

TRIVIAL TRIVIA

Germany's Oktoberfest began on October 17, 1810, the wedding day of King Ludwig I. Hawaii has a special October event called "the Aloha Festival," sometimes described as the "Mardi Gras of the Pacific."

COUNCIL REPORT

Geno Mori

Minutes of the September Council meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved.

Council approved purchase of a new paper cutter for use in the Community Center.

The revised Medford Leas at Lumberton Handbook was reviewed and approved. A general meeting of residents will be scheduled for December 3 for the purpose of approving changes in the bylaws.

Information from Medford Leas: A mental health presentation will be held on November 19 and another by Dr. Andie sometime in January. A new wheelchair-accessible van has been procured. The AARP Safe Driver course was attended by 40 people.

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, at 1:30 p.m.



Annual Bridge Day Festival in October – New River Gorge, W.Va. Some 80,000 people watch up to 500 BASE jumpers leap off the New River Gorge Bridge, North America's longest single span bridge. The Gorge is one of the world's oldest places, and BASE jumping is one of the world's most cutting-edge sports. Above the famous white water rafting on the New River, jumpers, rappellers, and onlookers gather for the State's largest festival.

www.officialbridgeday.com

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER

Balance on September 1	\$5068.37
Income	35.25
Expenses	186.61
Balance on September 30	\$4917.01

MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Barbara Lewis

Mildred and Cornelius Salvaterra



Mildred (Christian) and Cornelius Salvaterra moved to Lumberton in September. They live at 11 Woodside Drive. Millie and Corny grew up in Wilkes-Barre, PA. After high school they became sweethearts, and married in 1955. They lived in Uniontown, PA while Corny completed college.

Millie graduated from business school and became the secretary/receptionist for the mayor of Wilkes-Barre. She had played the marimba, and performed during high school and for events in the community. Millie was also involved in fashion for the local department stores.

The Salvaterras lived in Moorestown for 15 years while their children grew up. Millie was active in Newcomers; she also volunteered for the YMCA, and was a member of Moorestown’s high school

parent committee. They have three children: Julie, a nurse, and Chris, both living in New Jersey; and Neil, a Methodist minister who lives in Kentucky with his wife and an 11-year-old daughter. In recent years Millie enjoyed designing and sewing window treatments for clients, along with home decorating.

During high school Corny threw the javelin. He was the top javelin thrower in Pennsylvania, and then in the country. He was also awarded the Jones Evans “Outstanding High School Football Player for Wyoming Valley” in 1952. He earned a full four-year football scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt), where he was quarterback for the team in the Sugar Bowl, Gator Bowl, and Oyster Bowl.

In 1955 when Pitt was invited to go to the Sugar Bowl, the team was told in writing that their black players were not invited. Pitt said, “No way.” Public demonstrations against the Sugar Bowl Committee and the Georgia Tech Chancellor created heavy media pressure. Eventually both agreed to back down and all of Pitt’s players were allowed to play. Corny was named most valuable player (MVP) for the 1956 team.

Corny received his BS in Engineering and Mines from Pitt, and in 1962 he earned an MS in Engineering and Mines from the University of West Virginia. He joined RCA in 1962, entering the computer field. Shortly after, he joined MSI Data, which was the developer of the first “portable” computer terminal. They also introduced bar codes on a major commercial scale, especially in the retail market.

Millie and Corny are musical, having been involved in choral singing groups. Corny was a YMCA board member in Wilkes-Barre and Pittsburgh, receiving a leadership award in 1998. They are

members of the Gideons, who distribute Bibles. Both are also active church members, an important part of their lives.

Joanne M. Thomas



Joanne (Buble) Thomas moved to 128 Woodside Drive in August after living in Medford for 30 years. Coming from living on a 2-acre wooded lot, Joanne is happy that her new home looks out on the

woods and wetland areas here.

She met her husband Robert while both were working in Finance for the Pennsylvania Railroad. They married in 1972 and lived in Palmyra for 11 years. The railroad was changing as the years went by. Penn Railroad was bought by New York Central Railroad. Then NYC was purchased by Conrail. There was a famous lawsuit then as Conrail owned the rails, and the rest of the company was separate. Joanne and Robert stayed with Penn Central, and the case was won.

After leaving Penn Central (which had moved its office to New York City), Joanne went to travel school. She already had a BA from Temple University. As a certified travel agent, she traveled worldwide for many years and loved it. She owned Holly Travel at the corner of Main Street and Route 38 in Lumberton. She later taught travel courses and then English classes at Atlantic Cape Community College for 10 years.

