

Fenton school administrators train for active shooter situation

SUMMARY

■ On Monday afternoon, Fenton Area Public Schools administrators took part in active shooter training, facilitated by the Michigan State Police.

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Fenton — Class was just letting out and the hallway was filled with students heading to their next destination.

That's when shots rang out, and from around the corner sprinted a person carrying two guns aimed at the backs of the students, who began fleeing to a safe zone.

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“...we have to be prepared if something happens.”

Mike Bakker
Fenton Area Public Schools athletic director

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Fenton AGS Principal Heidi Ciesielski charges after other administrators as the “shooter” on Monday during an active shooter simulation.



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Plungers raise over \$65,000 for Special Olympics

■ 200 brave the icy water of Lake Fenton

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Fenton Twp. — Some wore superhero costumes, some dressed as Smurfs, and some only wore a Speedo when plunging into Lake Fenton at the Moose Lodge on Saturday, raising \$65,000 in the annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics.

Onlookers said it was crazy to jump into freezing cold water in February, but astonishment turned to appreciation when plungers and onlookers met with Special Olympics athletes afterward.

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Duane Elling of Fenton makes his way through the icy water after jumping for the first time in the Polar Plunge on Saturday. The event raised money for the Special Olympics.



“The fundraising here means more athletes are able to compete and participate in state summer games, state winter games.”

Pat Peters
Special Olympics area 13 director



Still searching for Randa Jawhari, seven years later

Randa Jawhari went missing in February 2009 at the age of 42. If anyone has information about her disappearance, they are asked to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

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Testing shows Linden water safe to drink

Amidst the Flint water crisis, Linden residents and businesses can rest assured their drinking water is free from harmful levels of lead.

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“Seriously, a mild snowfall of 4 inches, no wind, no ice and we close our schools? Who is making the call on this, the teachers union? Whoever made that decision should be fired. What a bunch of scaredy-cats we have become.”



“Conservatives should note that our unemployment rate is under 5 percent right now according to statistics. That doesn't happen without sound and effective policies. I wish we could elect President Obama for a third term. America is finally on the rise again.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“How much does it cost our nation to close down and pay everybody for President's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day? Two days off within 30 days for no reason in the world. Meanwhile, the people paying the government employees work both days. What a crock.”

North Road and Poplar Street projects coming soon

■ Fenton council assures matching funds are available

By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton City Council voted unanimously Monday to approve two resolutions that could be the catalyst for road reconstruction on two more city streets.

According to City Manager Lynn Markland, the Genesee County Metro Planning Commission has, over the last several months, reviewed applications for projects submitted by eligible road agencies.

The applications were scored and recommendations were made to the Technical Advisory Committee and the Transportation System Management subcommittee, which has reviewed the recommendations.

The Technical Advisory Committee has given a recommendation to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for projects that could be

funded during the years 2017 to 2020.

The city of Fenton has two projects that are on the list recommended for approval.

The city has been requested to demonstrate by City Council resolution that local matching funds will be made available for these projects if they are selected, Markland said.

Resolution 16-4 is for a road repair project on North Road, between Torrey Road and Oak Park Drive. The cost of this project is estimated to be \$256,269, of which \$205,016 will come from federal funds, and \$51,253 from local matching funds.

Resolution 16-5 is for a Poplar Street project, from Silver Lake Road to North Road. The cost of this project is estimated to be \$617,100, with \$493,680 to be paid from federal funds, and \$123,420 from local matching funds.

Both the North Road and Poplar Street projects would involve reconstruction with hot-mix asphalt.

Testing reveals Linden water safe to drink

■ Lead levels well within regulatory standards

By Hannah Ball

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Linden — As the Flint water crisis rages on, Linden City residents have been wondering if their drinking water is safe.

According to the Department of Public Works (DPW), Linden residents and businesses can rest assured that their drinking water is safe and free from harmful levels of lead.

Scott Fairbanks, director of the DPW, said Linden's drinking water contains lead levels are well below the maximum amount the state allows.

"I think four parts per billion was the highest we had and I think the maximum

is 15 parts per billion," he said.

If levels come back higher than 15 parts per billion, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends that municipalities take measures to reduce the amount of lead.

Linden Mayor David Lossing said City Council thought about hooking up to the Flint water system approximately 10 years ago, but opted not to because it would have cost millions of dollars.

In a previous Times article, City Manager, Paul Zelenak said, "Our water comes from our own wells here in

the city of Linden. We treat the water at our own treatment facility in the city." Linden tests its water on a daily basis based upon specific state requirements.

The department tests the lead and copper levels every three years per requirements set by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Fairbanks said the water was tested last year and the report should be ready by the end of this month.

"To my knowledge we have no lead lines in our system, whether it be the water main or service line," he said.

Although, when a few houses were built in the late '70s and early '80s, they installed solder drums, which contained lead and they make sure to monitor lead levels.

"If we do end up with a result that ends up high then we do have to provide some type of protection within the sys-

SUMMARY

■ Amidst the Flint water crisis, Linden residents and businesses can rest assured their drinking water is free from harmful levels of lead.

tem or within residential households," he said. "We are responsible to provide safe, quality drinking water to residents and businesses, whether it's leaking from somebody's household plumbing, service

lines, water mains."

Fairbanks said they send samples to the state for testing every month.

The department runs tests every day to test the fluoride and chloride residuals. Fluoride is added to the water because it prevents tooth decay and supports healthy bones, and chloride is added for disinfection.

The department also tests the iron levels daily, as well as pH levels to make sure the corrosiveness of the water is in the neutral state.

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Holly couple hoping for 'top dog' awards at Westminster

■ Local Elkhound competes in 'Super Bowl' of dog shows next week in New York City

By Sally Rummel

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The Super Bowl may have come and gone, but a Holly couple still has one more "Super Bowl" of their own — next week's Westminster Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show in New York City.

This world-class dog show will be held at Madison Square Garden on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 15-16 and will be televised on CNBC and the USA Network.

"It's the 'Super Bowl' of dog shows," said Erin Olsen, who will compete with her Norwegian Elkhound, Koi, at the 140th annual event. Erin and her husband, Keith, are professional breeders with 10 dogs at their Holly home, including nine Elkhounds and one Reserve Boxer.

Whether Koi will be seen on TV will depend on how well he ranks as one of 3,000 dogs in various events, including the all-breed dog show, the third annual Masters Agility Championship and the inaugural Masters Obedience Championship.

"The dogs are all judged on how well they stand up to national standards set for that breed," said Erin. "We trot around the ring because that is the best gait for judges to evaluate the dog's movement."

The Westminster breed competitions will be held Monday during the day at Piers 92 and 94. Competitions for Groups and Best in Show will be televised live on CNBC Feb. 15, from 8 to 11 p.m. and on USA Network on Feb. 16.

