Memorial Day parades
Schedules for Fenton, Holly and Linden

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Sagano, Café Aroma, Salon 416 coming to downtown Fenton

Tenants sign leases for the new Cornerstone building

By Ryan Tackabury
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Though construction has yet to begin on the four-story Cornerstone building, three tenants have signed leases to bring their businesses to the first floor of the $4.7 million development that will soon find its way to Fenton’s downtown.

Those who are fans of the popular Flint restaurant Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse will be happy to hear that Chef Shiro Inoue will be opening a version in the Cornerstone building.

The restaurant will offer an outdoor dining area, a private dining room, lounge, and sushi bar for those who wish to enjoy both the taste and entertainment provided by Hibachi style cooking. The restaurant will also bring 20-30 new jobs to downtown Fenton.

Café Aroma has been in Fenton for 10 years, but it will find a new home in the Cornerstone building. The new downtown coffee shop will offer a space to relax and enjoy a cup of coffee or a meal.

A visit to ‘Michigan’s Jewel’ — Mackinac Island

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Shoppers are facing budget-breaking prices on meat.

Last year’s drought caused record high meat prices

Cattle herds smallest since 1952

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If you are celebrating this Memorial Day weekend with plans to do some grilling with family and friends, it is likely to cost you more than you were expecting. Beef prices have hit an all-time high. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the wholesale price for beef now rests at $201.68 per 100 pounds.

See MEAT PRICES on 7A

Second teen dies from last Friday’s rollover crash

14-year-old passenger remains in critical condition

By Sharon Stone
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A second teen ejected in a rollover crash last Friday in Gaines has died. Brandon Anderson, 16, of Byron died Wednesday as a result of his injuries he sustained in the crash on County Line Road, just south of Demond Road in Shiawassee County at 4:40 p.m. on May 17. He had been in critical condition at Hurley Medical Center since the crash.

Matthew VanKuren, 16, of Swartz Creek was pronounced dead at the scene by Michigan State Police.

See TEEN on 20A

Texting and driving law difficult to enforce

Mobile phones involved in 1.6 million crashes each year

By Tim Jagielo

On Saturday, May 11, a 22-year-old male driver rear-ended a 50-year-old Chesterfield woman’s vehicle that was stopped on Adelaide Street.

She was transported by ambulance complaining of pain. The driver admitted to police that he was texting at the time of the crash. “We need to minimize any distractions other than the task at hand,”

See TEXTING on 20A
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ARGENTINE MAN ARRESTED FOR SELLING HEROIN

A 32-year-old Argentine Township man was arrested and lodged at the Genesee County Jail pending charges for possession with intent to deliver heroin. Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said his officers conducted a sting operation on May 22 around 5 p.m. at the intersection of Silver Lake Road and Whitehead Drive. The officers observed the Argentine Township man sell a package of what was later found to be heroin to another individual. After the transaction, the Argentine Township man drove away on his motorcycle. Police initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of Silver Lake and Seymour roads. Officers placed the man into custody and conducted a consent search where they found a significant amount of suspected heroin, packaged for sale, in his possession.

DRIVER HAS NO LICENSE

On May 20, Fenton police pulled a pickup truck over for having an invalid plate. The driver, a 67-year-old man, told police he wasn’t supposed to be driving the truck because it was insured and that he has never had a license. He will appear in court on June 24.

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LAPEER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Students at Turril Elementary in Lapeer settle in on their first day of the program, on Aug. 1, 2012. “Turrell Year-Round” is by application, and also takes one intersession per marking period.
You may need a reality check if …

■ YOU THINK THAT ANYONE who doesn’t support gay marriage is homophobic.
■ YOU BUY INTO ‘the rich aren’t paying their fair share’ slog, but have no problem with a president giving tens of BILLIONS of our tax dollars to his friends and cronies.
■ YOU THINK KIDS in public schools should be forced to watch/read Heather Has Two Mommies, but no reference to God or the bible should ever be present in a public school.
■ YOU DEMAND that conservatives cease their ‘war on women’ but agree with the killing of millions of unborn women through abortions.
■ YOU DON’T SEE the hypocrisy of an a$$ like Michael Moore making $14 million on a movie condemning capitalism.
■ YOU THINK IT’ s okay to save whales but not unborn babies.
■ YOU BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE who hold the exact same position on gay marriage that Barack Obama did prior to the campaign in the last election are disgusting bigots.
■ YOU THINK Mitt Romney’s tax returns should have been made public, but not Obama’s college records.
■ YOU ARE MARRIED and have a hyphenated-name.
■ YOU BELIEVE THAT having more Americans on food stamps than at any other time in history is a good thing.
■ YOU DECRY OIL DRILLING as harmful to the environment but drink a couple dozen bottled waters a week.
■ YOU SUPPORT GIVING billions of tax dollars to failing renewable energy companies like Solyndra owned by Obama supporters and contributors, but want successful, tax-paying oil companies to be put out of business.
■ YOU LOOK AT YOUR PAYCHECK each week and think to yourself, ‘We’re just not being taxed enough.’
■ YOU THINK THE CONSTITUTION is a living thing but unborn babies aren’t.
■ YOU REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE the cluelessness of a Command-

er-In-Chief of the military who refers to U.S. soldiers as ‘corpse-men’ in a solemn ceremony.
■ YOU THINK IT’S WRONG to award trophies to just the members of the winning team.
■ YOU HAVE NO AFFILIATION with any church, spend more on your pets than you give to charity, but believe you are a ‘good’ person who will go to heaven.
■ YOU ARE OUTRAGED at CEOs of Fortune 500 companies that make $10 million a year, but have no problem with actors and athletes being paid $10 million for a movie or sports season.
■ YOU BELIEVE THE CONSTITUTION addresses the right to gay marriage and aborting babies, but is ambiguous regarding the right of citizens to own a gun.

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SOME OF THOSE statues seem a little weird to me, but I guess that means it’s art.

I READ ABOUT the 10-year-old being arrested for trespassing on the railroad tracks. I mean seriously, police need to learn the difference ‘protecting citizens’ and simply just messing around kids and ticketing them for ridiculous reasons.

PARENTS, IF YOU have a daughter in middle or high school it is likely she is either bullying someone or being bullied. As a teacher, I strongly suggest you look at your kids FB account, and read their texts. Be sitting down.

SARAH HALL INGRAM, IRS director responsible for collecting tax information from all Americans for Obamacare was the former IRS commissioner for tax-exempt organizations. Extreme illegal government over-reach must be stopped.

TO THE READER expressing his hate for Republicans, his description reminds me of exactly the way I view the Demo-

crat Party. Funny how they take all the things they themselves are guilty of and try to pass it off on the party that really cares about this country.

SHAME ON LINDEN VFW! The Gold Star Mothers Organization was formed in 1928, and the Gold Star Parents in 2011. Both organizations represent family members who lost sons and daughters while on active duty in the military. Both organizations have my respect and gratitude.

LOWERING THE BAC (blood alcohol content) limit from .08 to .05 is a cash grab by the government. We already lock up a larger percentage of our population than third world dictatorships like Iran. When are the Ameri-

can people going to stand up and say enough is enough?

I LOVED YOUR article on Moms for Mother’s Day, however, please note that a Koala is not a bear. The koala is a tuffed-eared marsupial, with its primary habitat in Australia. The rest of your information appeared to be correct.

WHY DID REPUBLICANS in Congress leak take emails to ABC News regarding Beng- hazi? ABC News then reported they had obtained them, only to have the White House release the actual emails which have shown the original leaks were completely misquoted. Why the lies?

SO, BUSH LET 9/11 happen and how exactly did he do that? Did he have prior notice? Obama knew more than eight hours prior to its (Benghazi) happening. He did not listen to their cries and pleas for help. Since when do we not protect our own? God help us.

THE WAR ON terrorism was created by Bush after 9/11 occurred, and yes, there were Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq! How do you account for Saddam using WMD’s on his own countrymen? Chemical Weapons are WMDs.

REPUBLICANS SIMPLY DON’T know how to manage the economy. They’re so clueless about the economy they go to hell in a hand basket! — President Lyndon Johnson.

I CAN’T BELIEVE the Linden VFW allowed one man’s need for control re-

move a dedicated Gold Star Mother from her role in the Memorial Day Parade. She has represented the families that have lost their children in service, as she has. Her contributions have added great respect and meaning. Wrong!

A DUCK LAY an egg right on my front porch. Is that normal behavior or is this some kind of crime or something to do with global warming? — President Lyndon Johnson.

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— Dan Morgan Tyrone Township

“I would like to visit the U.P. especially Tahquamenon. It would be relaxing and beautiful.”

— Kathy Hughe Rose Township

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**Fenton seeks additional money for downtown projects**

**DDA to pay firm $18,000 to help apply for more than $9 million in grants**

By Ryan Tackabury

Fenton — Sometimes you have to spend money to make money — and that is just what Fenton’s Downtown Development Authority (DDA) decided to do at its meeting on Tuesday.

Mayor Sue Osborn asked the DDA to consider hiring the Ferguson Group to assist in seeking grants for several downtown projects. The Ferguson Group is a nationally recognized lobbying firm that partners with communities to assist them in receiving federal grants. The city has past experience with them, having worked with the Ferguson Group for five years as part of the Manufacturing Alliance of Communities.

Several projects that the DDA wants to look into that have grant money available include the redevelopment of the old Topps fruit market building, expansion to the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, construction of an outdoor performance space on the banks of the Shiawassee River, and a 7-mile public transit system in the Silver Lake area of Fenton, and more. The total value of grants for these projects surpasses $9 million.

“Right now it’s essential for local communities to depend on federal grants and state grants. State grants are going by the wayside, but hopefully we can get some of these federal grants to work on some of these projects that were discussed at the community forum back in December,” Osborn said.

The DDA Chair Craig Schmidt agreed that seeking grants is important. “One thing I will say about most cities our size is that sometimes they go out and get grant writers. If you don’t have one on your staff you better go out and hire one,” he said. “Our redevelopment would go a lot faster if we could get some grants.”

The DDA agreed to hire the Ferguson Group for a six-month trial period for a cost of $3,000 a month. After the trial period the DDA will evaluate if hiring the Ferguson Group was an effective use of money based on the results of the end of the trial period.

“If they can get us just one or two grants, it’s worth the money,” Osborn said.

**Fenton councilman dies suddenly**

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Councilman Michael Piacentini passed away Wednesday night of a rare blood disorder called Amyloidosis. He was 56.

After years of attending city meetings and taking an active part in Fenton politics, Piacentini ran and was elected to city council in November 2011. He had also been a member of Fenton’s Downtown Development Authority and the Local Development Finance Authority.

On Thursday, Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn, still in shock from hearing the news late Wednesday night said, “It’s sad, very sad.” She said Piacentini had attended the last council meeting but fell ill Wednesday night while at home. Fenton fire and police responded after receiving a 911 call from his wife. He was rushed to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township where he was pronounced dead, said Osborn.

Osborn said Piacentini’s death is an extreme loss for her personally and for the city. She pointed out how he was so committed to attending city meetings even before he was elected. “He always had good, logical input. It will be hard to replace him.”

Though she says she didn’t always agree with Piacentini on city matters, Osborn said she could always respect his decisions.

See COUNCILMAN on 20A
State grants award to Cornerstone project

Development expected to bring 75 jobs to Fenton

State Rep. Joe Graves announced Wednesday that a Fenton redevelopment project has been awarded a state incentives grant to demolish the old and vacant Republic Bank building and construct a new $5.2 million, multiple-use building.

