



“The Wicket World of Croquet” ©

The
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Chronicle

POOLSIDE CONSULTATION

Herb Heineman

The pool is open, let's jump in!

*No, NO, **NO!** Jumping is a sin!*

Then round and round the pool let's run!

***NO!** Running is forbidden fun!*

In that case, may we dive headfirst?

*Of all offenses that's the **WORST!***

Why don't we just wade in and drown??

***NO, NO!!** You'd never live it down!*

... DO I HAVE TO SHOUT???

You really want to use the pool?

*Heed **EVERY SINGLE SAFETY RULE!!***

... Else sit and pout!

See www.croquetworld.com ("Croquet World Online") for interesting articles about the history of croquet



A croquet tournament held every June for 18 years at the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, Indianapolis, IN, is only one example of worldwide croquet events and tournaments sponsored by many groups and associations. Croquet became popular as a social pastime in England during the 1860s, and quickly spread to other Anglophone countries. (One attraction was that it could be played by both sexes, although this ensured some adverse comment.) It has become an international, highly competitive sport with many unusual variations, including mondo croquet, extreme croquet and bicycle croquet. Two forms, association croquet and golf croquet, have internationally established rules.



JUNE 2013

Notes from Medford Leas at Lumberton

COUNCIL REPORT**Vince Menzel**

Council met on June 10. Tammy Gerhart, Director of Resident Services, Bob Rosvold, MLRA Council member, and Helen Vukasins, Lumberton Council special project team member, were welcomed.

2013-2014 Council officers were named:

Janice Saibel, President
 Jim Suplee, Vice President
 Geno Mori, Secretary

Committee sponsors for 2013-2014 are:

Communications – Geno Mori
 Community Center – Barbara Stiles
 Library – Janice Saibel
 Pool and Fitness – John Speirs
 Social Activities – Bill Beitel
 Technology – Jane Bartram
 Tennis – John Speirs
 Trails and Site – Jim Suplee
 Troop Coordinator – Bill Beitel
 Woodshop – John Speirs

Tammy Gerhart reported that a bus to take Medford campus residents to Wegmans would stop in Lumberton. A memo was sent to all residents with details and times of the service and schedule, which will begin the week of June 17. If residents have questions or concerns, please contact Tammy at Tammygerhart@medfordleas.net or 654-3198.

Annual committee reports are due now. Committee chairs are asked to send these to Vince Menzel (vince267@gmail.com), with a copy to the Council sponsor and Janice Saibel (jsaibel@comcast.net).

Jack Akerboom was thanked for his May 23 orientation presentation to Lumberton Council members.

Janice Saibel thanked Don Kocher and Vince Menzel for their service to Council, as their terms will come to an end on June 30.

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR MAY

Balance on April 30	\$3231.60
Income	2284.04
Expenses	1089.33
Balance on May 31	4426.31

Pete's Pick**IMPONDERABLES**

Those of you with long memories may recall that two years ago I launched a separate column titled "Imponderables," which concerned a number of questions I found in life for which I thought there were no solutions. But the column was short-lived; I discovered that there were those among us here in Lumberton Leas who had ready answers to the matters that were perplexing me and had begged for solution.

Nonetheless, on a recent perambulation into our woodlands I have stumbled upon two more "imponderables" for which the sages of our community could not, or perhaps would not, offer any solution. And so I now offer them to you, my vast readership, for your studied resolution.

The first involves an extremely slow-moving box turtle that I met up with on the River Trail. How, it occurred to me, does such a slow-moving guy (or gal, as the case may be) ever find one of the other sex to do – well, you know what, to perpetuate their species? Certainly the answer is quite easy to figure out in the enclosed space of the Atrium within our Mother Ship, where a dozen or so of these slow-moving creatures roam about. Occasionally I have seen them doing what turtles do in their clumsy fashion to assure that there will be little turtles to entertain us in the future. In fact I have sometimes observed what I imagine to be a desperate female turtle attempting to escape from a male counterpart by trying to claw her way into the Atrium, where even much slower creatures move about without

any apparent aggressiveness toward the other sex.

The second imponderable involves those cicadas that are now emerging from the ground for their 17-yearly courtship. What internal mechanism, I ask, enables them to wait that long, sleeping as they do in their wormlike state next to one another beneath some tree? And how can they be so precise in their calculation? Are there some, perhaps, that sense a procreational duty at Sweet 16? And are there others with a Victorian sensitivity that think it more appropriate to wait until they are 21 to shed their dormant inhibitions? And what is it that the more vocal majority share that says that it's "time" to do it following the long awaited 17-year prom?

