



Notes from Medford Leas at Lumberton

Happy
New
Year

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning, but a going on with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us. – Hal Borland

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account. – Oscar Wilde

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. – Bill Vaughn

For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. – T.S. Elliott

New Year's Resolution: To tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time. – James Agate

COUNCIL REPORT

Vince Menzel

Council met on January 14. Tammy Gerhart, Medford Leas Administration, and Julien Eysmans, MLRA Council member, were welcomed. Minutes of the December meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved.

Bill Beitel was introduced as the newest Council member, replacing Claire Engle, who resigned her position as Vice President due to health reasons.

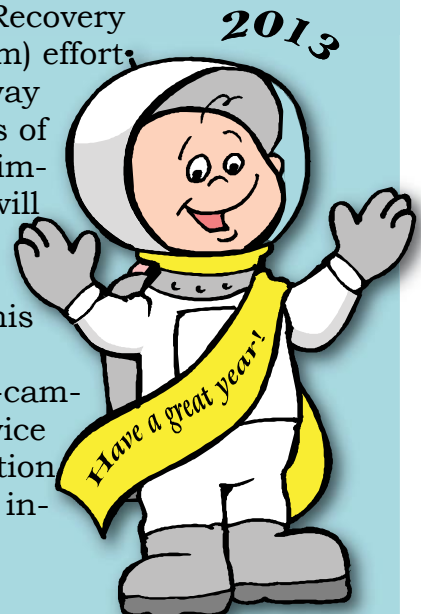
A PIW was submitted to remove the concrete bumpers in the Community Center parking lot due to safety issues. The request was approved for Bill Murphy's team to do so.

The editors of *The Lumberton Campus Chronicle* have offered residents the opportunity to receive the *Chronicle* electronically via email. Electronic distribution will begin with this issue. To date, 47 residents have elected to receive the newsletter by email.

It has been decided that the Lumberton Campus Handbook (the small yellow-covered one distributed to new residents) needs an update, as the last update was in 2006. Planning will begin shortly.

An MLRA RAP (Recovery Assistance Program) effort has been underway to support victims of Sandy. Effective immediately, there will be no more donations accepted by Medford Leas at this time.

A Medford intra-campus transport service by the Administration is presently in the investigative stage.



The Arboretum Gala will be held this year on April 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The main activity is a silent auction. Anyone can submit substantial items or services to the auction. The 2012 event raised over \$18,000 for the Arboretum Fund to be used to maintain and improve the arboretum grounds.

The Medford Leas' Pathways Outreach Program for spring 2013 will contain numerous events, some for a fee, to be held this March through April. A program brochure will be distributed shortly.

The next Council meeting will be on Monday, February 11, at 1:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

BALANCE December 1.....	\$4647.25
INCOME.....	479.78
EXPENSES.....	610.40
BALANCE December 31.....	\$4516.63

WE'RE ONLINE!
The Editors

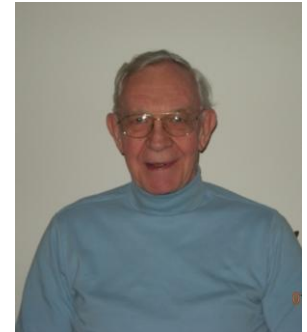
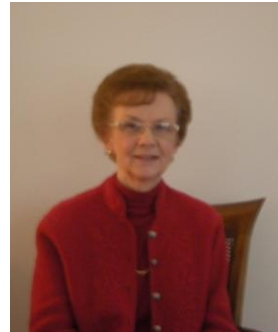
Those of you who chose to receive *The Chronicle* by email are reading your first issue at this very moment. In the Community Center you'll see Smiley Faces next to the names on your mailboxes. Please leave them there because they help us tell who gets electronic copy without having to constantly refer to a list.

We thank you for sharing in this new endeavor and welcome all comments and questions.

MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBORS
Barbara Lewis

Joyce and Brian Schultz moved into 132 Woodside Drive on a rainy, muddy day in

late November. Not only that, Joyce was diagnosed with whooping cough less than a week later. What a move-in! However, Joyce has recuperated well and the new rugs survived the movers' boots.



