City to vote on 911 Dispatch upgrade

**Summary**

By Sharon Stone

Fenton City Council discussed a proposal to upgrade the city’s 911 Dispatch system at its work session on Monday. Council members are expected to take action on the proposal at their regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 12.

**Proposed cost $260,000, funded by DDA**

The cost of the new equipment is approximately $260,000, about $40,000 less than originally project ed. The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is providing funding. See DISPATCH UPGRADE on 6

**Unanimous vote for new Fenton council appointee**

By Sharon Stone

Fenton — In a unanimous vote during its work session on Monday, the Fenton City Council appointed Michael Piacentini to serve as a council member. Piacentini will serve the remainder of Dianne North’s term, until November 2013. North resigned on Nov. 7. Piacentini ran for city council, however, he received the fewest votes on Election Day. See APPOINTEE on 2

**Board selects new fire chief**

By William Axford

Fenton Twp. — Battalion Chief Ryan Volz is the new fire chief of the Fenton Township Fire Department. Volz was appointed to the position by the Board of Trustees in a unanimous vote at its meeting on Monday.

Volz will replace former fire chief John Moulton, who passed away in November. See FIRE CHIEF on 11

— Friendly Fenton

HOT LINE: **FAMILY IN NEED**

“As it turns out, the people who were worried about providing a Christmas for their family are wonderful, caring people who just needed a little helping hand. If everyone helped a fellow neighbor, even with just a small thing, it would make the world a much better place. Most people are only one or two paychecks away from a dire financial situation. You shouldn’t be so cruel. It could be you in those shoes next year.”

— chmom

**M&M makes appearance at Jinglefest!**

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE of all ages converged on the streets of downtown Fenton Saturday evening for the lighted Jinglefest parade. Several organizations and businesses walked along with their decorated parade entries. Spectators were entertained by the marching bands from Fenton High School and Lake Fenton High School and the youngsters were thrilled to get a glimpse of Santa Claus, riding in a bright red convertible Chevrolet Camaro. See more photos online at www.tctimes.com.

—I agree with every point you brought up in this article. Hope these changes can get accomplished.”

— Carolyn

**‘I’ll need to see your driver’s license’**

By Tim Jagielo

During your holiday shopping this year, don’t be surprised if a retailer asks to scan your driver’s license when making a purchase. The bar code and magnetic strip on the back of the license or identification (ID) contains some of the same basic information contained on the front of the card, and some retailers, like Target, scan customer’s driver’s licenses or ID cards before they make a purchase that requires age verification. See LICENSE on 12

**Writing and governing from Hot line comments is absurd. The city manager and assistant city manager have done more for the city of Fenton in the past three years than their predecessors.”**

— Ryan Volz

**What men want and don’t want for Christmas**

By Ryan Volz

Maybe you should put the gloves, hat and coat back on and go out and talk to Fenton residents and take Pat Lockwood with you. Writing and governing from Hot line comments is absurd. The city manager and assistant city manager have done more for the city of Fenton in the past three years than their predecessors.”

— Friendly Fenton

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Miranda warnings and questioning

Most people are familiar with the term ‘Miranda Warnings.’ This rule of law comes to us from the 1966 U.S. Supreme Court case Miranda v Arizona, which established protocols for police questioning of in custody criminal suspects.

Since then there have literally been thousands of cases interpreting the Miranda decision including just what is and isn’t considered ‘questioning.’ For example, if a suspect is in the back seat of a police car and spontaneously exclaims, ‘I did it,’ this statement is not considered a response to police questioning and can be used by the prosecutor in a criminal trial.

But what of the situation where a suspect is in police custody and invokes his right to counsel under Miranda and two police officers continue a dialogue between themselves, in his presence, which results in the suspect making an incriminating statement?

In the 1980 U.S. Supreme Court case of Rhode Island v Innis, this was held not to be interrogation or its functional equivalent.

The Michigan Court of Appeals recently decided an analogous case in People v White. In White, a shooting suspect invoked his right to counsel during interrogation. Thereafter a police detective (the only other person in the room) said, ‘I’m not asking you questions, I’m just telling you I hope the gun is in a place where nobody can get a hold of it and nobody else can get hurt by it, OK? All right?’

The suspect then said, ‘I didn’t even mean for it to happen like that, it was a complete accident.’ In part based upon the statement, the defendant was convicted of first-degree murder and other felonies.

In upholding the conviction, the Court of Appeals ruled the detective did engage in express questioning of the defendant or the functional equivalent and the conviction was affirmed.

This is but one of the many facets of Miranda. For an educational summary of Miranda (including video) go to www.teachersdomain.org/resource/bf09.socst.us.const.miranda/

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**APPPOINTEE**

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Day. Pat Lockwood received 1,468 votes, Les Bland received 1,310, Cheryl King received 1,229 and Piacentini received 1,158. The three candidates with the most votes were elected.

Fenton City Clerk Jenny Naismith swore Piacentini in to office. Piacentini was accompanied by his wife, Karen and daughter Megan.

Following the meeting, Piacentini said he is excited about his appointment. He said his first not when a candidate gets another opportunity to serve after they lose an election.

“Now I have an opportunity and I’ll use it.”

Michael Piacentini
Fenton City councilman

Piacentini will have to resign from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Local Development Finance Authority (L DFA). As a DDA member, he understands its ideas and supports what it is attempting to do.

Although he appreciates the opportunity to serve, Piacentini is a strong believer in being elected to these types of positions. “I would much rather have been there by a vote than appointment, but I won’t let that detract me,” he said.
WHAT MEN WANT for Christmas

Forget the necktie and socks

By Sharon Stone
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Whether you wrap up a handwritten voucher that can be redeemed later or a bottle of rare wine, there is virtually an endless list of gift ideas sure to please the men on your list.

Remember, gifts should come from the heart, with the recipient in mind. Think about their hobbies, lifestyle, age and how tech-savvy they might be.

Kent Barnes, superintendent of Holly Area Schools said, “I just want the family to be able to get together.

Having my wife, our daughter and her boyfriend, our son and his wife, and our two granddaughters together (with other relatives as well), what greater gift could one desire!”

Christopher Wren, Linden City manager, said he would love to get a new fishing boat this Christmas. “I had my eye on a new 38-foot Tiara, however, it is $1.6 million,” he said with a smile.

Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff said, “With four young boys I always look forward to the creative gifts that I get from them, homemade crafts or things they make in school.

“My wife usually puts together some type of picture with all the boys that hang up in my office. That’s the best gift I can receive.”