Now this is a family journal and a Quaker community, and such matters are probably better left to those without my prurient curiosities. But still, the 17-year cyclicity of these insects in the forest that surrounds us is a fair topic of exploration, absent any of the sexual connotations that may seem attendant to the matter. How do they do it? Nobody I asked seemed to have a plausible answer.

Perhaps the answer is not, as Shakespeare once posited, "In our stars, but in ourselves."

When you look about our community, are we not all creatures of habit? Perhaps we are not, like the cicadas, on a 17-year cyclical track. After all, probably few of us will be here the next time such a cycle rolls around. But witness how we all emerge from our dwellings at pretty much the same time every Monday evening to roll out our trash carts – except, of course when a holiday falls on that Monday. And also watch how we go to the mailbox, perform our morning and evening perambulations, and walk our dogs at pretty much the same time each day. Is this not similar to the cyclical behaviors of the cicadas, which patiently wait 17 years to perform their duties?

Perhaps someday a curious anthropologist or even a highly skeptical sociologist will come to our community to study us and make a learned determination of how and why we functioned with such precision.

In the meantime try not to forget the bizarre trilogy of shifted services that will take place in our community following Labor Day. The *recyclables* pick-up will be moved to Tuesday. But since Labor Day falls on the first Monday of the month, both the *bulk* trash pick-up and the *regular* trash pick-up will take place on Wednesday. I'm not sure when the last such confluence of shifted services took place or if there is some cyclicity to the matter. After all, this "Imponderable" is of human design and hence is far more perplexing than anything that nature might offer.

—Pete McCord

MUSINGS OF A NAP TAKER

Stanley E. Brush

Lying on my back on the couch
 for a brief afternoon rest
 wondering what position for my hands
 would be best,
 down at my sides?
 or crossed on my chest?
 Pondering the wisdom
 of assuming the position
 preferred
 by morticians
 for clients on their way
 to the Great Beyond
 aware that the
 Dark Angel
 on his rounds
 might look down
 and exclaim,
 highly pissed,
 "Oh dear; there's one I missed!"

LOOKING BACK

Herb Heineman

Does anyone remember ***Lumberton Leas News, July 2003*** (next page)? It's been ten years. A long-term memory test!

Looking back now I ask myself, where did I, with no relevant experience other than copy-editing, find the nerve to take on this job? The answer is, I was talked into it. One doesn't easily say no to a consummate arm-twister like Jack Akerboom. So I said yes, crossed my fingers, and hoped that the goodwill of my readers would see me through those first difficult months.

You were kind to me, so here I am still.

For four years – 48 issues – I did all the work myself. Several attempts to enlist a partner all met with some variation on the same theme: “I'm too busy already.” Then I received a call from a person *on the waiting list*, a total stranger to me, saying she'd like to be involved. As I would discover later, Ruth Gage *had* had experience as an editor, and she was a good writer to boot. I was delighted with her arrival on campus, and in July 2007 she became associate editor.

In February 2011 we welcomed our second associate. Vince Menzel brought youth (by CCRC standards, of course) and considerable computer know-how. Now I could stop worrying about *The Chronicle's* future if I were disabled. I knew that others who shared my enthusiasm could take over.

The newsletter has changed too. In 2005 Lumberton Leas technically ceased to exist. Thus there could no longer be a *Lumberton Leas News*. In its place was born ***The Lumberton Campus Chronicle: Notes from Medford Leas at Lumberton***, the subtitle incorporating our community's new name. But old habits, including mine, die hard. “Medford Leas at Lumberton” may appeal to potential applicants, but we still call our home *Lumberton Leas*.

In April 2007, thanks to the generous support of the Administration, we began

printing in color on the copier in the Administration office. Unfortunately that privilege was terminated last year.

We wasted little time grieving over “The Graying of *The Chronicle*” (February 2012); instead, we rebounded with a totally new concept for the front page. Lynn Ware, who had already graced our newsletter for more than two years with her friends' photos, proved more than equal to the task. Even though her designs had to be printed black on white, she has given us a new cover every month since March 2012, and her imagination seems inexhaustible.



Our team: from left, Vince, Ruth, Herb, Lynn

January 2013 will be remembered for the birth of our electronic edition, which is faster, home-delivered, cheaper, *and once again in color!* Each e-issue means one less to print, as attested by our reduced budget. This month 58 will be emailed, some to readers outside our community. More residents continue to sign up, and printing cost continues to go down.

Looking Ahead. After ten years it's time to pass the gavel. Luckily for our team and for the entire readership, Vince Menzel has agreed to take it beginning July. *The Chronicle* couldn't be in better hands. I'll continue as associate while assuming my new job chairing the editorial committee of *Leas Lit*.

