

Notes from
Medford Leas at Lumberton

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GOODBYE WINTER
Herb Heineman

Begone snow blower!
Welcome grass mower!
The days are longer now than nights.
Cast off the blues
For there's good news
Awaiting you: Mosquito bites!
Enjoy!



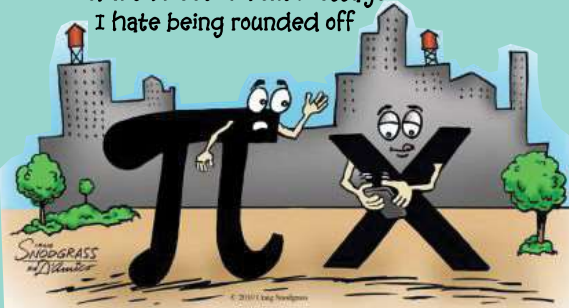
COUNCIL REPORT
Vince Menzel

Council met on March 11. Tammy Gerhart, Medford Leas Administration, and Kay Cooley, MLRA Council member, were welcomed.

The nominating committee for the next LLRA Council, Jack Akersboom, Judy Obbard, and Eve Robinson, has selected candidates to serve the 2013-2015 Council term. Candidates will be introduced at the Annual Residents meeting in May.

The Evening in the Arboretum is scheduled for April 27 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

I don't Tweet or Text Message...
I hate being rounded off



Albert Einstein was born on March 14th 3.14 the numeric equivalent of pi! Einstein lived in Princeton for over twenty years and described the town as "paradise."

Princeton has been home to incredible scientific geniuses like John von Neumann, John Wheeler, Kurt Gödel and Robert Oppenheimer. Today, John Nash (the inspiration for the movie *A Beautiful Mind*), Peter Guthrie (the inspiration for *Rain Man*), John Conway, Alice Chang and Elias Stein call Princeton their home.

Princeton celebrates this history during *Geek Freak Weekend*.

Becky Castellanos and Mary Ann Flatley will be doing a presentation in the Lumberton Community Center on advance directives, DNR orders, and emergency information. The presentation will be on Monday, March 25, at 2:00 p.m. Becky will touch on the Medical Information Program, which is the county's version of a vial of life program.

The Lumberton Community Service fundraising effort is in progress. Residents are requested to please respond to the appeal.

A proposal for a "Presidents Perpetual Plaque," displaying the names of all past presidents on a wooden plaque, was approved. The site of the plaque mounting will be determined.

The "unpaid 2012 real estate taxes" charge on the last monthly resident invoice was discussed. Jeremy Vickers will distribute a communication with an explanation for the charge, and will discuss the issue at the Administration meeting in April.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 8, at 1:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY

Balance on January 31	\$4315.62
Income	469.54
Expense	241.03
Balance on January 31	4544.15

Pete's Pick

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Nature has fortunately bestowed upon the human species an eight- or nine-month window to figure it out – naming, that it is. Although Johnny Cash made a naming tragedy famous in song, I've never known a boy named Sue. Nor have I ever met a girl named John. But that's not to say it hasn't happened.

I have to say that I am quite satisfied with the name my parents chose for me. After all, "Pete's Pick" exists because of their choice, rather than "Harry's Harangues," "George's Grousings," or "Victor's Vituperations."

I have often wondered whether there is a destiny associated with the bestowing of names. As a prosecuting attorney I had frequent dealings with a fellow named Hideacar. As you may have surmised, he was an accomplished car thief. And then there was Pampers. She was the 13th child of a woman who they say ran out of names and found the name Pampers in the maternity ward gift pack and then put it on the birth certificate after applying the product to her child's posterior. Pampers went on to become one of Union County's most prolific check forgers after stealing other women's names and checks from their pocketbooks.

But despite the formality involved in naming, both from the standpoint of government birth certificates and the religious rites that might follow, it seems that many of us soon receive nicknames, either from parents or from relatives. Pete seems to be a natural abbreviation of Peter, and Bev flows quite naturally from Beverly. More difficult to understand are the origins of Chuck from Charles and Jack from John. But I know plenty of each.

Then there are the peculiar names that emanate from life experiences and are usually reserved for intrafamily exchanges. One of my daughters became known within our family as Mookie – so named after the speedy outfielder for the New York Mets. Our Mookie was a straight-A student and an accomplished athlete who, like her namesake, could stretch a single into a double. And yes, back then we were Mets fans.

And then there are those cute little names of affection that we apply to our spouses or significant others. But let's not embarrass anyone by voicing these secrets.

