

# Heard Around Town



Photo: Troop 48

**WHITE WATER RAFTING** - Lansing's Boy Scout Troop #48 safely rafted down the Lehigh River near Jim Thprpe, Pennsylvania on April 26. Shown are John Wagner, Frank White, Jr., John Wagner, Frank White, Sr., Michael Capalongo, John Howell, Tim Bain and Bill Berrick (under the hat).

## 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.

## Mothering Day - May 11

When we announced four weeks ago that we'd like to hear from readers about their fondest memory about mom, Aline and I hoped for 10 to 20 letters, poems and anecdotes. Today's paper carries 35 of the more than 60 responses we received from adults and from children in elementary, middle and high schools in Lansing, Venice Center, Ithaca, Scipio, Groton, Locke, Moravia, King Ferry, Genoa, Aurora and Poplar Ridge.

The response was a lot more than we'd hoped for, but it also taught us something about mothers and mothering. Both Sam Neno's fictional piece (p. 6) and Rev. Marti Sword's pastoral column (p.2) share another dimension of Mother's Day -- about women whose mothering love goes beyond the bounds of biological parenthood.

So, to all you mom's out there .. and grandmas, aunts, foster moms, men who fill this role as surrogate moms, step-moms, relatives and neighbors who step in as circumstance, necessity and love demand the care that only a mom can give, please accept our communities' salutes and enjoy this Sunday as the expression of the affection we hold for you all the days of our lives.

Happy Mothering Day!

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## The Wind at Lake Ridge

A voice breaks the meditation of far off thoughts. You turn slightly to scan for the origin of the interruption, only to find it was the first roll of distant thunder. A smile crosses your face - the amusement of thinking someone was speaking; yet, inexplicably you find yourself straining to hear if the wind is speaking.

There is a sense of familiarity with the wind. It has been here with you before, then rushed off to travel around the world and just returned to regale you with the stories of its journeys. The wind must have a voice, or be the messenger of other voices for the trees gaily pass along the rumors as they toss the wind through their leaves and branches, passing them on to the next tree or bush or even the grass. You can see the wind dip and swirl through the pines and they echo the laughter and amplify it tempting you to join in. The wind caresses you in its warm breath and then snaps at you with its biting chill, always surprising and demanding. You know you should retire to the house but you don't want to miss any of the activity as the wind rushes madly about, attempting to carry aloft any item it can find.

Birds join in the excitement and take flight, surfing the air currents, displaying lofty acrobatics, flexing their wings in joy and flying in delight not in purpose of destination. The temptation to head into a strong wind too great, the miscalculation that there is time for more seeds and berries only to find that when they erupt from their resting spots they are quickly buffeted away on the wind and the joy of exercise becomes a true effort to return to the nest.

The wind has a vibrant personality with many moods. It can be a child rushing about in delight, discovering each blade of grass, skipping quickly in utter delight as if running its fingers along a garden fence. It can be a serene matriarch, beckoning the flowers and plants to turn toward the sun and

witness the majesty of it all. It can be a stern task master, pushing everything along, forcing the rain to be driven rather than gently fall. It can be the superintendent to the sky, accompanying the sun to rest in the west, sweeping the light away and then polishing the brilliant twinkle of the stars that spread out dutifully in the celestial dome. It can be lazy and meander about in a casual manner, it can be compressed and pricking with energy. It can gently embrace the streams of sunlight, it can demand the clouds respect its strength. It can carry a prayer upward to the heavens, and return a gentle kiss in response. It has to be seen to be enjoyed, with the same clarity that heat lightening flickers just beyond the peripheral vision. It has to be coaxed to entertain, the same way a kitten bravely stalks a thread on the carpet. It must be encouraged to begin its journeys and welcomed when it returns. It must be like the wind, a shadow of itself.

Lake Ridge is in the enviable position of having the correct longitude and latitude to entice the wind onto the stage without having the overwhelming surge of destruction when over zealous. We are able to watch its approach generally from the west as it laps at the water. We have the billowing of dust kicked up as the tractors begin to plow, creating a momentary suspension of glowing embers of soil. We have a front row seat to the uninhibited joy of the wind.

- Tricia Torney

## Lansing Senior Directory

The Lansing Seniors' Executive Committee is compiling a new directory. Seniors whose dues are paid through 1997 and all Honorary Members (85+) will be included. If any senior has recently changed his or her address or phone number, please contact the committee.

- Ruby Ferris

**Sat. May 10 Cleanup  
Ludlowville Park**  
 Bring weeding tools, rakes, shovels, barrows and gloves to spruce up our gem of a community park.  
**10 to noon ♦♦ Refreshments**

**Mothers' Day  
Weekend**  
**Moms Skate Free**  
**With Coupon  
& Paid Child's  
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 Saturday: 8-10pm  
  
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