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From military to millwright

■ Program links former military to union trade apprenticeships

By Tim Jagielo

Ed Koledo is former Linden Community Schools Superintendent and a retired Army Reserves battalion commander. Education, leadership and talent development are in his blood, and his new job ties all this experience together.

Koledo is the director of Helmets to Hardhats Michigan. This non-profit organization seeks to link service members, contractors and training trade unions together to get these veterans into paying apprenticeships in trades that are hiring.

While a longstanding national organization, the Michigan site of Helmets to

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Ed Koledo

Real Christmas tree sales are growing

■ Sales are up nationwide; large trees popular locally

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Sweeney family partook in their annual tradition — choosing and cutting down a real Christmas tree at Branching Out Nursery and Landscaping. “We do this every year,” said Dan Sweeney of Fenton. “Bring the family and go tree hunting.”

This family includes wife Jean, sons and their significant others, grandchildren and dogs. Once the right Fraser Fir was chosen, son Jeffrey Sweeney

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Dan Sweeney of Fenton drags the Fraser Fir his son cut down to be loaded up at Branching Out Nursery and Landscaping on Saturday, Dec. 14. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Argentine dam could cost ‘hundreds of thousands’ to fix

■ Supervisor says dam should last through next summer

By Hannah Ball

In early November, the eastern gate operator of the Argentine dam

broke and let more than a foot of water out of Lobdell and Bennett lakes before the gate could be closed.

The problem was between the door mechanism, which includes an acme nut that was installed in 1929, and the

shaft that wouldn’t turn. Workers with the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC), which maintains the dam, and Zito Construction were able to close the gate and prevent more water getting out,

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Times file photo



“I saw the article about Mackenzie Lawson. I just wanted to tell her that her beautiful smile

and positive attitude will help her beat that cancer. It makes a difference. I know because I am in remission from two kinds of cancer now.”



“I want to thank the Linden Angel Tree for helping me with Christmas gifts

for my two girls. Also a huge ‘thank you’ for the people who bought the gifts. Merry Christmas.”



“This is my grown up Christmas list: Peace on Earth, good will toward men.”



Santa Slam success

■ More than 400 toys collected from sixth annual dodge ball tournament

By Tim Jagielo

Lake Fenton — Dodge ball, as it turns out, is a great fundraiser for important causes.

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, nearly 300 Lake Fenton students and staff members came together for the sixth annual Santa Slam dodge ball tournament benefitting Toys for Tots.

Organizer Kathy Wilkinson said they collected 425 toys as well as monetary donations and food for families in need.

Teams in coordinated T-shirts flooded the high school gym just before the tournament began. There were 18 teams with students from Torrey Hill Intermediate School, 10 teams of students from the middle school and 13 from the high school. Each team had six players making a total of 246 students and 24 staff members.

“It is a great community event and it

is really fun to see all of the kids and staff come together for this event,” Wilkinson said. “Each year the kids get into it more and more. Seeing everyone work together for this makes me proud to be a Blue Devil.”



The sixth annual Santa Slam dodge ball tournament kicked off with a game between Torrey Hill Intermediate School teams on Dec. 4. (Left) Students react to the first Santa Slam game. **Photos: Tim Jagielo**



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'Everybody knows Ted Goupil'

■ Father and son have combined 36 years on Fenton Township Board

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — Ted Goupil, 85, may have left the Fenton Township Board of Trustees 30 years ago, after serving from 1970 to 1990 as trustee and then as clerk, but his family name is still around.

His son, Mark Goupil, 53, has served on the board (in a different seat than his father) since 2004, and the father-son duo have become well-known public servants in Fenton Township. Agenda items are similar to 30 and 40 years prior, but the reason the Goupils got involved in local government is different.

When Ted was on the board, their main focus was building sewers around the township's many lakes.

"The lakes were being polluted by failing septic systems. They were starting to tear cottages down and build big houses and we couldn't afford to let the lakes die," Ted said. "We built sewers for that 20-year period. We built I guess around 97 miles of sewers and then 57 pump stations."

Debates over how to enact assessments

and taxes hasn't changed.

"The problem with a township like this is about half the properties are on the lakes and about half are not," Ted said. "How do you tax people on Hogan Road for a sewer on Lake Fenton?"

Back then, the board came up with a special assessment system, one of many in the township. The board regularly enacts these assessments, which are often citizen-initiated, to pay for roads, weed treatments for lakes and more. Audience participation at meetings has been the same.

"Whenever there's an issue that affects a certain group of people, there's an audience," Ted said. "You hardly ever have an audience where people come in to say you did a good job."

One thing that's changed is the number of people who run for local government. Mark won his current term uncontested. Ted said he doesn't remember that happening with the trustee seats in his days on the board, though there were a few elections where the supervisor ran unopposed.

"Local government is the most responsive level of government there is," Ted said. "You can make something happen for an individual that no other level of



Ted Goupil (left) served on the Fenton Township Board of Trustees from 1970 to 1990. His son, Mark Goupil, has been on the board since 2004. Photo: Hannah Ball

government can do."

"It's where most of the stuff gets done," Mark said.

Currently, township races are partisan, and both say they shouldn't be. "There hasn't been a partisan issue I can ever remember on a township matter. It's always people or property," Ted said.

"Still is," Mark said.

Another aspect that's changed is voting. "Back in the day," Ted said, they had large tabulation machines that had a lever for

each candidate, and they'd sometimes be stuck counting and recounting ballots well into the night. Each precinct used to vote in a different location. Today, the paper ballots are entered into an electronic machine and tabulated. Results are digitally sent to the county. All precincts vote at the Lake Fenton High School.

