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Prosecutor charges students for threats

■ Eleven Genesee County students, including one at Linden High School, could face up to 20 years in prison

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has charged 11 local middle and high school students with making threats to shoot up their schools in the wake of the tragedy last week at Oxford High School and investigations continue into several other incidents.

Each of the students are charged as juveniles with the crime of false report or threat of terrorism, which is a 20-year felony. Some of the students face additional charges, including use of a computer to commit a crime, a 20-year felony, and intentional threat to commit



David Leyton
Genesee County
prosecutor

an act of violence against a school, school employees or students, a misdemeanor.

As reported last week, one of the students, a 17-year-old student of Flint Southwestern Classical Academy, was charged after she made and posted a rap-style video to social media in which she said she was going to shoot up the school "like Oxford." Since that

first charge, six other students have been charged with similar acts, most involving threats posted on social media or communicated verbally to others or in text messages.

There are six other incidents that remain pending while police investigations and prosecutor review continue.

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Diamond Club makes \$20,000 donation

■ Euchre card club from Linden/Fenton area gives early Christmas present to Whaley's Children Center

By Sharon Stone

What started out as a group of women putting in their donations to support a local charity during their Diamond Club Christmas party turned into a generous Christmas gift for Whaley Children's Center in Flint.

Diamond Club member Linda Hamilton of Linden said her Euchre club, the Diamond Club, recently held their Christmas

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Canines trained by Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs and their handlers greet people during Linden's Holiday Happening festivities Friday, Dec. 3. Marianna Ziegler-Hickey (middle), vice president at MMTD, said they have handlers across the state that go into schools, attend community events and visit elderly people in assisted living facilities. See story on page 3. Photo: Hannah Ball

City approves urgent repairs

■ To reline cracked fiberglass holding tank at water treatment plant

By Sharon Stone

During its work session Monday, Dec. 6, Fenton City Council approved urgent repairs to the sodium hydroxide bulk holding tank at the city's water treatment plant.

On Nov. 18, council originally approved a quote from Tri-Clor, a specialty tank company, for a cost of \$3,400. The company's quote at that time was based on being able to inspect and repair the tank in one visit.

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“Parents, our kids are watching us very closely on how we handle the Oxford High School shooting. They might not show their fear, but we have to be aware of their emotions, words, communications and more so that they will grow up to be strong and loving parents someday too.”

“I opened my front door last night to the sound of beautiful voices — Christmas carolers from a local church. At a time when it feels as though everything is wrong in this world, what a pleasant and welcome surprise. Thank you.”



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Organization spreads ‘fur therapy’ across the state

■Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs trains dozens of handlers and canines every year

By Hannah Ball

Linden — The furriest and happiest therapists in the state most likely graduated from Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs (MMTD).

Marianna Ziegler-Hickey, vice president at MMTD, said fur therapy inspires everything from utter joy to wonderment, and it helps de-stress an environment. “It creates an intangible bond between humans and dogs, and it reaches people and builds bridges. It’s a therapy that humans can’t provide but dogs can,” she said.

They recently attended the Linden Holiday Happening Frosty Parade, where nine handlers and their canines at the Linden Fire Hall talked with event goers and let children pet their well-behaved dogs.

Three students from Linden recently graduated from the fall therapy dog program with their animals. The ceremony was held at Goodrich United Methodist Church on Thursday, Nov. 18, which is also their



Children pet Teddy, 2½, who recently graduated from Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs with his handler Tracey Head, at Linden’s Holiday Happening last week. They graduated from the program Nov. 18. Photo: Hannah Ball



training facility.

Linden resident Tracey Head, who’s in school for social work, went through the program with her golden retriever Teddy, 2½, and graduated in November.

Attending the Linden parade was their first event post graduation.

“People love it. Somebody sees a dog and they’re like ‘oh my god.’ It’s the best thing. I think it’s amazing and awesome. I look forward to going into the school and out in the community,” she said.

MMTD, a nonprofit, has 152 teams of handlers and canines that serve area schools, airports, medical facilities, See **FUR THERAPY** on 18

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David's dabbings

It's that time of year again that a decent amount of the population dreads — It's Christmas shopping time.

Most people enjoy just about everything else Christmas represents. They love the family get-togethers, the music, the TV specials and the time off from school.

But one part of the holiday can be dreadful — the shopping part. Of course, there are people that love going shopping. I love shopping for my wife, Anna. It's fun because I enjoy seeing her get excited for the gifts. And she's one of these people that would rather have 10 smaller things than just one big thing. She loves it when we spread out opening the gifts over a handful of days. Maybe, start with a gift Dec. 23 and keep giving a couple every few hours until Christmas. But Anna is my wife so she's relatively easy to buy gifts for. She's also not critical, pretty much loving anything she gets. I'm lucky.

But that's not true for everyone I purchase gifts for. Dad and mom can be super challenging. For my dad, he has plenty of interests, but they are so well developed over decades of doing those interests, someone like me isn't going to go and find something that really enhances those hobbies. What I'd find would be a first-grade edition of a hobby that he's advanced to being a graduate student. My mom is just as tough. She does a lot of crafts, but if we aren't careful we'll find ourselves buying some craft projects for something she quit doing six months ago and has since moved



David Troppens
Sports Editor

The challenge of finding Christmas gifts

on to some other craft project.

I have gotten a little better, certainly with my dad. Why? I think I found something that pretty much will always put a smile on his face — a couple of cases of craft beer. Anyone who loves beer will always have a smile on their face when they see beer as a present. So this is my first tip for anyone desperate for gift ideas. If the

person is a beer drinker, you can't go wrong with craft beer.

Another tip, if you share a computer, and someone purchases a lot of stuff on shopping sites, go to them and check the list of "recently seen" stuff. If it wasn't you looking at it, then you know it was someone else in the family.

Our Street Talk question asked what do guys like for Christmas a few editions ago.

I like getting essential items. I hate buying that garbage, and if I get it from someone else, all the better. Second, sporting event tickets are a great idea if he's a sports fan. Pick a day the person usually has off, and buy some tickets in advance.

Finally, I don't know if this is true for others, but I love to have something trivial that kind of reminds me of my youth that I can actually use throughout those holiday days. So if that means and old-fashioned Mattel hand-held battery operated football or baseball game or a hand-held battery operated Yahtzee game, I'll love it. It'll keep everyone at the party obsessed on it for the next six hours.

But, really, I think the biggest issue with a lot of us is we sweat it out worse than we need to. In most cases, the people we purchase gifts for aren't going to be overly critical. So, if one just shows some thought, you will be just fine.



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IT'S TIME TO put away the digital devices and get out the old-fashioned board games. It's time to create family bonding and memories. It's time to laugh. You just might find this will be the best time spent with your parents, grandparents, kids and grandkids.

MY WIFE AND I thoroughly enjoyed this year's Jinglefest. Being new to the area, we weren't sure what to expect, but the event itself made us feel like we belong to this community. Such a wonderful event.

I WANT TO thank the person that found my credit card in Alpine's parking lot and was kind enough to turn it in to the store. I was really stressed when I found it missing. I hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday season. You sure made mine. I love this small town.

ARE PARENTS NOT telling their kids it is illegal to make any kind of threat to a school? This is a 20-year felony. I doubt a 12- or 13-year-old would realize that their threatening call can easily be traced to them. Kids must learn this is not funny.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

What's the silliest thing your dog does?



"My one dog always sits on our other dog ... always."

Georgi McWhorter, Fenton



"My little girl constantly has her bear in her mouth or as soon as you get home, she has to bring you bear. Her whole life is surrounded by BEAR. We have a here bear, a there bear and a spare bear."

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"Our dog opened the door wall in the middle of the night and let himself out. Only problem was when he came back in he didn't close the door. So when we woke up the house was cold and snow was on the kitchen floor."

Kari Bailey Sawle, Fenton



"Mommy, I don't think you're feeding me enough (Fred The Pug)."

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"Midas loves to sing along to his favorite songs. Anything soulful, especially Adele, and Devin Dawson!"

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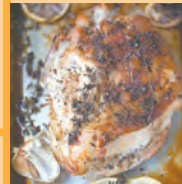
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The car and the support

■ Bikes on the Bricks donates \$5,000 to Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors

This is part four in a series on Dan and Arlene O'Rourke, the parents of Sgt. Patrick O'Rourke, who was killed in the line of duty.

By Hannah Ball

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, Dan and Arlene O'Rourke met with Bikes on the Bricks to accept a \$5,000 check on behalf of Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors (MI-COPS.) Bikes on the Bricks raised this money for the organization this past September.

