

Sale pending on LaJoyce properties

■ Unknown buyer to purchase all six properties in Fenton for undisclosed price

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The renters living in houses purchased by Michael LaJoyce in 2015 have until July 9 to vacate their homes.

After hearing rumors that tenants were being evicted, the Times contacted LaJoyce's defense

attorney Michael Manley, who explained the situation Friday morning.

LaJoyce, 37, of Tyrone Township turned himself in to the Oakland County Jail in January, admitting to embezzling \$20 million from the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union (CBCCU) in Oakland County that he had worked at for 12 years. He was the chief financial officer.

Charged with 14 counts of embezzlement, he has been jailed since he turned himself in.

LaJoyce is also well known in the Fenton area

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This home at 219 S. Adelaide St. in Fenton is one of the properties owned by Michael LaJoyce and part of a pending sale.

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Downtown demolition makes way for road extension

■ Project will revert Caroline Street back to pre-Urban Renewal layout

By Hannah Ball

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Construction crews with Milford Salvage Iron and Metal Company have been working to extend Caroline Street in Fenton.

The road will be extended approximately 250 feet, according to Dan Czarnecki, Fenton's Department of Public Works (DPW) director.

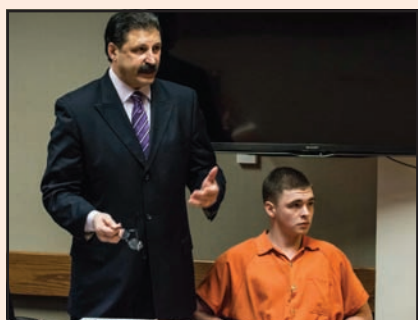
Once the project is complete, it will be reminiscent of the city before Urban Renewal in the mid-1970s when Caroline Street was extended farther. Construction will open the road between LeRoy and Walnut streets, near the Jack R. Winegarden Library.

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The building formerly housing the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce on LeRoy Street is being razed to make way to extend Caroline Street in downtown Fenton. For the first time since the mid-1970s, library patrons have a view of downtown Fenton from the library steps. By this fall, motorists should be able to drive through Caroline Street.



School shooting plot suspects could face life in prison

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Ryan Stevens, 18, of Linden, with his lawyer Marc Hart at a previous court hearing. Stevens has been charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree, premeditated murder and false report or threat of terrorism.

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The three teens suspected in the alleged Linden school shooting plot are to appear in Genesee County Prosecutor's Office for a mandatory settlement conference on Monday, June 13, at 8:30 a.m.

Ryan Stevens, 18, of Linden, Kody Brewer, See **COURT** on 16A

Bigford sentenced to life, no parole

By Vera Hogan

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Mary Lou Bigford, 52, the Gilford Township grandmother accused of shooting her granddaughter's father six times while he sat in his car will never be free again.

See **BIGFORD** on 16A

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“So sad to hear of Mo-hamed Ali's passing. What a great person. He stood his ground in a non-violent fashion. He paid his dues, was the best and prettiest at what he did. Rest in peace and love. Ali had a Holly connection — Red Allen. Anyone remember?”

“DDA city art selection process stinks. Let the people of Fenton select the art pieces, not some clandestine committee. Allow us to be part of the process, not subject to the selections made by a chosen few.”

“Each time the liberal left creates an intentional problem, such as the inane transgender bathroom issue, it costs taxpayers billions of dollars to solve a problem that didn't exist until they created it. Remember that when you vote in November.”

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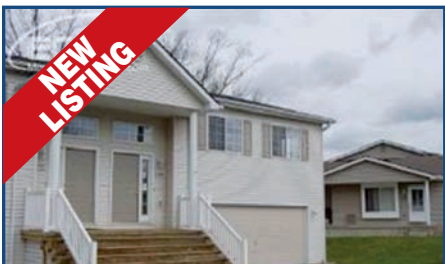
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Cycling in groups is safer than riding alone.

Sharing the road

Motorists and bicyclists should learn the law and practice tolerance to avoid accidents

By Sally Rummel

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Local cyclist Victor Lukasavitz took a long bike ride with a friend on Wednesday from his Linden home, through Fenton to Grange Hall Road into Holly, riding back on South Holly Road through Fenton and back home again.

"I did it because I felt I needed to ride and think about them," said Lukasavitz, referring to the five cyclists who were killed and four injured in Kalamazoo on Tuesday, when they were struck from behind by a pickup truck. The driver had been reported to police prior to the accident, because of his erratic driving.

Called the deadliest accident involving cyclists in memory by the League of Michigan Bicyclists, this crash is a serious reminder of the importance of both vehicles and bikes learning to share the road, and having tolerance and understanding between both groups.

"First of all, drivers and cyclists need to understand the law be tolerant

See **BICYCLISTS** on 17A

It's likely this man created the maps printed in your Bible or atlas

Local man 'drew the world' before MapQuest and Google

By Sally Rummel

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Keith Winters had just experienced a successful first date with a woman he met on a Christian dating site, and knew he wanted to see her again.

When he asked Sandy for a second date back in 2012, he added an unusual request: He asked her to bring a few Bibles with her to their date at The Laundry

That may be one of the most unique "pickup lines" ever used, but Winters had his reasons. Just three years before, he had retired from a 40-year career as a cartographer — a person who researches and create maps for road atlases, textbooks, encyclopedias, governments and Bibles.

He was hoping to share with Sandy, whose husband had been a pastor before his death many years ago, the work that had consumed his time and passion for so long.

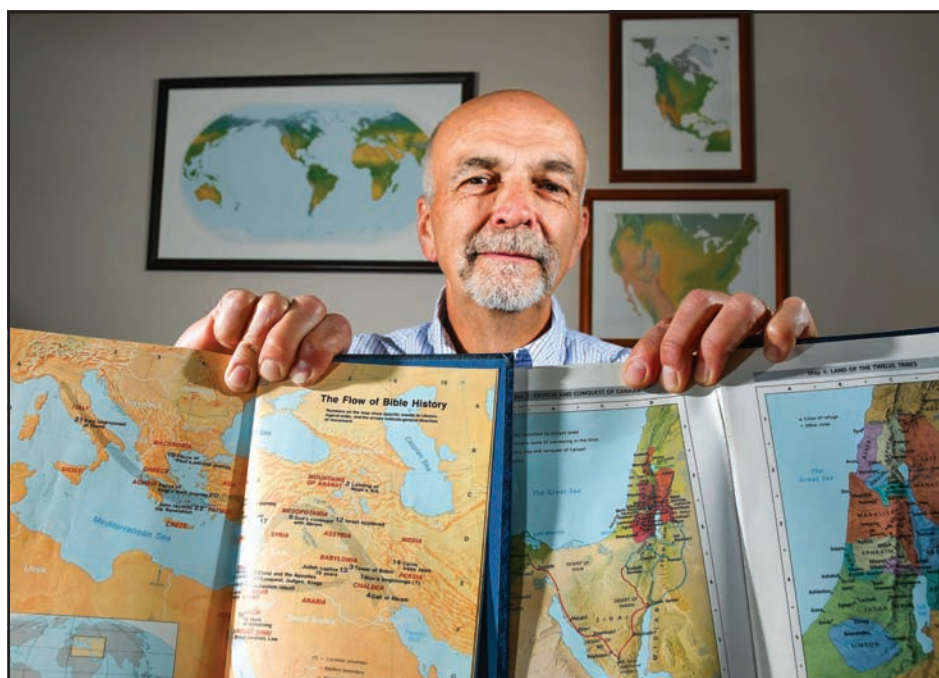
Fifteen years of Winters' career were spent working with Bible scholars and publishers to create historical maps of the Middle East as it was in Biblical times.

He worked with some of the world's major Bible publishers, from Tyndale House to Zondervan, throughout his career at Donnelly Cartographic Services in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

"I'm a believer, so it was a natural fit for me," said Winters, 69. "I often thought about all the journeys that took place in Biblical times, on foot, by donkey or boat. The history of the Bible coincides with world history, so the end result is phenomenal."

Winters still picks up Bibles wherever he sees them, and is proud of the part he had in sharing historical accounts through his maps.

Bibles weren't his only maps, however. He spent decades working on road atlases given away by oil companies, maps for the U.S. National Park Service, National Geographic, among others. "We had the largest map library in the U.S., outside of the Library of Congress," said Winters. "You had to be familiar with German, French,



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Anyone who attended school in the past 30 years most likely studied from maps Keith Winters of Argentine Township helped to create. For 40 years he was a cartographer, working on road atlases, textbook and biblical maps and later, MapQuest.



