

Community Voices: Letters To The Editor

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Dear Editor,

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Lansing Elementary School's 3rd and 4th grade chorus production of *The Nutcracker* at Pyramid Mall, the Middle School auditorium and the Lansing Elementary school gym!

I wish to acknowledge the donation of the beautiful Christmas tree by Dave Fernandez of Cayuga Landscape. It provided an excellent backdrop to the band concert and musical production. Following the performance, the Christmas tree was given to a needy family.

On behalf of the kids and the community, thank you to all! If you missed this year's performance. Don't forget to catch it next holiday season.

Happy Holidays!

Lindsey Kauffman
17 Myers Road



STILL CIRCLING - A flock of geese is called a "gaggle" but any way you look at them they present a lovely, highly audible sight.

Holiday Safety & Security

By David J. Wall, Chief - Cayuga Heights Police Department

With the winter months and holiday season upon us, the Cayuga Heights Police Department would like to offer the following tips for your safety and security.

While shopping, lock your purchases in the trunk of your car; never leave them visibly exposed in an unattended vehicle. Someone might smash or pry windows open, grab exposed gifts and run.

Always keep your purse close to you and away from passing shoppers. Never leave your purse in a shopping cart while looking at items. Never expose or show large sums of money. Keep money in several different compartments or locations, pulling out only close to the amount that you need. People are watching.

When returning to the car in the parking lot, watch behind you to see if you are being followed. Do you make a practice of looking in the back seat of your car for anyone hiding before you open the doors?

In the hustle and bustle of shopping or making exchanges, guard your credit cards and secure them immediately after making your purchases.

If your plans include extended trips away from home, don't set out gifts that may be seen by someone looking in from outside your home.

Ask your neighbors to work with you to watch each others' homes while you are away. Report any strange activity to your police department immediately. Ask a friend or neighbor to look in to make sure that your heat stays on, the interior is okay and the mail and newspapers are regularly picked up.

Have someone plow your driveway and make car tracks in and out so your property



looks actively lived in. (Note: Remember to remind the snow plower NOT to plow snow into the roadway or to leave clumps or ridges in the roadway. It's dangerous and against the law.)

If you live in Cayuga Heights, contact the Police Department so we can make regular security checks.

Be responsible if you host a party. If having a large party, pay attention to guest parking to avoid having cars tagged or towed. Many times you can hire a responsible youth to help with this. AS A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT: PLEASE FIND A RIDE FOR ANY INTOXICATED GUESTS.

Fasten your seat belts and drive with your lights on in the daytime as well. And please remember our little ones with safe and secure car seats.

Thank you!! The members of the Cayuga Heights Police Department wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season.



Joe M. Joseph, 80, of 601 Ridge Road died Friday, December 20 at the Cayuga Medical Center. Born in Myers, he was the son of the late Mike and Jenny Joseph.

Joe was a World War II Army Veteran and had been active in the Army Reserves, giving 37 years of service to his country. He had worked 25 years for the U.S. Post Office

Joe was a member of VFW Post 961 where he served as Steward for 17 years. He was also an active member of Lansing Fire Companies 1 and 2 where he served with distinction as Company Treasurer for

45 years.

Joe is survived by his wife of forty-six years, Della Joseph; his sons Michael of Spencer and Gary of Newfield; his daughter Cheryl Ann Snyder of Whittier, Ca.; one brother, two sisters, three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Burial, with full military honors, will be held at Pine Grove Cemetery later this spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either Hospicare or to the Lansing Fire Department's Rescue Squad.



Helen Dorothy Haynor, 90, of Woodsedge passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Hospicare following a brief illness. She was born July 12, 1906 in Duquesne, Pa, daughter of the late John and Pauline Chepanoskas Sanders.

She is survived by two sons, Edward S. Haynor of Syracuse and Richard J. Haynor of Lansing, 5 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Stanley, in 1988. She was also predeceased by her brothers Glen Sanders and A.W. "Beans" Sanders and her sister Frances LaLonde.

She was a member of All Saints Church in Lansing and was an avid gardener. The funeral services were held Monday with interment following at Our Lady of the Lake Cemetery in King Ferry, NY.

Memorial donations may be made in Helen's name to Hospicare at 172 East King Road in Ithaca.



William E. Cooke, 96, died at his home Wednesday, December 18 following a long illness. The oldest son of William V. and Mary Donahue Cooke, he was born April 1, 1900 in Rochester and had been a local resident since 1986.

Mr. Cooke commenced his 76 years in the automotive business in 1919 selling Model "T" Fords, Overlands and Willys-Knights in Rochester. Me. Cooke was instrumental in his son, William D. "Bill" Cooke, Jr.'s 1965 acquisition of Finney Motors of Ithaca, now Bill Cooke Cadillac-Oldsmobile-Toyota, Inc.

Following Bill Cooke, Jr.'s death in 1973, Mr. Cooke provided 23 years of advice and counsel to his grandson William E. "Will" Cooke, present owner of the Ithaca dealership.

Mr. Cooke was predeceased by his wife, Alice Davin Cooke, and son William D. Cooke. He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Mary K. Cooke, of Ithaca and six grandchildren: William E. Cooke, J. Patrick Cooke of New York City, Alice C. Tingley of Winchester, MA., Kathleen C. Ryan of Manchester, MA., Grace A. Cooke of Newtown Square, PA and Andrew V. Cooke, DVM, of Keene, NH.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospicare, Ithaca or Immaculate Conception School.

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Anniversary Celebration

Thirty years of marriage was reason enough for Stephen L. and Alice A. Farkas' children to hold an anniversary brunch in honor of their parents' bond.

The Bower Road residents were mar-



ried November 19, 1966 at Lansing's All Saints' Church by Fr. Stanton.

Mr. Farkas is director at the NYS Division for Youth's Louis Gossett Center.

The couple has two children, Stephen and Dawn Farkas of Scipio Center and Kathleen and Drew Watson of Lansing. They are also grandparents to Shalyn Watson.

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