

LIVONIA 346 EXCHANGE SEEKS TO JOIN ROCHESTER LOCAL CALLING AREA

Efforts by a Livonia business to reduce its monthly phone bill may bring lower costs and greater calling range to the 3300 customers within the 346 telephone exchange.

Kevin Walsh and Geoff Gugel, partners in Sloane Construction Co. of Livonia, were seeking to reduce their business expenses and noted the large amount of calls regularly made to Rochester during the course of daily business. They delegated the job of researching alternatives to Nadeen Patterson. Soon they had sent a petition to the Public Services Commission in Albany requesting that they (the PSC) contact Rochester Telephone and have them proceed with a survey of 346 exchange customers in consideration of including the 346 exchange in the local calling area for Rochester.

The PSC approved the Livonia petition based on the average call rate per customer per month. That means that there are already enough customers calling Rochester on a regular basis that the majority would benefit from a Rate Group change. Next month all subscribers within the 346 exchange will receive a separate mailing from RTC explaining the process, what changes of local services and rates there would be and a ballot asking them to approve or disapprove the rate group change.

Presently, the 346 exchange is in Rate Group 4, allowing free calls to Geneseo (243 & 245), Hemlock (367) and Honeoye (229). If approved, 346 would be in Rate Group 10, allowing free calls to 69 Rochester exchanges and

maintain access to the same exchanges in outlying areas. All 346 customers would also receive the Rochester White and Yellow Pages without specially requesting them.

The monthly billing would reflect a \$4.06 increase from \$6.35 to \$10.41 for each individual line as a result of the Rate Group change. This will definitely reflect a reduction of fees for many businesses and also benefit many individual households monthly bills, if the preliminary research is accurate.

70% of the ballots must be responded to for the petition to be considered. 60% must vote "YES" to the change for approval. If a customer does not vote, it will be considered a "NO" vote.

Rochester Telephone Corporation Public Relations Officer Diana Melville suggests that those consumers seeking to understand more of the details of the proposed Rate Group change refer to the data provided in the Phone Book Call Guide on pages 38 and 44, which deal specifically with the pertinent Rate Group information. She also said that RTC was already meeting with field engineers to discuss clearance for immediate implementation of the change, should the first ballot be approved. Results should be available by March.

Caledonia approved their Rate Group change last year, and Avon is currently trying to gain majority approval by its 2800 customers after failing to achieve the same on a previous ballot.

Engagement Announced



CATHERINE L. BLODGETT AND JOHN C. GAFFNEY

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Blodgett, Jr., 1672 Bragg Steet, Lima, announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Louise, to John Christopher Gaffney. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gaffney of 809 Rush-Henrietta Townline Road, Rush.

Catherine is a 1985 Graduate of Honeoye Falls-Lima High School and is presently a senior at Cornell University-College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, majoring in Applied Economics and Business Management. Miss Blodgett is a sister at Alpha Zeta Honorary Fraternity and an Ambassador to the College of Agriculture. Catherine is also employed by Cornell as a Teaching Assistant for Financial Accounting.

John is a 1980 graduate of Rush-Henrietta Roth High School and a 1982 graduate of the State University of New York at Alfred. Mr. Gaffney is employed with the grounds department at Rush-Henrietta Central Schools. He is a member of the Rush Volunteer Fire Department and is the owner of Gaffney Tree & Landscape.

The couple are planning a May, 1990 wedding.

EAST LAKE ROAD HOME DESTROYED BY FLAMES; UNKNOWN HERO PREVENTS HOLIDAY TRAGEDY



Livonia and Conesus Fire Departments were called to a fire on December 27th at 2691 East Lake Road, the home of Diane Bischofing and her fiance Bob Braymer. An unknown passing motorist spotted the fire in progress, stopped and entered the house awakening Ms. Bischofing, the sole occupant of the house at the time. His identity is yet to be discovered, but his prompt action certainly averted a terrible tragedy. The resident couple had announced their engagement on Christmas and now plan to demolish the charred ruins and rebuild their home in the Spring. They are presently residing in an apartment in Rochester.

-Photo courtesy of Nadeen Patterson.

A Letter to the Lima Fire Dept.

A HEARTFELT TESTIMONIAL FOR THE FOLKS WHO VOLUNTEER

December 13, 1988

Williams
7926 E. Main St.
Lima, NY

Dear Chief Geary:

Enclosed is a donation which my husband and I want to make to the Lima Fire Dept. The size of this donation is totally insignificant compared to what the members of the Department did for us. We hope that each year we will be able to make an additional contribution. Please

put us on a fund-raising list to be contacted.

There is no doubt in my mind that our home and all our cherished belongings would be gone if not for the efforts of your fine department. All my children's photographs, my mother's china, my grandmother's quilts would all be lost if you folks hadn't been willing to get out of your beds on a cold winter night to go to the home of perfect strangers. Your work was outstanding. Through your efforts,

this grand old lady of a house, a 131 year old tribute to Lima, still stands. My husband and I are trying to bring her back to her former glory and our dream remains possible because of your work.

If this letter sounds a little emotional, well--I can only say that there are few things we humans cherish as much as our homes.

Thank you all so very much,
Martha and Reed Williams

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Tired of those reruns? Looking for something new to do but there isn't much time? Why not enroll in a short course that is offered at a convenient time?

Monroe Community College's Office of Community Education offers a variety of short, credit-free courses that are: scheduled for times when most people are free; convenient to 390, 590, & 490-where parking is FREE; inexpensive; taught by experienced instructors; and designed for the needs of the busy person.

There are so many exciting courses that the problem will become one of how many courses can someone fit in a schedule. There are courses to help with everyday problems; courses to improve communication skills; courses to help the small business owner; courses to enhance career development; courses to improve computer skills.

Courses are designed for people of all ages. Senior citizens can take a Driver Improvement class. Single adults can dine together at an area restaurant and learn in a relaxed atmosphere. Children can come to the Saturday College for Kids and learn about computers,

science, art, or music. There is an excitement in learning.

One mother expressed it this way. "My daughter could not wait to go. And when she came home, she could not get the words out of her mouth fast enough to tell me about everything she did."

One of the adults in a real estate course said that the instructor "has a very up personality and a sense of humor and made the class interesting and fun."

Courses include: Introduction to Applearworks, Laboratory Medicine Seminars, Horticulture as a Career, Speed Reading, Real Estate Law: Salesperson Course, Small Business Seminar Series, Preparing Your Business Plan, Starting Your Own Business, Introduction to Computer Use, Introduction to Word Processing, Computer Help for College Students, and Weather in English Terms. The Saturday College for Kids includes: Popcorn Factory, Computers, Music, Arts, Science.

Classes begin soon and enrollment is limited. For information and a brochure, telephone Dr. Harriet Friedstein, director, Office of Community Education, at 272-9900.

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