Putting everything together, I feel I have much to be thankful for. So I salute my wonderful friends on *The Chronicle* team and hope for many more fruitful years serving an appreciative community.



Lumberton Leas News

July 2003

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I dedicate this issue of *Lumberton Leas News* (my first) to my wife, Maggie, who has given so generously of her time and computer knowledge to help me make it look the way I want.

I also thank Hugh Jenkins for sharing his experience as editor and his software with me.

Herb Heineman

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

E-mail is a good way to submit material. If you have access, please consider using it instead of "hard copy." The address is <hsheineman@comcast.net>. Many thanks.

The Editor

THE BALLAD OF RANCOCAS CREEK

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale
The tale of a fun-filled trip
That started from our local dock
Now we'll give you a tip.
The tune for this is Gilligan's
And like the Minnow's crew
Six Heinemans set out one day
For a three-hour tour
A three-hour tour.

We checked the charts when tide is high
And borrowed what we could
Then went to Dick's where we would buy
Kids' vests, we knew we should.
The rains had filled the Rancocas
We didn't run aground.
The creek is like a wilderness
A quarter mile from town
It seems like miles from town.

The red canoe belongs to you
Unlocked with Center keys
And others can be borrowed too
From folks at Lumberton Leas.
We'll loan two vests for little kids
From Dick's - they're nearly new.
So here's the tip, go for a trip
From a trail that's colored blue.
In a Lumberton Leas canoe.

Maggie Heineman

THOSE TURTLES LOVE US!

The snapping turtles are back laying their eggs again this year. Fifteen nests have been noted, five of which have been destroyed by other animals. The eggs are scheduled to hatch between September 15 and September 27. Keep your eyes open for little baby turtles at that time.

Tom Krainik

MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Barbara Lewis

Nancy and John Griffenberg

Nancy and John “Griff” Griffenberg, together with Salty, their Jack Russell Terrier, have moved into 143 Woodside Drive.

Nancy Stauffer Griffenberg was raised in Delaware County, PA. She attended Media Friends Elementary School and Westtown Friends School, then Centenary and Ohio Wesleyan Colleges, earning her degree in elementary education. She taught under provisional licenses in several schools while the NJ Board of Education required her to take several more college courses to comply with its reciprocity agreements for out-of-state graduates.



In spending college days and weekends at the Jersey Shore with friends of friends, Nancy and Griff became acquainted and then married – 52 years ago. Since then they have lived in Loveladies, Cinnaminson, and Medford Lakes for many years.

Griff was born in Riverside. He went to Westchester State College to earn his degree in physical education, with a minor in science. After graduating from college, he served in the Army, being stationed in France and Germany.

He then started his high school teaching career in science and physical education, and also coached sports. At one point his principal was Anna Burr (known to some of us here at Medford Leas), a very strict administrator. He was a coach and then athletic director at Willingboro High School,

coaching football, basketball, and golf. Griff was also assistant football coach at Penn State under Harry Gamble from 1973 to 1980. Returning to Cherry Hill East High School he again taught and coached until he retired from there in 1993. Griff was inducted into the South Jersey Football Coaches Hall of Fame. He is well known to many folks in this area.

Nancy and Griff spent their summers and weekends in their home at the Shore on Long Beach Island. To quote Griff, he’s “a boater, a fisherman, a clammer, a life guard, and anything else that has to do with the beach.” Coming from a family of golfers, Nancy has been an avid, accomplished golfer all her life. She has a twin sister in Marlton with whom she is very close.

With many acquaintances here already, we can see this happy couple quickly settling into our community.

Barbara and Herman Eickhoff

Barbara and Herman Eickhoff have moved into 35 Woodside Drive. They are both originally from Northeast Philadelphia. Even though they attended mostly



the same public schools, they did not meet until 1947 at a local church dance. Graduates of Frankford High School in Philadelphia, they married in 1950. They have two sons and one daughter. Their family has expanded to include seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren – so far.

Since most of the family lives nearby, they can enjoy them all and see them grow and mature.

After getting married, Herman, who had previously worked for Penn Fruit, joined Barbara in her father's meat and grocery neighborhood store, Schaaf's Market, which her father had opened in 1929. In 1955 they helped open a store in Levittown, PA, with the 2nd Independent Supermarket sponsored by Unity-Frankford Co-Op Grocery Co. Herman was a managing partner and Barbara worked in the store offices, positions they maintained until retirement.