First Presbyterian Church of Fenton Pastor Dale Swihart said he See WHAT MEN WANT on 9

Summary
Area men share what they would like to receive this Christmas.

Do you really need an iPad 2?

By William Axford • axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

An overview of the king of tablets

The iPad 2 may be at the top of many people’s Christmas list this year, but make sure it is compatible with the person you’re buying it for. Some people may be more suited for the Amazon Kindle or the first generation iPad.

It’s been less than two years since the first generation iPad was released to the public. Since then, tablets have dominated the tech world. Now, with the holiday season fast upon us, the iPad 2 tops the list of many Christmas lists. But at $500, is the iPad 2 worth getting? Here’s a rundown of what the iPad 2 is capable of, and for whom it will make a perfect gift.

First generation vs. second
The biggest difference between the iPad and the iPad 2 is the integration of dual cameras on the iPad 2, with one on each side. The front-facing camera can be utilized for pictures and videos, while the camera near the screen is capable of video calling. iPad 2 users can see IPAD2 on 12

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By: Sharon Stone
Look at ‘Occupy Wall Street’ and see our future

The Occupy Wall Street movement is the best illustration to date of what President Barack Obama’s America looks like. It is an America where the lawless, unaccomplished, ignorant and incompetent rule. It is an America where those who have sacrificed nothing pilage and destroy the lives of those who have sacrificed greatly.

It is an America where history is rewritten to honor dictators, murderers and thieves. It is an America where violence, racism, hatred, class warfare and murder are all promoted as acceptable means of overtaking the American civil society.

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It is an America where the basic tenets of a civil society, including faith, family, a free press and individual rights, have been rejected. It is an America where our founding documents have been shredded and, with them, every person’s guaranteed liberties.

It is an America where, ultimately, great suffering will come to the American people, but the rulers like Obama, Michelle Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, Barney Frank, Chris Dodd, Joe Biden, Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan, liberal college professors, union bosses and other loyal liberal/Communist Party members will live in opulent splendor, protected from the suffering they create.

It is the America that Obama and the Democratic Party have created with the willing assistance of the American media. Hollywood, unions, universities, the Communist Party of America, the Black Panthers and numerous anti-American foreign entities.

Barack Obama has brought more destruction to this country in four years than any other event in the history of our nation, but it is just the beginning of what he and his comrades are capable of.

The Occupy Wall Street movement is just another step in their plan for the annihilation of America.
All we want for Christmas...

Son’s continued recovery is all this Linden family asks for
By Sharon Stone
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As families share Christmas wish lists with their loved ones, one Linden family has a short list — that only asks that their son continue to improve following a stroke and car crash.

Dee and Mark Tressel’s son Ryan suffered a stroke on May 10, 2010, at the age of 16. He is now 18 and a senior at Linden High School. Ryan suffered the stroke while in the weight room at the high school. An undetected heart defect was revealed as the high school football player worked out.

“Luckily, the awesome staff at the school knew what they were witnessing and knew what to do — and they called 911 right away,” said Dee. When she received the phone call from Ryan’s coach, without questioning anything, she rushed to the school and could see that her son appeared to have had a stroke. “They totally saved his life,” she said.

Ryan was taken to the emergency room at Genesys Health Park and endured 11 days in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), two brain surgeries, open-heart surgery and six weeks of in-patient rehab. After all of that, “God let us keep our son,” said Dee.

Ryan’s difficulties, however, were not over. As he was being weaned from his anti-seizure medicine, he suffered a seizure while driving this past March 20. He totaled the family car, hitting a couple of trees. Dee said the woman driving in front of Ryan and an unknown man that lived near the crash site rushed to his aid. The woman told Dee that being there to help was the reason why God did not send her to church that morning.

He was transported to the emergency room again and later transferred to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for treatment of a hip fracture.

Ryan is still partially paralyzed on the left side of his body due to the stroke, but his family is grateful that he is improving slowly each day. “We see prayers answered every day,” said Dee. “The only two things we ask for Christmas from God and Santa is that our son continues to improve and regains the use of his left arm, hand and fingers and that God continue to bless each and every person that touched our son’s life since May 10, 2010.”

This list of people includes the Linden High School staff, the EMS crews, Genesys physicians and staff, physicians and her co-workers at McLaren Family Care Center, Beaumont physicians and staff, the two people who rescued Ryan seconds after the car crash and all of Ryan’s wonderful friends, especially Chase Ostrander, who was in the car crash with Ryan, said Dee.

We have much to be thankful for each and every year,” she said.

Ryan has been accepted at Saginaw Valley State University. “I’m really proud of him,” said Dee.
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**DISPATCH UPGRADE**

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Since September, Police Chief Rick Aro has been working with a consultant to solicit and review bids for new equipment. The current equipment is 11 years old and obsolete.

Aro told council members that city administration has compiled reasons for supporting an upgrade to the system. The main reason to upgrade is to meet the Next Generation 911 standards, which are not set yet in Michigan. By next September, new 911 systems should be able to accept text messages from cell phones and the system Fenton is considering could handle this.

The city’s current EMS response time is significantly lower than the agencies of the Genesee County 911 Consortium. The police chief believes this is because of the city’s ability to contract with a single company. The county’s policies do not allow for such an agreement.

In addition to dispatching calls, Fenton’s dispatch personnel are also responsible for running administrative duties, which have increased significantly, as the police department has cut costs. The staffing to perform these duties and the associated costs will still be necessary, even if 911 dispatching is eliminated, however, these costs, approximately $150,000, are funded through 911 service fees, which are collected by cell phone companies.

If Fenton City were to choose to go with the county’s 911 system, those service fees would be paid to the Genesee County Consortium and not Fenton. Those additional duties now performed by dispatch personnel would then be paid by the city’s general fund.

Eliminating dispatch personnel would result in closing the police station to the public after business hours and eliminating the police department’s “lock-up.”

Based on data provided by major retailers, Aro believes that the city’s lock-up is a key factor in controlling retail fraud and maintaining a low crime rate in Fenton. “Lock-up is near and dear to me,” said Aro. “It’s important, we arrest shoplifters, we lock them up and they stay overnight. This is not done anywhere else in the county.”

Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood asked about cell phone calls to 911. Aro said approximately 50 percent of 911 calls are made from cell phones and the police department is in the process of making sure that coverage zones are set up right. They are contacting cell-phone providers to work on this.

