

Malone lawmaker wants county nursing home's top position

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MALONE — A county legislator here wants to be the chief administrator of the nursing home where he was a resident for many years.

Franklin County Legislator Al LaFave, R-Malone, is looking to replace Sue Connors, who recently announced her resignation, effective Friday. The head of the social services department, Orra Langdon, will step in as interim

administrator until a new administrator can be hired.

LaFave has a degree in philosophy and is currently not certified to take Connors' post. In order to qualify, LaFave will have to get certification, a process which may take up to 18 months.

LaFave's fellow legislators recently passed a resolution which would help him get the job. Under the current plan a temporary position as assistant administrator will

be created so LaFave can get some on-the-job training under Langdon while he attends classes to get his certification.

LaFave said today he is ready to resign his post on the legislature if appointed to the nursing home position.

Seriously injured in a car accident several years ago, LaFave spent many years as a resident in the nursing home. He is confined to a wheelchair but now lives elsewhere.

LaFave has the support of the legislature and an enthusiastic supporter in Connors.

"Al knows this facility like no one else. I have literally called him daily for his advice and insight," Connors said.

Following a grim battle over her management of the facility with previous board members in 1991, Connors said she made up her mind to get into the private sector. She said she is leaving the nursing home to pursue other opportunities elsewhere.

Connors is credited with turning the county-owned nursing home around — where it once lost money it now operates in the black. Connors had been criticized by some nursing home employees, who said she was too tough on staff.

Connors said she is the third administrator at the home who has tried to get LaFave to run the facility. LaFave was a resident from 1969 to 1983.

LaFave said he expects that there will be some controversy about his becoming an administrator after being a legislator. No one opposing the idea could be located before press time.

Connors said the new position has been budgeted into the county's spending plan. If hired as assistant administrator under the proposal, LaFave would make \$28,000 annually.

Last week the board passed a resolution thanking Connors for her work at the nursing home.

St. Armand town meeting scheduled

BLOOMINGDALE — The St. Armand Town Board will meet Tuesday, June 29 at 7 p.m. for a public hearing on proposed local law No. 2 of 1993, which provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Codes by the town.

At this public hearing the Town Board will discuss the legislation and hear the opinions of any interested parties. A special board meeting will be held following the hearing.

A full copy of the text of the proposed local law is available from the town clerk.

Auditions slated at LPCA

LAKE PLACID — Auditions for a one-act adult comedy, "Lone Star," will be held at The Lake Placid Center for the Arts on Wednesday, June 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Silk Screen Studio. They are searching for the characters of Ray and Cleitis.

Ray is the younger brother of Roy. Slope-shouldered, sloth-like, slow, he has no idea what irony is. He wears a John Deere hat, probably sleeps in it. Cleitis is a friend of Ray's, a wide-eyed nerd. He married the first girl he dated that

didn't spit on him. She married him because of his father's appliance store. He works there — gets lost in the stock room. He has a plastic pocket pencil holder and sleeps with it.

The Frog Pond Theatre will be presenting two adult one-act comedies by James McLure, directed by Karren Abrams, on Friday and Saturday evenings, Aug. 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. at LPCA.

For further information call The Frog Pond Theatre (at High Peaks Base Camp) 518-946-2133.

'Old West' Day set at Civic Center

SARANAC LAKE — Get your cowboy gear on and come visit the "Old West" at the Saranac Lake Civic Center on Sunday, July 11 from 2 to 9 p.m.

Wyatt Earp and Buffalo Bill need help on their posse to catch the Dalton Gang, Jesse James, the Sundance Kid and any other wild outlaws that ride into town.

After rounding up the bad guys a celebration is planned. It will be a real country hoedown. To start the day off, there will be a softball game with the Dalton Gang dueling the Clampett Family. After the game there will be a Firemen's Tug of War, live music by the Busco Bandits, line dancing and instruction with Tim Miller and Country Bound and the Honorable Judge-D.J. Eric Wilson will preside over the day's festivities.

There will be an arcade for the youngsters with pony rides by

XTC Ranch, games, clown, a basketball free-throw contest, face painting, balloons and lots more. For the older folks there will be bingo, pull tabs, silent auction, pie bake, and lots of door prizes.

Meanwhile the Chuck Wagon, with Fester and the Doty Boys from Country Road Beef, will be cooking a Western meal with London broil, baked potato, corn on the cob and baked beans.

The cost is \$2 at the door — unless you're wearing a cowboy hat. Then admission is free. (The trading post will be selling hats for \$2). The Chuck Wagon will be charging \$6 per person for dinner, but two adults with their children (two children per adult please) can eat for \$20.

All proceeds go to the continuation of the Civic Center. For further information call the Civic Center at 891-3800.

'Betrayal' opens at Pendragon

SARANAC LAKE — Harold Pinter's "Betrayal" opens June 24 at the Pendragon Theatre in Saranac Lake.

The play begins in 1977, with a meeting between adulterous lovers, Emma and Jerry, two years after their affair has ended. During the play, we move back in time, with the play "ending" at the beginning of the affair.

Critic Jack Kroll wrote: "Betrayal" is an exquisite play, brilliantly simple in form and outrageous in its search for a poetry that turns banality into a melancholy beauty. Behind its smooth pastel surface is a haunting vision of a man as a creature trapped in an orbit of betrayal that sends him circling around the ideal without catching it."