The Schultzes graduated from high school together in Illinois. Brian went on to West Point, graduating in 1961. Joyce went to Valparaiso U. in Indiana, but later moved to Maryland with her family, and graduated from the University of Maryland. Brian and Joyce married in December 1961. He spent 10 years in the 1960s serving in the Army Corps of Engineers in Korea (on a peace-keeping mission) and in Vietnam. In the last few years of that time he taught nuclear physics at West Point.

They moved to Foxboro, MA, where Brian worked for Stone & Webster Engineering Corps on nuclear plants in the U.S. The Army sent him to MIT, where he earned double master's degrees in nuclear and civil engineering. While he completed work on the design and construction of the River Bend Nuclear Plant in Louisiana, he commuted to their new home in Cherry Hill and then to the home they purchased in Moorestown.

Joyce made a home for them in Moorestown for 33 years. She was an active volunteer in school as their daughter grew up. Their daughter now lives in the Chicago area. Joyce was also active in their church, and in the Moores-

town Garden Club. She loves to knit wee caps for newborn babies. As a founding member of the Interfaith Care Givers (now called The Tender), she served on the board for 15 years. Volunteerism is a big part of her life.

Taking early retirement from his work has not slowed Brian down. He is active in the church, and he works with the West Point Admissions Office, which enables him to meet with high school students and guide them through the complex process of applying to West Point. He is enthusiastic about youth of today.

Following a two-month annual visit to Jupiter, FL, the Schultzes will return to their new residence and a new lifestyle.

Pete's Pick

OF COCKROACHES AND COLONOSCOPES

It's now official. For a long time we suspected it, but now a national poll has confirmed our suspicions. According to a recently published Public Policy Survey, it has been determined that Congress is less popular than cockroaches and colonoscopies. And while the survey revealed that the folks we send to DC still remain more popular than the Ebola virus and gonorrhea, with an approval rating of only 9% and falling, even these categories may soon be included.

Without question, our elected officials suffer from some form of malaise, and as we enter a new year, I am left pondering the possible solutions. Fortunately the illness does not in any way find definition in a particular party affiliation. Nor are its origins definable by ethnic, religious or gender designations, thus making it a subject for discussion in any forum – even *The Lumberton Campus Chronicle*, whose editorial staff has recently

demonstrated a praiseworthy ability to restructure themselves in the face of nationwide journalistic declines through their offer of an electronic alternative.

As I see it, the malady which has led to the moribund ratings of our elected officials probably has a lot to do with their proclivity to do what they collegially and colloquially refer to as “kicking the can down the road.” This is a somewhat cute expression for an old pastime that many of us engaged in during our younger days – before the advent of iPads, cell phones and other sedentary pastimes that now seem to occupy today's youth. But with politicians “kicking the can” is still serious business and involves creating “cliffs,” “sequestrations,” and other deadline dates that rattle the financial markets and occupy much of the 6 o'clock news. Frankly, I prefer using the pejorative term that politicians avoid – “procrastination.” It is a disorder that is probably found within all of us, but which we manage to control through reflection and resolve not to let it happen again.

But while we resent and then remedy the existence of occasional procrastination in our own lives, it seems to have become the normal state of affairs of those executing their public duties in the DC environs. And, as is reflected by the national polling and the concerns of the American public, it is a condition that needs to be remedied.

So what are its cures?

I suppose that those in Washington, DC, might propose establishing one of their Congressional subcommittees to study the problem and then suggest possible solutions. But would this not result in just another report that is initially praised but then soon forgotten after promises of additional evaluation at some point “down the road”?

Might it not be time for the American electorate to take matters into their own

hands and establish a means by which we could evaluate those who seek elected office by some measurable standard to identify those who are “procrastinators” and those who are “doers”?

And while I am not certain of the exact format by which this might be accomplished, perhaps we could start by examining a candidate’s tax returns – not from the traditional standpoint of critiquing the “dodges,” questionable deductions, and “tax shelters” they may have used, but rather on the basis of the timeliness of their filings. And the candidate’s credit history could be similarly examined not to expose any untoward or unwarranted purchases, but rather from the perspective of whether or not he or she was timely in their holiday purchases or waited until the 11th hour to get the job done. Similarly we could examine the arrival time of incumbents at Congress. Have they consistently come in the door well before the 11 a.m. starting time of most Congressional sessions, or did they slip in 10 or 15 minutes late as we always see happening on C-Span?

