, there are many routes that can be taken to Santiago. We will begin our pilgrimage in the south of France, walking the Camino Frances. Others may start in Paris or from various places in Spain or Portugal. All converge in a single spot – the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela.



When I speak to people about our upcoming trip, they are intrigued. They think it's very cool, but have no interest in hiking it themselves. So, why would we want to do that? Hiking 8 – 10 hours a day for 30 – 35 days is not appealing to most individuals. I cannot speak for the others, but I can share why I do it. Three years ago, I went to a Movie Night at our church. The movie chosen was “The Way.” It was written and directed by Emelio Estevez and stars his father, Martin Sheen, as the primary character. In the movie, Martin Sheen learns that his son, Emelio Estevez, has been killed in a hiking accident in France. He goes to France to claim the body and bring his son home. He asks the police captain what his son was doing out there and the captain explains what the Camino is and why he has also hiked it several times. The father decides to walk the Camino for his son. The movie is the story of the father's journey. The story goes beyond his physical journey, but also shares his personal journey. From the moment I saw that movie I felt compelled to go. I own the movie and have watched it no less than 100 times. EVERY time I see it I am ready to hop on the plane and begin right then.

Perhaps it is a sense of adventure that makes me want to go. Perhaps it is the uniqueness of this adventure that calls. Perhaps it is an identity with the

main character of the movie – I had lost a daughter shortly before seeing it. I think it's all of these things combined. I do know this – the Camino calls to people. Not everyone, but it calls to certain ones. It calls to me. I walk with friends to build and strengthen those relationships. I walk to heal the hole in my heart. I walk to celebrate my life and my daughter's. I will carry with me something that symbolizes her to me. She will travel this path with me as well.

We recently received our Camino Passports, which are to be stamped in every town we travel through. At the end we will receive a certificate to frame and display. We hope to hike past Santiago de Compostela and reach the Atlantic Ocean in either Muxia or Finesterre (Celtic for the End of the Earth) before heading to Barcelona for our return flight.

Each time we take a rest day, I plan to send back some info on what we have seen, done, discovered, explored, or learned. I hope you will enjoy the journey with me. Maybe through my words the Camino will call to you and you will find yourself on your own journey of discovery.

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All Brandywine Yard Sale October 13th 8 am -12 noon

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. Rain-out date for the community yard sale is October 20th. Be advised that a light sprinkle/shower is not a rain out. Advertisements for this awaited event will be in the October 10 and 12 editions of 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; for example, 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.

LGA News

By Susie Garland

July 26: Low Net/Low Putts. Rain delay until 10:30am but eight players came out to play in the slush and heat. In the low putts category, Nelda Kessler and Brenda Leinthall tied with 32 putts. Brenda also had first low net (66). Close behind for second place with a net 67: Susie Garland. Third place, with a net 69: Bernie Moreno. Yeah, us!

August 2: Ace of the Month with 11 players and seven competing for August Ace.

Gotta tell you folks, the weather did not cooperate once again with a heavy downpour of rain for most of the round. When the rain stopped, intermittently, it lasted for a short period of time and had the girls scrambling to hide underneath the trees and whatever shelter was available. We all came into the clubhouse soaking wet and immediately got down to the business of eating lunch while drying out. Two groups managed to complete the round. Here are the results: In the Low Putts competition, Mickey Friend won with 34 putts. For low net, Mickey shared second place honors with Nelda Kessler, each having a net 73. One stroke better, with a net 72, Bernie Moreno took the win. Kudos and more to you, Bernie. You done good! The 50-50 draw: Susie Garland (that's me) had her name pulled and used the \$6.00 payout to buy lunch. Good deal. Hey, guess what? The Bobbsey Twins showed up again: Ann O'Connor and Myra Roche. Ain't they cute?



August 9: Score ODD HOLES only. On a VERY hot and humid day, eight players managed to complete their round. How hot? Hotter than two hamsters farting in a wool sock. So hot, you could fry an egg on the asphalt. The sweat rolling off our bodies would have had anyone think it rained heavily. But anyway, here are the results: Using one-half handicap, Brenda Leinthall and Pat Barber tied for second place with a net 33. First place, with a net 30: Rosie Angel.

August 16: Low Net. Yet another scorching hot day with nine players tolerating the heat and humidity. (Well, almost). No walkers. The new carts are getting a good workout. Here's the results. There was a three-way tie for low net (65): Ann O'Connor, Nancy Bullett, and Pat Barber. A respectable net 68 put Bernie Moreno in second place. Way to go!