The naming of non-humans is another thing altogether. I generally find that corporations, including ours, disappoint me with their choices. We here, the dwellers of Woodside Drive, are collectively known as Medford Leas at Lumberton, as the signs at our entrance read. This is to remind us that we are part of a greater entity, our Medford Mom down Route 541 with the huge silo that gave birth to us almost 15 years ago. Her name, simply Medford Leas, is certainly much easier to say and flows easily off the tongue. What a misfortune that the child was cursed after the fact with such a tedious elongation.

For a period of time after I moved here, I believed that Medford Leas at Lumberton was an essential part of my new address, and instructed my family and friends to write this on their envelope addresses to me. Finally, Bert, our kindly mail carrier, rang my doorbell and assured me that the Lumberton Post Office was quite content with letters simply addressed to 79 Woodside Drive.

Have you ever wondered how and why we were named Medford Leas and Medford Leas at Lumberton? To be sure, we all know that cows once roamed the pastures where our homes are now situated. But I would expect more than a bovine past to have inspired such appellation. Somehow the Leas part just doesn't resonate with me – at least in my Emily Bronte appreciation of the word.

But I suppose that our chosen name is a lot better than Foulkeways. I think I'd have to re-read a lot of Chaucer to ever appreciate that one!

—Pete McCord

ART GALLERY
Helen Vukasin

The work of the Philly Five, a group of artists who regularly meet to work together, opened at the Lumberton Art Gallery with a

wine and cheese reception on Friday, February 22. The gallery was crowded with friends and Lumberton residents to hear the artists speak about their creations. Two of the artists, Susan Barnes and Patrick Monaghan, are well known to Medford Leas residents. The 29 works are primarily oils. There are several large ones in the Great Room. The show will be on view through April.

Spring is just around the corner. And so is the Spring Exhibit of Resident Artwork in the Art Studio Gallery on the ground floor of the Arts and Social Wing. About a quarter of the artists exhibiting are from the Lumberton campus or at least used to live here. This year there are several new contributors in the Fine Arts section and wonderful new photographs by some of the professional photographers.

Every spring and fall the resident artists host up to a hundred visitors in the Art Studio for conversation and homemade refreshments to mark the opening of the exhibit. This year the reception will be held on Monday, April 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The reception is open to visitors from the local community as well as residents.

The artists named the exhibit in the Medford Leas Art Gallery "Home Fine Art Comes to Medford Leas." The cooperative gallery, Home Fine Art, is proud of the variety of media that it represents and the wide range of styles. The show opened on Tuesday, March 5, with a reception in the Medford Leas Art Gallery, where several of the eight artists spoke about their work. The exhibit will be up until the end of April.

AN AMAZING 95TH
Maryann Beitel

On February 27, 1918, the year that the Great War ended, Lumberton Leas resident Keith Gyswyt was born in Rotterdam, Holland. 95 Years later, 14 bridge players and

substitutes from the Tuesday night bridge group surprised Keith with cookies and coffee at the Lumberton Community Center.

Those who know Keith recognize that he is an outstanding bridge player. We vie for the chair across from Keith. Keith is kind and patient. When he successfully redoubled Jack's four-heart-doubled bid that Tuesday evening, he had a twinkle in his eye. The birthday boy is always a winner.

Happy Birthday, Keith, on your amazing 95th.



A Personal Note — I'm exercising editorial prerogative – chutzpah, if you will – and printing a picture I took myself. In my opinion it captures Keith's essence: a man with a razor-sharp mind at 95, capable of intense concentration and purpose. It's been my privilege to play chess with him every week for about ten years, and Monday evening has been one of the highlights of my life here. I won the game shown in the picture, but I lost the next. As I laid down my king in surrender, I thought losing never felt so good.

—Herb Heineman

ATTENTION GARDENERS

Pete McCord

We are planning another year of bountiful gardening in our newly fenced-in enclosure behind the pumping station. Last

year our "farmers" had great success, and their gardens proved to be relatively free of crop-stealing critters.

If you would like to reserve a plot, please send a brief note to Don Davis (box 104) indicating your desire by April 5. Those participating may be called on to do some preparatory work to get the plots ready for spring planting.

TECH NOTES

Marty Klaver

from Marty's blog <snr.tech.org>



Switching from Windows to Tablets

What does it take to move from Windows to a tablet for almost everything?

This question comes up more and more often, especially from those who have limited literacy with Windows, or have concerns about the challenges of Windows 8.

The first thing to do is to get everything off the old Windows machine: contacts, documents, pictures, and so on.

Then, the documents need to be transferred to the cloud for safe storage. Safe storage means Dropbox or Drive. These applications need to be installed in both the old Windows machine and the new tablet.

That way, both machines can access the files. In Windows 7 the file directory for documents can be dragged from the file manager and dropped to Dropbox. Simple.