But would our traditional and revered two-party system of governance survive such an upheaval? Certainly, in the initial phase, with our nation stumbling into one “cliff” after another, the “doers” would seem to have greater advantage over the “procrastinators.” But after an initial flurry of activity, perhaps the “procrastinators” might gain foothold by labeling the actions of their opponents as “rash” or “impetuous” while promising a more “studied” approach that would be subject to less error.

Still undecided under such a system would be which camp might accept the elephant as its symbol and which would accept the donkey. Who knows, maybe they would be replaced by a sloth and a chimpanzee or some other appropriate beast. But, I suppose, as with so much

with our present Congress, this is something that might be put off until a later date – perhaps to be decided along with whether or not our elected officials have finally become less popular than the Ebola virus and gonorrhoea.

- Pete McCord

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Barbara Lewis

The club started its year in October reading *In the Garden of Beasts* by Eric Larson. It was a forceful, and many times frightening, record of Hitler’s rise to power. It was wrapped around the story of the US Ambassador to Germany and his family. An interesting book, which shed light on this time period with lots of names you’d remember, including FDR, of course. It refreshed our memories.

In November we read a classic book titled *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather. Her superb writing made us want to read more of her works. This story is about two committed priests who traveled in the 1800s over a large part of our relatively unsettled Southwest. After the horror of the previous book, it was illuminating to read of men who carried not only their faith, but also bravery, courage, and a love of mankind to a variety of land and people. What a difference!

Here we are at the beginning of the new year. The book discussed was a graphic novel, called *Pride of Baghdad* written by Brian K. Vaughan in co-operation with artist Niko Henrichon. While it is of necessity a quick read (being a graphic novel), the book gives the reader much about which to think. What is the true meaning of freedom?

Please feel free to join us for discussions on the third Wednesday of the month from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Community Center. The book to be discussed at the meeting on February 20

is *The Crack in the Edge of the World* by Simon Winchester.

ART GALLERY

Helen L. Vukasin

In the Lumberton Art Gallery, the Philly Five, a group of artists who regularly meet to work together, will be hung on February 8. The artists in the group are Reta Sweeney, Tony Cirineo, Patrick Monaghan, Doris Paltzman, and Susan Barnes. An opening reception will be held in the Gallery on February 12, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Wine and goodies will be served. The artists will say a few words about how they approach their work.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, "Six Degrees of Influence," the current exhibit in the Medford Leas Art Gallery, really proved its point at the opening reception on January 8. Each of the artists showing their work spoke eloquently about their particular approach and process. They explored various media from collage, to watercolor, oil, acrylic, and pastel, to computer-originated work, as each artist shared with the audience their motivations and techniques in understandable language. It was a master class for artists as well as art viewers. The exhibit will be up through the month of February.

The Art Studio Gallery exhibit of resident artists' work will continue through the winter. Resident artists are busy in the Studio preparing for a new show in April. Photographers are urged to be in touch with **Hannah Wilson**, Chair of the Photography Committee.

BREAKING NEWS! Rita Keiper, a former Lumberton resident and active member of the Art Studio Group, now living permanently in Florida, recently won third prize out of 100 entries in the prestigious show of the Florida Suncoast Watercolor

Society. The show was on Anna Maria Island in Sarasota. Rita is to be congratulated.

CLUSTERS

Holiday Celebration

On December 30, sixteen members of **Cluster 7** and guests had a holiday dinner at the home of John and Catherine Sommi. Included in the menu were appetizers and wine, baked ziti with meatballs and pear salad, and delicious desserts and coffee. The evening was quite relaxing after a busy Christmas season, catching up with activities of friends and neighbors. A grand time was had by all. Thank you, Catherine and John.