The $880,000 Michigan Community Revitalization Program incentive, awarded through the Michigan Strategic Fund, will be used to demolish the building at 134 North LeRoy St. in Fenton. In its place, Corwin Builders Inc. will construct the Cornerstone building, a four-story, mixed-use development, including retail and dining on the first floor and 23 residential units on the upper floors.

“This is great news for the continued development of downtown Fenton,” said Graves, (R-Antioch Township).

Contract talks continue for Tyrone, Sheriff

New deal similar in prices, services as previous contracts

By William Axford

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Tyrone Twp. — Residents in Tyrone Township may get the same police protection they’ve been getting for decades.

On Tuesday, Clerk Keith Kremer said he has continued to negotiate a new police contract with Livingston County Sheriff Robert Bezotte and Undersheriff Mike Murphy. Kremer said the township was offered a 38 percent discount from the full-time rate for a new police contract, which would set prices comparable to the previous police contract.

Under the previous contract, Tyrone and Hartland townships and the Livings- ton County Sheriff’s Department paid $300,000 to have one officer patrol both townships 24 hours, seven days a week. Kremer said the township might have to negotiate a new contract alone and for fewer hours of service.

“My suspicions are that Hartland will not be joining us. We will be doing it alone,” Kremer said. “Probably, we have to look at instead of 12 hours a day, we have to look at eight hours a day.”

The sheriff’s department and Michigan State Police told Kremer and Supervisor Mike Cunningham that 3 to 11 p.m. would be the optimal time for extra police coverage, since it is the timeframe most people are active. Cunningham said he is meeting with a security company next week in order to compare services.

Trustee Soren Pedersen was concerned about setting hours for police protection, questioning whether residents would only receive police responses during the hours approved by the contract. Kremer said residents should still receive road patrol coverage, regardless if a contract is renewed.

“The Livingston County Sheriff’s Department owes us the same road patrol as every other township,” Kremer said. “Typi- cally, there are more than four more than four officers in the county on some kind of road patrol.”

Township officials chose to let the con- tract with the sheriff’s department expire in March after Ronald VanHouten, chairman for the Sheriff’s Safety Committee in Livings- ton County, said costs for police services would increase by 40 percent due to raises and increasing police costs. Township of- ficials also questioned whether the sher- iff’s department was providing services residents were paying for.

If a new contract is agreed upon, Kremer said he would like to see a deputy patrol neighborhoods and be seen patrolling through the township. To Kremer, having an officer present during peak hours in the township would benefit residents, even if the hours are reduced.

“We’d get better response times in that period, that’s high peak activity,” Kremer said. “There is an offer, it’s pretty much the same as last time.”

A survey will go out with this summer’s tax bills, giving residents the opportunity to voice what type of public safety ser- vices they would like and how much they are willing to pay for it. Township officials said they would consider public input as they continue to negotiate for a public safety contract.
MEAT PRICES
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For comparison, this price sat at $1.69 per pound just three years ago.
This sharp rise in price is brought about by several factors, though most can be traced back to a simple explanation—an ongoing drought in states that produce a lot of beef, and the drought last summer that hurt corn and hay production.
The increase in corn and hay prices has made it more difficult for ranchers to feed their cattle. The Department of Agriculture said that cattle herds are the smallest they have been since 1952.
Marvin Yono, owner of Alpine Market Place in Linden said that he has seen the prices of poultry, pork, and other meats gradually increase as a result of last year’s drought.
“The farmers got rid of their cows, because they cannot afford to buy feed for them. There’s less commodity on the market. With less commodity the prices go up,” he said.
“They’ve been up about 20 percent since last year on average.”
Even if this summer remains drought-free, it could take time for the beef prices to fall back down to normal levels. It could take up to four years for the U.S. supply of beef to recover, as that is the time it takes a calf to age to maturity.
Until then, supply and demand is likely to continue seeing higher than normal beef prices.
Produce grown this year should not be affected by the drought, and in fact, has the opposite problem. Temperatures fluctuating back and forth extremely, and an overabundance of rain, are the main obstacles farms are dealing with now, according to Dwight Eichelberg of Eichelberg Farms.
“We have had way too much rain, we’ve been flooding here,” he said.

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are in session the same amount of days as a traditional schedule. Most kids are used to 11 weeks of summer vacation, but Harper said that research shows a drop-off in learning and retaining previous school knowledge, especially math, at eight weeks.
In this “balanced” schedule, students play a role in the time their vacation ends—at 7.5 weeks.
Students take more breaks than a traditional calendar, but have a much shorter summer vacation.
The Hill Elementary calendar includes three short inter sesions, which are four day breaks in November, February and May. Each marking period has an inter sesion, and students enjoy the same breaks, otherwise, that students on a traditional calendar get.
There isn’t hard evidence to support that students on a balanced schedule get better grades, partially because Harper said Davidson enjoys high scores district-wide already. The main advantage is the “catch-up” time teachers must take, removing the summer cobwebs.
Harper said that the other school buildings in the district will spend a marking period reviewing the last thing students learned, while Hill Elementary students spend two weeks.
Harper said that because the students are in school the same amount of days as about 180, the school budget is not affected by the schedule. He said there may be a cost increase with busing, but it is nominal.
In 2012, Lapeer Community Schools converted Fennville Elementary into a balanced calendar. The building is described as “re-purposed” and the program is by application, accepting 500.
“it went better than expected,” said Matt Wandrie, superintendent of Lapeer Community Schools. He said there were logistical challenges with implementing the program, but was bolstered by high parent interest.
There’s so much interest that 120 Lapeer Middle School students will go to a balanced calendar for the 2013-14 school year.
“The balanced break gives students and staff the ability to rejuvenate mid-year,” he said, and added that the dreaded “summer loss” is also lessened.
Wandrie said that the budget is also a wash, with students paying for intersession remediation classes, or optional extra educational activities.
Hill Elementary is also by application, though Harper said it is more of a “first come, first served” registry.
Fenton Area Public Schools is in for 180 days. Superintendent Timothy Jalakian can see the benefits of avoiding the re-engagement of class activities, though Fenton has never thought of converting a building to a balanced schedule.
“I think year-round school could offer some unique benefits,” said Linden Community Schools Superintendent Ed Koledo. “Some data from these schools show improved test scores.”
Holly Area Schools Superintendent Kent Barnes said the main drawback simply is that individuals are not used to the concept. Such a change is difficult to conceptualize and then implement for some individuals. Harper said the increased number of breaks can actually make vacationing easier for families.
DANCING
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unison. Green weaved between couples, interjecting when some of the dancers needed guidance. Overall, the students in her class wore smiles and didn’t give up when they got stuck on one more.

Outside of having fun or being able to fit into a social situation, studies have shown that dancing may have health benefits, especially as people age. According to a study by the New England Journal of Medicine, dancing can lower the risk of dementia. The study found that learning and recognizing dance patterns improves memory, more so than reading or doing crossword puzzles. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) reports that dancing can strengthen bones and muscles without damaging joints and can reduce stress.

Perhaps the most important attribute to bring to dancing is confidence and the willingness to try new things. While some people may be self-conscious about the way they look while dancing, Plunkett said people should enjoy moving and disregard how they may look in the process. “It’s intuitive, just a matter of feeling the rhythm,” Dube said.

Beyond two-stepping, Chasse offers classes in tango, rumba, swing and the Merengue. Classes can vary from private lessons to group instructions. For more information, call (810) 750-1360 or go to chascefenton.com.

Older, younger learn from each other
By Ryan Tackabury
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An 1,800-square-foot house, three bedrooms, and two bathrooms split over two stories and a garage. According to the United States Census, this is the ‘typical’ American home today. A generation ago, on average it would have been occupied by two parents, their two children, and a dog.

Things are changing, and what was once the accepted ‘standard,’ may not be standard anymore. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one in six Americans lives in a multigenerational household — a family of more than two generations living together. From 2007 until the end of 2009, the number of Americans living in multigenerational households rose from 46.5 million to 51.4 million, or a roughly 10 percent increase. In fact, of the 113 million households across the country, 4.2 million of them are multigenerational.

According to the Census Bureau, there are five major contributing factors to the increase in multigenerational households. As people have started marrying later in life, more single people in their 20s have continued to live with their parents. Another factor is an increase of Americans who are suffering from chronic conditions and disabilities. Many are moving in with family members who are able to support them.

Money is also a big issue in regards to multigenerational homes. Job loss caused by the recession is one contributing factor, along with many Baby Boomers financially supporting their parents by providing them a place to live.

Lastly, the country has seen an influx of immigrants from Latin America and Asia, and they are more likely to live together in multigenerational families.

Laurie Stiers of Tyrone Township lives in a converted barn apartment in her parents’ backyard, with her three children. They moved there 16 years ago after Stiers divorced. She said the multigenerational setup for her family just makes sense.

“It’s a godsend for me. If I am working and a kid gets sick and I can’t leave, my mom and dad can run over and help me out,” she said.

Economically difficult times are some Stiers believes multigenerational households are on the rise. “It’s not as easy out there to find a job, even with a college degree.”

Stiers said that living with their grandparents has also exposed her children to people who have led a very different lifestyle. Stiers said that her own father is around to provide a positive father-figure to her children.

With her parents not even a yard away, another advantage Stiers said she has is access to a lot of advice from her parents, though she said she realizes some people in her situation would not appreciate receiving all of the advice that she does.

Her advice to others? “Take advantage of it, and don’t look at it as a bad thing. Look at it as what I can bring to them and what they can bring me to me.”

One in six live in a multigenerational home

Summary

Evaluation of housing issues are a large contributing factor as to why 51.6 million Americans are living in a multigenerational household.

Q: About 20 yr. old unit. Came back after 6 mo. Freezer on #1 setting may turn to #3 as it starts to thaw. Threw out everything started over. Freezer set to 7, meat froze, ice cream about 75%. No problem with refigr. Is it time to start looking? or wait and see?

A: The #1 setting is way low. The normal setting would be 4 or 5. The freezer section of the unit cools the fresh food side, however it only needs to maintain 45 degrees to be happy. The freezer should be 0 to -10 degrees when set on 4 or 5, if not you may be having issues. Give it a couple days and check the temp in freezer. If it’s too high you’ll need service, or look to replacing unit.

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A: John, The first thing that came to mind was the power loss and sulfur smell / high revving was a plugged catalytic converter. However, I am suspicious of a bad cylinder head gasket because you say tune up parts fixed this problem and you now have a fuel consumption and engine temp issue. I think with the problems that you are having, it is best left to a professional repair shop to properly diagnose. The parts could get quite expensive if you replace parts that haven’t been properly tested and letting this go on could do further damage to the engine.

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Tri-county area has multiple Memorial Day parades, ceremonies

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To ensure the sacrifices of America’s fallen heroes are never forgotten, “The National Moment of Remembrance Act” was enacted in 2000. This created the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance, according to the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs.

The commission’s charter is to “encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada said, “It’s a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day.”

For anyone desiring to take part in planned events, several are listed below.

**Fenton**
The Curtis-Wolverton VFW Post 3243 will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade route will start south on LeRoy Street, with a brief stop adjacent to the Ga-zebo, and then turn west onto Shiawassee, with a brief stop at Freedom Park, to Davis and south to Oakwood Cemetery where a memorial ceremony will be conducted.