The O'Rourkes have been very active in MI-COPS ever since their son, Sgt. Patrick O'Rourke, 39, was killed Sept. 9, 2012 by a lone gunman who had barricaded himself inside his West Bloomfield home. The Tyrone Township resident left behind a wife, Amy, four children, his parents, Dan and Arlene, and three brothers. He was a 12-year veteran of the West Bloomfield Township Police Department and was posthumously promoted to sergeant.

His name and story were heard across America, and the family and multiple organizations have worked to make sure his name will never be forgotten. His funeral, held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton, was attended by thousands.

One of the most noticeable memorabilia that helps keep Patrick O'Rourke's memory and service alive is the car, which Dan and Arlene usually bring to police appreciation events and community parades.

After the incident, Dan and Arlene asked the police department if they could buy their son's car, which had the number 318. He drove it the night he was killed. However, police departments rarely sell cars to the public because they are owned by that municipality. They made an exception this time. The O'Rourkes paid approximately \$5,000 for it.

The vehicle was stripped of the law enforcement amenities and turned into a memorial car. Priority One fixed it out with lights, decals and a license plate that says EOW 9912. EOW stands for "End of Watch." They did the work for free.

They often take this car to events and parades, and they plan to bring it to the Fourth of July parade in Fenton this coming summer. They were once invited to the Dream Cruise as the lead car.

During this holiday season, the O'Rourkes are working with MI-COPS on their annual Christmas lunch they throw for surviving families. The O'Rourkes prepare Christmas gifts for the kids that attend.

Along with the fundraisers and involvement in MI-COPS, the O'Rourkes find multiple ways to support law enforcement. Dan makes Santa Claus cookies for numerous police departments. It's a recipe from his mother. "I got the idea after Pat was killed. Those people have been so good to us and my family. You just can't put it into words. They call us mom and dad at the station," Dan said.

This summer, they participated in a 15-week citizens academy to learn what police officers do.

"It just gives us a much better understanding of what they go through," Arlene said. "When I see some of this stuff that they have to deal with, the dregs of society, you have to be very cynical to be a cop. You see the dark side all the time."

Through the retreats and finding other couples who have experienced the same thing, they've learned to cope with grief but also recognize their boundaries.

They've driven by the house where the shooting occurred a few times, but they differ on if they want to go inside. Arlene said she would love to see the house more. Dan said seeing videos of his son still bothers him, but photos are okay.

"One thing I've learned is that everyone's grief journey is totally different. there's no set standard. there are things that bother him or that he doesn't even want to look at and I can't get enough of it," Arlene said.

O'Rourke would often stop by to see his father on his way to work. Dan said when he's taking heavy bags of salt into the house, he remembers when his son used to help him with it. He sometimes has thoughts to call him, and then he

remembers that he's gone.

"Part of your brain still hasn't got the message yet, you know?" Dan said.

Officers around the state, and nation, heard of Patrick O'Rourke, and Dan and Arlene frequently meet people who have a story about their son.

Meanwhile, they're preparing for the next Patrick O'Rourke Memorial Scholarship Fund golf outing, which takes place in the late summer at the Hartland Glen Golf Club every year.

Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 will be the 10-year anniversary of his death. The O'Rourkes hope to have the golf outing on that day.

"Because that's a somber day and I think having this event will make it a lot less somber and it'll still be a memory to him. I think he'd rather we did something happy than sad because it is a heavy day," Arlene said.

“I think he’d rather we did something happy than sad because it is a heavy day.”

Arlene O'Rourke
Mother of Patrick O'Rourke

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

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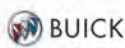
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The petitions have been received from record owners of land constituting more than fifty percent of the total frontage of the public and private roads in the proposed special assessment district described below.

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FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Argentine will hold a public hearing on December 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Argentine Township Hall located at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan, to hear and consider any objections to the petition, the proposed Public Improvements, the proposed Special Assessment District, and all other matters relating to the Public Improvements and also by Zoom.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans and current cost estimate of \$398,000.00 for Peninsular and \$55,000.00 for Belfast for a total estimate is \$453,000.00 not including administrative costs or interest, for the improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING AND THE ORIGINAL COST WILL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal

TAKE NOTICE that a property owner of record or a party having an interest in the property must appear and protest at the hearing, or in writing before the hearing (clerkgraves@argentinetownship.com) in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Township Supervisor
Township of Argentine
9048 Silver Lake Road
Linden, Michigan 49058
Telephone: (810) 735-5050

ZOOM INFO:
Time: Dec 20, 2021 07:00 PM

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

54-YEAR-OLD HOLLY TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI

On Thursday, Dec. 2, at 4:51 p.m., a Holly police officer running stationary traffic enforcement on Grange Hall Road near Apollo Circle stopped a vehicle on Grange Hall Road for a traffic violation. Upon making contact with the driver, the officer could detect signs of intoxication. The

driver failed roadside sobriety tests and was determined to have a blood alcohol nearly twice the legal limit to drive. The 54-year-old Holly Township man was placed under arrest for Intoxicated driving, second offense.

34-YEAR-OLD HOLLY TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI

On Saturday, Dec. 4, at 12:22 a.m., a Holly police officer on traffic enforcement patrol was behind a vehicle that was speeding and unable to stay in its lane on eastbound Grange Hall Road. The officer stopped the vehicle and determined the driver to be a

34-year-old Holly Township man. The officer could detect a strong odor of intoxicants on his breath and other signs of intoxication. The driver failed roadside sobriety tests and was determined to be nearly twice the legal limit to drive. He was placed under arrest with a court date pending.

SCAM ALERT

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office has been receiving reports that people are getting automated phone calls stating their power will be disconnected within 30 to 45 minutes without payment. If you receive this call, hang up and call your electric provider.

HOLLY POLICE HELP INTOXICATED, DEPRESSED MAN

On Saturday, Dec. 4, at 8:19 p.m., Holly police were dispatched via a 911 call to a residence for a man who was intoxicated and extremely depressed. It was reported he might be armed. Officers arrived

and the man exited his home to speak with them. He was cooperative and agreed to get help with his depression. He was transported to a medical facility for advanced care. Upon request, officers took custody of firearms in the home for safekeeping.

48-YEAR-OLD HOLLY TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI

On Sunday, Dec. 5, at 1:24 a.m., a Holly police officer on patrol on N. Saginaw Street near Grange Hall Road was behind a vehicle that was speeding and weaving in its lane. The officer stopped the vehicle and detected signs of intoxication coming from the 48-year-old Holly Township man driving the vehicle. Through testing, it was determined the man was over the legal limit to drive and was arrested for intoxicated driving. The passenger also was intoxicated but called for a ride from the scene by a sober driver.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 6, 2021

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 6, 2021 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, and took the following actions.

1. The board and audience observed a moment of silence for the Oxford High School shooting victims and their families.
2. Supervisor Lorraine led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved the agenda as presented.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$251,348.98.
5. Conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2022 Fenton Township Budget.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-40, formally adopting the 2022 Fenton Township Budget.
7. Adopted a revised 2022 Fenton Township Meeting Schedule.
8. Approved a 2022 GIS Services Agreement with North Arrow Technologies, Inc.
9. Adopted local road agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission for the rehabilitation of Golden Shores Drive, Golden Circle and Golden Court, under a special assessment district.
10. Approved a proposal from Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors to provide rate studies for the water and sewer funds.
11. Postponed action on an offer to purchase tax-reverted property in the Fenton Orchards condominium development.
12. Accepted the resignation of Jenny Anderson.
13. Approved an intergovernmental agreement the Genesee County Aerial Imagery Project 2022-2028.
14. Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and are available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

NOTICE – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARINGS ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS SEYMOUR ROAD DRAINAGE OUTLET

Please be advised, The Argentine Township Board will hold a public hearing for the following Special Assessment District Monday, December 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 to hear any comments or objections.

SEYMOUR ROAD DRAINAGE OUTLET

The proposed amount of \$272.00, not including interest and administrative costs, is for ten years and will be placed on the Winter tax rolls starting in 2022.

The appearance and protest of a property owner or party in interest or agent at the above-referenced public hearing is required to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Such appearance and protest may be made in person at the hearing or by letter addressed to and received by the Township Clerk at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451 prior to the close of said public hearing. Any appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal must be filed within 30 days after the date the roll is confirmed.

