Fans fired up about game, commercials

■ Former Fentonites talk about Super Bowl fever in Denver and North Carolina

By Vera Hogan

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Everyone is going "gaga" over Super Bowl 50, which will be played on Sunday, Feb. 7 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

And, by the way, Lady Gaga will be singing the National Anthem before kickoff this year.

This year's contenders are the Carolina Panthers (based in Charlotte,

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Bill Fults



Ashley Hogan

Super Bowl extras

- Coldplay is headlining this year's halftime show, with Beyoncé and Bruno Mars also set to make appearances. (sbnation.com)
- A 30-second Super Bowl ad is selling for as much as \$5 million. (fortune.com)
- One of many commercials is "Simply Put." Budweiser released one of its Super Bowl 50

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Linden mayor not seeking reelection

■Lossing will seek leadership position at the university level

By Sharon Stone

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After six years on the Linden City Council and the last 12 years as mayor, David Lossing said it's time for him to transition into his next career as he finishes his doctoral degree in higher education leadership.

After much thought and conversations with his wife, Suzanne, Lossing, 52, has decided not to seek another term as mayor of Linden. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Lossing is in his last semester at Indiana State University, where he is working toward his doctorate in higher education leadership. With exams in June and his dissertation

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David Lossing

fun-filled years of public service. It never felt like work. I enjoyed it. 77

David Lossing
Linden mayor

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TIM JAGIELO

(Above) Powers

Catholic High School

students flood

the hallways after

"Friendship Games"
activities wrapped up
on Thursday. (Right)

Powers student

Colton Frownfelter,
14, laughs during an
improv theater activity
he was helping to run
Thursday afternoon.



■ Powers Catholic High School offers many local families a private, religious education

By Sally Rummel

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Lauren Hall, 14, doesn't have to worry about what she's going to wear to school every morning.

This high school freshman attends Powers Catholic High School in Flint, and the dress code, rather than fashion, dictates what she'll wear every day.

"I think it's easier with a dress code," she said. "You don't have to spend time worrying about what people think, because you all look and dress pretty much the same."

The dress code is just one thing that sets Powers apart from a public high school setting.

For the 649 students who attend Powers from all corners and walks of life in Genesee

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anytime during our lunch hour and see what goes on. Then stop at your local high school. The difference is in the atmosphere. It's friendlier, more respectful. 77

Sally Bartos

Principal

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Fenton police, please do

something. Every day I see women texting on their phones while they are driving. They text at stoplights without looking up until you honk and then they go. These are moms, not

kids, always moms. I know because I'm a mom. Should we call the police when we see this? It's dangerous."

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license plate? Basically you are paying more money than the normal very high license plate fee in order to drive around with an ad for

Michigan on the rear of your vehicle. Why doesn't the state just use the Pure Michigan design on all plates?"

LQuit buying the

personal hygiene products whose ads are inappropriately graphic and they will quit using that ad. You should know that there is no oversight on commercial TV ads. They can do whatever they want. The inane Cottonelle ad? I agree, yuck! Don't buy it."



Camichael LaJoice spent money foolishly for years that wasn't his, received accolades for giving money away that wasn't his, nobody ever knew what his job actually was, and he made grandiose promises to the community that never came to pass. In other words, Michael LaJoice was a politician.





Google

probably knows more about you than your closest friend

■By recording keystrokes and habits, Google tracks every move we make online

By Hannah Ball

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When you use Google to search for

something like a new camera lens and then you see ads pop up on your Facebook page for Canon cameras and lens, it's not a coincidence.

Similar to Big Brother in George Orwell's "1984," Google has become an all-knowing entity that tracks and records computer habits.

You do not even have to use Google or Gmail for the company to get information about you — emailing with a Google server or using one Google product is enough.

Here's how the world's most popular search engine knows all.

Search engine

You can hide your search history from your spouse, but Google knows all. Google records every word you type into the search bar, even if you don't hit enter, according to

usnews.com.

It knows when you're searching for a new parenting book, the latest crazy thing Donald Trump said or if you're searching to see if your email was released in the Ashley Madison hack. Google records everything

friend about how to make chicken parmesan or about going on vacation to Hawaii, don't be surprised if Google gives you ads for recipes and hotel deals the next time you go online.

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and gives you personalized ads.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Andy Perkins conducts the Fenton Community Orchestra during rehearsal Thursday night at Fenton High School. The group is preparing for a spring concert, and also a performance of all new material Perkins composed, inspired by the classic film, "The Birds." **See more photos at tetimes.com.**

'Hollywood' comes to Fenton for Red Carpet Gala

ELocal composer and Fenton Community Orchestra present original score for 1963 thriller 'The Birds'

By Sally Rummel

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If you were born before 1963, Alfred Hitchcock's masterpiece thriller, "The Birds," is likely among some of the movie milestones you have remembered during your lifetime.

"The Birds," starring Tippi Hedren, probably had you sitting at the edge of your seat, watching as an unexplained onslaught of birds terrorized, Bodega Bay, a coastal California town.

It's a movie that caught the eyes and ears of Fenton High School Music Director Andrew David "Andy" Perkins, who is also the director of the Fenton Community Orchestra and a composer. He has been a big Hitchcock fan since his dad, a huge film buff, turned him onto Hitchcock movies

when he was growing up.

What you might not know about "The Birds" is that it intentionally didn't have an orchestral musical score, according to Perkins. This was an attempt by Hitchcock and his regular composer Bernard Herrmann ("Psycho," "Vertigo," "North to Northwest") to make the story even more true to life by using an electronic soundtrack with simulated birdcalls and wing noises, rather than music.

See THE BIRDS on 11A

features all the cultural gems in Fenton, from the Fenton Community Orchestra to local artists, restaurants and décor, all showcased in one place at one time.

Andrew David Perkins Musical director of Fenton High School and Fenton Community Orchestra



The Birds is a 1963 horror film directed by Alfred Hitchcock, loosely based on the 1952 story of the same name by Daphne du Maurier. It focuses on a series of sudden and unexplained violent bird attacks on the people of Bodega Bay, California over the course of a few days. The film features the screen debut of Tippi Hedren. It also starred Rod Taylor, Jessica Tandy, Suzanne Pleshette and Veronica Cartwright. The screenplay is by Evan Hunter. Hitchcock told him to develop new characters and a more elaborate plot, keeping du Maurier's title and concept of unexplained bird attacks.

gofundme website raises \$4 million daily

Thousands share personal stories on GoFundMe and thousands donate

By Hannah Ball

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While the crowdfunding site GoFundMe isn't as well known as social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, it's carving its mark into society.

Sites like Indiegogo and Kickstarter have allowed people to crowdfund for years, which is raising money for a project by

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■ GoFundMe has become the most popular crowdfunding site, raising more than \$1 billion.

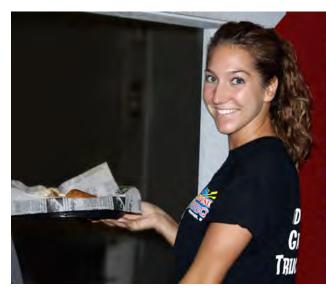
asking a large number of people to donate. These sites are mainly used by artists seeking donations for a personal project.

For example, Rooster Teeth, a production company based in Austin, Texas, raised more than \$2.4 million in one month on Indiegogo to produce the movie "Lazer Team," according to variety.com.

But GoFundMe is a different kind of altruism with various causes raising about \$4 million daily.

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awyers are killing America

By Foster Childs

Forget about terrorism, car accidents or being murdered. You are far more likely to have your life ruined by a lawyer these days.

When I was in college, becoming a lawyer was right up there with becoming a doctor as an elite profession to which a young person could aspire. Alas, those days are long gone. Lawyers are now our enemy. And while there are still many good, decent lawyers out there, the carnage wreaked by the ever-growing number of immoral bottom-feeders is killing America.

Millions of American children are irreparably scarred for life by divorce lawyers who encourage their clients to utterly destroy the other parent for the sole purpose of generating higher legal fees.

Physicians prescribe millions upon millions of unnecessary medical procedures, costing us billions, because it is the best

way to minimize the possibility of being sued.

Every year thousands of American business owners have their money legally stolen from them through baseless litigation that is, in reality, legal blackmail.

Dangerous criminals, who everyone knows are guilty, are routinely unleashed back onto our streets to commit more crimes and create more mayhem due to crafty lawyers who

get them freed on a technicality. American law, created to protect the de-

cent, law-abiding citizen, is now a dangerous weapon in the hands of lawyers who immorally, but legally, plunder and pillage society for their own gain while leaving a trail of shattered lives in their rear-view

Don't we all know at least one individual who receives a monthly 'disability' check but still golfs and plays softball?

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Hundreds of attorneys with catchy phone numbers like 1-800-CALL CAM, troll the daytime TV audiences with ads urging them to sue somebody for something because, dammit, who receives it beats the heck out of actually working for a living! Hell, some states have citizens who are so stupid that they actually elect lawyers like this to the State Supreme Court.