"Koi is our third generation Elkhound and is probably one of the best Elkhounds in the breed," said Erin. "We're hoping for 'Best in Breed' at Westminster and my dream is 'Best in Show.' He's already exceeded everything we've ever hoped for him this year."

Koi, in his prime at almost 6 years of age, was the top male Elkhound in the country in 2015, according to Westminster officials. He has also won multiple times in "Best in Specialty" and "Multi Group 1." Koi's father also competed at Westminster in 2010, and was named a



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Erin Olsen trots around the ring with her Elkhound, Koi, in a previous competition. Dogs are judged based on agility trials, obedience training, breed jumping, and Groups and Best in Show.

top Elkhound in the country in 2009.

The Westminster show is the ultimate reward for a "hobby" that keeps the Olsens and Koi on the road for more than 40 weekends last year, competing at dog shows in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. They were competing with professional dog handlers who are backed by famous celebrities, athletes and corporations.

"We do it ourselves to save money," said Keith. "It's an expensive hobby. Each dog show costs \$25 to \$30 to enter and you may have five shows in one weekend."

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“We’re hoping for ‘Best in Breed’ at Westminster and my dream is ‘Best in Show.’”

Erin Olsen
Professional breeder
and Koi's owner

WATCH FOR ERIN OLSEN'S DOG, KOI, under the name GCH Silhouette's AU Fish, or Gold Fish, under his official listing at competition at the Westminster Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show.

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Bill Press

Who's the real liberal — Clinton or Sanders?

For both parties, the 2016 presidential primary has proven unusual in more ways than one. There have been more candidates than ever before, more outsiders leading the pack, more focus on personalities than issues and, for the first time, a contest on both sides over who's the real deal.

That's not so unusual among Republican candidates. They've tangled in the past over which one is the true conservative, and they're doing so again. But this year, Democrats are also at it: Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders arguing over which one is the true progressive.

Which one is more progressive? Sanders wins that argument, hands down. He's the most liberal member of the Senate.

But Clinton has progressive bragging rights, too. She's supported by liberal Sens. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), among others. True, she voted for the Iraq War in 2002, she originally supported both the Keystone oil pipeline and the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, and she still supports the death penalty. But she also has a long history of fighting for progressive causes, from her work with the Children's Defense Fund to her leadership in the fight for universal healthcare.

So, in a sense, this is a meaningless debate. The truth is, to varying degrees, Sanders and Clinton are both progressives. But, at the same time, it's an important exercise for what it says about the Democratic Party.

For years, progressives fought unsuccessfully against the defense hawks, centrists and conservative Democrats who ruled the party. Now that's changed. Today, few argue the party has to be more 'in the middle.' Instead, the two Democratic candidates for president are arguing over which one is further to the left.

This bodes well for November, because the progressive agenda of combating income inequality, raising the minimum wage, delivering pay equity for women, creating jobs by rebuilding our infrastructure, cracking down on Wall Street and embracing renewable energy is supported by the vast majority of the American people — and offers a stark contrast to the ugly infighting among Republican candidates.

Progressives have won the day.

WISE UP PEOPLE, Bernie Sanders pretending to be a candidate is a scam. Everyone knows that he is 100 percent unelectable. It's just a ploy so that Hillary Clinton can play off his ultra-liberalism and appear more moderate. She has to have an opponent in order to preach her agenda.

MADELEINE ALBRIGHT SAID there's a special place in hell for women who don't help each other in reference to women voting for Hillary Clinton. How easy these nonbelievers want to quote the Bible and scripture when they want to raise money. Well, there is a special place in hell for liars, thieves and manipulators.

TO CONTINUE CELEBRATING hatefulness in America, next year's Super Bowl should have goose-stepping dancers wearing swastikas and dancers wearing white flowing robes, spelling out KKK on the football field. That would equate to what Beyoncé did.

IN 1975, ATTORNEY Hillary Clinton defended a child molester. Clinton blamed the 12-year-old victim and lied about her just to get the man free. I have to agree with Foster Childs' comment on lawyers. Thank you very much.

AMERICANS SHOULD BE livid after witnessing Beyoncé's half-time show, which was a hate-filled tribute to 'black

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lives matter.' This group also promotes violence against police.

IN CASE YOU missed it, Bernie Sanders is polling very high in Moscow and Vladivostok, Russia.

WHOSE FAULT IS it when people like Obama, Clinton, and Snyder get offices they shouldn't have in this country? It's not their fault. It's our fault. Non-voting uneducated, 'I don't care' attitude by the American people is the problem.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT it was Jennifer Granholm and the Democrats who raised our taxes in Michigan, chased jobs out of the state, chased our population out of the state and had so many regulations that crippled our state. Governor Snyder has been nothing short of a miracle by bringing back jobs and our robust economy.

HISTORIANS IN THE future are going to sit down and wonder how we Americans in our time were so stupid to elect Obama not once but twice. We'll say 'back in those days we called it being politically correct.' What idiot came up with that term?

WEST POINT HONOR Code item: Don't quibble or tolerate those who do. Fits Hillary.

WHAT HAPPENED TO the French Confection in Linden?

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FROM THE RIGHT

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Cal Thomas



The failure of multiculturalism

Just as radar warns of approaching storms, so does the flood of migrants entering Europe warn us of a deluge yet to come, not only for Europeans, if they continue to allow unrestricted immigration, but for the United States.

Last October Andrew Parker, the director general of Britain's Security Service, said that "the scale and tempo" of the danger to the UK is now at a level he has not seen in his 32-year career. British police are monitoring over 3,000 home-grown Islamist extremists willing to carry out attacks on the UK.

On Wednesday, President Obama visited a Baltimore mosque. According to The Daily Caller, the mosque 'has deep ties to extremist elements, including the Muslim Brotherhood.' Explaining the president's visit, White House spokesman Keith Maley said, 'The president believes that one of our nation's greatest strengths is our rich diversity.'

I doubt terrorists believe that. I don't believe that diversity, as practiced in America, exists in any country with a Muslim majority.

What we are witnessing is the complete breakdown and failure of multiculturalism.

History demonstrates that no nation can long survive if it forgets why it exists. Our failure to inculcate American traditions, beliefs and history, even in the native born, not to mention immigrants, is rapidly destroying America.

Leftists in Europe and the U.S. have promoted multiculturalism, believing that once Muslims experience our freedoms and dedication to equality they will want to be like us. It doesn't appear to be working and anyone familiar with the Koran and its 'kingdom of this world' instructions knows it likely won't.

European leaders, from Germany's Angela Merkel, to Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven, have deliberately closed their eyes to what they see unfolding in their countries, and in others. President Obama is doing the same thing with his trip to the Baltimore mosque. Our enemies see our weakness and failure to understand their objectives. Not all Muslims are terrorists, to be sure, but large numbers of radical Islamists profess allegiance to the faith and they are more than willing to wreak havoc in pursuit of their goals.

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Besides your restaurant or home, where do you like to eat?