~Corrine Thompson

Celebrating the New Year

The Great Room of the Community Center displayed a festive scene on Sunday afternoon, December 30. **Cluster 2** joined **Cluster 3** in celebrating the New Year. Calla lilies, white poinsettias, and fresh greens were table centerpieces. A roaring fire in the fireplace gave warmth to the holiday setting. Lunch included outstanding appetizers, sandwiches and salad, a layered fruit compote, and Jack Akerboom's famous cheesecake and lemon tarts. Bill Beitel's homemade holiday egg-nog was a winner, judging from how quickly the punch bowl was drained. Perhaps it was the pitcher of "syrup" that added special flavor.

Childhood photographs had been submitted by residents for a photo identity guessing game. It was decided that we had changed a great deal. We did

not do very well recognizing our neighbors' youthful poses. Another identity game was matching Christmas song titles to cartoon like pictures. Trish Mori knows her carols and won first prize. We all agreed that this was a most enjoyable way to celebrate the beginning of a new year, even though it was a day early.

~Maryann Beitel

MANY PRETTY APRONS AND UGLY TIES Sue Kuhn



A variety of old, beloved and newly created aprons and ties were worn January 15 to the potluck dinner sponsored by the Social Activities Committee. Seventy-two contestants vied for the coveted "Apron Strings Award" and "Tiesman Trophy." Delicious foods were enjoyed as unique stories circulated the Great Room. Each table chose its best contestants for the prettiest apron and ugliest tie. Three courageous judges, Janice Saibel, Geno Mori and Jim Supplee from Council, listened carefully, compared scores, and with great humor grandly presented the trophies to the astonished winners: Maggie Heineman for the prettiest (and most unusual) apron and Jack Akerboom for the ugliest and certainly the longest tie. Everyone was delighted by the enthusiasm of the evening.

February's event features Bingo conducted by the local Girl Scouts troop. Donated animal-friendly products will be delivered by the troop to the Burlington County Animal Shelter. Watch for more details.

A NEW GROUNDHOG CELEBRATION Lynn Ware

The Children's TLC (Therapeutic Learning Center) Groundhog Run is one of the very few 5K races in the nation run totally underground. Founded in January 1982, it is believed to be the *only* underground 10K race.



It takes place in the Hunt-Midwest SubTropolis, a 55,000 square foot, 1,100-acre manmade cave in the bluffs above the Missouri River in Kansas City. It has a consistent temperature of 65 to 68 degrees, making it the ideal venue for 3,500 runners to compete. The annual TLC Run has contributed over \$4 million to the Center.

The SubTropolis is claimed to be the world's largest underground storage facility. Similar facilities exist—although not on the same scale—such as the abandoned mine in Butler, PA, used by

Corbis and the Federal Government for secure storage. As the room-and-pillar mining method is used to extract limestone throughout the Midwest, many companies are looking at ways to utilize the hundreds of millions of square feet created in this manner for everything from mushroom farming to crude oil stockpiling.

THE GLASSES MYSTERY

If you were in the Lumberton campus Community Center on the morning of Tuesday, January 15, for Rick Trandahl's exercise class, or setting up for the potluck supper, please check your eye-glasses. There was an accidental swap with Judy Norcross' silver-framed bifocals. The pair left behind is gold-toned and has brown ear tips. You can pick them up on the counter under the mailboxes and leave Judy's in mailbox 147. Thanks to all for checking.

TECH NOTES Martin Klaver

Checklist for Choosing a Tablet



I am frequently asked which tablet to buy. Of course, it depends on what you will do with it, including what you may not have thought of until later when you know more about what tablets can do. Here are some factors to consider; a checklist to evaluate

alternatives. Since no tablet will fulfill all your needs, number the following in order of importance or priority, or put a check next to the most important features, then check out how well different tablets best meet your requirements:

___ Does it have the apps you want or need? Check Apple, Amazon, Android Market, Google Play for available apps.

___ How good is your vision? Will you require a larger print or tablet size?

___ How much do you travel? Will you need a large storage capacity while you are away from a Wi-Fi connection?

___ Will you use it for reading, music, and/or movies? Consider the amount of streaming and device storage available.

___ Where you will use it? Will you always be near a Wi-Fi connection to access Wi-Fi storage on the cloud?

___ Will you need storage while away from Wi-Fi? Will you be traveling away from built-up areas with readily available connections?