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Winters led the creation of biblical maps for three different publishers.

Chinese. It was just a very interesting job."

His last project had been the culmination of 12 years of work — the Barrington Atlas of Roman History, accomplished through a \$4 million grant from the University of North Carolina. This project put Winters in both cartography worlds of handcrafted and digital mapping.

"Cartography was a very involved craft, all film

based," said Winters. "When maps went digital, a project went from days of work to hours. The map of one city would've taken a cartographer about 80 hours."

Winters was laid off in 2009, following the demise of handcrafted maps to digital giants like MapQuest and GoogleEarth. In 1994, Donnelly sold their cartography division to a group of investors. "We became MapQuest," said Winters.

"I considered myself to be in the 'golden age' of cartography in the U.S. during my career," said Winters. "Everything was handcrafted. I also feel I was lucky to see everything turn over to digital. I had my hand in both worlds."

On a personal note, the second date with Sandy and her Bibles turned out to be a success. The couple kept a long distance romance going for a couple of years before getting married in February 2015 and moving to Argentine Township, not far from their original dating venue.

"I considered myself to be in the 'golden age' of cartography in the U.S. during my career."

Keith Winters

Retired cartographer who worked on biblical maps

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Rape sentence is baffling

We don't 'get' rape in this country. We really don't on some weird, sad level. We seem to understand it's a 'bad' thing

— certainly nothing we'd want to happen to our daughters, wives, mothers or sisters. But as a society we often don't seem to see it or treat it as the brutal, horrific and debilitating crime it truly is.

You can see it in sentences like the baffling one given recently to Brock Turner, the Stanford University swimmer convicted of sexually assaulting an unconscious student he found behind a dumpster.

His crime could have earned him 14 years in prison. Prosecutors instead asked for six. Judge Aaron Persky gave him six months,

plus three years of probation, basically the same kind of sentence you could conceivably get for stealing cable TV service.

'A prison sentence would have a severe impact on him. ... I

think he will not be a danger to others,' the judge said, citing Turner's youth and lack of a prior criminal record.

The sentence, of course, was outrageous, but even more outrageous was Turner's father's jaw-dropping letter criticizing the sentence as — yes — too harsh.

The letter said, '(Brock's) life will never be the one that he dreamed about and worked so hard to achieve. That is a steep price to pay for 20 minutes of action out of his 20 plus years of life.'

Twenty minutes of 'action' — that's how he describes a rape? Clearly, that guy doesn't get it, but he's hardly alone. Like I say, we tend to pay lip service to the seriousness of sexual assault in this nation. If we didn't, you would never see such a sentence or letter.

Don't agree? Imagine if Turner had shot his helpless victim instead of raping her. Can you picture a judge giving him

six months then saying 'He's a good boy, why ruin his future, too?'

If you can, you're not someone I want to know.

Or what about the father? Same situation — the kid shoots her, maybe even kills her. Can you imagine a father saying, 'OK, so he shot her, but that was two seconds out of the 20 years he's been alive — isn't six months a lot just for two seconds?'

Let's be brutally honest: Beneath the laughably light sentence and the father's equally laughable letter is the same excuse that burbles silently beneath many sexual assault cases: 'She was partly

to blame.'

That excuse can change from case to case. Sometimes it's 'she was asking for it' or 'what's the big deal?' or 'c'mon, she wanted it' or 'Hey, so she didn't fight back so it must have been OK.'

But it's almost always there in one form or another.

Is it any surprise, then, that a new survey of male college jocks — intramural or intercollegiate — just revealed that more than half had coerced a partner into sex, and that most of the methods of coercion they used — including threats — met the legal definition of rape?

No, it's not surprising at all. But we like to pretend that it is, and that's a disgrace.

“...basically the same kind of sentence you could conceivably get for stealing cable TV service.”



Andrew Heller
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REGARDING THE SUGGESTION that we disband our DDA, you need to understand all the tax monies that are collected within the defined district will then be released to the state of Michigan and Genesee County. We will no longer be able to capture those taxes and use them for improvements within the Fenton DDA district. Watch out what you wish for.

YOUR CHILDISH NAME calling and lying don't make it true. The problem seems to be in your mirror since you are intolerant to any opposing beliefs.

THOSE WHO CONTINUE to believe that Trump is a bigot and racist must have low IQs because they believe the liberal news media and Hillary spewing out lies to mislead the weak-minded and those who lack the ability to scrutinize how elections are conducted with a fist full of lies. Democrats are well known for this technique.

THE PRESIDENT CANNOT declare war and anyone who thinks he can is ignorant. I'm embarrassed for you.

THE LAST LINE of your recent article on Lincoln's Gettysburg address was interesting. He said 'of the people, by the people, and for the people' shall not perish from the earth. Yet today's Republican's Party is only interested in 'of the corporation, by the corporation, and for the corporation.'

MANY COMPANIES ARE now leaving Venezuela because of the collapsing economy with raging inflation and decrease

in money, the collapse in stock market and the anti-business sentiment. This is a prime example of socialism being presented by Hillary and Bernie. It does not work and it will not work.

OBAMA SHOULD BE apologizing to America, not for Americans. He has destroyed our economy and our middle class, added trillions to our national debt. He should apologize for the debacle of Obamacare, the IRS attacks, cutting millions from our VA systems and then demanding substantial increases in money for immigrants, food stamps and welfare programs.

AS I DRIVE around, I wonder if people are stubborn or just stupid. The wheels go toward the house, the trash cans go 3 feet apart, and you put it out the day after the holiday.

WHY BLAME OBAMA? Yes he's a Muslim. Yes, he's evil. Yes, he's damaged this country to the extent it may never recover. It's not his fault. He didn't lie about who he was. It's your fault for voting for him without researching him.

HILLARY'S FOREIGN POLICIES have been devastating to the United States. She compromised national security with classified information on her personal server. She failed to protect Americans in Benghazi and then lied about it. It's time for a fresh, new, bold approach to foreign policy, much like Ronald Reagan did in the '80s and that's why I am supporting Donald Trump.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN Jesus Christ and Barack Obama: One suffered for our sins. We suffer for the others' sins.

NOW IF YOU are worried about stability in Iraq, you should have kept Bush from lying about WMD and not invading in the first place. It was pretty stable then.

TO THE CALLER about the nail salon places with the fumes — speak up for yourself. Talk to the owners. Ask them if they can give better ventilation. Stand up for yourself and speak for yourself.

WELL WRITTEN ARTICLE about boater's safety in the area; much appreciated. And as for the deputy standing up in the boat, he also was the only one not wearing a life jacket. I hope he read that article because it will help him.

I APPLAUD THE Holly Village Council for approving the bike lane on Saginaw Street. They moved the village forward in a sensible way. Now, let's get past the emotions and see how it works.

WHY IS IT the so-called peace-loving liberals spew the most hate filled speech, and create the most violent protests?

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What celebrity's hairstyle do you wish you had?



"Carrie Underwood. It's bright, flirty, and fun. I like her look."

Roxanne Selleke
Washington



"Michael Symon because you would not have to take time styling it."

Karen Healy
Fenton



"Jennifer Aniston. It looks so natural and it looks easy to take care of."

Jackie Lemon
Argentine



"I would say Albert Einstein because it's just so neglected."

Gary Greenway
Fenton



"I guess I'd have to say anyone with hair because I'm bald. If I had to choose, it would be Jimmy Fallon. He just has a good head of hair."

Ron Maygar, Fenton

street talk

Former Fenton Township treasurer dies at 79

Joan Garfield was well known for her service to community

By Vera Hogan

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Joan Garfield, a beloved member of Fenton Township and area communities for 40 years, died Thursday, June 9 as a result of illness. She was 79.

Garfield is well known for her service as the Fenton Township treasurer for 16 years. She and her husband Jimmy also were owners of the popular restaurants Little Joe's, which became Richard's for a time, and then Jimmy G's. They owned Little Joe's and Jimmy G's for a combined 20 years.

The restaurants were in the restaurant Jimmy built, now occupied by Sagebrush Cantina. Joan also was a partner in the family building business.

A Mid-Michigan Blues Festival at Jimmie G's raised more than \$22,000 for local organizations and charities, including a Scholarship Endowment at the University of Michigan-Flint for the performing arts, and Jaws of Life for the Fenton Township Fire Department.