Fenton Fire Chief Rob Cairnduff said if a 911 call is made from a cell phone and the user is between cell phone towers, the stronger signal picks up the call. These calls are automatically transferred to the correct jurisdiction. He said even with the transfer, Fenton still has the lowest EMS response time, less than 5 minutes.

Councilman Les Bland said he is concerned about next year’s budget. “Before I vote for a $300,000 expense, I’d like to see where we stand next year,” he said. “If we have the money, I’m all for it.”

Michael Burns, assistant city manager and director of the DDA, said that the equipment is a eight-year lease purchase of $40,000 each year by the DDA. There is no impact to the city’s general fund. He has already requested that the DDA is contributing funds because the 911-dispatch upgrade is a major benefit to the retailers in the city.

The police department is also located within the DDA district. The DDA has already contributed to the new Department of Public Works (DPW) building and the new fire station.

There has been talk at the state level about consolidating 911 Dispatch Centers to as few as four regions in the state. Aro said, to his understanding, this proposal does not have enough support at this time to become law.

There has also been discussions by 911 directors of a virtual consolidation, which would allow all centers in Michigan to support each other. The new equipment that Fenton is considering would be compatible with this plan, if it were implemented.

Fenton City Council is expected to vote on this proposal at its meeting on Monday, Dec. 12.

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**TWO MORE TIMES MIDWEEK CIRCLES**

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Last Tuesday, Scott Gordon and Roy Baird, Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) employees use a torch to heat leftover asphalt in a city truck. The DPW has been busy preparing its five dump trucks, four pickup trucks with front blades and a bobcat for removing snow from city streets.
Police seek witnesses to fatal crash

Investigators in Oakland County are asking for any witnesses who might have seen a fatal crash that killed Douglass King, 38, of Fenton Township last Saturday.

Police are attempting to determine what caused the head-on crash in Waterford Township shortly after 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Preliminary investigation reveals that King was driving a 1993 GMC 1500 pickup truck northbound on Dixie Highway when his truck crossed the southbound lane near Shoreline Drive. Waterford Township police say his truck struck a southbound Cadillac Escalade, left the roadway and hit a pole. King was pronounced dead at the scene.

The 59-year-old Clarkston woman driving the Escalade was not injured. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts and alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash.

Witnesses are asked to call Sgt. Dolehanty at (248) 618-6057 or Sgt. Kazykov at (248) 618-6073.

Trooper urges motorists to take note of driving conditions

Leave room between vehicles to stop safely

Now that the tri-county area has experienced its first snowfall of the season, Sgt. Mark E. Thompson of the Michigan State Police Brighton Post has some reminders for motorists.

“Those meteorologists really had that storm predicted well and gave us plenty of warning,” Thompson said. “However, when the weather information, gave it ample consideration, drove accordingly and traveled to where they were going without mishap.”

The sergeant added, however, that not everyone needed the weather warnings and suggestions that motorists found themselves in the ditch, up against a median wall or meeting new and meeting new people by not being able to stop in the assured clear distance.

Thompson said oftentimes responding troopers hear from the “at-fault driver” that they were driving at the speed limit and could not stop in time. “Let me introduce the ‘Violation of Basic Safe Way’ Law (VBSW),” he said.

With this law, “A person operating a vehicle on a highway shall operate that vehicle at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface, and width of the highway and of any other condition then existing.”

“A person shall not operate a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than that which will permit a stop within the assured, clear distance ahead.”

To illustrate an example, Thompson said. “You are driving in snowy, slushy, rainy or sunny weather. A driver, in front of you, stops at an intersection or slows for traffic. You apply your brakes, don’t stop and strike the vehicle in front of you. You are at fault in the crash.”

He said some drivers may contest the issuance of a citation in this instance because the weather was bad and they could not stop because of the ice, snow, rain, etc.

The law, however, states that drivers shall operate that vehicle at a careful and prudent speed, which will permit a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

Thompson said now is the right time to remind motorists to leave a bit earlier, drive a bit slower and increase the space between vehicles so that the driver has time to react in an emergency. “This is good advice and could save you many headaches and some serious money, just by taking your time and slowing down,” he said.

MAN’S VAN VANDALIZED

On Monday, Dec. 5, Fenton police responded to a home in the 1100 block of State Road to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. A 31-year-old Fenton man said someone damaged his 2006 Chevy van, which was parked in front of his home overnight.

The responding officer observed several areas of damaged windows and key marks along the side and hood.

MAN BROKEN INTO

On Monday, Dec. 5, Fenton police responded to an apartment complex on Torrey Road to investigate a complaint. A 44-year-old Fenton man reported that his Ford van was broken into. The man noticed that the suspect left behind an open 40-ounce bottle of Magnum Malt Liquor on the passenger seat. Police recovered fingerprints from the bottle and hope to identify a suspect once the prints are processed.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I JUST WANTED to say thank you to the person who had the courage and the guts to call CPS to go check on that 4-year-old girl in the trailer park. It’s too bad our town and the state doesn’t have more people that have this courage to do this. You are a very blessed person and I hope you have a very Merry Christmas.

I’VE BEEN VERY critical of the DDA about the ugly signs and the roundabout debacle. But I do think it is wonderful they want to bring back downtown Fenton.

Good job, guys.

THANK YOU PAT Lockwood, for pointing out how confusing the ‘Be Closer’ tag line is. Please stop any more money to New Moon. In another 18 months to two years, which is supposedly what is needed to have the brand sink in, it will be even more disliked. How long will it take for the city of Fenton leaders to have this sink in?
**Buck pole**

Dan Shannon, owner of Shannon Auto Collision on Toney Road, hangs another “buck auto part” on his Buck Pole. Each year, residents bring in their vehicles for repair after colliding with wayward deer. This year, 26 owners have already brought their vehicles in for repairs.

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**Shoppers beware**

Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard is reminding everyone to take safety precautions while shopping this holiday season.

**Online shopping**

When shopping online, make sure the website/on-line retailer one is purchasing from is reputable. Fake websites are prevalent, so do some research before making a purchase.

Enter the name of the website address or business into a search engine, along with the word “scam” or “fraud” and see what comes up. Some comparison shopping sites such as Shopping.com, Pricegrabber.com, or Nextag.com have reviews and ratings for certain retailers so those sites would be worth checking as well.

**Shopping in person**

When shopping at the local store, park in an area that is well lit, if shopping when it is dark. Don’t leave any packages in plain view. Lock belongings in the trunk where no one will be able to see them. Don’t carry too many packages and have car keys in hand.

