

Community Voices: Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

At the Lansing Fire Department's monthly meeting on election eve, I submitted my Quarterly Report of fire service activities to the Fire District's Commissioners.

The Lansing Fire Department responded to 144 calls for assistance between July 1 and September 30. Ninety-five of responses (66 percent) were for emergency medical services (EMS). Eleven of the calls involved hazardous materials (7.5 percent) and five were for vehicle fires (3.5 percent).

There were also 4 rescue calls, 4 service calls, 3 refuse fire calls and 3 un-needed service calls that were made with good intentions. These calls include two instances where Lansing provided Mutual Aid to neighboring communities. All together, the 144 fire calls generated 1,068 personnel responses - all of them performed by volunteers.

In addition, the department responded 19 times in the three month period to false alarms resulting from malfunctioning alarms (13), unintentional false alarms (4) or malicious false alarms (2).

The first nine months of 1996 have thus generated 542 calls, including 290 EMS responses, 11 vehicle and 11 structure fires.

Chris Burris, Chief

Dear Editor,

STAR TREK is beaming in to Lansing. On November 5th from 5:00 to 9:00 pm, a fund-raising **STAR TREK** dinner will be held in the Lansing high school cafeteria.

Students from Lansing's "Earth Shuttle Science Program" will be working at the dinner to raise money for their January '97 trip to the Kennedy Space Center, Sea World and the Epcot Center.

During the dinner, not only will there be Klingon Gash, Riecake and Romulan nonalcoholic Ale to feast on. (For the less adventurous souls, an Earthly menu will be available.)

There will also be games and contests for children, **STAR TREK** trivia, and an auction of **STAR TREK** memorabilia, including **STAR TREK** models, holograms, photographs, comic books, TV cards, clothes, hats, books, cassettes, audio cassettes and gift certificates to local stores.

A lot of planning and hard work has been put into preparing for this dinner, so if you have the chance, come support the Lansing Science Club. It looks like it will be a lot of fun and where else would you have the chance to drink Romulan Ale?

Your attendance is the only logical choice.

Darcy Baxter

Dear Editor,

On October 31, Gettig's old store in Myers caught fire and the Lansing Fire department sent out many pieces of apparatus to fight this structure blaze. The wind being very high, this was a dangerous fire that could have spread very rapidly.

In their protective gear, the fire-fighters went up the aerial truck's ladder and began chopping holes in the roof to ventilate the building. It was very impressive to see our young men and women exposing themselves to danger to protect Lansing property.

Several firemen were inside the building to control the blaze. You could see them at the windows throwing out burning materials as they breathed through their air packs. For the first time we saw the new rescue truck in operation and were glad it was there.

We feel very lucky to have such wonderful volunteer men and women to protect our lives and property here in Lansing. Thank you also to the folks from Cayuga Heights who backed up our fire-fighters.

**Louise Bement
Myers**



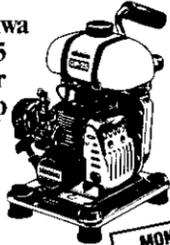
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Citizen Rosemann Casts His First American Vote

When Charles Rosemann pulled the lever(s) of his choice last Tuesday in the privacy of a voting machine at the North Lansing Fire Hall, he completed a seminal act in his Odyssey to becoming an American citizen.

Rosemann, co-proprietor of the Rose Inn with his wife Sherry, was sworn in as an American citizen in October. Though the ceremony came too late to meet the usual voter registration limit, Rosemann profited from the special right extended to new citizens to register beyond the standard deadline.

For Charles Rosemann, the journey to American citizenship started with an unexpected accident that changed his life. Just out of high school in 1957, Rosemann intended to pursue a Ph.D.-equivalent degree in sports administration in his native Germany. The olympic-style hammer-throw accident that sent him and his damaged knee to the hospital also shattered his athletic career before it had begun.

Call it happenstance or call it fate, Rosemann turned to the hotel industry upon his release from the hospital and did a two year hotel apprenticeship. Seasonal hotel jobs in France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and Sweden followed before he emigrated to Canada in 1963.

Two years in Canada were followed by another two years in Caribbean hotels in Bermuda and the Bahamas. There he met Sherry and a permanent move to America followed in 1966.

Having lived in English-speaking countries for two-thirds of his life, Rosemann thinks and dreams in English. "It gets to the point that when I speak in German I occasionally need help to find the right word," he laughed.

Rosemann came to Ithaca as General Manager of the Statler Inn in 1983. He was drawn by the promise of being simultaneously involved in the new Statler Hotel,



NEW CITIZEN & FIRST TIME VOTER Charles Rosemann is congratulated by No. Lansing Election Inspector Carrie Reeves as his voice is heard in last week's Presidential ballot.

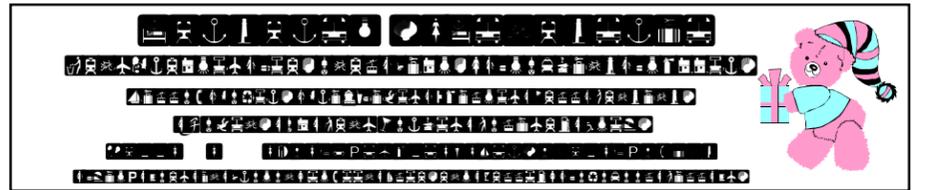
outside consulting and teaching. "At my prior jobs, the general manager always had an on-premises apartment at the hotel," explained Rosemann. Since this was not possible at Cornell, the Rosemann family sought a home large enough to transform into an elegant Bed and Breakfast Inn -- and the Rose Inn was born.

In the early years, citizenship wasn't an issue for Rosemann. America willingly let him pay taxes and he could do everything except vote or serve on a jury, he said. "I'm not very nationalistic; never have been," said Rosemann.

Recently his attitude's changed. "As you get older you see things differently," he said and Rosemann finally made his decision.

The actually naturalization process, as it's called, is neither difficult nor expensive. In January, Rosemann had an interview with the Naturalization Service in Buffalo and in October he swore his allegiance to the United States.

"I appreciate this country," said Rosemann, "and am glad that I could vote as a full citizen."

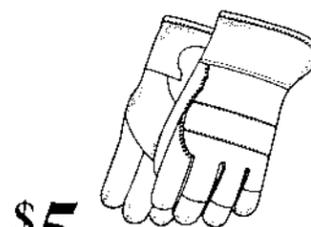


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