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“Let me get this straight. If I get a job and go to work every day I have to pay taxes to the government. But if I don’t work, and sleep ‘til noon every day the government will pay me? Wow, that’s a tough one.”

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Carmoleta Foley holds potted primroses, surrounded by her milkweeds, hibiscus and others. She uprooted these plants among many others in the fall to keep them alive to replant them in the spring. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

When your green thumb turns blue

■ Local gardeners keep busy overwintering plants, watching winter blooms and planning for spring

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton Twp. — In Carmolita Foley's home, there are levels of plants based on where they will survive best in the winter.

Up top overlooking the lake are the hibiscus and milkweeds. Below are the tropical angel trumpets under daylight fluorescent bulbs and in the chilly walk out are geraniums snipped and stored in hibernation for the winter. "(Gardening)

relaxes me, gives me something to do, exercise, and the end result is beautiful," she said.

Foley is among many gardeners who are stuck inside in the cold season that choose to overwinter (keep alive during the freezing months) and even keep plants blooming while it's cold and gray out.

She estimates she has around 25 plants she's keeping during the winter.

Stewart Melrose, of Fenton, has a basement full of trash cans that are housing the snipped roots of plants such as the

canna flowers he had on display outside his Shiawassee Avenue home all summer.

Eventually he'll cut them off in a few months before planting, and store them in peat moss at 55 degrees in a few months before planting.

His father, Howard Melrose, also a prolific gardener, saves tubers over winter such as callow lilies, Tropicana lilies, gladiolas and dahlia bulbs.

He has half dozen orchids blooming most the time, and is already receiving his seed catalogs to get him thinking about spring.

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“It helps with the winter blues, it really does.”

Sarah Angus
Master Gardener

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The former Fenton Area Resource & Referral (FARR) building, on Mill Street in Fenton, was renovated in 2016 to become a take-out taco stand (El Topo) with a speakeasy (The Relief and Resource Co.) in the rear.

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Boards and commissions are critical to success of communities

This is the third in a series of articles aimed at defining boards and commissions, learning the names of their hard-working volunteers, their major past accomplishments and what they have planned for the near future.

By Vera Hogan

FENTON PLANNING COMMISSION

Of all the city of Fenton's boards and commissions, the Planning Commission is likely one of the most critical in that it provides for and guides the orderly growth and development of the community.

This is accomplished primarily through development of a Master Plan for the city, the zoning ordinances, and

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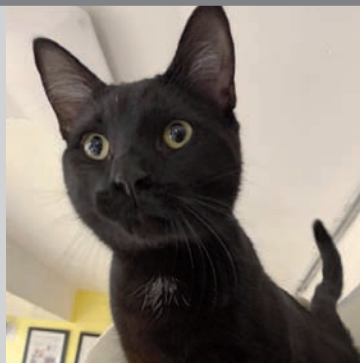
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If I Were King...

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What's UP?

What would you consider to be the most versatile word in the English language? Yes, I know it's not something we often think about, so here's a clue: This word has more meanings and definitions than any other word in the dictionary, as well as the ability to be a verb, a noun, an adjective, an adverb or a preposition. Amazingly, it has only two letters, yet it's definition is the largest and longest description in the dictionary.



FOSTER CHILDS

Do you give UP?

Okay, that's enough drama – I give you the most humble, most versatile and most popular word in the English language (drum roll please) ... UP!

We start our day when we wake UP. Then we get UP. Then we wash UP. Then put on make-UP. Then we dress UP and go to work where problems come UP and where employees speak UP until the boss says to shut UP and then a secretary writes a report UP.

Political candidates are UP for election. Some of them screw UP. Most of them are screwed UP.

We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, warm UP leftovers and clean UP a mess.

If rain is threatening we say it is clouding UP, but we hope it clears UP and the sun shows UP, so we keep our hopes UP.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

Young men call a girl UP, get dressed UP, then show UP to pick their date UP.

Fathers tell sons to be a grown-

UP, and it's UP to them not to screw UP.

Crooks give UP and put their hands UP when the gig is UP.

Every day we wake UP, sit UP, get UP, shut UP, stand UP, crack UP, call UP, speak UP, hurry UP, catch UP and finish UP. We get worked UP, but we never give UP.