LGA News

By Susie Garland

August 18: COUPLES CUP TOURNAMENT. There were 14 couples participating in a Texas Scramble format. Each player teed off, and the best drive was selected. Players then played their own ball from that position to the green. The best net score was recorded using 80% of handicap as the team score for each hole. Here are the results. In third place, with a score of 60: Nelda Kessler and Chuck Urban. Janice and Ken Ghelli took second place with a net 59. Ra-ta-ta-rat-ta-ta-rat-ta-ta for the winning team with a low net of 54: Angela Zieleck and Eugene Gurganus. The 50-50 draw was won by food manager, Lori Donaghy. And speaking of food, there was a delicious cuisine enjoyed by everyone after the round: hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, salad, and the most delicious strawberry shortcake for dessert. Another fun day out on the course. Thanks to Steve and Dennis for putting it all together and tallying up the scores.



MGA Happenings

By Vince Moreno

8/1/2018: Our first Wednesday tournament was held today on this non-rainy day. We welcomed the fine day we had today away from all that rain. Chris Calling, our new tournament chairman, took over from the retiring Chuck Muller, and he did a fine job. The game was Texas Scramble Two-Man Teams. We had low gross winners Vince Garcia and Bill Springsteen with a score of 82. The low net winners with a score of 54 were Josh Frechette and John Zimmerman. The closest to the pin winners were Charlie Sabathe and Chuck Muller. After golf we had lunch at the K Club, and it was great as usual. So all in all it was another good day for the MGA.



Low Gross Winners, Vince Garcia and Bill Springsteen



Low Net Winners, Josh Frechette and John Zimmerman



Closest to the Pin Winners, Charlie Sabathe and Chuck Muller

Golf Tips: Putting

By Steve Sewell, Brandywine Bay Golf Club



Here is the area of golf where so many players feel they are adequate and usually are lacking a little. If your total putts -- on green, not from the fringe -- exceed 31, you are giving away strokes.

This article will not address the techniques of putting strokes, rather, distance. The distance component, versus direction, is worth 95% of your focus. When I say distance, I am also saying pace, perception, feel, touch, speed and many other terms used by coaches and commentators.

If any golfer tried a sampling of putts, and noted why the putts did not go in the cup, or was not left with a tap in, most of the time the player would notice shots close to on line with the proper distance remained close. However, those with too little speed, or too much, obviously did not go in, AND the resulting next putt was NOT a tap in. Distance is the number one factor required toward successful putting. I played down the second piece, direction. Guess what: speed even effects direction! When you see Tour players competing and the TVs now show two lines, one blue and one white, the white demonstrates the amount of break involved relative to the blue, straight line. For each golfer this white line varies due to his or her chosen pace, speed or distance. When a golfer reads a putt, he sees the perceived point of break relative to his or her speed style. You will note many of the players hole their putts despite their ball not rolling down the TV's white line.

Practice distance control with all short game shots. A good and simple drill is to strike a short putt, then hit number two one foot beyond the first, then number three a foot beyond two and so on. Better distance control will yield a big, positive change in your total number of putts per round.

Please let me show you how to putt better; it's a skill we can all learn.

Of course I must write my companion golf story! When I was married, a lifetime ago, the PGA hosted its annual Pro-Wives Tournament. The format was selected drive, alternate shot. My ex-wife hit a beauty off the first tee -- long, straight and drawing to the center, right in front of the crowd. I'll take credit for her swing, but not the backbone she demonstrated as a player on review. In any case, after approximately 14 holes we were doing well. On the 15th green, she had a very long, wide breaking, downhill putt to a flag position near the green's collar and just behind, a little rough, then water.

She continued to ask for guidance since it involved perception as to where one should aim, relative to the speed she wanted. To her credit, it was most difficult. I continued to coach when she asked for help, "just think speed." "Your perception will guide you to a target as you feel what speed you want." I guess the word speed really took hold, as she smacked the putt, sailed it past the hole and into the water! We did not win that year. She yelled back at me as I asked what she was thinking, and said, "you said speed was the key!" Served me right; too much coaching, especially to a spouse.

