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Fenton Area Public Schools
athletic director

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Plungers raise over $65,000 for Special Olympics

200 brave the icy water of Lake Fenton

By Hannah Ball
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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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Testing reveals Linden water safe to drink

Lead levels well within regulatory standards

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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 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 system or within residential households,” he said. “We are responsible to provide safe, quality drinking water to residents and businesses, whether it’s coming from some-body’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.
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 Pier 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 Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show. 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 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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“Erin Olsen is professional breeder and Koi’s owner.”

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Erin Olsentrots 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.
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 especially true 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 clashing. 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 braggadocio, 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 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 Sanders, 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 race-baiting rhetoric of Donald Trump.

For both parties, the 2016 presidential election is a watershed moment. It’s the perfect time for the Democrats to stake their claim as a party of progress and the Republicans to leave behind the worst of the Tea Party.

For progressives, the choice is clear. For moderates, it’s a tough one. But with the right kind of leadership, the Democratic Party can continue to evolve and grow. That’s what the future looks like.

— Mark Rummel
Executive Chef, The Laundry, Fenton

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

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 Pasta Sandwich and add turkey to it. It’s one of my favorites.

— Justin Ward
Owner of The Barn, Fenton

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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.

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, PepsicoCo., 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. See BOOK on 10

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. Outiders 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 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.

ABOUT THE BREED . . .

The Norwegian Elkhound is a hardy gray hunting dog of medium size and substance, square in profile and balanced in proportions. The head is broad with prick ears and the tail is tightly curled and carried over the back. The distinctive gray coat is dense and smooth-lying.

As a hunter, the Norwegian Elkhound has the courage, agility and stamina to hold moose and other big game at bay by barking and dodging attack, and the endurance to track for long hours in all weather over rough and varied terrain.

Source: American Kennel Club

TOP DOG

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But it’s the love of competition that keeps them going. “He’s been traveling with me to the shows since he was a pup,” said Erin. “Now it’s second nature to him.”

The Olsens left for Indianapolis on Wednesday in their RV to compete in three shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They will then will drive to New York City on Sunday for the Westminster show. “He’ll get a bath and his toenails done before the show, and we’ll brush his teeth,” said Erin. “He’s been sleeping in my bed.”

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

ACTIVE SHOOTER
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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 wishes,” 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. Brett 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.

Knapp said that the current FAPS policy, 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.”
Students learn lessons by helping Flint children

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

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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 Elementary School in Fenton. They are 50 cents each.

“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 some Valentine’s Day gift ideas for the man in your life:

• Grooming sets, including after-shave, body sprays, pomade, beard butter, soap and fragrances
• Map jewelry and key chains, notting the place you two met or a special vacation destination
• A briefcase barbecue, providing a portable grill wherever he travels
• A unique gift card or certificate to a specialty store
• A cooking class for the two of you
• A special order of steaks or meats from his favorite steakhouse
• Grooming sets, including after-shave, body sprays, pomade, beard butter, soap and fragrances
• A special order of steaks or meats from around the world, like the “Carnivore Club” or Omaha Steaks
• Chocolates made with single malt Scotch or other liquors
• Wireless speakers or headphones
• Sunglasses
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 $190.53.
- 37.8 percent of consumers will send Valentine’s Day greeting cards.
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- Adults age 35-44 ($176.21), 18-24 ($180.42), and 25-34 ($176.21) are 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 you off was texting as she ‘didn’t see’ me 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 (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.**

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**VALENTINE’S Day**
with loved ones this year.

**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.
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. Anise 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. Anise drove to Randa’s apartment at 8:30 a.m. to check on her and found the apartment vacant.

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 had no credible leads. Crime Stoppers has assisted with the investigation, however, they have had no credible leads. Crime Stoppers has assisted with the investigation.

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

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. 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.”

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

See HOLLY on 12
Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The team tourney starts
Fenton is poised to make a team state championship.

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 state title. The team will turn its attention to the Perry tournament Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

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

By David Troppens
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 Kaityn 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 close to 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. Holly answered back in its next possession. Kerner sent an inbound 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. Lineback followed with nine points, while Gillespie finished with five points.

LF boys remains hot; Fenton girls edge Swartz Creek

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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 win 54-41.

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.

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 Blackhaws 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 Laddings 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 Ban ter (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 Beemser, Fabatz and Kyle 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.