Many of us get picked UP, fed UP, wound UP, mixed UP, worked UP, sized UP and messed UP.

We call UP, look UP, make UP, give UP, stand UP and get mixed UP.

I've been liquored UP, sized UP, beat UP and locked UP (where I then threw UP).

Girls get dolled UP, men get dressed UP. Drains get stopped UP and we think UP excuses.

Kids are UP to something. Mom has had it UP to here. Grandpa has worked UP an appetite and Grandma is pushing UP daisies.

We open UP our businesses each morning and close them UP each night.

Houses burn UP if the firemen don't show UP.

People bark UP the wrong tree and get UP on the wrong side of the bed. People crack UP, dredge UP, end UP, fix UP, act UP, grow UP, hush UP, make UP knock UP look UP, own UP, pay UP, shut UP, open UP, crack UP, wise UP and zip UP.

We can glance UP, sit UP, mix UP, start UP, keep UP, freshen UP and show UP.

I could go on but my time is UP, so we will wrap this UP and I will just shut UP.

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“Crooks give UP and put their hands UP when the gig is UP.”

Hotlines

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THE VERY COMPASSIONATE Trump lifted sanctions on Putin's oligarch giving him hundreds of our tax dollars while stopping the same amount in paychecks. Looks as though Putin's up for another good year. Just as Premier Khrushchev once said, 'we'll conquer America without firing a shot.'

TRUMP'S DISAPPROVAL RATING reaches record high as majority of Americans blame him for government shutdown. Trump approval falls to 36 percent in new poll.

BUILD A WALL and crime will fall. Mexico will pay, you used to say. Impeach this guy and let him cry. Let Giuliani talk and Trump won't walk. If you resign, we'll be fine. There will be no wall and that is all.

THE U.S. IS spending \$686 billion on NATO. NATO was formed to protect Western Europe against the Soviet Union, which no longer exists. The Democrats will not spend \$5.6 billion to protect our border. Who do they represent? Not a free America.

DURING THE RECENT lame-duck session, then-Gov. Rick Snyder and GOP lawmakers upset education groups by effectively shifting a windfall in online sales tax revenue from schools to roads and environmental cleanup.

NANCY PELOSI RUNS the House of Representatives but she doesn't own the building. The people own all of the government buildings. President Trump represents all of the people, not just a district in California. Trump should have his State of the Union in the peoples' house.

U.S. COMMERCE SECRETARY Wilbur Ross said on Thursday that he doesn't understand why some federal workers, who are working without pay during the government shutdown, are having to turn to food banks and homeless shelters to feed themselves. Ross, whose net worth in 2016 was estimated to be \$2.9 billion, said those workers should seek loans. What a jerk!

INCOME TAX PERCENTAGES can be deceiving. One making \$500,000/year and another making \$30,000/year are both taxed at 15 percent, the \$500,000 still has \$425,000 left. The man with \$30,000 will lose \$4,500 and will be left with \$25,500. Now if the second man gets taxed at a higher rate, how will he make ends meet?

YOU DON'T LIKE Pelosi going on a government sanctioned trip, however, I didn't see you mention Melania Trump and their son going to Florida for a vacation last week on a government jet.

WHILE HOURLY WORKERS employed by Ford Motor Co. on average will each get a \$7,600 profit-sharing check in March, the dollar amount would have been even bigger if not for President Donald Trump's tariffs.

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

Who's your favorite fictional character?



"Superman. The show was on when I was a kid. Must have been in the 50s. I never missed it."

Jack Seltzer
Linden



"Probably, from the 'Cars' movie, Lightning McQueen because he was able to make a difference for so many people in that little town."

Janine Spencer
Fenton



"Growing up, I liked the 'Flintstones.' I would say Wilma. She never let Fred get out of line."

Kim Puckett
Fenton



"I grew up with Superman. He was very popular in comic books. That was before Spiderman or any of those other guys."

Joe Sauve
Fenton



"I'm into the Punisher right now. I'm on the second season. There's lots of action and it's a great storyline."

Kathleen Hanserd
Holly

street talk

Experts urge, don't make shoveling a marathon event

■ Cold temps and physical exertion increases risk for heart attack

With this week's heavy snow, area residents will need to clear off their driveways and sidewalks. The American Heart Association warns that for most people, shoveling snow may not lead to health problems, however, the risk of a heart attack during snow shoveling increases for others.