Keep practicing,
Steve

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LENNA EASTER CELEBRATES 80TH

By Susie Garland

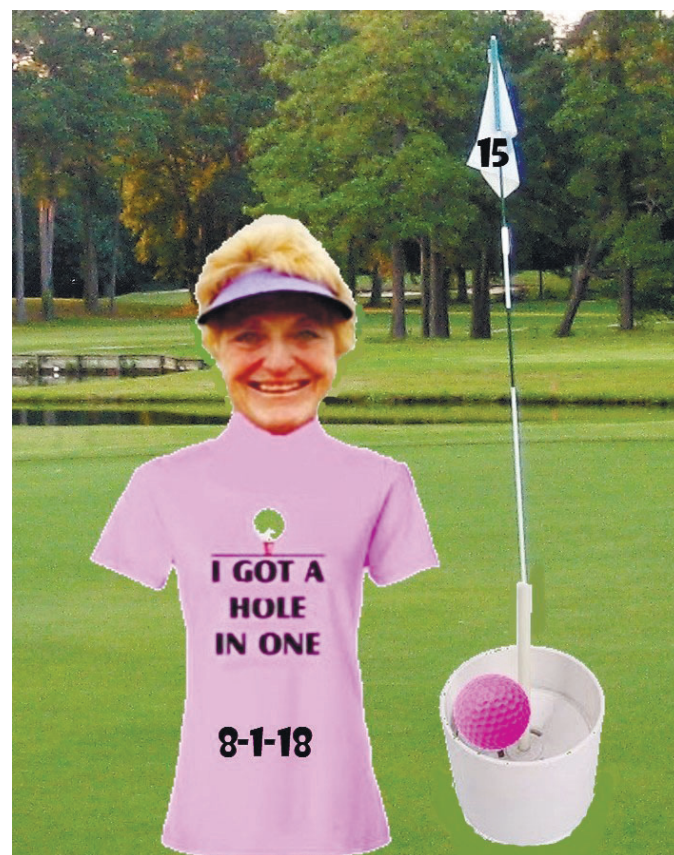
On August 10, 13 members of the LGA celebrated Lenna's birthday, held at No Name Pizza in Morehead City. Thanks to Ann O'Connor, our party chairperson, for arranging the event. Muchly appreciated. Here's what Lenna had to say:
Hey, it's me on Tuesday morning
Come ride with me and play
It sure beats cleaning toilets
Well, that's what they all say

Then we'll get some pizza
At the place that has "No Name"
To celebrate my birthday
I'm so glad that you all came



By Susie Garland

Having rained for almost two straight weeks ... today, August 1, the sun finally came out. Ann O'Connor, Susie Garland, and Nelda Kessler were anxious to play a round of golf. So, they arrived at the 15th hole and teed up. Nelda took out her #8 hybrid and hit a good shot onto the green, but we couldn't see exactly where it landed. We drove up to the green and couldn't find the ball, having looked here, there, and everywhere: left, right, sandbox, and wherever else. No ball. After a few minutes, just as Nelda was about to drive back to the tee (lost ball), Ann walked by the hole and peeked inside. There was Nelda's shiny pink ball resting comfortably. "Yowsa," we all shouted. Will wonders never cease! Congratulations, Nelda. We are so very proud of you.



Business Spotlight: Kirby Sloan, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

By Monica Sellars



Melodie Daniels and Kirby Sloan

“What keeps you up at night?” That’s one thing Kirby Sloan wants to find out about his clients when he’s helping them develop their personalized financial strategy. Kirby Sloan is an Edward Jones Financial Advisor in Morehead City. His passion is to understand what is most important to his clients, and then help them work through the steps

to reach their goals. He knows that no two people are the same, and he truly enjoys getting to know each person he meets. He’s an example of a financial advisor who cares about the people he works with, beyond just their finances.

Kirby says that working as a financial advisor has been his career goal for many years. Kirby earned his Bachelor’s degree in Economics at ECU in 2008. After gaining work experience in other industries, Kirby began his Edward Jones career in 2016 in Morehead City. When he is not helping his Edward Jones clients, Kirby enjoys spending time with his wife, Kourtney, and their new baby girl. He enjoys boating and the beach, taking in local concerts, events, and baseball games, and volunteering with Connect Carteret, The Seafood Festival, and their church.

When you work with Kirby, he will help you develop a personalized financial strategy. He frequently works with other professionals, like CPAs and attorneys, to make the best, most comprehensive plan for you. His specialty is helping you bring together different investment strategies, like insurance, retirement plans, and CDs, to create a complete financial plan. And he will always help you understand the plan he proposes for you.

Kirby believes that he and his clients need to “click” so that they can feel relaxed and comfortable asking questions and working together. He is dedicated to helping people, and he is happy to meet with you to just talk to see if you would like to work together. He recommends, whether you think your portfolio is big or small, that everyone should have a plan for their estate, including a will and beneficiaries.

