

Linden graduate/pilot killed in crash

■Family creates scholarship fund to help others with dream of becoming a pilot

By Sharon Stone

Funeral arrangements are pending for Emanuel (Manny) Vomvolakis, a 23-year-

old Linden man, who was killed in a plane crash in New Hampshire. He was the pilot and lone occupant of the plane.

Federal authorities are investigating the crash that happened at approximately 11:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10. The plane crashed on the shore of the Merrimack River near Manchester-Boston Regional

Airport, as reported by the [bostonherald.com](#).

Bedford Police Chief John Bryfonski said an autopsy was scheduled.

According to the article, on Friday at 11:36 p.m., Bedford police received the first of several 911 calls reporting a plane See **PILOT** on 10



Emanuel (Manny) Vomvolakis, 23, of Linden Submitted photo



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Clarifiers at water plant to be resurfaced this winter

■Fenton City Council approves lowest bid of \$495,000

By Sharon Stone

At its meeting Monday, Dec. 13, Fenton City Council approved the hiring of MW Cole See **WATER PLANT** on 8

FHS principal steps down

■Will return in January as assistant principal — AD named interim principal

By Sharon Stone

Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent See **PRINCIPAL** on 9



Macomb resident Allie Nottingham takes a photo of her daughters, Hannah, 5, and Gabriella, 3, with Santa Claus at The Devoted Barn in Rose Township on Sunday, Dec. 12. The event was a fundraiser for the rescue and rehabilitation facility, which takes in animals that need help. See story on Page 10. Photo: Hannah Ball

Linden approves road maintenance agreement

■Genesee County Road Commission will be called for maintenance; Curbcro will do snow, ice removal

By Hannah Ball

The Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) will perform road maintenance services in Linden due to staffing shortages in the city's department of public works (DPW). See **ROADS** on 9



“I’d like to see our MCC campus in downtown Fenton because it would add daytime vibrancy and more foot and bicycle traffic.”



“Fenton’s library is small compared to the libraries in Clarkston, Oxford and Ortonville. If Mott College moves downtown, maybe one floor could be a large new public library.”

“A hypothetical consolidated Fenton and Lake Fenton would be one of the most premier school districts in Michigan.”



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Organization gifts veterans with handmade quilts

■ Local veteran and community leader receives gift from Quilts of Valor

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — A local veteran was presented with a gift from Quilts of Valor (QOV) on Friday, Dec. 10.

Ed Koledo, director of Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation and the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, now has a handmade quilt to commemorate his service to the United States in the armed forces.

Koledo said he researched the organization and was impressed they were handmade quilts.

“In my family, everyone had a quilt when we were young made by our grandmothers. As you got older, they got tattered and got lost somehow or thrown out or whatever. So to get a homemade quilt is amazing. It’s just part of me growing up. Just being recognized by your friends is always special,” Koledo said.

QOV volunteer Linda Bula, who made the quilt for Koledo, has personally made 32 quilts, her regional group has made 250 and nationally, the organization has gifted 241,000



Linda Bula, volunteer with the Quilts of Valor, presents Ed Koledo with a quilt she made that commemorates his service in the armed forces. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

quilts to veterans. Bula, who’s been a member of QOV for five years, recently became the area group leader of the Old Jail Quilters of Big Rapids Michigan.

Catherine Roberts started QOV when her son went to Iraq. Bula said the woman had a dream of a hospital in which everyone was depressed, but then their personalities changed when

they had a quilt. She wanted these quilts to be a ray of hope.

Bula calls them “quilts of comfort.” She did two quilt presentations Dec. 10. They had to hold off on presentations during COVID in 2020, and now they’re trying to catch up.

There’s a nomination process.

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Building Brands

Get ready for the new year with a clean slate

At the end of summer, I visited a new dermatologist for my annual checkup. He was funny and kind and just as I was really starting to like him, he said, “You are developing some age spots on your face, but we don’t have to talk about that if you don’t want to.” Since I was still a few months away from my 40th birthday, I did not want to talk about that.

I got in my car and looked in the mirror. Thanks to my summer tan, I really couldn’t see any age spots. I thought to myself, “What is he talking about?” But as the months ticked on and my tan faded, I saw the age spots. So, this week I returned to the dermatologist to start the treatment process.

The doctor mentioned that fall and winter are a great time to treat these spots and the fine lines he noticed around my eyes (thanks, doc) because by summer I’ll start with a clean slate, having repaired the damage from the summer before. It was an interesting choice of words, because “clean slate” is exactly the mantra I’ve had in my head since

December arrived. While in years past I have pushed a few projects “into the new year,” I told myself this year would be different. I’ve been working hard to wrap up loose ends and truly prepare for the year ahead so that when 2022 arrives, I arrive with a clean slate ready to tackle what is sure to be a busy year. Thinking that others may benefit from this “clean slate” idea, I’ve put together a list of things I’m doing.

Clean: You can’t say “clean slate” without “clean” and I’ve been doing

a lot of that. A few weeks ago, my husband and our publisher joined me for an afternoon of cleaning at one of our offices. While professionals clean the bathrooms and kitchen, the main office had been neglected a bit. It felt good to vacuum and dust and recycle stray papers — some of which had been sitting around since the pandemic started. At home, my husband and I opened all our Black Friday purchases, donated any old items the new items were replacing, recycled the boxes and tossed the packaging. We usually put this off until the new year and I’m so glad it’s done.

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Adrienne Conner, Hartland



“Mr. Holland’s Opus.’ My Granny took me and my cousins. I was 7 years old and I was so touched at the storyline, I cried even then.”

Tiffany Cavazos
Fenton



“Beauty and the Beast, I remember my mom picking me up early from kindergarten and surprising me.”

Dayna Wrisley
Fenton



“Ice Station Zebra’ during a grade school field trip.”

Jim Lyles
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■■■
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■■■
MY SISTER TOLD me she was at a big-box store on Owen Road the other day and as she walked by, an employee she said they absolutely reeked of marijuana. It’s one thing when the customers reek, but an employee? She said it’s not the first time. What in the world?

■■■
WITH ALL THE new retail, there is now much more litter in Fenton, especially on the U.S. 23 ramps and thoroughfares.