One of the reasons heart attacks can occur during snow shoveling is the combination of colder temperatures and physical exertion which increases the workload on the heart. As a result, too much strain on the heart during these conditions can cause a heart attack. To help make snow removal safer, consider the following tips.

Consult a doctor. If you have a medical condition or don't exercise on a regular basis, schedule a meeting with your doctor prior to the first anticipated snowfall.

Take frequent breaks during shoveling so you don't overstress your heart.

Don't eat a heavy meal prior or soon after shoveling since it can place an extra load on your heart.

Don't drink alcoholic beverages before or immediately after shoveling. Alcohol may increase a person's sensation of warmth and may cause them to underestimate the extra strain their body is under in the cold.

Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia. Heart failure causes most deaths in hypothermia. Wear a hat and dress in layers of warm clothing, which traps air between layers forming a protective insulation.



Terry Green shovels the sidewalk before his camera shop, Billmeier Camera, after heavy snowfall in this file photo. Times file photo

Use a small shovel or consider a snow thrower. Lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure acutely. It is safer to lift smaller amounts more times, than to lug a few huge shovelfuls of snow. When possible, simply push the snow.

Listen to your body. If you feel the warning signs for heart attack, stop what you're doing immediately and call 9-1-1.

The warning signs of a heart attack include:

Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.

Pain spreading to the shoulders, neck and arms.

Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

For more information, call the American Heart Association visit www.americanheart.org.

Linden DDA sets goals for 2019

■ Aims to make Linden a business-friendly city

By Hannah Ball

The main goal of the Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for 2019 is supporting businesses.

Jeanine Sapelak, branch manager of The State Bank in Linden and chairperson of the DDA, said they plan to help develop business from beginning to end with mentoring from a DDA member, as well as creating a welcome committee for new businesses.

"As a project partnering with City Council, we would like to restore or rebuild the gazebo by the river to make it a focal point in the downtown area," she said. "We are working through budget ideas with community events and beautification of the downtown. Our main emphasis is positive interactions with the city and business owners and partnerships with all the different boards."

The DDA is made up of nine volunteers who serve a three-year term. The mayor, Danielle Cusson, makes recommendations to City Council, which then decides whether to approve the appointments. Cusson serves as the City Council representative on the DDA. Other members include Sapelak, Paula Flannery, Kit Maloney, Michelle Robins, Gary Mes-

senger, R. J. Sharp, Bryan Mulanix and Rodney Roberson.

Roberson, general manager of Caretel Inns of Linden, has been on the DDA for three years.

"DDA supports our community events and projects to enhance the further and ongoing development of Linden for our residents. DDA has been very active in helping events get established and grow," he said. "Moving forward DDA is constantly looking at ways to improve our downtown, from business, parking and beautification."

Mulanix, who opened Linden Family Eye Care with his wife, Dr. Gerianne Mulanix in October 2016, was appointed to the authority this past December.

"I believe wholeheartedly that Linden is primed to flourish and the next few years will be a very exciting time," he said.

Mulanix said he has three main goals for the DDA. The first is to work more closely with those looking to open a business in the city.

"To me, this means being there from the beginning to help identify potential locations to buy or lease, walk through the necessary approvals/timelines outlined by the city, help to identify potential sources of funding for redevelopment,

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“I believe wholeheartedly that Linden is primed to flourish and the next few years will be a very exciting time.”

Bryan Mulanix
Linden Downtown Development
Authority member

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prioritize our children while we continue to hamstring their futures.

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DONALD TRUMP'S PRESIDENCY cannot be helped, is dangerous for the country and is a complete failure of presidential leadership.

■■■
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS after voters approved Proposal A to improve equity among school districts, Michigan ranks last among the states in funding growth for public education. All told, Michigan spending on K-12 education in 2015 was an inflation-adjusted 82 percent of 1995 spending.