To Join the Zoom Meeting:
Time: Dec 20, 2021 07:00 PM

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Joseph Graves, Clerk Argentine Township

Watch out for the 12 'Scams of Christmas'

■ Better Business Bureau (BBB) offers tips to avoid becoming scam victim

The craziness of the holiday season is upon us. Add in labor and product shortages, along with shipping delays, and the end of 2021 is expected to be more hectic than usual. While we prepare for the added stress of this holiday season, it is important to remember that scammers are aware of the added difficulties this year presents too, and they will use this stressful time to take advantage of you.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) has 12 scams they would like you to watch out for this holiday season and tips on how to avoid them:

1. **E-Cards:** These are a popular alternative to physical Christmas cards, however, scammers also are using them as a way to retrieve your private information. If the sender's name is unclear or the email is asking you to share personal information or pay money to open it, it may be a scam. If

your email has an attachment that ends in 'exe,' it could contain a virus or some form of malware.

2. **Social Media Gift Exchanges:** Each holiday season this scheme pops back up, and this year is no different. A newer version of this scam revolves around exchanging bottles of wine; another suggests purchasing \$10 gifts online. Another twist asks you to submit your e-transfer email into a list where participants get to pick a name and send money to strangers to "pay it forward." In all of these versions, participants unwittingly share their personal information, along with those of their family members and friends, and are further tricked into buying and shipping gifts or money to unknown individuals. And — it's an illegal pyramid scheme.

3. **Holiday Apps:** Apple's App Store and Google Play list dozens of holiday-themed apps where children can video chat live with Santa, light the menorah, watch Santa feed live reindeer, track his sleigh on Christmas Eve, or relay their

Christmas wish lists. This holiday season, when COVID-19 is causing kids to skip the traditional in-person visit with Santa, apps may play a more important role than ever. Review privacy policies to see what information will be collected. Be wary of free apps, as they can sometimes contain more advertising than apps that require a nominal fee. Free apps can also contain malware.

4. **Alerts About Compromised Accounts:** BBB has been receiving reports on Scam Tracker about a con claiming your Amazon, PayPal, Netflix or bank account has been compromised. Victims receive an email, call, or text message which explains that there has been suspicious activity on one of their accounts, and it further urges them to take immediate action to prevent the account from being compromised. Be extra cautious about unsolicited calls, emails, and texts.

5. **Free Gift Cards:** Nothing brings good cheer like the word 'FREE.' Scammers have been known to take advantage of this weakness by sending bulk

phishing emails requesting that you share personal information to receive free gift cards. In some of these emails, scammers impersonate legitimate companies like Starbucks and promise gift cards to loyal customers that have been supporting their business throughout the pandemic. If you have received an unsolicited email with gift card offers, do not open it. Instead, mark it as "spam" or "junk." However, if you opened the email, do not click on any links.

6. **Temporary Holiday Jobs:** Retailers typically hire seasonal workers to help meet the demands of holiday shoppers. Shippers and delivery services are top holiday employers this year because of the increase in online orders and the need to get most of these packages delivered before Christmas. However, jobseekers need to be wary of employment scams aimed at stealing money and personal information from job applicants. Keep an eye out for opportunities that seem too good to be true.

See **SCAMS** on 15

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Township commissions water, sewer rate study

By Hannah Ball

On Monday, Dec. 6, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved an agreement with Baker Tilly to complete a sewer rate study and a water rate study. Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors and its predecessor have been the township's financial advisor for nearly 20 years.

The last sewer rate study was done in 2006.

"The rate study for water is going to be necessary in order to create our rate structure for the municipal water system. Aside from needing to be updated, the sewer rate study also needs to include the rate calculation for those who will be both on water and sewer," said Thomas Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk.

The sewer study will cost \$15,000 and the water study will cost \$20,000.

REPAIRS

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However, upon entry into the tank by a Tri-Clor technician Dec. 3, the damage to the tank is more than what was originally anticipated where a seam in the fiberglass tank has lineal cracking that would require the tank to be completely relined versus a spot repair.

Preliminary information indicates

the cost for a complete relining will cost approximately \$20,000. The water treatment plant is using tote size containers in the interim where the smaller quantity of storage is expensive for multiple, small quantity deliveries.

Due to the urgent nature of getting the tank repaired and back in service, Dan Brisson, public works director, and Stephen Guy, water superintendent, requested pre-authorization up to \$20,000 to start the urgent tank repairs.

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The Book Stall celebrates ribbon-cutting



Brenda Gurski, owner of The Book Stall, and members of the Holly Chamber of Commerce celebrate the grand opening of The Book Stall with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, Dec. 1. The shop at 4048 Grange Hall Rd., Holly, carries used books, Michigan made or themed items and more. The shop is woman owned, veteran owned and operated, and a small family business that is community focused and supports shopping local and small businesses. Call (248) 653-8142 for more information about the bookstore.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

NO HUNTING IN FENTON CITY LIMITS

On Monday, Nov. 22, Fenton police responded to the area of Plumtree Lane and Peachtree Trail in the south end of the city limits for a report of gunshots in the area. This area is undeveloped with woods and trails near a subdivision. Lt. Jeff Cross said neighbors heard gunshots. Police checked the area but found nothing. Deer have been seen in this area and Cross wants to remind everyone there is no hunting in city limits whether it's with a firearm or any type of bow.

LINDEN MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI, REFUSES CHEMICAL TEST

At 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, a Fenton police officer traveling on Owen Road observed the vehicle traveling in front of him make a U-turn in the road and nearly hit his police vehicle head-on. A traffic stop was initiated. The driver appeared to be intoxicated and sobriety tests were administered. He was transported to the police station where the driver, a 33-year-old Linden man, refused to submit to

a chemical test to determine blood alcohol level. A search warrant was obtained for blood and the man was transported at the Genesee County Jail. Police are waiting for the lab results for charges. Lt. Jeff Cross said anyone with a driver's license shall submit to a chemical test, per the agreement of having a license. If you refuse, your license is automatically suspended for a year and six points will be added to your license.

FLINT MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI, HAS THREE WARRANTS

On Nov. 28 at 10:40 p.m., a Fenton police officer traveling on Silver Lake Road observed a vehicle disregard a red light at Adelaide Street. A traffic stop was made near Armstrong Street. When the officer approached the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of intoxicants on the driver, a 43-year-old Flint man. Suspecting the driver was intoxicated, field sobriety tests were administered. The driver was arrested for drunk driving and transported to the police station for a chemical test while his vehicle was towed. The driver's blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit. The driver had three outstanding warrants and he was transported and lodged at the Genesee County Jail so he could take care of the warrants.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF URGES DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN

For more than a year, law enforcement agencies across the nation have reported an alarming rise in speeding and fatal crashes despite a decrease in the number of road miles traveled. To combat this deadly and dangerous trend, the Livingston County Sheriff's Office and more than 100 other municipal, county, and Michigan State Police (MSP) law enforcement agencies will focus on speeding drivers between Dec. 1, 2021 and Feb. 28, 2022. Slow down, stay safe and avoid a ticket and fine that can range from \$100 - \$135.

How to protect teens in the age of social media

■ Several options for parents to use to monitor and protect their kids

If you've been worried about your teen's social media usage, it would seem your concerns are now legitimized by hard facts and figures.

Recent Congressional testimony by former Facebook data scientist Frances Haugen supports the notion that Facebook and its photo-sharing app, Instagram, can be harmful to young users. Haugen recently presented internal studies revealing the negative mental health impacts of Instagram and told Congress that Facebook has prioritized growth over its users' safety.

Those who have been working toward keeping young people safe online for years say that parents will need to step up to protect their kids.

"Parents should not rely on social media networks to ensure their children's safety online," said Michele Havner, director of marketing at Eturi Corp.,

maker of OurPact, a leading parental control and screen time app. "This is one of the many reasons why we've developed OurPact so parents can teach smart digital habits and protect their kids."

According to Havner, here are a few ways you can help protect teens in the age of social media:

- **Set digital schedules.** Feeling "addicted" to social media and screens in general is common. However, setting digital schedules can help ensure that you and your teen are leading a balanced life.

- **Block unwanted apps and websites.** Ensure your teen is only using apps and visiting sites that are approved by you. Using parental control apps to block apps, websites and contacts as needed can help you protect your child from unsafe people and content.

- **Maintain open communication.** The newly released research draws links between social media usage and depression, anxiety and even suicidal thoughts. Be sure to regularly check in with your teen and keep the lines of communication open.



- **Use new tools.** New tech tools can help you get a handle on your teen's social media usage, as well as help you help them carve out healthy digital habits. For example, OurPact, a parental guidance app used by over 1 million families, allows you to create automated schedules for when internet and apps are unavailable, block access to the device for a specified period of time, whitelist and blacklist websites, and even take screenshots of digital activity. Available at the iOS App Store and Google Play Store, parents can also sign up for an account at ourpact.com.

Ultimately, keeping kids safe is critical. With tech tools and an open dialogue, parents can help kids form healthy digital habits.

Source: StatePoint.net

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Nov. 5.