"We had an election board in five places at churches and schools," Ted said. "Now they have an election board of one set of

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Building Brands

Santa trains sellers

Tis the season for gathering around the fire and watching holiday movies with loved ones. Topping the list of my favorite holiday movies is “A Christmas Story.”

I’m sure you’ve all seen it, but just in case, it’s a holiday tale of a magical Midwest 1940s Christmas. It follows a young boy named Ralphie and his quest to receive a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

Leave it to a brand manager to find work-related lessons in holiday cheer, but watching the movie recently I realized that kids at Christmas can teach us all a few important things when it comes to business:

- **Prepare your pitch:** During Christmas all children become mini sales professionals. They have a goal to achieve and they’ll stop at nothing to make it happen. All sales people could take a cue. Ask any kid what they want for Christmas this year and they’ll be prepared with their pitch.

- **Dream big:** Kids at Christmas — like all sales professionals should — dream big! Be it a BB gun, a puppy or an air hockey table (something I asked for, and to my shock, received one Christmas) no item is too big,

too expensive, too dangerous or too unrealistic.

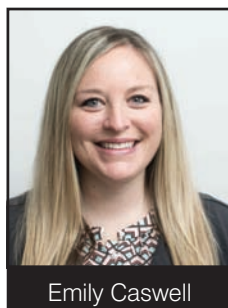
- **Don’t take “no” for an answer:** In “A Christmas Story” when Ralphie’s parents say “no” to the idea of a BB gun with the added (and very famous) explanation “you’ll shoot your eye out!” Ralphie realizes he still has a chance of making his dreams come true with help from Santa. Sure, we adults may not have Santa to fall back on, but there is always someone else we can ask when we hear “no” to a pitch.

- **Think on your feet:** This isn’t related to Christmas, but last summer our little neighbor set up a lemonade stand. He came over and

asked us to buy a cup, I said “sure” only to find that there was a stand, but no lemonade. “No problem” said my neighbor, running into the house and grabbing a can of pop. “I can sell you this.” I happily bought the pop. You can’t stump a kid. They have an answer for everything.

- **Find joy:** Spoiler alert: Ralphie gets the BB gun in the end, but that’s hardly the point of “A Christmas Story.” The reason people love that movie is because seeing Christmas through a kid’s eyes is magical. As the hustle and bustle of this busy seasons sets in, take a note from the kids around you and do your best to find joy in it.

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Emily Caswell

Hotlines

Submit Hot lines online at myfenton.com or text to 810-771-8398

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■■■ **TO THE HOT-LINER** that said the right to say ‘Merry Christmas’ isn’t made up. No, it’s not. I’ve actually had store employees tell me they were not allowed to say Merry CHRISTMAS.

■■■ **GREAT STUFF LAST** weekend for area residents. I gotta say, though, Linden’s parade was the best. Fenton’s was okay, if you’re into fire trucks.

■■■ **DOES IT OCCUR** to Hannah that the reason we have the most economic prosperity is because our government doesn’t confiscate all our income (yet) for distribution to social programs like paid family leave. If you want free college, health care, daycare, etc., say goodbye to all that prosperity.

■■■ **WHY DO PEOPLE** drive on Shiawassee like there is no speed limit and without regard for others? I avoid this and go on Silver Lake or North roads.

■■■ **IF YOU CAN’T** control your aggressive dogs, then please stop walking them downtown. It’s terrifying to be snarled and lunged at while the owners stare at their phones and pretend they don’t notice.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

What’s the most annoying thing people do?



“Not using their turn signal. It’s ridiculous. But that’s it; people have been pretty friendly this year.”

— **Bob Wirostek**
Swartz Creek



“Lack of driving skills. Turn signals or the roundabout. That, and people with lack of facts in the Hot lines.”

— **Lisa Davenport**
Tyron Township



“Some people texting and driving — like in the speed lane of U.S. 23.”

— **Norm Knutson**
Fenton



“Chew gum loudly. I’m very noise sensitive; and it’s rude.”

— **Donna Friesen**
Los Olivos, California



“When someone is grocery shopping and they stop and take up the whole aisle and you can’t get by.”

— **Mike Retzlaff**
Colorado Springs, Colorado

street talk

Our Future

Meet-

Sheridan Goss

- LHS senior
- Snuggle Sacks co-founder
- NHS member

By Hannah Ball

Sheridan Goss, 17, is a senior at Linden High School. Along with her siblings, she's co-founder of Snuggle Sacks, a non-profit that makes survival kits for the homeless, and has been recognized by Youth Service America.

What accomplishment are you most proud?

Accomplishments I am most proud of would be my academics. I have worked really hard to get good grades every year and maintain my high GPA so I could join the National Honor Society.

What do you like to do for fun?

In my free time, I like to go do things with my friends or have a chill night at home with my family, playing games and watching movies.

What type of career possibility excites you?

My dream career would be an FBI profiler or a forensic psychologist.

Do you want to attend college and where?

I do plan to attend college and I plan to go to Saginaw Valley State University.

Do you know what a rotary phone is?

Yes, I do know what a rotary phone is. It is an old-fashioned phone where you had to wait for one number to go all the way around before you could put in the next number.

Would you rather live a week in the past or future, why?

A week in the future so that when I go back to the present, I would know what is going to happen to me. If I didn't like what happened in the future, I would have a way to change it.

What is one thing you would like to do before you graduate?

One thing I would like to do before I graduate is have one big family vacation with both my mom and dad's side of the family since they are divorced, and I've never had a



Photo: VisualPoetry, LLC

If you could time travel, where would you go?

I would go to the 1990s because I like the fashion and music of that time period.

Do you think it's harder to be a teen today than it used to be?

