

Community Voices: Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Many in our community already know Don Howell and wholeheartedly support him in his bid for the school board. Though we only recently became acquainted with him, we plan to vote for him too.

Don immediately impressed us as a very open and confident person who inspires trust. He seems to have the courage to work out disagreements in a public forum like a school board meeting. Openness, honesty and courage are qualities we look for in anyone we consider voting for.

Don understands how important it is to foster a supportive learning and teaching environment in our schools. We're convinced that he will offer a receptive and caring ear to parents, students and teachers in our district who raise their concerns. We want to support someone who will listen to the people in the community and respond to them.

We agree with Don's priorities. As he puts it, he cares about kids. It's easy to get distracted by details and forget that every decision made in our district must be made with the best interests of all our children in mind. Don seems to have that straight.

We hope that on the 21st, you'll join us in voting for Don Howell for the Lansing School Board.

Sincerely,
Martha and Ted Laux

To the Editor,

The Conservative Party of Tompkins County urges voters to vote "NO" on the proposed Ithaca City School District budget because we oppose tax increases as a matter of principle, especially on hard-working taxpayers who are struggling to make ends meet.

We are insulted by the taxpayer-funded memo that suggests athletics and after-school will be cut because of a "NO" vote. We are fully confident that cuts not involving actual education can and will be made should this budget be defeated, and hope that the ICSD will consider taxpayers in all of

it's fiscal decisions in the future.

James McCloskey, Vice-Chair
T.C. Conservative Party
700 Warren Road # 18-2E

Dear Editor,

Lansing Central School needs a Board of Education Representative who has a historical perspective of the district. Don Howell has resided in Lansing, attended the schools and has children attending today. Don has a concern for the fiscal management of the district and also acknowledges the ever rising taxes which mostly affect senior citizens and those on fixed incomes. As a Board member, his valuable impact will make the Board of Education aware of our concerns as paying citizens.

Vote for Don Howell on Wednesday, May 21. He will be a Board member who will focus on Board responsibilities and assure us that quality education doesn't require high costs.

- R.H. Solomon

To the Editor,

Troop 48 would like to thank the Lansing community for its generous contributions in our recent **Scouting For Food Good Turn** food drive. Mary Searles from the Lansing Community Food Pantry states that 1 1/2 tons of food was collected.

Again, **THANK YOU!!!**

- BSA Troop #48
Lansing

Dear Editor,

I am so proud and pleased to find two of our former students, Jim Tull and Don Howell, interested and concerned taxpayers, wishing to serve us. I feel as they do, we want excellent education for the students and at the same time watch the use of our tax dollars.

I feel we have spent too many dollars on legal expenses because of stupid, spiteful leadership in our school system. I'm very hopeful these two capable young men will be able to rid us of this problem.

Do go to the polls may 21 and vote for Jim Tull and Don Howell. Thank you.

- Frankie Lechner

Dear Editor,

I am very happy to see two young men who are natives of Lansing willing to spend their time and energy to serve on the Lansing School Board of Education. I taught at Lansing for many years and know James Tull and Don Howell as capable and intelligent men. They will have the best interests of the children of Lansing as a primary concern.

Both James Tull and Don Howell know what kind of education it takes to be successful in life.

I would strongly advise everyone to vote for James Tull and Don Howell to serve on the Lansing School Board of Education.

- Helen Carlson

Video ID Photos

The Lansing Masonic Lodge will be providing free child video IDs at the Community Building on Lansing Day, Saturday, June 14. Parents wishing to register their children should contact Jasper Munson at 533-4321.

Beauty Shop Quartet At Fontenac Hist. Society

The Frontenac Historical Society and Museum will present a musical evening of oldies and goodies by the Harmonics on Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00pm at the museum in Union Springs.

The Harmonics are an international organization of women who enjoy singing in barbershop-style four part harmony. Admission is by donation with one half of the gate going to support the national society of adults and children with autism.

The museum show "Waterways of the World from Cayuga Lake" will be open for browsing at 6:00pm. For information, call (315) 364-8098.



Thomas Leonard, Jr., 72, of North Street, Genoa died Saturday, May 10 at Robert Packer Hospital. Born May 6, 1925 in Genoa, he was a son of the late Thomas Sr. and Lizzie Moe Leonard.

He was a former aide at the NYS Div. for Youth at the Lansing Residential Center and served Genoa as a 50-year volunteer firefighter and EMT as well as serving on the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Thomas is survived by his wife Barbara, son Lewis, and daughter Roberta, all of Genoa, three grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Robert, in 1992.

Services were held on May 15 with the Rev. Larry B. Bell officiating. Contributions in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Genoa Fire Dept Emergency Medical Services training programs.

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