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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

There are so many ways that people are brought together unintentionally, whether it be at the post office, grocery store, gas station, mall, eateries, etc. We expect to have time to chat with those we meet at a restaurant but rarely do we leave extra time during our busy day for the unexpected encounter with neighbors and friends, especially for new acquaintances. As time is at a premium nowadays, we often spend time waiting at the bank, on the line at the store or for the doctor. During these times the sharing of the waiting process creates a bond which draws us into friendly banter and discussions. Unexpected encounters can help to pass the time and brighten an otherwise bleak task.

One such place where locals mix and even the occasional outlander visits is at Dr. Arthur Underwood's Veterinary Clinic in King Ferry. The office hours are from 7:00 to 9:00 PM week nights - first come, first served. This policy causes many to arrive as early as 5:00 PM to start the sign-in list. Depending on the intensity of animal problems and the time it takes to treat each case, some people wait up to 4 hours. As Dr. Underwood will not turn anyone away, it often means the office is still active at 11:00 PM during summer nights.

This dedicated professional displays a rare stamina. He starts his day early performing operations on animals brought in the previous night. Then, it's off to all his farm calls till the evening, giving him just enough time to get home, shower and open the clinic doors as soon as he walks across the drive. His body does not find nourishment 'til every animal is tended regardless of how late this might occur.

In most cases, if you have made the trek to the vet it is due to an immediate need because Fido is sick or Fluffy is sneezing, or maybe the rabies vaccination is needed be-

fore licenses can be issued. Rarely does anyone show up just to pass the time (though there are those rare moments). This means that even though the wait can be extensive most people will endure.

During the perpetual waiting the sounds of communal laughter can be heard wafting in to the examining room from the waiting room where animal antics can be entertaining or folks have discovered that another patron is actually an neighbor or fellow parent to school children in the same class. This is when you observe how small the world is; you can meet your fellow citizens and their critters. It provides contact with others in an atmosphere where you feel your fears will soon be addressed when the doctor diagnosis and treats your pet. Most come prepared for the wait so that there is rarely tension, allowing interesting conversation and discussion.

The unfathomable number of times that an owner comes in with a terrified pet, where the result of nerves can be a wet examining table. Or when the pet may not be the nervous one, but an owner is terrified that her pet is going to be diagnosed with an untreatable disease. Although there are occasional times when the expected is the fact, most often their fears are usually relieved after discussion and examination. The attention given to both patient and client has fostered loyalty and trust to this healer.

At present, the clinic is closed for the healer himself must be healed. Dr. Underwood has undergone surgery and returned home. His plans are to reopen in March. All prayers are focused on this man not only that he be truly healed but that he will be able to return to where he is needed and because he is sorely missed by so many who count him as a friend. Hope to see you soon at the clinic!

- Tricia Torney

Scholarship advisory !!

Attention: Cay. Hts & Village of Lansing Seniors!

Applications for the 10th annual **Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca Scholarship in Memory of Joseph Komaromi** will be accepted from 1997 Ithaca High School graduating seniors who plan on pursuing a career in the health professions - particularly in a field where a shortage of qualified candidates exists.

The scholarship was established in 1988 by the Cayuga Medical Center's Board of Directors to honor assistant Hospital Administrator Joseph Komaromi, a 24-year employee.

Potential candidates will be selected by the Ithaca High School Scholastic Awards Committee. Finalists will then be interviewed by the Medical Center's Komaromi Scholarship Committee.

For additional information, contact the Ithaca High School Guidance Office. Deadline for submission of the completed application is April 14, 1997.

Editorial Corner

- The "editorial corner" is available to all community members for the courteous expression of varying points of view and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Lansing Community News.

'96-'97 Report To Cayuga Heights

By Ron Anderson, Mayor

A brochure with information on village services, including refuse collection, yard waste and bulky trash collection, recycling, etc. was included with the tax notice to property owners in June. New residents may obtain copies from the Village Clerk at the Village Office (Marcham Hall), 836 Hanshaw Road from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. The 1997-98 brochure will be updated with current information and mailed in June.

In response to several flooding incidents, the Public Works Department was busy with extensive repair and clearing of roadside ditches and culverts, as well as removing massive amounts of broken tree limbs. It was necessary to completely rebuild the northern section of Cayuga Heights Road after it was damaged by January '96 flooding. Brook Lane, Ridgewood Rd., Corson Pl. and Sunset Dr. were also reconstructed.

In 1997, we will continue roadside drainage improvements to handle heavy rain and flooding problems. North Triphammer Road will be rebuilt with provision for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. We'll also improve the Winthrop Drive and the Spruce Lane- Texas Lane intersections.

Plans to renovate and possibly add capacity to the Wastewater Treatment plant may reach fruition in 1997, pending consensus on an area-wide plan in Tompkins County.

The Fire Department answered 546 calls in 1996. About 331 calls were for fire-fighting and 215 were for medical emergencies. Fortunately, only three calls involved serious structural fires. A new Rescue Pumper with additional compartments for heavy rescue items and equipment to handle emergency medical calls will be delivered in March.

Membership has been steady at about 50 volunteers and more than 3,500 hours of emergency volunteer time were logged. Many of the volunteers are Cornell students. They are extremely valuable to the day-to-day operation of the department. In addition to routine bi-weekly training, individual skills' improvement remains a priority. Members attend sessions to improve medical, fire-fighting and management skills within and outside New York State.

The police department reports that criminal complaints were down somewhat in 1996, but resulted in increased numbers of arrests. Juvenile cases of a violent nature were numerous and mental health issues have also increased. This is a general trend and additional training to deal with this phenomenon has already begun.

Traffic continues to be our number one concern. With completion of road repairs on several streets, added attention will focus on the ever increasing problem of speeding. Court time by police officers is increasing as more people ask for trials in an attempt to reduce penalties from mandated fines, surcharges, and insurance increases.

Police vehicles now include a 4WD utility van to expedite all-weather responses. An anonymous donation will provide a radio-equipped, 8-speed mountain bicycle for use to move quietly in suspect areas or for special details.

E-911 is expected to be on-line this coming summer. Police cars are being equipped with necessary radio and other equipment for proper and efficient use of this advancement in service. Another goal for 1997 is to computerize the Police Department. This will not only give greater public access to the agency, but also help to intergrate a data system with the Village Court and District Attorney's office.

Increasing levels of inter-municipal cooperation will also be a feature of 1997. A study of possible interactions between Bolton Point, Cornell and the City of Ithaca water systems should lead to increased water delivery efficiency to all the parties. Inter-municipal funding is also financing data collection for planning and implementing a Northeast Ithaca traffic Corridor to reduce traffic on Triphammer, Pleasant Grove and Cayuga Heights Roads. Finally, cooperation among area highway work forces continues informally, but efficiently, with shared use of costly equipment such as trucks, sweepers, etc.

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