Fenton police will work with the VFW to ensure a safe and successful event for the citizens of Fenton.

**Linden**
The Linden VFW Post 4642 will host its 66th annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27 at 10 a.m. at the Linden Community & Cultural Center. The parade will begin at the VFW Hall, 105 Mill Street, and proceed to the bridge over the Shiawassee River, where a Memorial Service will be held for those who died at sea. The parade will continue on Broad Street to the Fairview Cemetery for the VFW Ritual Memorial Service in memory of all fallen veterans.

Following the service, the public is welcome to return to the parking lot across the street from the VFW Hall for hot dogs. Everyone is welcome to attend and pay solemn tribute to those who have served the country.

**Holly Village**
Holly Village will be holding its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27 at 10 a.m. to honor all Veterans. The event is sponsored by the Holly VFW and the American Legion. The parade will start downtown on Maple/Saginaw Street, traveling eastbound on Maple Street to Park Avenue and then northbound on Park Avenue to Lakeside Park. At the end of the parade, there will be a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Lakeside Park.

**Great Lakes National Cemetery**
The Great Lakes National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony is held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 26. The program is held at the cemetery assembly area and is sponsored by the Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council.

**CROSSROADS VILLAGE – HUCKLEBERRY RAILROAD**
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Members of Linden’s VFW take part in a past Memorial Day Parade.

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“Thank you for saving my life.”

November 23, 2010, is a date Carter McDonald will never forget. The 59-year-old Millington man was in his home making coffee when everything stopped. “I was in my kitchen and I couldn’t make coffee or work the microwave. My speech stopped and I became disoriented. I didn’t know what was happening, but I knew something was very wrong,” said Carter.

Carter’s life changed in a split second. The retired City of Flint police officer had suffered a stroke. He had been involved in life-threatening situations before, but he never expected to be facing his own mortality so soon. Carter was admitted to Hurley, a certified Primary Stroke Center and the region’s only Level I Trauma Center – dedicated to providing the most outstanding patient- and family-centered care available, along with the most state-of-the-art technology.

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How to choose an attorney

Finding the right lawyer will be easier if you do your research

By Sally Rummel
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Just about everyone needs the services of an attorney at some point in their lives — whether it’s for property issues, estate planning, probate or for more serious life circumstances such as divorce, criminal defense or bankruptcy.

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• Get feedback from businesses who work with attorneys in the area you’re seeking a specialty. For example, if you need a lawyer for your small business, ask the chamber of commerce for a recommendation.

• Make sure the lawyer regularly practices the kind of law you need.

• Interview the lawyer with an initial consultation, usually at no charge for up to an hour.

• Consult Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory (online at Martindale.com) for a basic practice profile on every lawyer in the U.S. and Canada, including ratings and peer reviews.

• Conduct a background check to make sure that the lawyer you’re looking at is in good standing. Visit the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission at www.agmi.com.

• Tour the lawyer’s law office. Is it neat, orderly, efficient and well run? Watch for red flags such as mess disarray, unhappy staff members, empty offices and unreturned phone calls.

• Ask other attorneys you know. They know the skill and reputation of other lawyers.

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Four tri-county teams capture track titles

▪ Linden boys win meet, share crown with Holly
By David Troppens
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Holly — The Linden varsity boys track and field team captured the Metro League meet a year ago but didn’t leave the meet a conference champion.

This year, was a different story. The Linden Eagles edged out the Holly Broncos by one point at the Metro meet on Wednesday, earning the league meet and a co-championship with Holly. The Eagles won the meet with 145.5 points, just one more than Holly’s 144.5. However, due to Holly’s defeating Linden during the dual portion of the season, both tri-county squads finished tied in the final standings. The Fenton Tigers placed eighth at the meet with 38.5 points.

“At the beginning of the year See CROWN on 19A

▪ Lady Bronchos share championship with Blackhawks
By David Troppens
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Holly — Charlotte Ruffini would’ve loved to see her Holly girls track team capture an outright Metro League championship.

But if the senior has to share the honor with a worthy, and friendly, foe, she’s fine with that as well.

The Holly varsity girls track team finished second to Brandon at the Metro League meet on Wednesday, meaning both teams shared the title for the second straight season.

Holly went undefeated during the regular season, allowing the Bronchos’ second-place point total of 155.25 earn them second outright. Fenton placed third with 113.25 points, and remained in third in the league race. Meanwhile, Linden placed fourth (106.25).

See BRONCHOS on 19A

Devlons cap second straight perfect GAC Red season
By David Troppens
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For the second straight season the Lake Fenton varsity track team are Gen-

See BAC Area Conference Red champions.

And for the second year in a row, they did so with perfection.

After completing an undefeated dual season, the Blue Devils domi-

See NITED the field at the GAC meet, scor-

See NING 145 team points, nearly double of second-place Durand.

“It was pretty nice. Last year it was a little tighter in the league meet. This year it was a no-doubter,” Lake Fenton coach Eric Doyle said. “We jumped out on to a lead in the field events and had a lot of strong showings and PRs.”

The Blue Devils had four conference championship event winners. Luais Allen won the discus (124-6), while Sawyer Scott won the 100 hurdles (11.77); Zielinski, third in the 300 hurdles (41.5); Allor, third in the 400 (52.7); Sawyer Scott, third in the 800 (2:09.6); Chase Hall, third in the pole vault (11-0); and Nick Van-

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Bronchos collect first title in 43 years

Sweep vs. Swartz Creek sparks historical season
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Holly — The Holly varsity baseball team hates looking at the banner in the gym.

“I talked to the team at the beginning of the season about the banner,” Holly coach Benny Jackson said. “It says 70 and looks terrible.”

The 70 represents the last time the Bronchos won a league title, 1970. However, there will be an addition to that banner soon because the Bronchos captured a co-Metro League title with a doubleheader sweep of Swartz Creek on Monday and Tuesday. Holly won Monday’s game 5-1, and then captured a share of the league title with a 6-5 nine-inning victory against the Dragons on Wednesday.

“It means a lot to us,” Jackson said.

“I’m a Holly alum, so it means a lot to me. It’s good for Holly. I got a lot of calls and text messages. People are proud.”

The Bronchos began Tuesday’s game on Monday, trailing 5-2 when the contest was suspended due to poor conditions in the bottom of the fourth inning. When the teams resumed play on Tuesday, Holly immediately tied it up with an RBI-double by Lance Copley, plating Hunter Lewis, who walked to begin the inning on Monday. However, Creek took a 5-3 lead with two runs in what was the sixth off of a hit batter, triple and a sacrifice fly. Holly cut the gap to 5-4 in the bottom of the sixth when Richard Kowalski doubled and Alec Miller singled him in. Then, in the bottom of the seventh, Holly’s Green singled, Austin Jennings walked and Tom O’Connor reached base, allowing the tying run to score. Despite having the bases loaded, the Bronchos were unable to score again, resulting in extra innings.

In the eighth, the Bronchos loaded the bases again, but failed to score. Finally, in the bottom of the ninth, Kowalski singled, Copley reached base on an error, O’Connor walked and Miller hit the championship-clinching RBI-single.

Green went the distance on the mound, pitching nine innings over two days. He was ready to fight for me,” Jackson said about Green. “He’s a senior and it was his last league game. He wanted to pitch.”

In Monday’s opener, Holly scored two runs in the first and three more in the third to ice the victory. In the first, Austin Jennings hit a two-run double, plating Brent Smiles and Green, who both singled. In the third inning, Justin Kerner singled, Brent Smiles doubled and Jennings, Drew Eggleston and Kowalski had consecutive RBI-singles.

The five runs were more than enough for Eggleston. Eggleston pitched seven innings of five-hit ball, striking out five and walking three.

At 17-11 overall and 10-6 in the Metro, the Bronchos have other goals ahead of them.

“We are not yet done yet. We want to win 20 and get our first district title,” Jackson said.

Eagles complete sweep of Fenton, 2-1
By David Troppens
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Linden — Molly Sherman had a smile on Tuesday that could’ve lit up the skies during a lunar eclipse.

With the go-ahead run on first base, she had just induced a flyball for the final out in a home contest against her team’s cross-town rivals. Her pitching performance had just sparked Linden’s 2-1 victory against the Fenton Tigers, completing a season sweep against the Tigers for the first time that anyone can remember in Linden softball.

Indeed, the Linden Eagles are a completely different softball team than the one of three, five or 10 years ago. And nothing provided more evidence than what had happened in the contests against Fenton. After beating the Tigers in a sloppily played game on Monday 9-8 in nine innings, both teams played much sharper defensive softball on Tuesday, but the Eagles still came out on top, winning the contest 2-1.

“This means a lot,” said Sherman, who earned both victories on the mound. “I’m just really happy I could do this for my team. They really deserved it this year, especially my coaches. I know how bad they really wanted to win this year. I am glad I got to do it for them.”

Sherman’s pitching and the defense behind her were the reasons for the victory. While the Tigers played solid defense and got a strong pitching performance from Elite Cowger as well, the Eagles were just a step better. Sherman went the distance, allowing eight hits and just one walk. She didn’t dominate as much as she has in other games this season, striking out just four batters, but it didn’t matter with the defense the Eagles played behind her.

In the second inning, Fenton had the bases loaded, but a line out off of Regina Siekierski’s bat to Tori Davis resulted in a double play, ending the inning.

It wasn’t the last time Linden’s defense came up with a stellar play. In the fifth, a single and error off the bat of Siekierski put her on second with one out. Macie Keller grounded to short, and Linden threw her out. However, as is typical in softball, the courtesy runner ran to third, but was gunned out when Linden first baseman Alyssa Logue threw to Bri Senter at third base, tagging her at the base. Another threat had ended due to Linden’s defense.

LF softball earns share of GAC Red championship
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Lake Fenton varsity softball coach Amos Rinks would’ve liked it to have been an outright title, but he’ll take a co-Genesee Area Conference Red Division championship with LakeVille as a nice consolation prize.

Lake Fenton earned a share of the conference title by defeating Beecher 15-0 in three innings on Wednesday.

Lake Fenton scored 11 runs in the first inning on nine hits, while Beecher was no-hit by Lake Fenton’s starting hurler Kim Roe during the three innings the game was played. Roe struck out six of the nine batters she faced, including the final four.

The championship marks the second straight year Lake Fenton has at least earned a share of the title.

“If we swept Goodrich we’d’ve won league outright, but we lost that second game 8-7 and that kept us from sole possession of the championship,” Rinks said. “We were hoping LakeVille could pull through (and beat Goodrich) and they did. I felt really good about that and I am excited about that.”

Roe, Alexis Melton and Taylor Sheyachich led the Blue Devils’ offense with two hits each. Melton provided a triple with her safeties, while Sheyachich doubled. Kayla Ward and Patricia Whittaker also had doubles, while Sidney Christianson also had a triple.
Fenton baseball sweeps Eagles

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The Fenton varsity baseball team’s chances of a Metro League championship ended at the hands of their cross-town rivals, the Fenton Tigers.

The Eagles ended up losing both of their games with the Tigers this season, dropping a 6-3 verdict against Fenton on Tuesday. On Monday, Fenton defeated the Eagles 5-3.

