



# 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.

## '96 Building Activity Flourishing in Village

By Ben Curtis, Code Enforcement Officer

The Village of Lansing saw strong 1996 building activity with almost \$11 million in permitted construction. Leading the way is the expansion of the convenient Care Center to include the new Surgi-Center and the construction of the first two medical office buildings in the new Parkview Health Care Campus adjacent to Convenient Care. Other projects include major expansions of both Ithaca Peripherals in the Bomax Business Park and Cbord in Cornell's Business and Technology Park, continuing a trend of high technology production job growth in Lansing.

In addition to new construction, there was substantial investment in renovating existing commercial space. After more than a decade as a vacant eyesore, the old Cinema Theater was completely rehabbed and reopened with four screens as Cinema 4 in time for the Christmas holidays. Squeaky Clean Car Wash remodeled the old Sunoco Station into a state-of-the-art automatic car wash in front of Pyramid Mall; the old Golden Garter has been reopened as BRANCHES on East Shore Drive; and the Sand Pit replaced the old Board and Bottle on Tripphammer Rd. New businesses have filled vacancies in the malls and occupancy remains strong.

There were nine new housing starts in 1996 - which has been the average in the Village through the 1990's. High end housing, however, increased the value of new residential construction to over \$3 million. While no new apartment buildings have been constructed, existing complexes have upgraded mechanical systems, roof systems, etc. to increase or maintain the value of these properties.

The Village of Lansing Planning Board meets twice a month and, in addition to processing Special Permit requests, considers long range planning issues necessary to keep the Village moving in a direction that reflects the values of its residents and responds to changing needs, conditions and opportunities that might affect development in the Village. They have recently updated the Village's General plan and are currently working on the Comprehensive Plan and a Lighting Plan. In large part the strength and positive nature of development in the Village reflects their work and the confidence it has inspired in those who would invest in the community.

## DeWitt Scores At 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fay's Drug Quiz

Though Trumansburg won first place, the DeWitt Middle School team of Callie Armstrong, Maya Kotas, Beatina Theopold, Elizabeth Thonney and Becky Wheelock did well at the T-S-T BOCES/ Fay's Drug Quiz Show last Thursday.

The program heightens school, home, community awareness of substance abuse by giving middle school students the opportunity to have fun while learning and gain the power to make safe, healthy, real-life choices about the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.



**THOUGHTFUL** - Becky Wheelock considers a question as Maya Kotas looks on at the Fay's Drug Quiz last Thursday.

## Ludlowville

Ah... Spring in Ludlowville. What is wrong with this picture? Oh, yes, it's not even Valentine's Day and everything smells like spring, especially in the lowlands.

Stepping out the door last Friday, I chanced to discover the first snowdrop in bloom in the garden, and by Saturday others were hard on its heels. The spring-blooming witchhazel has broken bud and the glorious yellow petals are waiting to unfurl.

An immature bald eagle was spotted from the Greenly's back yard in Ludlowville and has since been seen perched at Myers and flying up the west side of the lake. It is likely that it may continue to hang around this area for a while, so keep your eyes open.

We don't question our blessings this year. Those living in the Salmon Creek floodplain awaited the anniversary of the January 19<sup>th</sup> 1996 flood with more than mild trepidation. Residents of Dug Road breathed a collective sigh of relief when the spectre of last year's flooding disaster was not renewed, or as Micah Beck commented, "Doomsday came and went."

David Mulvaney, of Dug Road, has moved to Danby <temporarily we hope> and is dearly missed. *May the situation that prompted his leaving soon be resolved!*

Robert Milligan of Ludlowville Road has been in Crouse Irving Hospital in Syracuse for tests.

Gladys Sweazey, of Marion Lane, was in Cayuga Medical Center for a week after having a heart attack. She has returned home now and is feeling much improved, although in need of rest and relaxation. Very short visits are approved with advance notice.

Brian Wallawender, of Myers Road, is home from University Hospital in Syracuse and is doing well since his operation.

Cynthia Frazier's 3BR/1 Bath house next to the Lilley's at the junction of Ludlowville and salmon Creek roads is still for sale, as is the Ketchum's 3BR/1Bath down the street. Bob Jahn has rebuilt a fine front porch on his house on Maple Ave. The Broadway's home on Maple Ave. has received the final stage of its "spiff up," as have the Taft's and Dill's homes on Mill St. They all look lovely.

I imagine we are all being lured into a false sense of security and the snow will come. Nonetheless, we enjoy the postponement and know that our shoveling muscles are sure to be tested in the future.

- Katrina Greenly

## Annual Fire Department Awards

Several hundred Lansing firefighters, Commissioners, spouses and guests crowded the Ramada Airport Inn January 25 for the Lansing Fire Department's annual inspection dinner and 1996 awards ceremonies.

Chief Chris Burris noted the slow but steady annual increase in calls over the last five years that resulted in 732 call activations for 1996 and reviewed the increased training requirements that have been implemented to prepare and protect firefighters and rescue personnel. He also recognized Dennis Griffin for his past contributions as a firefighter, chief and fire commissioner.

The three members who responded to the most calls in '96 were Bob Campbell, Larry Creighton and Phil Miller. Those attending the most hours of training were Robert

Campbell and Dave French.

Chief's awards went to nine firefighters for their overall contributions to the Department and community. Cited were Robert Campbell, Thomas Dorward, David French, Bradley George, Philip Miller, Jim Shaff, Rick Sill, Tom Sill and Anita Sullivan.

The Fire Commissioner's award was presented to Dennis Griffin by George Gesslein and a special award was given to Rick Sill by assistant chiefs Dale Oplinger and Scott Hollister.

Don Beckley was named "Rookie of the Year," and Tom Dorwood was cited for a year of Dedication and Service.

The Joe "Ditty" Joseph Award for years of dedication went to a very surprised and emoted Phil Dankert.

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<b>Sun. 2/16</b> 2:15-4:15pm	<b>Mon. 2/17</b> 10-Noon 2:30-5pm	<b>Tues. 2/18</b> 10-Noon 2-4:30pm
<b>Wed. 2/19</b> 10-Noon 2:30-5pm	<b>Thur. 2/20</b> 10-Noon 2:30-5pm	<b>Fri. 2/21</b> 10:30-12:30pm 7-10pm
<b>Sat. 2/22</b> 2:15-4:15pm 8-10pm	<b>Sun. 2/23</b> 2:15-4:15pm	

**Youth Hockey Skate & Shoot:**  
 Monday 2/17 & Wednesday 2/19:  
 12:15-2:15 pm  
 Friday 2/21: 3-5:00 pm

**Adult Hockey Skate & Shoot:**  
 Friday 2/21: 12:45-2:45 pm

**Adult Open Hockey:**  
 Tuesday 2/18 & Thursday 2/20:  
 6-8:00 am



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