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"Beale Street has the best BBQ and the corn bread is like dessert. The fajitas at Sagebrush (Cantina) are amazing. Fenton House has the best bread sticks ever, and the Red Devil has great pizza and pasta."

— Jason Warda
Owner of The Barn, Fenton



"If I have a chance to dine locally I make my way into Rough Draught. I love going in and visiting with Stephanie and Elsa. I usually order the Pesto Presto Sandwich and add turkey to it. It's one of my favorites."

— Justin Knight
Owner of Corner Bar & Grill, Fenton



"Ever since Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ opened, I've loved the pulled pork sandwich with baked beans and cole slaw on the side. You can't beat their casual atmosphere, plus they always have great service."

— Mark Rummel
Founder of Mancino's of Fenton



"One of my favorites is Union Woodshop in Clarkston. I create my own pizza and I love their smoked chicken wings followed up by the butterscotch pudding."

— Jodi Brunori
Executive Chef, The Laundry, Fenton



"The Laundry. I know they use the freshest products possible. My favorite dinner dish there is the Roasted Shrimp with Ricotta Gnudi. For lunch, I enjoy the Sparty salad. I can relax in the snug atmosphere."

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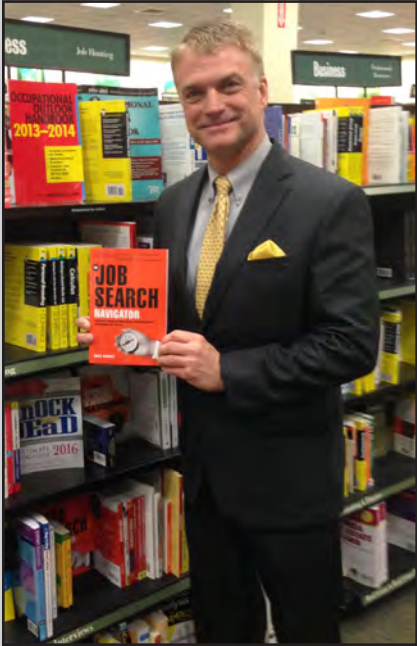
Lake Fenton graduate launches his first book

By Sally Rummel

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"If Sunday night is your worst night of the week, maybe you're in the wrong career."

This is a quote in Matt Durfee's new book, "The Job Search Navigator," released Jan. 12 by Agate Publishing in Chicago.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
Fenton Township native Matt Durfee picks up a copy of his first published book, "The Job Search Navigator," from the shelf at Barnes & Noble in Orlando, Florida. He'll be in Fenton for a book signing at Fenton's Open Book on Feb. 13.

Durfee, a 1977 graduate of Lake Fenton High School, learned all about the "do's and don'ts" of changing careers and work transition after working in human resources and recruiting for 11 of the largest and most respected companies in the world — from the Marriott Corporation to Coca-Cola, PepsiCo., Nestle, Frito-Lay, Hard Rock Café and Bank One, among others.

"I know firsthand why some job candidates get hired and why others do not," he said in the book. "Much of what I know is not just derived from recruiting talent or myself having landed great jobs. Rather, it comes from blowing countless interviews and from the nine times my bosses told me my job was going away."

Writing this book was a seven-year process that actually began as a childhood dream in the summer after sixth grade. "It's always been a goal of mine," said Durfee, who already has two other book projects planned.

"The Job Search Navigator" is on sale for \$17.95 at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Walmart and Target. Ten percent of the royalties from book sales will go to Michigan State University Graduate School of Human Resources and Labor Relations, of which he is an alumnus.

He is especially proud of his book's placement on the shelves at Fenton's Open Book in downtown Fenton, which will host a book signing on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Despite less than ideal winter temperatures for a frozen lake activity like in years past, more than 200 plungers, most wearing costumes, raised more than \$65,000 for Special Olympics in the annual Polar Plunge held on Lake Fenton at the Fenton Moose Lodge on Saturday.

PLUNGERS

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the people who the money would benefit.

"The fundraising here means more athletes are able to compete and participate in state summer games, state winter games," said Pat Peters, area 13 director for the Special Olympics. The money may also go to buying new uniforms, new equipment, or for training.

Event organizers had cut a path through the ice so the plungers could jump from the temporary dock and then walk, or run, out of the water quickly. Emergency responders were at the scene, and in the water, in case of an emergency.

People of all ages jumped, the youngest being 8 years old.

Onlookers cheered on friends and family while standing around in winter coats, boots, hats, and gloves, with their phones and cameras out to capture the moment with pictures and videos.

Some held towels at the edge of the water, waiting for their plunger to hurry out of the water, with blue lips quivering.

A few plungers cheered as they walked out. A few ran.

After Duane Elling, a first-year Fenton plunger, and his team jumped in with colorful costumes with float noodles for wings, he walked out slowly and cheered for the crowd.

"It was shocking but it wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be. I thought it was going to be like hitting a brick wall," he said. "Coming back out, though... you're like, oh my god, my muscles aren't moving. I seized up for a second."

His team raised \$3,000.

"It sounded like a wild and crazy thing to do but for a great cause. It was a blast," he said.

Hannah Steffen, 18, jumped in wearing



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Hannah Steffen, 18, (left) dressed as Spiderman, stands with two friends preparing to jump into Lake Fenton for the Polar Plunge.

a Spiderman costume for her first plunge.

"It took my breath away as soon as I hit the water," she said. "I hit the ground and shoved my way up. I was ready to get out."

She said the Polar Plunge is a special event for her because she has one cousin who is in the Special Olympics. "I help him out every year for it. I was really happy I got to be a part of it," Steffen said.

The event raised \$2,000 more than last year on the day of the event, Peters said.

Approximately 200 plungers jumped this year, which is average, but you don't have to jump to support the cause. Peters said they're always looking for volunteers.

"Bottom line is you don't have to plunge to support," she said. "Anyone can go online and pick someone to donate their money toward. It all goes toward Special Olympics."

People have until May to donate. If they raise \$75,000, Peters has promised to get a tattoo in support of the Special Olympics.

Anyone who still wishes to donate can visit firstgiving.com/polarplunge/Fenton16 to pledge money.

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COMMON LAW OFFENSES IN MICHIGAN

It is fair to say that most people have heard someone say that something 'is against the law.' Now, without being overly esoteric about the expression, a fair question is what particular law are they talking about?

For example, everybody knows that it is against the law in Michigan to steal goods or merchandise from a grocery store. The law that is being violated is one which prohibits 'Retail Fraud' and there are both state statutes and local ordinances prohibiting such conduct with corresponding criminal penalties.

There are literally thousands of such statutes and ordinances in Michigan, which have been passed by either the state legislature or by local units of government which can be readily referenced.

What most people may not know is that there are also crimes, which are not prohibited by any specific written statute but nonetheless are punishable as felonies carrying up to five years in the state prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000. These are called 'common law offenses.'