In 1968 and 1969, the family had opened two other Shop n Bag supermarkets in Willingboro, NJ. Two brothers-in-law were Herm's partners for many years but eventually left the business for other ventures. They were replaced by Herman and Barbara's two sons, who had taken an interest in the business and joined in their parents' work. Then in 1998, the stores transitioned to ShopRite, the largest co-op in the country (200 stores and growing). They now have 5 local ShopRite supermarkets, operated by their two sons and a number of grandchildren. Herm and Barb are now consultants for the stores and still go into the central office in Delran on a regular basis.

They had and continue to have an active social life. They were involved with All Saints Episcopal Church in Fallsington, PA, where Barbara taught Sunday school and played piano and organ, and Herm sang in the choir. He was in the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club. Together they were involved in a gourmet club and are members of the Trenton Country Club. Vacations have granted them opportunities to see many places in the US and Europe.

Herman has always been a hobby person, building model planes, ships, and train layouts in his free time. His largest creation was completed after three years of work in

1998. It is an 8-foot replica of the *Titanic*. The tale of that ill-fated ship has always intrigued him. He is now working on a sailboat for one of his sons. The upstairs loft is the perfect place for his creations to come to life.

The Eickhoffs will be married 63 years this summer and will likely celebrate in Ocean City at the Jersey Shore. Welcome to our community!

ART GALLERY

Helen L. Vukasin

If you have not yet taken a close look at the incredible Nature Photographs of Joe Costanza, take a moment now and enjoy what he has captured. The show will be up in the Lumberton Art Gallery in the Community Center for the months of June and July.

On the Medford campus the extensive exhibit of resident artwork is worth a visit if you have company this summer. The exhibit is diverse in style, media, and content. There is something for everyone in this show.

The Art Studio Gallery is on the ground floor of the Arts and Social Wing.

The exciting new show opening in the Medford campus Gallery in the lobby of the Theater on July 9, 3–4:30 p.m., will feature the "Recent Works of Geoffrey Chalkley, Adelaide De Antonio, Nancy Mullins, Katherine Sandeck, Mary Zaccone." The artists will speak about their work at 3:15 p.m.

"The art life can be a solitary one, on whatever level it is lived, but by meeting together we have been able to enjoy the sustained encouragement and the camaraderie of like-minded associates. Also, we have really good snacks," said the spokesperson for the group.

Join us on July 9 to enjoy the diversity of the work, which will remain in place until the end of August.

LEAS FORUM**Barbara Trought**

Programs will be presented in the Theater on the Medford campus on Saturdays at 11 a.m. (except July 4).

June 8

Harry Scheyer, Estaugh Board member and professional financial planner, will present a different concept for a will: Ethical Wills. Not the familiar Last Will and Testament, an Ethical Will delineates the writer's values and makes them known to heirs and/or descendants.

June 29

"Gettysburg Revisited: 150 Years after the Epic Battle." Dr. Daniel Croft, professor at The College of New Jersey, brings history alive as he sets the stage for this turning point in the Civil War. The Battle of Gettysburg and its significance will be his focus.

July 4 (Note: Thursday, 7:15 p.m.)

"1776." Based on the Tony Award winning Broadway musical, the video is a musical celebration of events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Enjoy wonderful songs combined with history.

July 13

Bob Gleason, an actor in the American Historical Theatre, portrays the Reverend John Witherspoon, a Scots Presbyterian minister and a signatory of the Declaration of Independence as a representative of New Jersey. As president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University), he trained many leaders of the early nation and was the only active clergyman and the only college president to sign the Declaration.

TECH NOTES**Martin Klaver**

from Martin's blog snrtech.org

*Better Tools for Getting Information*

We are losing the Google Reader "app" in July. Google has determined that it needs its resources for another unannounced purpose.

This has hit the internet community hard, as we have realized there is no tool quite as good to sift out and aggregate information. There is too much information out there for us to absorb and we need a tool to extract what is of particular interest to us. Google Reader simply brings us the latest information from our preferred sources. No other tool does that as well.

Before Google Reader we initially had to go to each source ourselves regularly. It was a great leap forward when we could automatically subscribe to a given source. That technology was called RSS or *really simple syndication*. Google simply aggregated feeds of our choice.

For example, we could subscribe to the latest stories from *The New York Times*. Google simply did that for us and aggregated those feeds into one up-to-date listing.

Innovation was the way Google got started. Originally search engines depended on humans to figure out where to go to get the

information you needed. Google found a way to get the computer to do that work.

There are those who claim Google has never revealed its secrets. Not true. It laid them out in its original proposal in 1992. Google simply uses the history of similar searches to get you where you need to go for information you want.

