Community Voices: Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you to the 1250 shoppers who participated in the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra's annual fundraiser held at the Rose Inn, 14-17 November. Your support in writing about our "12 Shops of Christmas" was greatly appreciated. Donations for admission and prizes grossed over $7,800, the best ever.

The "12 Shops" event is the kickoff for the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra's annual fundraising which is now being followed by our ECCO (Endorser of the CCO) campaign. In these days of funding cutbacks for the arts, we look to residents of Lansing and surrounding communities to provide additional support.

We hear your thunderous applause of approval at our concerts and now hope for an avalanche of donations which are the lifeblood of our continued existence.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and join us at our upcoming Caroling by Candlelight concert on December 15. Call our office for details at 273-8980.

Sincerely,
Marsha Powell
President, CCO

Dear Editor,

A great big Thank You for the Brian Walawender Jamboree to everyone (there are so many to list) who in any way had anything to do with the Jamboree and people that we never met and the Community that was there for us.

There are no words to express the thanks and gratitude that we feel in our hearts. It was more than we could have expected or hope for. You are all in our prayers and thoughts.

Again, thanks to all.

The Walawenders
Brian, Debbie, Nicole & Nicholas

Editorial Opinion

- The editorial column of the Lansing Community News is available to all community members for the courteous expression of varying points of view.

As thousands paid their last respects at Saint Catherine of Sienna to Ithaca police investigator Michael A. Padula, social workers Nalani McKenna of Enfield, Amy Chaffee of Newfield and another half dozen mourners waited more than an hour in the cold wind on the Route 13 overpass at North Triphammer Road to say good-bye to a man they'd never met.

When the funeral cortege finally turned onto Rte. 13 from Warren Road, the men removed their caps and all stood quietly watching the motorcycle honor guard, hearse, family members, dignitaries and hundreds of police, fire and EMS colleagues accompany Michael Padula as he was borne to Calvary Cemetery.

In my distress I cried unto the Lord and He heard me.
He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds.
As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you, saith the Lord.
I am the Lord thy God who sheltereth thee with the shadow of My hand.
The Eternal God is thy dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms.
The Lord is a stronghold in the day of trouble.

Lansing Village Home Occupation Law & Comprehensive Plan Top Agenda

The updating and reformatting of the village's comprehensive plan and a resolution to hold a public hearing on a law governing home businesses dominated discussions at last Monday evening's regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees.

Trustees voted unanimously to hold a public hearing on Monday, December 2 at 7:45 pm at the Village offices on North Triphammer Road on proposed local law "C" which would regulate home-based occupations within the village.

If enacted, this law will amend sections of the Zoning Law and establish the requirements of a special permit process. The law would also define criteria about the types, locations and other conditions for conducting home-based businesses (e.g. parking, signage, storage, traffic, etc.).

Comprehensive Plan

Village Trustees and Tompkins County Circuit Rider Planner Rebecca Lubin discussed the trustees' desire to update and reformat the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

Lubin commented that the current General Plan provides a good base and that the comprehensive plan should complement the Village's zoning ordinances.

Ms. Lubin was asked to take a leadership role in reorganizing the General Plan and preparing a draft Comprehensive Plan that could be shared with the public in a series of information meetings. Ms. Lubin estimated that this process will take approximately six months.

Uptown Rd. Traffic Counts

The Trustees received a recommendation from Planning Board Chairman Ned Hickey about the need to monitor traffic flow at the intersection of Warren and Uptown Roads. Due to the development planned for Arrowwood Drive, it's expected that traffic there could reach unacceptable levels in 2 to 3 years. The Village Board authorized the Supt. of Public Works to conduct future traffic counts, as needed.

NEW CONSTRUCTION in front of the Village of Lansing's offices will house intermunicipal water pumping equipment. Mason Russ Brann, of Lakeview Drive, is working on the building's brick facing.

Other Business

Planning Board members Doris Brown and Steven Halevy attended a recent BOCES open house to see the "elder cottages" that are now under construction. They felt that this type of building might make a good addition to the Village offices at a reasonable price.

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