

Lansing School District News

Kids' Puzzle Corner

Hello everybody,

It's planting time and that reminds me of food. I'm very pleased to present this week's GUEST PUZZLE submitted by King Ferry's own Martha Leahy. It's about FRUITS & VEGETABLES, so put on your thinking cap and sharpen your pencil. If you want to submit a puzzle, send it to JP, 204 Wilson Road, Lansing, NY 14882.

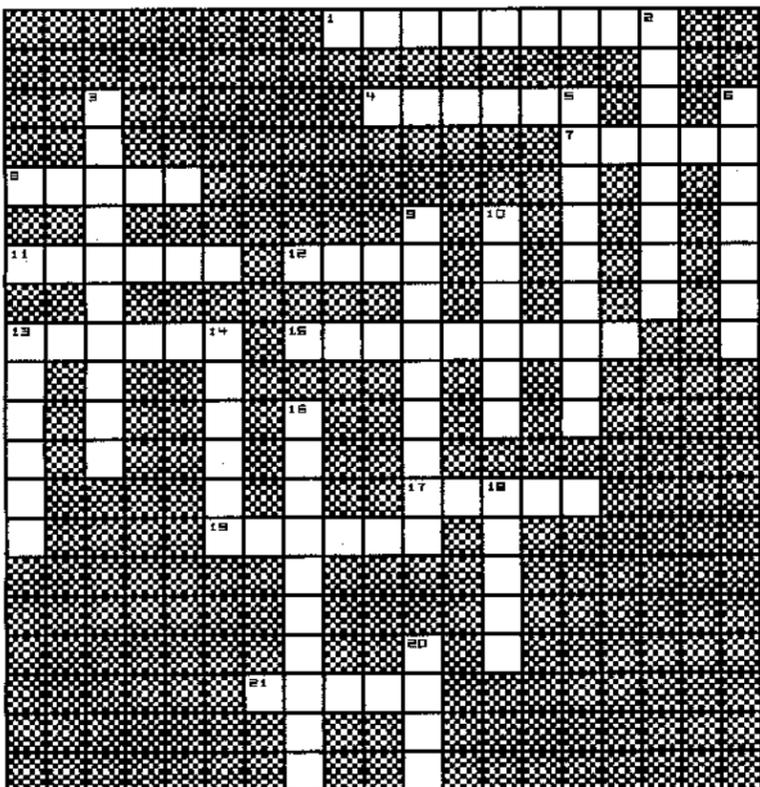
Across:

- 1. TRINNEACE
- 4. PPPEER
- 7. LPAPE
- 8. HPCAE
- 11. CRERYH
- 12. KWII
- 13. RIPTNU
- 15. BBRREELUY
- 17. NOMEL
- 19. RGEOAN
- 21. RPEAG

Down

- 2. PETNGGLA
- 3. GTEFRRIPAU
- 5. SPYRRRABE
- 6. CLTETUE
- 9. APEINPLEP
- 10. RLECEY
- 13. MTTOOA
- 14. OOAPTT
- 16. WBSYRARERT
- 18. GAMON
- 20. RPAE

Ready? SET. GO!



Words: Apple - Blueberry - Celery - Cherry - Eggplant - Grape - Grapefruit - Kiwi - Lemon - Lettuce - mango - Neclatine - Orange - Pepper - Peach - Pear - Pineapple - Potato - Raspberry - Strawberry - Tomato - Turnip.

School Board Candidate Statements

The three candidates seeking the two open 3-year seats on the Lansing School Board have responded positively to the Lansing Community News' invitation to submit 350 word statements on their candidacies. Their unedited statements appear on pages 4 and 5.

Board Candidate N. Lin Davidson

Lansing Schools are strong academically and we need to keep this our first focus. We have a successful program of extracurricular activities, including sports, that allow our students to develop



Lin Davidson

their leadership abilities, career interests and contribute to their personal growth. Women's sports are an important and growing part of the athletic program and must be supported. Parent participation through sports, theater, site teams, committee memberships, classroom volunteers, and especially, working at home with their children is a great asset for Lansing kids. Our children are entering into a working world different than the one I entered. The idea of an employer for life or maybe two is past. Our graduates will have 4 or 5 employers and are very likely to go back to school to change careers. The importance of excellent communication, reasoning and math skills cannot be over emphasized. These core skills and knowing how to learn are keys to the world of our students.

At the same time a growing student population and costs of the building program are creating a heavy load for taxpayers. To keep our standards high in this time of growth and mandates from Albany we are going to need faculty, staff and administration working efficiently together. We have to complete and fully implement the K-12 continuous curriculum. Students will leave a grade with a set of skills and knowledge that will be a direct foundation to build on the next year. Selective use of technology

(E-Mail, interactive tutorials and distance learning) can help augment these goals to do more with less.

As a board member I would be an independent thinker. I base my opinions on all available information and am not afraid to call things as I see them. I have a knowledge of the school in addition to being a parent. In addition to the High School Site team, I am also on the Facility, Technology and Handbook/Policy committees. Our technology group applied for and recently received a \$ 15,000 NSF grant for internet access.

At Cornell, I am working with teaching and technology every day. I was the contact with the architect during the planning and construction of our 7,000 square foot teaching lab complex. I want to see a safe and on-budget school building project.

Most of you know me as "Lin" Davidson. My wife Sue has volunteered in the elementary school when the boys were young and misses very few swim meets and soccer matches. You may have met my son Brett a freshman or Phil a junior. They are on the soccer and swim teams and are good students. I work at Cornell as a Lab coordinator/network administrator for a major biology course with 700 students in lab and lecture. It is a survey course that covers from molecular biology to ecology. I farm in Lansing as well and raise corn, wheat, oats, soybeans and honey north on 34B at the county line. I am a member of the Lansing Lions and the Lansing Planning Board. I pay plenty of taxes and help pay more as a tenant on the 200+ acres I rent. Lansing School is a great experience for my boys and I want that experience to continue for the future. Hard choices are going to be made by the Board and I intend to use my vote to get the most for the student and the taxpayer.

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