"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 Strong 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. Sarkon hit six treys for Linden (9-2, 2-11) and finished with 19 points. Strong provided 13 points, while Tyler Hoeberling netted eight points.
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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 3 PM Thursday, February 11, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Home, 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 (VanSleenland) 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 Lutheran Church. 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: fiance, Steven Schmidt of Holly; daughter, Kelli Donigan of Grand Rapids; son, Shaun and wife Amanda Donigan of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Anish, Devon, and Emma; brothers, John and wife Susan Huige of Traverse City, Steve Huige of Fenton, FL and Kevin and wife Andrea Huige of Fenton; nieces, Jennifer Hughes of Allegan, and nephew, Andrew Huige of Belle Isle. She was preceded in death by her parents.

tributes may be posted on sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Rita L. Lorang 1933-2016

Rita 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, 260 N. Adelaide St., Fenton.

David Harvey celebrant. Burial at St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Tuesday from 1-4 & 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, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, and along with his brother Joe, his dog Biddle, and lifelong friends, enjoyed swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. He attended Fenton High School where he was an accomplished student and earring 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 and basketball teams in his senior year. Jim was recruited to the University of Iowa where he loved the lake and along with his brother Joe, his dog Biddle, and lifelong friends, enjoyed swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. He attended Fenton High School where he was an accomplished student and earned 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 and basketball teams in his senior year. Jim was recruited to the University of Iowa where he loved the lake and along with his brother Joe, his dog Biddle, and lifelong friends, enjoyed swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. He attended Fenton High School where he was an accomplished student and earned 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 and basketball teams in his senior year. Jim was recruited to the University of Iowa where he loved the lake and along with his brother Joe, his dog Biddle, and lifelong friends, enjoyed swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. He attended Fenton High School where he was an accomplished student and earned 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 and basketball teams in his senior year. Jim was recruited to the University of Iowa where he loved the lake and along with his brother Joe, his dog Biddle, and lifelong friends, enjoyed swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. He attended Fenton High School where he was an accomplished student and earned 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 and basketball teams in his senior year. Jim was recruited to the University of Iowa where he loved the lake and along with his brother Joe, his dog Biddle, and lifelong friends, enjoyed swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. He attended Fenton High School where he was an accomplished student and earned 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 and basketball teams in his senior year. Jim was recruited to the University of Iowa where he loved the lake and along with his brother Joe, his dog Biddle, and lifelong friends, enjoyed swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. He attended Fenton High School where he was an accomplished student and earned 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 and basketball teams in his senior year. Jim was recruited to the University of Iowa where he loved the lake and along with his brother Joe, his dog Biddle, and lifelong friends, enjoyed swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. He attended Fenton High School where he was an accomplished student and earned 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 and basketball teams in his senior year. Jim was recruited to the University of Iowa where he loved the lake and along with his brother Joe, his dog Biddle, and lifelong friends, enjoyed swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. He attended Fenton High School where he was an accomplished student and earned 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 and basketball teams in his senior year. Jim was recruited to the University of Iowa where he loved the lake and along with his brother Joe, his dog Biddle, and lifelong friends, enjoyed swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. He attended Fenton High School where he was an accomplished student and earned 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 and basketball teams in his senior year. Jim was recruited to the University of Iowa
DVD RELEASES

LOVE THE COOPERS
This ensemble family comedy follows the Cooper family as four generations gather for their annual Christmas Eve celebration. A series of unexpected events disrupts the evening, but the family comes together and regains the spirit of the season. Directed by Jessie Nelson. Cast includes: Alan Arkin, John Goodman, Ed Helms, Diane Keaton and Olivia Wilde. PG-13, 2 hr.

HOME INVASION
Terror arrives at the one place we all feel safest in this taut psychological thriller starring Natasha Henstridge, Jason Patric and Scott Adkins. When a wealthy woman and her stepson are targeted by a trio of expert thieves in their remote mansion, her only form of help comes from a call with a security systems specialist. But as the intruders become increasingly hostile and the connection wavers, will she trust him to be her eyes and navigate her to safety? PG-13, 1 hr. 28 min.

Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times
### LUNCH COMBO
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HOT & READY WEEKDAYS

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<td>4 slice Deep Deep Dish Pizza with Pepperoni &amp; 20oz. Pepsi</td>
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4-8 pm or order anytime. pepperoni plus tax

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### DEEP DISH

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