So Google has been an innovator ever since. Now, however, others will need to assist us in a reader aggregator. Many of us will turn to Feedly to replace Google Reader – a worthy choice.

However, the internet world is discovering that there is a better way. Instead of searching for sources, it may be better to search for subjects. That is simple but groundbreaking, too.

That brings us to Taptu, a better tool. In many ways we really do not need or want to go to specific sources or feeds. We simply want to go to get the latest information on a particular subject.

Of course, we also need to see how different sources handle the same news. We also want the absolute latest information, such as we get from Twitter. We need it in the most accessible format.

For example, Flipboard aggregates feeds into a familiar magazine-like format. This way we can skim off the latest information in a format as familiar to us seniors as the old *Saturday Evening Post*.

I use these tools to find out what impacts seniors particularly. My blog Snrtech.org aims to pull together what is important for seniors in technology. There are few resources in the internet to do that for seniors.

We need ways to connect the dots. We need to be able to relate different things together. We need for that to happen automatically without human intervention.

One developing tool is Wolfram, a search engine that scours the internet to pull together related information from different sources. Another good tool, just announc-

ed, has come from a 17-year-old Brit who has found a way to distill lengthy information into a few words. That is an enormous breakthrough, and he deserves the many millions he has already earned.

We need that capability. For example, in linguistics studies we learned that most written documents are highly duplicative in presenting the same information over and over again. You do not need to eat all of an apple to know that it is bad. Now we will be able to have a computer distill more and more information into digestible bites or bytes. Forgive the pun.

A REMINDER

Residents who have not yet responded to the request for \$22 per person for the annual Residents Activity Fund are reminded to please do so as soon as possible. Please place your checks to LLRA in mailbox #57.

PICK-UP DATES

July trash and recycling pickups will be on a normal schedule.

WORDS OF WISDOM

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The surest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

He who hesitates is probably right.

The purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Thinkers' Corner



Cartoons

This month's cartoon:



Write your caption:

“ _____ ”

Last month's cartoon:



Last month's captions:

“I have a terrible phobia about the sun.”

“Now just relax. I don't want you to have a meltdown.”

“Would you mind turning down the heat?”

“My wife complains that I'm cold in bed.”

“I was so excited that this rabbit was going to kiss me. But he was after my nose!”

“Don't worry; the couch has a plastic cover.”

LAST MONTH'S PRESIDENTIAL 2013

Who was our only bachelor president?
James Buchanan.

Who was our only divorced president?
Ronald Reagan.

Who was the oldest elected president?
Ronald Reagan – 69.

Who was the youngest elected president?
John Kennedy – 43.

Who was the youngest president to take office?

Theodore Roosevelt – 42 (when assuming office after the assassination of William McKinley).

Who was the tallest president?

Abraham Lincoln – 6'4".

Who was the shortest president?

James Madison – 5'4".

Who was the heaviest president?

William Howard Taft – 332 pounds. (Got stuck in presidential bathtub; had a new one installed big enough for four people.)

Which president had the most children?

John Tyler – 15.

Which president remained in office for the shortest period of time?

William Harrison – died of pneumonia after one month in office.

Which president remained in office for the longest period of time?

Franklin Roosevelt – elected for four consecutive terms, but died in office early in his fourth term.

Who was the first president born a U.S. citizen?

Martin Van Buren – born December 5, 1782. (First president born after the Declaration of Independence was signed.)

Which college has the most presidential alumni?

Harvard – 8.

What was George Washington's yearly salary during his term in office?

\$25,000.

What is President Obama's yearly salary?

\$400,000.

For the Eagle-Eyed

How many differences can you spot between these two pictures?



And for the Super-Intellectuals

courtesy Sabine Schipper, Medford campus

ARBITRATOR: a cook who leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.

AVOIDABLE: what a bullfighter does.

BERNADETTE: torch the mortgage.

BURGLARIZE: what a crook sees with.

COUNTERFEITERS: workers who put together kitchen cabinets.

ECLIPSE: what an English barber does for a living.

EYEDROPPER: a clumsy ophthalmologist.

HEROES: what a guy in a boat does.

PARASITES: what you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.

POLARIZE: what penguins see with.

A Photo from Lynn's Friends



Understated elegance

The Lumberton Campus Chronicle is a monthly publication featuring articles, poems, and other works by residents of Medford Leas at Lumberton and others. 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, July 12. Email your submission to vince267@gmail.com, with copies to ruthbgpersonal@comcast.net and hsheineman@gmail.com. **We cannot accept handwritten, typed, faxed, or printed copy.**

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