Community Voices:
Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

If your family has ever thought of hosting a 15-18 year-old foreign student for a 5-10 month academic homestay, I'd like very much to tell you about a program called "Academic Year in America."

As the local representative of a national organization that specilaizes in giving foreign students the chance to experience America, I'd like to chat with you about the intercultural advantages your children and family can realize by hosting a European, asian or Latin American youngster.

All students have studied English, have their own spending money and full medical insurance. In addition, Host Families are awarded up to $800.00 in scholarship funds for family members to use on certain AIFS study and travel experiences abroad.

In the next few weeks, I'll be interviewing Lansing families who are interested in hosting a student for the 98-99 school year.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the program or in applying to serve as a Host Family should call me at 257-7883.

- Emmy Sureyya Boothroyd
Cayuga Heights

To The Editor,

I want to express my appreciation to all those who took part in "Jo Ernstein Day" at the Lansing United Methodist Church on May 11.

I thank you all for a chance to tell the story of Haiti to members of the congregation who may not have heard it before. At first I dreaded this, but Rev. Marti Swords' kindness and careful preparation made it easy.

Thanks to the choir for that rendition of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" with the special bouncy beat. They would have loved it in Haiti as much as the Lansing Congregation did. I'm also grateful to friends from Groton, Ithaca and Waterloo who came to the service.

It's hard to say what was most heartwarming, but I think it was greeting members of the congregation who are sponsoring the education of Haitian children.

May the Lord hold thee all in His hands.

- Josephine R.S. Ernstein, "Auntie Jo"

To The Editor:

The Tompkins County Conservative party welcomes Lansingites who are registered Conservatives and those who are interested to attend its next meeting on June 1 at 7:30pm in the Ichabod Lounge of Manos Diner on the Elmira Road in Ithaca.

For more information, contact Chairman Tom Straight at 838-3426.

- James McCloskey, Vice-Chair
700 Warren Road

To The Editor:

This letter provides an update on the Buck Road/Conlon Road neighborhood negotiations over the proposed Go Cart Track. Following the neighborhood meeting held in All Saints Church a group of the neighbors closest to the track volunteered to work through Community Dispute Resolution Center to negotiate with Mr. and Mrs. Fenner.

The first negotiating session was held on April 29. Both groups discussed their plans and/or concerns. The Fenners indicated they wanted the track to provide a place for neighborhood children to meet for recreation and to provide summer and part-time employment for themselves.

The neighbors raised a number of concerns about the track, including:

- noise the 6 to 8 go carts would produce in an essentially quiet neighborhood;
- additional traffic on streets already well developed with homes with small children;
- the additional lighting that would be needed to protect the facility at night;
- property value declines such a facility would cause; and
- congregation of teenagers in an area with small children and no other outlets for their energy.

The neighborhood group offered to assist the Fenners in locating other property that would be more appropriate a go cart track (a commercial zone not near a residential area). The group went so far as to assist in the purchase of such a location.

Following the meeting various members of the neighborhood group provided the Fenners with additional information about the myriad track permit and tax collection requirements covering a go cart business. They also offered to provide the list of alternative sites in the town. They researched ways to build effective sound barriers.

A second meeting was scheduled for May 9. Unfortunately, just before the meeting the Fenners decided to suspend negotiations. The neighbors were disappointed and stand ready to resume the discussions.

Those with questions about this issue may contact a member of the group.

- Peter Delorme (for the)
Go Cart Neighborhood
Negotiating Group

To The Editor:

The All Saints Parish would like to take this time to thank everyone involved with the Cake Booth at the firemen's carnival held this past weekend.

We would especially like to thank all the cake bakers, workers and the firemen for all their help and cooperation.

Special thanks goes out to Jeff Walters for bringing the crowd into the tent and to you, the community, for all your support. You have made this a very profitable adventure.

- Anne Drake
Cake Chair

To The Editor:

The Spring Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Tompkins County Library begins this Saturday, May 31, and runs for four days through Tuesday, June 3.

Prices on hardcover and paperback books, records, CDs, tapes, videos, audio books, sheet music, jigsaw puzzles and games begin are priced at $1 each on Saturday, $0.75 on Sunday, $0.50 on Monday and only two-bits (25 cents) on Tuesday.The booksale is at the Friends' giant warehouse at 509 Esty Street and is wheelchair accessible. Free parking is available at the Friends' esty Street parking lot and, until 3:00pm, around the corner at Joe's Restaurant.

For more information, call 272-2223.

- Richard Daybell
Ginger Cohen

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Bob Campbell
was 30 Years Old
Yesterday, May 27th
Happy Birthday Bob!!

Clarence A. Green, Jr., 65, of 49 Asbury Road, Lansing died suddenly Wednesday, May 21, 1997 at Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca.

Mr. Green was born in Lansing on June 20, 1931, a son of Alberta Norris Green of Lansing and the late Clarence A. Green, Sr. He was Superintendent of Transportation for Southern Cayuga School System and retired in 1993. Mr. Green was a former co-owner of Chris N Green's Restaurant in Lansing; a member of the Lansing United Methodist church; the Lansing Masonic Lodge # 774 and was very involved in the child identification program. He was a former member of the Lansing Grange, Lansing Fire department, Lansing Lions Club and was a former Boy Scout Leader.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Green is survived by his wife Laura (nee Marks) of Lansing; one daughter Kathleen (Roger) Dedrick of Lansing; two step daughters: Judy (Doug) White of Moravia, NY, Betty (Orrin) Masten of Cortland; one sister Jane (Charles) Emerick of Lansing; 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 24 at 12-noon at the Lansing funeral home , Inc., 32 Auburn Road, Lansing. Reverend Martha Swords officiated. Internment followed in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Lansing. The family received friends before the service at the funeral home.

Contributions in memory of Mr. Green may be made to Lansing United Methodist Church, 32 Brickyard Road, Lansing, NY 14882 or Lansing Masonic Lodge # 774, c/o Victor Lewis, 6021 Brook Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

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