Yes, I do think it is harder to be a teen today because of all the negativity in the press about kids' behavior and how adults sometimes say that "kids these days" as if teens now are entitled and rude just because of one story.

What superpower would you like to have?

If I were a superhero I would like to have the superpower of invisibility.

What are two things you couldn't live without, and why?

Two things that I could not live without are my dog and my best friend.

Do you want to stay in Michigan? If not, where would you like to live?

Kind of. I would love to stay close to family but I also hate the cold so I really want to live somewhere warm and no winter.

If you were given \$1,000 to donate what/who would you donate it too? I would split it between multiple homeless shelters because I am passionate about helping the homeless since I run my own nonprofit, Snuggle Sacks — Resources for the Homeless.

Snuggle Sacks is featured in "Unselfish Kids," a book published by Unselfish Stories, LLC, which features charities and organizations spearheaded by children across the world. It's written by Paul Parkinson and Sammie Parkinson. It can be ordered at Fenton's Open Book.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

12-YEAR-OLD STRUCK BY SUV NEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL IN HARTLAND

On Monday, Dec. 16, at approximately 2:45 p.m., deputies with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a vehicle versus pedestrian injury accident near 3250 Hartland Road, Ore Creek Middle School in Hartland Township. The investigation revealed a 12-year-old student was crossing the road in the crosswalk. The student crossed in between two stopped buses in the northbound lane. As the student crossed the southbound lane of travel, they crossed in front of a Chevrolet Colorado driven by a Howell woman. The driver of the Colorado was unable to stop and struck the student. The student sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to the University of Michigan Hospital by Livingston County EMS. The student was found at fault and no tickets were issued. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority and Livingston County EMS.

TEEN ARRESTED AFTER HOME INVASION IN ROSE TOWNSHIP

Michigan State Police Metro Detroit troopers responded to the 17000 block of Fish Lake Road in Rose Township for a home invasion in progress at 4:50 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 16. When troopers arrived, the homeowner was restraining a male suspect who had jumped through a plate glass window into the home. The suspect, an 18-year-old male, was under the effects of narcotics and appeared to be in a form of excited delirium, according to tweets by MSP Metro Detroit. Further investigation revealed that the homeowner heard noises outside his son's window and went outside to check. As he did, the suspect jumped into his son's room through the plate glass window. The suspect was transported to a local hospital for cuts from the window and later lodged at the county jail. Troopers were able to locate the home where the suspect came from and learned the suspect had taken several different types of narcotics. The remainder of the suspected narcotics were seized and a separate investigation is continuing on the person who supplied them to the suspect. No others were injured in the incident. Charges are pending the prosecutor's office review. Oakland County Sheriff's deputies assisted.

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Setting bonds in criminal cases — Part II

The pilot program is intended to help with bond decisions by supplying certain information to the judge so that the risks involved in allowing a defendant's release can be assessed using evidence based practices.

The tool, which is used to accomplish this, is called a Public Safety Assessment (PSA) which is designed to predict the probability of a defendant, if on release awaiting trial, failing to come back to court, committing a new criminal offense, or a new violent criminal offense. If any of these events occur, it is considered a "pretrial failure."

The PSA is in addition to other factors that a judge is to consider

when setting a bond under statute and court rule.

It was developed by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation after analyzing 1.5 million cases from more than 300 jurisdictions and uses a combination of nine separate risk factors based on a defendant's age, prior history of not appearing in court, prior criminal record and the pending charge(s).

The information on the defendant's history is obtained from three different records sources to ensure that all Michigan and out-of-state criminal convictions are included.

Each factor is assigned a point value. The points are then added up to determine the risk of a pretrial failure. The higher the total score the higher the risk.

After all the data has been obtained and scored for eligible defendants, a recommendation is made for one of four bond release levels ranging from a

very restrictive release (including such things as tether, periodic reporting back to court, curfews, court reminders, and other requirements), all the way down to minimally restrictive conditions.

Statistics will be kept for each of the five participating courts. The initial results of the pilot program are expected to be announced in the fall of next year.

Bond or bail reform has both its supporters and detractors.

An example of this is found in New York where a new bail reform law, which has not received universal support, goes into effect Jan. 1, 2020 eliminating money bail in virtually all misdemeanor, non-violent felony, and some violent felony cases.

For more information on bond reform, a good starting point is the collection of articles at the Marshall Project website at themarshallproject.org.

Part I was published Wednesday, Dec. 11.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

BRAND NAME DRUG prices continue to rise at record levels. The 12 top-selling name brand drugs in the U.S. have increased in cost by 68 percent since 2012, and a top-selling name brand arthritis drug costs \$58,000 a year, which is more than the average annual income in Michigan. Executive greed.

THE DEMOCRATS HAVE never been able to accept the 2016 election and have been pushing our country into a further divide. They have pushed us to the brink of a civil war, which they fail to realize will be their final loss. We all need to wake up and work together to preserve our great country.

HEY LIVINGSTON COUNTY roads, what's the definition of Center Road? It means drive in the center of both lanes to avoid all the potholes. Fix the d#\$n roads, please.

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Early Christmas gift presented to Hurley NICU preemies

■ Fenton Township native makes tiny fleece blankets to help the littlest survive and thrive in warmth

By Sally Rummel

When Craig and Lindsay (Hensler) Huppertz had their daughter, Kyleigh, a month premature on July 28 at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, she was in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for only four days before being allowed to go home.

Weighing exactly 6 pounds at birth, Kyleigh towered over the tiniest preemies. But those four days of seeing very ill babies in the NICU made a lasting impression on this first-time mom.

