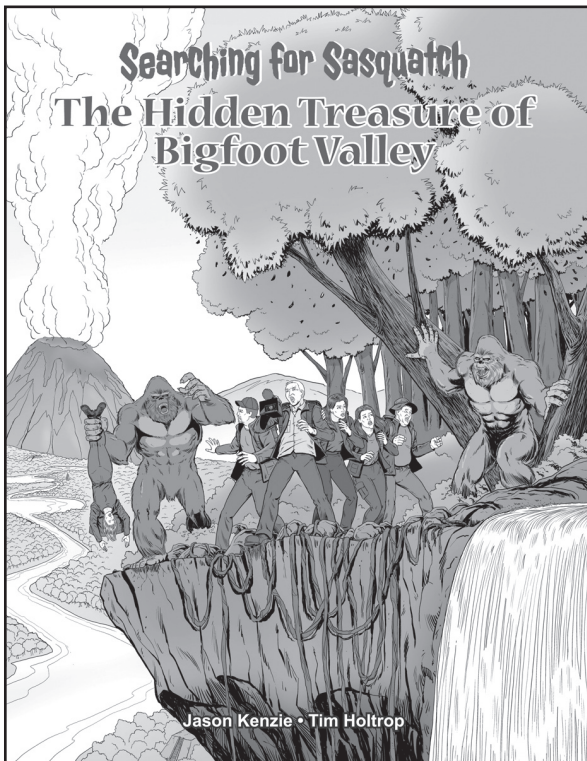


Local Artist and Canadian Squatcher Collaborate on New Comic Book



New Comic Book "Searching for Sasquatch: The Hidden Treasure of Bigfoot Valley"

by Kimmie Holtrop

Searching for Sasquatch: The Hidden Treasure of Bigfoot Valley, a brand-new comic book based on Canadian Bigfoot researcher Jason Kenzie's documentary film series, "Searching for Sasquatch," was recently published as a collaborative effort by Jason Kenzie, and local Michigan artist, Tim Holtrop.

Jason and Tim developed the plot for this exciting adventure story, in which a determined team, based on Jason's real-life friends from some of his expeditions—the She-Squatchers, a trio of all-female researchers, as well as his friends Todd Parsons and David Dominique—ventures deep into the forests of British Columbia in search of an elusive Cryptid, stumbling upon a wild, unexplored valley, and a secret cache of ancient treasure that's protected by a tribe of Sasquatch.



Jason Kenzie, author, documentary filmmaker, and Bigfoot researcher.

Jason wanted to make a comic book for a long time, and finally found the opportunity when Tim, freelance storyboard artist and illustrator, as well as a fellow Bigfoot fan, reached out to him. Tim worked on the art for the comic, with some help from his wife and daughter on editing, and from four of his sons doing the coloring, lettering, and layout. Each family member enjoyed his or her part in producing this thoroughly entertaining and heartwarming story.

Tim has been interested in Bigfoot since he was a kid. "Although, I've never seen one, I do believe there could be a creature like that out there. As a commercial artist, I draw everyday products and practical things for advertising, but I'm also fascinated by the wonders of creation, and enjoy drawing stories of the possible adventures people can have out in nature." He sees the world as a big place, with many mysterious things yet to be discovered.

As a photojournalist, Jason's love for animals led him to become a pet photographer. His interest in Bigfoot began when the COVID-19 pandemic restricted traveling. So, in quest of adventure, Jason set out into the forests of Canada and the United States, listening to the eyewitness testimony of people who have encountered the infamous Sasquatch. "My entire life, I've heard about Bigfoot. Growing up, everyone used to talk about the Sasquatch, but I never really took interest. I always thought it was an urban legend," Jason said.



Tim & Lin Holtrop, the Bigfoot artist - editor team.



Kate Holtrop, editor and Bigfoot enthusiast.

Sasquatch. Jason's favorite part of his research into this elusive Cryptid is being able to make new friends and meet new people, while hiking and camping in beautiful outdoor locations.



(L->R) **Cameron, Collin, Christian, and Caleb Holtrop**, the Bigfoot comic coloring and lettering crew.

Adults and kids alike love the colorful pages and fast-paced story in the *Searching for Sasquatch* comic, which is available now at Amazon.com. "I thought it would be neat for kids to enjoy Bigfoot," said Jason. Both Jason and Tim have had good responses from people who enjoyed the comic, which is being received well in the Bigfoot community and beyond.

And as Jason says, "Let the adventures always continue."

Former Fruitport Student, Pam (Olsen) Walker Attacked by Dogs, Loses Arm

By Lorrie (Ross) West, cousin, and Mariann Cooper, aunt

Pam, 61, a former Fruitport High School student with the class of 1981 was severely injured April 15th by two Rottweiler dogs, one belonging to Pam, the other an abandoned dog brought into the home in Norton Shores four days prior to the incident. The next door neighbor called 911 when she saw Pam laying on the ground in a fenced-in area in front of her house with the dogs eating her arms. When emergency help arrived, Pound Buddies took the dogs away.

Pam's injuries are very severe. She spent two weeks in ICU at Trinity Hospital in Muskegon. Her son (Billy King), sister (Tammy), and boyfriend, Jim, have been by her side night and day throughout her procedures.

The hospital personnel has been taking excellent care of Pam as many of them knew her from the 27 years she worked with them.

Unfortunately, the great doctors were not able to save Pam's left arm as there was not much left except for the bone, and it was immediately amputated at the shoulder. They are doing everything possible to save Pam's horribly injured right arm. She was heavily sedated and on a ventilator for more than two weeks. Pam endures painful procedures on a daily basis. She has been through a horrific tragedy. As of today, she is no longer on a ventilator, so she can sometimes communicate her pain level and discomfort when she isn't heavily medicated.

When the sedation was lessened I asked her if she'd like me to read to her and she nodded 'yes,' and has asked to hear more. She dozes on and off and awakes with small requests.

Throughout this experience, we have reminded her how strong she is and that many people are praying for her. Pam has continued to maintain her positive upbeat self and is trying to be as strong as she can.

Please continue to pray for Pam that her pain will be less every day, that the Lord will ease the pain of the many procedures and surgeries that lie ahead. Prayer is the answer. Thank you!

Many have expressed a desire to help Pam, but we don't know what can be done at this point. She may need meals and housekeeping when she finally goes home, but that's not in the near future. Fruitport Area News will keep on top of the progress, and if you'd like to help somehow, please call (231) 865-3134 or email to: mail@fruitportareanews.com.

"I'm still kind of a skeptic when it comes to Bigfoot... I haven't had a daytime sighting of one of these creatures, so I can't say 100% that Bigfoot is real," Jason said. But he still keeps an open mind to the possibility of the Sasquatch's existence. He has filmed his field research into the subject, and made 11 documentaries about his quests to find the

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