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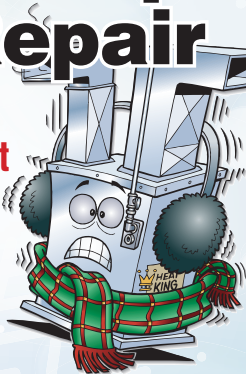
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Our Future



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Meet

Parker Brady

- Football/basketball player
- Future crime fighter
- Mentor

By Vera Hogan

Parker Brady is a 17-year-old senior at Fenton High School. He is described as a polite young man who plays football and basketball for FHS but more importantly, is a mentor to the freshman and other kids. If he sees someone sitting alone in the cafeteria he sits down with them or if he sees someone having a problem he talks with him and offers to walk them to class. He is still deciding

where he is going to go. He has a couple options thanks to his football talent. He wants to study law and go into special crimes like a detective or SWAT. He wants to try and bust as many drug dealers as possible.

Do you think the United States is a good or bad nation to live in?

I believe the United States is the greatest country in the world. Although I may not agree with the way the country has been run in recent years, the idea that the government is beholden to the people, that is has no other source of power beside the people, is still newest and most unique in the history of man.

Should all 18-to-22-year-olds have to serve two years in the military?

No. I believe that the government should not have the power to tell the people what they must do, so long as they are not infringing upon the rights of others.

If you were the President, what is the one thing you would change?

I would do everything I could to bring back manufacturing and boost middle class jobs. I believe having a strong middle class is critical.

Tell us three things you remember from kindergarten.

1. Every day we would go to science class and the teacher had a spider and I was afraid of it.
2. My friend Jacob taught me how to use a duck call using just my mouth.
3. At the end of the year we had an ice cream party and I made the best ice cream Sunday I'd ever had.

If you could time travel where would you go?

I would go back to the 50's to see how different everything was before technology, and to see what the American dream I've been hearing about my whole life was like.

If you could just eat three foods for the rest of your life, what would they be?

Roast, potatoes and carrots; venison steaks and Reeses.

What super power would you like to have?

I'd like to be able to fly to save money on plane tickets and to see what it's like.

What are two things you wouldn't be able to live without?

Technology, because it keeps me up to date on current world issues, and shoes, because they make it easier to walk, and the right shoes make it feel like you're walking on clouds.

GOALS

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and be there even after the ribbon cutting to provide ongoing support," he said.

The second goal is to make the city even more livable by supporting efforts such as the LAFF (Linden, Argentine, Fenton, Fenton Township) pathway, and develop a plan for signage, communicate with businesses along the route and add bike racks around town.

The third goal is to partner more closely with City Hall and City Council to "interface with our local business," which includes using resources like the Facade Improvement Grant.

"This would include helping to develop a communication plan to keep businesses informed about anything that may impact them and also to invite their input on critical issues that may arise," he said.

Past projects

In 2017, the DDA began efforts to bring more parking to downtown Linden by purchasing 114 Walmar St. in October for \$180,000. The property will be demolished and turned into a parking lot. The property is approximately 1.4 acres.

Budget

The DDA is funded through tax increment financing within the DDA district. The budget is approved by City Council as part of the city budget.

The fund balance for the DDA has declined every year since 2016. For the 2016-17 fiscal year, the fund balance was \$45,347, which decreased to \$38,742 for the 2017-18 fiscal year. The projected fund balance for 2018-19 is \$28,525. This is due to an increase in debt and general expenses after the DDA purchased the Walmar Street property and the Boone house on North Bridge Street.

Linden DDA District

The DDA district begins on West Broad Street, a few houses west of Hyatt Lane, and extends east through East Broad Street, a few houses past Main Street. It extends north on Bridge Street until Mill Street, and south on Bridge Street until the area around Linden Wood Drive. The detailed map can be found on lindenmi.us.

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Zoning and medical marijuana

In 2008 the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MMMA) became the law in Michigan. Due to its complexity and in some cases vagueness, there have been a number of appellate court opinions interpreting it.

This week the question will be if under the MMMA, municipalities are allowed to regulate or prohibit marijuana use in certain areas by their zoning ordinances.

The lead case on the answer is from the Michigan Supreme Court which held in the 2014 case of *Ter Beek v. City of Wyoming* that a 2010 city zoning ordinance which prohibited uses of land that were contrary to federal law and which punished noncompliance with a civil sanction was invalid. The court found that there was a direct conflict with the MMMA, despite the illegality of marijuana under federal law, as this was a state law issue and the city could not penalize MMMA — compliant medical marijuana use.

