



LANSING MANEUVERS - The Delta 1st of Ithaca's 108th Light Infantry spent a cold Saturday night off Ross Rd. Capt. Ted Sargent's 85 men practiced setting up HumVee vehicles with 50mm machine guns, rocket grenade launchers and TOW missiles as well as conducting nighttime infrared surveillance and patrolling with night vision goggles. Pictured are Capt. Sargent of Seneca Falls, Staff Sgt. John O'Hara of Locke, Spec. John Stone of Halsey Valley and Cpl. Aaron Bower of Burdett (formerly of Lansing).

Editorial Corner

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

Planning Board, Code Enforcement, and Building Department Activities

By George Totman

The Building Department's Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the following:

- 1) The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention & Building Code
- 2) The New York State Conservation Construction Code
- 3) The Town of Lansing Land Use Ordinance
- 4) The Town of Lansing Subdivision Regulations
- 5) The Town of Lansing Mobile Home Park Ordinance
- 6) The Town of Lansing Junk Yard Ordinance
- 7) The Town of Lansing Flood Plain Control Law
- 8) The Town of Lansing Sign Ordinance
- 9) The Town of Lansing Swimming Pool Permits

The Building Inspector is required to be NYS Certified and get at least 24 hours of related schooling each year. This office has a dual function:

- A) Building and Code Enforcement and
- B) Planning Administration.

As planning administrator, the office meets with developers and constituents to help prepare them for the required meetings with the planning board. In the year of 1996, we issued 154 permits with an estimated value of \$6,328,485.

All divisions of land have to be approved either by the CEO or the Planning Board. Normal one lot subdivisions can be handled directly by the CEO. All other subdivisions require the Planning Board approval.

In either case, one should contact George Totman to go through the preliminaries before making presentations to the full Planning Board. In 1996, there were 6 subdivisions with a total of 25 lots presented to the Planning Board. Four one-lot subdivisions were directly approved by the CEO.

The Planning Board Members are appointed by the Town Board for a seven year term (one reappointment each year). The Planning Board is an Advisory Board to the Town Board. The regular monthly meeting is the second Monday of each month, and if there are pressing matters or special projects they also meet on the fourth Monday. All meetings start at 7:30pm in the Town Hall Board Room.

The past 3 years have been busy. The Board completed a New Comprehensive Plan which was received by the Town Board. After many public meetings and special committees, a new over-all Land Use Ordinance was just recently presented to the Town Board.

Direct any questions or concerns to George Totman in the Code Enforcement office at 533-7054.

Lansing Senior News

More than 85 Lansing Seniors began the new year January 8th with an enthusiastic dish-to-pass dinner and meeting.

Fun and musical entertainment were provided by Chuck, Tyson and Andra Benson. They sang old time songs, like *The Boy From Arkansas* (nothing to do with politics) and Chuck performed the role of *The Auctioneer*. All this brought back many memories of by-gone days.

Many January birthdays were celebrated.

-Ruby Ferris

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Heard Around Town

If you'd like to share the comings and goings of your corner of the world, contact the correspondent nearest you:

East Lansing: Lorraine Groat 533-4156

King Ferry: Joan Neill (315) 364-7784

Lake Ridge: Tricia Torney 533-7269

Woodside: Marion Thompson 533-7824

Ludlowville: Wanda Brink (533-4672) and Katrina Greenley (533-8892)

Lansing Station: Donna Scott 533-7228

Lansingville: Ruby Ferris 533-4969

Central Fire Station: Jake

"Little by little, the bird feathers his nest," is an old African proverb. In our case, we're very pleased to share the good news that our network of correspondents has expanded to include JoAnn Vliet (So. Lansing), Marion Thompson (Woodside) and Jake (Lansing Fire Department). Thanks to you all for helping knit the fabric of our community.

If you're from Cayuga Heights, the Village of Lansing, Myers, North Lansing or Genoa and would be interested in sharing local news, please call Matthew at 533-7963.

Lake Ridge

Anticipating the harsh chill of winter setting in and preparing for the coming lengthy darkness makes one appreciate the extra efforts extended by those who decorate for the holidays. To hearken in the austere months with color and brightness, helping to enliven the barren months, reduce the protesting of lost daylight and actually add anticipation for the upcoming stretch when spring sleeps soundly beneath the snowy landscape. Knowing that each time darkness falls there will be bright moments of illumination to shepherd in the night makes for a warm glow in the many admiring smiles as heads turn to enjoy the display.

We in the Lake Ridge area have an added bond to define our hamlet further. The existence of the electric station and the position of the stacks gives us slightly unique meteorologic properties in redefining temperatures and climate in our small corridor along Route 34B. Often we can have a weather pattern of light flurries or chilling rain within the confines of our stretch of highway, yet travel about one mile in either direction beyond our boundaries this weather can become quite hostile. It seems that the stacks create a warm cloud that can give the illusion of less than harsh weather and a misguided comfort in driving with some ease which will quickly meet reality. The community of Miliken Station Point is even furthered cushioned from the impending snows until they reach the top of the hill. With the advent of the new road from the lake, this is an easier transition since the old road would so quickly change in elevation that the ice would sheet the road surface and impede the ascent.

As the cold winds began to blow, two stray travelers arrived in our collective yards. The quick response and care for the unfortunate lost creatures allowed reuniting with the owners of the two dogs who had decided to check out what was over the hill. The Loseys created a spot for one dog and the Helds were prepared to care for the other, as their beloved Turk has just recently relinquished his time on this earth. Although they have adopted a new puppy, their hearts still had room for the lost soul who sought refuge on their porch. It was both a happy reunion when the people who were searching for their family members were reunited, yet sad at the same time for the two families who held out a helping hand and had readily opened their hearts to share their good fortune with these small creatures.

The winter solstice has already passed and the days have begun to lengthen, we have yet to be immersed in the depths of snow. The neighborhood will come out periodically during the times of accumulation, but in the mean time we will stay warm and comforted in our neighborhood and homes.

- Tricia Torney

Lansing Station

Helen Sullivan is savoring retirement after 15 years as a registered nurse at Lakeside Nursing home. She's glad it hasn't snowed yet so she can get out and enjoy some walks along the lake. Helen may not like snow, but Amy Valley wants a little white stuff so she can practice snowboarding sometime before next summer.

Chris and Pat Bishop, along with friend Chris Haring, are taking part in the Rec. Dept.'s basketball program. Let's go down and see those boys jump.

Mark Felch returned home after Christmas to introduce his new lady friend, Marina Borovak, to parents Lorrie and Ken, and to his siblings. Marina immigrated to the US two years ago from Kiev in the Ukraine. She and Mark work as molecular biologists for the American Red Cross Institute in Rockford, Md. During the visit Marina treated the family to a traditional Ukrainian rolled chicken and mushroom dish that took a long time to prepare. Maybe yours truly can get invited to dinner next time Marina visits.

Eagle-eyed walkers Karen Howarth and Len Lion report seeing too much roadside trash as they take morning walks. Let's all help keep our part of Lansing neat by not throwing debris out car windows. Those cans are worth 5 cents.

- Donna Scott



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