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Holly man serves with helicopter squadron

■ Stationed with U.S. Navy in San Diego, California

Submitted by Jennifer Gold

Petty Officer 3rd Class Aaron d'Argy of Holly serves in the U.S. Navy in San Diego, California. His parents are Charles and Debra d'Argy.

"My dad was in the Navy during Vietnam and my brother joined 12 years ago; I was inspired by them," d'Argy said. "I joined the Navy later in life. It was great not having to balance school and a job. I hope to use my naval service as a pathway to becoming a nurse."

D'Argy, 32, joined the Navy four years ago. Today, d'Argy serves with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron EIGHT (HSC 8) in San Diego, working with one of the Navy's most advanced helicopters, the MH-60S Seahawk.

Growing up, in Holly, d'Argy attended Holly High School and graduated in 2007. Today, d'Argy uses the same skills and values learned in Holly to succeed in the military.

"Growing up I was taught to be the best version of myself possible," d'Argy said. That lesson has helped him while serving in the Navy.

Navy pilots and aircrew at HSC 8 constantly train to ensure they

are prepared for peacetime and warfighting missions. The mission set of the MH-60S includes anti-surface warfare, search and rescue, vertical replenishment, logistics support, personnel transport, humanitarian disaster relief, medical evacuation, support to Naval Special Warfare and organic airborne mine countermeasures. MH-60S helicopters also are equipped with the ability to conduct replenishments at sea, search and rescue missions and enable other operations for the carrier strike group.

Serving in the Navy means d'Argy is part of

a team that is taking on new importance in America's focus, rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"The world is 70 percent water," d'Argy said. "This allows the Navy to move around and protect our assets and keep the shipping lanes open."

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world's international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity and security of the United States is directly linked to a

strong and ready Navy.

D'Argy and the sailors they serve with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

"The most rewarding experience I've had in the Navy was assisting with the USS John McCain collision while I was an undesignated sailor aboard USS America," d'Argy said. "I was part of a team to help the sailors through the traumatic event that they experienced."

As D'Argy and other sailors continue to train and perform the missions they are tasked with, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

"Serving in the Navy reminds me that America is the land of opportunities," d'Argy said. "It's given me a path to succeed in life and job security. I don't have to worry about a paycheck, which I know is not a common luxury."

Jennifer Gold is the chief mass communication specialist for Navy Community Outreach Command



U.S. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Aaron d'Argy is from Holly. He is serving with the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron EIGHT (HSC 8) in San Diego, California. Courtesy photo: Jesse Hawthorne, mass communication specialist 1st class

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Lake Fenton Board of Education seeks to fill vacant seat on board

The Lake Fenton Board of Education is accepting letters of interest to fill one vacant seat. The school board is accepting letters of interest until the close of business (4 p.m.), Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 to fill the vacant seat. Prior to the school board's meeting

Monday, Dec. 13, school board trustee Karima Almani Bostick resigned. Interested persons must live within the Lake Fenton Community Schools district and be at least 18 years of age. The selected candidate will serve on the school board through December 2022. Send letters of interest to: Larry Godlewski, Lake Fenton Community Schools, School Board President, 11425 Torrey Rd., Fenton, MI 48430. All letters of interest will be considered by the Lake Fenton Board of Education. Interviews will be held Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022.

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QUILTS

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Koledo's friend Leo McDonald nominated him at qovf.org. They keep track of which veterans in their community have received a quilt.

"The biggest reaction is usually, 'oh, I don't deserve this.' I personally just think it's wonderful that we've acknowledged all that these men and women have done for the service of our country," she said. "So it always makes me really proud, but to see how humble most of the recipients

are... I've had people say, 'well, I don't need this'... it's not a question of need. You deserve this. You've served our country and we want to thank you for that."

Every quilt has a special patch that reads, "This quilt was made for you out of appreciation, admiration and respect for your service to our country. With heroes such as yourself, America will continue to be the best in the world. We salute you and hope this quilt brings you comfort and cheer when you need it. Thank you for your service and sacrifice."



Lessons learned from the pandemic of 2020-2021

On March 10, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 15, 2020, the Michigan

Supreme Court also took action and authorized all trial courts to implement emergency measures to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus and provide the greatest protection possible to those who worked and had business in our courts.

This was done and some 21 months later and counting, we are still in the midst of the pandemic. During this period, the Supreme Court has also issued numerous Administrative Orders and amended court rules to continue court operations and protect everyone who uses or is a part of the court system.

When this is all over, with restrictions removed and things back to normal, the question "What have we learned from all of this?" must be answered.

Believe it or not, that process has already been started by the Supreme Court when it formed a "Lessons Learned Committee" in May 2020 to monitor and assess the entirety of the situation from beginning to end and provide those answers.

On June 29, 2021, the Committee made its preliminary findings in a report titled "Michigan Trial Courts: Lessons Learned from the Pandemic of 2020-2021."

It included a complete history of the court system's pandemic responses, findings, best practices, and some 23 recommendations. Numerous procedural and substantive changes were proposed, including conducting court proceedings using Zoom (instead of in person) for specified non-evidentiary civil and criminal hearings. Other hearings and trials would continue to be in person as required by law.

On Nov. 11, 2021, our Supreme Court and the Michigan court system were recognized for their "incredible innovation and adaptability during a crisis" by the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System at the University of Denver when it commented on the report.

The report is available online at the Michigan Supreme Court website. It is very possible that it represents a blueprint of what a post-COVID-19 court world will look like.

I am very proud and honored to be a part of a court system, which is meeting the pandemic's challenges through the efforts of dedicated and hardworking judges and court personnel.

Hopefully, "back to normal" is just around the corner.

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Township to have aerial imaging done in 2022

■ GIS data used for parcels, zoning matters and more

By Hannah Ball

On Monday, Dec. 6, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved spending approximately \$15,000 to have aerial imagery done twice in the next six years.

The municipality received communication from the GIS Department (geographic information systems) of Genesee County this past summer that they would be doing aerial imaging, and they asked if the township wanted to be included.

Thomas Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk, said they responded quickly and said yes. GIS is a system that stores and maintains geographically referenced information.

“What these flights provide are the aerial photography optometry that goes into GIS and is used in a multitude of

ways for the ZBA, planning commission, site plan reviews,” Broecker said.

The agreement encompasses two county-wide flights, one in 2022 and one in 2028. The total cost to Fenton Township is \$15,097, which the township will pay over the 6-year period.