In the middle of all this, she earned a master's degree (MA) online from California State University. It was quite a commute from Medford to Atlantic Cape,

so she switched to teaching English composition and literature for 5 years at Burlington County College. As Robert's health declined, Joanne left teaching to care for him. Unfortunately he died this past April.

Joanne was on the board of Salt and Light (an organization for the homeless) for 10 years, was a volunteer for Literacy Volunteers, was twice a board member of the Forest Glen Lakes Environmental Association (former homeowners association), and was a council member at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Her favorite hobbies include reading and crocheting. Having one sister living close by in South Jersey and another living in Creekside, Joanne is pleased with her move, and looks forward to the next stage in her life.

Pete's Pick

THE BAMBOO FOREST



Those of us who regularly travel the 6.5 miles between our Lumberton residences and the Medford "Mother Ship" have a variety of curiosities to view in passing. There are donkeys, llamas, dwarf horses, abandoned silos, and a roadside shrine against a telephone pole memorializing some poor soul who didn't negotiate one of the many curves along Route 541. But my favorite curiosity is the bamboo forest located on the property on the west side of Route 541, several hundred yards south of Fostertown Road.

When I first moved to Lumberton a 20-foot-tall monster also lived there with

electrified red eyes that glared at me when I passed at night. From what I was told, its owner had purchased his monster from a Lana Turner movie set and had initially placed it in his front yard as artful decoration. But one man's "art" is another's eyesore, and when neighbors protested to the zoning board, the monster was moved to the backyard.

On the same property someone had also planted bamboo along the property lines and in back of the one-story house – perhaps once intended as a windbreak from winter winds blowing across neighboring fields. But as bamboo is wont to do, the rhizomes spread and the bamboo grew higher, and soon unmanageably tall stalks took over the entire property along with the monster, which, like something out of a Joseph Conrad novel, became engulfed in a primordial forest.

While this was happening, the former owner put his home on the market. At the same time, he also put a "for sale" sign on his monster and even advertised that he had bamboo for sale, apparently believing that there was a market for both. Unfortunately there was little, if any, interest in the home, the monster, or the bamboo.

When the owner apparently gave up and moved, his monster remained – almost hidden by the unsold bamboo.

Back then the housing market became severely troubled along with our economy. An abandoned home is always a difficult sell, but a home with a monster in its backyard proved impossible. Nobody is certain what happened to the monster. It is rumored that it was sold to a Philly heating and plumbing concern and perhaps its red eyes still glower at passersby as a warning that all is not always Brotherly Love in the City.

Fortunately after a long period of abandonment, the home and property was purchased, and its present owners have done an admirable job of restoring both. They have rid the front and back yard of the bamboo that had taken over, and currently appear to be hacking away at the growth that stretches almost 100 yards on both sides of the property.

It is possible that the bamboo, like the monster, will soon disappear. And I suppose that this might sadden some of us who look forward to viewing such curiosities on our trips between "here" and "there."

—Pete McCord

BOOK CLUB

Barbara Lewis

On Wednesday afternoon, November 20, at 2:00 p.m. the group will meet to discuss *The Nightingale's Song* by Robert Timber. Judy Atwood has purchased ten copies of the book through Amazon. It was published in 1996, so it is not normally available. We will use these books and pass them around, each person paying \$4.00 to cover the cost.

I'm glad that our meeting is late in November because this book has a lot to say for the reader to assimilate and digest. The author is an award-winning journalist for the *Baltimore Sun*, a Naval Academy graduate in 1964, and a Marine who served in Vietnam. The story has to do with the Vietnam War and the effect it had on the Naval Academy men who fought in it. It also has to do with the Reagan years and the Iran Contra problems. Ah yes, it has to do with a very divisive time in our country's history.

You will be fascinated by the depth of history here, burdened by the agony of war, and amazed at the courage and honor of a few and the cowardice and betrayal of many. It is a complicated story, well told, and I look forward to talking about it with you.

ART GALLERY

Helen L. Vukasin

There is lots of news about the Medford Leas Art Galleries for upcoming programs. There will be a new exhibit in the Lumberton Art Gallery of work by Janet Cebular. Janet has shown her work throughout the Delaware Valley. She was a student at Moore College of Art, Cheltenham Art Center, Rutgers College and the University of the Arts. She has worked in a variety of media such as oils, fabric, handmade paper and clay. Just recently she has switched from paper collages to fabric collages with exciting results.

There will be a wine and cheese reception in the Art Gallery at Lumberton on Friday November 8, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Janet will share some of her ideas at 4:30 p.m.