Garfield had also purchased and trained a drug enforcement canine for the Genesee County Sheriff's Department. She also was a registered X-ray and cobalt therapy technician.

As the Fenton Township treasurer, Garfield was an active member of several local and state boards and committees.

Known as "Joanie" to her friends, she and Jimmy were married for almost 60 years. They have been together since

fifth grade at St. Peter and Paul Grade School in Detroit. They attended St. Hedwig Catholic High School, also in Detroit, where they were boyfriend and girlfriend, attending prom and other like activities.

The couple married in June of 1956 and moved to Fenton Township in 1973. They have four children — June

Ryan, Joan Garfield Cox, RN, attorney Jeff Garfield, and Dr. James Garfield.

Joan was also grandmother to 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

"We were very close," said Jimmy on Friday. "We really loved each other."

Fenton Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said, "Joanie has been my friend for many years. She was devoted to her husband, Jimmy, and family, plus her other family, Fenton Township.

"We worked together for 14 years on the township board," Mathis added. "Joanie was an intelligent, attractive, personable and hard-working woman. She was a devoted trustee for Fenton Township from 1988 to 1990. In 1990, she became treasurer, a position she held until 2004 when she chose not to seek re-election.

"Her years of devotion to the residents of Fenton Township and this community is a great example for the future generations," said Mathis. "Joanie will be missed by all who knew her and loved her, including me, her friend."



Joan Garfield

Dissecting your very confusing 'Charter' bill

Who gets the fees and what do they mean?

By Vera Hogan

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The Tri-County Times receives periodic Hot lines about Charter Communications and the fees charged for not only services the cable company provides, but fees that appear somewhat vague on monthly bills.

Taking one local family's bill, it shows the monthly charges for the Charter "bundle," which is cable, internet and telephone service, which total approximately \$140 per month.

The taxes, fees and other charges are what some people find confusing. They're not huge fees, but together they add up to about \$13 per month.

The following is a list of the charges and what they mean (The charges listed are from the Fenton family's bill; they may vary from customer to customer):

FCC Admin Fee (\$.08)

This is the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) administrative fee. According to Charter, this is a fee that Charter must pay to the FCC to cover the cost of the FCC's regulation of Charter's cable service.

Franchise Fee (\$4.82)

A franchise fee is a fee collected by Charter on behalf of the local govern-

ment and municipality. This fee is paid directly to the local government to use the public rights of way when providing cable service.

The fee is a percentage of the revenues received from providing cable services — generally 5 percent in most areas, but can be slightly higher in some areas.

According to federal law cable operators may pass the entire amount of the franchise fee to their customers and itemize the fees on the customer's monthly bills. Each year Charter reviews the franchise fees recovered from customers to ensure the franchise fees collected are correct.

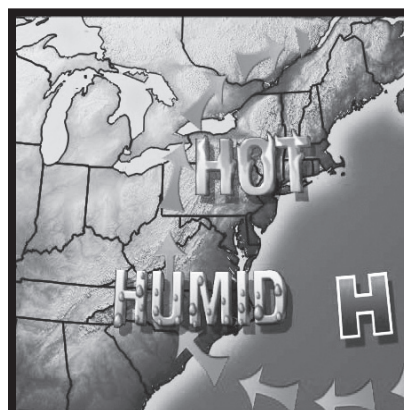
The amount of the franchise fee itemized on each bill varies based on where customers live, the level of service they subscribe to, and how many PPV/VOD (Pay Per View/Video on Demand) movies and events are ordered in a given month.

PEG Access Fees (\$1.83)

PEG stands for Public Education and Government. For Charter customers in the tri-county area, that means Channel 191.

Cities and municipalities impose a PEG fee that is collected by Charter in a similar manner as a franchise fee. This fee is used to support the city or municipalities' PEG access channels. All monies collected by Charter are passed through to the local municipality and no portion is kept by Charter.

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Eligible donors are invited to roll up their sleeve on Monday, June 13, from 12 to 6 p.m. at the Fenton VFW. Those who come to donate can enjoy an on-site cookout with hot dogs and hamburgers and get a \$10 VISA gift card courtesy of Suburban Propane and a Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. The Red Cross must collect 14,000 blood donations every day to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country. Blood donations typically decrease during the months of June, July and August. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

DING DONGS AND ZINGERS AMONG SINGLE CAKES RECALLED

According to the Food and Drug Administration, Hostess Brands, LLC is voluntarily recalling 710,000 cases of select snack cakes and doughnuts as a direct result of the recent recall by Grain Craft, of certain lots of its flour for undeclared peanut residue. The Hostess Brands products subject to the recall were produced using the Grain Craft flour that has now been recalled and, as a result, these products may contain low levels of undeclared peanut residue. The Hostess Brands products affected by the recall include single serve (snack cakes and donuts), multipack boxes and bagged donuts. Ding Dongs and Zingers are among the popular single-serve cakes by Hostess, and are frequently found in vending machines as well as retail establishments. Anyone who has purchased an affected product

and who has a sensitivity or allergy to peanuts is encouraged to discard it or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact (800) 686-2813 or visit www.hostesscakes.com. While those who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to peanuts run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume products containing peanut allergens, the amount of peanut exposure from use of the flours and affected products is considered to be low and not expected to cause adverse health effects in the vast majority of peanut allergic consumers. As of June 3, Hostess has received notice of two allergic reactions related to the product covered by this recall. They are recalling specific products out of an abundance of caution. The entire list of products recalled can be found at www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm505065.htm. Only the products listed are subject to the recall, and does not affect other Hostess Brands products.

FENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR STREET LIGHTS

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees adopted a resolution to amend their contract with Consumers Energy to include the construction of street lights in subdivisions. The lights will be paid for by creating a special assessment district. The first subdivision to receive lights under this resolution is the Byron Ridge subdivision, where 24 lights will be installed. Tom Broecker, operations manager and deputy clerk said it's a contract for providing the operation and maintenance of street lighting within the township. Broecker said anytime they add lights, they have to add them to the Consumers Energy contract. The resolution was unanimously passed.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WITHOUT REGARD TO how or why the war started, in the end Obama had the opportunity to support a stable, democratic Iraq. Instead, he cut and ran. Let Obama's failures be a lesson to all of us; surrender is not a legitimate foreign policy.

I AM SORRY, but Fenton City residents are allowed to have chickens. We have a permit. We follow the strict rules. They are much quieter and less of a nuisance than cats that roam the streets and dogs that are left outside unattended.

NEWT GINGRICH HAS been mentioned

as a vice presidential candidate. He has great experience with passing legislation and is a great debater. However, Gingrich helped pass NAFTA and WTO membership. He also, like the Clintons, belongs to the Globalist, Council on Foreign Relations. Bad choice.

NEITHER MEXICAN, NOR Muslim is a race. Criticizing either group is not racism.

LET ME GET this straight. We kill 4 million American babies each year through abortion and replace them with 4 million unskilled, unschooled, penniless, non-english speaking, welfare-sucking refugees. Yeah, that's a good plan.

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Postage stamp prices have dropped

■ First time in 100 years that U.S. Postal Service lowered postage

By Sally Rummel

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When prices go up, they don't usually come back down.

The United States Post Office, however, dropped its prices for the first time in 100 years, when it lowered the price of postage for first-class letters and postcards as of April 10.

First-class letters dropped from 49 cents to 47 cents and postcards from 35 cents to 34 cents. Stamp prices were last lowered on July 1, 1919, when postage dropped from 3 cents to 2 cents per ounce.

The price decrease was in response to an order by the Postal Regulatory Commission to roll back the temporary price hike that took place the past two years when customers paid an "exigent surcharge" to help the Postal Service survive the Great Recession. Stamp prices typically go up slightly every two years to keep pace with inflation.

"I really haven't heard too much about it from customers," said Fenton Postmaster Mara Boyle. "About all we sell are 'Forever Stamps,' so many customers might not notice (the price drop)."

