Lansing School District News

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Ladycats 47-35 IAC Champs

By Jim Dill

ITHACA COLLEGE - Lansing's varsity Ladycats won the 23rd annual IAC Small School Overall Championship on Saturday before a good crowd on Saturday at Ben Light gymnasiumby beating Odessa-Montour Falls 47-35. The last time our girls in blue and gold accomplished the same feat was during the '91-'92 season.

The Ladycats (17-2) started the first quarter with a level of intensity that befuddled Odessa (17-3). Feasting off steals and a rock solid zone defense, taking the ball inside and making the most first shots, Lansing led 13-5 at the end of the first quarter.

"We had a terrible start," said O-M coach Frank Gavich. "They outplayed us and outhustled us." Although Odessa stiffened a little in the second quarter, they were still reeling under Lansing's pressure up to the half time break, with Lansing widening its lead to 25-13.

Despite the difference, Odessa dug deep and gave their best effort, holding the margin through the entire second half. O-M began to control the ball more and make shots against Lansing's zone, but each time Lansing found a way to answer. Both teams scored 6 in a static third period and 16 each in the last quarter.

The second half was very physical. O-M used a trapping defense in an attempt to get back into the game. This caused Lansing some trouble, but the Ladycats this year seem to be able to shake off full court pressure, even with guards off the bench.

Ladycat coach Stuart Dean commented that he was a little disappointed in Lansing's ability to take care of the ball in the second half. However, neither team established a run and Lansing's first half cushion enabled our team to take home the victory trophy and build an 18-2 season record.

Devon Lucas and Katie Crandall were named to the 1st team NE IAC and Amanda Moore got Honorable Mention. Senior Carlyn Childers was named Small School MVP *and* Overall NE Small school MVP. Carolyn and Tina ellis were named to the Varsity Girls IAC All Academic Team.

By the time you read this, the Ladycats will have played Tioga at home on Tuesday in the first game of the playoffs. If they won, they'll play again on Tuesday Feb. 25 in Binghamton against the winner of the Bainbridge-Gilford vs. Oxford game.

Kids' Puzzle Corner

By J-P

Hello everybody,

Today we've got a postcard-type of puzzle from where I'm visiting my grandparents, my uncle and my aunt. Can you discover the name of that state by using the first letter of the missing words in the message below? Ready? Set. Go!!!

Dear puzzle-solver,

The state I'm talking about has a name which means " full of __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __" in Spanish. I __ __ __ __ coming here in February because it's time for grapefruit and __ __ __ __ __ __ __. I __ __ __ __ __ __ enjoy seeing many kinds of birds I don't usually spot in Lansing even though I can't __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ many of them. I spotted something large today playing in the bay, but don't know for sure if it was a manatee or a bottle-nosed __ __ __ __ __ __ __.

I've got to go now. I'm going to eat a Grouper sandwich. __ __ __ __, I've got to mail you this postcard.

Have a nice week. See you soon.

JP

King Ferry Girls Win Dairy Contest

By Melissa Odell - Cayuga County Dairy Princess

January was a very busy month for me. I visited Cayuga Elementary and Emily Howland Elementary Schools to talk to students about the importance of using milk and dairy products in their diets. It was a lot of fun talking with them and I think they enjoyed my visit too. I received wonderful pictures and posters from the children thanking me for my visit and am looking forward to visiting other schools in the county.

As part of the program, I held a "Why I Love Pizza" essay contest in the third and fourth grades at Emily Howland. I got nearly 200 entries and it wasn't easy choosing the winners. The winner for each grade received a "Got Milk?" tee shirt and had a pizza party for the class. The Aurora Pizzeria and Dairy Promotion Committee donated the prizes. The winners were Lauren Binns from Mrs. Klink's 3rd grade class and Sarah Hughes from Mr. Peterson's 4th grade class.

It was a lot of fun working with the kids and look forward to doing another essay contest in the next school I go to. This time, I think I'll get help for the judging!

Here are the winning essays.

Sarah Hughes' Essay

Whenever I smell the delicious aroma of pizza, my mouth starts to water instantly. I love everything about the pizza: the spicy pepperonis, the oozing cheese, the savory sauce and the doughy crust. When I chew these ingredients it gives me a kind of satisfaction. While being delicious, it also contains a lot of nutrients. It has all but one food group to give you strength and energy. I will forever be a pizza lover.

WINTERFEST '97 - More than a hundred elementary and middle school youngsters played games, ran an obstacle course and enjoyed arts and crafts at the Buckley Elementary School on Feb. 8 from noon to 3:00 pm. Afterwards the PTSO event took more than a busload to Greek Peak for hill tubing.

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