While shopping, be careful in crowds, as pick-pocketing or purse snatching is still a common practice. Shoppers should be careful of people who may try to bump into or jostle them in an attempt to lift their wallet or snatch their purse. Never leave a purse unattended, even for a moment, in a shopping cart.

When paying at the cash register, check receipts and count change to make sure it is correct.

**Mail order deliveries**

Many people ordering online or via phone or catalog order have their packages delivered to their homes through the mail, or by Fed Ex, UPS, or another delivery service. If the mail service provides a tracking number for the package, try to track it and be home when the delivery arrives. If being home is not possible, leave a note for the delivery person to leave the package in a place hidden from plain view of passersby, not on the front porch for criminals to see.

**Holiday charity scams**

The holidays are a ripe time for scammers out trying to take advantage of people’s generosity. Give cautiously and always check out a charity’s legitimacy before giving if one is unfamiliar with the charity.

Fake charities will frequently set up a legitimate looking logo or business card, or name themselves something similar to a real charity, making them more difficult to identify as scammers. They may set up at a mall, call people at home, send out e-mails, or knock on house doors with a sob story and a sad story. Don’t donate to a charity until it has been verified as reputable. Get the organization’s name and look it up online. Check out Charity Navigator, GuideStar, or GiveWell.

Writing a check to a charity, rather than giving cash, will help document the donation for personal records. Also, ask what percentage of the donation goes directly to the cause. Legitimate charities are used to this question and know the answer. Get a receipt from the charity with their name on it.

Be wary of charities claiming to be raising funds for local police or firefighters and always check with them, first.

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

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YOU DON’T HAVE to believe or read the Bible, but it’s the only important, true thing in the whole wide world. It tells why we’re here, what we’re supposed to do, and where we’ll end up. Merry Christmas.

I SEE WHERE there are unemployed Re- publicans, whose unemployment is about to run out, who are rooting for Obama and Democrats to get it extended. Their own party wants them to lose it, and I’m still baffled.

FOR THE STATE to appoint an emergency manager for the city of Flint is ridiculous, since the state is so much in debt. Maybe we should have an emergency manager for the state and cut the governor’s pay.

I WAS A social worker for years and the Hot line cracked me up about poor people having so many electronics. It is true but sad. Life is possible without computers, cell phones, and many other unnecessary things. While we need to help each other, we also need to live within our means.

HOW COME NO one is commenting about China wanting to wipe some of our debt to them by taking some land over here for their pipeline they want to put in? You people are more concerned about Fenton’s ‘Be Closer’ sign.

WITH ALL THE complaining about the ‘Be Closer’ sign I decided to give it some thought. I decided ‘be closer’ is a beautiful phrase and you have to fill in the blanks, be closer to God, be closer to your spouse, be closer to your children...and so on.

THANKS GOES OUT to the anonymous person who looked out for little Sharon. It’s sad that Dominick did not have someone of that caliber to protect him.

HEY NEWT, ARE you talking about the poor whites in Mississippi and Georgia, too? I hope so.

IT SHOULD BE obvious by now that the ‘Be Closer’ campaign is a terrible flop for the city of Fenton. I’d like to know who is responsible for approving the hiring of the marketing firm, so I won’t vote for them. Please spend our tax dollars better in the future.

I’M CURIOUS IF Milford has New Moon Visions as their marketing firm. If the ‘Be Closer’ tag line is worth thousands of Fen- ton taxpayers’ dollars, why doesn’t Milford have it as their tag line? Can someone answer this question or is it too embar- rassing for the DDA.

WE RECENTLY MOVED out of Michigan and just got our first water bill, $50 for the month of November. Compare that to the $120 typically charged by the Village of Holly and you get a very clear picture of the level of ineptitude of the Holly Village management.

**Summary**

The Oakland County sheriff offers safety tips for shopping during this holiday season.

- The ‘Be Closer’ campaign is a terrible flop for the city of Fenton.
- Marketing firm, so I won’t vote for them.
- ‘Be Closer’ tag line is worth thousands of Fenton’s ‘Be Closer’ sign.
WHAT MEN WANT
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has an unusual wish this Christmas. “I long for peace and quiet, an end to the sound of drills, hammers and saws and endless drywall dust as our church’s renovation project ends.”

“My best Christmas present will be the tranquility of a new study and for the first time in 16 years, a window, I can look through from my desk. I am excited that our congregation will have new space to expand its ministries.”

Geneese County Undersheriff Chris Swanson has several items, some humorous, on his wish list. “I don’t want any food that looks and tastes the same this time next year. I don’t want a cake that has fruit in it or on it that I do not recognize. I don’t want a tie. I don’t want anything that sings to me. I don’t want any clothes that fit the red or green color swatch. I don’t want a gift card to someone else’s favorite restaurant. I don’t want anything that you think I would like. I don’t want anything you think I should wear. I don’t want anything made of wood. “I would like to know everybody who is going to show for Christmas dinner, (no surprises). I would like anything my kids make. I would like a gift card to the Buckle. I would like to wake to the smell of apple crisp, (apples from Mueller’s). I would like a free, one-year subscription to the Tri-County Times, the finest media in the South.”

Paul Scott, who was recalled last month as the representative for the 51st District has one thing on his list, “A conservative in the White House who is willing to stand up to government employee unions.”

Dan Ferguson, the principal at Lake Fenton Middle School said, “I am hoping for something handmade.

“With two daughters in grade school, my wife always gets wonderful handmade gifts. My hope is that dad is on the list for some of their priceless original works.”

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said he does not want anything that includes five easy payments. He also has no need for slippers, ties, clogs or gift cards from a barbershop.

Aro’s wish list includes, “Anything in blue steel and walnut, clothing that comes in cammo, flannel or denim and gifts that my wife and daughter have spent hours looking for.”

Argentive Township Police Chief Daniel Allen said that oftentimes fathers will receive cologne with a ship on the bottle. “We smile and truly love the gift because it’s given from the heart when it comes from a child,” he said.

“Yes, I feel, are very practical, but that doesn’t mean we want a roll of duct tape for a gift,” he said.

“If my family were reading this, I would say a new iPod, but for those families that are looking to buy, keep it practical — ties (no SpongeBob), tools, gym membership or cologne — and kids, that cologne with the ship on the bottle is just fine.”

Ed Koleo, superintendent of Linden schools said, “I’d like a new dresser in my bedroom. Right now, that is my main excuse for a messy bedroom.”

Calendar of events
Sunday, Dec. 11
The Salvation Army Flint Citadel Band will be presenting and Advent musical program at Fenton United Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. This mini-concert will feature Christmas music scored for brass band as well as congregational singing and scripture reading. A freewill offering will be taken to help The Salvation Army continue to meet the needs of people in need in Geneese County.