Since 2006, the GIS Department has organized the Genesee County Aerial Imagery project partnership between 33 local governments and agencies within the county, according to a letter from the GIS Department.

The imagery is used in city and township offices, as well as by assessors, police and fire departments, department of public works, County 911 and many other departments.

“The imagery has become an important tool in the daily operations of many entities and a resource to the public as well. There are over 480 users and over one quarter million image views yearly,” according to GIS.

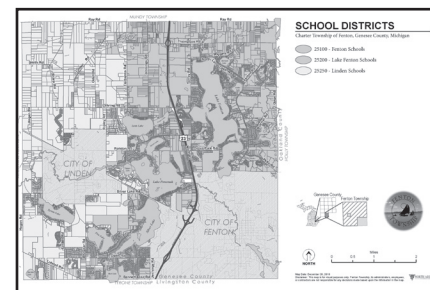
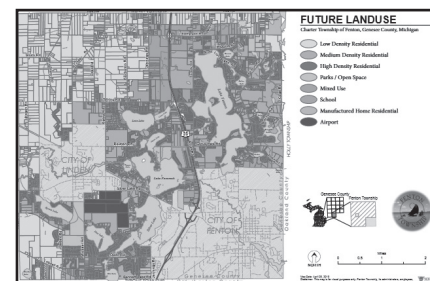
Their most recent flight was 2018. These next two flights will provide these municipalities with new orthogonal and oblique aerial imagery, GIS data such as parcels, plats, zoning, periodic training sessions for Connect Explorer applications and it will include mobile applications for IOS and Android.

The township also approved a GIS agreement with North Arrow technologies for the company to provide services in 2022. The agreement maintains the hourly rate at \$80 per hour. The total projected budget is \$43,120, approximately \$4,500 less than the 2021 agreement.

Broecker said North Arrow Technologies built the township’s current GIS from the ground up and has been their GIS consultant since 2001.

“They have been, and continue to be, a valuable partner and integral part of the Fenton Township team,” he said.

One difference from last year’s contract is the absence of the website update budget. Broecker said they believe the township will have a new website



Here are examples of future land use maps for Fenton Township done by North Arrow Technologies.

this year. He said the \$80 an hour rate is below any other companies in the state that provide this service.

BRANDS

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Schedule meetings/appointments: If there are any meetings (in person or virtual) you’ve neglected for any reason, set them now with the aim of meeting before the holidays. Even if you’re meeting to set plans for 2022, doing that ahead of the new year will feel like a huge win. If — like me — you’ve got some personal appointment you’ve been putting off, make the call to see if you can be fit in before the year ends. I was dreading my dermatologist appointment, but I’m so glad I went and discovered the treatment isn’t as scary (or expensive) as I thought.

Wrap projects (and presents!): When the last week of November arrived, I grabbed my calendar and my to-do list and mapped out a plan to get as much done by the end of 2021 as possible. December may already be nearing its half-way point, but I bet there is still time to wrap at least one project on your list. If nothing else, wrap one present. You’ll feel a sense of accomplishment.

Write down your biggest achievements from 2021: Life is far from

what it was in 2019 and some days can still feel like a struggle, but I know a lot of great things happened in 2021 — both personally and professionally. Make a list (and check it twice!). You’ll feel energized reminding yourself that not only did you achieve these things, you did it during a pandemic.

Write your goals for 2022: We all have things we want to achieve in the new year. I like the idea of writing down goals (two of my personal goals are to eat lunch at home more and add an additional workout to my week) versus tasks. For example, I wrote down “upgrade my cell phone,” but realized that I can get that done before the end of the year and have one less task ahead.

Honestly, I’m feeling pretty smart. Maybe those age spots came with some wisdom.

What are you doing to start the new year with a clean slate? Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

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VG's/SpartanNash and Miller Poultry make sizeable donation



Representatives of VG's grocery, Miller Poultry and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan meet at the Silver Parkway store in Fenton on Monday, Dec. 13.

Submitted photo

■ Give 8,000 pounds of chicken, 1,200 pounds of sausage for Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

Miller Poultry and VGs/SpartanNash are once again embracing the giving spirit in the communities they serve, teaming up to make donations of chicken products to

local and regional food banks.

On Monday, Dec. 13, Miller Poultry and VGs/SpartanNash donated 8,000 pounds of chicken and 1,200 pounds of sausage to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and its network of more than 700 hunger relief partners. This donation was made at the VG's grocery store on Silver Parkway in Fenton.

This has been an annual holiday

tradition since 2008. Since then, more than 150,000 pounds of chicken has been donated to help families in need.

Many people are struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic and there is still a significant need for hunger relief programs. Thousands of households are facing tough choices every day, often going without food in order to pay for housing, utilities, or medical needs.

Consistent, quality nutrition is essential to a healthy life and a healthy society.

Donations, like this one from Miller Poultry, allow the Food Bank to maintain current distribution levels and provide more fresh foods to our neighbors in need. Nearly half of all the food distributed by the Food Bank is fresh produce, proteins and dairy products.

The Food Bank is in the midst of a \$1 million Holiday Campaign, raising funds to continue food distributions and feeding programs throughout 2022.

WATER PLANT

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Construction, based at The Villages, Florida, to refinish/recoat both clarifiers at the water treatment plant for \$495,000. The two clarifiers, also known as claricones, are a critical component in the water treatment process.

In a Dec. 9 memo, Dan Brisson, public works director and Stephen Guy, water plant superintendent, updated city council on the project.

Budgeted from the 2021/2022 Water Operating Budget is \$395,000 to refinish the clarifiers.

Raw water wears the interior surface of the clarifiers exposing the metal substructure. Recoating the surfaces of the clarifiers extends service life and is part of the water quality assurance process. Other water treatment plant items, such as two recarbonation tanks, a header tank and lime silo are included for recoating services as part of this project.

This project is planned for the winter months when water demand is lower and when taking one clarifier out of service at a time is not detrimental to daily water demand.

This is the first time the clarifiers and other listed items are being refinished since the plant was constructed in 2003.

In April, city council approved \$6,900 for Dixon Engineering to inspect the clarifiers and prepare project specifications. Dixon prepared bid documents and assisted the city with the bid process. Eleven companies expressed interest in the project, four attended a mandatory pre-bid walk-through and four companies submitted bids to the city clerk's office by the Nov.

