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CANOE CARNIVAL 2026 WINNERS CORRECTION FROM 8/7 ISSUE

In the August 7th issue, the Shawnee Division Winners were not listed.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

GRAND PRIZE

Mad Paddlers - *MPire Strikes Back*

JAY JONES BUILDERS' CHOICE AWARD

Mad Paddlers - *MPire Strikes Back*

SHAWNEE DIVISION

1st: Scrub Pines - *Meet Me At The Top*

NEETA DIVISION

1st: Sink Oar Swim - *Sink Oar Soar*
2nd: Tippy Canoers - *Welcome To The Jungle!*
3rd: Wisner Budz - *This Budz For You!*

NOKOMIS DIVISION

1st: What The Float - *Saturday Night Suds*
2nd: Medford Lakes Yacht Club - *ML Sandlot*
3rd: All Float On - *The Perfect Town*
4th: Just 1 mOAR - *Jungle Cruise*

SINGLE CANOE

1st: Hardwick Family - *We Are The People*
2nd: Mucking Around - *Three Little Pigs*
3rd: The 139ers - *Lucy On The Lake*
4th: ML Girl Scouts - *Make The World A Better Place*

ORGANIZATION DIVISION

1st: Medford Lakes Lions Club - *250 Years of Freedom - A Century of Service*

ROOKIE

1st: The Pineland Mummies - *The Pineland Mummies*

COLONY MEETING

On Monday, September 14, 2026, the Board of Directors of the Medford Lakes Colony will be meeting at 7:00 pm in a location to be announced. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

If you need something included on the agenda, please submit it to the Colony Office no later than Mon., Sept. 7th. Items for the agenda and questions can be directed to office@mlcolony.org.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

New Board Members, to begin a term in January 2027, are needed.

If you are interested in serving on the Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors, please attend the monthly meetings of the Board and send your resume to office@ml-colony.org.

WATERCRAFT LEFT ON THE BEACH

If you are bringing your canoe/kayak/sup to the beach, please make sure to bring them home. Watercraft should not be left on the beach, nor should they be blocking beach and lake access. Any improperly stored watercraft will be removed and stored at DPW until claimed.

If you need to pick up your watercraft from DPW, please contact 609-654-8898.

Watercraft can be picked up from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm by appointment only.

Thank you for your cooperation.

15TH ANNUAL MEDFORD LAKES TRIATHLON: SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Tippy Canoers will be hosting the event this year while working in collaboration with DQ Events. To enter the race or view the maps of the race course, visit <https://www.dqevents.com/> and click on the 15th Annual Medford Lakes Colony link. While the event may cause some traffic inconveniences during this short period, the funds from the event go to the Colony and our float group. Any questions, please speak with Stefani Kirk: buddykirk5@gmail.com.

MLWC AMAZING PACE 2026

Register here: <https://shorturl.at/ftbii>

Get ready to travel across the USA without ever leaving Medford Lakes as you solve clues, conquer hilarious challenges, and race your way from state to state!

Event: Amazing Pace 2026 – Stars, Stripes & Shenanigans

Race Day: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Teams: 4 people

Round up your family, friends, neighbors, or coworkers and secure your spot. We can't wait to see which team will be crowned the 2026 Amazing Pace Champions!

See you at the starting line!

- The Amazing Pace Committee

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BEFORE AUTUMN BEGINS! GIVE BLOOD!

The Medford Lakes Lions are sponsors for the American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held Wednesday, September 16th the Protestant Community Church's Memorial Hall. Appointments are from 1:00 to 6:00 PM and can be made with the mobile app or on the www.redcrossblood.org website. First time donors welcome! Questions? Call 609-605-1399 and leave a message.

JOIN THE SCAVENGER HUNT TO SUPPORT THE MAGIC SEEDS PROJECT

Gather your team and join The Magic Seeds Project for a family-friendly Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, September 19! Teams of 2-4 will kick off at Memorial Hall in Medford Lakes at 3:00 PM, then head out to snap photos and find specific items for points before returning by 5:00 PM. Proceeds will help fund Book Bundles, putting brand-new books directly into the hands of young children to build home libraries and a love of reading.

Register your team today: <https://themagicseedsproject.org/fundraiser>

Questions? Contact Scott Strong at scott@themagicseedsproject.org

CALLING ALL HISTORY RESEARCHERS!

As we prepare our Medford Lakes Centennial Book, we're looking for volunteers who enjoy digging into history and telling the stories that have shaped our community over the past 100 years.

