



Heard Around Town

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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.

The State of the Lansing Fire District January, 1997

The men and women of the Lansing Fire Department are proud of the services they provide to the community. It is their earnest desire not to simply maintain a competent and dependable operation, but to provide the very best service possible. To do this requires continued planning and development.

In anticipation of what will be needed to keep pace with changing technologies and increasing requirements of training and readiness, planning is already underway for 1997. At a meeting last week of the office of the Chiefs, attended by members of the Board of Fire Commissioners, an updated five year plan as well as a plan for 1997 were presented. Some of the items either already underway or to be considered and developed are:

1. An expanded communications program should raise public awareness about fire district activities and improve community relations.
2. A junior firefighters program will encourage youth who do, or could have, an interest in this area of community service. An opportunity for early involvement can result in some very good active members.
3. Establishing a fire service awards program will provide an incentive for continued participation of currently active personnel. The retention of active, trained, experienced members is a valuable asset to the community.
4. Establishing a schedule and plan for refurbishment, replacement and the addition of vehicles and equipment will facilitate budgeting. These items become old, tired, no longer cost efficient, and in time declared by inspection to be no longer safe or dependable.

With good plans and objectives, we look forward to a good year. Our thanks to the Lansing community for the high level of confidence and support it's vested in the fire department over so many years. With diligence and cooperation it certainly will continue.

Actual Headlines We Hope We'll Never Match

[These have nothing to do with Lansing other than the amusement we hope they'll bring.]

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| 1. Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says | 10. Panda Mating Fails; Vet Takes Over |
| 2. Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers | 11. Soviet Virgin Lands Short of Goal Again |
| 3. Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should Be Belted | 12. British Left Waffles on Falkland Islands |
| 4. Drunk Gets Nine Months in Violin Case | 13. Lung Cancer in Women Mushrooms |
| 5. Survivor of Siamese Twins Joins Parents | 14. Eye Drops off Shelf |
| 6. Farmer Bill Dies in House | 15. Teacher Strikes Idle Kids |
| 7. Iraqi Head Seeks Arms | 16. Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim |
| 8. Is There a Ring of Debris around Uranus? | 17. Shot Off Woman's Leg Helps Nicklaus to 66 |
| 9. Stud Tires Out | 18. Enraged Cow Injures Farmer with Ax |
| | 19. Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told |
| | 20. Miners Refuse to Work After Death |

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.

Jake's Corner

Hi! My name is Jake. I am a Dalmatian, as you can tell from my picture, and I live at the Lansing Central Fire Station. I'm sure that many of you have been wondering what the picture was all about and what a dog has to do with the world of Lansing Firefighters. In this issue I'd like to explain this by giving you a little of my history and what to expect in the future.

I came to the Lansing Fire Department around Thanksgiving of 1995. My Mom and Dad's owner, who happened to be a past Lansing Fire Department member, stopped by the Central Station to show me off to Scott Hollister. A quick call to Chief Burris and the Commissioners and I found myself a permanent addition to the membership of the Lansing Fire Department. Everyone spoiled me instantly and I knew I had a whole new family.

Over the next year as I grew, I learned what it was going to take to be a member. Weekly, I saw firefighters check the trucks to make sure they were ready for action. I watched as the whole membership joined together in April for the Easter Egg hunt and in May for the Carnival. I waited anxiously for the trucks to return from over 700 calls and a chance to hear the details of what happened. I saw a new group of "rookies" come along and train to become very capable and dedicated volunteers. Wanting to be like the rest



of the rookies, I trained hard and learned to 'Stop, Drop, and Roll.' Most importantly, I watched, as a group of men and women gave everything they had, to try to be the best in the business, all for just an occasional thank you.

In my future columns, I will be sharing with you some of the happenings at the stations and on some of the calls we respond to. I'll try to take you into the firefighters' world in hopes of bringing you a better understanding and hopefully a little closer to these individuals I call family.

Look for my column next month when I'll fill you in on what happened in January and at the Annual Inspection Banquet.

- Jake

Trailways Committee Awaiting Sewer Decision

Members of the Lansing Trailways Committee met last Wednesday evening at All Saints Parish Hall with several residents whose property abuts the proposed "Libertyville Trail" between South Lansing and the Lansing Central Schools to discuss the future of the project.

A \$264,000 federal grant to finance development and construction of the project has been awarded, subject to town action on the matter. The outstanding issues concern the exact siting of the trail right-of-way and liability and property protection concerns of neighboring landowners.

After extended discussion, the commit-

tee reached consensus. They decided to wait until a decision on proceeding with the pending sewer project is taken.

Should the sewer project go through, the siting, engineering and construction of sewer lines along route 34-B would almost certainly affect the route of the "Libertyville Trail." With this a real possibility, several landowners want to see if the trailway design could be linked to the sewer design.

Of course we want the bikeway," said committee member Dan Broadway, "but it has to meet the concerns of everyone involved."