___ What is your pocketbook and cost? Expect to pay at least \$200 for a fast device.

___ Do you need GPS capabilities? Do you travel often?

___ Do you need wired or wireless speakers or headphones to enjoy music and movies?

___ Do you need a wireless keyboard or an input jack for keyboard?

___ Will you use the tablet with a TV or computer monitor via a HDMI jack, which may be useful for creating documents?

___ Do you want to use it for photography? The iPad is a must for serious photographers.

___ Will you use Skype? If yes, you will need a front-facing camera.

___ Will you need extra help using the device? Consider Apple products or the Nook.

___ Will you be using the device for creating documents? Consider the size and display of the tablet and its speech recognition capabilities.

___ Will it help you to have voice recognition? I like the Google Nexus 7 for this.

___ Will you need the ability to remote control a TV? This is done best with the Samsung Galaxy Tab 27".

___ Will you need 3G or 4G? Note: Connection is variable by location and can often be slow.

___ Will you need Wi-Fi connections to be readily available in your home for streaming apps?

___ Do you want the latest versions of software? Consider the Google Nexus 7 or an iPad.

___ Will you use online streaming music and/or storage services? Consider Amazon, Apple, or Google.

___ Will you need a back-facing camera for scanning QR codes, barcodes, taking photos, and/or recording video?

Generally, I like the Google Nexus 7 for its speed and portability, the Kindle Fire HD Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 7" for its use as TV Remote via the Peel app, and tentatively the iPad Mini. My big iPad is a slick machine, but it is heavy.

HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.

Had enough?



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December 31, 2012

June Krainik
 Lumberton Leas
 120 Woodside Dr
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Dear Mrs. Krainik and Friends at Lumberton Leas,

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous donation to Crossroads Programs made as part of the Lumberton Leas holiday gift drive to benefit Crossroads' youth. We are grateful for your support -- it truly makes the youth in our programs have a much happier holiday season. With donations from your drive we were able to provide the wonderful and thoughtful gifts from the residents of Lumberton Leas to youth in several of our programs, in particular to those youth "aging out" and participating in our Just For You independent living program and the young people in our Community Cares for Kids treatment foster care homes.

At this special time of year, *there is no greater gift* than providing homeless and at-risk youth in our local communities with hope, confidence, and compassion. Your partnership in our work helps provide these adolescents and young adults with opportunities that will help them have a better chance at a successful future.

We are grateful for the ongoing support from Lumberton Leas. Again, many thanks for your kindness! On behalf of our Board, staff and young people, I extend our best wishes for a happy, healthy new year!

Sincerely,


 Julie Carleton
 Director of Development and Communications

The IRS requires that we advise you that nothing was received by you for your generous contribution. Crossroads Programs, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, EIN 22-2215336.

Thank you so much for always thinking of Crossroads Youth. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by all! I apologize for the delay in sending a thank-you.

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Thinkers' Corner



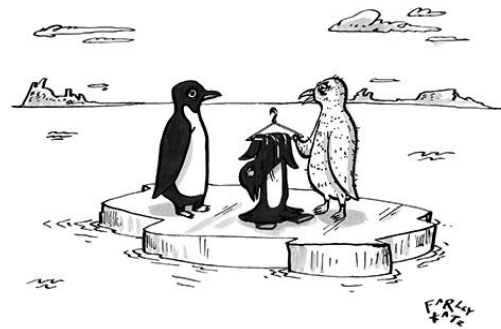
Sudoku

Last month's puzzle: *Clue:* Keep a time record?

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Cartoons

This month's cartoon:



Write your caption:

“ _____ ”

Last month's cartoon:



Last month's captions:

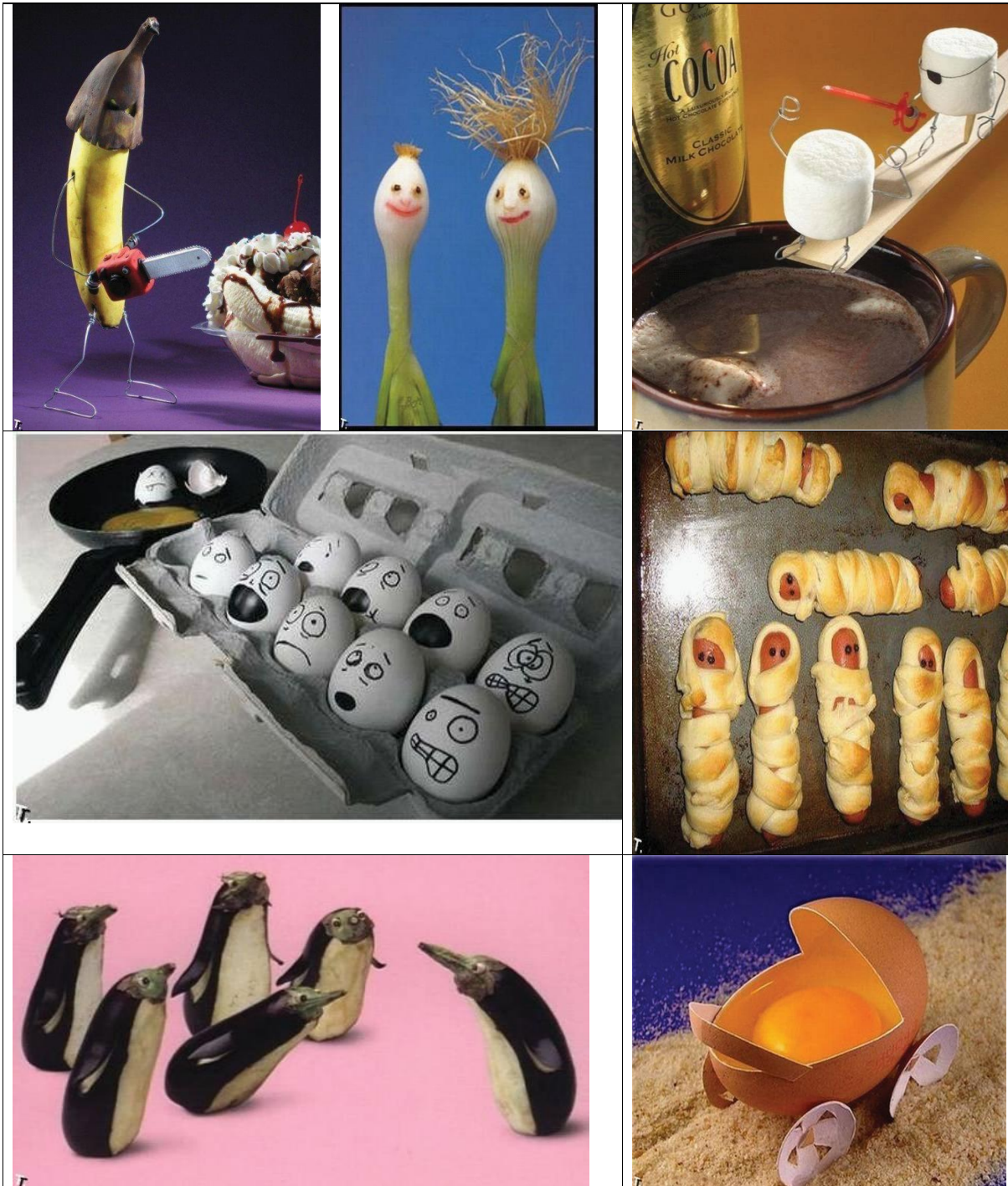
"He always wanted to be buried under his favorite bridge."

"He never wanted to be buried under a full moon; he thought it would be bad luck."

"The boss told me we were moving a sack of potatoes, but I have my doubts."

"I thought you said this guy was on a diet."

Photos from Lynn's Friends



Food Fun

The *Lumberton Campus Chronicle* is a monthly publication featuring articles, poems, and other works by residents of Medford Leas at Lumberton and other writers. Subject matter is not limited to our community; it only needs to make good reading for our residents. The date of each issue is timed to include the report of the Council meeting, which is held on the second Monday of the month. Next deadline for submissions is Friday, February 15. All residents and other interested parties are encouraged to contribute. Email your submission to the editor, hsheineman@gmail.com, with copies to ruthbgpersonal@comcast.net and vince267@gmail.com. **We cannot accept handwritten, typed, faxed, or printed copy.**

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