For earlier versions of Windows the files may be scattered across many directories. To get them over takes time so it is best to transfer only the most important ones.

It may help to search for documents, print out the list, and work through it.

In both instances some familiarity with Windows is needed. There are videos on YouTube to help.

If you plan to continue using Windows, then files need to be synchronized between the two machines. The best tools for this today are Google applications.

To use Google applications Gmail needs to be set up on the Windows machine. This will make it possible to synchronize mail, contacts, event calendar, tasks, and future documents.

Photos and pictures may be collected and organized automatically by Picasa and then sent to Picasa Web for safety and downloading later to a tablet.

Music can also be selected automatically and sent to a storage place like Amazon Cloud Player.

The next thing to do is to set up applications on the tablet that you will use in place of those on Windows. These applications may need the files from the old applications on Windows, such as genealogy files.

Genealogy data files need to be stored safely in a place like Dropbox.

All of this takes some time, but is worth the effort. The hard part is in Windows itself. It may then take a little time to select tablet applications which will replace what you were using in Windows.

Google PlayStore is a great help in finding these. It may not be worthwhile to transfer some documents and files but better to create them anew.

Rather than transferring contacts, for example, it may be easier just to reenter them, especially if there are say less than 50. If taxes were not done online, then tax documents, however, need to be transferred. These are normally kept in files with the tax software.

Applications are easy to install on tablets, so the procedure needs to be learned early on.

How will you print? If you plan to keep your old computer you can print through the old computer using Google Cloud Print. The document is sent up to the Cloud and then down from the Cloud to your PC and from PC to your printer.

Otherwise you'll need a wireless printer. Your documents will then be sent from your tablet to the Cloud and from there out to your printer.

The benefits of the tablet can be used early, such as the ability to dictate to Google and avoid typing. Googling can also find support for switching specific applications from Windows to tablet.

With any computer you cannot get by without help from the internet. The new tablet is a machine designed to obtain content. Use it that way. Help can come from various directions, especially the internet itself: web sites, application help, manual, forums, and even Amazon comments.

The old machine required you to accommodate to the machine, whereas the tablet accommodates to you. But keep the old machine around for a while to access anything you might have forgotten about and still need.

Get familiar with the tablet applications before leaving the old ones. Especially if you plan to attempt document creation, you may want to learn to use those apps on the tablet. For many it is worthwhile to keep the old machine around for serious document creation. Or get a \$199 Chromebook.

SAINT PADDY'S TONIC

Pete McCord

Oh we all know who the goddess of wine is
 But who can we honor for beer?
 By default may we elect Saint Patrick
 At least for one day a year?

And on his day we'll forsake milk and water
 Because water and milk do not rhyme,
 Just bring us drink that is frothy
 And fill us with beverage sublime.

And then may we all raise our glasses
 And join in seasonal cheer,
 Remembering dear Saint Paddy
 And that marvelous tonic called "beer!"

COMMUNITY CENTER POSTINGS

Council would like to remind residents of the following policy.

Any posted notice MUST have:

- the name of the person posting
- the date it is to be removed

Any notice without this information will be discarded and your message will be lost.

PICKUP DATES

Recycling: Mondays, April 1, 15, 29

Trash: Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Talk is cheap, except when Congress does it.
 —Anonymous

Thinker's Corner



Sudoku

This month's puzzle *Clue:* Following every night for the next three months.

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Last month's puzzle. *Clue:* What we celebrate on Presidents Day.

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S	R	T	B	A	D	Y	H	I
B	H	A	T	Y	I	R	D	S
D	T	B	Y	S	H	I	A	R
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*Here's a new idea for celebrating
(courtesy Lynn Ware)*



If you know a better way to celebrate, contact Lynn or the editor.

Cartoons

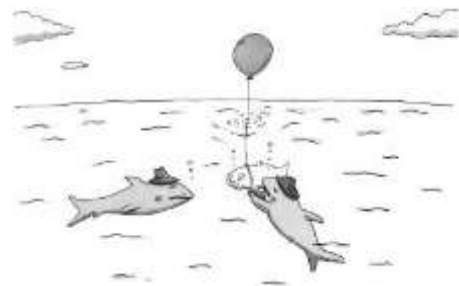
This month's cartoon:



Write your caption:

“ _____ ”

Last month's cartoon:



Last month's captions:

“Hey, Moe, I like your innovative style!”

“Suppose someone pops the balloon?”

Straight to Heaven! I like that.”

“Gives new meaning to ‘string him up!’”

“He’ll thank us for saving him from the sharks.”

A Photo from Lynn's Friends



The babysitter

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, April 12. 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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