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"Not quite paradise, but a nice place to live."

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Aladdin In Lansing



Photo: Ram Seetharam

As hundreds of parents, brothers, sisters and neighbors cheered the 75 Middle School performers' thespian efforts, directors Judy Hinderliter and Cynthia Howell were quick to point out the behind-the-scenes support that other Middle Schoolers and community members provided to make **Aladdin** the success it was.

The Production Staff included Puneet Panda, Deb Howell, Mary Broadway, Emily Dean, Diane Sherman, Frank White, David Stilwell, Angelyn Nicholson, Marie Bishop, Kathy Sluty, Ben Darfler, Jeff Abbott, Marie Bishop, Phyllis Smith-Hansen, Don Eddy, Crystal Mullinex, Beth Pine, Jamie Strehle, Allison Bishop and Eric Bush.

The Sultan's Palace was presented by Hattie Saltonstall, Kirk Shippos, Zac Davenport and Will Martin. The Evil Palace was prepared by Peter Skvarla, Matt Fenton, Landen Cook and Gavin Potenza. Monster screen and Aladdin lamp creators were Jamie Strehle and Melissa McClure. Set painters included Lane Baker, Nick Braxton, Anne Lin, Kate Hamill, Liz Olver, Sean LaFave, J-P Shulman, Claire Koltko, Rose Marcy, Stacy Fuller, Mike Huffman and Jessica Lyon.

Alan Searles, Matt Ravas, Jeremy Deans, Simon Ingall and Dorothea Slocum made up the tech crew.

Costumes were designed and sewn by Hollie Hardie, Lorraine Long, Diane Withiam, Madelene Bollen, Annette White, Deb Hover, Tracey LaVigne and Joann Carlson.

Make-up magicians were Kim Schramm, Marlaine Darfler, Beth Hinderliter, Erika Eddy, Stephanie Meyers and Deb Ducharme.

The Theater Arts Booster Club also extends special thanks to Mary Bente, Caren Baldini, Kym Burling, Debra Barnard, Mary Ellen Aasen, Deb Ducharme, Julie Holland, Marcia Larsen, Andrea Price, Mary Rogan, Don Harner, Susan Fenton, Simonetta Antenucci, Linda Gorman, Julie Eastman, Scott Cobb, Gail Hughes, Joanne Payne, Robin McColley, Sandy Lilley and Sybel Bush.



Photo: Ram Seetharam

Community Carnival Starts Tonight

The annual Lansing Fire Department Community Carnival kicks off tonight from 6-10:00 pm behind Central Station on Ridge Road in South Lansing. The Carnival features a continuous midway extravaganza of games and rides; more food to eat than you can imagine; and a series of special events that will be going on all week long!

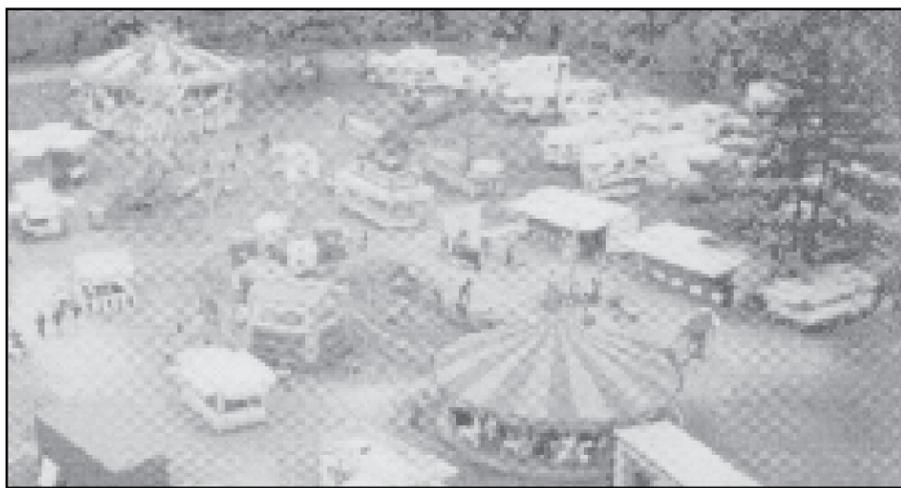
Opening night features a special deal for ride-a-holics. People possessing a rare coupon [**Hint: Turn to page 5**] will be able to purchase a special \$7.00 pass that lets the holder ride as many times as he or she wants!

On Friday, a free fireworks display will be sent airborne shortly after dark by American Fireworks. Folks who saw their show last year won't be disappointed by their new

light show.

Saturday's the big day with an \$8.00 all you can ride special from 2-5:00pm. At 6:00 pm, the **GRAND PARADE** will leave the town ball fields at 6:00pm. [Kids wanting to march in the youth parade should meet behind Rogue's Harbor at 5:30 sharp to form a line of march. The kids will go first and will have a special viewing section at Central Station to see the balance of the parade.] Dance time begins at 7:30 with live music provided by Spectrum.