As a result the court determined that the ordinance was “preempted” (superceded) by the MMMA and allowed the Plaintiff John Ter Beek, a qualified patient who had sued the city, to grow, possess and use medical marijuana in his home.

Last year another zoning case with similar facts called *DeRuitter v. Township of Byron* was decided by the Michigan Court of Appeals.

This case involved a zoning ordinance which allowed medical marijuana caregivers to use and grow marijuana only in a residential zoned property.

The plaintiff, Christie DeRuitter, was a caregiver who sued to have the township’s ordinance declared invalid under the MMMA as she was properly growing marijuana but in a commercial zoned location.

The Michigan Court of Appeals found MMMA preemption as the zoning ordinance directly conflicted with the statute citing *Ter Beek* and other cases. The township could not limit locations for marijuana use as long as the activity was in compliance with the MMMA.

The township filed an application for leave to appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court. On Jan. 23, 2019 the court directed the clerk to schedule oral argument on the application and directed the township to file a supplemental brief as to the preemption question pertaining to the location of registered medical marijuana caregivers.

When a final decision is made I will provide an updated report.

COMMISSIONS

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the city’s rules and regulations governing land use.

Planning commissioners should have good listening skills, and knowledge or a good understanding of community issues and ordinances, according to plannersweb.com. They must be fair and open-minded, and be well-prepared for commission meetings.

Public speaking and the ability to communicate well also are important traits for planning commissioners. Analytic ability also is an important skill, as is having relevant experience or background.

“The most rewarding part about being on the Planning Commission is meeting and getting to know so many people in our community,” said Charity Thompson, chair of the Fenton Planning Commission. “It’s nice to be a part of the growth in our city, but it’s really the people that I’ve

met that have made me want to continue being involved.

“Learning more about what goes into city planning and how the different city boards work together has been a challenge, but the perspective it’s given me is something I really appreciate,” Thompson said. “Many of our commission

members have so much experience with this, and I am just trying to take it all in, learn as much as I can, and lead the meetings the best I can.

“It’s really hard to narrow down which projects the Planning Commission is most proud of when we have to much going on in the city right now,” she said.

Thompson said she is personally most proud of being involved in seeing existing spaces utilized for successful business-

es, such as Red Fox Outfitters in the old Fenton Bean Company building, and El Topo and The Relief and Resource Co. in the former FARR (Fenton Area Resource

“The most rewarding part about being on the Planning Commission is meeting and getting to know so many people in our community.”

Charity Thompson
Chair of the Fenton Planning Commission.

& Referral) building on Mill Street.

“These businesses used an existing space so well, and really add to the character of the city,” Thompson said.

The Fenton Planning Commission is assisted by Carmine Avantini of CIB Planning.

“They are a huge asset to the city,” she said. “The work that goes into the material we see at Planning Commission is so thorough and detailed. Carmine’s work makes the reviews go smoothly and quickly most of the time. There may be a difference of opinion, but we can’t make good decisions without hearing a viewpoint we may not have thought of.”

City of Fenton Planning Commission members include Chairwoman Charity Thompson, and members Donald “Skip” Bancroft, John Carpenter, Michael Morey, Richmond Riggs, Terry Steffey, Dave Stickel and Sue Yeotis. They meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Fenton City Hall, 301 S. LeRoy St., Fenton.

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WEATHER

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Monday, Jan. 28 brought steady snow and cold temperatures, and it's not expected to let up all week.

All local school districts were closed Monday and Tuesday due to snow and cold, and negative temperatures are predicted.

Lake Fenton Community Schools cancelled its school board meeting as well.

In a rare occurrence, Fenton City Council and Linden City Council cancelled their Monday night meetings due to inclement weather.

Some businesses shut down before their regular quitting time.

While November and December were fairly mild, winter has roared back into mid-Michigan, due to the infamous "polar vortex," according to USA Today. The polar vortex is a large area of cold air high up in the atmosphere that normally spins over the North Pole. It's expected to move from the Arctic Circle down over the Great Lakes.

Republic Services, which handles waste and recycling collection for most of the tri-county area, confirmed that they will not be completing routes on Wednesday due to the weather. Customers will be delayed one day, and in some cases, a week, according to Republic Services.