11 deadline.

Bids:

- MW Cole Construction, The Villages, Florida — \$495,000
- Fedewa, Hastings — \$498,900
- Murray Painting, Freeland — \$758,233
- Dave Cole Decorators, Sparta — \$1,235,000

Dixon Engineering reviewed all bid proposals and determined that the low bidder, MW Cole Construction, meets all qualifications for the project. Brisson and Guy wrote in the memo that MW Cole has a proven track record for this type of specialty refinishing work at other water treatment facilities.

Dixon Engineering will provide inspection services at a cost of \$62,950.

Cost breakdown:

- Pre-inspection, specifications, bid documents and bid process – Dixon
 - Engineering - \$6,900
 - Refinishing Services, MW Cole Construction - \$495,000
 - Temporary electrical power supply, Murphy Electric - \$5,000
 - Project oversight and inspection services, Dixon Engineering - \$62,950
- Total cost - \$569,850**

Because the project cost exceeds the budgeted amount, discussion at city council's Dec. 6 workshop meeting weighed options such as postponing the project for another year with speculation that prices may drop, or increase, in the future. Since postponing this project could postpone other water treatment plant capital projects, the staff recommended proceeding with this year's project.

Brisson and Guy said there is adequate funds in the water fund to move forward with this project.



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ROADS

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On Monday, Dec. 13, Linden City Council approved an intergovernmental agreement for winter road maintenance with the GCRC, which states that the GCRC will provide routine road maintenance on major and secondary roads in Linden for one year.

The DPW has experienced high turnover in the last few years and most significantly in the last few months, ac-

cording to a letter to council from City Manager Ellen Glass and DPW Director Don Grice. Grice said “desperate times deserve desperate measures.”

“When this level of turnover occurs, a department loses a vast amount of experience, and more importantly, institutional knowledge. We are currently working on rebuilding the DPW team, but it will take many months to achieve this goal,” the letter states. “In addition to our challenges with the lack of expe-

rience, the equipment currently being used by DPW staff is in questionable condition, and I’m not sure that it can be reliably depended upon for emergency responses to our community.”

The agreement is for a one-year period from December 2021 to December 2022. The city will reimburse the GCRC for equipment and the GCRC’s standard rate for labor costs.

“Our intention is to closely monitor the service level provided and the expenses associated with those services to determine if this is a long-term solution, or simply a short term answer to our current challenges,” according to the letter.

The agreement states that the GCRC will provide routine road maintenance such as pothole patching, grading, ditching, mowing, salting, and snow plowing on the following major public roads:

- N. Bridge – north city limit to Broad Street
- S. Bridge – Broad Street to south city limit
- E. Broad Street (Silver Lake) east city limit to Bridge Street
- W. Broad Street – Bridge Street to

west city limit

- Hickory Street – Broad Street to Bridge Street
- E. Rolston – Bridge to Ripley
- W. Rolston – Bridge to Shiawassee Shores
- Main Street – Tickner to Maple
- Ripley - Rolston to Silver Lake
- Stan Eaton – Hyatt to Broad (school route, weekdays during school)
- Hyatt Lane – Broad to Stan Eaton (school route, weekdays during school)

The Linden City Council also approved a contract to hire Curbeo Inc. of Swartz Creek for snow removal and ice control services for one year for a cost of \$47,175. They would be required to respond within an hour of receiving a request.

Grice said the police will talk to city staff about road conditions. Grice will keep records of response time and performance by Curbeo.

PRINCIPAL

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Adam Hartley sent out a letter dated Dec. 12 to parents informing them of some administrative moves taking place.

Laura Lemke, the high school principal, had been out on personal leave for the last two weeks and will return Jan. 3, 2022. She has decided to resign her position as principal and serve as assistant principal moving forward.

Lemke was appointed to principal during the Fenton Board of Education meeting held remotely Monday, May 11, 2020. She began her new role July 1, 2020. She had served as assistant principal for 16 years. The appointment came after Mark Suchowski, who has been principal of the high school since 2004, announced he would be retiring.

Hartley said that Lemke is committed to Fenton High School

and especially committed to helping the students succeed. He said he’s eager to have her back with the team and he’s confident the high school will continue to grow with her serving as the assistant principal.

Moving forward, Mike Bakker, the FHS assistant principal and athletic director for the district, will serve as interim principal for the remainder of the school year. Hartley said he has confidence in Bakker as a leader and believes keeping him in the role he has served the last two weeks while Lemke has been away is what is best for everyone.

When students return from break Jan. 3, 2022, the administrative team will be:

- Mike Bakker, FHS interim principal
- Laura Lemke, FHS assistant principal
- Zach Bradley, FHS assistant principal
- TPD, interim athletic director



Laura Lemke (right) was named principal of Fenton High School in May 2020. She had served as assistant principal 16 prior to that. She is stepping down from the principal position and will be assistant principal when students return in January. Assistant Principal Zachary Bradley (left) will continue in his current role. **Times file photo**

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crash on the river's shore, Bryfonski reported. Officers found the wreckage of a twin-engine plane fully engulfed in flames.

The aircraft, flown by Vomvolakis for Castle Air, based in Canton, Ohio, was transporting medical supplies.

The flight originated from the Essex County Airport in Fairfield, N.J., and was en route to the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport when Vomvolakis reported engine trouble just prior to the crash, the chief said.

The plane was a Swearingen SA-226AT, a twin turboprop aircraft, which experienced engine failure when it approached the airport, said Steve Kulman, a spokesperson for the Federal Aviation Administration. One person was aboard, he said.

The FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating, headed by the NTSB, which was sending a team of three people to the scene, said Eric Weiss, an NTSB spokesman to the bostonherald.com.

A preliminary report is expected to be



The family of Emanuel (Manny) Vomvolakis has created a gofundme account "Fly High Manny Memorial Fund" to create a scholarship fund in his name. This fund will be a way for Manny's name to live on in the hopes and dreams of those who wish to become a pilot. **Submitted photo**

ready in two weeks. The full report, with the probable cause of the crash, will be ready in one to two years, he said.

LindenPayItForward shared the news about Vomvolakis and the crash on its Facebook page.

Denise Marks, president of Linden Pay It Forward, said, "On Friday night, Manny was in a plane crash in Bedford, New Hampshire.