All proceeds raised at the Carnival are reinvested in the community. Money funds events like the Easter Egg Hunt and the Joe Joseph award to a graduating senior who's made a volunteer contribution to Lansing.



STEP RIGHT UP for the best view in Tompkins County!! From Wednesday to Saturday the Lansing Fire Department's 1997 Carnival at Central Fire Station on Ridge Road will be *the* place to be.

Tompkins Cty Airport Seeks Additional Service

By Matthew Shulman

With the new airport terminal passenger arrivals and departures up 2 percent to 210,097 in 1996 from 205,976 in 1995, but still 7.4 percent below the old terminal's historic peak of 226,813 passengers in 1990, Tompkins County Airport Manager Robert Nicholas is not waiting for a slow recovery but will inaugurate an active campaign in the next few months to attract additional air service to the Lansing facility.

"I'm not satisfied with the level of passenger air service," said Nicholas last week during an interview with your local paper, "but realistically there's not enough business in this market to go 'head-to-head' with US Air." The important thing, say Nicholas, is to create new links to unserved or underserved destinations and/or to find an airline that can feed flights originating in Ithaca with a network of domestic and international destinations.

According to Nicholas, there's enough demand to support good load factors to JFK. The problem is that the availability of air traffic control slots and the cost of congested JFK ramp handling makes servicing Ithaca flights prohibitively expensive and adversely affects passengers' plans for onward connections.

There may, however, be a solution, if Nicholas can make the proper contacts with an airline that already has a major presence at Kennedy and would see the Ithaca market as a natural feeder "spoke" to on-going domestic and foreign flights from their JFK "hub".

Nicholas cited current Northwest Airlines service to nearby Chemung County (Elmira) Airport, where last year's



Photo: STAFF

BLUE SKIES AHEAD - Tompkins County Airport Manager Robert Nicholas is engaging on an active program to simultaneously cut costs and generate new airline service to Lansing's Brown Road airport facility.

enplanements were about 3 percent less than Ithaca. From Elmira, passengers can check their luggage directly to any final destination served by Northwest in the US or by its partner airlines across the Atlantic or Pacific.

Three other major American carriers have both a strong presence at JFK and have similar international agreements with foreign airlines. These carriers are United, Delta and American Airlines. Any one of these might be interested in dovetailing commuter flights from Ithaca with their more profitable longer-haul flights.

Because there's steady Tompkins County demand for service to Washington and Chicago, additional airlines may be identified that use them as "hub" centers. "The 'feed' aspect is the key," concluded

Two Sought For Lansing's Zoning Board of Appeals

The Town Council is inviting interested Lansing residents to submit applications to fill two vacant seats on the town's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The ZBA serves as a "safety valve" for the general public to question a zoning enforcement officer's decisions, explained Lansing Code Enforcement Officer George Totman.

If a permit applicant feels that a zoning officer's refusal was not justly taken, he or she can ask the ZBA to review the case. The applicant and zoning official may be asked to submit evidence to substantiate their claims. The ZBA does have the power to override the zoning officer's decision and grant either area or use variances, said Totman.

Unlike many boards, the ZBA doesn't have a regular meeting schedule but gets together on an "as needed" basis. The Lansing ZBA has not heard an appeal within the last year.

Training for this position is required. In addition to learning the state's ZBA manual, members must attend one training session each year to stay abreast of changes in the law.

Residents interested in further information about this volunteer position are invited to contact the code enforcement officer at 533-7054.

Applications are available at the Supervisor's office in the Town Hall Annex at 159 Auburn Rd or by calling 533-8819.

Nicholas.

As soon as a specially-designed brochure is completed in the next 2-3 months, Nicholas will begin knocking on doors promoting the quality of Tompkins County's work force and the vitality of the area's economic activity as a future growth center. Airlines should consider when developing new feeder spokes to their systems. "It's the major thing I'll do this year and I'll give it all I've got," said Nicholas.

"I don't want an airline that's going to take business from a current carrier," said Nicholas. "It wouldn't serve either airline and it wouldn't serve Tompkins County."

Airport Peer Review Committee

Beginning shortly, Nicholas will start regular Airport Peer Review Committee meetings with colleagues from Elmira, Binghamton and Jamestown to discuss airport problems, collaborate on solutions and achieve cost savings in operations, maintenance, crash fire rescue, concession leases and marketing efforts.

"Since '91, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Albany airport managers have met together and saved hundreds of thousands (if not millions) for their airports," explained Nicholas. By meeting with three other upstate managers from airports similar in size to Ithaca, each should be able to benefit from the others' ideas and achieve parallel savings.

Nick Boles Benefit Update

Last Saturday's chicken barbeque and 50-50 raffle to help injured Lansingite Nick Boles went far better than expected. The 1000 chicken halves were all gone by 1:45 pm. More info next week.

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