Michigan would be one of these states.

But wait, you say. Don't juries ultimately make the decisions in a courtroom? Yes, that is true. But the process of jury selection has been corrupted by lawyers as well. The lawyer who won the \$25 billion

'class action suit' against the tobacco companies in 1998 rejected over 800 potential jurors before finding six people stupid enough to believe that individuals who choose to smoke cigarettes do not do so of their own free will.

> All the costs associated with this perversion of justice are ultimately paid for by you and me in the form of higher taxes and higher prices for everything.

How can this be, you ask? Why don't our elected representatives do something? Well, here's why. While only 0.6 percent of the U.S. population are lawyers, over 41 percent of our elected leaders are lawyers. Hmmm – Fox? Henhouse?

I'll leave you with an old adage that sums the situation up very succinctly: 'One lawyer in a small town will starve. Two lawyers in a small town will get rich.' Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the King at king@tctimes.com. Some content adapted from the internet.

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GET READY, JUST as Snyder took over control of all the major cities and schools in this state, the federal government will take control of our state. Snyder will leave us bankrupt. Yes, he will take his 'Golden Parachute' with him.

FEB. 6 WAS the birthday of one of the greatest world leaders, ever. He destroyed the Soviet Union and Communist Eastern Europe, freeing millions without the loss of American lives. Politicians often quote him but don't honor him because he was a true conservative. Happy birthday

Ronald Reagan.

CARS LINE UP long before school gets out to pick up kids from AGS. They inevitably block Donaldson Drive for prolonged periods of time. You are technically cutting in front of the cars lined up in the left-turn lane. Keep going, turn around and get in back of

THE VA IS still not taking care of veterans. Poor care, long waiting times to see your provider who, in some cases, is incompetent, uncaring and may not even speak English. Medications through the VA often cost up to five times more than your local pharmacy.

THE CLINTON FOUNDATION received an \$11 million donation from the prince of Saudi Arabia. I wonder what favor he wants if Hillary should get in office. I'm voting for Trump. At least he is wealthy enough not to be bought.

WHAT? LAJOICE HAD the best interests of the community in mind. He is no Robin Hood. At best, he was a 'crook'ed politician. He was inflating his ego and building a business for his personal enrichment and enjoyment.

HILLARY CLINTON HAS caused exceptionally grave damage to the national security of the United States of America. She should be in jail!

THANKS TO FUN with Frosting bakery. Thank you for going above and beyond great customer service for meeting me after hours to pick up the cake in time for the party. I can't thank you enough.

I FIND IT very interesting that the one large corporate presence in Flint for many, many vears has been GM. Yet, I've heard not one peep about its donations regarding the water crisis. Shame on them.

KING, I RESPECTFULLY disagree with your Trump column. 'We the people' are sick and tired of electing do-nothings who surrendered to the Obama-Pelosi-Reid cabal. Trump is the needed Republican emergency manager. The Tea Party has

morphed into the 'T' party. Trump 2016.

FOSTER CHILDS' PREDICTION of a Trump withdrawal has merit. Robert Kennedy and Wallace were shot resulting in Humphrey and McGovern becoming Democratic candidates.

Both lost to Nixon. Perot's family was threatened and he backed off resulting in Clinton becoming president. Why risk everything to become president?

TO HOT-LINERS commenting about Cottonelle commercials. To save your dignity, turn off your TV. Why aren't you also complaining about tampon and adult diaper ads? Your complaints are

FORMER CHASSÉ ZUMBA

participants: Loose Center in Linden is not just for seniors, and they offer fabulous Zumba and Zumba Gold classes. Call (810) 735-9406. I'm sure they'd love to meet you.

I'VE GOT A good one for all the crooks. What about the people who frequent Flint restaurants and are there on a weekly basis, and use the water to fill their water jug? What about the poisoning of them? It's a whole state issue for anyone who's

ever been in Flint. THEY WERE INTERVIEWING a person on television last night and he said Ted Cruz was a good candidate because he had raised so much money for his campaign. He is being bought and paid for by big organizations and will be repaying favors to them. Get

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smarter before you vote.



Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

If you had a big boat, what would you name it?



"I did have one called 'Shillelagh' because of my Irish heritage. I cruised Lake Huron. I raced my sailboat back in the '90s when I was younger and tougher."

- Tom Burke Tyrone Township



"What about 'Boataleschous?" My last name is Lesch. I know I would go down to the Bahamas, the Keys. I'd go anywhere in the Caribbean."

> — Karl Lesch Rose Township



"Blue Skies.' We had a dog named Blue and while you're out on a boat, you hope you have blue, sunny skies. I would go everywhere."

> - Emily Lesch Rose Township



"I'd probably name it 'Libby Three.' There was a one and two. I'd start in Michigan and head down the Mississippi and go down to Florida. Sounds like fun."

- Mary Osborn, Byron



streettalk

"I'd have to name it 'The B' and I would sail to Alaska. I've always wanted to go up the Canadian coast. I train dogs and I call them The B."

> Lisa Chomic Fenton Township

Driver pleads guilty

■South Lyon woman to be sentenced for motorcycle crash that killed Bert Loomis of Gaines

By Sharon Stone

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Breanna Lyn Clever, 22, of South Lyon pleaded guilty Monday to a moving violation, which caused the death of Delbert (Bert) Loomis of Gaines in August of 2015.

Clever made an illegal Uturn using the emergency turnaround on U.S. 23 in Hartland Township on Aug. 12, 2015. Her action caused other northbound vehicles to swerve to avoid hitting her Grand Am.

The Livingston County Sheriff's Department reported that Loomis laid down his 2014 Harley-Davidson motorcycle to avoid impact but was thrown when his motorcycle hit a tanker truck. He sustained life-threatening injuries and died two days later at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

A passing motorist who obtained the license plate number made the at-fault driver's identity possible.

Clever told investigators that she saw the crash happen behind her in her rearview mirror but did not believe at the time

that she was responsible for the crash. She continued driving.

Following the crash, Pam Hiatt of Gaines said she was heartbroken over the loss of her close friend and neighbor. She is heartbroken for Loomis' wife, Julie. "They truly loved each other," said Hiatt.

"He was such a kind, giving man. He loved helping others and every time we went to the

Durand Eagles Club I looked for him and his wife, Julie. They were friends and neighbors. He will be missed by many people." Hiatt added that Loomis was also an organ donor.

Clever's sentencing is scheduled for March 8.



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Tyrone Township clerk to retire early

Keith Kremer

Delbert (Bert)

Arthur Loomis

■Search ongoing for someone to fill vacancy

By Vera Hogan

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Tyrone Township Clerk Keith Kremer has decided to retire effective March 31, a few months shy of the next

Kremer has held the position for the past eight years. He could not be reached for comment.

In the meantime, the search is on for a Tyrone Township resident interested in filling the clerk vacancy.

At the Feb. 2 meeting, the Tyrone Township Board of Trustees

agreed to allow the treasurer and supervisor review the qualifications of candidates for the clerk position.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham said there has been little interest in the job. Because applications have been slow to come in, the deadline to apply has been extended to Feb. 8.

Deputy Clerk Terri Medor said she will not be seeking to fill the clerk vacancy. "I really love my job now and would not want it to change," Medor said.

Residents interested in the position should get a resumé to the township office, 10408 Center Road, fax it to (810) 629-0047, or email it to clerk@tyronetownship.us by Monday.

Any resident of the township who is 18 or older and has lived in Tyrone Township

for at least 30 days can apply. The Board of Trustees would like to get someone selected and

started the first week of March. The position requires record keeping for the township as well as some financial management. Cunningham says it also

After the supervisor and treasurer reduce the candidates list to three people, the full board will interview the

Cunningham says they hope to have someone in place by March 1, giving Kremer a month to train his replacement.

The township resident appointed to fill the clerk vacancy will be required to run on the Aug. 2 Michigan Primary ballot and in the November presidential election.



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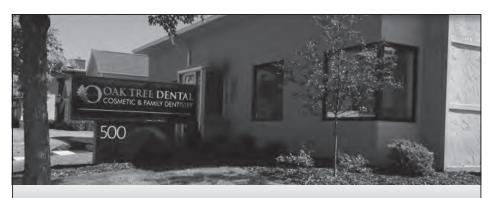
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Lions miss Super Bowl for 50th straight year

■But there are three Michigan connectors on rosters

David Troppens

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For the 50th straight season, the Detroit Lions will not be playing in the National Football League's biggest game of the season — the Super Bowl.

That doesn't mean Michiganders aren't interested in what is the most watched single-game sporting event in the United States annually. They are as excited as anyone. We just never have a team playing in the contest.

For those looking for an angle on who to cheer for on Sunday when the Carolina Panthers go against the Denver

Broncos in the Super Bowl 50 at the San Francisco 49ers Levi's Stadium, we'll try to help you find one.