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Men appreciate gifts that are practical, but also thoughtful.

Gift Ideas for Men
• Two or more tickets to a sporting event or concert. Combine tickets with a ticket stub diary to hold all of their past tickets to preserve the memories.
• An iPod loaded with several of his favorite tunes.
• A new digital camera with extra memory cards. Check out extra lenses as well.
• A pet. Some men prefer gifts that the entire family can enjoy, year round.
• A new board game and a voucher that promises you will play the game with him.
• A three, four or seven-day cruise to the tropics.
• An upgraded flat-screen TV or Blue Ray player.
• Lottery tickets.
• A DVD of his favorite movie or TV series, combined with package of microwave popcorn.
• Cologne that you know he likes.
• A new CD by his favorite artist if he still listens to his favorite music on a CD player.
• A themed gift basket filled with an assortment of his favorite beer or cigars.
• A toolbox filled with an assortment of small tools.
• Handwritten coupons that can be redeemed later, such as for mowing the lawn, snow shoveling, taking out the garbage, washing the car, back rub, filling the car up with gas, etc.
• A new wristwatch.
• Man-cave accessories.
• Tech-ready winter gloves for operating touch-screen electronic devices.
• Portable travel speakers.
• Personalized leather-grilling apron.
• Grilling accessories.
• A family portrait or framed portrait of all his children.
• A new book on his favorite topic or by his favorite author.
• A magazine subscription or renewal.
• A gym membership, only if he has said he wants one.
• A remote car starter.
• A set of beer mugs engraved with his last name.
• Tools, of any kind and a tool box to keep them in. Check out the newest power and hand tools.
• Rare bottle of wine.
• Gift certificate for a soothing massage.
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Local people, landmarks featured in new movie

‘The Key’ premiers Thursday in Lansing

By Sharon Stone

A few local people, as well as some Fenton and Linden landmarks, will be appearing on the big screen tomorrow when the world premiere of “The Key” is shown at Celebration! Cinema in Lansing. Christine Marie, of Fenton, and Katielyn Marie Giguere, of Linden, are starring in the new feature film, The Key. She wrote, directed and produced by independent filmmaker Jack Schaberg. The movie also enlists the help of local business owner Terry Green, owner of Billingmer Camera Shop.

Schaberg said Green did a nice job. “It worked out well.” In addition to shooting scenes at the camera shop, the crew also shot scenes, at a vacant building in Fenton, some scenes at the Linden Hotel, at some property on McCaslin Lake and at Marie’s home. “About 25 to 30 percent of the film was shot in Fenton and Linden,” he said.

Green said he first heard from Schaberg back in June 2010 in an e-mail. The film called for a camera shop in Traverse City, but because the film included a couple of local actors, they suggested that Schaberg contact Billingmer Camera, which was much closer.

The movie crew made its way to Fenton a few months after that to film a few scenes. Green, whose name was “Phil,” in the movie, played himself. He was glad that he could volunteer his time and shop for the low-budget Hollywood-style movie. “It was all in good fun,” he said. “I was helping a brother out.”

Green expects to make the trip to Lansing for the premiere.

Schaberg said the 104-minute film is about an 18-year-old girl, played by Giguere, who grew up not knowing her father. While growing up, she knew her mother received a key when she was 6 years old. Through the years, the girl secretly kept track of where her mother kept the key hidden. When she turned 18, she received a phone call from a man who told her to get the key and to meet him at an airport. The mother eventually learns of the phone call, interesting turn of events unfold and family secrets are revealed.

Schaberg is focusing on Thursday’s premiere and hopes for a good turnout and audience reaction. He expects to enter his movie in various film festivals since general distribution is unlikely. “With independent filmmakers, it’s a long and winding road to success,” he said.

Marieplays Sally Jane, Earth’s (Giguere) mother. She is looking forward to taking her family to the premiere. “Finally, it’s been a year in the making,” she said. “I’m excited.”

Being a Fenton resident and member of St. John Church, Marie enjoyed the experience of filming in her hometown. One of the scenes was even filmed just outside her husband, Darren McDunnough’s business on Fenway Drive.

Marie did some acting in her college years and recently got back into it through her daughter, who expressed a lot of interest in theater work. Her daughter’s agent suggested Marie add her own name to his client list since she was already accompanying her daughter on trips.

“I never knew when God would get me back into it,” Marie said. She added that everyone is welcome to come out for the premiere and believes they will all enjoy it.

Giguere, who plays 18-year-old Earth and is a 2007 graduate of Linden High School, said the experience of acting in the movie was a lot of fun. She was drawn to the theater stage at age 5 and has been involved with community theater ever since.

The community theater setting is where she met Marie. Giguere and Marie’s daughter are good friends and Marie suggested that she send in an audition tape because she knew they were casting for an 18-year-old character. “It was really spur of the moment,” she said.

“I’ve always been interested in acting and would like to make it a career, but for now, it’s still just a hobby.” In addition to acting, Giguere attends the University of Michigan-Flint with plans of transferring to Eastern Michigan University.

Fire Chief

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Supervisor Bonnie Mathis abstained from voting, as Volz is her son-in-law. Numerous Fenton Township fire fighters were present for the decision, with a few members of the department giving their praise for Volz as a leader.

Volz was sworn in shortly after the decision was made. “I’d like to thank all of the firefighters, my family, and the Fenton Township board for working together and being here tonight,” he said.

Clerk Robert Krug said the board did not solicit the position to the public and decided instead to hire internally. Mathis said she was not involved in the selection of the new fire chief in any way. “Ryan earned his way to this position,” Mathis said. “I had no influence in his selection, whatsoever.”

Volz has been with the Fenton Township Fire Department for 14 years. Prior to being chief, he served as battalion chief. Volz said Moulton was like a father to him and training with him was one of the main reasons he was appointed as the new fire chief.

“It is a great honor to be appointed. I’ve got some pretty big shoes to fill,” Ryan Volz

Fenton Township fire chief

Linden Holiday Happening

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(Above) Children visit Santa Claus at the Linden Sweet Shoppe on Saturday, during the Linden Holiday Happening. (Left) People line the streets to see the Holiday Happening parade as it passes through downtown Linden. The Holiday Happening also featured a tour through the Linden Historical Museum, an art gallery at the Masonic Temple featuring works from Linden High School students, and craft shows at the elementary schools.
Looking for a chair?