The favorite arts party on the Medford campus is hosted by the Art Studio. This fall the reception will be held on Monday, November 4, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The Fall Exhibit of resident art and photographs is a completely new show of work that resident artists and photographers have been working on all summer. It promises to be one of the best, with several new residents adding their contributions. As usual, the artists will share their kitchen skills by offering homemade refreshments.

Upstairs in the main Art Gallery on the Medford campus, we welcome once again

the talented artists of the South Jersey Camera Club for their Annual Exhibit at Medford Leas. This organization meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Medford Leas Theater at 7:30 p.m. Meetings and memberships are open to Medford Leas residents. The meeting night of Tuesday, November 19, would be a good opportunity to see the juried show, and to meet some of the members from off-campus.

CLUSTERS

Bill Rackin

On October 16, 11 residents of **cluster 3** visited the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia, where we took the "Money in Motion" tour. There was lots to learn about our nation's monetary system and how it works.

After the tour we met at Seasons 52 Restaurant in Cherry Hill for good food and conversation.

HEARING LOSS AND THE HEARING LOOP

(Part one of a three-part series)

Helen L. Vukasin

Medford Leas has applied for a grant to install magnetic induction loop technology to increase the clarity of hearing of residents with hearing loss. Did you know that there are approximately 36 million American adults with hearing loss? Only 8.4 million, or one in four of this number, have hearing aids.

Cost is one critical reason. Hearing aids are not covered by Medicare and good hearing aids are expensive. Another important reason that people with hearing loss do not invest in hearing aids is that

the sound with most hearing aids is fine only in a small conversational setting. It can be unclear, even annoying, when the environment is noisy or the room acoustics reverberate sound.

A hearing loop can be installed in an auditorium or other venue with a difficult sound context. This will magnetically transfer the microphone, TV sound signal, or other sound transmitter to the hearing aids and cochlear implants that have a telecoil receptor. With this direct connection of the source of the sound to the individual's customized hearing aids, the sound is clear and free of extraneous noise. The technology is currently installed as a trial in the Linden Room so that residents can experience the difference in sound.

Portable receivers and headsets will be available for use at Medford Leas by those with hearing loss who do not have a telecoil or hearing aids.

(Next month Part II will explain how the loop works.)

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Jane Bartram

November 5 is not only Election Day but also the kickoff of the holiday season! The MLRA Gift Shop and the Knitting and Sewing Group are holding their first combined Holiday Boutique in the Atrium from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Residents and staff can begin their holiday shopping by choosing from a variety of cards and decorations, as well as beautiful gift items including, handmade afghans, children's and adults' knitwear, handbags, and jewelry.

Featured this year are teddy bears dressed in knitted sweaters and caps which are lovingly knitted by ladies in the

knitting and sewing group, and unique home goods created by artisans around the world. Sales volunteers will be available to help shoppers find that special gift for that special someone, or yourself! Proceeds will go to the Employee Appreciation Fund.

LEAS FORUM

Barbara Trought

Programs will be presented in the Theater on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

October 26

"A Window on China's Future: Film Screening and Discussion"

Paula Marantz Cohen, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of English, Drexel University.

This film is a recently completed 26-minute documentary about Chinese students in the two most prestigious universities in China, both located in Beijing. The film lends itself to good conversation about the role of China – past, present, and future.

Dr. Cohen is the host of the Drexel InterView, a TV talk show broadcast on the WHYI information channel on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

November 9

"Ethics, Technology, and Today's Teenagers"

Sarah Rosenson teaches a class on "Ethics and Technology" in the high school at Moorestown Friends School. She will share with us some of the topics covered, including ethical issues relating to engineering, military technology, and

computers. Sarah will also discuss two important ways in which she observes a large divide on these issues between adults and teenagers.

November 23

“Quaker Publishing in a Changing World”

Friends Journal, a nonprofit Quaker magazine with a 58-year legacy, is evolving to meet the demands of today's audiences across multiple media. Executive Director **Gabriel Ehri** will discuss how technology is changing how we read and communicate, as well as how *Friends Journal* and other publishers are adapting to these demands while fulfilling their missions.

December 7

“The Art of Seeing”

Award-winning photographer **John Isaac**, former Chief of the United Nations Photo Unit, covered the world for over 20 years photographing wars, famines, and the horrors of the Cambodian killing fields. He retired from the United Nations in 1998 and has since chosen to photograph the wonders of nature and the human condition. In 2008 he co-authored *The Vale of Kashmir* about the people and landscape of Kashmir. His talk will use his photography to help us see the world in new ways.

PICKUP DATES – NOVEMBER

Recycling: on the normal scheduled Mondays.