The price reduction means people who bought Forever Stamps when they were 49 cents are losing 2 cents of value for each one they own.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars and generates its own revenue

History of stamp prices for 1-ounce first-class mail:

July 1, 1885	2 cents
November 2, 1917	3 cents
July 1, 1919	2 cents
July 6, 1932	3 cents
August 1, 1958	4 cents
January 7, 1963	5 cents
January 7, 1968	6 cents
May 16, 1971	8 cents
March 2, 1974	10 cents
December 31, 1975	13 cents
May 29, 1978	15 cents
March 22, 1981	18 cents
November 1, 1981	20 cents
February 17, 1985	22 cents
April 3, 1988	25 cents
February 3, 1991	29 cents
January 1, 1995	32 cents
January 10, 1999	33 cents
January 7, 2001	34 cents
June 30, 2002	37 cents
January 8, 2006	39 cents
May 14, 2007	41 cents
May 12, 2008	42 cents
May 11, 2009	44 cents
January 22, 2012	45 cents
January 27, 2013	46 cents
January 26, 2014	49 cents
April 10, 2016	47 cents

through postage sales and parcel deliveries. It has been hit hard with a switch from written letters and printed materials to emails, texts and social media message. While the Postal Service delivers less mail, it still has to maintain the infrastructure required to deliver mail to 155 million addresses in the U.S.

SUMMARY

■ The price of a stamp for a 1-ounce first-class letter dropped from 49 cents to 47 cents on April 10.

Veterans' center to hold grand opening

■ New Holly facility ready and willing to help veterans

The Holly Area Veterans Resource Center (HAVRC) will hold its Grand Opening on June 20 at the Karl Richter Community Center in Holly at 7 p.m. The opening will begin in the auditorium and conclude in the HAVRC with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The event is open to the public and all are welcome. Refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Holly Township Library.

The Holly Area Veterans Resource Center is a 501 (c) 3 corporation dedicated to helping veterans and their families. There is no paid staff—all are volunteers. The group is always in need of donations and volunteers.

The Holly Area Veterans Resource Center is located in Room C 309. Hours of operation starting June 21 will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Service officers from The Oakland

County Veterans' Services (OCVS) will be available on the first Tuesday of each month helping veterans with claims. An appointment can be made by calling OCVS at (248) 858-0785 and asking for Lauren.

A Survivor Outreach Services coordinator is available on the first Tuesday of the month. To make an appointment, call Mark Downing at (517) 481-9896 or (517) 672-0918. On Wednesdays, they have a VA Employment Services Specialist. To make an appointment, call Dell McCaslin at (989) 497-2500 ext 3856 or (313) 212-2511. Walk-ins are always welcome.

The HAVRC will have additional hours for special events or classes, such as Mindful Yoga and Resilience for Veterans.

For additional information, contact Joe Mishler (810) 348-9960 or Ray Pfenning at (248) 882-1406.

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FLUKE GOALS? SERIOUSLY?

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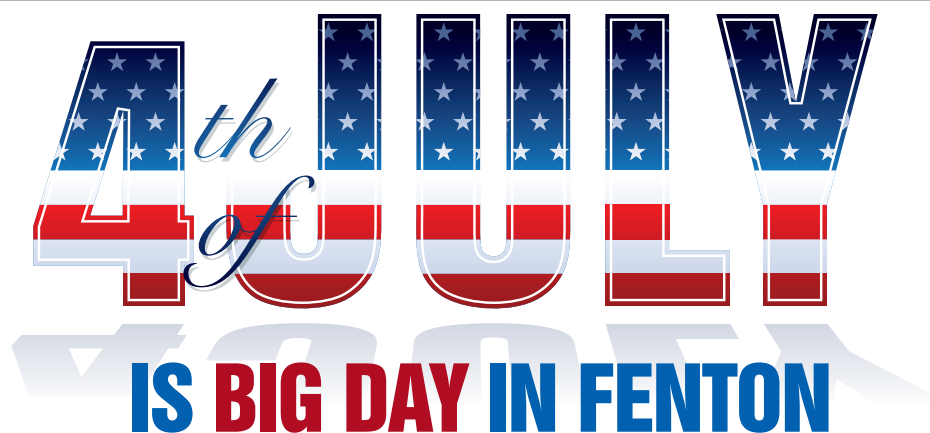
OBAMA, THE GREATEST president? In the nearly eight years of the Obama administration, the American people are so confused that they don't even know which bathroom to use.

TRUMP IS CORRECT in questioning the fairness of Judge Curiel in his Trump University case. The judge is a member of a LaRazza affiliated lawyers group. LaRazza assists illegal aliens. This is clearly at odds with Trump's stand on illegal immigration.

I WANTED TO say thank you very much to the man at the post office in Fenton who insisted on paying the postage for the hair my daughter donated. I appreciate your kind words and your generosity. You are both heroes to me.

THE FENTON DDA and council do listen. Then they take our comments, vacuum seal them in a jar and toss it in the Shiawassee River. Then the old dudes who really run Fenton make their decisions behind closed doors.

AMERICAN TROOPS REMAINING in-country is not a valid argument disproving Iraqi national stability. If it is, then England, Germany, Japan and 19 other countries are all unstable governments. Your argument fails, the historical record stands; Obama's failed foreign policy destabilized Iraq and the region.



By Vera Hogan

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Nothing says "A mericana" I like the Fourth of July events and activities in the city of Fenton.

Folks from out of town and larger cities often remark that they have never seen anything like it at home.

Each year, the city of Fenton hosts thousands of visitors for the Fourth of July festivities.

Friday, July 1

The festivities will begin with the Silver Lake Ski Show at Silver Lake Park, at 7 p.m.

At 8 p.m. that evening, a Grand Marshal Adult Reception will be held at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. This year's honoree is Mark Rummel (see related story on 9A)

Monday, July 4

Most of the July 4 events will take place at the community center and at the gazebo area of Millpond Park.

• **Pancake breakfast** (American Legion #38), from 7 to 10 a.m.

• **Ecumenical blessing** at Pancake breakfast, 9 a.m.

• **5K Race & Fun Run/Walk**, 9:45 a.m. (go to fentonfirecracker.com for information and to register)

• **Arts, Crafts, Vendors and City Garage Sale** (Beautification Commission) from, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on community center lawns.

• **Parade**, 10 a.m. (see related story)

• **Children's Decorated Bike Parade**, 10 a.m. (part of large parade)

• **Chicken BBQ**, hot dogs, brats, chips and pop, 11 a.m. until gone (Fenton Lion's Club)

• **Rubber Ducky Regatta** (Rotary Club) will take place after the parade at 12:30 p.m.

• **Additional activities** after the parade on community center lawns are: Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton, pony rides, petting zoo, Fenton Fire Department kids' water battle.

• **Childrens inflatables** (The Freedom Center)

• **A.J. Phillips Museum** will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FIREWORKS

The fireworks will begin at 10 p.m. on July 4 at Silver Lake Park. No parking is permitted in the park.

For more information, visit fentonchamber.com.

FENTON FREEDOM FESTIVAL PARADE

On Monday, July 4, the Fenton Freedom Festival Parade will be held in downtown Fenton. The parade is sponsored by the Fenton Freedom Festival Committee.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. rain or shine. All businesses and organizations in the area are invited and encouraged to participate.

All entries must be decorated using red, white and blue in keeping with the patriotic holiday theme.

Floats, singing units, walking units, etc. are invited to participate. Live or recorded music is encouraged as it will add to the festive nature of the event.

The cost to participate in the parade is \$20, which is non-refundable. Political entries must pay a \$100 non-refundable registration fee to participate. Registration forms are required and can be obtained by visiting the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce offices at 104 S. Adelaide St., Fenton, or online at www.fentonchamber.com.

Registration forms are due by Monday, June 27. Participants will receive a confirmation call. If a call is not received by July 1, call (810) 919-4629.

STAGING INFORMATION

Staging for most units in the parade will be along Industrial Way and Copper Street. These units are to enter the staging area from Fenway Drive or Alloy in the Fenton Business and Technology Park (formerly Industrial Park).

Only vehicles participating in the parade will be allowed access to the staging area. All entries are asked to be in the staging area by 8:30 a.m.

PARADE ROUTE

The parade route is approximately 1.9 miles long. It will begin at the intersection of Industrial Way and Owen Road.

From there it will progress east along West Shiawassee to LeRoy Street. It will turn north on LeRoy Street and proceed to Caroline.

From there it will progress west on Caroline Street to West Street.

At the end of the parade route, participants must exit right to Silver Lake Road or left back to the staging area. The intersection is not to be blocked.

Source: fentonchamber.com





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Mark Rummel of Mancino's of Fenton has been chosen to serve as this year's Fenton Freedom Festival Parade grand marshal. He will be honored at an adult reception on Friday, July 1, at 8 p.m. at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

'King of the grinder' named grand marshal

■ Mark Rummel of Fenton will lead this year's Fourth of July parade

By Vera Hogan

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Mark Rummel of Mancino's of Fenton was unanimously selected by the Fenton Freedom Festival Committee to serve as this year's parade grand marshal.