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Worn-out words and phrases

■ New research pinpoints the top phrases overused in the office

Compiled by Vera Hogan

Some of the phrases we hear in the office every day are overused. New research, conducted by OnePoll in conjunction with JiveCommunications, has pinpointed the top phrases used in the workplace that are outdated.

The findings were compiled after the examination of communication behaviors of 2,000 American workers. If you've constantly been told to "think outside the box," or have ever been accused of "throwing (someone) under the bus," your secret bathroom complaint sessions have now been validated by research.

Several of the phrases are quite old-school and might remind you of things a nagging grandmother or baby boomer from the typewriter-filled offices of yesteryear might say, so it's quite interesting to see that these are still communication mainstays wreaking havoc on professionals' nerves.

"Don't count your chickens before they're hatched" made it to No. 6, "barking up the wrong tree" landed at No. 16, and

“We literally need to stop overusing literally. It's literally useless to toss it in every sentence. We literally don't recognize that we're abusing the literal meaning of the word.”

Greg Rudolph
BoardBlazers.com,
founder and CEO



"best thing since sliced bread," got No. 27 on the list.

Other often-used, seemingly relevant and fitting phrases like "Give it 110 percent" (at the top spot) and "win-win situation" (at No. 10) might leave you wondering, "Well, what else am I supposed to say?"

Experts recommend expanding your vocabulary and tailoring your communications to be more personable in the workplace. The Johnson O'Connor Research Foundation offers suggestions for expansion of vocabulary including reading more books and using a dictionary and vocabulary workbook to

get in the habit of using different words and phrases correctly.

According to blackenterprise.com, the following are examples of some of the most annoying business jargon:

- Give 110 percent
- Think outside the box
- Hammer it out
- Throw them under the bus
- Don't count your chickens before they've hatched
- Pushing the envelope
- Let the cat out of the bag
- Let's circle back
- Win-win situation
- Take it to the next level
- Barking up the wrong tree
- Going forward
- Let's ballpark this
- Run this up the flagpole
- Back to square one
- There's no "I" in team

Here are even more business clichés that you may want to avoid in order to come across as a truly original thinker and speaker:

- Back to the drawing board
- Paradigm shift
- Elephant in the room
- Raise the bar
- Best thing since sliced bread
- Skin in the game
- Reach out
- Touch base
- Play hardball
- Don't reinvent the wheel
- Kept in the loop
- The bottom line
- Down the road
- I'll loop you in
- Hit the nail on the head
- ASAP
- Team player

On the other hand ...

Most of the overused words and phrases above have been crafted over the years by seasoned business people, not millennials. But there are some bad habits millennials are bringing to the work place, something they should stop doing if they want to be taken seriously.

According to inc.com, the following are some of the most-complained-about speaking habits millennials use.

Saying things like: "It seems like my time would be best spent..."

"This person sounds responsible, but they've potentially ditched the team's goals and priorities for their own preferences. They want to do what they want to do — but what if they are missing the whole point of owning the big picture and what's needed?" — *Andy Hooper, vice president, Gap International*

"I can't even."

"This sarcastic phrase indicating a breaking point or speechlessness is entirely overused and can undermine the speaker's professionalism. ... What is acceptable in a casual meeting at the coffee shop may not be well received by co-workers from an older generation." — *Katie Kern, PR and marketing director, Media Frenzy Global*

"Like..."

"As a millennial myself, I can tell you the biggest thing my generation needs to get rid of is using the word 'like' with such excessiveness. There is nothing that will (lead you to being) dismissed more quickly than a few too many 'likes' during a meeting or on a call." — *Peter Mertens, associate, Burson-Marsteller*

"Literally."

"We literally need to stop overusing literally. It's literally useless to toss it in every sentence. We literally don't recognize that we're abusing the literal meaning of the word. Fellow millennials, please join me in banning the word from our vocabulary — I'm literally begging you." — *Greg Rudolph, founder and CEO, BoardBlazers.com*

"Man."

"One of the most common habits I've noticed [among] millennials (including myself) is using the word 'man' in sentences, making them sound less professional: 'All right man, that sounds good.' ... In many cases it just comes across as unprofessional. Honestly, I have this habit and it's something I'm trying to break." — *Brandon Howard, owner, All My Web Needs*

"Dude."