Pinter is known to both British and American audiences as one of the most exciting and accomplished playwrights of our time. Among his other works which have entered the ranks of celebrated modern drama are "The Caretaker," "The Birthday Party," "The Homecoming" and "Old Times."

Sidney Freidman, a professor at the Boston University School of

Theatre Arts, returns to direct "Betrayal." Previous Pendragon productions he has directed include last summer's acclaimed "Our Country's Good," "The Cherry Orchard" and "Bus Stop."

"Betrayal" is the second offering in the summer 1993 repertory lineup. "Marvin's Room," opened June 8. "Safe Harbor," a new play by Karen L. Lewis, premieres July 13. Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" opens Aug. 4, for information and reservations call (518) 891-1854.



CLEAN-UP CREW — Fourteen members of Saranac Lake's Lions Club take a break after two hours in the rain cleaning a four-mile stretch of Route 86, from Donnelly's Corners to Lake Colby recently, as part of Franklin County's first Adopt a Highway Program. Sponsored by New York State and the Department of Transportation, organizers from the Lions Club intend to clean up the roadside twice a year.

(Enterprise Photo — Tom Henecker)

Obituaries

Della M. McKinney

LAKE PLACID — Della M. McKinney, 81, of 30 Greenwood St., Lake Placid, died suddenly at her home Monday morning, June 21, 1993.

Born in Granville, Vt. July 15, 1911, she was the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Beeman) Riley.

She was married to Hubert McKinney, who died in Lake Placid Sept. 11, 1987.

A resident of Lake Placid for the past 78 years, she was a member of the Adirondack Community Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, Magnatic Springs Chapter 557. She was a 1929 graduate of Lake Placid High School.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, including Patrick

and Judy Riley of Fitchburg, Mass.

Calling hours will be held Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Clark Funeral Home in Lake Placid. Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Richard Sears, pastor of the Adirondack Community Church, officiating. Burial will be in the North Elba Cemetery.

Cameron Piershalski

VERMONTVILLE — Cameron Marie Foley Piershalski died Monday, June 21, 1993 at the Albany Medical Center in Albany.

Born June 19, 1993 at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake, she was the daughter of Kelly Piershalski and William Foley of Vermontville.

Survivors include her parents; her

maternal grandparents, John Piershalski of Grand Island and Yvonne Piershalski of Paul Smiths; her paternal grandmother, Jewel Foley of Bloomingdale; and her maternal great-grandparents, Bertha Paquin of Gabriels and Joseph and Lottie Piershalski of Niagara Falls.

A private Mass of Christian

burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake or the Neo-natal Care Center of the Albany Medical Center in care of the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home in Saranac Lake, which is in charge of arrangements.

J. Michael Techman

SARANAC LAKE — J. Michael Techman, 80, of Bloomingdale died unexpectedly Tuesday night, June 22, 1993 at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake.

Born Feb. 11, 1913 in Amsterdam, he was the son of Casimer and Josepha (Cyszy) Techman.

On Oct. 14, 1939 he married Ruth Morford in St. Paul's Church in

Bloomingdale. The Rev. Donald Gallagher officiated.

He owned and operated his own milk distributing business, Michael Techman, Inc., in Watertown, from 1956 until 1975. He was a member of the Watertown Knights of Columbus and of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Bloomingdale.

Survivors include his wife; two

sons, Dr. Thomas M. Techman of Leesburg, Fla. and John F. Techman of Fresno, Calif.; four daughters, Mrs. Joann Burns of Adams Center, Carol R. Techman and Mrs. Mary Crowell of Baton Rouge, La., and Dr. Theresa Techman of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother, Frank Techman of Amsterdam; 14 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Edward Techman, in 1991.

Calling hours will be held Thursday at the Fortune-Keough Funeral Home in Saranac Lake from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A Bible vigil service is scheduled for Thursday at 7:45 p.m. at the funeral home, and a Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Church in Bloomingdale, the Rev. Patrick Mundy, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department or St. Paul's Church in care of the funeral home.

St. Armand News

Many happy returns to Bea Stuckney and Mildred Swinyer, who celebrate birthdays on the same day this week.

Steamboats heading to Saranac Lake

SARANAC LAKE — The Great International Steamboat Regatta, a flotilla of antique steamboats from the United States and Canada, will tour the Saranac River and the Saranac Lakes from Thursday, June 24 to Sunday, June 27.

The boats will be arriving at Ampersand Bay Resort throughout the day on Thursday, and will travel down the Saranac River to the boat launch site on Lake Flower. Local residents are invited to view the boats at this time, and in addition, there will be an informal gathering at the Hotel Saranac of Paul Smith's College, coinciding with the Thursday Night Buffet.

On Friday morning, the boats will steam back up the Saranac River to Middle Saranac Lake for an afternoon excursion, returning to Ampersand Bay that evening.

On Saturday the boats will be transported to and launched onto Lake Placid, where they will tour throughout the day, winding up at Placid Manor for dinner that evening. On Sunday the captains and their crews will tour at their leisure on the lake of their choice, and many of the boats will stay in the area for much of the following week.

A total of 22 to 24 boats from throughout the Northeast and Canada are expected, as well as craft from as far away as Minnesota and Tennessee. The boats are of various vintages, and are fascinating for their mechanical ingenuity and uniquely graceful design.

For more information, contact the Saranac Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, 30 Main St., Saranac Lake, NY 12983, or call 1-800-347-1992 or (518) 891-1990.

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