These offenses have a rich history, which is traceable to our earliest colonists in 1607 Jamestown. They brought with them both the laws as they existed in England in statute and the so-called common law offenses, which were laws declared by judges prohibiting anti-social conduct although not specified in a particular statute.

Michigan recognizes such offenses or crimes under the Michigan Constitution and unless there is a specific all encompassing statute or an accompanying specific penalty covering the type of anti-social conduct, the prohibited behavior is considered a common law offense.

In Michigan, some types of common law offenses include rioting, inciting to riot, conspiracy to do an unlawful act and obstruction of justice.

Some of these offenses have a corresponding statute that prohibits certain specific conduct, but the statute is not all inclusive and thus there are both statutory and common law offenses which exist side by side.

The most famous commentator on the common law was the 18th century English Judge William Blackstone. His treatise 'Commentaries on the Laws of England' is still quoted by United States courts.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

EVERY TIME I made a buy, a mother cried because one of her children had just died. How many drug-related deaths in our area have occurred in the past year?

BACK IN '08, I made a lot of money and I paid a lot of taxes. Now I don't make any money and the government pays me. Now I see what these Democrats are all about. I'm not so sure I'm really in to it, but it's an easy way to survive.

TO THE PUNKS who stole items out of people's vehicles on Lake Ponemah on Sunday night, the change purse you took out of my truck was my mother's and had great sentimental value. You are a worthless piece of garbage.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

MSP Det. Andrew Knapp is unexpectedly held in class at "gunpoint" by FAPS Athletic Director Mike Bakker. The other trainees attacked Bakker with large cotton balls.

ACTIVE SHOOTER Continued from Front Page

More shots resounded up the hallway as the shooter disappeared around the corner, chasing after the students.

On Monday, administrators at Fenton schools spent three hours in active shooter training with the Michigan State Police (MSP), discussing policies and procedures they can use should the unthinkable happen.

In this simulation, the "shooter" was Andrew G. Schmidt Principal Heidi Ciesielski, carrying two airsoft guns. The "students" were Fenton Area Public School (FAPS) administrators, one from each school.

Ciesielski and everyone else was wearing paintball gun masks to protect themselves from the airsoft pellets. They didn't help Interim Superintendent Doug Busch, however, from being peppered in the back with the plastic balls. "I'll have to talk to you about that later," he joked.

The gunshots were real — blanks fired by members of the MSP who ran the training, following Ciesielski up the hallway.

The MSP subscribes to the ALICE policy of handling a school shooting. The acronym means "alert, lockdown, inform counter, evaluate." The training occurred mostly in the classroom, with simulations of different lockdown procedures. FAPS already has its own policy for handling school shooter situations, and some are in line with the ALICE policies.

FAPS Athletic Director Mike Bakker said the experience was eye opening, and even though the pellets were plastic, and the shots were blanks, it was still a pulse pounding, unnerving experience. "It gives us a lot to think about," he said.

Bakker said that of course, he hopes nothing ever happens. "But we can't work on hopes and wants," he said. "We have

to work under the premise that we have to be prepared if something happens."

The session was led by MSP Det. Andrew Knapp of the Flint Major Case Unit. He was assisted by Lt. Bret Selby of Southgate and Tpr. Anthony Young of the Brighton Post.

"We just want them to have the best information possible to make their policies on an active shooter event," said Knapp.

The session tested the current FAPS policies, and utilized ALICE as well. They practiced barricading the rooms and were even coached on distracting and attacking a gunman in an unexpected scenario in a classroom.

"It's one thing to sit in a classroom and talk about it," said Bakker. "It's a whole other scenario to be in it. That's part of the learning process."

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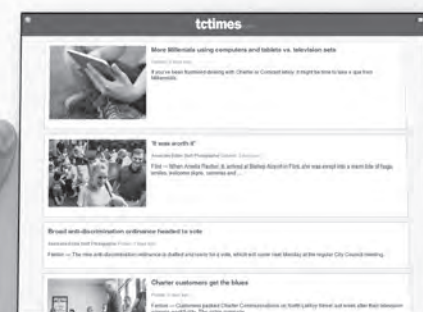
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HOW CAN YOU silly conservatives hope to win an election when all your candidates are all destroying each other? Fun to watch though.

IN CASE THE people of Fenton haven't figured it out yet, recycling with the blue bins is every other week, the plastic thingy hanging off your blue bin — read it.

LISTENED TO THE executive director of the Sloan Museum being interviewed on Public Radio last week, and he said old files were discovered that showed Flint was having water problems as far back as the '60s. Many old towns in eastern U.S. have lead pipes.

Students learn lessons by helping Flint children

■ Tomek-Eastern first-graders share the 'love' with Valentine Grams

By Vera Hogan

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The 25 students in Jennifer Horton's first-grade class at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School in Fenton are sharing in the action to help the people in Flint.

"My first-grade class has been studying the Flint water crisis and are taking action by having a Valentine Gram Sale next week to raise funds to help the children of Flint," said Horton.

In their unit of inquiry, "How the World Works," the first-graders studied tools and problem-solving skills.

"The kids drew pictures and came up with ideas to solve the problem with the water," Horton said.

The pictures, on Valentine Grams, are being sold this week at Tomek-Eastern during lunches, between 11:30 and 1 p.m., and after school to children, teachers and parents. They are 50 cents each.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
Emma Scott and Logan Coy show off their Valentine Grams, proceeds from the sale of which will go to help the people of Flint. This activity coincides with what they learned in their "How the World Works" unit.

"The sale will also teach my students about consumer, producer, goods and services as well as using money," Horton said. "We are very excited about this as it brings the real world to the classroom. I love how they have been reflective and caring throughout this process."

Horton and her class are currently deciding on how best to use the funds they raise — by purchasing water to be delivered to Flint, to sponsor a school or organization to support the water needs, or to help with medical needs of children affected by lead poisoning. They will make a determination this week.

The students will soon be moving into their next unit, which is about needs vs. wants, and how consumers make choices that affect their daily lives.

"This is very applicable to the Flint water crisis as water is a necessity in life," said Horton.

SUMMARY

■ First-grade students in Jennifer Horton's class at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School are selling Valentine Grams this week, the proceeds from which will benefit the children of Flint during the water crisis.

Beyond a kiss and a card

■ Here are some Valentine's Day gift ideas for the man in your life

By Sally Rummel

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Valentine's Day may be all about romance, but it's also one of the most popular gift giving occasions of the year.

In fact, Americans are planning to spend a record \$18.9 billion on gifts this year, according to the National Retail Federation.

Couples who were dating exclusively were most likely to have plans (89 percent), but married couples weren't too far behind, at 82 percent, according to a survey by eharmony.com, one of the most popular online dating sites.