House Bill 5097: Ban “Critical Race Theory” curriculum in public schools

To prohibit public schools from teaching “critical race theory.” Specifically, the bill prohibits instructing children that because of their race or gender individuals comprising a racial or ethnic group or gender all act in certain ways, hold certain opinions, are born racist or sexist, bear collective guilt for historical wrongs, or regard race or gender as a better predictor of outcome than character, work ethic, or skills. Also, to ban teaching that the cultural norms or practices of a racial or ethnic group or gender are flawed and must be eliminated or changed to conform; that racism (or sexism) is inherent in individuals from

a particular race or ethnic group (or gender); that a racial or ethnic group or gender is in need of deconstruction, elimination, or criticism; or that the actions of some individuals serve as an indictment against their race or gender. Note: Democrats abstained from voting on the bill.

Passed 55 to 0 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

House Bill 4920: Require legislator harassment disclosures

To establish that if the Senate or House of Representatives enters a legal settlement of a sexual assault or sexual harassment complaint against a legislator, the settlement amount and the lawmak-

ers’ name must be made public. House Bill 5281 applies this to elected officials in the executive branch.

Passed 103 to 0 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

House Bill 4939: Exclude new car rebates from sales tax

To deduct manufacturer rebates from the purchase price of a new car, boat or RV for purposes of calculating sales tax. The bill would require foregone school aid revenue generated by the narrow tax break to be taken from other state taxes and fees.

Passed 83 to 20 in the House

Rep. Bob Bezotte (R-Dist. 47)

YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

YES

THREATS

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In all, three students at Carmen Ainsworth Middle School, one at Flint Southwestern, one at Linden High School, one at Hamady High School, and one at Linden Charter Academy in Flint have been charged.

Linden Community Schools (LCS) Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said that on Dec. 2, information was

provided to administration at Linden High School and the administration and the school resource officer (SRO) investigated.

Ciesielski said, “The investigation did not produce a credible threat. With all reports associated with school safety, this information was turned over to law enforcement and the prosecutor’s office, as is our protocol.

“It is not the school district’s practice

to provide details of student discipline issues. At this time, LCS has not received any further information from the Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office.

“If a situation is determined to be a credible and/or a direct threat toward Linden Community Schools, we will communicate the information out.”

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, Ciesielski said, “We take every report and/or rumor seriously. We do work with our School Resource Officer and other local law enforcement agencies to investigate these reports and/or rumors.

“The safety and security, and overall well-being of our students and staff, continues to be our top priority. We will continue to review and investigate any and all information that may compromise the safety of our students, staff, and/or school community. We remain committed to working together as a community to ensure learning takes place in a safe environment.”

Ongoing investigations include incidents in Mt. Morris Township, Swartz Creek, Burton and Grand Blanc.

“We have seen so-called ‘copycat’ threats before but the tragedy that occurred so close to home at Oxford High School has really caused a spike in such activity,” Leyton said.

“I will repeat what I have said before, making threats to shoot up a school is no joking matter and individuals who choose to do so will face serious consequences.

“Such threats, credible or not, cause fear among students, their parents, school staff and the entire community and it detracts from local law enforcement’s ability to tend to other important public safety needs.

“As I have repeatedly said over the years, I am not going to try to differentiate between real and bogus threats; anyone who makes a threat will be charged under the law.”

Leyton continues to urge parents and schools to educate their children about the seriousness of school shootings and to warn them of the great consequences that come with making threats even if they are intended to be a joke.



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SCAMS

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7. Look-Alike Websites: The holiday season brings endless emails offering deals, sales, and bargains. Be wary of the emails you receive, and the links enclosed. Some may lead to look-alike websites that are created by scammers to trick people into downloading malware, making dead-end purchases, and sharing private information. If you are uncertain about the email, do not click any of the links. Instead, hover over them to see where they reroute.

8. Fake Charities: Typically, 40% of all charitable donations are received during the last few weeks of the year. Donors need to be on the lookout for fraudulent charities and scammers pretending to be individuals in need. Avoid impromptu donation decisions to unfamiliar organizations. Responsible organizations will welcome your gift tomorrow as much as they do today. Verify your charity at BBB's give.org. Where possible, donate to the charity through their website and use a credit card.

9. Fake Shipping Notifications: With more consumers making purchases online, there is also an increase in the number of notifications about shipping details from retailers and carriers. Scammers are using this new surge to send phishing emails with links enclosed that may allow unwanted

access to your private information or download malware onto your device. They may also try to trick you into paying new shipping fees.

10. Holiday Pop-Up Shops: These temporary storefronts allow shoppers to avoid enclosed spaces while still getting to browse in person. Indoor pop-up shops allow landlords to fill vacant retail space in downtown areas and suburban malls. If you are buying from a seasonal store, ask whether it will be open after the holiday and whether it will accept returns when the season is over. If not, consider buying elsewhere or taking more time to be sure the item is exactly what you want before making the purchase.

11. Top Holiday Wishlist Items: Low or ridiculously priced luxury goods, jewelry, designer clothing, and electronics are almost always cheap counterfeits and knockoffs. Be very cautious if you are considering purchasing these high-value items from individuals through social sites.

12. Puppy Scams: Many families, especially those with children, may be considering adding a furry friend to their household this year. However, you could fall victim to a pet scam. Do your research and request to see the pet in person, if possible, before making a purchase.

To stay up-to-date on the latest holiday scams and news, visit bbb.org/holiday.

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

VILLAGE OF HOLLY SNOW ORDINANCE IN EFFECT

Pursuant to Uniform Traffic Code, Public Act 62 of 1956, it is hereby declared to be improper for any vehicles to be parked on the streets of Holly Village between the hours of 3 and 7 a.m. from December 1 through March 30 of each year. During the period from December 1 through March 30 of each year, vehicles may be parked in the area between the sidewalk and the street between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 a.m., but such parking is prohibited at all other times.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SOMEONE EXPLAIN TO me how/why moving Mott Community College to downtown Fenton is a good thing? Traffic congestion is already atrocious. Fenton isn't a place anyone wants to spend even more time in during rush hour.

I WOULD THINK with the tax money city of Linden gets from Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park that Rolston Road west of the railroad tracks would be kept in better shape. With 300 homes in the park and daily usage, there is no excuse for the road to be in such deplorable condition.

AS I WAS driving around in Rose Township the other day, I noticed a lot of vehicle junk yards at different homes. Does anybody at the township offices not see this?

TYRONE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD DECEMBER 7, 2021

The following actions were taken:

1. Supervisor Cunningham called the Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall.
2. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Jennifer Eden, Clerk Marcie Husted, Trustees Herman Ferguson, Kurt Schulze, Zach Tucker and David Walker.
3. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
4. Received and placed on file Communications #1-8 as presented.
5. Authorized Treasurer Eden to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association Winter Workshop.
6. Adopted Resolution #211201 to authorize negotiating for summer tax collection with schools.
7. Accepted the Livingston County sewer rates for 2022.
8. The Supervisor updated the Board that legislation, created to accommodate medical conditions and allowed members of boards and commissions to participate in meetings electronically, expires at the end of December.
9. Adjourned at 7:22 pm.

After they are approved, the minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 8420 Runyan Lake Rd., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are also posted online at www.tyronetownship.us.

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The Diamond Club, a group of women from the area, pose for a fun photo during their Halloween party.

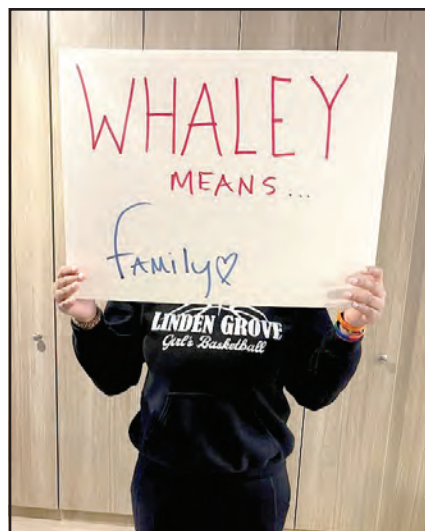
DONATION

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party. The club was started by Joni Rowse of Fenton Township nearly four years ago with four women and it has grown to at least 16 members. They used to play at Spring Meadows Country Club but now play cards at members' homes on a rotating basis.

Hamilton said when they initially put in their donations, they soon collected approximately \$250, which seemed just okay.