On Tuesday, the Tigers had some decent hitting to support their attack, but the Eagles struggled defensively as well, committing eight errors. The Tigers took a 5-0 lead in the first inning. Connor Davidson, Zack Kostka, Alex Chase and Mike Ryan began the game with consecutive hits. Chase and Ryan made it a 2-0 lead with their singles. However, then the Eagles’ defense hurt themselves with several errors, helping lead to the 5-0 Fenton lead.

Linden tried to cut back into the lead, but never really accomplished the task. In the fourth inning, Linden scored two runs on a Marshel Ryan double, an Austin Buerkel two-out RBI-double and a Fenton walk and error. Linden trailed 5-2.

However, Fenton (5-9, 8-19) made it 6-2 when Parker Cislo hit an RBI-double. Linden scored one more run in the fifth. Brady Sarkan was hit by a pitch and eventually scored on Ryan’s sacrifice fly.

Jamie Castiglione tossed the sixth and seventh innings in relief, getting all six batters he faced. He struck out four and had two go down on routine outs.

See BASEBALL on 1SA

Tigers cap perfect Metro season, beat West

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Fenton — The Fenton varsity girls soccer team headed its suspended championship game with Lapeer West 1-0, but even with the lead, the Tigers knew they had to change up what they were doing.

In a game that started on Monday, and had about 11 minutes played before rains forced the contest’s suspension until Thursday, the Tigers saw enough on Monday knowing that West was for real. They had dominated possession and were a constant threat during that first 11 minutes. The Tigers’ saving grace was they provided the game’s only goal, as Baylee Adams scored on a Maggie Dewan assist.

However, the Tigers changed up their style of play during Thursday’s wet and cold conditions. This time the Tigers held possession and won most of the 50-50 balls as the Tigers’ superior depth was revealed in a 3-0 Fenton victory against West, earning the Tigers (8-0-0 in league action) a perfect Metro League season and the league crown.

“It means so much,” I’m so happy my teammates work as hard as they do to make this my best year ever,” said senior Megan Cockin, who, along with teammate Payton Maxhimer, also experienced an undefeated Metro season with the Fenton volleyball team. “I’m so happy and thrilled that I get to be a part of this program, the soccer program, we all work together, so it’s pretty awesome.

“This means a lot to us because we’ve spent a lot of weeks preparing for this moment,” senior Marissa Newblatt said. “We’ve had all worked hard and wanted this badly. It is one of the biggest games of our season, so we went out there to play and it paid off.”

The Tigers dominated play on Thursday, scoring two more first-half goals. Carly Granger scored Thursday’s first goal. Hannah Eto sent a dangerous cross that eventually resulted in a ball that got to Granger for a goal. And before the half ended, the Tigers had a free kick from a reasonable distance out. However, Mackenzie Murphy took a strong shot, scoring after a bounce on the pitch, resulting in a 3-0 lead.

The Tigers said what they learned on Tuesday helped how they played on Thursday.

“We saw stuff we knew already but we really saw it in the 10 minutes,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. “They dominated us on Monday. We had to keep the ball on the outside. Their strength is right up the gut, and they have really special players. We had to keep the ball away from those players. We worked on it, and the girls did a great job of doing that.”

“They were possessing the ball mainly on our side of the field (on Monday),” Newblatt said. “We got really lucky with that goal. So we learned we needed to defend better, push up more and be more aggressive toward the ball. We had to defend against their possession.”

And that’s what Fenton did. West only had five shots on Thursday, with just three being on net. Senior keeper Tiffany Cairns made those saves, earning the shutout.

The Tigers’ depth played an overwhelming factor in the game. Fenton may regularly play more players during the course of a game than any other team in the state, and continued that pattern against West. It enabled Fenton to keep consistent pressure and dominate the 50-50 battles.

“It’s huge. I think I have to keep my eyes on the girls and when they get tired. I just put in any number that may need to go in,” Sullivan said. “It makes my job easy. We’ve been wearing down teams all year long with that. It’s tremendous we have that luxury this year — we can play that many girls — and it worked tonight.”
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We all agreed we had a special group and that winning the Metro would be something,” Linden senior Taylor Anderson said. “When we lost to Holly at the beginning of the year, it was tough. We were devastated. But to come out here and win by a point, it was one of the greatest feelings I’ve had in a long time.”

“It means the world,” fellow Linden senior Aaron Kersten said. “Last year we fought, clawed, kicked and gave it everything to (win the title) and when we only took second it broke our hearts. This year we came back, fighting harder than ever.”

The Bronchos were pleased with earning their title, one that eluded them a year ago, but considering they entered the meet ahead of Linden, were a bit upset to not get the outright championship.

“I was hoping to go out with a bang by winning the championship.” Holly senior John Williams said. “We all worked really hard. I can pinpoint every single kid on the team and tell you they gave it their heart tonight and worked their best. But it’s bittersweet. We are still co-champs, so I can’t be mad.”

Linden’s meet victory was aided by three individual firsts. Ted Parder led the way, getting two of them. He won the 100 (11.07) and the 200 (23.30).

“I’ve been injured over this past season and I’ve been working hard to get it healed, and I finally have it healed,” Parder said.

“Right now, places don’t mean anything to me. I am just trying to get into good physical shape so I can run.”

The other Metro event champion for Linden was Graham Elliott. Elliott won the 1600 (4:31.94) and also placed second in the 800 (2:04.59). Others finishing with top-three individual performances for Linden were: Justin McKenzie, second in the pole vault (13.6); Cody Grandy, third in the 110 hurdles (15.81); Anderson, third in the 200 (23.39); and Connor O’Connell, third in the pole vault (12-6). Linden’s ability to score points beyond the top three helped lead them to the meet title.

Holly’s re York the Bronchos’ strength, earning three firsts. The 1,600 relay team of Austin Chmura, Williams, Jake Zorn and Jake Fife (3:31.46) earned a top spot as did the 800 and 400 relays. The 800 relay team of Williams, Jarrod Schuermann, Zach Diehl and Evan Pau pega posted a time of 1:32.57, while the 400 relay team of Williams, Sean Barr, Javon Barr and Papuga won with a time of 44.03.

The team’s sole individual first was earned by Sean Barr in the 300 hurdles, but it didn’t come easily. He won the finals race, but it was voided due to an infraction. That meant the race was rerun, but Barr won it again with a time of 41.08 seconds.

“It was tiring. I got kind of mentally un-focused,” Barr said. “I didn’t want to do it again. I really didn’t, because my first time was the fastest I’ve ever run before.”

Other individuals that placed in the top three for Holly were Williams, third in the 100 (11.51); Vince Cantu, third in the 1,600 (4:33.56); Nate Frasier, third in the 3,200 (9:56.75); Joe Kowalski, second in the high jump (5-10); Alec Miller, second in the long jump (19-10 1/4); and Dakota Thornton, second in the discus (148-6).

Fenton had one participant win a league title. That was Maia Ruffini in the 3,200 with a time of 9:49.57.

“Two-year Metro champion in the 3,200,” Kyra celebrated.

Javon Kyra also placed second in the 1,600 (4:32.51).

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Castiglione also won the first game in relief.

“The guys are not going to have a winning season, but for us to go on the road, playing a team fighting for a league championship and to beat them both games, good for them,” Fenton coach Chad Logan said. “Up to this point, this is what made our season.”

Dylan Benson started for Fenton and pitched effectively when needed, toss ing the first four innings. In the first inning, Fenton tried to damage themselves. Buerkel walked, Trent Marks singled and eventually Linden had runners on second and third with no out. However, Benson struck out the next three batters to get out of the jam without Linden scoring.

“He did a real nice job,” Logan said.

“Holly’s Kelly Ray (front) leads Fenton’s Ellen Sage (middle) and teammate Tatum Harmon in the 400 run. Holly took second in the Metro Meet, earning a co-league title with Brandon.

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“It means a lot, especially knowing Brandon is such a successful team and that they are such good girls,” Rufini said. “Last year we were in the same position as they were this year. They beat us (in the dual meet) and we won the league meet, so I know how bad they wanted it. If we were going to share a title with any other team, I want to share it with them because they are such a good group of girls.”

Holly had three firsts, with Rufini earning the only individual first. She won the 800 (2:33.23). Meanwhile, Kaitlyn Smith, Abby Brown, Courtney Kettle and Maggie Schneider won the 3,200 relay (10:08.82). Kelly Ray, Smith, Koryl Kenneloot and Tatum Harmon won the 1,600 relay (4:09.67).

Other individuals earning seconds or thirds for Holly were: Rufini in the 1,600 (5:36.05); Kelly Ray, second in the 400 (1:01.17) and third in the 200 (27.77); and Zarina Barr, second in the discus (100-10) and third in the shot put (31-9).

Holly’s strength was shown in events like the 400, 800 and 1,600 with their great depth points.

Fenton left the meet with two firsts. Ellen Sage had a strong showing, placing in the top three in three events, including earning a first in the 200 (27.29). She also placed third in the high jump (4-8) and third in the 400 (1:01.32). The Tigers’ other first was earned by Emily Benis in the 400 (1:00.86). Meanwhile, Tori Chapman placed third in the pole vault (10-4) and Meredith Brown placed third in the long jump (15-10).

Linden’s girls came home with four individual firsts, with Sydney Elmer earning two of them. She won the 1,600 (5:19.94) and the 3,200 (12:11.76). The 1,600 was particularly nice for Elmer.

“It was my best race (in the 1,600) in my life. I was so happy,” Elmer said. “I ran a 5:19 which was about a 10-second PR. So that was great for me.”

Niki Sargent continued her dominance against the Metro in the shot put, winning the event with a toss of 41-feet 0. Meanwhile, Kayla Briscoe won the discus (103-11). Others earning third-place finishes for Linden were: Rebecca McDonald in the 100 hurdles (17.07) and the 300 hurdles (51.90); Aleigha Engisch in the 800 (2:36.39); and Sage genti in the discus (98-8).

The Eagles would’ve been Metro champs with a sweep of Fenton. Instead the Eagles fell to 8-8 in league play and 18-11 overall.

“What is frustrating for me is we were 6-2 in the league at one time and ended 2-6 to end up 8-8,” Buerkel said. “We just didn’t get the job done.”

While the Eagles have lost their chances of a Metro League title, they do have a big game on Memorial Day. The Eagles face Davison in the championship game of the Tom Cole Greater Flint Baseball Championship at Flint’s Broome Park. The game starts at 7 pm.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

OUR FAMILY moved here from Ohio last year. Cannot believe the beautiful lakes and beaches that are everywhere. We love it except for the lack of a downtown area, that would make it perfect. [ ]

I CAN’T BELIEVE how pretty and nitpicky you all are — oh someone broke a vase in a store, oh someone played too loud. Get wise people and smile. [ ]

I’M CERTAIN THERE will be plenty of criticism of the art recently put in place in Fenton. As an artist, and speaking for all artists, I think it’s wonderful to add some dignity to our fair city at a very reasonable cost. [ ]

THAT CORNERSTONE BUILDING will be outdated before they ever actually build it. [ ]

DOES ANYONE BELIEVE animals, minerals, the environment, politics, wealth, fame, anything, is more important than the common man and his freedom to work, make a living, support his family and live his life without constant government interference? Our Government is supposed to be ‘We the People’ not the ‘Political Elite.’ [ ]

CITY OF FENTON please take care of these dead tree branches hanging over the roads before they kill someone. [ ]

JUST SAW THE rented pieces of art in downtown area. What a joke and waste of the taxpayers’ money. Why didn’t they take that money and hire people to paint the fine old homes on Shiawassee? That would have made them more presentable. [ ]

THE TEA PARTY does not wrongly support Republicans. So Obama ended the Iraq war — that has nothing to do with taxing us to death. [ ]

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However, those more experienced drivers simply have more experience and may be safer because of it.