This is one of the holidays where men tend to shell out more money for gifts than women, spending most of those dollars on candy, flowers, jewelry, spa dates and cards. Couples also like to dine out, with 37 percent heading out to dinner on Valentine's Day.

Women trying to find unique gifts for the men in their lives might have to be a little more creative to pick out something special. While a survey conducted by eharmony.com listed "intimacy" as many men's ideal Valentine's Day present, other gifts will also show him how much you care.

HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS THAT GO BEYOND JUST A KISS AND A CARD:

- Grooming sets, including after-shave, body sprays, pomade, beard butter, soap and fragrances
- Map jewelry and key chains, noting the place you two met or a special vacation destination
- A briefcase barbecue, providing a portable grill wherever he travels
- A stylish stainless steel thermos
- Heart-shaped brownie bites or cupcakes, presented in a heart-shaped box
- Personalized barware with a monogram
- Leather-wrapped candle with a rustic, woodsy scent
- New boxers, perhaps with a heart motif
- Tickets to his favorite sporting event or concert
- A cooking class for the two of you to take together
- A fancy steak dinner or gift card to his favorite steakhouse
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Valentine's Day by the numbers:

- 54 percent of Americans will spend Valentine's Day with loved ones this year.
- The average person is expected to spend \$142.31 on gifts.
- On average, men will spend \$190.53 on their significant others, while women will spend \$96.58.
- 37.8 percent of consumers will spend \$2.1 billion on flowers.
- 51.2 percent will send Valentine's Day greeting cards.
- Adults age 25-34 will spend the most (\$213.04), followed by those age 35-44 (\$176.21), 18-24 (\$168.95). The least likely age group to spend are consumers age 65 and older.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I AM SO impressed that Linden's Alpine Marketplace gave a semi-truck full of water to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. They are such caring owners. We are so fortunate to have them in our town. Thank you.

CONSPIRACY: 'A SECRET plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful.' The only person doing anything unlawful or harmful to Hillary Clinton, is Hillary Clinton, not a right-wing conspiracy. Enough of all the excuses, she's the problem.

THEY SAID WE can use dance lessons from Chassé at a local studio, I would love to know who is accepting the dance lesson portion. Does anyone know of a place? Like so many people, we purchased our package with the understanding that Chassé was an upstanding business and now we are the ones out of our hard-earned money.

I JUST LEARNED that Obama holds stock in gun manufacturers.

LANSING HAS REPLACED almost all of its water lines with lead-free lines due to some problem they had with the water. Why won't the State now do the same for Flint and its people ASAP?

TO THE DRIVER going on North Road Thursday afternoon going 15 mph and hitting your brakes every 10 seconds, buy a map. Also, the woman who cut over to the shoulder to flip me off, you're too old to behave that way and looked ridiculous.

ANY BUSINESS TO the west of I-75 and U.S. 23 (e.g. Miller/Linden/Corunna Roads) have safe water from another source. Please don't scare people away from restaurants with safe water, just because they are a couple miles from the city of Flint.

I WAS REAR-ended by a woman last March at the light on Owen Road in front of the high school. I can only assume she was texting as she 'didn't see' me even though at least 10 other vehicles were stopped. Sadly, there is no recourse under No Fault. It should be treated the same as a DUI.

Police&Fire report

HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER SOUGHT

Fenton police are hoping that someone will recognize the passenger car that fled the scene of a two-car crash Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of Silver Lake Road and North LeRoy Street in Fenton. **(See video at tctimes.com with this article.)** Just after the 9:33 a.m. mark of the attached video, a westbound SUV is seen turning left onto southbound LeRoy. As the SUV entered the intersection, it was struck by an eastbound passenger car, which had the right-of-way. After the impact, visible on the video, the car backed up to allow the SUV to complete its turn. The SUV pulled into a nearby parking lot and called police to report the crash. The car continued on eastbound Silver Lake Road. If anyone has information on this hit-and-run- crash, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

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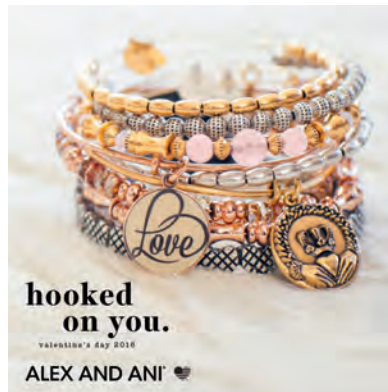
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Gerry Willey, owner of Fenton Home Furnishings, donated \$3,000 to aid those affected by the water crisis in Flint. Here, he talks to ABC-12 Photojournalist Derahn Shields at VG's on North LeRoy Street. The grocery store will accept the money and handle getting 110 cases of bottled water to Flint.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I DON'T CARE what the groundhog says. Today is Feb. 3 and I just saw a robin. Woo hoo, early spring.

A GOFUNDME ACCOUNT set up for someone who shared the benefits of \$20 million in stolen money? Are you kidding me? Don't play the victim when you lived the high life for 12 years off embezzled money.

PEOPLE COMPLAINING ABOUT socialism sure do enjoy socialist programs that we have right now.

WITH THE NIGHTMARE of Flint's water, we would love to have Linden's water looked at again. Is it really OK after that gasoline leak? It tastes awful and we had to add a softener and filter to make it usable for cleaning.

I AM 37 years old and this is my first time I feel confident to register and vote. Go Trump.

Still searching for Randa

■ Seven years since Randa Jawhari disappeared

By Sharon Stone

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For seven frustrating years, family and friends of Randa Jawhari have wondered what happened to her.

Jawhari, then 42, of Fenton was last heard from at 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009. Her sister, Rocky Jawhari, spoke with her by phone.

Anisse Jawhari, Randa's mother, telephoned Randa at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11; however, Randa did not answer the phone in her apartment, located at 3464 Shiawassee Avenue, ¼ mile east of U.S. 23. Anisse drove to Randa's apartment at 8:30 a.m. to check on her and found the apartment empty.

There were no signs of struggle or foul play inside Randa's apartment. She had multiple health issues, but family said Randa was feeling well at the time.

Since that cold winter day in 2009, Fenton police detectives have investigated Randa's disappearance, however, they have had no credible leads. Crime Stoppers has assisted with the investigation, seeking any tips that could lead police to her whereabouts. They continue to offer a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to her whereabouts.



Authorites are hoping to identify a well-dressed African-American man who accompanied Jawhari to a dentist on multiple occasions in Flint before her disappearance. Based on information provided by dental office employees, a Michigan State Police artist put together a composite sketch of this man.

Aerial and ground searches were conducted. Billboards with Randa's photo were put up along area highways, but even those did not result in any leads.

Crime Stoppers met with the Jawhari family and Fenton police on Monday, according to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro.

Following a tip, detectives recently interviewed an imprisoned man, however, they soon learned he was behind bars at the time of Randa's disappearance.