When you call or visit Kirby at his Edward Jones office, you will most likely speak with Melodie Daniels first; she’s the Branch Office Administrator. She will greet you with a genuine smile and make you feel welcome from the moment you say hello. Melodie is a Carteret County native who, naturally, enjoys the water and boating. After attending college in Wilmington, Melodie made her way back to Carteret County. Today, she stays busy with her kids and their schools through volunteering with the PTA, class activities, and extracurricular activities.

If you are in need of a financial plan, or would like a second opinion on a plan you already have, consider meeting with Kirby. With so many different financial investment options available, financial planning may feel overwhelming. Talking with an expert can help you find answers to your questions, feel confident about your finances, and sleep soundly at night.

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PetDocks Estrus Cycles in Dogs

By Dr. Todd Worrell

Estrus is the stage of the reproductive cycle in which the dog can become pregnant; sometimes a dog that is in estrus is said to be “in heat” or “in season.” Dogs will have their first estrus cycle when they reach puberty. On average, puberty or sexual maturity is reached at about 6 months of age, but this can vary by breed. Small breeds tend to have their first estrus cycle at an earlier age, while the large and giant breeds may not come into heat for the first time until they reach eighteen months to two years of age.

Most dogs come into heat twice per year, or about every six months, although the interval can vary between breeds, and from dog to dog. When young dogs first begin to cycle, it is normal for their cycles to be somewhat irregular. It can take up to 2 years for a female dog to develop regular cycles. There is no season of the year which corresponds to a breeding season for domesticated dogs.

On average a dog will be ‘in heat’ for 2-3 weeks. The earliest sign of estrus is swelling or engorgement of the external vulva, but this swelling is not always obvious. In many cases, a bloody vaginal discharge will be the first thing that a pet owner will observe when their dog comes into heat. In some cases, the discharge will not be apparent until several days after estrus has begun. The amount of discharge varies with the individual dog. The vaginal discharge will change in color and appearance as the cycle progresses. At first, the discharge is very bloody, but as the days pass, it changes to a watery, pinkish-red discharge, usually about 7-10 days into the cycle. A female dog that is in heat will often urinate more frequently than normal, or may develop ‘marking behavior,’ in which she urinates small amounts on various objects either in the home or when she is on a walk. Her urine contains pheromones and hormones, both of which signal her reproductive state to other dogs. This is the reason that dogs in heat will attract other dogs, particularly males. Male dogs can detect a female in heat from a great distance and may begin marking your property with their urine in an attempt to claim their ‘territory.’ Estrus ends when the discharge completely disappears and the vulva returns to its normal size.

The female dog usually ovulates at about the time that the vaginal discharge becomes watery; this marks her most fertile stage and at this time she will usually become receptive to breeding. However, sperm can survive for a week in the reproductive tract and still be capable of fertilizing the eggs, so it is possible that she can get pregnant at any point while she is in estrus.

The best way to prevent your dog from becoming pregnant is to have her surgically sterilized (an ovariohysterectomy or ‘spay’ operation) before she has her first estrus cycle. Since it can be difficult to predict when this first cycle will occur, most veterinarians recommend performing an ovariohysterectomy before the dog is 6-7 months of age.

There are no valid reasons for letting a dog have an estrus cycle or have

a litter of puppies before being spayed. Dogs can become pregnant on their very first estrus cycle, increasing the chance that an accidental breeding may occur. Dogs are indiscriminant, so a brother may breed with its sister, a father may breed with his daughter, and a son may breed with his mother. A common myth is that female dogs will become more friendly and sociable if they are allowed to have a litter of puppies. This is not true, and only serves to contribute further to dog overpopulation.

Carolina Water Observation

By Patti Brown

As a local small business owner with a 4.0 MBA, may I add a different viewpoint on the Carolina Water rate issue? Recently published comments have asserted customers were being punished for using less water by having their per unit rate increased. While it may seem so--and certainly no one enjoys paying more for anything--it is not the case.

All companies that want to stay in business begin with a budget of how much money is required to cover expenses and provide a reasonable profit. (Regulated companies like utilities are limited on what profit is deemed “reasonable”.) The company divides the budget \$\$ by the number of units to be sold to arrive at the per unit cost that must be charged to remain in business.

For example, say regulated Utility X needs \$10,000 per month to operate. It sells 1,000,000 units per month to 1,000 customers (1,000 units per customer). The per unit rate required to support the \$10,000 budget would be \$.01 or \$10/month. Now, suppose over time the company finds it is only selling 800,000 units per month because some customers are actively conserving. The company still requires \$10,000 per month to operate, so the per unit rate would have to be raised to \$0.125. The company is actually not making any more money each month, despite how it looks to the customer. Whether the customer pays more, less, or the bill stays the same will be a function of individual consumption.