"A lot of millennials like to use the word 'dude' when they're in a professional setting. ... Most older professionals won't take you seriously if you use the word *dude* as it's too casual and makes you sound immature." — *Michelle Kop, marketing specialist, GMR Transcription*

Talking too fast

"Young people often want to prove themselves, and they speak fast so they get heard. They need to slow down. ... For all ages the rule of thumb is: The more time you give yourself, the more status people give you."

Sources: Blackenterprise.com ; www.inc.com

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MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Jan. 18.

The new legislature is still getting organized, with House committee assignments announced just this week. Rather than votes, this report contains some interesting or noteworthy new bill introductions.

House Bill 4024: Allow less than unlimited auto injury insurance policies

Introduced by Rep. Beau LaFave (R), to allow auto insurance companies to offer policies with personal injury protection (PIP) coverage below the currently mandated unlimited coverage. A customer could keep the unlimited PIP or choose policies with \$250,000 or \$500,000 limits. Also, to cap the amounts charged by hospitals and health care professionals that treat or provide rehab for injuries sustained in vehicle crashes at a percentage of the amount allowed for workers compensation cases under a different law. Insurers would have to adjust rates downward by a specified amount to reflect their lower costs, or else explain in detail why not.

House Bill 4033: Compel public employees to pay union fees

Introduced by Rep. John Chirkun (D), to allow public employee unions that organize employees at government

and public school workplaces, and those workers' employers, to enter labor contracts that impose a union "service fee" on all employees, even if an individual does not wish to financially support the union. The bill appears to violate the U.S. Supreme Court's June 2018 ruling in Janus v. AFSCME, which held that compelling public employees to pay dues or fees violates their rights to freedom of speech and freedom of association. House Bill 4034 would authorize compulsory union fees for private sector employees in unionized workplaces, essentially repealing Michigan's right-to-work law, a change that would not challenge the Supreme Court's Janus ruling.

House Bill 4039: Ban selling tobacco to adults under 21

Introduced by Rep. Tommy Brann (R), to ban selling or giving a person under the age of 21 tobacco, electronic cigarettes or "tobacco paraphernalia," subject to a civil fine of up to \$2,500, and \$5,000 for second or subsequent violations. The bill defines "tobacco product" as "cigarettes, noncigarette smoking tobacco, or smokeless tobacco, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, shisha, snuff, or an electronic device," and "tobacco paraphernalia" as an "item designed or marketed for the consumption, use, or preparation of a tobacco product." Under current law there is a \$50 fine for selling tobacco to a person less than 18 years old.

House Bill 4042: Authorize interstate nurse licensure compact

Introduced by Rep. Mary Whiteford (R), to authorize Michigan's participation in an interstate nurses licensure compact that would allow registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPNs/VNs) to get a multi-state license that is good in all states that join the compact.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE MAGA HAT speaks to America's greatness with lies of omission and contortion. To wear a MAGA hat is to wrap oneself in a Confederate flag. The look may be more modern and the fit more precise, but it's just as woeful and ugly.

NO PRESIDENT HAS played more golf in office than Donald Trump.

SCIENTISTS THISWEEK added another 'gloom and doom' prediction to the list of catastrophes we can expect from the changing climate — a disruption to the world's groundwater supply.

GROUNDWATER, WHICH IS naturally stored in underground aquifers, is

used in crop production and to provide drinking water for billions of people. A changing climate could disrupt the natural process by which groundwater replenishes itself.

GREAT FRONT PAGE hot line on Sunday asking how anyone would vote for open borders, more welfare, more crime, more free students and more foreigners with no background checks. Yeah, hard to answer these questions.

A REPUBLICAN U.S. representative on Thursday introduced White House-drafted legislation that would give President Donald Trump more power to levy tariffs on imported goods in an effort to pressure other countries to lower their duties and other trade barriers.



Carmoleta Foley has colorful perennials like the coleus plant upstairs in a well-lit room. Photo: Tim Jagielo

GREEN THUMB Continued from Page 3

He misses being outside, working on the flower gardens and seeing them grow. "We enjoy the spring with the early spring bulbs, tulips hyacinths, the petunias, dusty miller, for early memorial day bloom," he said. "After July 4, we have other later blooming flowers."