"He died on impact. He also died a

hero, managing to avoid hitting a large residential neighborhood and crashed just past it."

Marks said a GoFundMe account is being established by the family to create a scholarship fund in Vomvolakis' memory.

Sharp Funeral Homes in Fenton is handling funeral arrangements.

Linden Pay It Forward will be placing an angel on the P.J. Dobos Memorial Tree



Linden Pay It Forward will be placing an angel on the P.J. Dobos Memorial Tree on Broad Street. It will read, "Fly High, Manny." The group will place the angel on the tree Friday, Dec. 17, the day of Emanuel (Manny) Vomvolakis' funeral. **Submitted photo.**

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Hundreds visit Santa and animals at Devoted Barn

■ Rescue and rehab barn saves animals that need help

By Hannah Ball

Rose Twp. — It was a festive day at The Devoted Barn in Rose Township when Santa Claus came to meet children and take photos Sunday, Dec. 12.

Hundreds of people came to the

animal rescue and rehab barn so their children could meet Santa and the hundreds of animals. The event was a fundraiser for the nonprofit.

The barn takes in and takes care of animals that would otherwise be killed. Horses with expensive medical conditions, dogs rescued from hoarding situations and other animals live on the property and receive daily care and rehabilitation.

People donated blankets, sheets and towels for the dogs, bread for the pigs, and an assortment of other items that will benefit the animals.

Macomb resident Allie Nottingham brought her two daughters, Hannah, 5, and Gabriella, 3, to the Devoted Barn to meet Santa. She said her kids were "really excited." They hadn't been to the barn before.

"They're loving it, seeing the animals and everything," she said.

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Blue Devils continue strong start, defeat Corunna 62-26

By David Troppens

Every defense of a league title has to start somewhere.

For the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team, it started with a contest against Corunna at Lake Fenton High School Friday night.

The Blue Devils (2-0) took their first

step toward a potential second Flint Metro League Stars Division title by defeating Corunna 62-26.

The Blue Devils jumped to a quick lead, scoring eight of the first nine points. The lead was 17-5 by the end of the first quarter with Amaya Smith netting eight points during the first eight minutes.

The Blue Devils pretty much put the game away in the second quarter, taking a 33-15 lead

into halftime.

“Our second quarter wasn’t as good as the first, but we still put up 16 points,” Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. “We might have fell in love with the three-ball a bit, but still had some great looks and we raced the ball fairly well.”

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Eagles soar in second half vs. Holly

By David Troppens

Linden — It was a first half of struggling offenses or maybe strong defenses.

People can choose which they thought it was if they’d like.

When the intermission began in the Holly at Linden varsity boys basketball game Friday, the teams combined for just 23 points, with Holly leading 14-9.

Things changed in the second half. The Eagles started the third quarter with a steal and a fastbreak layup by Reichen Lund. That was followed by a breaking layup by Brandon Green off a pass from River Meckstroth. Soon, the Eagles would take the lead and take control of the contest, earning a 40-31 Flint Metro League Stripes Division victory in both team’s opening Metro game of the season. It was Linden’s second contest overall.

Linden also played Northville on Monday, losing a 43-37 contest.

“I think our intensity changed,” Green said about the second half

versus Holly. “We came out expecting we were going to walk all over them, but as a team we needed to step up and come together. The guys stepped up when they needed to and we came together to win the game.”

The Eagles (1-1) took the lead on a post layup by freshman Jase Becher at 15-14. The teams would exchange the lead for a few possessions, but the Eagles took the lead for good on a putback hoop by Green with 2:17 remaining in the third quarter. Linden led 24-22 and the hoop sparked an 8-0 mini run. It continued with a converted free throw by Lund and a putback hoop by Becher. Linden led 27-22 at the end of the third quarter.

Then came maybe the three biggest plays of the contest. Green converted two consecutive traditional three-point plays with layups, fouls and converted free throws. Suddenly, Linden led 33-24 with 7:19 left in regulation.

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Linden's Jake Miller (left) finds getting past Holly's Michael Stevens II's defense rather difficult during the Eagles' 40-31 victory against the Bronchos. Photo: Christopher Summers



Linden's Katie Roti attempts a shot against Holly's Autumn Lewis (left) and Mollina Adams (right). Photo: Christopher Summers

Lady Eagles dominate Bronchos

By David Troppens

Linden — Paige Leedle would love to end her Linden varsity girls basketball career with a Flint Metro League Stripes Division title.

If what Leedle and her teammates did Friday against Holly is any indication of their talent, the Eagles have just a chance to make that goal come true.

The Eagles dominated Holly from the opening minute of the game, cruising to a 60-8 victory against the Holly Bronchos at Linden High School.

Holly never had a chance against the Eagles and their defense. Linden held the Bronchos to just three field goals in the contest and forced Holly to 36 turnovers to earn the easy

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Tigers open season with strong win vs. Dragons

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team does have a few experienced players.

However, they are mixed in with plenty of players that are learning the ropes of varsity hoops as well.

So that’s what made Friday night’s performance all the more important. The Tigers got some of those experienced players to learn how to win a varsity contest at home against the Swartz Creek Dragons.

Fenton (1-0) jumped out to a 20-5 first-

quarter lead, led most of the game only to see the Dragons cut the margin to two in the third quarter and to four points late in the fourth. However, that’s where the Tigers shut down the game. They nailed some

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LF wrestlers crush field at Don Johnson Wrestling Invitational

By David Troppens

It was a great start for the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team.

After a couple of weeks of hard practices, the Blue Devils competed at the 2021 Don Johnson Wrestling Invitational and came home with an overwhelming first-place finish. The Blue Devils scored 226 points, or more than 50 points better than second-place Forest Hills Northern. The event had 17 teams.

"The boys wrestled great for the first tournament of the year," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "The boys wrestled well from the top of our lineup to the bottom. It was the tournament I was hoping for."

"Our practices have been amazing so far this year. The work ethic, the focus and the drive have been on pace since day one. It was gratifying to see the boys respond well to the challenge of a tough Lansing Eastern tournament."

The Blue Devils had Jorge Marvin (103), Ty Johnson (135), Zack Hall

(140) and Jack Conley earn first-place finishes. Marvin won his matches by technical fall in the semifinal round and by pinfall against Springport's Erik Dykstra in the final.