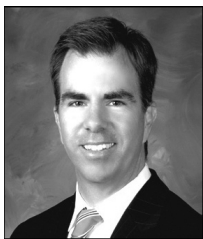
If you want to challenge a proposed rate increase, what you need to do is challenge the validity of the budget on which it is based, not the per unit cost.



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Understanding IRAs

By Greg Patterson, Financial Advisor, Atlantic Wealth Management

If you're like most people, it's not that you don't appreciate the value of life insurance. In fact, many people believe they need more coverage. However, thinking about buying life insurance, talking about buying life insurance, discussing the reasons for buying life insurance—all of this makes many people feel uncomfortable. Here are just some of the reasons why you may be putting off buying the life insurance you know you need. As you read below, try to identify what, if anything, is holding you back.

I don't have enough time. You'll get around to buying life insurance, but not today. With all the things you have to do, buying life insurance can come off as a low priority. Plus, the whole idea of discussing life insurance isn't a whole lot of fun. Nonetheless, buying life insurance is really an important task that should be addressed. Life insurance can help ensure that your family will have enough money to meet their financial obligations in the event of your death.

The subject is boring and morbid. If you really don't like to think about death, you're not alone. Some people say that the very thought of starting the life insurance buying process makes them feel stressed out. It's a subject we would rather ignore than address.

It doesn't have to be that way. People who do act on their life insurance needs tend to focus on the positive aspects: the idea of meeting their responsibilities to provide for, and care for, their loved ones. They think of it as contingency planning, protecting their families against the uncertainties of life. They also recognize that life insurance is really about life and love, so that if they die prematurely their spouse and children are ensured a positive quality of life.

I don't know where to start. If you don't have a clue about which type of policy is right for you, or how much life insurance you need, join the club. Few of us truly understand life insurance—why we need it, what type of policy is best, how much we need, when and how benefits are paid, how benefits may be taxed, and more.

Thinking you need to have all of the answers about which type of life insurance is best for you is sort of like needing surgery and thinking you need to know which type of scalpel to use. That's the surgeon's job. In the same respect, the right insurance or financial professional can answer your questions and guide you through the process of selecting the policy that best suits your needs, budget, and objectives.

Life insurance isn't a high priority, compared to the other expenses I have. For many underinsured people, it is not so much that they don't want the life insurance they need; it's just difficult to find the extra dollars to pay for it.

Buying life insurance you can't afford benefits no one. If it causes your family hardship or requires you to make choices that seem incongruous ("Gee kids, I'd love to take you on vacation, but our life insurance premium is due."), you will eventually discontinue the policy. Then you lose, and your family loses.

That's why it is important to purchase a policy that meets your needs and your budget. Fortunately, there are many types of life insurance available. These include term life insurance policies and various types of permanent (cash value) life insurance policies. Term policies provide life insurance protection for a specific period of time. If you die during the coverage period, your beneficiary receives the policy's death benefit. If you live to the end of the term, the policy simply terminates, unless it automatically renews for a new period.

Permanent insurance policies offer protection for your entire life, regardless of future health changes, provided you pay the premium to keep the policy in force. As you pay your premiums, a portion of each payment goes toward building up the policy's cash value, which may be accessed through loans or withdrawals. (Keep in mind, though,

that loans and withdrawals will reduce the cash value and the death benefit, and could cause the policy to lapse, which may result in a tax liability if the policy terminates before the death of the insured). The cash value continues to grow—tax deferred—as long as the policy is in force.

Several different types of permanent life insurance are available, including whole life insurance, universal life insurance, variable life, and variable universal life.

The bottom line. It is easy to understand why people tend to put off purchasing the life insurance they know they need. But look at it this way: buying life insurance is one way you can help secure your family's financial future. And what could be better than knowing your loved ones will be protected, even if you are no longer around to take care of them? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow, which is why we need to make plans today. Contact a financial professional for an insurance review.