An adult reception in Rummel's honor will be held at 8 p.m. Friday July 1 at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Along with his wife, Sally, and their two children, Sarah and Andrew, Rummel moved to Fenton in 1997 to open Mancino's of Fenton, which is in its 18th year of business. Rummel has sold Mancino's to Doyle Landis of Fenton Township and Rummel is now operations manager.

According to Denise Keipert, Freedom Festival Committee member, who nominated Rummel for the honor, he has hired, trained and promoted nearly 400 local residents in that time, often providing their first job opportunity. More than 20 of these current and former staff members have gone on to careers in the food business.

Rummel helped establish "Taste in Fenton" with the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce and "Fenton Camel Races" with the Fenton Area Optimist Club.

He is a frequent leader in career training meetings at area high schools and middle schools, explaining to young people

how important their first job will be, and outlining how to succeed in their work.

Rummel is a graduate of Central Michigan University and worked in the newspaper business for 27 years before coming to Fenton.

His interests include reading, operating several historical blogs and Facebook pages, watching trains, traveling, cooking and spending special time playing with his two grandchildren, Ava and Gavin.

"I am honored and humbled to be chosen as the 2016 grand marshal," Rummel said.

"I have looked up to many of the recent past grand marshals, who have been honored for their community efforts.

"Sally and I moved our family to Fenton in 1997 to serve the

community and help make this beautiful area even better," he added. We've employed nearly 400 people at Mancino's of Fenton in these past 18 years, always encouraging them to do the best they can in serving others.

"I am grateful and thankful to be chosen, and I encourage everyone to keep giving back to our Fenton community," said Rummel. "Plus, it looks like we get to ride in a cool convertible, too."

Chairwoman Pat Lockwood said, "Mark was the unanimous choice of the Fenton Freedom Festival Committee for his lifelong commitment to service and the education and promotion of excellent business practices in the Fenton area community. We are very proud to have Mark as the Festival's 26th grand marshal."

“Plus, it looks like we get to ride in a cool convertible, too.”

Mark Rummel

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Fruits contain antioxidants, vitamins, and other healthy substances that make them healthy foods to consume during the hot summer months.

Best summer food and drink options

■ Choose cooling foods to combat the summer heat

By Hannah Ball

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Children gain weight three times as fast in the summer compared to during the school year according to the National Center for Summer Learning at John Hopkins University.

When kids are out of school, many stay indoors playing video games, watching TV, and not paying attention to how many bags of chips they just finished. Many after-school sports stop during summertime as well, and many kids do not get as much exercise.

Summer is also the time of the year when the added heat often makes eating too much uncomfortable, especially heavy foods. To combat this, here are healthy foods and drinks to consume this summer

When kids are out of school, many stay indoors playing video games, watching TV, and not paying attention to how many bags of chips they just finished.

Fruits

There are "warming foods" and "cooling foods," according to Men's Fitness. The cooling foods, like many fruits and vegetables, help clear toxins from your body and are the kinds of food you want to eat during summer.

It's easy to accidentally get dehydrated in the hot sun, and eating junk food does not help much. The best foods and drinks to consume during summer are ones that hydrate you and contain antioxidants.

Cucumbers are a great choice because they're extremely hydrating and delicious with hummus, according to Men's Fitness. Watermelon also contains plenty of water.

Watermelon is also in season

during summer, as are peaches. They contain vitamins A and C, which are healthy for your skin.

Apples, by containing about 4 grams of fiber for every 95 calories, make a filling, healthy snack. According to Men's Fitness, they also contain pectin, a type of soluble fiber that has been found to stop hunger and promote weight loss.

Another healthy fruit to eat during summer is pineapple. This fruit is the only known source of bromelain, an enzyme that has been found to reduce inflammation in the body.

Citrus fruits, like lemons, have a significant cooling effect on the body, according to Men's Fitness, and promote detoxification.

Vegetables

Spinach, kale, collard greens, and romaine all have a high-water content and are easy to digest. They're also "cooling foods."

Zucchini, which is actually a summer squash,

contains vitamin C and is a great source of manganese.

Manganese helps protect your body against free radicals, which are unstable molecules that feed off otherwise healthy molecules to survive. Thousands are created every day and they can cause chronic and degenerative diseases, according to naturalnews.com.

Drinks

Water is the best hydrating drink.

If that gets too boring for you, add lemon or cucumber to give it some natural flavor. Experts have proven that lemon water is good for your skin and has immune-boosting benefits.

WebMD suggests iced green or black tea. The less caffeine, the better. Iced teas are a good way to stay hydrated and cool your body during the hot summer months.

SUMMARY

■ Children are more likely to gain weight during summer. Certain foods can help you avoid that, while staying well hydrated.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE LEFT ATTACKS personally when people dissent from their viewpoint and cry out racist, homophobic, sexist. I am none of these, and I still disagree with your policy.

THERE IS A 20-year tax increase for GISD on the Aug. 2 ballot. GISD currently receives 3.5341 mills. The .25 mill increase is for lifelong education, adult education, training, enrichment and other operating expenses from 2016 to 2035.

'KILLARY' IS BOTH a liar and a bully.

TWELVE RELEASED GUANTANAMO detainees have been killing Americans — something they had done before Guantanamo. Thanks, Obama.

TEACH A CHILD to fish; they eat for life. Teach an adult to work the welfare system — done.

MY HUSBAND AND I both worked, sacrificed, and lived below our means so we could help our son through a local university. He worked through college, too, and now has a job and home of his own. I see so many people who spend, spend, spend and the want free college. Sorry guys.

I SWIM AT our local parks and the last few years the teenagers are constantly yelling the 'F' word. Their voices travel on the lakes and there are lots of moms and kids enjoying themselves there. If you have teens tell them to keep it down please.

I GUESS YOU could say that the auto companies are cutting costs now and not putting turn signals on their vehicles. Way to save money guys.

I HOPE THE older gentleman who picked up my \$50 needed it as much as I did. He was seen picking it up at Walgreens.

THE CITY OF Fenton is divided. The DDA and the council are on one side and the people of Fenton are on the other side.

WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, June 8 Midweek edition**. For more information on how to subscribe and receive both the Wednesday Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

NEW FENTON SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT APPROVED

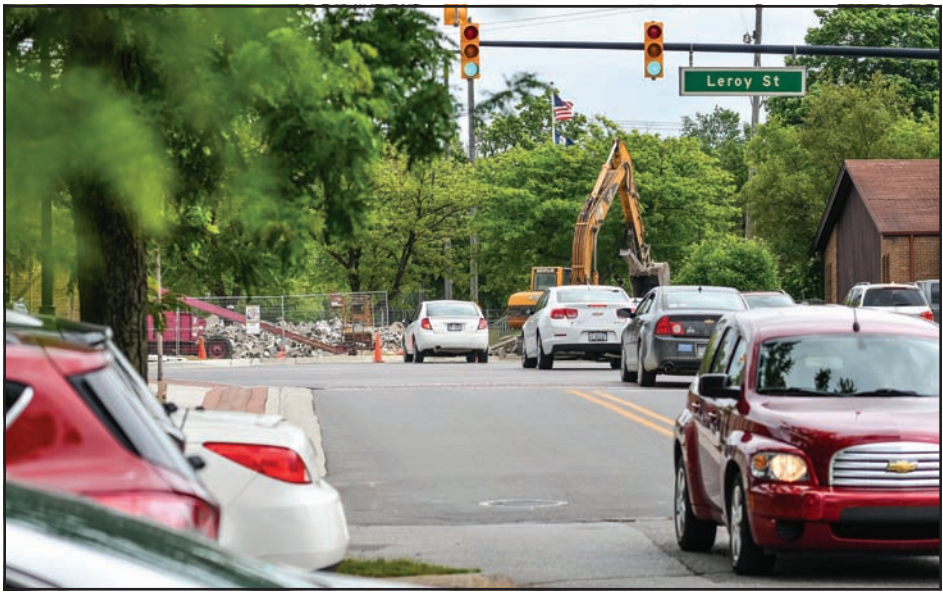
The Fenton Board of Education has approved the contract and set the salary and benefits for new Superintendent Adam Hartley, who will officially begin his duties on July 1.