HOMETOWN HEROES

There are only three players on Super Bowl rosters who played their collegiate football in the state of Michigan. If you are a Michigan fan, you may want to pull for the Carolina Panthers. Ex-Michigan Wolverine wide receiver Devin Funchess has played a reasonably significant role for the Panthers, catching 31 passes for 473 yards and five touchdowns during the regular season. During the playoffs, he's caught three passes with one being for a TD.

Michigan State fans may want to pull for the Denver Broncos as ex-MSU wide receiver Bennie Fowler is enjoying his first season in the NFL with the AFC representatives. Fowler caught 16 passes for 203 yards and no TDs during the regular season. He also has two receptions for 35 yards during the postseason.

The Wolverines have one representative on the Broncos as well. Offensive lineman Michael Schofield is listed second on the depth chart at right tackle.

OLD SCHOOL VS. NEW SCHOOL

The Denver Broncos pretty much represent the "old school" football fan, playing in seven Super Bowls with the first one coming in 1978 when Denver lost to the Dallas Cowboys 27-10.

Since then, Denver has been six other contests, going 2-5 in the biggest game of the season. Denver was a member of the American Football League in 1960 and was one of the teams to merge into the NFL in 1970.

Compounding the "old school" image is their marquee player — quarterback Peyton Manning. Manning, 38, has

been one of the NFL's most recognizable and popular players since he joined the league in 1999. And, of course, his father, Archie Manning, played in the NFL during the 1970s and 1980s, most notably with the New Orleans Saints.

David Troppens Meanwhile, if you are a millennial, you may find the Panthers more appealing. The

Panthers didn't join the NFL until 1995, about the time many millennials were born. Carolina's jerseys also represent the "less traditional" looking uniform than their father's NFL teams. Teal was the craze in the 1990s, and Carolina embraced it.

Finally, the team's star player, quarterback Cam Newton is a millennial himself. Leading the Panthers to a 15-1 regular season, he's quickly becoming the face of the NFL, perhaps one of the players who will push old-guard players like Peyton Manning out of the spotlight. If you are under 30, the Panthers probably should be your team.

OTHER SUPER BOWL TRIVIA

- The Vegas favorites have a tradition of doing pretty well in the Super Bowl, posting a 33-15 record during previous contests. Carolina is about a 6-point favorite entering Sunday's game.
- Super Bowl I is the only contest to be aired by two major networks. At the time, CBS was the official broadcaster of NFL contests, while NBC covered AFL contests, meaning both were able to televise the game.
- The Denver Broncos will tie the Pittsburgh Steelers, the New England Patriots and the Dallas Cowboys for most Super Bowl appearances on Sunday, each playing in eight games. The other three have at least a .500 record in their history. Denver holds a 2-5 record in Super Bowls, and are the franchise that has lost the most Super Bowls.



SUPER BOWL

Continued from Front Page

North Carolina) and the Denver Broncos.

This is the second time Carolina made the Super Bowl. The Panthers last made the big game in the 2003 season, falling to the Patriots, 32-29. The Broncos made

the Super Bowl eight times in their history, and have won it

The Times caught up with two former Michiganders now living in North Carolina and Colorado.

Bill Fults, formerly a Main Street homeowner in Fenton and graduate of Michigan

State University, lives in Erie, Colorado, with his wife, Nancy.

"Being from Michigan I would love to say I'm a Lions fan," said Fults. "But, history will explain that one."

The Detroit Lions have never enjoyed a Super Bowl victory, or a trip to the Super

"I love college football, especially my Spartans," he said. "I will however watch just about any college ball.

"Bronco-mania in Denver is just nuts," said Fults. "Even without the Super Bowl it is all about the Broncos. The world could literally be imploding and there are four local TV stations that will start their newscast with Bronconews, mention the world is ending and then go to sports talking about the Broncos."

Fults admits he has always been a big fan of the Super Bowl advertisements.

"I really do like the commercials," he said. "For the money spent, some of them are pretty lame, but my all time favorite is the 1984 Apple commercial. They say it was only a 60-second spot but I can remem-

SUMMARY

■ CBS will air the

Super Bowl game

and festivities on

6:35 p.m. Eastern

Sunday, Feb. 7,

Standard Time.

be held at Levi's

Clara, California.

Announcers will

be Jim Nantz, Phil

Simms and Tracy

Stadium in Santa

The game will

ber vividly sitting there going 'wow' for what seemed like five minutes."

According to forbes.com, the 60-second ad heralded the introduction of the Macintosh personal computer.

"The spot opens with ambiguous subjects marching in unison toward a giant screen with a Big Brother-like

figure, who is speaking to the crowd," according to forbes.com. "A female runner, donning orange athletic shorts and a white tank top with a picture of Apple's Macintosh computer, races through the crowd toward the screen as she is chased by police.

The runner carries a large brass hammer, which she hurls at the Big Brother figure. A stunned audience witnesses her shatter the screen—and the spot concludes with a voiceover, accompanied by scrolling text, proclaiming, "On January 24th, Apple Computer will introduce the Macintosh. And you'll see why 1984 won't be like '1984.'"

Ashley Hogan is a student at University of North Carolina Greensboro. Her father, Paul Hogan, grew up in Parshallville, just south of Fenton. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force. He and his family continue living in North Carolina.

"Even if you don't watch football you constantly hear about the Panthers," said Ashley. "Most of the controversy that I've heard about is people jumping on the bandwagon for the Panthers.

"Many native North Carolinians who grew up Panther fans are being accused of band-wagoning just because the Panthers made it to the Super Bowl this year," she said. "Panther fans are really excited to show that their team isn't just a bad team like the media has been prone to claim in the past years. At the beginning of this season most media coverage was about

how lucky the Panthers were, but now that they are going to the Super Bowl they have a chance to show the nation what their team can bring."

Ashley's boyfriend, Ben Campbell, has lived in North Carolina all of his life, 20 years.

"Football enthusiasts in North Carolina are rather

excited about the Panthers being in the Super Bowl since it has been a long time since they were last there," said Campbell. "There is a good mix between diehard Panthers fans and people who are just getting into the sport because of how well the team is doing."

"You can't go a day without hearing someone saying the catch phrase 'Keep Pounding' or wearing anything Panthersrelated," Ben said.

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commercials on Feb. 2, starring Oscar winner Helen Mirren. The spot, promoted as part of the beer distributor's #GiveADamn campaign, is a call to stop drunk drivers on the night of America's biggest sporting event of the year.

"Hello," the actress, 70, says in a dimly lit booth of some fine-dining establishment. "I'm Helen Mirren, a notoriously frank and uncensored

The beloved actress then tears into drunk drivers. "If you drive drunk, you simply put — are a shortsighted, utterly useless, oxygen-wasting human form of pollution, a Darwin awarddeserving selfish coward," she said

She goes on to appeal to fans' better nature. "Now, the chances are you're a fun, solid, respectable human being. Don't be a pillock," she continues. "Your friends and family thank you." (sbnation.com)

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Chicken wings, snack sales spike for Super Bowl

■ Area grocers are ready for the big game and a whopping increase in snack purchases

By Hannah Ball

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If you walk into VG's you'll see a huge Frito-Lay Bowl display filled with bags of chips ready for shoppers to select for the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Sales for certain foods spike for Super Bowl Sunday, and local grocery stores are prepared.

Behind Thanksgiving, Super Bowl Sunday is the biggest eating holiday in America with millions of football lovers buying dips, wings, pizza and beer to snack on while watching the game.

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Sarah Strygulec

Three-time GoFundMe

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- Virginia

Virginia, If this noise and vibration was not there prior to putting the spare on, then this is most likely the cause. You need to check for mud build up in the rim if the spare tire was kept under the vehicle, as this will cause a lot of vibration at that speed. Also, you should check the lug nuts right away to make sure they are tightened properly. Other things I would look at is to see if the rim is making contact with any part of the brake or suspension. This should show some signs of rubbing like a shinny spot on it.

Last but not least, I would check the air pressure and balance of the tire.

If it is a spare it may not have been properly balanced. Also depending on how old it is, tires can go bad over time without having ever been on the road. If this is an all wheel drive van or has anti lock brakes; the difference in the tread wear can certainly cause a problem as well.

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One recent fundraiser that received national attention raised about \$50,000 for a retired police officer in Ohio who wanted to keep his police dog, Ajax. But that's small compared to the biggest campaigns. (see sidebar)

GoFundme has experienced a special type of recognition and success previous

crowdfunding sites haven't since its inception in May 2010

"By combining the participatory nature of crowdfunding with the sharing elements of social media, they have a pretty good recipe for Internet success," said Marcus Paroske, Ph.D. associate professor and chair of the Communica-

tion Studies Program and the University of Michigan-Flint.

Paroske said Indiegogo and Kickstarter were successful because they gave fans a way to participate in the art.

GoFundMe is different.

