

Lansing School District News

Lansing To Benefit From BOCES - CMC Health Insurance Agreement

An agreement between the T-S-T BOCES and the Cayuga Medical Center (CMC) signed on March 27 "represents a savings both to subscribers and (Lansing Central School) taxpayers, said district Business Manager Tom Jones this Monday from his Ridge Road office.

The need for a BOCES-CMC agreement was prompted by a three month stalemate between Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Central New York (BC/BS-CNY) and the Cayuga Medical Center that resulted from NY State's Jan. 1 deregulation of insurance reimbursement rates. Though deregulation was intended to encourage negotiations between hospitals and insurance companies, CMC and the Blues couldn't come to terms and suspended negotiations March 6.

According to CMC, the contract provides for discounted payment rates for more than 3200 employees at BOCES, Lansing and eight other districts that participate in BOCES' self-insured plan. The agreement maintains BC/BS-CNY as the plan administrator.

CMC President and CEO Bonnie Howell praised the BOCES contract as "mutually beneficial" and "in line with rates we have been able to negotiate with other insurance companies."

"With this agreement, our employees will not have out-of-pocket expenses (at CMC)," said BOCES Business Manager Richard Weiss. "Had we not had the agreement, they would have had some out-of-

pocket expenses." Weiss added that the agreement also lets BOCES reduce its premium increase by approximately 2 percent.

Aside from the recent BOCES agreement, there has been no other progress at resolving the CMC - BC/BS-CNY impasse, said CMC Director of Planning and Financial Analysis Thomas Vossler. Of 20,000 affected BC/BS-CNY subscribers, approximately 2,500 would still have out-of-pocket expenses due to terms in the contracts of different community rated plans, he said.



AGOG - Everyone watched Saturday as Frank the face-painting clown transformed kids to kitties at Central Station.

LBP & LSP Season Set

Thusfar, nearly 500 boys and girls have signed up for the Lansing Baseball and Lansing Softball Programs (LBP and LSP). Thirty LBP teams will play in four leagues spanning age groups from 5 - 12. The LSP will have 20 or 21 teams in four leagues ranging from Kindergarten to 8th grade. Though the sign-up deadline has passed, Lansing Parks and Recreation Director Steve Colt will do his best to take late registrations. "We're not in the 'No' business," he smiled.

A coaching clinic was held yesterday (Apr. 1) to bring new coaches and assistants "up to speed" on the organization of LBP practices and play. Saturday is LBP Draft Day, when registrants will be assigned to their teams and Monday, April 14 will see practice begin. Games for all LBP leagues, except T-Ball, begin Saturday, May 3 and T-Ball games begin Monday, May 5.



ALL TOGETHER - At last week's concert, Gail Hughes' 5-6 Grade band made it seem easy, but the *Col. Bogey March* from "Bridge Over The River Kwai" was a real challenge. Kathleen McHugh's 7-8 orchestra played the original, unsimplified *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* by Mozart and William Phelps' high school band played a medley of contemporary music.

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(All Meals Include Fruit, Vegetables, Juice & Milk)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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
April 7 - 11	Tacos with Lettuce & Cheese Cheese Bagel	Meatball Sub Hot Dog on Bun (ES) Scalloped Potatoes & Ham (MS,HS)	Baked Chicken w/ Muffin Hamburger on Bun	Canadian Bacon Pizza Cheese Pizza	Garlic Bread Steak-Um on Bun

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