Johnson won his first match by pin and then won the last two by decision, including a 10-6 verdict against Laingsburg's Aden Baynes. Hall went 3-0 and earned pinfall wins in each of his matches, including a 1:52 pinfall victory against Forest Hills Northern's Noah Garces in the final. Conley won a match by pinfall, by major decision and by decision. He defeated Springport's Matt Riehle 7-3 in the final. Clay Cook (112), Drew Corcoran (145) and Noah Hall (152) each advanced to the finals but had to settle for second-place finishes. Meanwhile, Robbie Moore (119) and Drake Deem (130) each earned fourth-place efforts. Karson Crist (171) placed fifth while Julian Carter and Jacob Haugh each recorded sixth-place finishes. Owen Zettler (160) earned a 3-1 record at the event.



Linden's Lucas Carr (top) works on defeating a recent opponent. He placed third at last weekend's George Hamblin Invitational. Photo: David Troppens

Linden wrestlers place third at George Hamblin invite

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity wrestling team found itself in a tournament that included Hartland and Freeland when it went to the George Hamblin Invitational.

The Eagles came out of the event pretty well, taking third with 153.5 points and one individual weight champion.

Bryce Shingleton remained undefeated during the early portion of the season, earning two wins in the 125-pound class. He won his first match by technical fall, and then won

the championship match against Hartland's Patrick Wlodyga by a 9-2 decision.

Six other wrestlers placed third and two others left with fourth-place efforts. Those finishing in third were Adelia Carr (112), Brenden Shingleton (130), Luke Haney (140), Lucas Carr (152), Michael Bush (171) and Jase Gundry (189). Ben Wingblad (119) and Bryce Eliuk (285) each placed fourth at the meet.

Jackson Reid (135), Brady Makala (160) and Itiel Delgado (215) each earned a victory.

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important shots down the stretch and made some key free throws, earning a 62-42 Flint Metro League Stripes Division home victory against the Dragons.

"We have some new kids and we have some veterans, but we have a couple of other guys that have never played varsity basketball, and they learned some valuable lessons tonight," Fenton varsity boys

basketball coach Chad Logan said. "It was great to be in front of the students for the first time in more than a year and that kick-started us. Ja'Hion made a shot and we got off to a 20-5 lead. We came out with energy and that had everything to do with the crowd and their energy. ... Thank you to the student section."

Bond was the big reason for the rally on the court.

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Blue Devils learn, defeat Corunna

Griffins split weekend games

By David Troppens

After seeing a talented Genesee Christian varsity boys basketball team score 31 points in the first quarter against the Blue Devils on Tuesday, the squad knew that it had to figure a way to play better defense.

The Lake Fenton Blue Devils did just that Friday night, while avenging three losses to Corunna a year ago. Lake Fenton held Corunna to just 18 first-half points, helping spark a 56-47 victory at Lake Fenton High School.

“I felt like from the start to finish we were able to control the tempo,” Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Tyler Szczepanski said. “We harped on our defensive effort over the last couple of days in practice, and that is what won us the ball game — our defense.”

“We set a big focus on that the last couple of days and we had a couple of big stops down the stretch. They made it close late in the game, and then Max Muenzer drew a charge call that gave me the confidence we would win the game.”

Offensively, the Blue Devils (1-1) had a balanced scoring effort in the opening half. Ashton Hunter had seven points with Gavin Teffner and Francis Senter collecting six and five points, respectively. Seven players scored in the opening half for Lake Fenton. The Blue Devils led 26-18 at intermission.

In the third quarter, Senter scored eight of the Blue Devils’ 16 points, helping Lake Fenton maintain a 52-42 lead entering the fourth quarter. In the final eight minutes, the Blue Devils iced the game on the free-throw line, netting nine free throws in 18 attempts. When it mattered most, Dylan Hammis nailed them, making 6-of-8 at the charity stripe in the final eight minutes.

Senter finished the contest with 15 points while Hunter netted 10 points. Teffner and Hammis had eight points while Muenzer finished with six points.

“These guys beat us three times last year and they beat them twice the year before that,” Szczepanski said. “We did the things we had to do to win a



Lake Fenton's Gavin Teffner scored eight points in the Blue Devils' 56-47 victory against Corunna. Photo: David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden varsity Hockey team finished the weekend with a 50-50 result.

The Griffins lost to the Portage Muskies 3-0 but then defeated the Kalamazoo Eagles 4-2.

Against Kalamazoo, the Griffins fell behind early, but had the lead before the end of the first period. Jace Dumeah's goal tied the contest with Mitchel Luck assisting. The Griffins took the lead for good with a power-play goal by Keegan McNamara on assists by Maximus Wright and Luck.

The Griffins jumped to a 3-1 lead in the second period on a goal by Temple off of assists by Carson Gardner and Wright. The Eagles cut the gap to 3-2, but another Griffins' power-play goal raised the lead to 4-2. It was scored by Gardner on an assist by Wright. Fenton/Linden kept that lead into the second intermission and held on to it the rest of the contest.

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Strong final three quarters sparks Fenton to victory

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team had a slow start against the Swartz Creek Dragons on Friday night.

But when it came to the final three quarters, the Tigers dominated. Trailing 19-11 after one quarter, the Tigers outscored the Dragons 51-24 in the final 24 minutes to cruise to a 62-43 home victory.

The game began with the teams honoring Oxford High School and the students who lost their lives. Both teams held hands as the squads listened to the Oxford fight song. Fans wore Oxford blue and gold.

The Tigers trailed 19-11 after one quarter, but pretty much dominated from the opening seconds of the second quarter. The Tigers opened the second period with a 9-0 run. Allie Browne netted a putback, followed by a driving layup by Grace MacCaughan. The Dragons' lead was now just 19-15. Ka-

leigh Shaker continued the run with a driving five foot hoop, closing the gap to 19-17. Then, with 4:37 left in the quarter, Abby Logan dished off an assist to Shaker for a three-pointer, giving Fenton the 20-19 lead. The Dragons retook the lead with a bucket, but Shaker hit another trey with 2:38 left, giving the Tigers the lead for good. Fenton went into halftime with a 27-21 lead after another trey by MacCaughan and a converted free throw by Shaker.