"It is not funding projects but instead direct, personal causes. Here we get another aspect of modern digital media, the ability to share personal stories with a global audience," he said. "I think the same societal reasons that fuel Instagram and Twitter are at work here; people can both share their stories and voyeuristically watch other people's lives as well."

Almost 60 percent of GoFundMe's millions of weekly visitors come from social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, according to similarweb.com. Many are heart-warming causes.

The GoFundMe account for Michigan

State Trooper Chad Wolf was created by Sarah Strygulec, the family's babysitter, after Wolf died from injuries in a vehicular accident in August. It raised more than \$100,000 in less than a week for Wolf's family. Strygulec said the Wolf page was successful because so many people wrote personal stories about him.

"It also had to do with it being advertised in the news," she said.

She's made three Go-FundMe pages.

"The pages that get the most support are the ones that are selfless," she said. "It's a good way to donate. It's the ease of it all I think people like."

Some causes are for less serious issues. One campaign hopes to raise \$99 million to bring Matt

Damon back from Mars. (It's actually a spoof that's raising money for Damon's water charity).

Paroske said these campaigns are a reflection of social media and people sharing their stories.

"At the extremes this would be a form of Internet trolling, satirizing the very idea of funding personal causes over the Internet by purposefully creating outlandish causes.

"Now, is sending someone to the Super Bowl a popular cause on GoFundMe this week, serious or not? They are raising real money there," Paroske said.

GOFUNDME STATS

- is the world's top fundraising website
- has raised over \$1.3 billion in the past year
- raises \$4 million daily
- takes about 8 percent from each donation Source: gofundme.com

WARNINGS AND DOUBTS

GoFundMe can't guarantee that each cause on the site is true. People have reported scams where an unknown person will set up a GoFundMe for someone else and then take all the money. The site tells organizers, "There's no way to 100 percent guarantee that a user's donation page contains accurate or truthful information...donors should only contribute to users they personally know and trust." Many people also think GoFundMe is another type of welfare. Campaigns have been started to help homeless people buy homes, help someone buy a car, or to simply pay bills.

Source: kxan.com

CREATING A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

Many campaigns don't even raise \$100. Three-time GoFundMe campaign creator Sarah Strygulec, 18, shares the most important tips: social networking and a personal story.

"I think it's an amazing website but if you aren't willing to put time into it, it's not going to be successful," she said. Strygulec is a co-founder of an orphanage in Uganda, and for one campaign she and her fellow founders were trying to raise money for a new roof.

"Until the last week of it, people were just sharing it," she said. "They didn't write personal messages about why people should donate. We had \$50 in two weeks."

"If you see a person share their Go-FundMe page, it looks like any other ad. No one's going to look at it," she said. She told her co-founders to share the campaign on social media and explain why it's important to them

"It's really important that you post once a week and tell people why they should donate and why it means so much to you. They're going to be so much more apt to donate. That's when you're going get the most support," she said.

After her team started sharing the page with personal messages, they raised about \$2,000



By Hannah Ball hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Thousands of campaigns have been started on the popular crowdfunding site GoFundMe. Some causes are just and some causes are just weird.

Here are the top five most successful campaign and five of the most ridiculous campaigns.

MOST SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS

1. \$2,025,960

The parents of a 4-year-old girl who was diagnosed with a terminal disease created this fundraiser and the hashtag #SavingEliza to help their daughter.

2. \$818,847

To help with medical bills and life, this page was created to help Chris Mintz, a father and veteran, who stood up to a shooter at Umpqua Community College and was shot seven times.

3. \$810,000

The page help supported Jeff Bauman, a victim of the Boston bombings, which took both of his legs.

4. \$796,145

Mom and daughter, Celeste and Sydney, were both severely injured in the Boston Marathon and their page helped pay their medical bills.

5. \$778,490

This money went to the wife and six children of Matthew Baker, a beloved priest in Connecticut when he died in a car accident.

Source: gofundme.com

MOST RIDICULOUS CAMPAIGNS

1. "A Fresh Start for Michael and Amber"

Amber Roof lost her wedding money after her brother, Dylann Roof, shot nine black people in Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, in June. She asked people to donate so she could have her perfect wedding day. The page was taken down.

2. "Nicole's Recovery Fund"

Nicole Easton, 19, jumped off her roof, hoping to land in the pool, but actually landed on concrete and broke many bones below her waist. She couldn't work, so her mom asked people to donate so she could buy food and pay rent. The page was taken down after people were disgusted that they were asking for handouts for a stupid mistake.

3. "Straight Makeover"

Chelsie Rene of Las Vegas decided she didn't want to be a lesbian anymore and wanted to raise \$1,000 for a "straight makeover," because apparently those cost money. The page was taken down after receiving a lot of backlash.

4. "Single mom wants men to pay her bills"

Victoria Byers was tired of men hitting on her, so she created a GoFundMe page telling them that she needed stability, not pick up lines. After raising \$60, she took the page down.

5. "HeadSmart Labs DeflateGate Study"

A group wants to raise money to fund HeadSmart Labs to conduct a study to disprove DeflateGate, proving that football fans are some of the most dedicated people.

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"It's right up there with Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve," said Marvin Yono, owner of Alpine Marketplace in Linden. "It's a really big deal."

The store is busy the Saturday before and on Sunday up until game time.

In addition to selling a lot more beer and pop, avocado sales become a very popular item for Super Bowl Sunday.

"We do a lot of party trays, party subs and beer and snacks and meats. That type of thing," he said.

The store also sells more wings than usual.

At VG's, salty snacks, subs, wings, beer and soft drinks all increase significantly, while there is a smaller

increase in liquor sales, according to Chris Palmer, assistant store director.

Dips and spreads are the highest-grossing product during Super Bowl Sunday, according to the National Restaurant As-

Many will make their own dishes to bring to the party, but millions order takeout. About 48 million Americans order takeout for the game, according to the NRA.

Pizza and chicken wing sales can increase up to 80 percent for certain chains, according to Forbes.

Mark Rummel, founder of Mancino's in Fenton, said they're expecting to do twice as much business on Sunday between the 3 to 6 p.m. time frame.

'We always call in extra staff ahead of time, plus we bake more bread and make more pizza dough to be prepared," he said.

Customers usually like "spicy hot foods" with barbeque sauce and hot sauce, and they normally order loaded, deluxe pizzas with many toppings, and steak and chicken baked grinders.

"They usually go after the high-end food for Super Bowl Sunday," he said.

Not many people choose to eat in the restaurant, even with two big TVs, but opt to eat at home instead.

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Marvin Yono

Alpine Marketplace owner

"One funny aspect of all this — the Monday after Super Bowl Sunday is one of the slowest days of the year for restaurants and delivery food companies," Rummel said. "Everybody has leftovers or have spent all their money the day before. It happens every year."

Mancino's is offering local residential delivery this Sunday for a trial experiment for all orders \$75 or more, at a \$5 fee.

"That's for a pretty big party, with maybe four pizzas and four whole grinders," Rummel said. "We're trying to help busy people make arrangements. We've had some interest already."

Millions of pizzas will be sold, but chicken wing sales normally surpass pizza sales as the number one dish Americans prefer to eat on Super Bowl Sunday, according to Forbes.

The NRA found that 63 percent of Americans say chicken wings are their "must-eat" food for the game. Last year, Wallethub predicted that 1.25 billion chicken wings will be consumed on Sunday, and the average fan is expected to consume about 1,200 calories.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT WOULD BE nice to have an authentic German restaurant in Fenton.

PEOPLE IN THE media asked both Hillary Clinton and Debbie Wassermen Shultz what's the difference between a Democrat

and a Socialist. No surprise, neither could answer. Maybe a better question is what's the difference between a Socialist and a

AS SAD AS the water disaster in Flint is, the real crisis for those people will be due to the press and the exaggerated hype over it. It's rendering their property worthless and impossible to sell. My guess is you probably can't even get a mortgage in that city anymore. The press should be ashamed.

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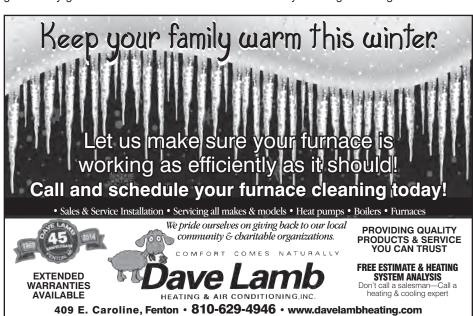
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SEVEN O'CLOCK THIS morning as I was getting ready for church, what do I see in the backyard? A groundhog.



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THE BIRDS

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When Perkins and his wife, Natalie, visited California in 2013, they recognized some of the places where "The Birds" had been filmed. She reminded her husband that the movie didn't have an orchestral music score.

That idea motivated Perkins to write his first original film score, to be performed by the Fenton Community Orchestra.

