



INSTALLATION - Ithaca Lions Club President Rick Shaff welcomed three new Lansing Lions at installation ceremonies Feb. 17 at the Airport Ramada Inn. New Lion Barbara Reynolds (with sponsor Ray Reynolds), Noni Krom (with sponsor Bea Davis) and Dale Baker (with dad and sponsor Bob Baker) are the newest additions to the pride of Lansing.

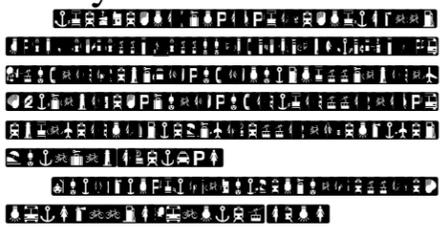
News From The Lions Den

By Bea Davis

On Monday, February 17th, three new members were inducted into the Lansing Lions Club. They are Lion Barbara Reynolds, Lion Noni Krom and Lion Dale Baker. Ithaca Lions Club President Rick Shaff did the honors.

Lion Bob Baker was on hand to pin his son. Lion Noni Krom is the daughter of the late Lion Clarence Krom and Lion Barbara is the wife of Lion Ray Reynolds.

On March 17th the Lansing Lions will **Easter Bunny Hopping To Pyramid March 15**



have "Team Recognition Night" to honor winning teams from the Lansing school sports program. Not only do they honor sports but some of the cast of "Music Man" will be there as their guests. Lansing High grad Jim Larison will be the speaker. Jim is now a photographer for National Geographic.

The 4th of July Chicken BBQ, the International Student BBQ, Community Service Recognition Night, and the Spring Pancake breakfast on April 6th are just a few of the many activities the Lansing Lions are part of, or sponsor. With residents' support, the Lansing Lions can help Senior programs, support burned out families and give scholarships to graduating seniors.

We focus on eye care and collect eye glasses and hearing aids to help those in other countries. If you have any you would like to share, please deposit them in the box at the Lansing Plaza Post Office or give them to a Lion member. See you in the morning of April 6 at the Community Building.

Fire District Builds Reserve Funds

Lansing's Board of Fire Commissioners voted Tuesday, Feb. 4, to allocate the bulk of the last two years' \$160,000 budget surplus to two reserve funds in anticipation of future capital requirements for fire apparatus and building improvements.

Though the Commissioners had the option of reducing this year's tax rate, they noted that the current apparatus reserve fund was down to \$20,000 and the building reserve fund had only \$19,000. Given the certainty of future apparatus purchases and the need to make capital building improvements in the future, Commissioner George Gesslein urged the Board to dedicate most of the surplus to these funds and maintain a level tax rate over time rather than have widely fluctuating tax rates from year to year.

The Board voted to apportion \$100,000 of the budget surplus to the apparatus reserve fund and \$20,000 to the building reserve fund. The Board voted to hold back the remaining \$40,000 for possible commitment to a service award program designed to retain unpaid firefighters by providing a small pension allocation to long-term volunteers. [A special feature on deliberations about service award program options will appear in a future issue of the Lansing Community News.]

The Commissioners learned that the



EMERGENCY SIGNAGE - Former Chief Dennis Griffin presented samples of lettering that may soon be placed on all four Fire Halls.

new "Cairns' IRIS" infrared vision system has arrived. Line fire officers will be trained in its use in New Jersey later this month.

Firefighter Larry Creighton will soon undergo knee surgery for injuries sustained in the recent Ridge Road fire.

In other business, the Commissioners appropriated \$4900 to purchase dress uniforms for department officers.

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