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and the 2003 Aztek became airborne as it went over the elevated railroad tracks. The driver lost control of the vehicle causing it to crash into a tree and roll over.

Two other passengers, a 16- and 18-year-old from Gaines were injured in the crash but were not ejected.

State troopers investigating believe that marijuana use and speed appear to be the most critical factors in the crash.

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Meet Kale Leftwich

Park ranger at Seven Lakes State Park in Holly Township

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Kale Leftwich, 30, is an evening park ranger at Seven Lakes State Park in Holly Township, working for the Department of Natural Resources. A park ranger for Michigan’s state park system for five years, this is his second year working at Seven Lakes State Park. He and the rest of the staff are gearing up for the Memorial Day Weekend kick-off of summer at the park.

How does the staff at Seven Lakes prepare for such a busy weekend as the Memorial Day holiday? We’ve been working up to this all spring, but this week we’re going at it full throttle. All of our 15 to 20 seasonal workers have completed their training this week and we are busy mowing, weed whippimg, setting up picnic tables, scrubbing bathrooms, etc. We’ve also built 18 new trash enclosures since last year and about that many picnic tables.

One of our biggest projects before opening was re-doing our toll booth, which was original from the 1970s. It’s got new windows, roof, trim and a fresh paint job. It’s ready to be set out by Thursday, our kick-off date for the weekend.

How busy do you expect the park to be this weekend? As long as it’s warm enough to have a picnic, it will be busy. Last year, with temperatures in the upper 80s, the beach was full to capacity — and that’s 600 parking spaces. We’re already 100 percent booked at our campground.

In fact, we’re pretty much booked every weekend this summer, with some openings available during the week.

What’s the biggest “pet peeve” you have about people who visit the park? I guess I’d say people not respecting their neighbors in the campground, being noisy after the 11 p.m. quiet time. Some of our campers are partners, while others are fishermen wanting to be up by 5 a.m. It’s important that everyone respects each other’s reasons for being at the park.

How do you enforce those kinds of rules at Seven Lakes? Our mantra is voluntary compliance, which means we try to educate the public in an approachable way. That said we do have the authority to write tickets and make arrests. This authority is just there to help the public and keep the park safe. All in all, Seven Lakes is a very safe park.

What do you like best about your job? I love the variety of things I do every day. It’s always something different, depending on the season. I also like interacting with people. In the spring and fall, it’s all about getting projects done. You’ve got to be a jack-of-all-trades, from plumbing to electrical and construction to grounds keeping.

One of our big projects this spring was clearing out the Scenic Lookout so that visitors can actually look out and see the beautiful lake and scenery. It was so overgrown with scrub, it took a lot to cut it back. In the summer, we’re totally activity-oriented, checking the beaches, handling cash, stocking change, cleaning bathrooms, etc. In the summer, each bathroom gets a full cleaning job twice a day, and is checked hourly. My job actually fits me really well, and I hope I can stay with the DNR until I retire.

What is your least favorite job at the park? I’d say beach patrol when it’s really hot, because I wear long pants and my steel-toed boots every day. I actually have two uniforms: my Class A uniform is my “dress uniform” for weekends and holidays. My Class B uniform is more for daily maintenance work during the week. Both of them are hot.

“Ad as long as it’s warm enough to have a picnic, it will be busy.”

Kale Leftwich
Park ranger at Seven Lakes State Park

How long is the park open? The park is actually open all year, with three employees working. I work from April to November, but have been fortunate to have gotten other DNR work to fill in the rest of the year. Last year I worked at a deer checking station and I hope I can do that again this year.

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This year’s “Adventure Paddle” on the Shiawassee River is shaping up to be better than ever — warm days, good safe current and scenic countryside views. Headwaters Trails will have spotters stationed along the way to physically assist pleasure paddlers if needed. For more details about the seven-mile paddle from Holly to Fenton and their annual canoe/kayak event on June 7, go to www.headwaterstrailsinc.org. Headwaters Trails will have timed races in the morning and a leisurely float in the afternoon, all starting from WaterWorks Park. In Holly, Volunteers are still needed. Participants will be inspired and required to conform to U.S. Canoe Association rules regarding safety. Pleasance Canoe Rental will offer canoes or kayaks and provide return transportation for all. Call ahead to reserve a craft at (248) 685-2379. If you have any final questions, call Sue Julian at (248) 634-3513.

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Fenton resident completes three marathons in 15 days to help support veterans

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Kirk Wiley’s family may qualify as one with a heavy military influence.

His older brother, Kevin, is a lieutenant colonel and is in command of a battalion in Missouri, serving multiple deployments in the last 10 years.

His younger brother, Karl, enlisted in 1988 and was deployed to Iraq and Saudi Arabia during The First Gulf War. His nephew, Anthony Lorig, has served multiple deployments in the past 10 years.

And to Wiley, he felt he wasn’t doing enough to support the veterans.

“My big contribution to the war effort — it’s been taking care of my big brother’s fantasy football team,” Wiley said. “I didn’t feel that was the contribution I should make.”

Wiley, 47, has found a different way to help contribute, by creating the Runner3.org nonprofit organization. His idea was to run three marathons in 15 days, raising awareness of challenges veterans and their families face once the veteran returns home. He wants to make veterans aware of the programs that are available to make their lives as comforting as possible once they return.

“I saw the perfect opportunity to find a way to inspire these vets,” Wiley said. “I want to get them engaged with the VA and all the other service programs available to them to help rebuild their civilian lives. I am hoping to make connections through the running community. If I inspire a dozen people, then the whole effort will be a victory. … They don’t get the help available to them, and I want to help them take advantage of those tools.”

Running three marathons

Wiley calls himself a 47-year-old, 215-pound man without a history of distance running. However, he does have an athletic background. He was a varsity letter winner in football and basketball at Comstock High School. He was recruited to play football for the Army Academy at West Point until he failed a medical evaluation. He has run some road races like AppleFest, and even ran a marathon in Ireland in 2008 “on a lark.”

Wiley knew he wanted to support the veterans and needed an avenue to do it. The marathons were the answer. He also plans on running a 50-mile race in Wisconsin in Oct. 26.

“We hope some veterans find the training and running inspirational, giving them the nudge they need to make the changes they wish in their lives,” Wiley said.

Wiley’s first marathon was the Lansing Marathon on April 21. He completed it with a personal record time of 4:44. He then went to the Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon on April 27, completing that event in 4:28. Finally, on May 5 he competed in the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon on May 5.

“In the Cincinnati Marathon the last six miles were the hardest thing I have ever done in my life,” Wiley said. “I cramped in ways I have never cramped before … The last six miles the spirit was squeezed out of me, just to get to the finish line.”

While he runs, family members help spread the message with a banner, shirts and flyers distributing their message at a booth.

Next step — ultra marathon

Now, Wiley is preparing for a 50-mile ultra-marathon. He has a trainer and runs about 60 miles a week. He’s seen physical benefits to the running. He’s seen his weight go down from 257 pounds to 215 pounds. He wants to be 190 pounds by the time he runs the ultra-marathon.

For more information about Wiley’s mission, go to the website at www.Runner3.org. The organization also has a Facebook page at facebook.com/runner3.org.
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Mackinac Island — It’s a gray, chilly 50 degrees on the island, but Karianna Herberberger, 9, of Jackson is still excited to arrive. Minutes before she watched with awe as the ferry powered under the looming Mackinaw Bridge. She was one of the few who weren’t filming or taking photos of the “mighty Mac” link between the Michigan peninsulas.

Now Karianna and the other passengers line up to leave the top deck of the ferry from which the island can tease arriving visitors with its many sights and activities.

Though Memorial weekend is the official start of the busy tourist season, many families and schools took advantage of the slower, less congested weekend prior to the holiday.

Mackinac Island is 237 miles from Fenton, plus an 18-minute ferry ride. It offers almost four square miles of state park land, and no engine-powered transportation. Bikes almost outnumber people and horses transport large tour groups through the streets, which are either lined by quaint shops, trees, or breathtaking coastal views. There are less

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Summary
Mackinac Island is a unique place that is a relatively short drive away. It draws tourists and workers from literally the world over to experience a climate that is almost like stepping back in time.

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than 500 year-long residents with the island’s own police service and school system.
Technically, Mackinac Island is 80 percent state historic parks, according to a representative from the Mackinac Island Tourism bureau. The island operates as an independent city with elected officials, Department of Public Works and police service.
Packed within the island are Civil War era forts, shops, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, riding stables, piles of bikes, old-timey photos and the “best homemade fudge in the world.”
The island itself can’t be discussed without mentioning the Grand Hotel, which was built to bring visitors to the island and bolster the rail system, according to Executive Director Kenneth Hayward. The hotel is the biggest structure on the island, dominating the green coastal view.

At noon, the 300-foot-long main dining room is inundated with lunch buffet patrons, many of whom are not staying at the hotel. They paid $40 to eat a lunch prepared and served on dozens of buffet counters.
On the 600-foot-long patio, hundreds of deck chairs wait to look over the manicured lawn where one can play cricket, but instead a group of men play baseball in vintage uniforms.

At the very top of the hotel, the Cupola Bar gives a group of teens a 360-degree view of the island.

Hayward said the island “kind of puts you in a particular frame of mind. It’s all about pace of life, quality of life.” Even as 850 sit down for dinner at once at the Grand Hotel, the atmosphere is laid back, even with the shirt and tie requirement.

Going to Mackinac Island is the closest any of us will ever get to time travel. The $3 million Victorian summer homes with immaculate lawns line the west coast of the island. The lack of motorized vehicles brings an inherent stillness and palpable deconstruction. The sights of the horses, the impressive shoreline homes, and the aroma of fresh-made fudge are all accentuated by the absence of car noise and exhaust.

Hayward said the best way to experience the island is by bicycle. The two-wheeled transportation is so prevalent that there is a semi-monthly bike auction, conducted by the Mackinac Island Police. Saturday morning, crowds gathered to snatch up abandoned rides for around $50 each, which is less than the cost of renting.

If you miss four tires, you can try four more, which is less than the cost of renting. If you miss four tires, you can try four more, which is less than the cost of renting.

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Confectioner Aaron Bates slices fudge at Joanne’s Fudge. He said he’ll slice about 15 loaves of about that size all day.
2 The Natchez Tornado
Because there was no warning system at that time, residents had no warning and no time to get off the river and seek shelter. The mile-wide tornado tossed 60 flatboats into the river, drowning their crews and passengers. Other boats were picked up and thrown onto land. A piece of a steamboat window was found 30 miles (50 km) from the river. Many doing business onshore were also killed. At Natchez Landing, the destruction of dwellings, stores, steamboats and flatboats was almost complete. It then moved into the town of Natchez, Miss., though its full width of devastation also included the river and the Louisiana village of Vidalia, across the river.

3 The St. Louis/East St. Louis Tornado of 1896
The tornado became the third deadliest and the most costly tornado in United States history. The tornado traversed the core of the city leaving a mile wide continuous swath of destroyed homes, schools, saloons, factories, mills, churches, parks, and railroad yards. A few of the destroyed homes were swept away. Numerous trees were downed at the 36-acre Lafayette Park. More people probably died on boats on the Mississippi River as the bodies may have gone downriver. When the tornado crossed the river and struck the Eads Bridge, a 2-inch by 10-inch pine plank was found driven through a wrought iron plate.