Perkins spent from September to early December intensely writing pages and pages of musical score, carefully cueing the music to each film scene. "I couldn't just write it the way I wanted," said Perkins. "I had to write it in Bernard Herrmann's style, and in the style of 1963. That added to the complexity of the project."

This labor of love will be presented to the community at a special Red Carpet Gala on Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. A limited number of tickets are still available for this orchestra fundraiser by clicking on FentonOrchestra.org.

"We're bringing a touch of Hollywood to Fenton," said Perkins.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for a cocktail party, a display of works by local artists inspired by "The Birds," photo opportunities and a Silent Auction. Gerych's Distinctive Flowers & Gifts will transform the community center into a special movie premiere venue.

"This is a unique cultural experience," said Jennifer Fleck, FCO executive director. "It is rare to have an orchestra perform live to a movie."

The show will begin at 8 p.m., projected on a movie-quality 24- by 14-foot screen that will float above the Fenton Community Orchestra. Perkins will conduct a Q&A with the audience during intermission.

"Writing 90 minutes of full orchestra music was a big venture," said Perkins, who holds a specialist degree in Orchestration from the Berklee College of Music, a Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Michigan State University.

Perkins has headed the Fenton High School Music Department since 2002 and the Fenton Community Orchestra since 2011. He said he wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

"Iknow I make a difference here," he said. "I care about changing lives through music. If this premiere brings more opportunities for the (Fenton Community) orchestra, that's great. But mostly, it's something I thought just needed to happen. An inspiration, an idea, turned in to something so much more."

THE RED CARPET GALA IN FENTON TAKES PLACE, COINCIDENTALLY, ON THE SAME WEEKEND AS THE 2016 ACADEMY AWARDS. The Red Carpet Gala is on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. and the Academy Awards air on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 8:30 p.m. (EST).



News briefs

Free Fishing Weekend offers opportunity for family fun

Free Fishing Weekend will take place across Michigan on Feb. 13 and 14. State Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine Township) encourages people to go out and have fun on a local lake or pond during the event. Graves said safety is also key to remember during any trip. Ice conditions vary on different bodies of water, and anglers should take all precautions while venturing out on the ice. "Check with local information for updates on the lakes and always have a cellphone on you." Fishing regulations apply during the weekend. A full listing of organized Free Fishing Weekend activities are online at www.michigan.gov/ freefishing.

Linden Project Graduation Fundraiser

Linden Project Graduation is hosting a fundraising event at Barnes & Noble on Feb. 13 at the Genesee Valley Mall from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. People who wish to donate need to turn in a coupon at checkout and a portion of the proceeds will go to Project Graduation. These coupons are available at Linden High School. This event will offer free gift wrapping for Valentine's Day and story time at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Those interested can go to BN.com/bookfairs online from Feb. 13 to 18 and use the checkout ID 11797453 to donate a portion of the proceeds.

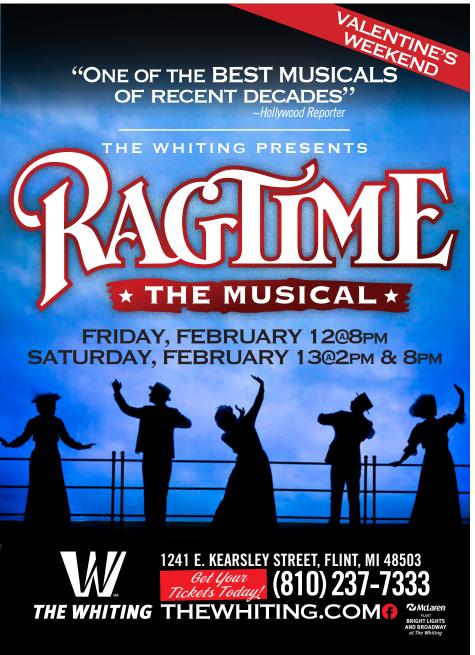
FHS hosts safety training

On Monday, Feb. 8, Fenton Area Public Schools will participate in school safety training at Fenton High School, from 3 to 5 p.m. Portions of the academic area of Fenton High School will be closed when the training takes place. Extra-curricular and athletic events will not be impacted by the training session. The training will be provided in conjunction with the Michigan State Police and the Fenton Police Department. Community members may notice an additional police presence at Fenton High School during training hours.





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Valentine's Day is second most popular engagement date

■Plan now for a romantic setting to pop the question on Feb. 14

By Sally Rummel

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Valentine's Day is the second most popular day for couples to get engaged, second only to the Christmas holiday.

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Day is definitely

a special date

for people to

get engaged. 77

Chip Beltinck

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"We do see an uptick in engagement ring purchases from New Year's to Valentine's Day," said Chip Beltinck of Sawyer Jewelers. "Valentine's Day is definitely a special date for people to get engaged."

Some men come into Sawyer Jewelers and buy a

traditional solitaire ring for the proposal, then bring in their fiancée afterward to pick out her lifetime ring together. "Rings are a very personal piece of jewelry," said Beltinck. "Many women want to have a hand in picking it out.'

Proposals on a couple's special day can range from serious "bended knee" affairs to an expression of love through a shared experience.

One romantic guy who shared a love of skiing with his girlfriend proposed to her on the chairlift as they were heading up Mt. Holly. When she accepted, they skied down the mountain while he shouted,

"She said YESSSSS!!!"

Mt. Holly is the site of at least one wedding proposal a year, according to Deb Walker, ticket office manager. "Sometimes the man will propose at the top of the hill and then they'll ski down together," she said. "We've even had a couple get married here."

Since February is in the heart of winter, a snowy engagement may not be all that unusual, but the warmth and romanticism of Valentine's Day makes an ideal time of year to propose.

Here are a few Valentine's Day-themed engagement ideas from theknot.com to



The romance of Valentine's Day makes it an ideal backdrop for a proposal of marriage.

inspire your own proposal plans on the most romantic day of the year.

SNOW SIGN

Take advantage of February's cold and snowy weather for your own proposal plans. Pick a location with an expanse of untouched snow, like a field, park or picnic area. Walk the outline of a huge heart, and then track your initials in the center. Pack a warm thermos of hot cocoa, maybe spiced with peppermint schnapps, then take a walk toward this snow-shaped heart. When you happen upon it, pause and kneel to propose.

HEART TO HEART

Using those classic candy conversation hearts, lay a trail from the front door to the proposal spot where you and the ring are waiting. Add a giant paper candy heart sign that reads, "Will You Marry Me?"

COUNTDOWN

You've got a week from today to count down the days until Valentine's Day on Feb. 14. Spread the love throughout these seven days by giving your partner a creative heart-inspired gift each day the gifts can be a simple as heart-printed pajamas or a heart-shaped candle. On the big night, cook a special dinner, then pop the question, with a beautiful jewelry box containing an engagement ring as your final gift.

LOVE ALL AROUND

Buy a box of little Valentine cards like the ones you gave out in elementary school, and write one reason why you love her, or a favorite shared memory, on each one. Plant them everywhere you can think of — in her purse, the refrigerator, cupboards, under the dashboard, beneath her pillow, etc. Finally, present the last and biggest card, asking for him or her to marry you.

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CHARM HER

Design or make her a charm bracelet, with each charm representing a shared memory, inside joke or turning point in your relationship. You could also use only heart-shaped charms and inscribe each with a meaningful word or memory. The last one could be a miniature locket that opens to say, "Marry me."

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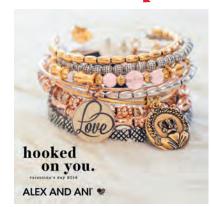
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Woodruff breaks 1,000 points, Holly stings Hornets

By David Troppens

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Entering Tuesday night's Holly varsity boys basketball game against Kearsley there had been only three 1,000 point scorers in Bronchos' history.

After Tuesday's game was over, Kyle Woodruff added a fourth name to the list.

The four-year varsity player became the fourth player to score over 1,000 points during his Holly career by netting 17 points in a 79-42 victory against the Hornets. Woodruff only needed four points to reach the 1,000-point standard. He now has 1,013 points for

his career. He came within two points of the total with a first-quarter layup, and then eclipsed 1,000 points with a three-point shot.

"It meant a lot to me," Woodruff said. "It's a great memory and a great thing

to do so I'm proud of it.

I thought about it a few times. I wanted to get it. It was a great moment."

"There have been only four players in the history of the school that have scored 1,000 points so that speaks for itself," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis said.

"I'm proud to see Kyle's name among the four 1,000-point scorers.

> **KYLE WOODRUFF** Photo by: Mark Bolen

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It's a great testament to him. He's had an amazing career and he's getting even better. It's something he'll remember for the rest of his life."

The Bronchos (8-1, 10-2) didn't play as well as Baylis would've liked in the first half, but dominated the second half using the entire squad.

In the fourth, the Bronchos only played the bench.