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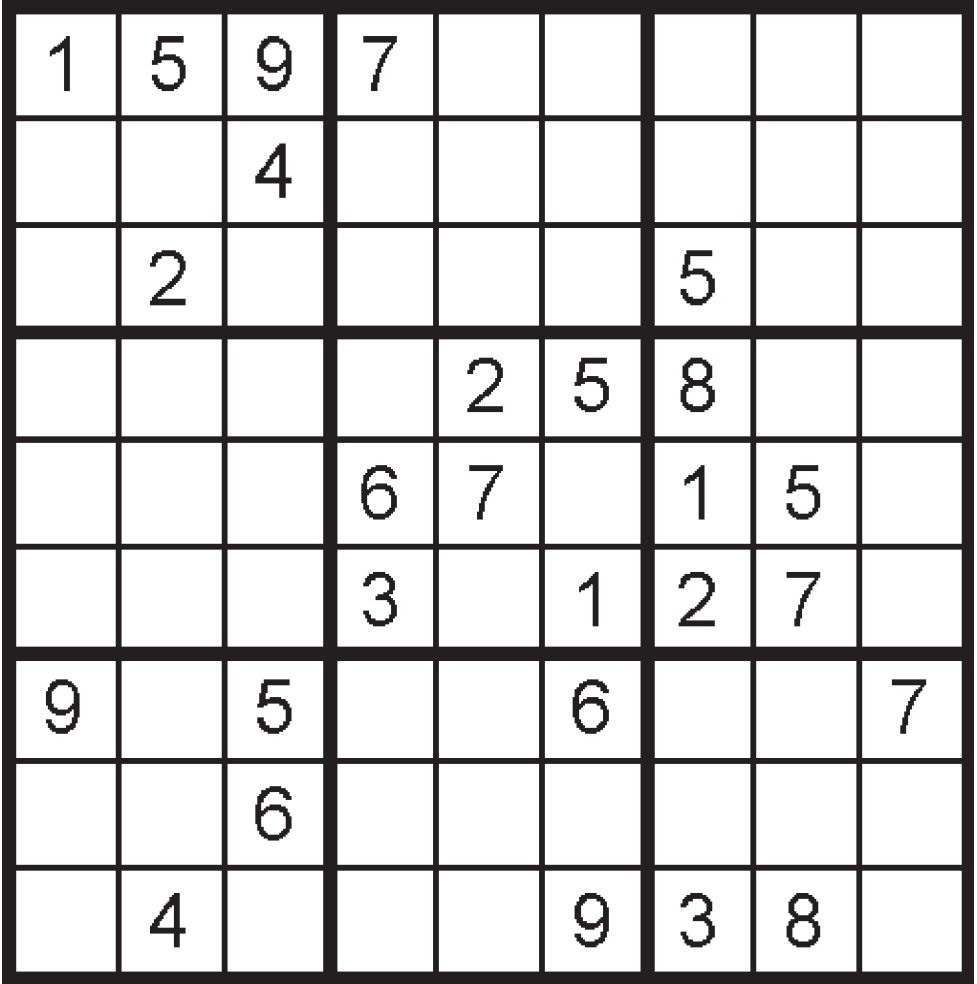
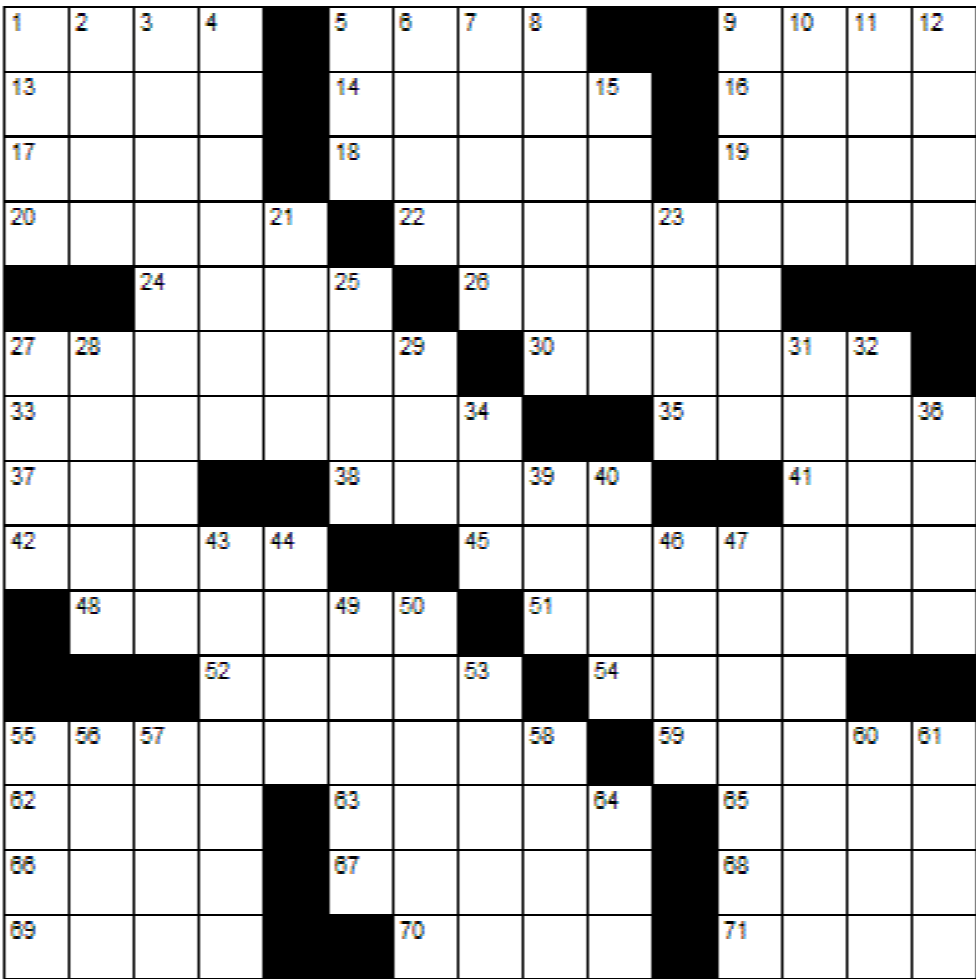
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ACROSS

