



TAKING THE PLEDGE - Brownie Troop # 380 meets at Central Fire Station with Troop Leader Wendy Wingate and Assistant Doug Smith. The 17 Brownies are Anna Calhoun, Nicole Dean, Brandy Ellis, Lacy Fuller, Nicole Giacco, Angela Graham, Brenda Graham, Gabrielle Long, Becky Maples, Cassandra Smith, Audrey Snowberger, Catherine Stamp, Catherine Stout, Sonya Thomas, Erica Theusen, Sarah-Jane Tull and Hannah Wingate. Last week the girls did drawings and played games to practice phone manners and courtesy when introducing themselves to new acquaintances.

Town Board Accepts Report From Ambulance Committee

On November 6, the Lansing Town Board accepted the Lansing Ambulance Advisory Committee's report and approved its recommendation that "the current system be kept in place."

The ten-person committee was appointed earlier this year by Town Supervisor Jeannine Kirby to examine the current status of emergency medical services (EMS) provided to Town residents as well as options to improve EMS, if needed.

Lansing EMS formally began in 1953 with the formation of Almeda Ambulance by the Ludlowville Fire Department. When Lansing's independent fire departments merged, Almeda Ambulance was absorbed by the Lansing Fire District as its EMS company. Lansing Ambulance functioned within the Lansing Fire Department until 1992 when the then-sitting Fire Commissioners terminated the service.

The committee of Bob Baker, Chris Burris, Louis Emmick, Valerie Gyrisco, George Gesslein, Tom Jones, George Stevens and Bob Supko were co-chaired by Rich John and Andy LaVigne and met four times. They reviewed the history of ambulance service in Lansing, investigated current services and response times for different areas of the community, explored options for future EMS and solicited community input with a mailed survey before preparing the report.

The committee explored three options

for EMS care: (1) maintaining the current fee-for-service Ithaca-based response by Bang's Ambulance; (2) siting a Bang's Ambulance in South Lansing; and (3) setting up a separate ambulance service in South Lansing with a combination of paid and unpaid volunteers.

Of the 3,200 surveys that were mailed in early July, the committee received just 131 responses. In analyzing the completed surveys, the committee recognized that the limited number of responses was not necessarily representative of the entire town.

Based on committee discussions and the survey responses received, the committee voted on October 24 to recommend to the Town Board that the current system be kept in place. In addition, the committee suggested that the Town Board should:

- 1) "work with the Fire Department to recruit and rebuild the Rescue Squad."
- 2) "issue a press release to area newspapers and in the Town newsletter."
- 3) "appeal to former members of the ambulance service for support of the Rescue Squad."
- 4) "prepare a resolution...concerning the paperwork requirements connected with hospital transport that restrict the ability of volunteers to participate."
- 5) review the status of EMS provided to Town residents in one year to determine if further action is required."

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Turkey FUNdamentals

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Q - What Do I Do If the Turkey Is Done an Hour Ahead of Schedule?
It is safe to hold a turkey in the oven at a reduced temperature. First, use a meat thermometer to verify that the bird is done - dark meat has reached 180°F and the stuffing 165°F. Keep the thermometer in the meat. You will need to lower your oven temperature. Start by moving your oven temperature to 200°F. Adjust the temperature of the oven to assure that the turkey NEVER drops below 140°F. Check meat thermometer at several intervals to assure that 140°F is maintained. Keep the bird covered so it doesn't dry out.

Q - What Do I Do If the Turkey Is Not Done on Time?
About the only thing you can do is keep cooking! You can turn the oven up slightly, or cover the bird tightly with a lid if you haven't already done so. Do not keep opening and closing the oven door to baste the bird or check its progress. This will only lower the oven temperature and add to the cooking time.

Q - Can You Roast The Turkey The Day Before?
Yes. In fact, more and more people are taking this route. However, for safety reasons, the cooked bird must be deboned before being refrigerated. The carved meat should be stored in shallow containers, in order to cool it quickly. The meat can then be reheated in the regular oven the next day for approximately 10 minutes per pound. To prevent the meat from drying out, add either the leftover meat drippings, gravy or turkey broth and cover with foil.

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