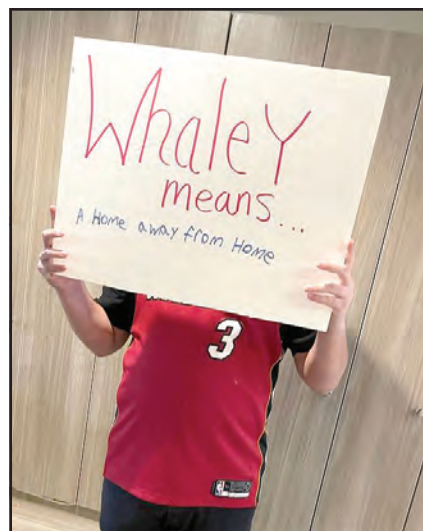
Soon, a member, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she'd



Children staying at Whaley Children's Center hold signs of what the center means to them.

donate \$10,000. "We were thrilled," Hamilton said.

Not too long after that, the anonymous woman's son called during their party and said the family would increase their donation for Whaley's Children Center up to \$20,000. Hamilton said the club was excited for Whaley's Children Center



and hopes that they can put the money toward Christmas gifts or whatever is needed.

Mindy Williams, president and CEO of Whaley Children's Center, said they had just wrapped up their 75 in 75 social media campaign last Thursday, Dec. 2. They hoped to raise \$75,000 in 75 hours. She said they were a little short of their goal. The next morning, she got an email letting her know about the substantial donation from the Diamond Club.

"I couldn't believe it," Williams said. "It is so impactful for us. We were so excited."

Whaley Children's Center receives 80% of its funding from the state of Michigan. The other 20% comes from fundraisers and private donations. Williams said the 80% covers basic necessities and it can keep their doors open. The other 20% covers all the extras, such as birthday parties, BBQs, dresses for dances, snowpants and more.

The center eventually tallied \$90,000 in donations through the latest campaign.

When she began working at Whaley six years ago, Williams said as a mom she was going to ensure that Whaley Children's Center would be run like a home and that everyone there would be family. "The kids here need that. This might be the only time they get that," she said.

The main center itself has a 42-bed maximum capacity and they have three group homes. Because of the



The staff at Whaley Children's Center in Flint say thank you to everyone who donated to their 75 in 75 Campaign.

pandemic and staffing issues, they've had to close two of the group homes.

Williams said they currently have approximately 30 children at the center. "We get calls every day for placements and beds," she said. "We're hiring every month. The staff here are the most gracious and they work around the clock."

Williams said this \$20,000 donation from the Diamond Club "was a miracle. We're so grateful. I was definitely crying when I read the email." She added that she would like nothing more than to give a big hug to the generous donor from the card club and to let her and the others know how much they appreciate the gift.

ABOUT WHALEY CHILDREN'S CENTER

Whaley Children's Center is an independent, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides residential child care services to children ages 5- 17 years old who have suffered chronic and profound abuse and neglect. The services provided to children and families include residential treatment, group homes, family counseling and aftercare service.

Currently, Whaley Children's Center provides shelter, hope and healing to nearly 90 children each year who are survivors or horrific abuse and neglect. Through an intense treatment process provided by qualified and dedicated staff, children are taught the skills necessary to thrive in life as well as given strategies to cope with their past and press on to greater futures.

For more information about Whaley Children's Center, go to whaleychildren.org.

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Adopt-A-Pet has surplus of animals

■ Director warns against adopting animal as gift for someone else; shelter needs volunteers

By Hannah Ball

The videos of people opening a large, and loosely wrapped, gift on Christmas to find a puppy inside are heartwarming and cute, but local animal shelters are warning against buying someone a pet as a gift.

Jody Maddock, director of Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton, said they do not recommend that people adopt animals as gifts for others during the holidays.

“What we recommend is that they give a certificate to pay for the animal for someone. We’ve had so many people say that they didn’t want a puppy, rather they wanted an adult dog or they can’t care for the physical needs and training a dog takes, so they would rather have a cat for companionship. We highly recommend allowing the person to choose and bond with their own companion when they are ready,” she said.



These three puppies were rescued from a hoarding situation in January 2021 and taken to Adopt-A-Pet for care. Director Jody Maddock said the shelter has a surplus of dogs, and they are in need of volunteers.

Adoptions typically increase during the holidays. Maddock said it’s a very emotional time of the year, whether it’s comfort or nostalgia, and it makes people want to adopt an animal for themselves or their families, and they want to help a shelter animal.

“We are very busy. We are having a

lot of people needing to relinquish dogs who they got during COVID and now they don’t have time or the animals need training. We are full quite a lot and it’s never ending,” she said.

They lost a lot of volunteers due to COVID restrictions, illnesses and other personal situations, and it af-

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Jody Maddock
Adopt-A-Pet director

ected the level of work their staff had to accomplish. This affects how much love and attention the animals receive.

“We currently need volunteers to help with cleaning, dog walking, laundry, spending time with the animals, events, etc. We have new volunteer orientations every first Thursday and every third Saturday of the month,” Maddock said.

The shelter has a few pandemic rules still in place. They do as much outside

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community events and parades. Classes are 12 weeks long, cost \$200 and are held biannually. MMTD accepts about 25 people in one class. The students bring their dogs, and together, they are called a team. The teams have to pass the Canine Good Citizen test set by the American Kennel Club after the first six weeks. If they accomplish this, they spend the next six weeks doing visits to socialize the dogs. They bring in distractions like wheelchairs, strollers and food during training.

These dogs can't show aggression and they have to follow basic commands.

They're required to have updated shots and the handlers have to pass a background check because they often visit places with vulnerable populations. MMTD trains all different breeds, from Great Danes to Chihuahuas.

"You have to have the heart for

service and the heart to giving back to the community," Ziegler-Hickey said. MMTD has visited dozens of facilities around the state, including seeing Oxford High students after the shooting. The teams are trained in grief counseling.

The dogs go to reading programs with Girl Scouts, they visit Symphony of Linden, the Genesee Valley Mall and Bishop Airport in November, when they welcomed home troops. With this program, called Operation Handshake, dogs will greet troops when they leave for active duty and when they return. MMTD is a community partner with Bishop Airport.

Teams also serve the Genesee County 911

operating center with monthly visits, and they also visit the Flint Police Department. One of their more well-known graduated teams works for one of the doctors of the Green Bay Packers.

While MMTD has teams across the state and nation, they have a large con-

centration in Linden and the schools. There are nine handlers with 10 dogs from MMTD that work at Linden Community Schools. They are members of Linden Pay it Forward, and they also put together bags of goodies for police K9s.

A big part of the job is meeting elderly people and helping struggling students. Head has noticed more schools bringing in therapy dogs, which she supports. "I think it helps calm kids. I love the reading program," she said. "I believe it does help with the mental health problems we've got going on now. Dogs just love you unconditionally. I'm glad I did it. I love the experience. I'm looking forward to putting smiles on more faces."

The next round of classes begin March 1, 2022. Spots fill quickly.

People can donate to MMTD and find more information at midmichigantherapydogs.com. MMTD also has scholarships for veterans.



Therapy dogs must not show signs of aggression and they must be updated on their shots. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

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Tracey Head
Linden resident

ANIMALS

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as they can, or over phone/email. Being outside is more challenging as temperatures drop. They limit the number of people allowed in the building, and they encourage mask wearing. They also disinfect the shelter multiple times a day.

She said they “absolutely” have a surplus of animals, which is in line with what other U.S. shelters are reporting.

According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), one in five households, which is approximately 23 million people, adopted a dog or cat during the pandemic. While many headlines state many of these animals are being returned to shelters, the vast majority have stayed with their adopters.

The ASPCA reports that 90% of

dogs and 85% of cats were not returned to shelters. Shelter Animals County, an independent nonprofit that collects data on U.S. shelters, found that there was a less than 1% increase in shelter intake in 2021 compared to 2020.

However, Adopt-A-Pet had more dogs at the shelter than ever before in their history in November. At one point, they had 132 dogs. Now they have approximately 100 dogs and more than 54 cats in their care.

“Thankfully, due to our fosters we can handle more animals than ever before. However, our current capacity is at its limit. We have 14 physical rooms for dogs and puppies and 4 cat rooms that house multiple cats and kittens. We are able to have so many more in care due to our amazing foster families. We are always looking for more so that more lives can be saved,” Maddock said.

