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## Ludlowville

Monday morning and snow in Ludlowville! If there is snow here, there is more everywhere else. This was a little disconcerting after returning from lower Connecticut where the honeysuckle is leafing out. We arrived back Sunday evening to find the tulips had grown 3 inches over the rainy warm week-end here. We could use the rain. It seems with the lack of snowcover this year, the numerous springs converging to Ludlowville are significantly decreased in volume. The height of Salmon Creek is witness to that, which didn't change the annual influx of the opening fishing season.

April 1st in Ludlowville is not only "April Fool's Day" but also "Fish Day". Suckers were always caught in Salmon Creek and many young boys would catch them and sell them for pocket money, especially to the farmers or city people. Then, in the 1950's the Conservation Department started to stock the creek with Rainbow trout and later on with Salmon. Also, some bass and trout were stocked above the falls.

Soon, word got around that the rainbows were running up the creek and Ludlowville started to get invaded on April 1st. Cars from all over the state and some even from out-of-state were coming. Fishermen would stand shoulder to shoulder in

the creek to catch them. Lenora Sweazy had a coffee and hot-dog stand set up. The roads were parked full of cars on each side. Soon the Conservation Department built 2 parking areas and bought fishing right-of-ways from the property owners so the fishermen could get to the creek without trespassing over people's yards. If the weather was good, this would continue for quite a few days and if the fish were running at that time, even longer. Some people would come and camp out in the park the night before the 1st of April so they would have parking place for the next day.

We still have a good crowd on the 1st, but not as crowded and congested as it used to be.

It is quite a sight to see the fishermen standing under the falls in the mist and water spraying on them. Now, they are what you call "real fishermen"!

On other fronts, we are happy for the Ketchums that their house sale is in progress, yet we will be sad to lose good friends and neighbors.

Thomas Kheel has grown new feathers and is a practicing lawyer, specializing in family affairs, with an office on the second floor of the DeWitt building.

- Wanda Brink & Katrina Greenly



**CAREER COUNSELING** - BOCES' Tony DiLucci met Lansing Middle Schoolers last week to discuss their career choices. Fourteen of the 15 students in Mr. LaDouce's 8th grade social studies class expressed goals ranging from engineering to professional golfing and construction work to architecture.

## 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.

The loss of 17 year-old Alejandro Ferrer is a tragedy not only for his kin, but for all of us who live together as a community. In the near future, there will be a celebration of Alex's life and we will surely hear of the people his goodness touched during his foreshortened stay.

Last autumn, when the Lansing Forum held a meeting on alcohol and substance use among Lansing students, only 3 parents came. Earlier this spring, fewer than a half-dozen parents responded to a call from students, faculty and PTSO president Pat Trotter to form an activist substance abuse prevention task force, called *NO DEALS*, to avoid tragedies in our community such as had befallen Trumansburg, Watkins Glen ...

Though more than 80 percent of Lansing High School students have declared drug and alcohol abuse to be a problem in our town, the low parental turnout is understandable. These things never happen to *our* children. Until they do. And then all we're left with are memories and the unfulfilled promise of what might have been.

*NO DEALS* will meet again at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 30th at the Lansing United Methodist Church to implement its "SAFE HOMES" campaign. For now, all we're left with is the grieving over the loss of one of ours. At the next meeting of *NO DEALS*, perhaps we can transform the mourning into a memorial of community love to protect each and every one of our children.

Remember.

- M.S.



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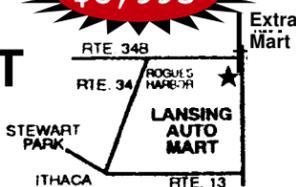
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