4 The Tupelo Tornado
April 5, 1936 was the day of the Tupelo, Miss. tornado. It began in Yalobusha County near Coffeeville, leveled hundreds of buildings, and killed many people, including entire families. In order to treat the wounded, a movie theater was used as a make-shift hospital. The popcorn machine was put into use because it reached temperatures high enough to sterilize the surgical instruments. One notable survivor of this deadly tornado was 1-year-old Elvis Presley, who was born in Tupelo. History.com

5 The Gainesville Tornado
In Gainesville, Ga., the morning following the Tupelo tornado, three separate tornadoes continued the destruction. In the single worst tornado incident in the United States in the 20th century, 70 workers at the Cooper Pants factory were killed when the building collapsed on them. Twenty more people were killed in a department store collapse. Debris was piled high throughout Gainesville. The final death toll could not be calculated because many of the buildings that were hit collapsed and caught fire. A 203 person death toll was posted, and 40 were reported missing. Letters from Gainesville were blown 67 miles away to Anderson, South Carolina. History.com

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Flint, 1953 - 10th Deadliest

1 The Tri-State Tornado
At around 1 p.m. on March 18, 1925, a tornado touched down over southeast Missouri and moved northeast toward Illinois. It grew to monster proportions and, in the three-plus hours the tornado was on the ground, it crossed three states, leaving in its wake scores of deaths and dozens of destroyed communities.

The tornado, which started in northeast Missouri hurled the Mississippi River and continued across southern Illinois and Indiana along a slight ridge. Many small mining towns built along the ridge were shattered. In its wake, an estimated 690 people were killed and another 2,000 people were injured. Damage was estimated at $18 million in 1925 dollars. usatoday.com

2 The Natchez Tornado

10 The Flint Tornado
An F5 tornado hit Flint on June 8, 1953. The tornado moved east-northeast two miles north of Flushing and devastated the north side of Flint and Beecher. The tornado first descended about 8:30 p.m. on a humid evening near a drive-in movie theater that was flickering to life at twilight time. Motorists in the drive-in began to flee in panic, creating many auto accidents on nearby roads. The tornado dissipated near Lapeer. Nearly every home was destroyed on both sides of Coldwater Road. Multiple deaths were reported in 20 families, and it was reported that papers from Flint were deposited in Sarnia, Ont., Canada, some 60 miles east of Flint. Large sections of neighborhoods were completely swept away, with only foundations left. Trees were debarked and vehicles were thrown and mangled. It is also one of only four F5 tornadoes ever to hit in Michigan. Another F5 would hit in Hudsonville on April 3, 1956. History.com
Tri-county fundraisers

‘Sydney’s Sneaker’ fundraiser
On Saturday, June 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Relay for Life Team “Sydney’s Sneaker” will be hosting a Family Fun Day at Uncle Ray’s Dairyland in Fenton. There will be free Putt-Putt golf and a treat with a donation. Proceeds will benefit Uncle Ray’s Scholarship Fund and the Fenton Relay for Life. There will be prizes for holes-in-one.

Amy Simon Memorial Golf Scramble
The sixth annual Amy Simon Memorial Golf Scramble and Silent Auction to support Make-A-Wish Michigan is set for Thursday, June 20 at the Captain’s Club at Woodfield, 10200 Woodfield Dr., Grand Blanc. The cost is $90 per golfer, and others are invited to come for lunch and the silent auction for $30. The outing is in memory of Amy Simon who died at age 13 from brain cancer. The family, including her brother Christopher Simon of Linden, is committed to helping other children with life-threatening conditions. They have raised more than $20,000 to help Michigan kids. Check-in is at 8 a.m. and tee time is 9 a.m. with a putting contest at 8:30 a.m. The dinner, program, and silent auction will begin about 2 p.m. For more information, call (810) 241-7668 or go www.amysimonfoundation.lifeyo.com.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGELO

Holly Elementary fifth-grader Abbey Johnston performs the song “Seven Habits,” to the tune of “Rolling in the deep” by Adele during the inaugural Leadership Day on Wednesday. The event reviewed the first year of the grant-funded “Leader in me” initiative. The program is outlined in seven habits, which include concepts “be proactive” and “listen before you talk.” Students report better cooperation between kids and teachers, and staff reports more confidence and responsibility from students.

‘Leader in me’ a success

A day to remember
Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was first celebrated on May 30, 1868 on an order from General John Logan. In 1882, the name was changed to Memorial Day. Surprisingly, this day to honor loved ones who have died and to share in patriotic services didn’t become a national holiday until 1971.

Originally, set aside as a day to honor those who gave their lives fighting for freedom, Memorial Day has now become a time for remembering all who went home before us and whose lives stir precious memories. Today, I will share a few thoughts about my mother in the hope that these very personal memories will prompt my readers to focus on good things in the lives of those they remember.

My mother, Gail Palmer Campbell, was born in 1903 in the house on the farm owned by her family since before the Civil War. She weighed three pounds. And without the aid of an incubator or other small baby savers used in hospitals today, she survived and outlived all the members of her immediate family, as well as many younger nieces and nephews.

When mother was 3 years old, her mother died so she was raised by her father and grandmother who were able to instill in her the ability to look for the best in people and in all she would face in life.

If you like to gossip and cut down others, you wouldn’t have enjoyed spending time with my mother. She was an expert at changing the subject when the faults of others came up in conversation. In the juiciest part of your slander, she’d likely walk to a window and say, ‘Isn’t it a beautiful day?’ I once told my wife, Pauline, that in all the years of our marriage, I had never heard my mother say one negative word about her.

‘What’s to say?’ she replied, laughing. Mother would have enjoyed that exchange; constantly choosing laughter over criticism, convinced she didn’t have time to waste looking on the dark side of things. Maybe this persistent positive attitude is one of the reasons she lived nearly a century.

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Psalm 27:1 is the first Bible verse I can remember hearing my mother quote: ‘The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?’ This faith builder and others like it underlined in her well-worn Bible enabled her to trust instead of tremble in the most difficult of circumstances.

Hymns were sources of great joy for mother, often bringing family members around her bed to sing to her when her strength was nearly gone and the days of her life were in the countdown stage. When I visited her the last time, I sang ‘What a Friend We Have in Jesus,’ one of her favorites.

Mother wasn’t perfect, but she was convinced she had a perfect Friend who would always be with her. She had placed her faith in Him and found Him faithful all the days of her long life. And on days when memories of better days with those you loved but lost get you down, He’ll do the same for you.

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Best ‘beach reads’ this summer

Pack your favorite books or download your top authors and titles for fun summer reading!

**By Sally Rummel**
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Everyone loves a good read in the summertime, whether you’re sitting on a beach up north or just relaxing on a chaise lounge at home.

Here are a few suggestions from avid local readers at Fenton’s Open Book and Librarian Chris Heron at the Fenton Winegardner Library:

American writer Dan Brown’s newest book, “Inferno,” is a favorite of Mary Ellen Billings at Fenton’s Open Book. “Inferno” is a 2013 mystery thriller, the fourth book in his Robert Langdon series following “Angels & Demons,” “The Da Vinci Code” and “The Lost Symbol.” It was just released on May 14 by Doubleday. “I started reading it and just wanted to keep turning the pages,” said Billings. “It’s that good.”

She also suggests:
- “The Art Forger” by B.A. Shapiro
- “I’ve Got Your Number” by Sophie Kinsella
- “The Drunken Botanist” by Amy Stewart
- “The Redeemer” (A Harry Hole mystery) by Jo Nesbo

All of these are really good authors and we’ve had people coming in and asking for them,” said Billings. Fenton librarian Chris Heron recommends a few books now on the High Demand List for June, including “Heat” by Janet Evanovich, “Beautiful Day” by Elin Hilderbrand and “Sovereign” (Book of Mortals, #3) by Ted Dekker and Tosca Lee.

“Demand List for June, including “Heist” by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl, a 2013 mystery thriller, the second book in the DuC上了Nyoung series following “Drowned,” was released on May 7

“Ender’s Game” by Orson Scott Card
- “The Silver Linings Playbook” by Matthew Quick
- “Enders Game” by Orson Scott Card
- “Don’t Say A Word” by James Patterson
- “Gone Girl” by Gillian Flynn
- “The Bet” by Rachel Van Dyke
- “A Step of Faith” by Richard Paul Evans
- “The Oracle Glass” by by John le Carre
- “The Big Wedding” by Barbara Taylor Brands
- “The Magician’s Assistant” by Ann Patchett
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“For light summer reading, the Genesee District Library features “The Sins of the Mother” by Danielle Steel as a featured title.

Not only are paperbacks and new hardcovers popular at the beach, but e-readers like the Kindle and Nook are becoming bigger players in library circulation. “Downloads for e-readers, smartphones, MP3 players and the computer have tripled in circulation since last year,” said Heron.

Summer reading clubs sponsored by the library kick-off on June 1, with groups for K-sixth grade and teens and adults. “You can map how much time you and your children spend reading this summer,” said Heron. “Then you can win prizes.”

**New York Times Bestseller List**

May 26, 2013

1. “Dead Ever After” by Charlaine Harris
2. “Silken Prey” by John Sandford
3. “The Hit” by David Baldacci
4. “12th of Never” by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
5. “Whiskey Beach” by Nora Roberts
6. “The Bet” by Rachel Van Dyke
7. “A Step of Faith” by Richard Paul Evans
8. “The Oracle Glass” by by John le Carre
9. “A Delicate Truth” by John le Carre
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Do you have a question that you would like to have answered? Email us at: katie.rozen@edwardjones.com

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**Wild Bill’s Tobacco**

Holly retailer changes its name to reflect casual interior

By Sally Rummel
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Customers stopping in at Wild Bill’s Tobacco in Holly will notice its new name and a western-style theme — providing customers with a casual, comfortable ambiance in which to purchase their favorite tobacco related products.

Located at 15201 North Holly Rd., next to Little Caesars Pizza, Wild Bill’s Tobacco carries high quality cigarettes, roll-your-own tobacco, fine cigars, electronic cigarettes, pipes, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco and other related tobacco products. It was formerly called Smokers Planet.

Wild Bill’s Tobacco is the sixth largest tobacco retailer in the U.S., according to Justin Samona of their corporate office in Clawson. It sets itself apart from other retailers of cigarettes and loose tobacco with its large, walk-in humidor and its E-Cig Super Center. At the E-Cig Super Center, customers can sample disposable e-cigs, starter kits, tank kits and more than 50 different flavored e-liquids. Each customer is provided with his or her own e-cig tip and can sample from more than 10 different brands of e-cigs. Helpful employees at Wild Bill’s will help match the customer with their preferred flavor e-liquid and nicotine strength.

The store is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (248) 328-8100 or visit www.wildbillstobacco.com.

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**Belle Jackson**

Therapeutic Massage

Local therapist specializes in myofascial release

By Sally Rummel
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Belle Jackson has been a massage therapist since 2006, but it wasn’t until she studied Myofascial Release under pioneer John Barnes that she found her true calling to help people relieve pain.

“I tailor all my sessions to what people want and need, but I find it hugely rewarding to be able to help people who have been suffering from chronic pain,” said Jackson, who has taught massage for five years at Irene’s Myomassology Institute in Southfield, in addition to working locally.