Woodruff also had six rebounds to go with his 17 points. Ian Hodges had

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MATT BARNETT

Holly senior is headed to Northwood to play football. See Page 17A

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Find out Friday's hoops results, visit tctimes.com.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH Lake Fenton's Jake Zlelinski hit the gamewinning shot in the Blue Devils' 61-60 victory at Goodrich High School on Tuesday He's pictured here in a previous contest.

Blue Devils shock hosts Goodrich with 61-60 win

■ Zielinski's buzzer-beating hoop leads Blue Devils

By David Troppens

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Goodrich — It was a long time coming.

Fifteen years was the number given out, but nobody seemed to know for sure.

But when Jake Zielinski took and nailed a 12-foot jumper at the buzzer at Goodrich High School on Tuesday, the Blue Devils fans knew one thing – it had been a long time since the Blue Devils had been able to celebrate a victory against the Martians.

But celebrate they did. Never leading until the final bucket of the contest, Zielinski dribbled forward to about 12 feet away from the bucket and nailed the game-winning shot as the buzzer sounded, giving the Blue Devils a 61-60 victory against Goodrich.

"My first thought was 'Did it go in on time?" When I saw the refs point down, I thought, 'Wow, 15 years. We finally beat Goodrich," Zielinski said. "I started running off the court. It's a big win for us.

"It's huge. They are our rivals and every time we get a nice win against them in any sport, we have some nice momentum going into the next week. It's always a get-up game, a hype game. I'm so glad we beat Goodrich on their home court during my senior year. Maybe now those 15 years are gone and we

can start our own 15-year run where Goodrich doesn't beat us."

"I waited to see what the signal was. I wanted to wait to see if we won or lost the game," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jake Erway said. "It was two seconds or three seconds before I saw 61 (on the scoreboard). I didn't see the initial call.

"I was happy for Jake. He's a senior that wants to win. He was a freshman during some tough times and he's played for me for four years. I feel good for him."

The win was a huge one for the Blue Devils in many respects. It not only represented the first win against Goodrich in well over a decade, but it also represented the first win between the Genesee Area Conference Red Division elite — Goodrich and Beecher — in just about as long. The victory kept the Blue Devils (6-1, 9-2) just one game behind Beecher in the regular-season standings.

For stretches of the game it looked like Lake Fenton wouldn't get its historical victory. Lake Fenton never led until the final shot and were tied only twice. The first time came at 2-2 on a driving layup by Isaac Golson with 5:29 left in the first quarter. The second came at 57-all with about 1:50 left in the contest on a layup by Chris Bell. In between, the Blue Devils trailed, usually by about six points. However, with 1:08 left in the third quarter,

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Michael Beckett celebrates his Catholic League C-D title with Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The Holly resident is headed to Michigan State to continue his soccer career.

Holly's Beckett headed to **Michigan State**

By David Troppens

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In a lot of ways Michael Beckett had a dream senior year at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

The Holly resident and star soccer player finished his season as one of the people in the running for Mr. Soccer, eventually earning All-Dream Team honors.

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Smith scores 31 in Holly's 63-33 victory

By David Troppens

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Kaitlyn Smith is coming to the end of what has been an outstanding four-year varsity career with the Holly varsity girls basketball program.

Recently, she's hit a lot of milestones during her senior year. She's collected her 1,000 career point and became the all-time scoring leader in Holly girls basketball history. Now she's just trying to enjoy her final days with the Lady Bronchos.

She's doing a good job of it. She earned a career-high 31 points in Tuesday night's 63-33 victory against the Kearsley Hornets.

Smith, who will play her college basketball at Lawrence Tech, netted her 31 points by netting 10-of-17 shots from the field, including a sizzling 8-for-11 from three-point range. The eight treys were the most she's ever made in her four-year varsity career. Smith showed her diversity as well by adding seven rebounds, two assists and two steals during the contest.

"I just let the game come to me. I

was shooting the ball well," Smith said. "I think it's more relaxing and I think I'm having more fun. I wish I had this mentality all four of my years. Coming into a game I just find it more relaxing, knowing the game will come to you."

Paige Reid chipped in 11 points, five assists and a team-best six steals, while Becca Fugate had eight points to go with her team-high seven assists. She also had four steals. Journee Kerner had four assists, while Taylor Vines tied Smith for rebounding honors with seven.

Goodrich 67, Lake Fenton 24

Sierra Arroyo led Lake Fenton (3-11) with nine points, while Hannah Garty had six points and three rebounds. Autumn Beardsley had an outstanding night on the boards, collecting 17 rebounds including 10 offensive boards. She also had two steals and three blocked shots.

Flushing 63, Linden 35

Sterling DeGayner led the Eagles with 17 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter. Madison Maxheimer had six points, while Erin Gillespie netted four points.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH Holly's Kaitlyn Smith drives to the basket in a recent game. Smith scored a careerhigh 31 points in a 63-33 win vs. Kearsley.

PREP REPORT

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GIRLS SKI

► Fenton/Linden 30, Holly/Oxford

44: Zoe Weinberg remains perfect at Mt. Holly after capturing victories in the slalom (54.63 seconds) and the giant slalom (43.41). Weinberg is the defending D1 state slalom champion in the slalom. She also finished runner-up at state in the giant slalom. Milo Keranen placed third in the slalom (1:03.27), while Ashlyn Smith placed fifth (1:09.49). In the giant slalom, Keranen placed third (45.70) and Rachel Smith was fifth (47.42).

BOYSS SKI

► Holly/Oxford 30, Fenton/Linden **45:** Chad Booher finished third in the giant slalom (43.92) and the slalom (57.12), leading the Fenton/Linden co-op. Brendan McInerney was fourth (57.33) in the slalom and the giant slalom (43.92)

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► Grand Blanc Bobcat Cheer **Invitational:** The Fenton varsity cheer team finished seventh out of 13 teams in Division 2 action at the Grand Blanc Bobcat Cheer Classic.

Fenton's combined score of the three rounds was 714.50. Linden also competed in the competition, taking 11th with a score of 664.10.

BOWLING

► Fenton vs. Swartz Creek: The Tigers dropped both matches, but both the boys and girls had some strong showings. For the boys, Austin Mercord rolled a 235 contest. For the girls, Angela Hanners had a 152-173-325 series. Laura Albrant had the team's best individual game with a 180.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

▶ Lake Fenton JV 37, Goodrich 30: Kayla Elrich scored a season-high 13 points to lead the Blue Devils to the win. Sophia Clements and Taylor Cooper had eight points each.

Holly's Barnett headed to Northwood

By David Troppens

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Holly — Matt Barnett had a photo of him as a baby with a football near his hands proudly present on Wednesday during National Signing Day at Holly High School.

Little did the Holly senior know at the time that same child would end up signing a National Letter of Intent to play college football at Northwood University in front of coaches, family and friends on Wednesday.

"It's always been a dream of mine since I started playing football," Barnett said. "When I was in youth football, just playing football was fun. But as soon as I got into high school I thought I could take the next step. I thought I could pursue this and get an education. If I can

even do more than this and go into the NFL or arena football, one day, that would be a great experience."

Barnett made an impact wherever he played on the Holly football field, whether it be at receiver, on special teams or on defense. Holly varsity football coach Ryan Culloty thinks his versatility will help Barnett when he becomes a Timberwolves' player in the fall.

"With his versatility he's going to have options on both sides of the ball, so as a player going into a situation that's just the best opportunity for him because he can fill a position of need," Culloty said. "It's all about fit and they have the majors he wants to pursue. ... He has the opportunity to be successful academically and athletically."

Northwood is a Division 2 NCAA

member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The squad went 5-6 a year ago. Like most college football players at the D1 or D2 level, it's likely Barnett will be redshirted next year. Barnett said he's been slated to play at either defensive back or wide re-

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS Jalen Miller scored 13 points in the Blue Devils' victory against Goodrich on Tuesday night.

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Goodrich recorded its biggest lead on a layup, a foul and a converted free throw by Landin Mitchell. Trailing 48-35, Lake Fenton's prognosis didn't look good. However, the Blue Devils didn't believe that.

Goodrich increased its lead to 51-41 on a three-pointer by Carrington Wiggins with 7:32 remaining, but that would be the last time the Martians led by double-digits. A layup, a foul and a converted free throw by Golson cut the gap to 51-44 with 6:39 left, and an Andrew Foerster layup with 5:46 left cut the gap to 51-46.

Still, with 3:56 left, Wiggins raised the lead back to 57-49 with two converted free throws, but Lake Fenton took control from that point on. Seconds later Zielinski converted two free throws, followed by two more converted free throws by Bell. The

Blue Devils trailed just 57-53 with 2:30 remaining. Lake Fenton continued its 8-0 run with consecutive hoops by Bell, tying the score at 57-all. Goodrich seemingly responded well with a Wiggins' three-pointer, giving Goodrich a 60-57 lead.

However, Goodrich missed three free throws down the stretch, giving Lake Fenton two possessions with a chance to take the lead. The second chance ended up being magical as Zielinski netted his shot. At first there were questions whether the officials counted the bucket or not, but second later the Lake Fenton players and crowd were celebrating the victory.