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verification. This practice started filtering in last year.

This process irritated Terese Allen, who works in Fenton, when she pur-
chased a mature-rated video game at the Fenton Target recently for her son. “I’m not comfortable with that,” she said when
told that her driver’s license would be scanned. “That’s a lot of information.”

Allen, 42, refused to allow ID to be scanned. The register would not allow the employee to sell the item to Allen without
scanning it. Eventually, the transaction was worked out, but Allen has opted to avoid shopping at stores that require this.

“I can understand checking it, not scan-
ing it,” she said.

Antoine LaFromboise, a spokesperson for Target, said the process of scanning the cus-
tomer’s driver’s license protects his or her privacy. Employees do not look at the ID card, nor do they make a decision to “card” a customer on their own. They ask for identification when the register asks for it. The register automatic-
ally prompts the employee to scan the card for tobacco, alcohol, mature-rated
movies and games, regulated cold medi-
cations and potential inhalants such as PVC cement, and some aerosol products.

“I don’t think there has been an issue at all,” said Mark Amundsen, team leader for Target on Miller Road in Flint. “I think
the guests have been friendly and receptive.”

Amundsen said the process doesn’t affect the customer’s time through the register during the busy holiday season.

He credits employees who are trained in the process for a smooth transaction. The Fenton Target team leader declined to comment.

Customers may also be asked to scan their ID when making a return to ensure they aren’t returning an irregular amount of
merchandise each year, according to an ABC news report. The same report

said that Victoria’s Secret and Bank of
America also scan ID cards, for different reasons. Victoria’s Secret tries to iden-
tify people that return too many items, and Bank of America scans the ID for transactions that require verifying the customer’s name.

LaFromboise said that Target is com-
plying with state regulations by imple-
menting the scanner policy but he didn’t
know with which regulations Target was
complying. He said the system pulls and retains information related only to the specific purchase, is encrypted and
secured within the system.

At Kmart in Fenton, it is store policy to verify the customers age before making a purchase. The register prompts the clerk
to take the customer’s age off the driver’s license, if they wish to buy tobacco, alcohol or video games that are rated “M” for mature.

Store manager Rick Faulk said his store doesn’t have the capability to scan electronically, but may with the new hardware arriving next year. “Honestly, you still have to look at the person, and make sure the picture and the person matches,” he said.

Faulk said he believes most of his cus-
tomers would understand if he refused to have his or her driver’s license scanned.

“If the big picture there’s a reason for it,” he said.

Wal-Mart does not require scanning to purchase, though like Kmart, they do require age verification. “At Wal-Mart we make every effort to be a responsible retailer and this includes the sale of video games,” said a Wal-Mart representative through a prepared e-mail response. Cash registers at Wal-Mart prompt employees to ask for an ID for the purchase of adult or mature items.

In most cases, the information obtained is not stored, though some customers like Allen, feel the scan is infringing on her privacy.
Aibileen (Viola Davis), Skeeter’s best friend’s housekeeper, is the first to open up — to the dismay of her friends in the tight-knit black community. Despite Skeeter’s life-long friendships hanging in the balance, she and Aibileen continue their collaboration and soon more women come forward to tell their stories — and as it turns out, they have a lot to say.

THE HANGOVER: PART II
Phil, Stu, Alan and Doug travel to exotic Thailand for Stu’s wedding. After the unforgettable bachelor party in Las Vegas, Stu is taking no chances and has opted for a safe, subdued pre-wedding brunch with pancakes, coffee — and no alcohol. However, things don’t always go as planned. Two nights before the big day, at a fabulous resort in Thailand, Stu relents. One beer each. In sealed bottles. What could go wrong? What happens in Vegas may stay in Vegas, but what happens in Bangkok can’t even be imagined.

THE DEBT
The powerful story of Rachel Singer (Helen Mirren), a former Mossad agent who, along with two other agents (Ciaran Hinds, Tom Wilkinson), endeavored to capture and bring to trial a notorious Nazi war criminal — the Surgeon of Birkenau — in a secret Israeli mission in 1966 that ended with his death on the streets of East Berlin. Now, 30 years later, a man claiming to be the doctor has surfaced, and Rachel must go back to Eastern Europe to uncover the truth. Overwhelmed by haunting memories of her younger self and her two fellow agents (played by Sam Worthington, Jessica Chastain, Marton Csokas), the still-celebrated heroine must relive the trauma of those events and confront the debt she has incurred.

MR. POPPER’S PENGUINS
Mr. Popper (Jim Carrey), a driven businessman divorced from his wife and kids is clueless when it comes to the important things in life until he inherits six, “adorable” and mischievous penguins from his arctic explorer father. As Popper quickly gets acquainted with — and increasingly attached to — his winged roommates, his life quickly unravels: the deal he’s long been working on with a formidable socialite, Mrs. Van Gundy, to take over valuable property, is derailed and Popper almost lands in jail. While Popper’s penguins turn his swank New York apartment into a snowy winter wonderland, they also teach him valuable lessons about family.
**2010-11 TRI-COUNTY PREP WRESTLING QUICK QUESTIONS**

We’ll have team previews in Sunday’s edition.

**SPORTS TRIVIA**

**What is the most free throws an NBA player has made without a miss in a game?**

**A** Dominique Wilkins was a perfect 23-for-23 in a game against the Chicago Bulls on Dec. 8, 1992.

**By Al Zipsie**

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**Brons get past Lapeer East**

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**Holly** — It wasn’t the greatest season opening game of all time for the Holly varsity boys basketball team.

But the Holly Bronchos got the win.

And along the way the Bronchos did do some solid stuff.

Holly turned the ball over just seven times and held Lapeer East to just 32 percent shooting for the night, earning a 46-40 Metro League victory in the team’s season opening game at Holly High School on Monday.

“It was ugly,” Holly coach Lance Baylis admitted. “But it’s Monday and we scammed four teams on Saturday. They came out lackadasical. I think we beat this team the last four or five years, and the whole thing added up to us not being high energy. We only got 17 shots up in the first half, are you serious? That’s not right.

**Lady Tigers open season with loss to Hartland**

By Al Zipsie
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**Hartland** — It was the first time in seven years the Fenton girls varsity basketball team started the season without at least one Rivette in the starting lineup.

Christina Rivette is the all time Metro League scoring leader and played at Fenton from 2006 to 2009. Her younger sister, Gabrielle Rivette, played from 2008 until 2011 and was the all time assist leader.

Without either one on the team, Fenton lost its season opener to Hartland 60-42 Friday. While Fenton coach Brad DeWitt enjoyed watching the Rivettes, he says it’s time to move on.