She recently opened her own private practice studio at 111 North River St., in the Headlines building across from The State Bank.

Myofascial Release is a soft tissue therapy designed to change and improve the health of the fascia — the soft tissue component of the connective tissue that provides support and protection for most structures within the body, including muscle.

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Jackson has seen firsthand some dramatic improvements in clients’ pain levels following just a few sessions using this specialized hands-on technique. “It has changed everything for me at the massage table,” she said. “Now I am able to truly help people.”

In addition to Myofascial Release, Jackson also performs cranial sacral massage, wellness lymphatic work and relaxation massage. To make an appointment Tuesday through Saturday, call her at (810) 629-4575.

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▶ Annual ‘Fun Fair’ is set for Saturday, June 1

By Sharon Stone
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Organizers of this year’s “Fun Fair and Silent Auction” are rolling out the welcome mat as they invite the community to come out and enjoy their family-friendly event on the grounds of West Shore Elementary and Torrey Hill Intermediate schools.

The Fun Fair and silent auction will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 1 — rain or shine.

Event organizer/Lake Fenton parent Melissa Evans and her volunteers have been busy finalizing last minute details with expectations of providing a successful event for area families.

The Fun Fair was established in 2000 by two Lake Fenton parents, Becky Davidek and Laurie Newman. Since that time, thousands of family members have enjoyed the wide array of activities, while raising supplemental funds for the classrooms at those two Lake Fenton schools.

This year, Torrey Hill is trying to earn money to supplement classroom literature and recess equipment as well as supporting curriculum-related materials. West Shore is trying to earn funds for further enhancing technology and to purchase guiding reading and literature for the classrooms, as well as curriculum-related materials.

Last year, the Fun Fair and silent auction raised $13,000.

This year, Evans said they have about 30 games, a bounce house and slide, a candy store, a fire truck, a bracelet-making area, a “win a fish” area, a DJ, a Michaels craft area and a raffle. As a bonus, the Torrey Hill Robotics Team will be hosting a competition.

The popular silent auction is always a crowd-pleaser. Evans said attendees will have opportunities to bid on packages and some of the donated items include a Soaring Eagle Hotel and Waterpark package, a Lazy Boy recliner, a reverse osmosis water system, Cedar Point tickets, girls and boys bikes, Red Wings and Tigers autographed memorabilia, horseback riding lessons and gym memberships.

Mark your calendars and show your support by taking the whole family to this year’s Fun Fair.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

GLOBAL FREEZING IS coming. Global freezing is coming. Please help us before we freeze to death. 

SOUNDS LIKE IT should be called Democratic Whine lines, to me. All the left wants to do is blame Bush, tell us how to vote, criticize the Tea Party or say Benghazi is a witch-hunt.

THE FREEDOMS WE have in America do allow you to hate the Republican Party, but it stops there. You have no right to tell the rest of us how to vote. I would never tell you to ‘Don’t ever vote Republican again.’

AMERICA WILL NEVER make progress until the unyielding Republicans admit that they had their chance at driving the boat and blew it. Grow up little crybabies before we all sink.

PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT to criticize the actions of any politician, especially the president. I commented negatively on Bush in the Hot lines for eight years. If you can’t take it, don’t dish it out.

YOU HAVE GOT to be kidding me. You think no president has cared for us, since Carter until Obama. Yeah, I just love the way Carter cared for the Iran hostages and Obama for the four dead in Benghazi.

HEY MR. PRESIDENT, oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive.

MOST OF THE ‘dyed-in-the-wool’ Demo- crats would vote for Obama if he changed his name to Karl Marx. But, after the current scandals, maybe the moderate, but well-meaning wooly-minded Demo- crats will realize we need to contain our encroaching government and start voting for freedom and individual responsibility instead of government handouts.

TO THE PEOPLE who live on Cohoctah Road, be aware of punks that are vandal- izing and stealing mailboxes. We are now watching you and it is a federal offense. We will catch and prosecute you.
The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $349,030.22.
4. Scheduled a public hearing for June 3, 2013 to consider the application of TiQ Entity, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a plant expansion and new equipment to be located at their Thompson Road facility.
5. Approved the purchase and implementation of a new telephone system for the Fenton Township office and fire stations. The system features a new emergency call system for the Fenton Fire Department.
6. Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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**STAND UP GUYS**

Val (Al Pacino) is released from prison after serving twenty-eight years for refusing to give up one of his close criminal associates. His best friend Doc (Christopher Walken) is eight years for refusing to give up one of his close criminal associates. His best friend Doc (Christopher Walken) is eight years for refusing to give up one of his close criminal associates. His best friend Doc (Christopher Walken) is eight years for refusing to give up one of his close criminal associates. His best friend Doc (Christopher Walken) is eight years for refusing to give up one of his close criminal associates. His best friend Doc (Christopher Walken) is eight years for refusing to give up one of his close criminal associates. His best friend Doc (Christopher Walken) is eight years for refusing to give up one of his close criminal associates. His best friend Doc (Christopher Walken) is eight years for refusing to give up one of his close criminal associates. His best friend Doc (Christopher Walken) is eight years for refusing to give up one of his close criminal associates. His best friend Doc (Christopher Walken) is eight years for refusing to give up one of his close criminal associates.

**BEAUTIFUL CREATURES**

A supernatural love story set in the South, “Beautiful Creatures” tells the tale of two star-crossed lovers: Ethan (Alden Ehrenreich), a young man longing to escape his small town, and Lena (Alice Ehrenreich), a mysterious new girl. Together, they uncover dark secrets about their respective families, their history and their town. PG-13, 2 hr. 4 min.

**SIDE EFFECTS**

A provocative thriller about Emily and Martin (Rooney Mara and Channing Tatum), a successful New York couple whose world unravels when a new drug prescribed by Emily’s psychiatrist (Jude Law) — intended to treat anxiety - has unexpected side effects. R, 1 hr. 46 min.

**Frozen Grape Sangria**

**INGREDIENTS**

- 3 cups green seedless grapes
- 1 Granny Smith apple, cored and chopped
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced
- 1 cup red seedless grapes, halved
- 1/4 cup superfine sugar
- 2 750-ml bottles dry white wine (preferably pinot grigio), chilled
- 1 cup white grape juice, chilled
- 1/2 cup vodka

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Put the green grapes in the freezer about 2 hours before you want to serve your sangria.
2. Combine the chopped apple, lemon slices, halved red grapes, sugar, wine, white grape juice and vodka in a large glass pitcher filled with ice. Stir to dissolve the sugar. Add the frozen green grapes to glasses and fill with the sangria.

**To your good health**

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** My doctor gave me some very unsettling news. He says I have cataracts in both eyes. I haven’t been able to sleep since he told me. My aunt was blind later in life. I don’t know the cause, but I do know that life was very tough for her. I haven’t contacted the ophthalmologist my doctor referred me to. I’m too scared. How are cataracts treated? How long is recuperation? — S.M.

**ANSWER:** If a doctor examined the eyes of most people over 60, the doctor would tell them they have the beginning of a cataract. Do you know what a cataract is? Right behind the pupil is the eye’s lens, a small, oval-shaped, perfectly clear structure. The lens focuses light on the retina in the back of the eye, so we get a clear picture of what we see. A cataract is a smudge in the lens. Proteins in the lens have stuck to each other to produce a stain in the lens like a thumbprint on the lens of glasses. Your cataract must not be large. You have no complaints of it interfering with your vision. Most cataracts result from aging. Smoking, alcohol excess, constant exposure to sunlight and long-term use of high doses of corti-sone drugs also contribute to cataract formation. The evolution of your cataract to one that blurs vision is unpredictable. The process is painless. Difficulty seeing at night and difficulty reading fine print are early symptoms of cataracts affecting vision. Treatment is close to miraculous. When the lens smudge greatly affects vision, the eye doctor removes the lens and replaces it with a lens made of plastic or silicone. Cataract removal is done as an outpatient. You can be up and about by the end of the day. You will be astounded at the minimum inconvenience of the procedure and with the vision that results from it.
Due to expansion... Our long term nursing care facility is seeking individuals that have a passion about providing the best in elderly care and is now hiring for the following:

Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA’s) positions available, all shifts full-time and part-time. Must have certification from the State of Michigan as a nurse aide and worked in elderly care and is now hiring for the following:

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Jennifer Naismith
City Clerk
FENTON ESTATE SALE! Furniture, household, miscellaneous. Antique Anniversary Edition Singer Sewing Machine. Everything must go, all offers considered. Thursday, May 30th, 9-4 p.m.; Friday, May 31st, 8-4 p.m.; 11470 Nora Dr. (south of Owen Rd., west of Jennings Rd.), local business. US-23, south off Bennett Lake Rd., turn on to Burtford Dr., then right on to Nora., 1946 James Motorcycle project. $3,500 or best.

FENTON FOUR FAMILY SALE! May 29th, 8-3:45 p.m.; 4240 Northshore Dr., off Owen. Furniture, clothes, household items.

FENTON HUGO Audubon Meadows Subdivision sale! May 30th-31st, June 1st, 9-4 p.m., off of Wiggins Rd.

FENTON ONE DAY ONLY! May 31st, 9-6 p.m., 1454 Eden Gardens Dr. Household, miscellaneous, bridal decorations.

FENTON - LOON lake 2 waterfront and 2 wooded lots. $12,000 and up. Best offer! Quick sale. Call 810-629-8694, 810-964-1472, 810-735-6887.


CITY OF FENTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Fenton City Council on June 6, 2013 at 7:30 PM, or so thereafter, as the matter may be heard at the Fenton City Hall, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan to accept public input on the request to rezone land at 2525 Owen Road to a Planned Unit of Development (PUD), also known as parcel#53-35-300-059 and change the zoning for the eastern edge of the site from OSD (Office Service District) to GBD (General Business District) as a part of the PUD.

Additional information is available at Fenton City Hall, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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Jennifer Naimsmith
Fenton City Clerk
FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, June 3, 2013, at 7:00 o’clock p.m., at the Administration Building located at 3100 Owen Road, Fenton, Michigan, the Board of Education of Fenton Area Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District’s proposed 2013-2014 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2013-2014 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2013-2014 budget, including the proposed property tax rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Administration Building, located at 3100 Owen Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The property tax rate proposal to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Brian P. Horton, Secretary
Fenton Area Public Schools

TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD MAY 21, 2013

2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-3 as presented.
4. The Clerk updated the board on the sheriff’s contract. The sheriff department counter-offered with a 36% discount on the service contract.
5. Approved Dale and Sue Marr’s property boundary realignment.
6. Approved to keep the township’s current investment policy.
7. Approved to renew the assessor’s employee contract.
8. Tabled the request to have steel doors replaced and reinstalled in order to receive quotes.
9. Approved to have parking lot maintenance done at a cost not to exceed $1317.00.
10. Approved the final draft of the township survey.
11. Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyro Towne Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyro Towne Clerk’s Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyrotownet.us.

Lake Fenton School District NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 10, 2013, at 6:30 o’clock p.m., at 11425 Torrey Road, Fenton, Michigan, the Board of Education of Lake Fenton School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District’s proposed 2013-2014 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2013-2014 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2013-2014 budget including the proposed property tax rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 11425 Torrey Road, Fenton, Michigan.