Bell led the Blue Devils with 15 points. Jalen Miller finished with 13 points, while Zielinski had 11 points. Bell also had seven rebounds while Andrew Foerster collected seven rebounds to go with his seven points. Golson also had seven points.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Holly resident and Orchard Lake St. Mary's soccer player Michael Beckett is headed to Michigan State to continue his soccer career.

WOODRUFF

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a team-high 20 points, seven assists and five steals. Steven Redmond continues

The Tigers' offense struggled against Brandon, as Fenton never scored more

than 12 points in any quarter and no player finished in double-digits. Drew Miller and Peyton Coffman led the Tigers with eight points each, while the team's leading scorer, Chris Gilbert, chipped in seven points.

Brandon's Luke Rekuta netted 14 points. He did most of his damage behind the three-point line, netting four treys. Tyree Gibbs had 11 points while Tariq Archibald had 10 assists.

Flushing 56, Linden 41

The Eagles missed their first 18 three-point shots, hurting their chances of upsetting the Raiders. Hunter Michael led the Eagles with 15 points and nine rebounds, while Trent Strang had six points and three rebounds. Garrett Strang dished off five assists.

to impress with his recently strong play, netting 12 points, five assists and five steals, while Paris Partee had one of his biggest games of the year as well, netting 16 points and six rebounds. Austin Harless scored 10 points off the bench. **Brandon 60,**

Fenton 36

The Tigers were outscored 16-6 in the opening quarter and 21-7 in the final period, resulting in a 60-36 loss at home in a contest that gave the Blackhawks sole possession of third place in the Metro

BARNETT

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ceiver right now.

"Whatever happens when I come in, happens," said Barnett who said he's planning on majoring in marketing. Wherever is the best fit is OK.

"Most freshmen at the D2 level get redshirted. Hopefully I can play and contribute toward the team, but I'm OK with being redshirted (next year) as well."

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN Holly's Matt Barnett (left) defends a pass in a contest against Linden this fall. Barnett will play college football at Northwood University in the fall.



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BECKETT

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plished another goal — signing his National Letter of Intent to the college he's always wanted to play for. The forward is headed to Michigan State to continue his soccer career.

"It means the world to me," Beckett said. "Michigan State has always supported me. My grandpa went there and played baseball. I knew exactly where I wanted to go. I can't wait to be up there. This is one of the best days of my life.

"My grandpa was the only family member who has gone to Michigan State, but he died last fall. It's kind of cool to know he will be up there watching over me. I'm excited to go there. It's more than just a school for me."

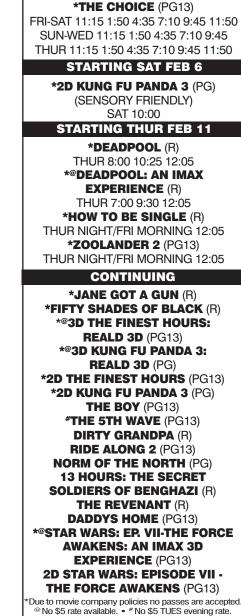
Beckett has played basketball in the past and enjoys playing golf in the summer. However, soccer is his love.

"I enjoy the friendships I have created through soccer," Beckett said. "Some of my best friends have come through soccer. I like the competitive nature."

Beckett is pretty good at his craft as well. Beckett led Orchard Lake St. Mary's to the Catholic League C-D championship game, where they captured a 2-0 victory against Dearborn Divine Child. The squad finished with a 14-3-1 record. However, their D2 state tourney run ended when Linden upset OLSM 2-1 in the opening round of district. During the season all Beckett did was score 32 goals, averaging nearly two goals a game. Meanwhile, he completed his career with 72 goals and 30 assists. He also earned Dream Team honors his junior season. The Dream Team is made up of the best players in the state regardless of division.

'I would've loved to win Mr. Soccer but that didn't happen," Beckett said. "However, the guy who won it is a very good player. I didn't feel slighted by any means. I wanted to score 20-plus goals and be the best leader I could possibly be. I felt I accomplished that."

Beckett plays travel soccer with the Michigan Impact. He says playing for the program has helped prepare him for the collegiate level.



MAYOR

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phase in the fall, he expects to complete everything in 2017.

With his Ph.D, he will seek a position of academic leadership at the University of Michigan-Flint or another similar campus in the Midwest. He has worked for U of M in Ann Arbor and Flint for the past 16 years.

"I'm looking at opportunities," he said. Reflecting on his time with Linden City, Lossing said, "It's been 18 fun-filled years of public service. It never felt like work. I enjoyed it."

What he is looking forward to is having his second and fourth Monday nights back, which are now taken up with city

Lossing has informed the Linden City Council and city employees of his decision. "It's been a great experience, a great city and staff, but I've had my fill," he said.

During his 18 years of public service in Linden, Lossing said his greatest satisfaction came after the Union Block was destroyed by fire in 2007. "There was such a strong sense of community," he said. "They all came together after the fire.

"The community turned out to support the firefighters and businesses. It was the best of community."

Looking toward to the end of his term, Lossing said city officials are focusing on the city's budget. "The budget process is underway. Revenue is creeping back up and property values are up," he said.

Lossing is passionate about the Shiawassee River and will continue to help as much as he can with developing the river from Holly to the Saginaw Bay. He is also involved with the non-motorized trail, LAFF (Linden, Argentine, Fenton,

Fenton Township) and hopes that all comes together.

If Linden is successful in acquiring a grant from the Department of Natural Resources, the city will use that money to put in a handicap boat launch, with a docking system and ramp, by the millpond. He believes this project would enable some to enjoy the river who would otherwise not be able to get into the water for kayaking and canoeing.

Lossing is also excited for his wife's new art studio and gallery, which is in the process of renovations and permits.

Stepping down as mayor, Lossing said, "I'm honored they let me have it for 12

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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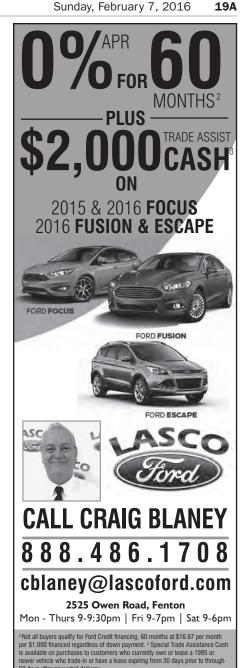
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News briefs

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The Knights of Columbus Fenton Council 7418 is sponsoring something new this year with a food drive called "40 Cans for Lent." During the period of Lent, which is Feb. 10 through March 20, the Knights will be collecting nonperishable canned food donations. They are hoping to collect 5,000 or more pounds of food, which is equal to about 125 pounds of food per day for 40 days. The collection site for nonperishable food items is St. John's Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, inside the church office building located in the stone building on the north side of the circular drive facing Adelaide Street. Donations will be accepted Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Donations also will be accepted on weekends during all Masses in the gathering space inside St. John's Catholic Church. Mass times are Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. In lieu of canned and nonperishable donations, a check may be sent to: The Knights of Columbus Fenton Council 7418, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, MI 48430. All food and financial donations will benefit The St. Vincent De Paul Fenton Food Pantry.





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NATIONAL

FEBRUARY 7

1964: Pan Am Yankee Clipper flight 101 from London Heathrow lands at New York's Kennedy Airport — and "Beatlemania" arrives. It was the first visit to the United States by the Beatles. At Kennedy, the "Fab Four," dressed in mod suits and sporting their trademark pudding bowl haircuts, were greeted by 3,000 screaming fans who caused a near riot when the boys stepped off their plane and onto American soil.

FEBRUARY 8

1990: Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1934, the singer/songwriter known as Del Shannon committed suicide. He stood out as an example of an American pop star whose work reflected real originality. His heyday may have been brief, but on the strength of his biggest hits alone, such as "Little Runaway" and

"Hats off to Larry," he deserves to be regarded as one of rock and roll's greatest.

FEBRUARY 9

1950: During a speech in Wheeling, West Virginia, Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wisconsin) claims that he has a list with the names of over 200 members of the Department of State that are "known communists." The speech vaulted McCarthy to national prominence and sparked a nationwide hysteria about subversives in the American government.