"Some of the preemies had blankets to keep them even warmer in an incubator," said Lindsay, daughter of Fred and Tracy Hensler of Fenton Township. "They were able to take the blankets home with them when they left the hospital. Most preemies stay there until their original due date."

When Lindsay and Craig returned home to Midland with Kyleigh after only four days, she knew she wanted to do something to help other babies and their families. She decided to make preemie blankets when they got home.

Lindsay put a post on Facebook asking for donations and ended up making 52 fleece tie preemie blankets in all. It took her about 15 to 20 hours to make them, a small price to pay to help other babies in the NICU, she said.

Lindsay, with 5-month-old Kyleigh in tow, delivered the blankets to the Hurley NICU on Thursday, Dec. 12 and was thrilled with the reaction from staff and other preemie families. "Four babies left the NICU that day, and were able to take their blankets home with them," Lindsay said.



Five-month-old Kyleigh Huppertz, the first grandchild of Fenton Township residents Fred and Tracy Hensler, is surrounded by 52 preemie fleece tie blankets made by her mom, Lindsay Huppertz, for the Hurley Medical Center Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Flint. **Submitted photo**

MILLWRIGHT

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Hard Hats is new and Koledo is its first director. He started in February. Before that, Michigan was part of the national organization with a regional director with up to 10 states in his jurisdiction. Only New York and Minnesota have their own statewide programs.

Koledo said he's the "boots on the ground" liaison between the three groups, and much is facilitated via profiles online.

"There's a huge need in the construction skilled trades right now," Koledo said. This is because of retiring workers and an increase in projects.

Contractors, trade unions and service members all create profiles on the website. Contractors post about what workers are needed and when, and the service members are able to look at what is available.

Recently, Joe Ferguson of Montrose began his career as a plumber/pipefitter working with Goyette Mechanical and union Local 370. He'll be paid a wage and start his career and training immediately in a three-to-five year apprenticeship. He can enhance his income with the GI Bill.

It's an opportunity Ferguson said wouldn't have been available without Helmets to Hardhats. Without this program, Ferguson likely would have stayed as a helper at Goyette, a non-union and non-skilled labor position.

"I'm pretty excited to get started," Ferguson said. "I didn't think it was going to be this quick."

Ferguson did attain his position quicker than average. An average is six to 12 months, or at the most, a couple years.

Ferguson was a Navy quartermaster. He served for five years. He thinks the advantage of hiring a veteran is that they've already had to go through the training, which instilled discipline and respect.

Trade unions and contractors

can have difficulty filling some basic positions, because some workers show up late, have drug abuse issues or aren't able to handle hard work. Koledo said discipline, teamwork and a focus on safety are requirements of the construction zone and traits trained into active military. "The military and construction career go hand-in-hand with that jobsite mentality," he said.

Koledo said the program and his position are funded through a special Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) grant to the Michigan Building and Construction Trade Council.

The national website has helped more than 450 veterans to be linked to apprenticeships in 2019.

HOT LINE

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REP. ELISSA SLOTKIN (D-Holly) and Rep. Haley Stevens (D-Troy) resolve to place their constitutional responsibilities ahead of their political careers was critical in convincing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who had long counseled against impeachment, that the president's lawlessness could no longer be ignored.

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REAL TREE SALES

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of Westland cut it and then they all rode back on the trailer. Jeffrey loaded it up with nursery employee Tyler Petts.

While Christmas trees are mostly the same as they've ever been, people are buying them earlier in the year, and starting to buy bigger again.

Branching Out co-owner Art Vance said sales of 13-foot Fraser Firs increased

by 20 percent. The time of the year for sales is also shifting.

Co-owner Dave Petts said they sold 10 trees before Thanksgiving, which he said has never happened before. The peak used to be this past weekend — mid-December, but now it's closer to Thanksgiving. They also see sales first thing in the morning, which was rare in previous years.

Vance said Fraser Fir trees are still the top seller, but they also grow Concolor (white) Firs, which are becoming more popular. These are brighter, smaller trees according to the National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA).

Vance said these have to be protected from the deer until they're harvested.

Business is strong, but there is still a shortage of taller trees in the industry overall because of the recession a decade ago. There were fewer trees planted in that time and because trees grow 1 foot per year, tall trees have not caught up in height yet after the recession.

Christmas tree facts

- 32.8 million natural Christmas trees were purchased in 2018; on average the survey participants reported they paid \$78 for a real tree in 2018.

- 23.6 million new artificial trees were purchased in 2018, which cost \$104 on average.

- Overall sales are up 20 percent in 2018.

Source: National Christmas Tree Association



(Above) Jeffrey Sweeney of Westland finishes loading up father Dan's tree on Saturday, Dec. 14. (Left) Sweeney trims dead branches from the Fraser Fir he cut down. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

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DAM

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but the dam is still broken.

Argentine Township Supervisor Brian Saad said he's in communication with the GCRC and the state to look for options to repair the gate.

"The dam has triple redundancy," he said. "There are two doors and the sleuth."

However, the one remaining gate is slower than the broken eastern gate, and they don't want to rely on the sleuth too much.

Saad said the dam should work for the next year.

Alexander Patsy, programming and development engineer for the GCRC, said they're actively exploring options to find the best way to fix it. The cost will depend on what work is done, whether they only fix the gate operator or do more upgrades and major repairs. Patsy estimates it could cost tens of thousands of dollars or hundreds of thousands.

A new dam would could cost upward of \$5 million. Together, the bridge and dam are nearing 100 years in age.

TED GOUPIL

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people that manages the whole thing. It's so simpler now."