Aro said they have followed up on tips, rumors and speculations, all with negative results. Police are also looking for a person of interest, an unknown black male, who was seen with her at a dental appointment before her disappearance. A composite drawing of him is shown with this story.

The police chief still believes someone knows what happened to Randa, adding that if that individual is incarcerated, they might use that knowledge as negotiating power in their own case. "Someone might speak," Aro said.

On Tuesday, Sam Jawhari of Fenton, Randa's brother said, "Our family loves our community and thanks everyone for their love and prayers. We hope for closure in what happened to Randa."

If anyone has knowledge of Randa's whereabouts, they are asked to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

News briefs

VOCAL CONCERT AT HOLLY CHURCH THIS SATURDAY

Former Holly resident Jeremy Hall will present a vocal concert at **7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13** in the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church, 16180 Fish Lake Road, Holly. The public is invited to attend. Having served in several Gospel Male Quartets, the first was "4Praise" with men of the Holly SDA Church, which included his father. He graduated from Great Lakes Adventist Academy in 1993 and received his Master's degree from Andrews University. Born and raised in Holly, Hall is the son of former Holly residents Pastor and Mrs. Gene Hall, now of Holland. Hall is currently serving as the associate superintendent of schools for the SDA Michigan Conference. He and his wife, Donna, with their four children, now live in Dimondale. In 2004, Hall completed an album entitled, "All We Need." It will be for sale following the concert.

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Durfee, 56, now lives in Orlando, Florida, and is the founder and president of Navigator Executive Advisors, Inc. and the Navigator Institute, two career services firms that provide outplacement, executive search and leadership development support to global employers and individual clients.

His career in the last decade as an entrepreneur has come full circle. After growing up as the son of two self-employed parents, Jerry and Midge Durfee, both of whom passed away this year, Durfee spent most of his career in corporate America.

"I wish the timing was different, so they could've walked into Barnes & Noble and seen my books," said Durfee, who dedicated his book to his parents and his daughter, Jacqueline.

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Eagles finish second in Metro; Bronchos place third

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity wrestling team gave it a great attempt.

The Eagles had two league champions, four wrestlers compete for titles and five others finish in third place. However, Linden had to settle for second place at the Metro League Meet, earning the Eagles a strong second-place finish in the final standings.

Holly also had two league

champions, finishing fourth at the meet and third in the final standings, while Fenton placed eighth.

The Eagles' Dawson Blank (145) and Bryce Davis (152) were the league champions. Blank defeated Swartz Creek's J.J. Mullins 12-5 in the title match, while Davis took first by beating Flushing's Spencer Morris by a 10-5 decision.

Holly's champions were Jimmy Gray (285) and Collin Dallwitz (215). Gray earned his crown by

defeating Linden's Jaylin Steedman in their title bout by a 6-2 decision. Dallwitz defeated Kearsley's Marcus Moss by decision.

The area's other second-place performers were Holly's Wyatt Scribner (125) and Cade Dallwitz (171); and Linden's Patrick Kerr (135). Scribner lost to Kearsley's Coi Jenkins 9-4 in his title match, while Dallwitz lost to Flushing's Ben Cushman 11-6. Kerr lost

by default in the finals.

Linden had six other wrestlers in the third-place matches. Justin Cygnar (112), Koleton Strauss (119), Avery Jacobs (160), Cade Dickson (171) and Aaron Steedman (189) earned thirds, while Adam Glazer (103) recorded a fourth.

"The team has battled injuries all season, but the boys that have stayed are not only champions, but they are

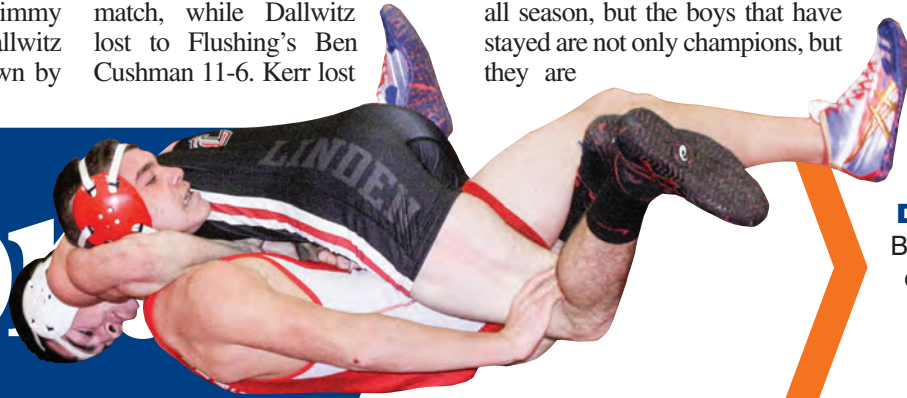
becoming great competitors and representing the Linden community with pride," Linden wrestling coach Todd Skinner said.

Holly's Colton Cleaver (152) placed third, while teammates Carsen Cuthbert (130) and William Greer (160) placed fourth. Fenton had three fourth-place performers. They were Mario Ramirez (112), Tommy Adams (145) and Andrew Goodman (285).

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Blank (on top) works on getting a pinfall victory.



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Holly's Trevor Bland (right) attempts a shot against Linden's Hunter Michael.

Holly remains in first, beats Linden

By David Troppens

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Holly — Trevor Bland didn't enter the 2015-16 Holly varsity boys basketball season as a household name to Bronchos' fans, but that seems to be changing as the season progresses.

The Bronchos' bench player was one of three Holly players to score double-figures, helping lead Holly to a 75-54 victory against the Linden Eagles.

"I think my role is definitely getting bigger as the season goes on," Bland said. "But tonight was about my teammates finding me open. I had wide open shots and I had a couple of layups.

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Blue Devils capture GAC crown

■ Second-ranked LF wrestlers break New Lothrop's long title run

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team has done a lot of great things since Vance Corcoran took over at the helm of the program.

The squad has won many district team titles, won team regional titles and have had wrestlers win individual state championships. The one thing that has eluded the squad has been a Genesee Area Conference (GAC) title. But the Blue Devils can check that off the list as well.

Lake Fenton broke New Lothrop's six-year conference championship streak, recording three league champs and 13 wrestlers in the top four places, leading the squad to the tournament championship. Lake Fenton finished with 240.5 points while Goodrich finished second. New Lothrop fell to third in the conference meet. The title was Lake Fenton's first ever in the GAC and first in any league since the 1970s.

"Obviously taking out New Lothrop, who has really ruled the GAC the last couple of years, is a really huge deal," said one of Lake Fenton's individual champs, Trent Hillger (285). "We are the first team in Lake Fenton to do it and it feels great to be a part of it. We finally got our guys back,



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Two of Lake Fenton's three Genesee Area Conference individual champions were (above) Devan Melick (top) and Trent Hillger (right photo, top wrestler).

so it's nice to have them back and they really helped the team."