“That is history. It’s behind us. This year’s team will be a nice ball club,” DeWitt said. “We had a lot of trouble tonight. Hartland has a good club. We will have a learning curve with the young players. They are coachable and hard working kids.”

The Tigers came out and were tied with Hartland at 14-all after the opening quarter. The Eagles then outscored Fenton 46-28 over the last three quarters to pull away. The only Fenton player to reach double-figures in scoring was sophomore Hannah Eyo with 13 points. The Tigers struggled with shooting and turnovers, while the Eagles dominated the inside game.

“We had a lot of excitement for the opening game,” said Eyo. “The (shots) will fall. We just need to stay focused. “We have a lot of young players, and, with time, that will only make us better.”

Assistant from Evo to Payton Maxheimer cut the lead to 24-18 with 2:13 left in the first half. Fenton trailed 29-22 at intermission. Cowger had a dish to Judson for what would be her only hoop of the game, cutting the gap to 38-31 in the second half. Hartland’s Bailee Maggert, who took game scoring honors with 23 points, hit a shot ending the third quarter, padding Hartland’s lead to 44-33.

The Tigers made one last run. Ellie Cowger hit a three-pointer from the top of the key, and Eyo followed with a drive and a hoop, cutting the lead to 46-37. Hartland then pulled away for good scoring the next 11 points for a 60-37 cushion. The drought was finally broken with a bucket from Eyo.

**Happy Birthday** Boston Celtics’ legend Larry Bird was born on this date in 1956.
Holly girls beat LF at charity stripe, 44-36

By David Troppens
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Holly — Holly’s Lauren Maher missed her first free throw during Friday night’s varsity girls basketball game.

As a 75 percent free-throw shooter, that doesn’t happen to Maher too often.

And on Friday night, it never happened again.

Maher made 11 straight free throws, including six from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter, helping lead the Bronchos to a 44-36 home victory against the Lake Fenton Blue Devils (1-1) at Holly High School.

In fact, after the team missed two of three from the charity stripe in the first quarter, the entire squad was pretty good at the line. Holly (2-0) converted 18-of-23 shots from the line, including a sizzling 12-for-14 in the fourth quarter.

“We practice them every day,” Maher said. “We always kind of knew it would come down to this. We’ve had a lot of games that have been close.”

“(Assistant) coach (Casey) Lombard always tells us to breathe in and breathe out and take them one at a time.”

“I’m very happy. Our girls work hard on their free throws, and want to succeed in pressure,” Holly coach David Hall said. “They support each other and it’s sort of contagious. When someone starts shoot- ing free throws, they all start shooting them good.”

In what was a pretty entertaining contest because of its close scores, the Blue Devils frustrated the Bronchos’ offense in the second quarter, earning Lake Fenton a 19-16 halftime lead. Lake Fenton took a 13-12 lead after a converted free throw by Jordan Newman, and never trailed again in the first half. The Blue Devils’ lead grew to as many as 19-12 with 4:02 left in the half after Sidney Scott converted two free throws. However, a driving eight-foot runner by Maher helped cut the gap to 19-16 by halftime.

But in the second half, the Bronchos’ offense became a bit more patient and created better shots. Meanwhile, Holly’s defense also started to take control as well. Holly scored the first five points of the half — two on a layup by Kayla Skopek and three on a three-pointer by Maher. From there, Holly never trailed again.

Holly never blew the game open, earning its biggest lead at 29-20 on a converted free throw by Allyssa Copley, but the Blue Devils closed the victory margin.

The Tigers had two third-place finishes. The 400 freestyle relay team of Adam Ransom, David Congdon, Ande Anderson and Joshuah Bryant took third with a time of 3:45.98. Meanwhile, the 200 butterfly team of Alex Chase, Zahn Macklin, Ransom and Mike Banner also earned third in 1:56.94.

Holly’s top relay team was the 800 cre- scendo relay. The Bronchos took fourth with the team of Parker Cuthbert, Hunter Spurgeon, Garrett Pinagel and Aaron Donovan (8:45.09). The area’s only fifth-place finish was posted by Fenton’s Chase Marcola, Anthony Miceli, Landon Mikulenas and Jake Martin (2:15.48) in the 200 breaststroke relay.

Fenton boys swim team places fourth at the Christmas Relays

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Numbers are up for the Fenton varsity boys swim team, and so are the team’s results.

The squad placed fourth out of 15 teams at its own Christmas Relays on Saturday.

“I’m very pleased with the perfor- mance,” Fenton coach Brad Jones said. “We have a lot of depth this year, 39 swimmers. This is the largest team I have had in my tenure at Fenton, and fourth is the highest team finish we’ve had at the relays. We have a very solid core that has returned from last year, and added quite a few new swimmers.”

Holly also competed and placed 12th.

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Lake Fenton’s Todd Melick is ranked sec- ond in Division 3 in the 125 weight class.

Aaron Shaw, Scott lost to a three- pointer a year ago, and that’s returning state champion, Jordan Thomas. This year, it looks like Scott will move to 189, as will Thomas. However, Lowell’s Gabe Dean, another returning state champion, is also ranked there. Scott’s road could be harder than last. Holly’s Anthony Gonzales won a state title two years ago. He is a threat to win one again this year.

How about the team state tournay? The state team looks like the area’s top team and probably the best bet to make it to Battle Creek. The Linden Eagles or Fenton Tigers don’t return a wrestler that competed in the state meet a year ago. Lake Fenton won’t be as strong as they were last year.

Lake Fenton Community Schools

Project Information
Sealed bids will be accepted from qualified contractors by Lake Fenton Com- munity Schools for an Electronic Energy Efficient Light Change Out project at the Lake Fenton Middle School and West Shore Elementary School located in Fenton, Michigan. Proposals must be clearly marked “Proposal for Lighting Project” and may be mailed or delivered in person to Wayne S. Wright, Superintendent Lake Fenton Community Schools 11425 Torrey Road Fenton, MI 48430

Pre-Bid Meeting
A pre-bid meeting will be conducted by the maintenance director, Jake Staley on December 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. (local time) at the Administrative Services Boardroom located at 11425 Torrey Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430. At this meeting bidders will be given a tour of the site where they can become familiar with the site conditions and secure necessary requirements.

Bids Information
Bids will be received until 3:30 p.m. (local time) on December 21, 2011 at the Lake Fenton Community Schools Administrative offices located at 11425 Torrey Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Bids will be publicly opened in the Administrativa- tive Services Boardroom and read aloud shortly after the due date and time. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened. Lake Fenton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals.