Assessing and mapping has changed. Municipalities now use satellite data for mapping properties. The township used to have paper cards with hand-drawn houses and lines on them, done by a part-time assessor. Now, an entire department handles this. Genesee County still maintains the roads, but it will not repave local streets, such as subdivisions.

Fenton Township still contracts with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office for police services, but the fire department has grown from a one-station operation with part time firefighters and three trucks into a two-station department with about eight trucks. Ted said there used to be an issue with houses on the west side not getting proper coverage.

Mark said his father is still "pretty involved. He still knows more about this stuff than I do," adding he keeps Ted up to date on township issues.

"He's chairman of public

safety committee," Ted said about Mark. "He's been a fireman and he's been a police officer for 20 years. He's been a paramedic for 20 years. I can't think of anybody who would have those qualifications to serve as public safety director in this township or city."

For a while, Ted missed being on the board, but now he doesn't miss the long meetings. He also was the principal of West Shore Elementary from 1979 to 1988, and they had a program where Santa brought presents to needy children. Ted was Santa one year and ended up attending a township meeting in the costume.

Mark remembers that day. He attributes his start on the board partly to his father.

"I came home from work one day, dad's in the driveway and said, 'hey, Fenton Township elections are coming up, you want to run?' I said no. He said, 'give it a shot, see what it's about.' So I ran. Most of the people think they were voting for him," Mark said. "Everybody knows Ted Goupil."

Ryan leads Fenton at Battle of Bavaria tournament

By David Troppens

Kendra Ryan is more than just a quality female wrestler on the Fenton varsity wrestling squad.

Ryan is proving to be one of the top performers on the team regardless of gender.

On Saturday, she was the team's top wrestler, earning an individual

championship at the Battle of Bavaria at Frankenmuth High School, Ryan helped the Tigers to a fourth-place team finish in the 14-team tournament.

Ryan pinned all three of her opponents to earn the 103 weight class title.

Dylan Beverly (145) also made it to

the championship round, but he ended up finishing in second. Beverly went 3-1 with two pinfall victories.

Lukas Zywicki (189) placed third with two pinfall while Ella Turnblom (112) and Jason Church (152) also took fourth.

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Fenton starts strong, falls to Swartz Creek

By Dale M. Smith

Swartz Creek — The Fenton varsity boys basketball team opened the 2019-20 season on the road at Swartz Creek Friday night. They started strong but faltered in the second half before falling to the host Dragons, 63-54.

The Tigers came out on fire with senior Trent DeGayner and Addison McIntosh each dropping three 3-pointers in the first eight minutes of play. That sharpshooting combined with six steals, three in first the 1:30 of the game, led to the Tigers leading 22-16 at the end of the first quarter.

Fenton climbed ahead to a 29-20 margin before the taller Dragons worked the paint for some easy baskets and cut the lead to only three at 29-26. An Alec Kussro three made it 32-26. Fenton led at the break, 36-32.

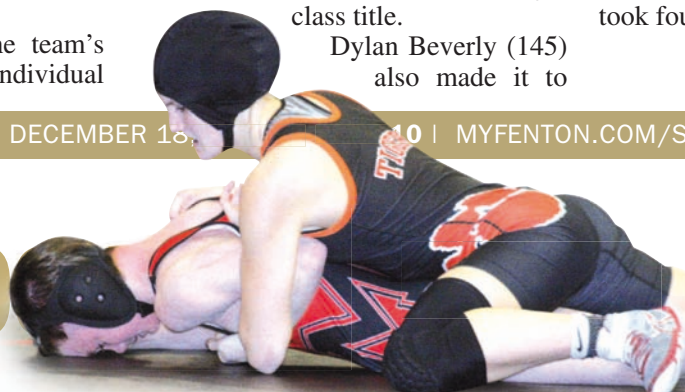
A big problem for the Tigers was the foul trouble for DeGayner. The Tigers' guard had to sit halfway through the second quarter with three fouls. If that was not enough trouble for the visitors, he then picked up his fourth foul at the 7:10 mark of the third quarter. Creek took advantage.

The Dragons finally pulled ahead at the 3:25 mark of the third quarter at 41-40. A three from Creek junior Terrian Armstrong then made it 44-40. The Dragons never trailed again as Fenton could come no closer than three points in the final stanza.

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Fenton's Kendra Ryan (top) took first place in her weight class at the Battle of Bavaria wrestling meet.
Times file photo

Eagles sneak past upset-minded Bronchos

By David Troppens

Holly — The Linden varsity boys basketball team is experiencing something no Eagles' team has experienced since December 1994.

The Eagles are learning what it feels like to be a defending league champion.

The Holly Bronchos, who finished seventh out of nine teams in the Metro standings a year ago, showed the Eagles that it's likely they'll see teams playing some of their best basketball in contests against Linden. The Bronchos showed they weren't intimidated and led for large chunks of the game before losing to the Eagles 53-47 Friday at Holly High School.

The Eagles struggled mightily. Linden converted on just 18-of-58 shots and never made a trip to the

free-throw line in the opening half. Meanwhile, Holly made a much more efficient 18-of-40 shots from the field, but 25 turnovers ended up being their nemesis.

Holly led 39-33 entering the fourth quarter, and the lead grew to 42-33 on a three-pointer by Ryan Ortiz. However, Linden played its best basketball in the final quarter and quickly cut into the gap. Brenden Miller converted two free throws and about 90 seconds later Blake Lund assisted Eli Beil's three-pointer. The Holly lead was just 44-38.