One of those guys Hillger was talking about was transfer Jarrett Trombley, who captured his own league title at 119. Trombley, who is the defending state champion at 112 in D3, won his finals match by decision.

"To know we can look back at it in 20 years and say we were the first Lake Fenton team to win the GAC is just a great feeling," Trombley said. "This is the one thing that has eluded us the last couple of years.

"The team title is a lot more important to me. It feels good. But, of course, winning an individual title feels great, too."



The other Lake Fenton champion was Devan Melick (135). He defeated Goodrich's Cody Orcutt 10-1 in the finals.

"It was pretty surprising to me at first. I didn't know they had a six-year streak until the next day," Melick said. "We all support

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each other in the wrestling room. We have a lot of good practice partners that help push us.”

Hillger, last year's state champion at 215 in D3, captured his league title by defeating Byron's state-ranked Aaron Kelly in a mere 35 seconds by pinfall.

“I felt like I wrestled well,” Hillger said. “I went out and attacked him.”

Six other Blue Devils finished second. They were A. J. Geyer (103), Hunter Corcoran (125), Sean Trombley (140), Jackson Nevadomski (145), Kyle Sanders (171) and Leo Shustock (189).

Four others competed in the third-place match with three of them taking third. That list included Saben Spangler (130), Jared Hatherill (160) and Ryan Franks (215). Hunter Hypio (112) placed fourth.

Lake Fenton has one more big goal this season — a team state championship. Ranked second in D3, Lake Fenton is poised to make a run at the team state. The team tourney starts with the Perry team district Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Lady Bronchos take early lead, hold off Linden, 41-32

By David Troppens

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Holly — It was a similar story for the Linden varsity girls basketball team against the Holly Bronchos on Friday.

The Eagles gave the Bronchos a strong battle, but Holly was able to stave off foul troubles to capture a 41-32 victory.

Despite having starters Kaitlyn Smith and Jenna Pepper out for stretches of the game due to foul trouble, the Bronchos (7-3, 9-6) did what winning teams do — they found a way to deal with the issue. Senior Journee Kerner

erased some of those issues, providing seven points and three rebounds. Becca Fugate also came up big, netting five key fourth-quarter points, helping lead the Bronchos to the win.

Holly jumped to a 9-4 lead in the opening quarter. From there, Holly always led, but Linden always remained close.

The last time Linden made a serious run was when the Eagles cut the Holly lead to 33-30 on a jump shot by Erin Gillespie. However, Holly answered back on its next possession. Kerner sent an inbounds pass from underneath

Holly's own bucket to Fugate for a layup. Holly followed that possession with a Fugate steal and a trip to the charity stripe by Pepper. Pepper made both free throws and the Bronchos led 37-30 with about three minutes remaining.

Smith led Holly with 13 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Paige Reid chipped in eight points, seven rebounds and four assists. Pepper finished with six points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Linden was led by Bella Blank's 10 points. Audrey Steiert followed with nine points, while Gillespie finished with five points.



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Linden's Madison Maxheimer attempts a shot against Holly's Journee Kerner.

LF boys remains hot; Fenton girls edge Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

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In what Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jake Erway called “a game of runs” the Blue Devils had the biggest one.

Trailing 19-13 early in the second quarter, the Blue Devils went on a 21-0 run, capturing a 34-19 lead into halftime and went on to defeat Corunna in the Cavaliers' home gym 61-47.

The win keeps Lake Fenton (7-1, 10-2) just one game behind Beecher in the battle for first place in the Genesee Area Conference Red Division.

“Our guys did a great job defensively in the second quarter,”

Erway said. “We used our defense and great ball movement on offense to take a nice lead into the half. Our overall shot selection in the second half was fantastic.”

Chris Bell netted 18 points on 7-of-9 shooting from the field. He also led the team with 11 rebounds, six assists and five steals. Jalen Miller chipped in 14 points, nine rebounds and two steals, while Isaac Golson had 10 points. Andrew Foerster chipped in eight points.

**Fenton 61,
Swartz Creek 48**

The Tigers (6-4, 8-5) got off to a hot start in Swartz Creek's own gym and held on for the Metro

League victory.

The Tigers had three different players hit three-point shots in the opening quarter. Chris Gilbert led the Tigers with 19 points, while Peyton Coffman netted 12 points.

**Girls Basketball
Fenton 52, Swartz Creek 51**

Chloe Idoni grabbed an offensive rebound and scored on the putback, giving the Tigers the thrilling road victory. It was the team's only lead of the contest.

The Tigers trailed by two with 11 seconds left when Madison Shegos hit a free throw, cutting the gap to just one.

Idoni finished with 23 points, while Shegos netted 10 points.

Sarah Cummings had eight points while Maddie Carr had five points.

**Corunna 57,
Lake Fenton 44**

The Blue Devils scored 12 points in the opening half, resulting in the road loss to Corunna.

Haley Whittecar led the Blue Devils (3-12) with 17 points. She also had two steals. Sierra Arroyo netted nine points and two steals, while Sydney Sheyachich had seven points and five rebounds. Autumn Beardsley had six points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots, while Hannah Garty collected four steals and three assists.

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Fenton swimmers defeat Brandon

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Fenton's varsity boys swimming and diving team remained in first place in the Metro by defeating the Brandon Blackhawks 116-69. Fenton took firsts in seven events and swept the top three positions in two individual events. Those events were the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle. In the IM, Jake Iddings took first (2:21.14), followed by teammates Noah Maier (2:22.18) and Jacob Taylor (2:31.84). The sweep put the Tigers up for the first time in the meet, and the Tigers would not lose the lead. In the 100 freestyle, it was Zac Miceli who set the pace (49.03), and he was followed by Kyle Banner (52.47) and Michael Fabatz (53.25).

Three other Fenton individuals captured firsts. They were John Leaske in the 50 freestyle (25.53), Jack Hall in the 100 butterfly (1:03.89), and Noah Sizemore in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.73). Two relays recorded firsts. The 200 freestyle relay team of Miceli, Justin Beemer, Fabatz and Kyle



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Kyle Banner competes in the backstroke during a recent meet. Banner was on Fenton's winning 200 freestyle relay team against Brandon.

Banner earned a first (1:33.88), while the 400 freestyle relay team of Spencer Gabler, Dean Kromer, Hunter Smith and Andrew Gabler (3:50.64) also earned a first.

HOLLY

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“I feel as the season goes on, we need someone off the bench to step up, so I'm trying to fill that role.”

Linden played well with the exception of two periods in the game. Linden trailed only 13-12 entering the second quarter after Garrett Strang netted a three-pointer. However, Holly began the second with a 13-0 run.

The Holly (9-1, 11-2) lead grew to as many as 46-28 after a breaking layup by Steven Redmond with 5:10 left in the third

quarter. However, Linden went on an impressive 17-6 run. The spurt was sparked by Cole Sarkon's 10 third-quarter points and capped by a Hunter Michael post layin. Suddenly, the Eagles trailed just 52-45 and only 54-45 entering the final period. However, Holly went on an 8-1 run to start the fourth, taking a 62-46 lead.