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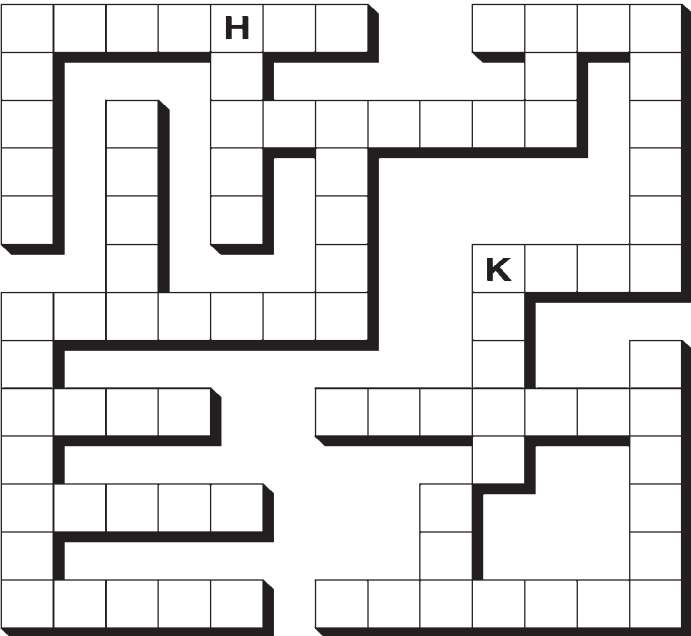
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – “NO” WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

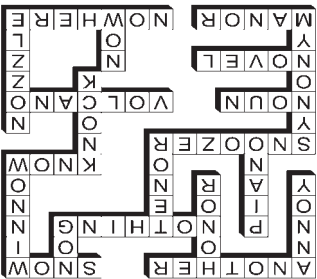
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- 6 Letters
- NOZZLE
WINNOW
- 7 Letters
- ANOTHER
NOTHING
NOWHERE
SNOOZER
SYNONYM
VOLCANO



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Answer



Midweek Sudoku

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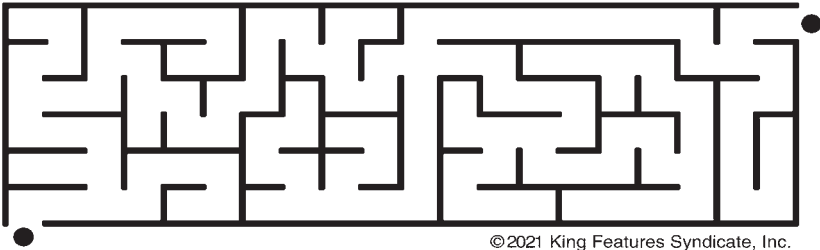
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Kids' Maze



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JUMBLE FOR KIDS

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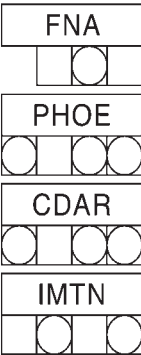
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they all make real words you can find in the dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble for Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.



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Jumbles: FAN
Answer: The pottin soil was on sale for 90% off, which made it ---
Color me
HOPE
CARD
MINT

Word Search

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SPIRITUALITY

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44 Exactly

46 Lime drink

47 "Oh, go on!"

49 Kevin

55 Spring-loaded stick

58 R&B's Rawls

60 Suffix with script

61 Elvis — Presley

62 Twitched, as a muscle

65 Pasta strip

69 Raiment

71 — and yang

72 Depressing or untidy sort

75 Santa —, California

76 Overprotect

78 Most ashen

79 Discovered

81 Old cracker brand

82 Short time, for short

83 Sheeran and O'Neill

85 Regatta tools

86 Grammy

92 Retort to "No you're not!"

95 Moray, say

96 Gin mill

98 Be emphatic

102 Moniker for Boston's locale

107 Flying disc renamed

108 "Frisbee" in 1957

109 Zones

110 FDR part

112 "Indeedy"

113 "Law & Order: —" (NBC series since '99)

114 Silly grin

117 Gravy Train competitor

118 Insult, in rap

119 Be very mad

120 Baseball's Ty

121 Their names begin eight answers in this puzzle

125 Wiels

126 Major city in Norway

127 Squirrel food

128 Actress

129 Period before 6-Down

130 Close-call cry

131 Present in a different form

132 Attention-getting cries

DOWN

1 Piano recital pieces

2 Free-verse poet

3 Kitchen nook

4 Hellenic H

5 Red apple

6 It follows Holy Week

7 Stooges, e.g.

8 New Year in Vietnam

9 Zodiac sign

10 Mess up

11 "Word has it ..."

12 Munchies from Mars

13 Pint-size

14 Smeltery junk

15 Entice

16 Get there

17 Split-off bit

18 Alternatives to coupes

24 Sun blockers

29 Oscar winner

30 Proprietor

33 Uncle, in Spanish

34 Sky shiner

35 Head, in French

38 Creditors' takebacks

39 Square in the first column of a bingo card

41 Speed

42 Nuptial vow

45 Try to equal

48 "We're No Angels" actor — Ray

50 Regatta group

51 Gym pad

52 Pop singer

53 Intersection

54 Presses and stretches

55 Hitchcock film of 1960

56 Downer drug

57 India's Indira

59 Takes stuff out of a suitcase

63 Nero's 1,550

64 Up 'til

66 Popeye's Olive

67 Lofty poem

68 "ER" roles

69 Exist

70 Luggage-screening org.

73 Oil gp.

74 "Frozen" heroine

77 Fawn nurser

80 Hen's perch

82 Road deicer

84 T. rex, e.g.

87 U.S. flag sewer Ross

88 Meadowland

89 Sappy tree

90 Earthen cooking pot

91 Person, place or thing

93 Motorist's distance marker

94 Attach with a click

97 Siouan tribe

99 "All finished!"

100 "Kids" actress

101 Bridge supports

102 Amount a sack will hold

103 Stimulate

104 Naval petty officers

105 Most secure

106 OK for eating

108 Traffic cones

111 Funny bone

115 Garbage barge

116 Dance violently

117 Razor choice

121 Uber order

122 Fabulous flier

123 Fabled flier

124 "Zip-a-Dee-Doo- —"

PUZZLE CLUE:
ANIMATED WOOFERS

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Puzzle Answers

Midweek Sudoku, Crossword Puzzle and Jumbles are located in the last Midweek's issue. All other puzzles are located throughout this edition of the Tri-County Times.

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

MINUS, GOOSE, CONCUR, DREAMY

Answer: The plant-nursery owners were competitors until they found some —

COMMON GROUND

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

REGARD, MINGLE, TABLET, RESET

Answer: METER

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 23 min.

GRAD	BEE	HOLE
LILI	OKS	EVIL
ADAM	WESTBANK	
MERMAID	ARLES	
	EYE	APE
BRIDE	MAE	WEST
MOD	PEA	MOO
WESTEGG	GUILT	
	ONA	BON
APOLLO	AUDIBLE	
WILDWEST	SAUL	
ENDO	GIT	ELBA
SEEN	OSE	XMEN

WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

SIDE	METTLE	JIMPS	LASS
OMIT	CAREER	HAUL	ERLE
NANAVISITOR	ENNA	ARID	
AGE	INTO	LADYGODIVA	
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ASTROORBITER	SPINNERS		
STEERS	TOATEE	ADE	
	PSHAW	REN	MCCORMACK
POGO	LOU	URE	ARON
SPASMED	NOODLE	ATTIRE	
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GOOFYSMILE	ALPO	DIS	
FUME	COBB	CARTOONDOGS	
USES	OSLO	ACORN	ANNE
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Linden's Kayla Widner drives to the bucket during a recent game. Photo: Kylee Richardson

Linden Eagles fall to non-league foe Holt, 58-34

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity girls basketball team started its first home contest of the season against Holt pretty well.

Holt scored the game's first bucket, but Paige Leedle responded by hitting two three-pointers before the game was even 90 seconds old. That put the Eagles up 6-2.

However, Holt (2-0) followed those treys with a 12-0 run, helping lead the visitors to a 58-34 victory against the Eagles (1-1).

The run started with two converted free throws by Holt's Kaylin Howard and con-

tinued with a putback bucket by Janae Tyler. It was just two of Tyler's 22 points. The Eagles had troubles on the glass and with Holt's break. The run ended with a layin by Tyler, giving the Rams a 14-6 lead. Leedle got the Eagles back to within six by hitting two free throws after getting fouled on a drive attempt. Linden trailed just 14-8 after one quarter.

However, the second quarter didn't start out well for the Eagles either as Holt scored the stanza's first eight points, raising the lead to 22-8. A putback by Tyler ended the

run. Now trailing by double-digits, Linden spent most of the game trying to get the lead back to a manageable margin so the Eagles could possibly make a run.

"Holt was a very physical and well coached team," Linden varsity girls basketball coach Zack Darling said. "They had two players that dominated the scoring with 12 and 22 points.

"Our two biggest issues of the game were turnovers. We had an awful high number (27) and rebounding, giving up 18 offen-

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Sports Times

Linden wrestlers begin their 'unfinished business'

■ Eagles open season with two victories

By David Troppens

Linden — The Linden varsity wrestling team has one thought in mind this season.

