

Heard Around Town

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Lake Ridge

The ponderous struggle, endless effort to push ever upward, innate desire driving on to realize the apparently elusive goal to break ground. All over our area right now this activity is played out daily by the young plants that have stirred in response to the warming temperatures and lengthening daylight. That such tender creatures can possibly make the successful journey to begin their lives amidst impending danger of continuing frost, excessive moisture, high winds, hungry scavengers is a tribute to the anticipated season of renewal, Spring.

Each year there is an incredible renewal of life, where persistence alone will result in living in the sun. Plants are the harbinger of this renewal. The leaf buds grow imperceptibly until they burst forth and change the hue of the entire horizon. New seedlings fight for the shaft of light filtered through the branches of mature plants from which they spawned. Many seedlings carried aloft on the wind land out in the open and find little competition for nurturing.

Few are capable of assisting this evolution, to help healthy plants get a strong entrance into the world. One such able person is Marion Tobey. Each year more of the Tobey homestead is devoted to displaying and bedding an ever widening variety of plants. The development of beds that exhibit color for the entire growing season responds to a need for the most prolific pallet

of flora. By having their home surrounded in all areas that are just like many local yards, their experience demonstrates there is the glimmer of hope that any yard can be as colorful.

The plants are gently urged into rooting in fertile soil and bit by bit introduced further into the reality of garden soil. The entire process ensures healthy specimens which will thrive in our local landscapes.

Marion's efforts provide relief to the tender shoots. These range from performing deft acts of contortion needed to allow these young shoots to focus all their determination for life in growing straight and strong to thrive in the often cruel environs of nature. Marion's parient dexterity and gentle care with each operation coaxes each plant and gives it the confidence required to burst forth into bloom. Protecting these young creatures in the many greenhouses, where the optimal temperature, moisture and light are provided, invites the best results.

Spring must surely be around the corner. The greenhouses are prepared for blooms that will soon fill the air with scent and color. Anxious to shed the cloak of winter and hasten the new season, anticipation heightens when the noticeable glow of light emitted from the greenhouses clearly indicates the steady progress toward the relief we all seek. A rose by any other name?

- Tricia Torney

Woodsedge

Woodsedge is a very nice place to live. You do not just move into Woodsedge; you join Woodsedge. It is like an extended family where people care about each other.

Ever since Woodsedge opened in December of 1981, the community has done nice things for us. Mr. Johnson at Lake Breeze gave us our ice cream and strawberries for our festival. Nick Barra gave us pizzas. The Todd families share melons and eggs with us and the Hardies bring over sweet corn. Herbert Howell always brings grapes, John Farkas fetches apples and our own gardeners supplies veggies. The Lansing Lions Club, Senior Citizens, LOAP and the Lansing Housing Authority have also done nice things for us.

Woodsedge has activities for us to come to and enjoy. We get together regularly to

watch movies and have monthly pancake and sausage breakfasts as well as dish-to-pass suppers. There's always a jig-saw puzzle to work on or a party of some kind. Our Food-Net meals are here Mondays through Fridays and you'll frequently find us dining at one another's apartments. The meals are nutritious and well-balanced and the company we share together is 'tasteful.'

Woodsedge residents also do community service work, like our famous "Bonnet Brigade" to help women undergoing chemo therapy.

When you go out on errands or on a vacation, the apartments are safe because we have good security and we all keep an eye on one another.

Woodsedge. We love it here!

- Marian Thompson



GIVE THE NEW BRIDGE A NAME - If all goes as planned, construction on a new 2-lane bridge to replace the temporary Myers Road footbridge crossing Salmon Creek connecting Myers Station with Myers Heights should get underway by June and open by November 1st. Can you suggest a name for the new bridge??

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.

NO DEALS Proposes SAFE HOMES

F A C T S

- ◆ 81% of high school seniors have used alcohol.
- ◆ 1.1 billion cans of beer sold in the US were to middle and high school students.
- ◆ 35% of US wine cooler sales were to middle and high school students.
- ◆ 11 years is the average age of first alcohol use in Tompkins County.
- ◆ 64% of all Lansing High students experimented with alcohol in 1995.

◆ Suicides, homicides and car crashes (the leading causes of teen and young adult death) are closely associated with alcohol and drug use.

A clear **NO USE** message from **parents** is the **number one** factor in **preventing** alcohol and drug abuse by our children.

To avoid predictable tragedies in Lansing, a group of parents, teens and interested residents has formed **NO DEALS** (NO Drug or Ethyl alcohol Abuse by Lansing Students) to sponsor youth activities and adult actions that promote this message.

One adult action that has proven successful in other communities is **SAFE HOME** -- a network of parents who support each other by providing safe, drug-free environments for their children at home and in the community.

Participation is easy, voluntary and free with NO meetings.

First you sign a statement of intent to become actively involved and knowledgeable about your child's social gatherings and events and agree to actively prohibit or condone the use of alcohol or drugs at these events.

Second, before letting your child attend a social function, you call and confirm the specifics of time, place, adult supervision, transportation and drug/alcohol availability. Of course, many of you already do this with other parents you know, but the very act of contacting other parents becomes an overt message to all parents, kids and community members that protecting our youngsters is a community wide responsibility.

The benefits for you are closer communication with other parents and knowledge of your child's whereabouts and safety. The benefit for our children is that they see adults supporting a clear **NO USE** message. The benefit for our community is that adults are united in a consistent and continuing community effort to prevent underage drinking and drug use.

For questions, pledges and information, call NO DEALS at 533-7657.

- Pat Trotter

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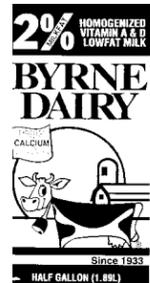
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