



1997 LANSING FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS George Gesslein, Steve White, Larry Cooper (rear) Paul Welch and Howard Cahalan are picture with district Treasurer Linda Beckwith at the Jan. 7th annual organizational meeting. Paul Welch and Steve White were elected as chair and vice-chair and Howard Cahalan was chosen as Fire District Secretary.

Lansing Fire District:

Welch Takes Helm; White Suggests New Approach To Oakcrest Land Sale

Tuesday evening's sometimes stormy 1997 organizational meeting of the Lansing Fire District got back on an even keel as the newly configured Board of Fire Commissioners proposed consultative meetings with the Lansing Village Board of Trustees on the disposition of 10 acres of Oakcrest Road surplus fire district property.

After seating newly elected Board member Larry Cooper, the commissioners elected Paul Welch and Steve White as chair and vice-chair and Howard Cahalan as secretary. The Board went through a series of tie ballots for Fire District counsel before selecting John Stevens as the new attorney. Based on competitive bidding, John Dietershagen was selected as the new auditor.

Because last year's proposed sale of surplus land had generated such brisk discussion through two public referendums and the December Commissioner's election, vice-chair Steve White suggested that the Fire District meet with Village of Lansing officials before

placing the land back on the market.

"We want to sell the land without going through past errors again" said White. He recommended that the Board meet with Village Trustees to see if they want to buy the land or get their suggestions "so we can do what's best and still get out of the land." The Board agreed that they don't want to deal again with an unidentified buyer coming through a front company.

Lansing Village Trustee Clifford Buck responded immediately. "I think your approach is good," he said. "We look forward to talking with you about this."

In other business, the commissioners ratified the Fire Department elections. Chris Burris is re-elected as Fire Chief. Dale Oplinger, Doug Mix and Scott Hollister are assistant chiefs. Tom Sill is captain. Chris Purcell, Brad George, David French, Tom Dorward and Ken Sears are lieutenants.

So. Lansing's "One-Of-A-Kind" Farm Market Opens Tuesday on Buck Road

When you think about Ray Reynolds, the first thing that usually comes to mind is wood-working, not grocery merchandising. For as long as most anyone can remember, Ray has specialized in custom cabinetry. Tuesday, however, Ray going to open the doors of South Lansing's newest business <and only farm market> "One-Of-A-Kind."

For the first time since the Lansing Shursave closed its doors in the autumn of '95, Lansing residents will be able to shop locally for essential food products from a locally-owned business specializing in fresh produce, milk, luncheon meats, bread and other convenience items. As spring and summer progress, he'll feature produce from local growers.

But "One-Of-A-Kind" also has to be seen in a historic context that's playing itself out all over rural America.

As the former South Lansing, Lansingville and Myers store-owning Floyd Wilson, Lou Emmick, Floyd Ferris and Bill Gettig families can attest, there was a time when people shopped in their neighborhoods.

In the 60's this pattern of life ended as huge (for that era) supermarkets moved into rural towns and neighborhood groceries withered.

The grocery business changed again in the 80's as hyper-markets (Tops and Wegmans, among others), food warehouses and discount markets (like Aldi's) became so efficient that the former "super" markets were driven out of towns like Dryden, Groton and, of course, South Lansing.

Well, the trend is shifting again as people look for products closer to home and are prepared to pay a premium for service IF quality is present.

Ray's not so much interested in being a national trend-setter as he is in bringing high quality food to Lansing at a reasonable price.

But, judge for yourself. Head over to Buck Road just across from the Methodist Church. See what makes Ray Reynolds' grocery "One-Of-A-Kind" and tell him what products you want to see there.



"ONE-OF-A-KIND" - Ray Reynolds stocks the racks of South Lansing's newest business and long-awaited specialty grocery shop. Ray will feature fresh produce (local in season), lunch meats, beverages and convenience grocery items. "One-Of-A-Kind" is located on Buck Road just a stone's throw from the Lansing United Methodist Church.

Community Calendar

Thursday, January 16

Lansing Forum's non-partisan discussion on "Land Use and Zoning Options In New York State," Lansingville Fire Station (Ridge Road) at 7:30 pm
Men's basketball in MS gym from 7:00-8:30 pm

Friday, January 17

Girls JV and Varsity basketball at Dryden at 6:00 pm
Martin Luther King, Jr. contest at DeWitt Middle School
Cayuga Heights Recycling Day (set out by 7:30 am)
Sr. Water Aerobics@ high school pool, noon to 12:45 pm
Boys Varsity Swim Team at the EFA Invitational, TBA
Boys JV & Varsity Basketball vs. Dryden at home at 6:00 pm

TOWN & COUNTY TAX COLLECTION AT TOWN HALL
Mon- Thurs : 7:30 am - 4:00 pm;
Fridays 7:30 to noon

Saturday, January 18

YMCA Open House at Graham Rd. West from 7:00 am - 9:00 pm
Indoor Track at SUNY Cortland at 9:00 am
Adult recreational basketball at MS gym from 9:00 to 11:00 am
Girls JV and Varsity basketball vs Spencer-Van Etten in Lansing at 2:00 pm
Friendship Network free fresh produce distribution at Lansing United Methodist Church from 2:00 to 3:00 pm
PTSO Family Roller Skating (see page 4) Be at high school's student pkg lot at 3:00 pm
Boys Varsity Swim Team at the EFA Invitational, TBA

Sunday, January 19

North Lansing Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast at Fire Hall from 8:00-11:30 am
YMCA Open House at Graham Rd. West from noon - 7:00 pm

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday
Town of Lansing Recycling Day



Tuesday, January 21

High School Shared decision-making team in library at 6:30 am
Boys Varsity Swim Team at Waverly at 4:30 pm
Girls JV and Varsity basketball at Moravia at 6:00 pm
Boys JV & Varsity Basketball vs. Moravia at home at 6:00 pm
Cayuga Heights Elementary School Shared Decision-Making Team meets at the home of Jan Katz at 201 Cayuga Heights Road at 6:30 pm
Coed Volleyball at MS gym from 7:30-9:30 pm

Wednesday, January 22

Sr. Water Aerobics@ high school pool, noon to 12:45 pm
Modified Girls' Basketball at Trumansburg at 4:30 pm
Open Swim in high school pool from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Indoor soccer in HS gym from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Lansing democrats meet at Woodsedge at 7:00 pm
Varsity Wrestling at Spencer-Van Etten at 7:00 pm

POSTPONED: The proposed sewer district informational meeting will be rescheduled.

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NIGHTLY EXERCISE - Walk the halls at Lansing Middle School from 6:30-8:30 pm each night that school is in session.

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