'AMERICAN PICKERS' WANT YOUR HELP

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz and their team are returning to Michigan to film episodes of the hit series "American Pickers." They are looking for leads on where great finds might be located.

DISTRICT CHAMPS ... AGAIN!

The Linden baseball team won its fourth straight district crown at Lake Fenton High School on Saturday.



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This downtown view from the sidewalk at Crust on Caroline Street changed drastically this week. The project is still in the design phases.

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Last week, workers cleared trees behind the building that were in the proposed roadway area. "Currently, the building owner is removing his structure for the proposed street right-of-way. That should be completed very soon," he said.

SkyPoint Ventures is in charge of this project. A portion of the building that was in the way, which used to house Fenton Flowers & Silks, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce and others, has been torn down by Milford Salvage Iron and Metal Company.

Czarnecki said at this time he does not have a project cost for the extension of Caroline Street.



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Pedestrians on Walnut Street in Fenton can see downtown without the building blocking their view.



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Federal bank fraud charges for LaJoyce

■ Court date pushed back due to plea, settlement talks

By Hannah Ball

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Michael LaJoyce's pretrial hearing scheduled for June 13 has been rescheduled for July 11 due to ongoing plea and settlement talks. LaJoyce, 37, has been lodged in the Oakland County Jail since the beginning of January when he admitted to embezzling \$20 million from the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union. (CBCCU).

On Tuesday, June 7, federal bank fraud charges were filed. LaJoyce is being defended by Michael Manley.

The pretrial date was originally set for May 23, but was postponed to June 13 because of further negotiations and involve-

ment of the federal prosecutors.

Last week, Manley said he expected federal charges soon.

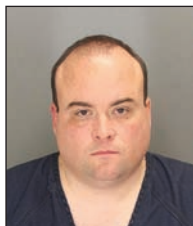
LaJoyce is facing 14 felony counts related to a \$20 million embezzlement case in Oakland County after he turned himself into police in early January. The court entered a "not guilty" plea.

The 14 counts he currently faces allegedly took place between October and December of 2015.

On Tuesday, June 7, one felony count of bank fraud was filed against LaJoyce in United States District Court – Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division.

According to the federal complaint, the prosecutor alleges that from January 2003 to January 2016, LaJoyce devised and executed a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses and representations from CBCCU. As a result, prosecutors claim LaJoyce embezzled more than \$18 million from CBCCU.

From Oct. 23, 2007 to Dec. 15, 2015, LaJoyce stole approximately \$2,547,892 from CBCCU as follows:



Michael LaJoyce

LaJoyce issued cashier's checks from various CBCCU accounts without authorization. These checks were deposited in bank accounts owned by LaJoyce at various financial institutions. The checks were made payable to the respective institutions as well as to names of fictitious individuals, and were typically deposited via automated teller machines (ATMs).

From Feb. 18, 2011 to Sept. 30, 2015, LaJoyce stole approximately \$16,107,539 from CBCCU by conducting transfers via Automated Clearing House (ACH) withdrawals from CBCCU to his personal accounts held at other financial institutions.

LaJoyce set up the ACH withdrawals to debit funds from CBCCU's investment general ledger, which he was responsible for balancing. When the electronic transfers debited CBCCU's general ledger investment

account, the funds were deposited into his personal accounts at other financial institutions. After the funds were deposited, he would clear CBCCU's ledger to delete the corresponding transactions. He would then wire transfer the funds from his personal accounts to other accounts.

Federal prosecutors claim LaJoyce concealed his fraudulent activities by creating fictitious investments in certificates of deposits (CDs) and bonds at Total Bank in Miami, Florida. These fictitious investments were provided to auditors and state examiners conducting yearly financial audits of CBCCU to show that the credit union's books were balanced and to avoid detection of the missing funds.

If convicted of bank fraud, LaJoyce must forfeit to the United States any property real or personal, that constitutes or is derived, directly or indirectly, from gross proceeds traceable to the commission of bank fraud.

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) LaJoyce could face up to 30 years in federal prison and/or \$1 million in fines.

LAJOICE

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for being the owner of the now-closed Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio in Fenton.

LaJoyce also owned six properties in the city of Fenton. Between June 2015 and January of this year, he spent nearly \$2.5 million on those purchases. He and his wife also own a million-dollar home in Tyrone Township.

When he turned himself in, his assets were frozen.

Manley said Friday that "squatters" are living in a LaJoyce home at 219 South Adelaide St. and one at 116 South Mill St. "They were supposed to be out by January but they didn't move out," said Manley. "In one, they trashed the place."

Earlier this year, tenants said LaJoyce gave them until March 1 to move out.

Manley said, by law they have to give the people living in those homes 30 days to vacate. He filed the paperwork on Thursday, June 9 in Genesee County District Court.

They tacked notices on the homes and mailed notices to the homes.

"We are getting them ready to sell and we need them out," said Manley. "The U.S. attorney and the MSU Federal Credit Union, which acquired the (CBCCU), are allowing the LaJoyce properties to be sold to help with restitution."

Manley said it might appear to some that the Oakland County Prosecutors Office owns the LaJoyce properties in question, but he added that LaJoyce still owns those properties until they go through due process of law. Once that happens, transfers may be ordered.

"We have a sale," said Manley. "The state and feds have agreed for the sale to an unknown buyer."

Manley said the six LaJoyce properties in Fenton will be sold as one unit and the MSU Federal Credit Union will be the third-party beneficiary so that proceeds can be applied toward restitution.

Manley said Realtor Ken Brant in Fenton has been working behind the scenes.

"Hats off to Ken for being instrumental to



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The sale of this house, located at 116 Mill St. in Fenton, is pending.

get this potential deal done," he said. "This changes ownership, it saves money it saves cooperation. It's short of a miracle."

Manley would neither confirm the purchase agreement price nor who the buyer is, saying that was all confidential information at this time.

Now that federal charges of bank fraud have been filed this week, Manley said that case would go first and most likely quickly. See related story on this page.

When asked how LaJoyce was handling his situation and time in jail, Manley said, "He wants to resolve all of these matters, to make amends. He's at peace; he knows the example he has set by coming forward to make amends."

"The men's group at St. John's church was also very helpful," said Manley.

The LaJoyce's home in Tyrone Township is for sale, however, there is no buyer at this time.

Although LaJoyce paid in excess of fair market price on the properties he purchased in 2015, Manley said those same properties are being sold at fair market price.

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LOOKING BACK
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NATIONAL HISTORY

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JUNE 12

1994: Nicole Brown Simpson, famous football player O.J. Simpson's ex-wife, and her friend Ron Goldman are brutally stabbed to death outside Nicole's home in Brentwood, California. With overwhelming evidence against him, including a prior record of domestic violence toward Brown, O.J. Simpson became the chief suspect. He was charged with the crimes, went to trial, and after deliberating for three hours, the jury acquitted Simpson.

JUNE 13:

1966: The Supreme Court hands down its decision in *Miranda v. Arizona*, establishing the principle that all criminal suspects must be advised of their rights before interrogation.

JUNE 14

1985: TWA Flight 847 from Athens to Rome is hijacked by Shiite Hezbollah terrorists who immediately demand to know the identity of "those with Jewish-sounding names." Two of the Lebanese terrorists forced the plane to land in Beirut, Lebanon. Once on the ground, the hijackers called for passengers with Israeli passports, but there were none. They then focused their attention on the several U.S. Navy construction divers aboard the plane. Soon after landing, the terrorists killed Navy diver Robert Stethem, and dumped his body on the runway.

JUNE 15

1846: Representatives of Great Britain and the United States sign the Oregon Treaty, which settles a long-standing dispute with Britain over who controlled the Oregon territory. The treaty established the 49th parallel from the Rocky Mountains to the Strait of Georgia as the boundary between the United States and British Canada.

JUNE 16

1884: The first roller coaster in America opens at Coney Island, in Brooklyn, New York. Known as a switchback railway, it was the brainchild of LaMarcus Thompson, traveled approximately six miles per hour and cost a nickel to ride. The new entertainment was an instant success and by the turn of the century there were hundreds of roller coasters around the country.

JUNE 17

1885: The dismantled Statue of Liberty, a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of America, arrives in New York Harbor after being shipped across the Atlantic Ocean in 350 individual pieces packed in more than 200 cases. The copper and iron statue, which was reassembled and dedicated the following year in a ceremony presided over by U.S. President Grover Cleveland, became known around the world as an enduring symbol of freedom and democracy.