Fenton (1-1) opened the third quarter with a driving layup by Logan, but the Dragons did cut the gap to just two points twice in the fourth quarter. The second time came at 40-38 with 6:47 left. However, a converted free throw by MacCaughan, a Logan assist on a Shaker three-pointer and a driving layup by Logan gave the Tigers a 46-38 lead with 4:00 remaining in regulation.

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Holly wrestlers compete at Birch Run

The Holly varsity wrestling team opened its season at the Birch Run Tournament and finished the event with an 0-3 record. The Bronchos lost to Clio 39-36, to Troy 63-18 and to Yale 57-24.

The contest with Clio went down to the final match. Holly led 36-24 after Jacob Gonzales (171) earned a pinfall victory in 58 seconds. However, Clio ended the event with a decision win and two pinfall victories in the final three matches to earn the team victory.

The Bronchos had two wrestlers finish with 3-0 records with three pinfall victories. Gonzales earned first-round pinfalls in each match, collecting the victories in a combined 2:56. The longest match was one that took 1:04. The other was Hunter Hummel (160). He earned two first-round pinfall wins and a third-round shouldering.

Christian Preston (119/125) went 2-1, earning two pinfall victories. Meanwhile, Andrew Cross (130), Kendall Drake (189) and Jayden Higgins (215) each won one match by pinfall. Jacob DeVray (152) earned one victory as well.

Fenton wrestling off to busy start

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity wrestling team has been busy since the start of their dual meets.

The Tigers have faced seven teams already, but limited numbers have kept the squad from having a lot of team success in the win-loss column, as they've lost each of these duals.

In Wednesday's first matches, the Tigers lost a tight 39-35 battle with Adrian and also lost to Saline 56-26. On Saturday, they lost five matches with two being mighty close. The Tigers lost to Farmington 42-41 and to Crestwood 41-36. They also lost to Lake Orion and to

Montrose by similar 34-25 scores and to Romeo 46-25.

"Early on, we are still working to get our lineup in the right position," Fenton varsity wrestling coach Brad Beverly said. "We do not have the numbers we had in the past, but we have a number of experienced wrestlers."

"In our first event we had a number of kids that had solid outings. However, we had too many forfeits we could not overcome. ... Regardless of how the season goes, I fully expect our kids to show up, compete and do their part for the team. I know they will and all of the kids we have are doing their part to help the team

succeed."

In Wednesday's activities, Owen Freeman (119), Kyle Dunfield (160/171) and Philip Lamka (160/171) went 2-0, while Carson Krzeszak (285) won his only match. Garrett Clark (125), Dylan Beverly (152), and John Sage (189) went 1-1 each.

At Saturday's Romeo duals Lamka went 5-0, earning three pinfall wins. Krzeszak went 4-1 with three pinfall wins while Evan Firby (215), Beverly and Freeman each went 4-1 with two pinfall wins. Clark went 3-2 with two pinfall wins.

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Holly swimmers compete well despite small roster vs. Ovid-Elsie

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys swim team is limited in numbers, but what numbers the Bronchos do have, are performing rather well.

The Bronchos recently recorded six firsts in 12 events in a 91-51 loss to Ovid-Elsie.

Zachary Rockafellow got off to an


impressive start to the season, earning four firsts. He teamed with Grant Hoffman, Brandon Strickert and Dwight Van'tZelfede to win the 200 medley relay (2:22.02) and the 200 freestyle relay (2:13.20). Meanwhile, he also won two individual events. He took the top spot in the 200 individual medley (2:34.22) and the 100 backstroke (1:12.51).

Strickert and Hoffman also earned individual firsts and an individual second each. Strickert won the 200 freestyle (2:23.02), while Hoffman earned the top spot in the 100 freestyle (1:15.33). Hoffman was the runner up in the 100 breaststroke (1:36.19) while Strickert finished second in the 500 freestyle (6:25.58).


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victory. The first quarter pretty much nailed the victory for Linden. Seven Eagles scored as Linden hit on 9-of-18 shots (three treys) and held Holly to no points and 13 turnovers. Linden led 24-0 at the end of the stanza.

"We really wanted to work on our offense and get better as a team, no matter who we were playing," Leedle said. "I feel we have so much potential. We have been doing so well. We have been working as a team on and off the court and I love it."

Linden had five players score points in the second stanza and forced Holly to 11 turnovers, resulting in a 43-2 halftime lead.

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DEVILS

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In the third quarter the Blue Devils enjoyed a 23-2 edge in the stanza. Savannah Fellenbaum scored all 11 of her points in the third quarter.

"Man, did that third quarter go fast,"



Holly's Alana Simmons drives to the bucket against Linden's Madison Meunier. Photo: Christopher Summers

VanBuren said. "We hiked that lead and had six girls score."

The Blue Devils used a balanced scoring attack to earn the victory. Fellenbaum had 11 points while Cola Sisk, Smith and Kerrigan Howdeshell netted 10 points each. Ella Prevost scored eight points.

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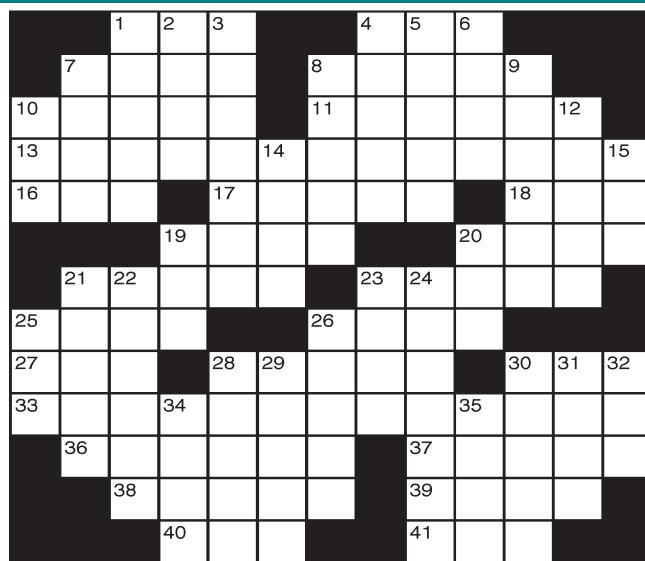
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Midweek Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 PC port
- 4 Roast VIPs
- 7 — cheese dressing
- 8 Some tides
- 10 Coffee-break hr.
- 11 Mistakes in print
- 13 Mitch Hedberg and Margaret Cho, for two
- 16 Standard
- 17 Cyber-commerce
- 18 To and —
- 19 Greet
- 20 "Roots" author Haley
- 21 Racing shell
- 23 Red-tag events
- 25 Poker variety
- 26 \$ dispensers
- 27 1040 org.
- 28 Mideast peninsula
- 30 Mimic
- 33 "Don't slouch!"
- 36 Spud
- 37 Thin nails
- 38 Brick worker
- 39 Used car sites
- 40 Med. plan option