Specifications
Specifications will be available electronically free of charge. Please email kwade@lakefentonschools.org for an electronic copy; a hard copy may be pur- chased for a non-refundable fee of $10.00. All contracts are to be made payable to Lake Fenton Community Schools. Plans may be obtained by contacting Katy Wade, Lake Fenton Community Schools at kwade@lakefentonschools.org or 810.591.2532. All project specific questions should be directed to Jake Staley, Lake Fenton Community Schools, at jstaley@lakefentonschools.org or 810.591.2560.

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**TIGERS**  
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with 4.3 seconds left building a 39-20 lead at intermission. Fenton forced Clio into 11 first-half turnovers, and also dominated the boards. Dylan Hickoff had eight rebounds, while Cory Cox had eight rebounds and three steals. Conor Munim chipped in seven rebounds. Readman also had four rebounds and six assists. As good a first game as it was for Fenton, they know they can bet better. “We are not where we want to be yet,” Hickoff said. “We will keep working to get better.”

Olszewski was generally pleased with the performance. “Both teams had some jitters early for the first game,” Olszewski said. “We got the ‘W’, but we still have things to work on like a quicker rotation.”

“Were there some positives. I am proud of the kids. They have worked very hard.”

“Jack Lukas did a good job powering the ball back up. Everybody got in and we got to play the two sophomores. ‘I liked that we took some charges and held them to five points in the fourth quarter.”

Fenton is at Linden Friday.

**HOLLY**  
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Devils cut the gap to 32-29 on two Hannah Rummel free throws with 6:35 remaining in the regulation.

But that’s where Holly’s proficiency at the charity stripe started to take over. Maher made her six free throws and Copley converted 4-of-6 down the stretch, assuring the Blue Devils never could get back to within one possession of the lead again. In the final 1:41, the Blue Devils made 9-of-10 free throws, capped by Skopek’s two makes with 7.8 seconds left.

The Bronchos admitted they were more patient in the second half. “We just came together,” Maher said. “We needed to pick it up a bit. We started hustling more and picking up our drills. On offense, we took our time and passed it around. Kind of opened things up.”

Maher scored a game-high 22 points, while Copley had 13 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

Rummel and Scott led Lake Fenton with seven points each. Scott and Faith Weier also had seven rebounds each.

Holly’s Austin Hopkin (left) scored seven points in the Bronchos’ 46-40 victory against Lapeer East on Monday.

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The Bronchos, who traditionally have handled the Eagles relatively easily, did so for the most part Monday, but for one player. That player was Matt Ayers. While the rest of East’s squad just struggled to get quality shots, Ayers kept the Eagles in the game, singlehandedly, scoring a game-high 20 points. He did so by netting 7-of-11 shots from the field, with six of those hoops being three-pointers.

“I kept telling them, ‘Let’s see somebody else shoot, please,’” Baylis said. “He didn’t even hit rim. He’s a great shooter.”

“Overall, though, our defense is really fine. When we are closing out on our zone, with our length, there is nowhere to go. Their players were not looking to shoot. They were just trying to maintain. They were just surviving out there. With our length, they were just surviving until (Ayers) got the ball. No one even looked at the basket.”

The Bronchos never trailed, but due to Ayers’ shots and some weak shooting of their own, Holly never blew the game open either.

The game’s last tie came at 18-all on a trey by East’s Colin Owen. However, the Bronchos went on an 8-3 run to end the half, taking a 26-21 lead into the half.

A putback hoop by Nic Stoll and two three-pointers by Isaac Casillas helped spark that run.

In the second half, the game had the feel of one waiting for Holly to establish a larger lead, but it never really materialized. East got as close as 31-30 on an Owen three-pointer, but the Bronchos capped the third quarter with consecutive hoops by Jared Plawski. In the fourth quarter, Holly looked poised to blow the game open, but couldn’t do it when given chances at the charity stripe. Leading 37-30 after a Donovan Williams hoop, the Bronchos had a stretch of four straight possessions where they went to the line. Holly made just 3-of-7 on those trips. Meanwhile, Ayers made consecutive three-pointers, helping cut the gap to 40-37 with just 2:02 left.

But Holly hit 6-of-8 free throws from there, including a perfect 4-for-4 by Stoll, to ice the win.

Casillas led Holly with nine points while Plawski had eight points, five assists, four rebounds and three assists. Stoll had eight points, seven rebounds and three blocks, while fighting foul troubles. Williams and Austin Hopkin had seven points. Hopkin also had eight rebounds.

Holly returns to action with a Flint Metro League contest at Ortonville-Brandon High School on Friday, after the Holly girls game.
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Oliver Rockman, 93, board member of the Eaton County Historical Society, passed away on Sunday, December 9, 2011.

We will hold a funeral service at 11 AM Thursday, December 13, 2011 at the Temrowski Funeral Home, 121 South 98 Feet of Lot 43 of Chatham Manor, Fenton, MI 48430. The service will be followed by interment at the Churchyard Cemetery in Fenton. 

Visitation will be held from 9-11 AM at the Temrowski Funeral Home. 

Friends may sign the guest register at the Temrowski Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eaton County Historical Society or St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, MI 48430.

VISITORS ARE INVITED to attend a celebration of life for Oliver Rockman on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 2 PM at the Fenton United Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, MI 48430.

Oliver Rockman, 93, was born in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan on September 16, 1918, the son of the late John and Annie (McRae) Rockman. On October 14, 1946, he married the former Elva Ruth Dennis, who preceded him in death in 2006. Oliver was a member of the Eaton County Historical Society and was a living legend in the Eaton County area. He served in the United States Navy as an electronics technician during World War II, and after the war, he opened and operated Supreme Motors. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and his sister, Shirley Hughes. Oliver is survived by his son and his family, David Rockman and his wife, Sue, and his grandchildren, Matthew Rockman, Steven Rockman, and Sarah Woodhouse. He is also survived by his brother and his family, Frank Rockman and his wife, Jan, and his grandchildren, Jan Rockman and her husband, Ed, and their children, Thomas Rockman and his wife, Jackie, and Elizabeth Rockman. He is also survived by his sister and her family, Ruth Dennis and her husband, Robert, and his grandchildren, John Dennis and his wife, Marla, and her children, Andrew Dennis, Sarah Dennis, and Robert Dennis. He is also survived by his nephews and nieces, Tom Rockman, Jim Rockman, and their families. Oliver will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

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