JUNE 18

1923: The first Checker Cab rolls off the line at the Checker Cab Manufacturing Company in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Source: History.com

CHARTER BILL
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Public access channels are available for use by the general public. They are usually administered either by the cable operator or by a third party designated by the franchising authority.

Educational access channels are used by educational institutions for educational programming. Time on these channels is typically allocated by either the franchising authority or the cable operator among local schools, colleges and universities.

Governmental access channels are used for programming by organs of local government. In most jurisdictions, the franchising authority directly controls these channels. The monies collected

by this fee are used in support of these channels including equipment, training, airtime, etc.

Locally, only Fenton Township Board of Trustees meetings are broadcast on Channel 191.

Broadcast TV Surcharge (\$6.05)

Federal law allows local U.S. broadcast television stations (i.e. affiliates of networks such as CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox, etc.) to negotiate with cable and satellite providers in order to obtain "consent" to carry their broadcast signals (Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992).

When network-affiliated TV stations increase their rates to Charter, those

increases are passed on to the customer.

According to Charter, these local TV signals were historically made available to Charter at no cost, or low cost. But in recent years, the prices demanded by local broadcast TV stations have necessitated that these costs be passed on to customers.

State PSC Fee (\$.01)

The Public Service Commission (PSC) is a state regulatory agency whose responsibilities include oversight of the telecommunications industry for their area. This fee supports the operations of the PSC. It is assessed upon Charter and passed through to Charter's customers on a pro rata basis.

Source: charter.net/taxesandfees

Disasters in the air, such as the doomed Malaysia Air Flight 370 crash March 2014, and most recently the Germanwings Airbus A320 crash on March 24 in the French Alps, may have

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ked town family
by Vera Hogan
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According to Niche.com, a website started in 2002 as collegeprowler.com by Carnegie Mellon University students, Holly has been ranked the 11th best town in Michigan to raise children. The bureau shows that Holly in 2013. For the 2015 ranking, the location's access to libraries, the ability to purchase toys, and day care centers. Nancy Hanks, who with children in Holly, says, "It's still a small town so much. Historic place with several gift boutiques." See **HOLLY** on 9A

Thursday morning goodbye to the Linden schools

See more

s tenants say everything
By Vera Hogan
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It's been just over six months since ground-floor business tenants moved their new digs in the Cornerstone building 134 North LeRoy St. in Fenton. The Rough Draught Coffee & Eatery, owned by Andrew and Stephanie, is one of them. "Everything is going great," said Stephanie, who is probably more than doubled since Stephanie describes their customer representing all ages. They also have

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BIGFORD

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On Wednesday, June 8, Bigford was sentence to mandatory life in prison with out possibility of parole for the murder.

Isabella County Chief Judge Paul Chamberlain also sentenced Bigford to two years in prison for the felony firearm violation, with 417 days for time served.

Last month, Bigford was convicted of first-degree murder in the death of Lawrence Howard, Jr., 39, of Fenton on April 18, 2015. He was at the Chase Run Apartments in Mt. Pleasant, waiting to exercise parental visitation rights with his 3-year old daughter, Siena, when he was murdered by Bigford.

Bigford had claimed she killed Howard because she believed he was sexually molesting his daughter. However, that claim was never corroborated by any of the members of the medical community and child protective service agencies, in Ohio and Michigan.

The Isabella County jury deliberated for just over two and a half hours before delivering its verdict. The mandatory prison time for first-degree murder in Michigan is

life without possibility of parole.

After Bigford's conviction in May, David Feggans of Ewing, New Jersey, best friend to Howard's since childhood, said Howard's family is glad justice is being served as it relates to Bigford.

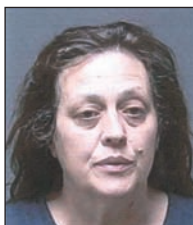
"There is another guilty party running around and I hope they look into her sooner or later," said Feggans of Bigford's daughter.

Feggans said he spoke to Howard the morning of his death.

"He talked about how much he was looking forward to seeing his daughter that day," said Feggans. "He hadn't seen her in four months and was going to take her to the mall and other fun places."

Feggans said no one from Bigford's family was at the trial, not her daughter nor her son, Justin. "What does that tell you about a family when no one shows up for court. None of them testified," he said.

According to themorningsun.com, Feggans was at the sentencing Wednesday as well. Because Howard was taken away far too early in life, his daughter will pay the price because her father will never



Mary Lou
Bigford

be able to walk her down the aisle, hold her hand or be with her at special events.

Howard's cousin, Doreen Nixon also spoke.

Nixon told Chamberlain that Howard's daughter, Siena, was the light of his life and that he was a great father — not the monster depicted by Bigford during the three-week trial.

Rather than raising his daughter Nixon said Howard is six feet under, next to his parents and her mother. She said the worse thing is Siena will live the rest of her life without a father.

Nixon said she will "never, never, never" forgive Bigford for this crime. The judge later said he hopes she eventually changes her mind for her own "peace of mind."

Source: themorningsun.com

COURT

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15, of Wolverine Lake (formerly of Linden), and Lamarr Dukes, 16, of West Bloomfield, have been charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree, premeditated murder, a felony punishable by up to life in prison and false report or threat of terrorism, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Argentine police learned of a potential threat in late October 2015, when a Linden High School student showed a school resource officer threatening messages she received from Stevens about a possible school shooting.

Police investigated and found Instagram posts, direct messages and text messages, suggesting there might be a shooting at the school perpetrated by the three teens.

The suspects were apprehended, questioned, and arrested. The Argentine Police Department handled the case with assistance from the FBI.

The last time the suspects were in court, their attorneys pleaded their cases and asked Genesee County District

Judge David Goggins to dismiss certain charges and release their clients, the Times previously reported.

Stevens' attorney Marc Hart argued that the prosecution failed to develop a reasonable lead that Stevens is guilty of the charges, and that specific intent and intent to carry out the threat haven't been proven.

He said the prosecution left out contextual clues in the messages, and that the case didn't meet the requirements to be considered terrorism.

In court, Hart said Stevens' messages are just a teenage boy trying to act tough.

Brewer's attorney, Elbert Hatchett, said the entire case is just a schoolyard fight between boys, and the shooting plot is devoid of Brewer's involvement.

Hatchett said that Brewer didn't have the means to carry out a school shooting, and that he had no plans to shoot anyone.

The Times previously reported that Dukes' attorney, Gwendolyn Gordon, said messages over social media can be misinterpreted by unintended recipients, and they never set a specific time, place, or date for the alleged shooting.

Gordon said the supposed murder threats aren't supported by evidence.

Goggins did not release any of the suspects and bound the case to circuit court with all charges.

SUMMARY

■ The three teenage suspects of the alleged Linden school shooting plot are scheduled to appear for a mandatory settlement conference on Monday.

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Bill Weikert, Jon Brandt and Rod Hoadley begin their coast to coast journey at Bar Harbor, Maine on May 16.

'Coast to coast' cyclists stop in Fenton

■ Trio of cyclists visits family here while pedaling from Maine to Washington

By Sally Rummel

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Fenton is less than a third of the way from Bar Harbor, Maine to Friday Harbor, Washington, but it seemed like a good place to stop pedaling for a few days, especially when you're facing a 4,500-mile journey by bike.

Bill and Pat Flick of Fenton welcomed their nephew Rod Hoadley, 50, Rod's brother-in-law Jon Brandt, 51, and Jon's co-worker, Bill Weikert, 58, as they cycled into Fenton Wednesday for a visit, as part of their three-month bicycling trip across the northern tier of the U.S. and into Canada. Brandt and Weikert are from Eugene, Oregon and Hoadley is from San Luis Obispo, California.

They all took a leave from their jobs and left their families to embark on a "bucket list" trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific. As recreational cyclists, this is a huge journey, sleeping in campgrounds, cooking their own food and enjoying the scenery along the way.

For Brandt, it's also a chance to test his physical limits as a type 1 diabetic. He had to deal with issues like keeping his insulin

“It's a lot of work, pedaling, tenting and cooking. But it's been even more fun than we thought.”

Rod Hoadley
50-year-old cyclist

cold on hot days, continuously checking his insulin levels with a regular blood test four to five times a day and weighing and managing all his food.

He has chronicled this journey on a public Facebook page, "Jon's Harbor to Harbor Bicycle Tour with Type 1 Diabetes."

The trio left Bar Harbor, Maine on May 16 and plan to return home in mid-August. "It's a lot of work, pedaling, tenting and cooking," said Hoadley, "But it's been even more fun than we thought."