You don't have to be a professional historian – just someone who is curious, enjoys research, and wants to help preserve the rich history of Medford Lakes for future generations.

We need researchers to help gather information on topics such as past Colony presidents, significant events and milestones, historic places, people, and accomplishments, and other interesting stories from Medford Lakes' first century.

Researchers will be able to use our new Colony News Digital Archives for research. You can also use newspapers, photographs, etc.

You and your team will be preparing written summaries that will become the foundation for chapters in our Centennial Book. All submissions will be reviewed and edited before publication

Whether you can research one topic or several, your help will make a meaningful difference.

If you're interested in volunteering as a history researcher, please contact me at toni.lackey@gmail.com and include your name, phone #, email address, and any research, writing, history experience you may have.

Join us in helping tell the story of 100 years of Medford Lakes.

MEDFORD LAKES MEN'S CLUB

We have had great participation these last four months and so the Men's Club continues! If you're interested in joining us for some non-political, non-religious discussion about the things we all face in the world, our community and our lives, or you just want to meet some neighbors and shoot the breeze, please join us for our next meeting at the ML Lions Clubhouse on Friday, August 28th at 7:00 pm. Please bring a canned good for the Lion's food pantry.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Ann (Ann) Minnium of Medford Lakes, New Jersey, who passed away peacefully on August 8, 2026, at the age of 90. She was born on April 26, 1936, in Batavia, New York to the late Paul and Hazel McGinnis. Ann was the devoted wife of 58 years to the late Richard James Minnium, with whom she shared a beautiful life centered on family, faith, and adventures. Beloved matriarch of the Minnium family, Ann was the cherished mother of Margot, Richard (Dunia), Peter (Ann), John (Ann), Mark, Elizabeth (Joe) Ennis, Katherine (Todd) Nevell, and Matthew; the joyful grandmother of Nicholas (Liz), Bridget and Natalie Olsen; Peter Jr., George and Judy Minnium; Gracie Minnium; Mason and Molly Minnium; Maxwell and Elizabeth Ennis; Quinn and Graham Nevell; the great-grandmother of Audrey and Adelaide Olsen; devoted sister of the late Michael, John, Patrick and Susan McGinnis and Thomas McGinnis of Stuart, Florida; a loving aunt; and a warm friend who could talk to anyone.

A graduate of St. Joseph Academy and Mercyhurst College, Ann was a lifelong reader, learner, and teacher through and through. She dedicated four decades to religious education and was a beloved substitute teacher. Known for her fierce intellect, sharp wit, steady faith, and legendary competitive spirit, she was a formidable opponent in word games, an excellent writer, a lifelong swimmer who could outlast anyone in the water, and a renowned cook whose bake-sale cream puffs were legendary. Ann enjoyed her many years of membership in the Medford Lakes Garden Club, numerous bridge and book clubs and prayer groups. Above all, Ann was a proud, loving and present mother and grandmother, always cheering from the sideline at every game, recital, and play, never missing a moment or important milestone. Guided by her deep Catholic faith and values, she led a life of service and was always willing to help someone in need.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Mercyhurst University, 501 E. 38th St., Erie, PA 16546, MercyhurstUniversity.edu.

GOT SNEAKERS?

11th Grade Girl Scout Troop #24315 is collecting gently used or new adult sneakers. When you join our sneaker recycling community, you will be making a global impact AND you help the troop earn money for every pair of sneakers you contribute.

Most people throw away their used sneakers every 125-200 days without ever thinking about recycling. Since sneakers are manufactured with materials that are not biodegradable, they remain in landfills or are incinerated, which leads to toxic chemicals in our air and soil.

The process of manufacturing sneakers produces large amounts of CO2 which contributes to the serious effects of climate change and global warming. Recycling and reusing sneakers keep sneakers out of landfills, reduces the need for manufacturing new shoes and sneakers, and supports a growing circular economy.

The drop-off bin for recycled sneakers will be in the Colony Office. Thank you!

SEWING CIRCLE

There is a group of Colonists who gather at Demby Annex every Tuesday morning from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) to stitch and chat and enjoy each other's company. We all have different projects we are working on and there are always helping hands if the need arises!



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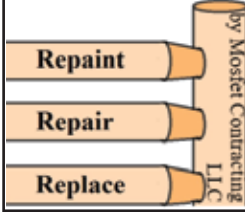
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 22nd – Large Trash Drop-off and Brush & Leaf Drop-off, 7:30 am – 12:30 pm, behind the Firehouse – LID, must be shown for large trash drop-off

Tuesday, August 25th – Recycle Collection

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