It's finishing unfinished business.

The Eagles captured a Flint Metro League championship a year ago and were primed to make a decent team tournament run while having some of their individuals threaten to finish high in the state tourney series as well.

Instead, COVID-19 struck. The Eagles were unable to compete in the team district tournament and also were unable to compete in the individual tourney series.

So if it appears the Linden varsity wrestling squad has a chip on its shoulders, it's because they do. They want to make up for what was a lost postseason this season, and it appears the squad has the weapons to do just that.

The season started with a huge positive as the Eagles

defeated Farmington 45-34 and Walled Lake Northern 75-3 at Linden High School Wednesday night.

"Definitely, we have unfinished business," senior captain Bryce Shingleton said. "We all worked really hard last year. We are all going to come back and finish our business.

"(When we lost the chance to compete last year due to COVID) there were definitely a lot of tears. We didn't know how to take it at the moment. It had to settle in a little bit. There definitely were some tears."

"We are definitely motivated," first-year Linden varsity wrestling coach and past assistant coach Derek Peterson said. "That's why our tag line has been set — "unfinished business." We have a lot of work to do. Our goals haven't changed. We graduated three seniors, but we have a lot of kids back."



(Left photo) Bryce Shingleton works on getting a pin in one of his matches on Wednesday. (Bottom) Aidan Haney takes down one of his foes. Photos: David Troppens



The night began with the victory against Farmington. The Eagles took the lead when Shingleton (125) earned a technical fall win, the second of four straight victories for

the Eagles. The victory was clinched during Bryce Eliuk's (285) first varsity match of his career, a pinfall win.

Against Walled Lake See **WRESTLERS** on 23



Brandon Bossert tries to find some open room to take a shot during the Blue Devils' loss to Genesee Christian. Photo: David Troppens

Soldiers' first-quarter offense leads squad by Blue Devils, 75-65

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team showed a lot of promise in the squad's first game against Genesee Christian on Tuesday.

The Blue Devils shot the ball pretty well, netting 25-of-57 shots with eight of them being treys. For a first game, turning the ball over 15 times is okay. They also got three players into double-digits for points.

But one thing did stick out that hurt the Blue Devils — Genesee Christian's shooting See **SOLDIERS** on 22

Lady Tigers fall to Grand Blanc in opener, 67-30

By David Troppens

It wasn't the greatest of starts for the Fenton varsity girls basketball team against Grand Blanc on Tuesday.

Playing a squad that already had played two games this season, the Tigers played their first contest against a Bobcats' squad that went 12-4 a year ago. The Tigers ended up losing a 67-30 verdict at home.

The Bobcats, who opened the season last week with a victory against Flushing and a loss against Hartland, jumped out and scored the game's first 15 points. Fenton got its first two points when Madison Slezinski hit two free throws with 2:30 remaining in the opening quarter. Later, Adrie Staib added another converted free throw, but the Tigers trailed 19-3 after the first quarter.

Grand Blanc steadily increased its lead each quarter after the first, but the Tigers did play better after that first period. Fenton cut the gap to 11 at one point in the second quarter. A putback shot by Grace MacCaughan cut the Grand Blanc lead to 21-10 with 3:06 left in the first half, but the Bobcats went on a 13-0 run after that, raising the gap back to 34-10. Fenton scored the final three points of the quarter on a converted free throw by Slezinski and two converted free throws by MacCaughan. Fenton trailed 34-13 at the half.

Fenton had a moment midway through the third quarter when Ka-

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in the first quarter. The Soldiers hit an amazing 12-of-16 shots in the opening quarter, with seven of them being three-pointers, enabling Genesee Christian to a whopping 31 points in the opening quarter.

The Blue Devils were always in the game, and actually took the lead for a moment, but spent most of the game trying to erase the deficit that the 31-point quarter created, resulting in a 75-65 loss.

"You can't give up 31 points in a quarter," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. "The best teams that we are going to play we are going to have to play 'lock them up' and do fundamental things on defense and that's a very good team we played. Especially when they are sitting at the 'Hoop Shoot,' making every shot, we can't let them have open looks like that. Give them credit for hitting the open shots, but we have to get a hand up and contest more of those threes."

Whether it was bad defense by Lake Fenton, great shooting by Genesee Christian or a little combination of both, the Soldiers' first quarter scoring was an amazing sight to see. It started with Tyler Chapman hitting two treys in the first 50 seconds of the contest. Lake Fenton tried to match the production with an Ashton Hunter trey and two converted free throws by Gavin Teffner, keeping Soldiers' lead to just 6-5. However, Chapman hit another three seconds after Teffner's free throws, and Jonah Derderian followed with another Genesee Christian three as well. In just 2:35 worth of action, Genesee Christian had already hit five threes and led 15-5.

The offensive onslaught never really stopped as Chapman would hit four of Genesee Christian's seven



Francis Senter (left) scored a team-high 23 points in the Blue Devils' 75-65 loss to Genesee Christian on Tuesday. Photo: David Troppens

first-quarter treys to take the 31-18 lead after one quarter.

The Blue Devils played better defense from that point and slowly got back into the game. Two converted free throws by Dylan Hammis had the Genesee Christian lead down to just 40-34 late in the second quarter, and Lake Fenton trailed just 42-34 at halftime.

The Blue Devils shot 50 percent in the third quarter and opened the second half with three straight buckets. The first was a Gavin Teffner assist on a Francis Senter bucket and the next two were off of Senter assists for layups to Teffner and Hunter. Lake Fenton trailed just 42-40 and the battle was now on. Lake Fenton trailed 53-48 entering the fourth quarter

after Senter assisted a Carter Smith layin.

In the fourth, Lake Fenton eventually earned the lead for the first time of the contest at 58-57 after a fast break three-pointer by Teffner, but Genesee Christian answered back with a Trenton Boike trey and the Blue Devils never led again. In fact, the Soldiers used the three-pointer to spark a 9-0 run, eventually putting them ahead 67-58 with 3:25 left. Lake Fenton was unable to make a dent in the lead from that point.

Senter had a strong first game. He netted a team-high 23 points while dishing off six assists. Hunter finished with 17 points while Teffner netted 12 points. Max Muenzer finished with 12 rebounds.

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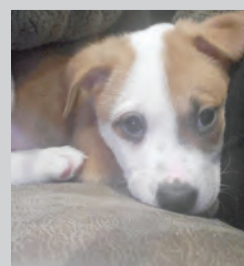
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Northern, the Eagles won all but one match, earning four wins by void. Eight Linden wrestlers — Shingleton, Tyler McCabe (135), Luke Haney (140), Brady Makela (160), Michael Bush (171), Jase Gundry (189), Itiel Delgado (215) and Eliuk (285) — earned pinfall wins against Walled Lake Northern.

Three Linden wrestlers finished the night at 2-0 with two pinfall victories. They were McCabe, Bush and Eliuk. Wingblad earned a pinfall victory and a forfeit victory for the night. Also going 2-0 with a pinfall win each were Shingleton, and Delgado. Brenden Shingleton also went 2-0 with a void and major decision win.

Lorena Thompson (103), Adelia Carr (112), Luke Haney, Lucas Carr (152), Macela, Gundry, and Delgado had a win each.

“For the most part, I like what we did tonight,” Bryce Shingleton said. “We got in everything that we’ve been working on in the room.”

“We lost three kids last year and this year we are looking really good. We’ve won a bunch of our matches today, but, obviously, there’s still a lot to work on. We need to work hard the rest of the year.”

“I was their assistant the last few



Linden's Brendan Shingleton holds down his opponent during the Eagles' first double-dual meet of the season. Shingleton went 2-0 on the night, as did the Linden varsity wrestling team. Photo: David Troppens

years so I know them, but right now I am impressed with how hard they want to work,” Peterson said. “I’m

impressed how dedicated they are to the sport and how much they care about each other.”

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leigh Shaker and Staib hit three-pointers within about a minute of each other, but the Tigers still trailed 48-21 after Staib hit the second of those shots.

Staib led the Tigers with nine points and eight rebounds while Sleziński netted seven points and four rebounds. Shaker hit two treys, netting six points. MacCaughan

had four points and four rebounds. Keegan Weddle and Megan McDermott also had a two-point bucket each.

Being two games behind a talented Grand Blanc squad in actual experience didn't help matters, but, of course, that wasn't Fenton's fault. The Tigers had two games scheduled last week as well, but those contests were postponed due to the Oxford High School tragedy.

PREP REPORT

BOYS BOWLING

► **Holly 20, Fenton 10:** The Bronchos trailed the Tigers 6-4 after the Baker games, but came back to win four of the first matches in game one of the individual matches to help spark the team victory. Holly won the first Baker game 155-149 while Fenton won the

second 154-127.