BICYCLISTS

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of each other and learn how to share the road," said Lukasavitz. "At least twice a year I'll have someone yell for me to get off the road and lots of drivers blow their horn at you. As long as there are attitudes like that, neither bicyclists nor pedestrians are safe."

Texting and distracted driving are other safety issues that need to be avoided, for safety in general, and especially when bicycles and motor vehicles are sharing the road.

Bicyclists need to do their part as well, wearing bright clothing for visibility, a helmet for safety and having lights on their bicycle so they can be seen far ahead.

"I always have my light on, even when it's sunny," said Lukasavitz. "A white light on the front, and red flashers on the back. Michigan law allows bicyclists to use red flashers for visibility, not just for emergencies."

He also said that bicyclists need to understand how to occupy their space, and that riding in a group is usually safer than single riders, although that wasn't the case in Kalamazoo this week.

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SUMMARY

■ The recent bicycle-motor vehicle crash in Kalamazoo, which claimed the lives of five bicyclists and injured four more draws attention once again to the need for knowledge, understanding and tolerance about "sharing the road."

gentine, Fenton, and Fenton Township) non-motorized pathway can really help with safety," added Lukasavitz. "It will take people who are nervous about riding off the road and onto a designated path, especially on a busy narrow road like Silver Lake Road. It will enable cyclists at all levels to transport themselves safely."

So far in Genesee County this year, one bicycle accident claimed the life of a 71-year-old Flint Township bicyclist struck by a minivan on Linden Road on April 17.

In the city of Fenton, there have been seven crashes, but no fatalities, involving a bicycle since 2009, putting the average at .93 per year, according to Police Chief Rick Aro. Of those seven accidents, six were

the fault of the driver of the motor vehicle.

"Typically, the driver is looking for other vehicles and doesn't notice the bike crossing a private roadway or crosswalk," said Aro.

He said the most frequent violations are bikes riding on the roadway against traffic and failing to signal when driving on the roadway.

For a complete list of the "rules of the road" for bicyclists, visit the League of Michigan Bicyclists website at: www.lmb.org

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Tri-County's digital sports coverage has many advantages

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Quite frequently people have specific events embedded in their minds so deeply that they can tell you where they were and what they were doing when those events occurred.

For some it was when JFK died. For many today, it is 9/11.

Then there are other events that probably should be embedded stronger

than they are. One of those days should be the first moment we each were introduced to the internet. I worked for a daily newspaper in Illinois, and one day we had a com-

puter added to what was pretty much a glamorized supply room for the editorial staff. It ended up becoming our office internet computer. At the time, I really didn't know what the internet was.

Looking back, I probably should remember more about that date. Nothing in my lifetime has changed our world, or the way we present information to the public, more than the internet. Here at the Tri-County Times, we are constantly chang-

ing how we present our news as technology demands we transition from the printed page to the digital world.

Starting with the current spring sports season we've made great changes that reflect that transition. We've embraced the internet and are using it as our primary means to drive our sports stories, features, columns and photography to our readers. And by doing so, we have been able to expand upon our coverage to a level that was not possible through our

printed newspaper publication. The local sports scene still has a strong representation in our print publication, but how we present that information has changed within the Times.

If one wants to find the score of that Fenton versus Linden game, or is wondering what that goofy sports editor is 'dabbling' about, you will still be able to get a respectable

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Many parents prefer digital sports coverage due to the size and quality of the photographs, as well as the stories.

Times Sports

Tigers' season ends in regional final

■ Fenton falls behind early, drop 2-1 verdict vs. ND Prep

By David Troppens

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Ortonville — Another strong season came to an end for the Fenton varsity girls soccer team on Thursday night in the Division 2 regional finals of the Ortonville-Brandon bracket.

The Tigers weren't able to sustain possession against Notre Dame Prep (19-1-3) as they have been able to in most games this season, resulting in a 2-0 deficit and an eventual 2-1 loss to the Irish.

The loss ended the Tigers' season at 22-4-1 overall. They earned an undefeated Metro League championship and a district crown. The senior class saw its career end with tournament runs to the state semifinals during their freshman year, to the state championship game last year and to the regional finals this season.

"I'll remember how great the four years were with these girls, coach (Matt) Sullivan and all of the staff," senior Bri Costigan said. "I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls. Every team has been different and every team has been amazing. It's just something I'll never forget."

Fenton's defense was unable to get its attack going at all during the first half, managing just four shots of target from range all half. Most of the threat-



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Fenton's Abbey Quesnelle punches a ball away from the net during the Tigers' 2-1 loss to Notre Dame Prep in a Division 2 regional championship contest on Thursday.

ening balls were collected by the Irish defense, specifically by Nadia Burbank. Unfortunately for Fenton, Notre Dame Prep didn't have that problem, scoring on their second shot of the contest during the game's second minute. Fenton keeper Abbey Quesnelle made an initial save, but

the rebounds went loose to the far side of the net. The Irish's Mariana McPartlin scrambled to the loose ball and put it in the net.

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Fenton/Linden enjoy successful second varsity season

By David Troppens

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Just two years into the program's existence, it's apparent the Fenton/Linden co-op boys lacrosse team is one that is on the rise. In one season, the squad improved its record from 3-14-1 last year to 8-1-1 this season. The Wolves have a roster nearly 30 players and two of the team's senior players — Adam Glomb and Brian Hackey — will be playing Division 2 college soccer next spring.

Next year, the team's varsity head coach Stan Orzel is gunning for the program's first winning record.

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The Fenton/Linden Wolves finished their second season with eight wins.

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Blue Devils lose heartbreaker in the regional semis, 1-0

■ Lake Fenton falls to Macomb Lutheran North 1-0

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Flint — The Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team saw its season come to an end Tuesday against Macomb Lutheran North, losing a tough 1-0 contest to the Mustangs.

It was a well contested match throughout the whole game. Lake Fenton outshot the Mustangs 11-10, but it still was not enough.

What seemed to be a game that was going to have to be decided in overtime quickly changed when Macomb netted a late score with minutes left in the second half to take a 1-0 lead and eventually seal the deal with that goal.

Lake Fenton had to play shorthanded without arguably their best player on the squad. Senior captain Kuristin Porritt was suspended from the contest due to a red card she earned in the district championship game on Saturday.

"I think she was definitely missed," Lake Fenton's first-year varsity head coach Spencer Quick said. "I really think she would have made a difference and it is really unfortunate that she did not get to play in the last game."

The Blue Devils will be losing four seniors due to graduation. Two of them are Porritt and Mackenzie Kato who were both team captains this year.



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Lake Fenton's Mackenzie Kato (front) kicks a ball with fellow senior Sydnie Thompson running in the background. The Blue Devils' season came to a tough end on Tuesday in a 1-0 regional semifinal loss to Macomb Lutheran North.

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Fenton soccer advances to regional title game, defense sparks 3-0 victory

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Ortonville — It's hard to lose a game when the opposition can't score goals.

The Fenton varsity girls soccer team is teaching every opponent they face in the state tournament series that lesson.

The Tigers recorded their fourth straight shutout since the district tournament began on May 31, leading Fenton to a 3-0 victory against Brandon on the Blackhawks' own home field during Tuesday's Division 2 regional semifinal contest.

Despite the fact the Tigers controlled most of the possession it did take awhile for last year's D2 state championship runner-ups to get their offense going. But it didn't matter with the way the defense — led by starters Campbell, Margaret Berry, Lucy Foguth, Alexis Brisette and keeper Abbey Quesnelle — played on Tuesday, or has played in four postseason contests. Brandon didn't manage a shot on net until there was 31:30 left in the second half. The Blackhawks managed just three shots on net the entire contest, or as many shots as the Tigers (22-3) ended up with goals. Quesnelle ended the contest with her 13th shutout of the season.

"The defense is always together," Campbell said. "We always work together. We always talk and communicate together. It's great to have teammates back there who can work together so well."



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Fenton's Bri Costigan (left) attempts to take the ball from a Brandon foe in the Tigers' 3-0 victory against the Blackhawks during Tuesday's regional semifinal game.

Minus a few dangerous Brandon crosses, the Tigers dominated the first half, but it wasn't until Chloe Foor scored her first goal of the game with 10:54 remaining in it that Fenton had the lead for good. She took a pass from Campbell and scored on a shot from the top of the 18-yard box. Fenton held on to a 1-0 lead at half.

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