

Lansing School District News



Buffy and Mindy's Exercise Show comedy routine (featuring Beth Hinderliter, Libby Bishop, Emily Tucker and Carrie Rich) was one of 14 acts at the Lansing High School Talent Showcase held April 4 to raise funds for next year's "D-Day" (Different Day of Learning)

DeWitt Honors 56 Middle Schoolers

Faculty at the DeWitt Middle School on Warren Road have nominated 56 students for spring student recognition awards.

Honorees include Mak Axtell, Mara Baldwin, Danielle Bangs, Ari Baum, Fernanda Benetti, Alison Byers, Steele Cary, Jimmy Chen, Shane Conlon, Jerry Cornell, Tyler Crosby and Hendrik Drost.

Also cited are Sam Eschenbrenner, Rachel Ezra, Alena Fast, Victoria Febo, Alicia Fuller, David Golemboski, Bryan Hall, Patrick Hornbrook, Magda Kalinska, Arly Kamholtz, Shoshi Kamholtz, Vanessa Ktantz, Caroline Ktafft and Jina Lee.

Additional awards go to Yuri Malitsky, Rachel Marino, Kevin Mark, Sara Mateer, Alexis Matusiewica, Barbara McElwee, Caitlin McKenna, Dorcas Mugo, Elizabeth Murray-Rust, Kirsten Myers, Kyle Nemeckay, Anna Ostrom, Elisa Pagliaro and Mai Pucik.

Families will also be pleased to hear about awards to Jessica Robertson, Maria Saenz, Lisa Smith, Saagar Srivastava, Sarath Suong, Kelsey Sullens, Becky Taggart, Richie Teeter, Beatina Theopold, Lindsay Tuttle, Carl Valentino, April Viands, Jessica Vitucci, Laurel Weber, Yem Yon and Ricahrd Youst.

LUMC Rummage Sale

The rummage sale everyone in Lansing has been waiting for takes place this Friday and Saturday at the Lansing United Methodist church on Brickyard Hill just off Ridge Road (Rte 34-B).

The event runs Friday from 9-6 and Saturday from 9-noon and features thousands of items from Lansing's most fashionable attics, closets and basements.

As usual, a \$1 per bag clearance price will be in effect on Saturday. Gotta go!!!

"Angel of Death" at Lansing High Shows Effects Of Alcohol Abuse

By Darcy Baxter

"The average death rate for alcohol-related accidents is once every 32 minutes, explained SADD advisor Margaret M. DeGaetano. "The angel visits to silence another student."

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Thursday, April 10 was "Angel of Death Day" at Lansing High School as 12 students "fell silent" as Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) highlighted the consequences of teen alcohol use. Each of these students represented the frightening statistic that every 32 minutes, someone is killed in an alcohol-related accident.

At the beginning of each period, a PA announcement like the one above was made. During the announcement, the "Angel of Death" (Holly Russell) visited a SADD member and hung an angel around his or her neck. The "dead" student immediately fell silent and didn't speak for the rest of the day. A paper "gravestone" was also placed on each student's locker indicating who they were and when they died. At the end of the school day, exiting students passed by the line of mute witnesses by the front door.

The "Angel of Death" educational ac-

tion was done not only to give kids a reality check, but also to encourage them to sign the Prom Promise not to drink and drive on prom night - a joyous evening that every year carries tragic consequences for unlucky teens and their families.

Seeing friends being "taken away" had a powerful effect on some students. "It made me really think about how drinking and driving," said victim Dee LaVigne. But SADD students weren't the only ones affected. Junior Rob Mitchell softly said that he, "never realized how much an effect drinking and driving had on society."

These sentiments were shared by many students who will hopefully never know the grief of losing a friend to alcohol.

"Victims" tapped by the Angel of Death last Thursday included Agata Okulicz-Kozaryn, Beth Hinderliter, Jesse Skoch, Tyson Benson, Kim Dean, Darcy Baxter, Nicole Ridley, Kathy Eastman, Christie Kemple, Dee LaVigne, Laura Cook and Holly Russell.

Darcy Baxter is a student at Lansing High School and a special correspondent for the Lansing Community News.



ANGELS OF MERCY - By masquerading as an angel of death and victims of drunk driving accidents, Lansing's Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) have sensitized their fellow students and may have averted a future tragedy.

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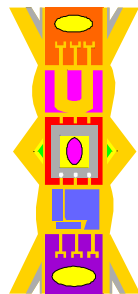
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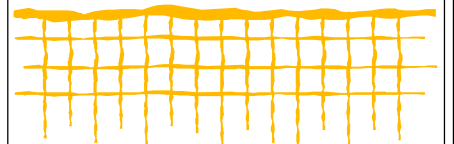
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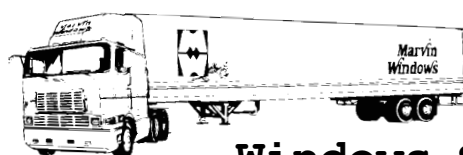


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