1. Sweeping story
5. Baby's bed
9. Handout
13. Gambling game
14. Cover girl
16. Goddess of discord
17. Every single one
18. Foreword
19. Half-moon tide
20. An elongated leather strip
22. Purposeless
24. River of Spain
26. Relative magnitudes
27. Glowing
30. Words to a song
33. Excluders
35. Adjust
37. Unruly crowd
38. Sysadmin
41. 52 in Roman numerals
42. Inexpensive magazines
45. Some time ago
48. A change for the better
51. Angered

DOWN

52. Birch relative
54. Indian dress
55. Stockmen
59. Kind of bean
62. Adjoin
63. Frenzied
65. Masterstroke
66. Distribute
67. Winged
68. Dethrone
69. Disparage
70. If not
71. Sounds of disapproval

ACROSS

21. Buttocks
23. Former Italian currency
25. 1 1 1 1
27. Cavort
28. French for "Love"
29. Attempt
31. Gloomy
32. Column of wood
34. South southeast
36. Fastened
39. Mineral rock
40. Writing implements
43. Phonograph record
44. Window ledge
46. Envelop
47. Green bean
49. Swelling under the skin
50. Pertaining to women
53. Kidney-related
55. Cogs
56. Cain's brother
57. Ballet attire
58. Pesky insects
60. Ivory colored dentine
61. Chooses
64. C

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Community Events

Here are just a few of the many special events planned in our area this month. Go to www.crystalcoastnc.org for details about these events and others!

Newport Community Festival 2018

September 8, 2018 | 10:00 am-2:00 pm
200 Howard Blvd, Newport, North Carolina 28570
(252) 223-4749

Featuring: Performances by the band 4Ever All and Magician Bryan Sanders. Face Painting by Independent Airbrush. Touch A Truck, Mini Food Truck Rodeo, Hands on Demonstrations, Performing Arts, Crafts and Living History Demonstrations, Bounce Houses, Police Department and Fire Department Displays. Don't miss out on the all the fun!! Free Admission!

Gypsy at Carteret Community Theatre

September 14&15, 21&22 at 7:30PM and September 16&23 AT 2:00pm
1311 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC
(252) 726-1501

Gypsy, loosely based on the 1957 memoir of famous striptease artist Gypsy Rose Lee, focuses on Lee's mother, Rose, and earned Rose a place in the theatrical and literary canon as the quintessential, archetypal "Stage Mother." The musical features songs that have become standards of musical theatre, including "Some People," "Let Me Entertain You," "Rose's Turn," and the show-stopping, "Everything's Coming Up Roses." General admission seats are \$18-\$24 in advance, \$20-\$25 day of show and include NC Sales Tax and Service Fee.

3rd Annual Crystal Coast Beach Volleyball Tournament

September 15, 2018 | 9:00 am-5:00 pm
107 Atlantic Blvd, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
(252) 637-2460

This is a One-Day Double-Elimination Tournament fund-raiser for United Way agencies in Carteret County on Saturday, September 15 at the Atlantic Beach Circle volleyball courts. Team Registration is \$100 for a 6-person team, which includes lunch and a t-shirt for each player (up to 6). For information or registration, call United Way of Coastal Carolina at 252-637-2460 or email sherwood@unitedwaycoastalnc.org.