FEBRUARY 10

1971: Four journalists die in a South Vietnamese helicopter operating in Laos. In 1964, there were roughly 40 U.S. and foreign journalists in Saigon. By August 1966, there were over 400 news media representatives in South Vietnam from 22 nations. American journalists are among the 42 U.S. civilians still missing in action and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, including NBC News correspondent

Welles Hangen and "Time" photographer Sean Flynn, both of whom disappeared while covering the war in Cambodia. Flynn is the son of famed actor Errol

FEBRUARY 11

1858: Marie-Bernarde Soubirous, a 14-year-old French peasant girl, first claims to have seen the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. The apparitions, which totaled 18 before the end of the year, occurred in a grotto near Lourdes, France. Marie explained that the Virgin Mary revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception, asked that a chapel be built on the site of the vision, and told the girl to drink from a fountain in the grotto, which Marie subsequently discovered by digging into the earth. After years of mistreatment at the hands of the authorities and the curious public, she was allowed to enter the convent of Notre-Dame de Nevers, where she spent her remaining years in prayer and seclusion. She died of ill health at the

FEBRUARY 12

1976: Actor Sal Mineo is stabbed to death in Hollywood, California. Mineo was parking his car behind his apartment when neighbors heard his cries for help. By the time they reached Mineo, he was almost dead from a deep wound to his chest. He died minutes later. Mineo co-starred with James Dean in both "Rebel without a Cause" and "Giant." For two years, police searched in vain for clues to the killer's identity.

FEBRUARY 13

1905: President Theodore Roosevelt delivers a stirring speech to the New York City Republican Club. Roosevelt had just won his second re-election, and in this speech, he discussed the country's current state of race relations and his plan for improving them. In 1905, many white Americans' attitude of superiority to other races still lingered. In his argument for racial equality, Roosevelt warned that the debasement of the blacks would in the end carry with it the debasement of the whites.

LOCAL

5 YEARS

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Two years later – Randa Jawhari still missing. Friday marks the two-year anniversary of Randa Jawhari's disappearance. One of eight siblings, Randa was 42 years old when family reported her missing on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009.

10 YEARS

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006 FUMC celebrates building half-time. A tailgate party in the fellowship hall of the Fenton United Methodist Church celebrated the halfway mark for the construction of the Family Life Center.

15 YEARS

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001

Struggling merchants plan to close doors. Several Linden businesses are either struggling to survive or planning to close their doors because of pending road construction. Union Block Mercantile is among those that closed its doors because of last summer's road construction.

20 YEARS

Sunday, Feb. 11, 1996

Linden student caught with gun in school. Quick action on the part of Linden Middle School students and administrators may have averted a disaster Wednesday afternoon when a 14-yearold male was caught in school with a loaded .380 semi-automatic weapon. After he showed off the gun, frightened students alerted the assistant principal, who found the student, brought him to the office and took the gun from him. No one was injured.

25 YEARS

Sunday, Feb. 10, 1991

Gave selves tax cuts. All three members of the Fenton Township Board of Appeals gave themselves tax breaks on assessments due this winter. Township Supervisor John Brancheau said, "With all the problems we've had in the township, it's certainly not the kind of image we need. They gave themselves small breaks, but it's not the amounts people will look at. It's the idea that they lowered their own taxes.

30 YEARS

Sunday, Feb. 9, 1986

Is 'killer dog' problem spreading to Fenton? Is the killer dog problem spreading? Demands that alleged killer dogs be caught and destroyed have sparked controversy before the Linden council. And now, Fenton police are investigating an attack by another dog.



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GOOGLE

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Certain email systems use Google as a server and the company has been known to scan emails. Your incoming emails from Yahoo or Hotmail could be scanned, according to usnews.com, and you may delete emails, but Google does not. Even if you type an email and opt not to send it, Google could save everything you wrote.

Browsers

Google not only tracks information when people use Chrome, it also tracks information on Firefox and Safari because both companies use a list of dangerous sites Google has complied to direct people away from those dangerous

Firefox also receives 85 percent of its \$163 million annual income from Google, according to usnews.com.

If you have an Android device, which is Google's own operating system, the company is even more all knowing because operating systems control the entire device and can track every swipe.

Popular sites owned by Google, such as YouTube, supply Google with even more data like how long you watch kitten and puppy videos at work.

Google Analytics

Google shares this knowledge in a way with Google Analytics, which gives people data and statistics on their own websites.

It collects data on how many people visited certain pages within the site, average view time, demographics, habits of the visitors, and other information

Google Analytics tells the Tri-County Times that its most common viewers are females aged 35-44, who are news junkies or avid readers.

Google Maps and Street View

Google has taken pictures of homes and businesses in nearly 50 countries and all the information is available on Google Maps, according to usnews.com. With most public streets, you can virtually "walk down" the street on Google Maps.

All of this tracking is legal, except for a few instances, (see sidebar), because users agreed to the Terms of Service agreement almost no one actually reads, according to usnews.com.

Technically, users have accepted Google as their Big Brother.

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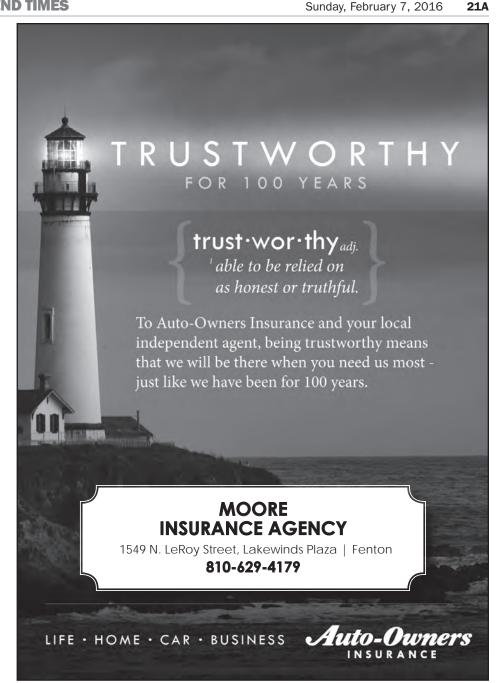
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Widgets: The tiny icons let you tell people on Facebook that you like the page you're on and also allows Google to collect data Source: usnews.com

GOOGLE AND THE LAW

- In 2012, the Federal Trade Commission fined Google \$22.5 million for illegally tracking people who use Apple's iPhone, iPad and Macintosh computers.
- In 2010, the Federal Communications Commission discovered that Google was collecting information like passwords, emails, browsing histories, financial records and more from unencrypted Wi-Fi networks using Street View. They were collecting information like this for at least three years in more than 30 countries. The FCC fined them \$25,000.

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Powers Catholic High School moved into the campus of the former Michigan School for the Deaf in 2013 after it was renovated. *See more photos at tctimes.com.*

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POWERS

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County, it's a "safe haven" from many of the realities of high school life today — from drugs and alcohol abuse to lockdowns, violence and shootings.

"Ithink it's safer," said Lauren, the daughter of Jim and Jennifer Hall of Grand Blanc. Jim Hall is the owner of Hall Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram in Fenton.

"It's private, not like a really big high school like Grand Blanc. There's campus police and Flint police around, plus we have drug testing at the beginning of the year, so I do feel safe here."

Powers Catholic High School graduated its first class in 1971, and is part of the Genesee Catholic School

System, along with seven Catholic elementary schools, including St. John School in Fenton.

Drawing its student body from 55 different schools, many come from southern Genesee County, including Fenton and Linden.

The school day starts at 8:15 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:06 p.m. The seven-hour day allows 49 minutes for each class, providing ample time for electives, in addition to college-bound academics.

Transportation is provided for an extra fee through the Michigan Transportation Association (MTA) bus system, with local pick-ups and drop-offs, in Fenton on Silver Parkway.

Powers is also well known statewide for its strong sports

programs, from hockey to football and girls' basketball.

About 70 percent of the student body is Catholic, although Principal Sally Bartos mentioned that students from every faith around the globe are represented, including Islam, Hindu and different Christian denominations.

All students are required to take a religion class every semester they're in attendance at Powers, and attend Mass weekly. "It helps you learn about God and get closer to Him," said Lauren.

This Catholic education is exactly what drew Matt and Sharon Cramer to send their three children to Powers. Two have graduated and their youngest son, Miles, is a freshman.

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"We're a close-knit community at Powers," said Matt Cramer. "We're here to make the world a better place, through community service and charitable giving. I wouldn't have it any other way."

Powers offers an open admission policy. "If a student wants a Catholic education, we want to provide it for them," said Bartos. "Our academics are geared to the needs of our students, which are predominately college prep. Ninety-nine percent of our students plan to attend college."

A student at Powers can actually earn 30 hours of college credit, thanks to Powers' partnership with Kettering University and University of Michigan-Flint. "You can have your freshman year of college done during your four years of high school," said Bartos. Powers also offers American Sign

Language through their association with the Michigan School for the Deaf, with whom Powers shares a campus.

While Powers' tuition may be an obstacle for some, Bartos points out that 50 percent of students do receive financial assistance, from scholarships to needbased aid. This year, tuition is \$8,345 for students registered with a Catholic parish and \$9,065 for students who aren't. "Tuition has only gone up \$125 in four years," said Bartos. "We held it steady for three years in a row."

The big draw to Powers, according to Bartos, is a quality education in a friendly, faith-filled environment. "Stop here anytime during our lunch hour and see what goes on. Then stop at your local high school. The difference is in the atmosphere. It's friendlier, more respectful. The faith part of our school is big."



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