



# County Rep's Report

By Dooley Kiefer, District 10  
(Villages of Lansing, Cayuga Heights and NE Town of Ithaca)

At our January 7<sup>th</sup> organizational meeting, the County Board of representative's main order of business was to choose our leadership and set our meeting schedule for the year. In short order, we elected Barbara Mink (City of Ithaca) as chair and Mike Lane (Dryden) as vice-chair.

We then had a surprisingly lengthy discussion of our meeting schedule. The County Board meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month; in recent years our meetings have started at 5:30 pm. The Charter Review Committee (about which Tom Todd wrote in the Dec. 19 Lansing Community News) recognized that some current Board members think that afternoon or evening meetings might be preferable and recommended trying possible alternative times for a few months. The pros and cons of 3pm and 7pm meetings were discussed, and a series of resolutions for 3-month trials of various schedules were moved, but none received enough votes to pass.

I was not averse to a trial period on some different times if there were strong arguments for them, but in general I agreed with Rep. Livesay who reminded us of the wisdom of, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Finally, in an 8-6 vote, we adopted the 5:30pm start time again.

I believe that 5:30pm has served us well -- in part because it allows County staff to do a full day's work and still attend meetings when necessary, in part, because it doesn't interfere with outside employment, and in part because it allows for reasonably convenient public attendance and comment.

An important part of each Board meeting is Privilege of the Floor for the Public, which is scheduled very near the start of each 5:30pm meeting to enable persons who work to come by before going home. If we had meetings that started at 3pm, working people could not attend. If we delayed the Privilege of the Floor until after 5pm, then items the public may have wished to address might already have been acted upon. If we had meetings that start at 7pm (as in local municipalities) this would be inconvenient for rural residents since, unlike villages and towns (and the city), where residents live within reasonable distance of the municipal offices, county residents live quite a distance from our Court House Board Room.

All this discussion was based on past experience, perceptions and conjecture without the opportunity to have asked you if you have a preference. So, for future reference, please let Tom or me know if we made the right decision! (We could change our meeting schedule during the year, so such "public input" is better late than never.)

# Brian Walawender Recuperating After Bone Marrow Transplant

If everything goes as planned, Brian Walawender will return to Lansing on January 21<sup>st</sup> to celebrate his 43rd birthday at home with Debbie, Nicole and Nicholas.

Brian was resting comfortably Friday night after receiving a transplant of his own purified bone marrow earlier in the day. "He's in good spirits," said father-in-law Russ "Toby" Nalley, Jr. on Saturday afternoon.

In early November, the Lansing community rallied around Brian with a benefit

"Wallie Jam" at *The Crossroads* where hundreds of town residents provided moral and financial support.

Brian entered Syracuse's Upstate Medical Center on Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> for a tiring, final series of pre-transplant treatments that lasted until last Thursday.

"Doctor's say that this will be the most critical week" in his recovery, said Toby. The entire family has been deeply moved by the community's solidarity and gratefully accepts their prayers, he said.

# Lansing Community Hotline Offers Free Listings To Local Groups

If your club, church or other local not-for-profit organization is sponsoring a community event, you can now post a voice announcement *at no cost* on the Lansing Community Hotline.



Launched several months ago, Tania Johnson's home-based telephone information service gives Lansing (and neighboring communities') residents 24-hour access to all sorts of local news and information.

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Now you can add your organization's special announcement directly into the computer-based system with your touch-tone phone. Call the main number at 533-4214. Then enter code **997** to contact the hotline and choose sub-menu **2** to "load" your group's message onto the system. All messages will be verified by Tania before they're accessible to the public.

It couldn't be easier.



David J. Corbin, Jr., 39, formerly of Lansing died on January 1, 1997 in Orange, California.

David was born on October 23, 1957, the son of David and Sylvia Anthony Corbin, Sr.

After his graduation from Lansing High school in 1975, he studied and received his diploma from the NYS College of Agriculture and technology in Delhi, NY.

He had been employed as a chef for several years at Cornell University and at Ithaca College and moved to California three years ago where he took a position with Guggenheimer, Inc Food Service.

David enjoyed hunting, fishing and motorcycle riding.

He is survived by his parents and brothers Brian Corbin, of Ithaca, and Mark Corbin, of Methuen, Mass., as well as his sisters Julie Corbin, of Rochester, and Leslie Heveron, of Penfield.

Spring interment will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Tompkins County SPCA.



Marion F. Nettleton, 76, of 284 East Genoa Road, died unexpectedly Monday, January 6, 1997 at Cortland Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Nettleton was born December 9, 1920 to the late Frank and Marjorie Metzker Morey.

She had been a Genoa resident since marriage to George D. Nettleton 50 years ago, with whom she was a partner in running the family farm.

She was a past member of Star Rebekah Lodge of Genoa, Ladies Auxiliary of the Genoa Fire Department and the Cortland Universalist Church.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two children, Melissa R. Nettleton and George R. Nettleton. She also leaves behind a sister, Murlyn Maricle, of Cortland, four grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In keeping with Marion's wishes, there will be no public calling hours or funeral services. A memorial service will be held at a future date and interment will be in the Genoa Rural Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Genoa Fire Department or to the Four Town Rescue Squad, Box 28, Moravia, NY 13118.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I have never written a letter to the editor, but a recent article in a local daily newspaper criticizing Lansing's firefighters really burned me up.

We should be proud and thankful that we have dedicated volunteer men and women firefighters. They place their lives on the line each time they fight a fire. Although they save lives, it is not always possible to save homes.

They have training before they become firefighters and must continue this unpaid training every year. Maybe we should take their training so we know what they have to do.

I just thought that the recent criticism was unwarranted and I, for one, support the Lansing Fire Department.

Mrs. William Searles  
Conlon Road

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