After Hodges' 28 points, Kyle Woodruff followed with 19 points. Tooley chipped in seven points. Sarkon hit six treys for Linden (1-9, 2-11) and finished with 19 points. Strang provided 13 points, while Tyler Hoeberling netted eight points.

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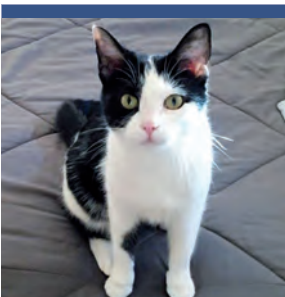
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Kathleen Anne
Huige

1953-2016

Kathleen Anne Huige - age 62, of Holly, died Saturday, February 6, 2016. Services will be held 2 PM Thursday, February 11, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road,



Fenton. Fr. David Harvey officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Thursday from 1 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Kathleen was born June 21, 1953 in Grosse Pointe Woods, the daughter of John and Henriette (VanSteelandt) Huige. She was a 1971 graduate of Lake Fenton High School and a graduate of Ross Medical Education Center in Flint. She was a member of the Fenton Eagles. Kathleen had resided in the Fenton area for the past 15 years. She enjoyed gardening and camping, but most of all spending time with her family. Surviving are: fiancée, Steven Schmidt of Holly; daughter, Kelli Donigan of Grand Rapids; son, Shaun and wife Amanda Donigan of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Anish, Devin, and Emma; brothers, John and wife Susan Huige of The Villages, FL and Kevin and wife Andrea Huige of Fenton; niece Jennifer Huige of Allegan; and nephew, Andrew Huige of Belleville. She was preceded in death by her parents. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Rita L. Lorang

1933-2016

Rita L. Lorang - age 82, of Fenton, died Wednesday, February 3, 2016. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr.



David Harvey celebrant. Burial in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-8 PM where a vigil service was held at 7 PM and will be at the church Wednesday from 10:30 AM until the time of Mass. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Rita L. Lorang Memorial Fund, c/o Sharp Funeral Homes. Rita was born September 14, 1933 in Bay City the daughter of George and Mary (Pashak) Horstman. She married James M. Lorang November 23, 1957 in Auburn and he preceded her in death February 3, 2012. She had resided in Fenton since 1960 coming from Flint. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Surviving are: sons, James Lorang and Matthew Lorang both of Fenton; grandchildren, Nicholas Valentine of New Mexico and Netalia Valentine of Colorado; siblings, Norman Horstman of Auburn, Gerald (Shirley) Horstman of Saginaw, George (Rosalie) Horstman of Midland, Ronald (Lois) Horstman of Lowell, Donald (Audrey) Horstman of Charlevoix, James Horstman of Midland, and Bennie Horstman of Saginaw; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Patrick Lorang; daughter, Rita Anna Valentine; brother, Richard; and sisters, Dorothy Valley and Agatha Jankowiak. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Jim Cmejrek

1944-2016

Jim Cmejrek - age 71, of Ann Arbor, passed away Saturday, January 30, 2016 in Hilton Head, SC. His accomplishments were many, but he will most importantly be remembered as a tremendous father, loving and doting grandfather, wonderful brother, and generous friend. Born on August 15, 1944 in Fenton, the youngest son of Joseph and Bessie (Simcik) Cmejrek. Jim grew up on Lake Ponemah, where he had many adventures. Jim loved the lake and along with his brother Joe, his dog Biddie, and lifelong friends, all enjoyed swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. He attended Fenton High School where he was an accomplished student and athlete, earning nine varsity letters in football (4 years), baseball (3 years) and basketball (2 years) as well as being named to the Class B Michigan All-State football team in his senior year. Jim was recruited to the University of Iowa where he was a football letterman, playing starting center. He graduated from the University of Iowa with an undergraduate degree in Political Science in 1966. He then went onto Law School at the University of Iowa, where he graduated in 1969. He was admitted to the Iowa State Bar Association in 1969 and the State Bar of Michigan in 1970. Jim practiced law in Ann Arbor from 1971 until his death. Over his 47-year career, he assisted thousands of clients with Workers Compensation and Disability claims. In April of 1978 Jim was elected to the Ann Arbor City Council representing Ward 5 from April 1978 to April 1980. On July 15, 1967 Jim married his high school sweetheart Susan Kay Williams and they spent 23 wonderful years in marriage together. Susan preceded Jim in death on November 7, 1990. Jim's true passion in life, besides his children and grandchildren, was golf. He loved the game and he loved being on the golf course. He would play almost every day of the week in the summer, never using sunscreen and not staying hydrated, despite his daughter's constant

reminders. Jim successfully shot a hole-in-one on June 5, 1987 - a crowning achievement in his golf career. A dedicated sports fan, Jim loved going to numerous sporting events. Every year he looked forward to his annual trip to Iowa City for the Hawkeyes Homecoming & going to weekly Detroit Tigers games.

Jim's face lit up when he took his granddaughter, Grace, to her first Tigers game - one of the many special adventures he got to share as a grandpa. Likewise, Jim looked forward to Samuel running and tackling his Grandpa Jim upon every Sunday visit. He also loved Lake Charlevoix, where he had a second home for many years. Jim's children, grandchildren and friends spent many wonderful days with him on the lake - boating, swimming, eating ice cream, and enjoying time together. While Jim's death was sudden, his family and friends take comfort in knowing that Jim passed away doing what he truly loved to do in a place that he and his family loved. Jim and Susan are now together and will continue to be loved and remembered by all. Jim is survived by his two daughters and his son-in-law, Julie and Jason Forton of Northville, MI and Katie Cmejrek of Ann Arbor, his grandchildren, Grace and Samuel Forton; his brother and sister-in-law Joseph and Phyllis Cmejrek, and his father-in-law and wife Dr. Paul and Patricia Williams. Visitation for Jim will be held from 4 - 8 PM Friday, February 12, 2016 at Nie Funeral Home, 3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM Saturday, February 13, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 with luncheon to follow. Burial will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made in honor of Jim to The University of Iowa Foundation (P.O. Box 4550, Iowa City, Iowa, 52244) Attention: Athletic Scholarship Fund or the United Way of Genesee County, Flint Water Fund (111 East Court Street, Suite 3A, Flint, Michigan, 48502).



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- 5 Herons' kin
- 6 Rugged rock
- 7 Brave
- 8 Have bills
- 9 Author Ferber
- 10 Chicken —
- 11 Duel tool
- 20 "Hiawatha" writer
- 22 Put your two cents in
- 24 Ducks work
- 25 Half a dance?
- 26 Once around
- 27 Melody
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Pepsi®, Diet Pepsi®, Mountain Dew®, Diet Mountain Dew®,
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