

# Lansing School District News

## Lansing Grad Shares Gift of Reading BOCES Entices Lansing Vo-Pros

### By Mrs. Martin's 9th Grade Class

Susan Rosenkoetter, a former Lansing Central Schools' graduate and young adult literature specialist, revisited freshman English classes this week to talk about books on the theme of survival. Recently retired from the Rochester library system where she frequently worked with students from area schools, Rosenkoetter enjoys visiting Lansing High "to give back some of the great education I received here years ago."

Blending fiction and nonfiction stories, Rosenkoetter touched on themes of survival of interest to teens. Multicultural stories ranged from the adventures of the legendary Sioux warrior Crazy Horse to the physical survival of sled dogs and their owners in the Alaska Yukon to the plight of a homeless boy in South Africa. Students were captivated by the autobiographical story of a Japanese family imprisoned in an American camp during WWII and the true unsolved mystery of the murder of a mystery writer's daughter.

"I like the way she made everything sound mysterious," said Christian Jones. "She



**Susan Rosenkoetter**

used a really creepy voice." Sam Baker agreed. "She spoke perfectly for someone giving a book talk. She made the books sound interesting and kept my attention."

Rosenkoetter often read passages from books without giving away the endings. "I liked how she left us hanging without letting us know what would happen next," said Brian Shipos. Perhaps Rebecca Mastro expressed it best, saying, "Her soft spoken words rose to match the beauty of a flower.."

The opportunity to get a firsthand look at BOCES' vocational options drew a busload of Lansing sophomores and juniors last Tuesday morning and a slightly smaller group to the BOCES *Open House* on Thursday evening.

Carrie Wright and Melanie Swezey were interested in the one-year Medical Technology program. Swezey wants to pursue sports-related orthopedic therapy while Wright sees medical technology as a possible route to the field of surgery.



**COMPUTER BASED** - Melanie Swezey examines the cyber-side of medical technology.

John Dietershagen, Mike Albanese and Steve Hancy got the opportunity to munch mini pizzas as they met with culinary arts students before discussing the program curriculum with Kevin Loucy. "I really want to learn fancy dishes and become a chef," said Hancy. "And I'd like to get a job at a well-paying restaurant in Colorado," added Albanese who wants to join his brother.

The automotive field attracted several Lansing men with differing interests. Matt Lott sees automotive painting as an exciting and remunerative career. Chris Bolyard wants to learn about auto body repair so he can work with his dad.

Willie Woods wants to transform his love of basketball and sports in general into a career in early childhood education. "I



**FIRST YEAR VO-PRO** Clark Miller is on his way to becoming a mechanic.

want to help little kids play sports and be strong," he explained.

Jessica Zifchock is excited about the cosmetology program. "My sister said I should," she smiled. "I do her hair and she always gets compliments.

"It's not too late if your son or daughter has an interest in BOCES' programs," said vocational supervisor Tony DiLucci. For information, contact your high school advisor or call BOCES at 257-1551.



**GRAPHIC ARTS** teacher Mary Richards of North Triphammer Rd. demonstrated desk-top publishing during BOCES' Thursday night open house.

The Lansing School Board's "Open Forum"

on the 1997-1998 Budget originally scheduled for April 3 **has been switched to 7:00PM April 10 in the HS Cafeteria**

The 7:30PM Apr. 3 meeting in the HS Library will be a budget work session.

**Building Project Open Forum Update:**

## School Project Breaks Ground In May

State Education Department approval is expected "momentarily" for the first phase of the Lansing School District building project approved by the voters last October 30, said John Knudson at last Thursday evening's "Building Project Open Forum" held by the School Board at the High School cafeteria.

Knudson, of the architectural and engineering firm of Bearsch Compeau Knudson, said that bids should be "let out" in the next few weeks. "Our goal is to be in construction in May."

The 1997 construction will focus on the athletic field improvements, technology upgrades and asbestos removal. The technology upgrades will include extension of the fiber-optics communication system to all classrooms, installation of a telephone system and installation of new PA systems.

Because the athletic improvements will involve heavy earth-moving equipment, a special construction staging area will be created and contractor traffic will be separated from school traffic. To protect elementary

school students from dust and construction hazards, the older children's playground will be closed once construction approaches that area. Principals Shari Dempsey and Bill Rankin are working with the athletic department to schedule elementary play time at an alternative site closer to the high school during the construction period.

The second, building renovation, phase of the construction project should start in September, "with framing up before snow flies," said Knudson.

The architects and engineers hope to submit final plans to the state in May. Once the plans are reviewed and approved, the work will be broken into four bid packages. "We're doing this to make parts of the project more accessible to local contractors," explained Knudson. If all goes as planned, renovations should be completed by the end of the summer of 1998.

At the request of the School Board, monthly updates on the progress of the building project will be scheduled at which the public's questions will be answered.

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<b>LANSING SCHOOL LUNCH MENU</b>					
(All Meals Include Fruit, Vegetables, Juice & Milk)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 24-28	Pizza Grill Hot Dog on Bun	Field To Table Hamburger on Bun	Taco Salad Cheese Bagel	Cheese Pizza Ham Sub	NO SCHOOL !!
March 31 - April 4	NO SCHOOL !!	Foot-Long Hot Dog Chili Dog Hamburger (ES) BBQ Eibs (MS,HS)	Grilled Cheese	Cheese Pizza Bologna Sandwich (ES) French Bread Pizza (MS,HS)	Chicken Nuggets w/ Rice & Gravy Tuna Sub

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