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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.

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.

So sad to hear of Mohamed 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 Aten. Anyone remember?

School shooting plot suspects could face life in prison

Tri-County Times | File Photo
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.

Bigford sentenced to life, no parole

By Vera Hogan
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Mary Lou Bigford, 52, of Linden Township grandmother accused of shooting her granddaughter’s father six times while he sat in his car will never be free again.

Sale pending on LaJoice properties

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

By Sharon Stone
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The renters living in houses purchased by Michael LaJoice in 2015 have until July 9 to vacate their homes. After hearing rumors that tenants were being evicted, the Times contacted LaJoice’s defense attorney Michael Manley, who explained the situation Friday morning.

LaJoice, 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.

LaJoice is also well known in the Fenton area owned by Michael LaJoice and part of a pending sale.

Downtown demolition makes way for road extension

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

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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.

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.
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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, 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 going for a couple of years before getting married in February 2015 and moving to Argentine Township, not far from their original dating venue.

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Sharing the road

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

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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 Orange 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 a crash involving cyclists in memory by Kasavitz, referring to the five cyclists who were killed and four injured in a crash involving cyclists.

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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 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 seven-year 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 be out of his 20 plus years of life.’

And worked so hard to achieve. That is a 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’mom, 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.

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...I’m embarrassed for you.

...Turner’s father’s jaw-dropping letter criticizing the sentence as — yes — too harsh.

...regarding the suggestion that we dismantle 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 for what you wish for.

...your child’s 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.

...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.

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...why I am supporting Donald Trump.

...why blame Obama? Yes he’s a Muslim, he’s black. 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.

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...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 emotions and see how it works.

...see hot line throughout times.
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 charge 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):

Charter Business Fee ($4.82)

According to Charter, this is a one-time 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.

Charter Franchise Fee ($4.82)

A franchise fee is a fee collected by Charter on behalf of the local government 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/Video on Demand (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 19. 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.

See CHARTER BILL on 15A

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 owned 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 Jimmy 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 was also a registered X-ray and x-ray 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, Jim, attorney Jeff Garfield, and Dr. James Garfield.

Joan was also grand mother 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.”

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News briefs

FENTON VFW TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE ON MONDAY, JUNE 13

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 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 flour 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 ACRY, 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. He is not a legitimate foreign policy. 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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At Grondins in Fenton
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 on 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 on postage for in 100 years, when it lowered the price of first-class letters and postcards.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

**FLUKE GOALS? SERIOUSLY?**
Your soccer coach could not even be gracious in defeat. But, did anyone really expect anything different given how he acts on the bench and talks to referees?

**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 LaRaza 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 Iraq 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.**

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**THIS WEEK’S INSERTS**

- Alpine Marketplace
- CVS Pharmacy
- Direct TV
- Family Farm & Home
- 2016 Graduates
- Harbor Freight
- Holly Foods
- Rite Aid
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**THIS WEEKEND TIMES**

**4TH SUNDAY OF JUNE IS BIG DAY IN FENTON**

**By Vera Hogan
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Nothing says “American” 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. 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 Gazebo 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 Lions 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.

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**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 Fenyaw Drive or Alley 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 Street 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.

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Source: fentonchamber.com
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 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 “Bote 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.”
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11307 Walnut Shores - $2,084 Sq. Ft.

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

**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 Johns 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.

**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 accidently get dehydrated in the hot sun, and eating junk food does not help much. The best food 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** are another cooling option with 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.
STREET
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... AGAIN!
The Linden baseball team won its fourth straight district crown at Lake Fenton High School on Saturday.

WHAT YOU MISSED
in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vena 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) 629-6282.

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
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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 3,534.1 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.

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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Federal bank fraud charges for LaJoice

By Hannah Ball
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Michael LaJoice’s pretrial hearing scheduled for June 13 has been rescheduled for July 1 due to ongoing plea and settlement talks. LaJoice, 37, has been lodged in the Oakland County Jail since the beginning of January when he admitted to embezzling $20 million from the Clarkson Brandon Community Credit Union (CBCCU).

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

The pretrial was originally set for May 17, but was pushed back to June 13 because of further negotiations and involvement of the federal prosecutors.

Last week, Manley said he expected federal charges soon.

LaJoice 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 LaJoice 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, LaJoice 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 LaJoice embezzled more than $18 million from CBCCU.

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

LaJoice 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 LaJoice 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 LaJoice 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 LaJoice properties to be sold to help with restitution.”

Manley said it might appear to some that the Oakland County Prosecutors Office owns the LaJoice properties in question, but he added that LaJoice still owns those properties until he goes 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 LaJoice 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 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 LaJoice 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, LaJoice must forfeit to the United States any property 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) LaJoice could face up to 30 years in federal prison and/or $1 million in fines.

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 LaJoice 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 LaJoice’s home in Tyrone Township is for sale, however, there is no buyer at this time.

Although LaJoice 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.
COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

LOOKING BACK
at this week in
NATIONAL HISTORY

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 last Checker Cab rolls off the line at the Checker Cab Manufacturing Company in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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 ($0.01)
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.

If you’re only receiving the weekend paper,
BIGFORD
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On Wednesday, June 8, Bigford was
sentenced 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 con-
victed 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 he
crushed Howard because she
ever responded to his calls.
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, Da-
vid 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 Big-
ford’s daughter.
Feggans said he spoke to
Howard the morning of his
death.
“He talked about how much
he was looking forward to see-
ing 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 W ed-
nesday as well. Because Howard was taken
away far too early in life, his daughter will
never be able to walk her down the aisle, hold
her hand or be with her at special events.
Howard’s counsel, Doreen Nixon also
spoke. Nixon told Chamberlain that Howard’s
dughter, 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
with his parents and her mother. She said the
worst thing is Siena will live the rest of
her life without a father.
Nixon said she will “neverevernever”
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 W olverine Lake (formerly of
Linden), and Lamm Dukes, 16, of West
Bloomfield, have been charged with
consortium to commit first-degree, pre-
meditated 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.
The 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, ques-
tioned, and arrested. The Argentine Police
Department han-
died the case with
assistance from
the FBI.
The last time
the suspects were
in court, their at-
torney pleaded
their cases and
asked Genesee
County Dis trict
Judge David Goggins to dismiss certain
charges and release their clients, the
Times previously reported.

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ges, and that specific intent
and intent to carry out the threat haven’t
been proven.
He said the prosecution left out con-
textual clues in the messages, and that
the case didn’t meet the requirements to be
con sidered 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
interpreted 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
the court with all charges.
Since 1947 family here while pedaling journey by bike. You’re facing a 4,500-mile few days, especially when place to stop pedaling for a visit, as part of their ‘Cost to coast’ trip from Bar Harbor, Maine to Friday Harbor, Washington.

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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 50-year-old cyclist 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.”

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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 age at 39 years 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 Cyclists website at: www.lmb.org

Summary

1 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 among sharing the road.

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Two-thirds of the nation’s bicyclists, visit the League of Michigan

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Tigers’ season ends in regional final

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

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 semis and a district 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 direct defense was unable to get its attack going at all during the first half, managing just four shots of 11 target from range all half. Most of the threat was 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 prob-ably 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 changing 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}
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 out-shot 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.

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 during Tuesday’s Division 2 regional semifinal game.

Despite the fact the Tigers controlled most of the possession it did take awhile for last year’s D2 state champion runner-ups to get their of fense 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 during the season, 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.”

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.