41 Away from WSW

DOWN

- 1 Of an arm bone
- 2 Writer O'Casey
- 3 Unfair treatment
- 4 "Thank you, Henri"
- 5 Yule tune
- 6 Pesky email
- 7 Alpha follower
- 8 Himalayan
- 9 Repress
- 10 Recipe abbr.
- 12 Farm units
- 14 Gas co., for one
- 15 Boston team, for short
- 19 Paul Newman film
- 20 Gore and Franken
- 21 Vegas area
- 22 Convention
- 23 Luminary
- 24 Good-natured
- 25 Venus, to Serena
- 26 Playwright Chekhov
- 28 Tic
- 29 "Life — short ..."
- 30 Marble type
- 31 Profs' degrees
- 32 UFO crew
- 34 Hexagonal state
- 35 Press agent?

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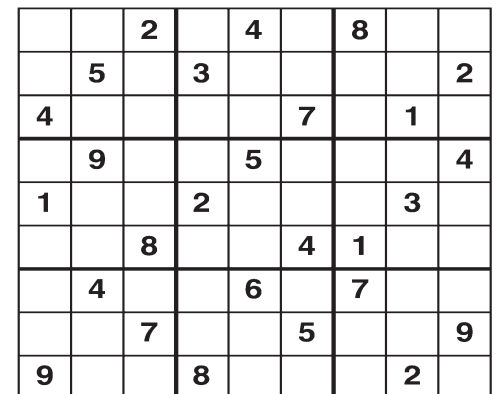
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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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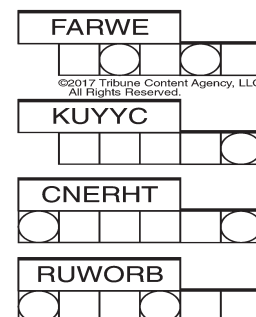
JUMBLE

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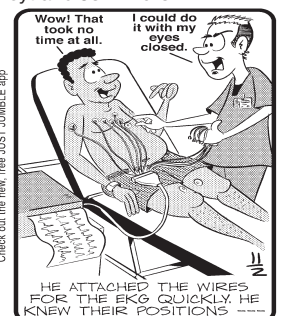
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Source: Thefuneralsource.org



Curtis G. Gavette 1940 – 2021

Curtis G. Gavette - age 81, of Linden, died Sunday, December 12, 2021. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St. Linden (A live stream of the service will be available on Curtis obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com). Fr. David Harvey officiating. Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday, December 17 from 4 - 8 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the Loose Senior Center, 707 N. Bridge St, Linden, MI 48451. Curtis was born April 4, 1940 in Auburn Heights, the son of Gerdon



and Martha Gavette. He was a 1958 graduate of Pontiac Northern High School. He married Barbara Ann Roughton December 21, 1990 and she preceded him in death March 6, 2015. Curtis has resided in Linden since 2002 coming from Waterford. He was a member of the Loose Senior Center. He enjoyed playing Euchre and spending time with his grandchildren. Surviving are six children; and several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; other relatives; and several friends. He was also preceded in death by his parents. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Howard J. Mitchell 1945 – 2021

Howard J. Mitchell - age 76, of Holly, died Friday, November 26, 2021. He was born in Flint on January 10, 1945 to Albert and Evelyn (Bradley) Mitchell. He was a lifelong resident of Holly from a pioneering family that settled in Holly in 1837. He was a Vietnam Veteran, serving in the US Army. He worked at General Motors Metal Fab (now called GM Flint Assembly) plant on VanSlyke. He was a former member of Farm Bureau, Holly American Legion, Holly Kiwanis, and Holly JC's. Surviving are four siblings, Marilyn (Ralph) Meredith of Port Huron, David Mitchell of Byron, Arlene Mitchell



of Seattle, WA, and Glen (Candace) Mitchell of Holly; nieces and nephews, Brian Meredith, Devin (Tammy) Meredith, Erlinda Meredith, Renee (Shane) Hernandez, John Spencer, and Joeseeph (Ahnjayla) Spencer; and many friends. A visitation will be held from 1 - 4 PM Sunday, December 19, 2021 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial donations may be made to Michigan Foundation for Agriculture, Attn. Kate Thiel, P.O. Box 3096, Lansing, MI 48909-8460. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Horoscopes

For the week of
December 13, 2021

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Relationships will be easy for you this week, Aries. You will be in tune with the vibe of the people with whom you interact on a daily basis and can push interactions further.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Remember to take lessons from those who have blazed trails before you. Taurus. You don't have to reinvent the wheel. Explore some tried and true strategies.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, your desire to remodel or redecorate your home could come to the forefront this week. Be careful to set a budget; otherwise, you run the risk of overspending.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
You may be lacking some self-confidence in the romance department right now, Cancer. Phone a friend and get the pep talk you need to realize you've got what it takes.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you may be tempted to turn off your phone this week, as the idea of a device-free day is enticing. Take a brief time out from technology each day.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, if you feel backed into a corner, try not to lash out but understand others' opinions and why they may be questioning you. Listen and you'll find a solution.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, it's unlikely you can check everything off of your list this week. Don't let that get you down, however. You will accomplish a lot. Measured progress is still progress.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you may be known for being serious much of the time, but it's alright to be goofy and playful once in a while. Engage in some entertaining antics.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Stand up for what you believe in this week, Sagittarius. Others will be inspired by your actions and may join in support of the cause you've championed.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
The pressure on you has been tremendous lately, Capricorn. You may want to treat yourself to a well-deserved rest. The break will quickly rejuvenate you.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
This is a good time to pursue your dreams, Aquarius. Make a list of smaller steps that will help you achieve your goals and then put the plan into action.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
You can't avoid every poor situation that comes your way, Pisces. Don't run and hide, but step up and face the music.

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