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Alberta Martin, Secretary
Lake Fenton Community Schools
Board of Education
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**The Plagiarist**

On the eve of the World War, a young Frenchman, Jean-Baptiste Pontcarré, was brought to the United States to help combat the growing Nazi threat. With his fluency in both French and English, Pontcarré quickly became a valued member of the Allied forces. However, tragedy struck when Pontcarré was captured by the Germans and forced to work as a laborer in a steel mill. Despite the grueling conditions, Pontcarré remained steadfast in his commitment to his country and continued to work hard until the day of his liberation.

**The Gentleman**

In the early days of the Civil War, a young Pennsylvania farmer named John Bell was drafted into the Union Army. Despite his lack of experience, Bell quickly proved to be a skilled soldier and rose through the ranks to become a respected officer. However, his military career was cut short when he was gravely wounded in battle and left a paraplegic. Determined to return to his family and farm, Bell spent years working tirelessly to rebuild his life and reenter the civilian world.

**The Writer**

A young writer named Sarah Jane was struggling to make ends meet after the death of her beloved husband. With nothing left to lose, she decided to take her talent to the stage and entered a local talent show. To her surprise, she won first place and was offered a lucrative contract with a major record label. Sarah Jane quickly became a sensation and sold millions of records worldwide, earning her the title of "The Voice of a Generation." However, her success came at a price, as she struggled to maintain a healthy work-life balance and cope with the demands of fame.

**The Scientist**

A brilliant young scientist named Dr. Richard was working on a groundbreaking experiment when he was tragically killed in a accident. His research was later picked up by his former graduate student, who continued the work and was ultimately awarded a Nobel Prize. However, the student struggled with the pressure of living up to the legacy of his teacher and faced criticism from the scientific community. Despite these challenges, the student persevered and made significant contributions to the field, leaving a lasting impact on the world.
The Charter Township of Fenton (the “Township”) invites any and all interested parties to submit sealed bids to the Township offering to purchase all or any part of the real estate which is currently owned by the Township. The following parcels are available for bidding:

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The minimum bid for each parcel is itemized above. However, given the competitive nature of this bidding process, all prospective buyers are encouraged to submit their highest and best offer to purchase one or more of the parcels in order to avoid being outbid for that parcel. No bids will be accepted for less than the minimum bid for each such parcel as indicated above. Prospective buyers must submit their bid(s) on the Bid Form provided by the Township. Prospective buyers may bid on as few or as many parcels as they wish and bids on multiple parcels may be included on the same Bid Form, however the bid for each parcel must be listed separately. (i.e. no “group” or “block” bids).

A refundable bid deposit shall accompany each Bid Form. The amount of the bid deposit shall be equal to $200.00 multiplied by the number of parcels for which bids are submitted on the Bid Form. The bid deposit shall be in the form of cash, bank check or cashier’s check. Bid deposits for all successful bidders shall be applied against the purchase price for any and all parcels sold to the bidder. Bid deposits for all unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to the bidder.

The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids for any reason in the Township’s sole and unfettered discretion. The successful bidder for each parcel (if any) will be notified in writing that their bid for the parcel has been accepted and the bidder shall have 30 days from the date of said notification to close on the sale of the parcel. Failure to close on the sale of any parcel within the 30 day period may result in forfeiture of the bid deposit.

At Closing, all parcels will be sold “as is” and “where is” without any representation, warranty or guaranty of any kind or nature, or that the parcel is in condition or fit to be used for the purpose for which intended, and no claim for any allowance or deduction upon such grounds will be considered after bid opening. The Township makes no representations or claims as to the availability of access to parcel, or the existence of any conditions, covenants, or restrictions affecting the parcel. By submitting a Bid Form, each prospective purchaser agrees to accept the parcel in its present “as is” condition, and releases the Township and its departments, agencies, officers, employees and agents from any and all liability whatsoever arising from any condition of the parcel, whether known or subsequently discovered, including but not limited to all claims based on environmental contamination of the parcel.

The parcels are sold by their LEGAL DESCRIPTION ONLY. (Subdivision name and Lot/Unit number). While reasonable effort is made to ensure that the addresses, parcel sizes, maps, and/or photos are accurate, by submitting a Bid Form, all bidders are acknowledging and agreeing that they are relying solely on their own investigation and information when purchasing these parcels. PLEASE DO YOUR RESEARCH THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY.

Quit-Claim deeds will be issued conveying only such title as is currently owned by the Township. If a prospective buyer desires to obtain a preliminary commitment for title insurance or a title insurance policy at the Closing, then in either such event, it shall be the responsibility of the buyer to obtain such commitment or insurance and to pay for the cost of same. The Township makes no representation as to the availability of title insurance and the unavailability of title insurance is not grounds for canceling any sale. It is emphasized that it is possible that a purchaser may incur legal costs for quiet title action to satisfy the requirements of title insurance companies in order to obtain a title insurance policy.

In addition to payment of the sale price at closing, purchasers will be responsible for payment of any out-of-pocket costs associated with the transaction including, but not limited to, recording fees and real estate transfer taxes.

The parcels will be sold subject to any and all outstanding real property taxes, if any. All property taxes that become due and payable after the auction will also be the responsibility of the purchaser. The Charter Township of Fenton reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to cancel any sale at any time up until delivery of the deed.

Sealed bids must be submitted to and on file with the Charter Township of Fenton no later than 3:00 p.m. on June 12, 2013. A complete bid packet can be downloaded at www.fentontownship.org. Bid packets are also available at the Fenton Township Office. Inquiries should be directed to:

Thomas Broecker, Operations Manager
Charter Township of Fenton
12060 Mantawauka Drive
Fenton, MI 48430-8817
(810) 629-1537
thbroecker@fentontownship.org
Dr. Hirt, what is the most common foot problem you see?

I think that the most common problem which we treat is heel pain, particularly plantar fasciitis and heel spur syndrome. This inflammation of soft tissues in the foot is an issue which most people will experience at some time during their life, and but unfortunately, many individuals will struggle with pain for a long time before seeking professional treatment recommendation. Without treatment, the long term inflammation of the plantar fascia can result in developing heels spurs that may require surgery to fix, so it is best to treat plantar fasciitis early to prevent such problems such as heel spurs.

What is Plantar Fasciitis?
The plantar fascia is a tissue band on the bottom of the foot which extends from the heel to the toes. It exists for mechanical support of the arch and it also serves as a thick layer of protection. When we see an inflammation of this plantar fascia, it is termed fasciitis. Many people refer to the problem as heel spurs, but only about 30% of patients actually have a significant heel bone spurping on the X-ray study. As noted above, the long term untreated inflammation of the plantar fascia can lead to heels spurs forming, but just because you have heel pain does not mean you necessarily have a heel spur.

What causes Plantar Fasciitis?
The plantar fascia tissue band works in conjunction with the bones and muscle tendons of the foot and ankle. Their job is to support the arch of the foot and to adapt to the ground during walking or other activities. When the fascia receives excessive stress, it can suffer microscopic tearing and swelling, which causes significant heel pain. We see this more often in people who wear shoes with little or no arch support.

Is it ok to treat all pain on the heel as Plantar Fasciitis?
No. The heel bone itself can suffer stress fractures or even develop tumors and cysts, which can all cause heel pain. Also, there are layers of muscle, tendons, fat, and nerves beneath the foot which can have their own problems and will need different treatments in order to heal correctly. An expert examination as well as a foot x-ray or ultrasound exam may help to specify the exact cause of your heel pain.

Can Plantar Fasciitis be prevented?
Yes. The best way to prevent too much stress on the plantar fascia is to assist its function of giving arch support. This means strengthening the muscles of the lower leg and foot which support the arch. It also helps to keep flexible with regular stretching, particularly the Achilles tendons. The human foot’s structure can also be enhanced by using the right types of supportive shoes and functional orthotic devices, which we will recommend based on each individual’s particular foot alignment and flexibility. There is no one perfect shoe or functional orthotic for everyone. Every foot has a different structure. What is right for your friend or neighbor may not be right for you… it’s an individual decision based on your genetic foot type, your shoe selection, and work and recreational activity demands.

Why can’t I just use one of the many generic insoles I see at stores to cure Plantar Fasciitis?
The vast majority of insoles sold in drug or grocery stores are simply cushioning (gel, foam, rubber, etc.) since those materials are inexpensive and won’t bother most foot types. The problem is, the soft insoles also won’t fix most problems since they do nothing to actually support the architecture of the foot. Most of the patients we see in our office have already tried and failed to get relief with those types of soft devices for heel pain. Many people are surprised to find that they’ve used up much more money buying drug store or foot store products than they wind up using as a co-payment to see our specialists and get effective relief in a short time.

We find that many heel pain patients ultimately do much better with a supportive and semi-rigid inside device… not just soft gels or padding you see on most store shelves. The reason that high quality firm arch supports are not carried in most stores is that they tend to feel very uncomfortable to the person unless they are fitted specifically to their foot type, which takes professional analysis and experience in the craft. When you do run across supportive insole devices that are of decent quality at stores or online, most I’ve seen are fairly expensive. Therefore, it’s not a cheap or easy idea to just start trying them randomly without the proper diagnosis, foot type analysis, and treatment plan.

What about the foot scanners they have in stores?
Arch scanning seemed like a good idea when I first heard of the technology, but unfortunately, the rendering machine “custom” device just ends up being one of 4 soft devices that do no better than the ones on the shelf store. By having a professional evaluate your foot type with clinical analysis and possibly a custom molder for exact fit, you will achieve a much more personalized recommendation and can achieve great support for the plantar fascia and heels spurs.

Don’t the shots for Plantar Fasciitis hurt?
As specialists, we are trained and highly experienced in techniques to minimize discomfort and maximize pain relief. Every day, many of patients we see in the office have heel pain. Therefore, we have become experts in treating this problem. There are areas of the heel that are very sensitive and painful, and we know how to avoid the locations of the heel that have many nerve endings that can cause pain. The injections we most often choose for plantar fasciitis contain a mixture of both anti-inflammatory along with a numbing medicine to make the procedure minimally painful. Injection therapy allows us to deliver a concentrated medicine into the anatomic area of inflammation, so most of our patients start to experience pain relief within the same day. Many patients have friends, who may have told them it would be a painfull to get a shot, but they end up pleasantly surprised at their fast and easy pain relief.

Can Plantar Fasciitis be fixed?
Yes, both chronic and first time occurrences of plantar fasciitis can be treated effectively. However, it’s best not to “wait it out” with this or any inflammatory conditions. In my experience, swelling and pain levels usually get worse before they get better. This makes many people, especially athletes, get frustrated… and rightly so. In the early phases, relief from plantar fasciitis pain and inflammation may require prescription medicines, injections, or protective walkers… but these proper early treatments can significantly decrease the pain severity and shorten the overall recovery times. In my experience, time is the most valuable thing that people tend to lose when they have foot pain, so our goal is getting each patient back to work, sports, and life as soon as possible.

Do any home remedies work for plantar fasciitis?
By and large, no, they will not. While avoiding that “wrong” pair of shoes, soaking the feet, or taking a couple of pain tablets from the drug store might help a bit, the pain of plantar fasciitis will usually return (if it even goes away at all). It’s a mechanical foot issue, and I have found that the biggest key to long term success is giving my patients proper future recommendation for good shoe selection and arch support based on their foot’s unique structure and the type of mechanics they demand for their work duties or sports activities. With heel pain being such a common problem, I feel fortunate to be highly trained and experienced in the best diagnostic exam techniques and the wide variety of treatments that are available.