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Linden and Holly players collide during a battle for the ball inside the paint. The Eagles defeated the Bronchos 53-47. Photo: Mark Bolen



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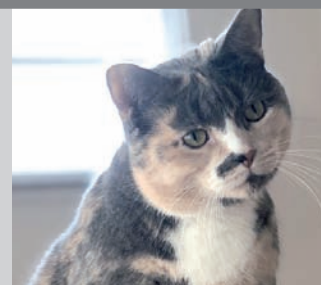


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Tooley's play leads Bronchos past Linden Eagles, 50-41

By David Troppens

Holly — Emma Tooley and the rest of the Holly varsity girls basketball team had one goal on Friday.

The Bronchos wanted to give their first-year coach Ben Varner a victory against the team he coached just a couple of seasons ago.

Consider the mission accomplished.

Tooley seemingly scored every pivotal point the Bronchos recorded, leading Holly to a 50-41 home Metro League victory against the Linden Eagles at Holly High School.

"We came in here really pumped because our coach used to coach them, so we wanted to come out and beat them and show them our coach is amazing," said Tooley, who scored 20 points. "It was a good night. Coach really had us pumped up for this game, for sure."

"It was our first win of the season, my first here at Holly and we beat Linden. It's pretty special," Varner said. "There was a lot of stress today, but it was fun."

It was a close game throughout and the Eagles certainly were competitive. It seemed every time the Eagles made a run, Tooley responded back. With Holly leading just 10-6 after one quarter, Tooley opened the second quarter with back-to-

back scores. First, she scored on a driving layup. Then she recorded a steal, drove to the hoop and scored the layup while being fouled. She converted the free throw, raising Holly's lead to 15-6. From that point on, the Eagles never took the lead. A layin by Hunter Weeder enabled the Bronchos to take a 19-11 lead into the second half.

Linden opened the third quarter on fire, with Jordan Peterson hitting a three-pointer and Alex-cis Parker making a driving layup. Holly's lead was just 19-16. However, Tooley's driving layup raised the gap to 21-16. Later in the quarter, she converted a free throw and a three-point play on back-to-back possessions, enabling the Bronchos to take a 27-21 lead. About a minute later, Tooley dished a pass to Hanna Covert for a layup. The Bronchos led 29-21.

However, Linden made another run. A layup by Kelsey McLennan, a putback hoop by Delanie Prince and a layup by McLennan cut the Holly lead to 29-27. Holly entered the final quarter leading just 30-27.

Again, Tooley came up big, hitting back-to-back driving layups to start the fourth quarter, raising Holly's lead to 34-27. From that point, the Eagles were unable to cut the gap any closer than six.

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Holly's Emma Tooley (left) and a couple of Linden players, one being Kate Brown (right), battle for the ball in the Bronchos' 50-41 victory. Photo: Mark Bolen



Holly's Nathan Young (top) is undefeated so far this season. He's pictured here during a match from last season. Times file photo

Holly wrestlers showing steady progress at first two events

By David Troppens

First-year Holly varsity wrestling coach Zachary Wood is learning about his new team.

And while squads always want to see more progress, the Bronchos are working hard and their new coach is pleased by their efforts.

Holly opened its season with a double-dual against Montrose and Bay City

John Glenn on Dec. 11 and then competed at the Greenville Team Tournament.

At the double-dual, the Bronchos defeated John Glenn 42-39 and lost to Montrose. At Greenville, the Bronchos defeated Fruitport 53-24, and Gull Lake 43-33 but lost to Greenville 42-39, Chippewa Hills 42-30 and Caledonia 44-33.

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Blue Devils lose another late-game heartbreaker

By David Troppens

For the second straight game, the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team led for most of the contest, looked poised to get a victory, but then saw it taken away in the final moments.

In the first game it was a tough loss at Kearsley High School. On Friday, it was a late-game shot by Corunna.

The Blue Devils lost 63-61 at Corunna High School.

"It was just like our first game, but this time they took the lead twice and we responded twice," first-year Josh Fox said. "It was a matter of just doing some of the little things that help you win games. On Saturday we cancelled our shoot-around and had the boys watch. They learned they have to go to the ball instead of waiting for a pass late. ... Seeing it helped them.

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Lake Fenton's Matt Turgeon (right) scored 18 points against Corunna on Friday. Photo: David Troppens

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Holly swimmers capture first win of season

The Holly varsity boys swimming and diving team has posted its first win of the season. The Bronchos used its strong depth to earn a 93-70 victory against Notre Dame Prep.

The Bronchos were able to use their

greater depth to earn the victory. Holly also had four first-place finishes.

The Bronchos' 200 freestyle relay team of Drew Hignite, Dean Krueger, Emilio Perez and Zachary Rockafellow earned a first with a time of 1:53.41.

LF's Maron wins event title at wrestling event

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team opened its tournament season at the Don Johnson Wrestling Invitational, and had five wrestlers place.

Lake Fenton finished 11th out of 18 teams with Zolen Maron earning

the top performance. Maron won the 215 weight class with a 3-0 mark. He won his title match against Ithaca's Chance McCormack by pinfall. He also won his other two matches by pinfall.

Fenton cheer places seventh at CCCAM invite

The Fenton varsity competitive cheer team opened its regular season at the CCCAM Invitational at Walled Lake High School and had solid results.

The squad took seventh among 12 teams. Five of those squads were Division 1 teams. Fenton, a D2 squad, placed fifth out of the teams in its own division.

Griffins' hockey loses tight verdict vs. Davison

The Fenton/Linden co-op varsity hockey team opened the season with a 4-1 loss against Davison.

The Griffins faced off against the Cardinals for the second time this sea-

son, and still lost, but were a threat to win the game right until the end, losing 5-3.

The contest was just 4-3 late when Davison scored on an empty-net goal.

Fenton girls open Metro with loss vs. Creek

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team is still trying to figure out itself as the young season continues.

