



BEHIND THE SCENES - Barbara Palhof, Ed Farmer and Janet Strait were among the 60 unsung PTSO parent volunteers who made last Wednesday's Elementary School Thanksgiving Feast a great success.

878 Dine At Elementary School Thanksgiving Feast

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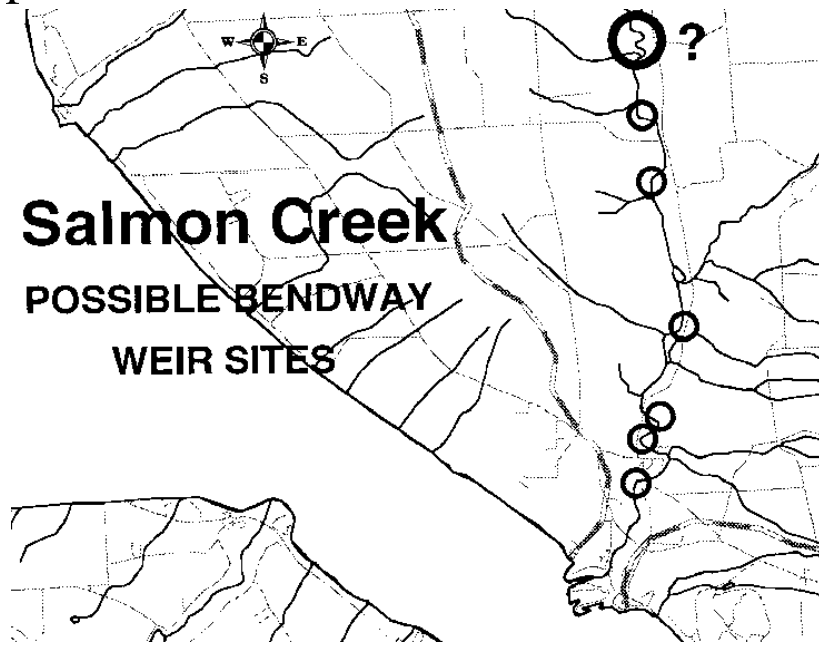
On Wednesday, Nov. 20, Elementary students and their parents enjoyed an early Thanksgiving Feast. At least 878 people partook of a tasty dinner consisting of a hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, cranberry sauce and a special "upside down" pumpkin cake for dessert.

Each class provided entertainment in the decorated dining room. The kindergarten class recited a holiday poem. First graders performed the traditional *Over the River and Through the Woods* and second graders sang *The Turkey Named Burt*. The third and fourth graders sang *A Garden Song* and Thomas Chapin's *Thanksgiving*.

About 60 parent volunteers helped setting up tables, serving, "dish duty" and clean-up. Everyone had a good time and things ran smoothly despite the fact that the dishwasher was only working at half capacity.

Parent volunteers included Jane Bush, Carlene Klebe, Candace Lansford, Cindy Lion, Ellen Palladino, Pat Trotter, Midge Welch, Sandy Baxter, Maureen Bell, JoAnn Carlson, Beth Cleveland, Susan Dean, Annie Drake, Amy Hilin, Mari Kearl, Andy LaVigne, Tracey LaVigne, Tama Melice, Brenda Osborn, Ed Osborn, Wayne Stokes, Sandy Sweazy, Debbie VanPelt, Marlaine Darfler, Christine Iacobucci, Shaunna Halton, Holly Hardie, Nancy Heisler, Michalleen Herzog, Steve Kyle, Chung Ying Li, Kip Opperman, Steve Colt, Monica Hamill, Hillary Mayton, Ginny Miller, Linda Pasto, Tina Phelps, Stephen Randall, Laurie Rosetti, JoAnn Vliet, Laraine Clark, Bev Hartz, Marj Pomper, Cathy Ravas, Sheila Reakes, Beverly Rosen, Rosemary Sciarabba, Janet Strait, Sarah Zwiegenbaum, Sandy Dhimitre, Ed Farmer, Susan Kilts, Denise Kitchen, Barbara Palhof, Jill Varnick and a number of grandparents who slipped away without leaving their names.

Town Evaluating Bendway Weir Approach To Curb Salmon Creek Flooding



SIX (POSSIBLY SEVEN) SITES have been identified along Salmon Creek for the possible installation of "Bendway Weirs."

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potential seventh) where the installation of bendway weirs may prove beneficial. (See map above.)

"I'm not in the habit of applying band-aids to gunshot wounds," said Mussell. "This looks as if it might be a long-term solution to eliminate a large share of the flooding problem along the creek."

Over the last ten years, bendway weirs have been installed in Mississippi, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Tennessee and have functioned successfully at all installations. According to WES research hydraulics engineer David Derrick, treated reaches of the streams appear "especially stable."

Fish populations have been unexpected beneficiaries of bendway weir installations. As water passes over and around the weirs, the scouring action of the water creates pools and riffles which increase fish habitat. Fish sampling at the bendway weir site at Harland Creek, Mississippi shows an increase in the number of fish species and a 30 percent increase in the absolute number of fish.

Cost

As they listened to Mussell and Larson present their research on the potential bendway weir solution, the Town Board seemed to have two sets of questions.

The first concerned the technical reliability of applying research gathered in southern and mid-western settings to the northeast. The second concerned the question of finance.

Though the Board appeared keenly in-

trigued by the elegance of the proposed solution, several members wanted time to seek some outside counsel before embarking on the project. "I think we need to look at this a little more," said Councilman Jeff Cleveland, who was echoed by his colleagues.

On the finance side, Mussell pointed out that financing "Bendway Weirs" falls within the guidelines of a Department of Environmental Conservation "Request For Proposals" for dollar-for-dollar matching funds that is valid into the month of January.

Mussell presented the Town Board with a preliminary budget estimate. Based on the assumption that the Town and County Soil and Water Conservation District would each provide "in-kind" services and that the county government would participate as well, Mussell stated that Lansing's cash costs might run in the neighborhood of \$10,000 for the entire project.

Given this funding "window of opportunity," the Town Board indicated that it hoped to review the literature, get outside opinions and make a determination by their first December meeting about whether a DEC grant application would be submitted.

Lansing Landmark Used On Credit Union Calendar



A pen and ink drawing of Lansing's historic Greystone Inn by Tompkins County artist Dru Wheelin has been included in the Cornell Federal Credit Union's 1997 calendar honoring buildings on the Underground Railroad in the Finger Lakes region.

The Inn was constructed in 1838 and served as a station on the Underground Railroad route up the eastern shore of Cayuga Lake. Runaway slaves were "passed" from stations in Ithaca to the Estey Hill site.

The attic and the cupola on the roof sheltered the fugitives until they continued their northward journey. From Lansing, they either continued their exodus to Auburn either by way of the village of Cayuga or north-east through the Town of Lansing.

Wednesday is Pizza Day at Lori's Place



The California: Sun-dried tomatoes, garlic, broccoli, artichokes, cheese & herbs.

Vegetarian Delight: Select fresh & sun-dried toppings, cheeses + red or white sauce.

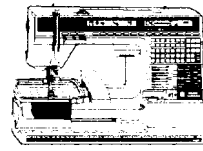
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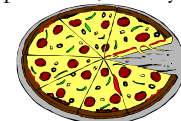
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