Trash: due to the Veterans Day holiday on Monday, pickup will be on Wednesday,

November 13. Other weeks are on the normal schedule.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING, COMPUTER AND TV RECYCLING

This event will be held on Sunday, November 3, and Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Robert Shinn Recycling Center, 130 Hancock Lane, Westampton.

TECH NOTES Martin Klaver

from Martin's blog snrtech.org



Choices and Mistakes

We seniors are faced nowadays with choices we never had before. A wrong choice can be devastating.

Remember the old days? When TV came along, we had two choices, 10" or 12". Period.

Choosing the wrong medical option can be disastrous. Yet we need to make the choices. We have no alternative.

Years ago my doctor told me what he was going to do. That was it. But not now.

All this means that we must be gathering facts. And there is no better way than to use all the resources and investigate all options at our disposal. One of the options is the internet.

But how do we do that as simply and effectively as possible? Residents come to me with the woes of computers, not their advantages.

It all starts with the choice of computer. Residents are faced with advocates of Apple, Windows, Google, with very fixed and usually wrong opinions.

Now let me say up front, no one should tell you which to choose. Not only that, but you really should not care about the brand. What you should care about is what you want to do. Every single device has some serious downsides.

That means you must set down what you need in specifics. You alone can do that. You need to get down to the nitty-gritty details – even the wrong case for a device can make a device hard to use.

But before you can do that, you need to know what is out there and what it can do. How to do that? Use an internet browser to search “how to choose a tablet” and read a variety of suggestions.

My own bias about choices comes from all the complaints I hear. I want the easiest and simplest and most reliable computer for everyone. That is usually the newest technology. I want everyone to comprehend all they can do. I don’t want them misled into thinking something cannot be done because they do not know how to do it.

And I really don’t care who makes what device. I care that you do your homework, and that you are happy down the road because you did it well.

Those of us who are knowledgeable need especially to help others stick to the facts

and not indulge our preconceived notions and unfounded opinions upon others.

Dig in.

THE FIRST MOTORCYCLE

“Daimler Reitwagen”

courtesy Lynn Ware

German engineer Gottlieb Daimler invented the first petrol-engined motorcycle in 1885. On a wooden chassis and wheels, the *Reitwagen* (riding car) was fitted with a single-cylinder, four-stroke petrol engine. With an engine capacity of less than 100 cc, and a power output of around one horse-power at 600 rpm, it could hit a top speed of almost 12km/hr.



Replica in Mercedes-Benz museum

Although it is rarely mentioned in motorcycle history, Enrico Bernardi’s 1882 one-cylinder petrol-engined tricycle, the *Motrice Pia*, could claim priority as the first gasoline internal combustion motorcycle.

In August 1885, Daimler patented what is generally considered to be the first true motorcycle. However, Sylvester Roper, who spent the Civil War working in a Union armory, built a primitive “motorcycle” as early as 1867. Roper’s supporters – and he has more than a few – argue that he

should be credited with building the world's first motorcycle.

What gives credibility to Daimler's claim of developing the first true motorcycle is the fact that it was gasoline-driven. Roper's post-Civil War hog, with a tiny two-cylinder engine, was powered by steam.

"The first motorcycle looks like an instrument of torture," wrote Melissa Holbrook Pierson, describing a vehicle that was created along the way to Daimler's real goal, a four wheeled car, and earning him credit as the inventor of the motorcycle *malgré lui* (in spite of himself). Daimler had founded an experimental workshop in the garden shed behind his house in the Cannstatt district of Stuttgart in 1882. Together with his employee Maybach, they developed a compact, high-speed single-cylinder engine, patented on April 3, 1885 and called "grandfather clock engine."

Thinkers' Corner



Cartoons

This month's cartoon:



Write your caption:

“ _____ ”

Last month's cartoon:



Last month's captions:

"Not without inventing a helmet you don't."

"They really have been giving you a lot of homework in invention class lately."

"Maybe Dad can think of a use for it."

"Why do I have to always nag you to invent something?"

"It looks useful, but how are you going to market it?"

"What do you think you're ever going to do with that?"

For the Eagle-Eyed

Can you find at least ten differences between these pictures (from last month)?



Differences:

- *umbrella top*
- *chin of girl*
- *shovel depth in ground*
- *hat on boy*
- *shovel in boy's hand*
- *button on boy's shorts*
- *contents in pail*
- *shell design on right castle wall*
- *location of star on ground*
- *location of window on middle tower*
- *flag pole height*
- *ribbon in girl's hair*

Riddles

What can you catch, but not throw?

Write your answer:

“ _____ ”

Two mothers and two daughters go to a pet store and buy three cats. Each female gets her own cat. How is this possible?

Write your answer:

“ _____ ”

Photos from Lynn's Friends

Bus Stops Around the World



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