The Tigers fell to 0-4 with a 44-36 loss at Swartz Creek in Fenton's first

Metro League contest of the season.

The Tigers' offense struggled in the first two quarters, scoring just six points in each period. Kyla Lynch scored six of the Tigers' 12 first-half points.

LF girls basketball loses in overtime vs. Corunna

It was a heartbreaker for the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team Friday night.

The Blue Devils lost a 60-57 overtime road contest at Corunna High School.

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BOYS BOWLING

► **Fenton 17, Clio 13:** The Tigers were led by Tate Temrowski's strong 210-216-426 two-game series, while Petyon Jackson had a 203-145-349 series. Andrew Hutchings bowled a 179 while Brandon Davis bowled a 163 game. Hunter Wheeler rolled a 162 game.

► **Kearsley 29, Holly 1:** Justin Malory led the Bronchos with a 219-216-

435 series.

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Kearsley 28, Holly 2:** Emily Sorter and Kaitlyn Allison had 341 series scores for Holly. Allison had games of 196 and 145 while Emily Sorter had games of 136 and 205.

► **Clio def. Fenton:** The Tigers were paced by Abbey Lamb's 151-128-279 series while Avery Logan had a 142 game.

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Obituaries

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Carolyn F. Berkey

1937-2019

Carolyn F. Berkey - age 82, of Fenton, died Tuesday, December 17, 2019 in her home. Family will receive friends Friday, December 20, 3 - 5 PM and 6 - 9 PM with 6:30 PM Time of Remembrance at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Following church visitation at 10 AM, Funeral Service will be held Saturday, December 21, 11 AM at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Rd, Fenton. Interment will follow in Colwell Cemetery, Fenton. In lieu of flowers please consider contributions to CRU Ministries (give.cru.org) for the work of Duane and Martha Conrad, or to a missionary outreach of your preference. Carolyn was born September 19, 1937 to Roscoe and Ruth (Boyer) Weibel in Beverly, Bell County, KY. Carolyn was raised in the Kentucky mountains on the various grounds of the Red Bird Mission where her family ministered. By age three Carolyn was learning to play piano which inspired her desire to accompany singers in the church. She joined her sisters at North Central College, Naperville, IL and graduated with a major in Music Education and minor in English, and there met her husband Robert L. Berkey of Bourbon, IN. Bob and Carolyn were married in Beverly, KY on August 1, 1959. She served with Bob as he pastored United Presbyterian churches in Orleans, IN, Morristown, TN, and Larwill, IN. In 1973



they moved to Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Fenton. Carolyn participated in church, school, community singing groups, and music ensembles of many kinds as a vocalist and as an accompanist on piano and organ. She was faithful in prayer, never wanting to focus on herself, but always pointing people to the Lord. She enjoyed

gardening, sewing baby blankets, loving her family, being a trusted friend, and sending birthday greetings. As the foundation of congregational singing at Tyrone Church for over 45 years Carolyn fulfilled her goal to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." She is survived by her son, Brian (Betsy) Berkey of Fenton; daughters, Cheryl (Kirk) Clement of Milford, Drs. Donna (David) Lowry of Holland; grandchildren, Carl, Lydia, Marcus and Eva Berkey, Allison (Andrew) Mack, Rebecca (David) Olson, Hannah (Kyle) Jacobs, Isaac and Seth Clement, William, Samuel and Jonathan Lowry; great-granddaughters, Mia, Gabriella, and Evelyn; brother-in-law, Alan Carlson of Highland, IN, brother-in-law, Robert (Sharon) Giles of Royal Oak; sister-in-law, Francis Berkey of Bourbon, IN, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and three sisters (Miriam, Lorraine, and Ruth). Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Stuart J. Knickerbocker

1925-2019

Stuart J. Knickerbocker - age 94, of East Lansing, formerly of Fenton and Grand Blanc, died Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Born March 10, 1925 in Flint, Stuart was the son of Francis Edward and Pauline (Button) Knickerbocker of Mt. Morris. Stu was a graduate of St. Mary's Catholic High School in Mt. Morris and a 1951 graduate of Michigan State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Stu served as a pharmacist's mate in the United States Navy on LST 467 in the Pacific Theater in World War II. Stu married M. Ellen Piggott December 29, 1951, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mt. Morris. Stu was a substitute teacher in Detroit before he began his career in commercial art at the Jam Handy Organization in Detroit. He spent most of his career at Portafilms in Drayton Plains, where he animated commercial and educational films, and television commercials, including an ad for National Coney Island in Detroit. After retirement in the late 1980s, he did freelance animation for the Bill Sandy Corporation in Troy. Stu and Ellen lived in Detroit, Huntington Woods and Birmingham before building their dream house, which Stu designed, in Fenton. There, they raised their children, Matthew, James and Susan. Stu enjoyed skiing, and designed additions to the lodge at Kandahar Ski Club in Fenton. He was a member of the National Ski Patrol and a certified ski instructor and started the ski school at Kandahar. He also helped design ski trails and runs at the club