13th Annual Day4Kids

September 15, 2018 | 10:00 am-2:00 pm
7500 Emerald Drive Emerald Isle, NC 28594
(252) 354-6350

Bringing adults and children of all ages together for a fun-filled day of vendors, activities, games, face painting and more! Celebrate our children by spending meaningful time with them. Day4Kids will be held Saturday, September 15th from 10am to 2pm at Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Center, 203 Leisure Lane in Emerald Isle. Rain or Shine. Call for details 252.354.6350 or email Sarah Cutillo at scutillo@emeraldisle-nc.org. Interested vendors and sponsors should contact Sarah Cutillo, Event Director. Vendors are NOT allowed to sell items, giveaways only. There is no vendor fee. However, vendors are responsible for giveaway items (approved by event director) for the first 400 children to visit their booth. Sponsor a meaningful event for the children of our community by supplying the funds necessary to provide this free day of family fun.

Enjoyable Decorating

By Patti Brown

Why is decorating fun for some people and torture for others? Often it's because we lose sight of WHY we decorate. Think back to the last time you honestly enjoyed a decorating project: Was it for a holiday meal celebrated with your extended family? Perhaps a children's party? Or a church function? Whatever the event, most likely your objective was to make it look and feel as comfortable or pleasant as possible. You were creating the environment YOU wanted, and it felt good, didn't it?

Now think back to a decorating project you didn't enjoy. What was different about it? Were you trying to duplicate something you saw on television, in a trendy magazine, or at a friend's house—without stopping to think about whether it really suited you and your lifestyle? It's hard to do something that goes against your intuition! Remember, even the "candid" photo shoots in the magazines don't always reflect reality—I've read interviews with celebrities in which they tell how completely changed around their house was for the photographs.

Uppermost in your mind when you are decorating your home should be your own enjoyment. How are you going to use the room—will it be casual living or formal entertaining? It's as much a waste of fabric (and money!) to put elegant damasks in a sunroom as it is to put beach canvas in a formal living room. However, it helps to be realistic in this assessment. One of my relatives complained, when his children were very young, that he had spent a good deal of money on painting and decorating his "first ever" new house only to have it scuffed and scarred through their playing. His mother pointed out to him that perhaps his expectations were a bit unreasonable.

When considering a decorating project you might also want to ask yourself, how much is really needed? Although during the Victorian era there was no such thing as "too much" decorating, sometimes a few accessories are sufficient to create the effect you want. One yard of fabric can transform a room.

If, for whatever reason, you cannot get enthused over a particular decorating project (perhaps the furniture style or fabric colors you want are not available), consider taking a break from it for a while. Focus your attention on something you do enjoy and go back to your project later. After all, not only is life too short to waste on ugly fabric, it is also too short to waste, period!

Patti Brown is a Brandywine resident. She owns ALB Decorator Fabrics and The Quilted Butterfly and also offers fabrication and decorating services through the store.

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Pet of the Month

By Patti Brown

We, Rod and Patti Brown, and Ginger, our miniature Schnauzer, recently moved to Brandywine. In this photo, Ginger is wearing her hearing protection while we watch a live NASCAR race from our RV parked in the infield at Texas Motor Speedway, right next to the fence. I love that there is specialized



hearing protection for dogs; the company is “Mutt Muffs.” Ginger had better hearing protection than most of the children we saw at the race. Many people who saw her would point and laugh, and I was thinking, “Yes it is cute, and my dog is going home with her hearing intact.”

Bright Walker Presents:
Sounds of the Singing Bowls
Friday, September 7, 2018 | 6:30 pm
Concert Admission: Free/by donation
St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church
www.stfrancisbythesea.org



Used for thousands of years to promote healing, Sound Therapy is an ancient practice that has recently gained widespread attention. Embarking on an inward journey of peace and tranquility, Bright’s two-part performance will showcase the beautiful and therapeutic sounds of the Bowls, Gongs and Chimes, and will offer a unique opportunity to experience the relaxing benefits of sound and vibration. The first part will demonstrate three sequences used to immerse all the senses in beautiful tones and vibrations. The second set will offer a 20-minute soundscape to restore, inspire and enhance a deep sense of wellbeing, inner harmony and joy. Guests are welcome to bring a yoga mat to experience full relaxation.

A reception follows the concert in the downstairs art gallery. Concert admission is free; donations are gratefully accepted to sustain the series. The art gallery opens at 5:30pm and will feature photography by Bright Walker. Admission is free and photographs will be available for purchase. Refreshments are served.

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