Ryan Dalton led Holly with a 191-213-403 two-game series. Matt Creasey bowled a 202 and Ryan Dalton had a 191.

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sive rebounds. Those two stats give a pretty good insight into the game, giving Holt way more opportunities to score.”

Linden cut the gap to 11 a couple of times in the second quarter. The first came at 22-11 on a converted free throw by Kesley McLennan with 3:55 left in the half. The second time came at 24-13 when McLennan hit two more free throws with 2:39 left in the half. However, that's as close as the Eagles would get the rest of the game. A converted free throw by Olivia Mawhinney with 21.9 seconds left cut the margin to 30-18 entering halftime.

Linden was unable to cut the margin any closer than the halftime gap in the second half as Holt began it on a 7-0 run. The run ended with a post layup, foul and converted free throw by McLennan, cutting the gap to 37-21. Leedle followed with two converted free throws just 24 seconds later, cutting the margin to 37-23, but that's as close as the Eagles would get in the second half. Holt finished the third quarter with a 44-27 lead. Any shot of a Linden comeback in the fourth ended when Holt scored the first five points of the fourth quarter.

The Eagles were paced offensively by Leedle, who netted a team-high 15 points. McLennan followed with six points.

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TIME: 6:00 PM.

PLACE: Argentine Township Hall
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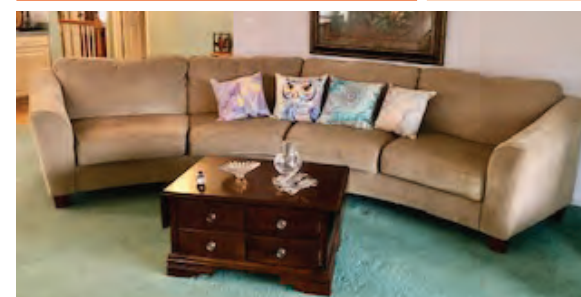
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Charlene Forman - age 70, died December 2, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Donald Kertesz

Donald Kertesz - age 73, died December 3, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dorothy Slowick

Dorothy Slowick - age 89, died December 4, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gary Herronen

Gary Herronen - age 87, died December 2, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Dunn

James Dunn - age 75, died December 4, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert "Bob" White

1934 – 2021

Robert "Bob" White – age 87 of Warner Robins, formerly of Fenton, passed away on Sunday, December 5, 2021 after a brief illness.

A loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Bob's smile and infectious laughter lit up the room and invited everyone to enjoy his company. You couldn't help but be drawn to him. Bob was dedicated to his family's happiness and that of everyone he knew. To know Bob was to love him. His devotion and love for his loving wife, Joanne, was and is the standard that all that knew them will aspire to. Bob will be truly missed here on earth but heaven could not have a better angel. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Eva Mason White; daughter, Barbara Kriewald, and sisters, Peggy Gilliam and Judy Herren. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 47 years, Joanne Marie Rowan White; children, Connie



Knight of TX, Ken White (Jackie) of TX; grandchildren, Kayla Perez of CA, Jeffrey White (Kacie) of TX, Sean White (Melissa) of TX, Nicholas Kriewald of WI, Nathan

Kriewald of MN, and Bently Kriewald of MN; great-grandchildren, Azaria Key, Hudson White, and Kaden White; sister, Sandy Buhrlage (Bob) of OH; and several nieces and nephews as well as many, many friends. Services for Bob will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Bob's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Learn more about the measures McCullough Funeral Home is taking to ensure the health and safety of our guests at www.mcculloughfh.com. There you can also sign an Online Registry for the family. McCullough Funeral Home and Crematory has the privilege of being entrusted with these arrangements.

Jeremy Young

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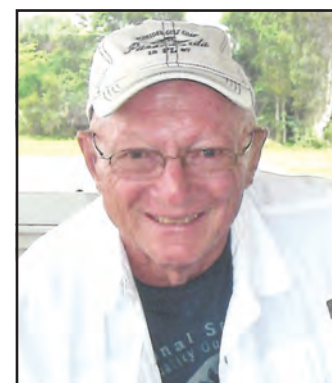


David Sterling Alger

1937 - 2021

David Sterling Alger - age 84, of Linden passed away Monday, December 6, 2021. A memorial service will be held 12 PM

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. The family will receive friends from 10 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to Freedom Center Kingdom Builders. David was born July 20, 1937 in Columbus, OH, the son of Warden Brown and Ruth Sterling (Nimocks) Alger. He was a graduate of The University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University, where he majored in Biology and Chemistry. For 10 years, he worked for Merck and Co. in the pharmaceutical sales division. He served as a three term Council Member for The Village of Linden and was a member of the Board of Appeals. Mr. Alger served with the Tall Pines Council, Flint



and was the co-founder of Pack and Troop 111, Linden Presbyterian Church. He was a founding member, past president and served 16 years as a Board

member of The Michigan Association of Gift Salesmen in Northville. He was the president and founder of Alger Sales Associates. David was a member of The Freedom Center in Fenton. He is survived by his wife, Pat; children, David Alger II of Punta Gorda, FL, Nancy (Mark) Bowsher of Punta Gorda, FL, Steve (Dawn) Alger of Bellaire, Susan (Nick) Bishop of Shelby Township and Andy (Debbie) Alger of Linden; 10 beloved grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Shirley Anne Alger. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



William Harmon

William Harmon - age 92, died December 7, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Adreon "Ernie" Barber

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Lois Neely

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Maxine Ford

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Melinda Adams

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Victoria Parker-Miller

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June Dennis

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Michael Sturgeon

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Phillip Manwell

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Janet Rogers

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Edward Thompson

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Paul Pattan

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Thomas H. Walters

1948 - 2021



Thomas H. Walters - age 73 of Wichita Falls, Texas, formerly Fenton and Davison, passed away Friday, December 3, 2021. Tom was born in Detroit, on February 25, 1948, the son of Jack and Leonora Walters. The family moved to Fenton in 1954. Tom graduated from Lake Fenton High School, Class of 1966, and later earned his engineering degree from General Motors Institute and his MBA from Central Michigan University. Following graduation he married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Hoffman. Together they are the proud parents of two sons, Daniel and Andrew. His career started with AC Sparkplug in Flint and the transition to Delphi was responsible for his relocation to Wichita Falls, Texas. Tom stayed dedicated to Delphi through their shutdown, always looking out for his workers. His second career was with Sealed Air/Cryovac in plastics packaging. He managed the expansion of their plant and operations. Tom was a dedicated husband, father and son. He was a kind man with a dry sense of humor and an infectious laugh. He had many talents and was known to build or fix anything. His beautiful woodworking projects will be cherished by those to whom he gifted. One of Tom's proudest accomplishments was as a Boy Scout leader (Troop 15) in the Northwest Texas Council. Their troop learned

valuable life skills while camping at reservations in Oklahoma and at Camp Perkins in North Texas as members of the Order of the Arrow. In the summer months they would head to Creede, Colorado for high adventure camping. The highlight of Tom's time as their leader was the trip to the 1997 National Jamboree where they joined 36,000 other scouts at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. Tom was presented the Silver Beaver award in 1997, the highest honor bestowed to a volunteer from the scouting council for the impact he made on the youth in this organization. Tom had a fascination with suspension bridges; he walked the Mackinac Bridge with family on Labor Day 2017, nine months post heart surgery. It was a bucket list activity for him. He enjoyed his time in the woods of Michigan and Texas hunting with his friends. In the winter months he was known to return to Michigan to snowmobile and visit with his family. Tom is survived

by his loving wife of 51 years, Carolyn; son, Daniel (Tatiana) Walters, and son, Andrew Walters; sisters, Caroline (Walter) Routhier and Linda (Gregory) Hathaway; brothers-in-law, Ken (Cathy) Turnbow, Doug (Susan) Hoffman, Rob (Colleen) Hoffman; sister-in-law, JoEllen (Joseph) Hecksel; along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Leonora Walters; sister, Juanita (Walters) Turnbow; and in-laws, Brad and Mary Hoffman. Services will be 12 PM Thursday, December 16, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton (A live stream of the service will be available on Tom's obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com). Pastor Peter Ahlersmeyer officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Flint Memorial Park. Visitation will be Thursday from 9 AM until the service time at the funeral home. The family would like to thank Terry Evett, Tallea Hanning and Debbie Henson for their friendship and never-ending support during these challenging times. If desired, memorial contributions could be made to Boy Scout Troop 15, C/O First Christian Church, 3701 Taft Blvd., Wichita Falls, TX 76308. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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