and was for many years on its board of directors. Stu self-published a memoir, a mystery novel and two cartoon books. Stu began painting in his youth, continuing to create various styles of abstracts the rest of his life. He was an avid golfer, and participated in track at St. Mary's, often joking that he held a school record, only because it closed a year after his accomplishment. Stu liked to perform magic tricks with cards and string, and loved meeting new friends. Stu was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Ellen; parents, F.E. and Polly Knickerbocker; sister, Barbara Knickerbocker; brothers and sisters-in-law Bruce and Jewell Knickerbocker, and Joseph and Marian Knickerbocker; sister-in-law Nayda Sanquist; and brother-in-law Donald Piggott. He is survived by his children, Matthew (Adrienne Thompson) Knickerbocker of Bethel, CT, James (Linda) Knickerbocker of Lathrup Village, and daughter, Susan (Matthew) Field of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren, Alyssa (Jeff Steele) Knickerbocker of Suquamish, WA and Devin (fiance, Kristen Spitaletta) of Seattle, WA; great-grandchildren, Rowan Steele, Remy Steele and Mari Knickerbocker of Suquamish; nieces and nephews, Beverly Knickerbocker, Sharon (John) Gunnels, Nancy (John) Lamers, Mark (Mary) Sanquist, Skip Sanquist, and Debra, Tom, David, Mike and Greg Knickerbocker. Stu will be interred with Ellen at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. A memorial service and one-man art show is being planned for a later date. To leave a condolence for the family or to sign the online guest book please visit www.CharlesRLux.com.

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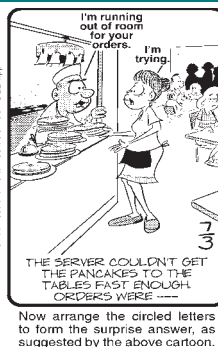
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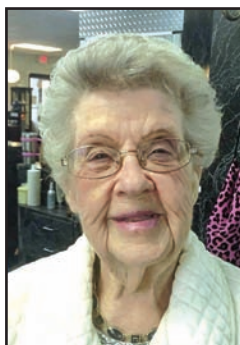
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Georgia Lou Rose

1927-2019

Georgia Lou Rose - age 92, of Fenton, died Sunday, December 15, 2019. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Thursday, December 19, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Rd., Swartz Creek with Pastor Tim Hobson officiating. Interment will follow at Flint Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held 5 - 8 PM Wednesday and 11 AM - 1 PM Thursday at the funeral home.



Georgia was born October 16, 1927 in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Ira T. and Sylva (Lynn) Wright. She was raised a minister's daughter, she and her siblings traveled in a church band, the Traveling Wrights. She played the piano and accordion. Georgia married Arnold "Tom" Rose and he preceded her in death in 1993. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting but mostly loved spending time with her family. Surviving are five children, James (Diane) Hanna, Cheryl (Dutch) West, Tom (Sharon) Rose, Cindy (Ed) Breeding, Penny (Dallas) Robinson; 15 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Richard (Sue) Wright, David Wright and Phillip Wright. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Rose; daughter, Brenda Hamp; siblings, Bruce Wright, Byron Wright, and Ruth Johnson; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Horoscopes

For the week of
December 16, 2019

ARIES Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, a chance encounter with an old acquaintance drums up feelings you didn't know you had. Even if these feelings are muted, you can still acknowledge them.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, it is up to you to initiate action over the next several days. The situation may be uncomfortable, but you will be able to handle it.

GEMINI May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, a difference of opinion with a professional colleague surfaces in the coming days. Recognize that you both have the same goal and work together.

CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

The next few days will be all about having a good time, Cancer. Others may try to steer you elsewhere, but you are set on enjoying yourself.

LEO Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, many things are beyond your control. However, one place where you can take action concerns your personal health. Schedule a well visit soon.

VIRGO Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, close friends will keep you very busy for the next few days. That will come in handy because you could use a distraction from what's currently on your plate.

LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23

Do not allow impulsive behavior to rule your week, Libra. You need to exercise caution when making decisions over the next several days because they can have a large impact.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Others cannot quite figure you out lately, Scorpio. It is good to have an air of mystery about you. Keeping everyone guessing may give you a slight advantage.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may resist a social engagement initially because it has been such a busy season. Soon you may come around and be open to a few more parties.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, if you are thinking about a career change, take a step back and give this decision considerable thought. Look for hints as to the direction you should go.

AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, do not surround yourself with negative thought patterns, which could hinder your success. Better to stay positive and embrace those who share your outlook.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

With eyes on the future and resolutions, now might be the perfect time to go back to school or gain extra skills applicable to your career, Pisces.

Midweek Sudoku

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Answers in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Netting
- 5 Personal question
- 8 Grouch
- 12 Liniment target
- 13 Chop
- 14 Firetruck need
- 15 Barbecue fuel
- 17 One side of the Urals
- 18 Glutton
- 19 Prune
- 20 Skill
- 21 Police officer
- 22 Has potential
- 23 Should, with "to"
- 26 Assail persistently
- 30 Entreaty
- 31 "Delish!"
- 32 Small wagon
- 33 Breastbone
- 35 "It's minel"
- 36 Diving bird
- 37 Two, in Tijuana
- 38 Pamphlet
- 41 Raw rock
- 42 Pair of performers
- 45 Laugh-a-minute
- 46 Entrancing
- 48 Teen's woe
- 49 Ginormous
- 50 Eastern bigwig (Var.)
- 51 Equal

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| 52 "Help!" | 10 "Yeah, right" | 35 No stay-at-home |
| 53 Maravich of basketball lore | 11 Defeat | 37 Hauls |
| | 16 Coagulate | 38 Snare |
| | 20 Rotating part | 39 Kind of pudding |
| | 21 Role | 40 Top-rated |
| | 22 Off-tattooed word | 41 Major U.S. river |
| | 23 Chances, for short | 42 FDR's on it |
| | 24 Last (Abbr.) | 43 One |
| | 25 "Gosh!" | 44 Shrek, for instance |
| | 26 Vagrant | 46 Letterman's employer |
| | 27 Upper limb | 47 Paper equivalent of a GPS? |
| | 28 Aries | |
| | 29 Coloring agent | |
| | 31 Opposite of 31-Across? | |
| | 34 Eccentric | |


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