Master Gardener Sarah Angus of Holly has many indoor houseplants, like spider plants aloes, succulents and cacti. She has amaryllis and Christmas cactus that bloom in the winter. "It helps with the winter blues, it really does," she said. Angus works for the city of Fenton managing the plants in the downtown area during

the spring, but in the winter, she's clearing sidewalks of snow.

When the heat comes on in the house, she knows it's time to bring plants, like her ferns, inside and gardening season is about to end.

"It gets a little frustrating in a way, you just miss it a lot," she said. In the mean time she'll start planning and pick seeds from the catalogue; sprout seeds indoors and propagate (breed and multiply) her plants. "I just find ways to get my hands dirty," she said.

She usually figures it's safe to start planting on Memorial Day, though Michigan State University has its own suggested days for when it's safe to start planting.

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Tee to Green Indoor Golf is the area's first indoor golf simulator, now open in Fenton.
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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

Tee to Green Indoor Golf

When the weather's frightful, brush up on your game with area's first indoor golf simulator

By Sally Rummel

Phil and Sarah Senter have been avid golfers for years. Five years ago, this active couple started traveling 45 miles to golf simulators in Troy and Auburn Hills to practice their swings during golf's off-season.

They decided to take a swing at their own indoor golf business in Fenton, opening in November 2018.

Tee to Green Indoor Golf is at 1580 N. LeRoy, Suite 9, in the plaza south of Sears Hometown Store.

This simulator golf experience will take you to 24 world-renowned golf courses

to play either nine or 18 holes. "It gives you that real life experience," Sarah said. "You can also practice on driving ranges, chipping and putting."

Tee to Green also aims to help improve your game before the start of golf season. "Our software gives you a full stat analysis of your swing, including your approach, launch angle and ball speed," Sarah said. "It gives you the ability to see and adjust your grips and your footings."

Tee to Green Indoor Golf offers hourly rentals, league play for men, women and couples. "We'll be launching our first tournament in February," Sarah said. "We're also trying to put a high school league together."

For more information or to book a tee time, call (810) 354-8111.

BOND SPENDING

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HAS will raise approximately \$38,150,000 over four years, dividing the funds into several project phases, the first of which initiates this spring.

The projects will be funded through the recent sale of \$18.6 million of series 1 bonds and series 2 bonds to be sold in January 2021, according to Superintendent Scott Roper. "These projects are made possible by the generosity of our community, which has made a long-term investment in critical school safety and building enhancements, and technology upgrades that help prepare all Bronchos for the modern workforce," he said via news release.

The largest projects will take place the summer of 2022, and 2021, but there are several projects set to start this spring.

Projects include additional security cameras in all buildings, enhanced security door hardware in all buildings, new Davisburg Elementary playground equipment, Holly Middle School food service and kitchen upgrades and the final phase of the new Holly High School boilers and chillers.

Roper said that planning will begin one year before projects are set to begin, which will include design, development and state review of documents.

The district is currently planning the next phases, which include prioritizing needs, assessing current buildings and equipment and using community input for each phase.

Roper reported that selling the remaining 2008 and 2009 refunding bonds saved the district \$434,154 in interest costs.

DRIVERS

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Quotewizard.com used more than two million data points from the users of their site and looked at data from the Federal Highway Administration.

"Congrats, Michigan, you're number one! If you want a stress-free road trip, pack your bags and head to the Great Lakes State. Drivers earn the gold medal thanks to less citations, speeding, and fatalities than last year," according to the study on quotewizard.com.

However, there's a caveat.

"...our study only accounts for insured drivers, and this state has plenty of rule breakers. Although Michigan's insured drivers are the best in the country, one in five don't have car insurance. Oops!"

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FIRE

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the home at the time of the fire did not suffer any serious injuries. Emergency responders were not injured either.

The south side corner of the home was blackened and smoke spread throughout the entire roof.

"As for cost in damages, I would say the home will be a total loss but that will depend on the homeowner's insurance company," he said.

The cause of the fire "possibly" started from a candle left burning.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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I HAVE TO come to the defense of the Hot-liner who said teenagers are smarter than you. You're attacking them because you don't like what they said. Neither do I, but I see where they're coming from. They were responding to a particular Hot line, not everybody reading the paper.

■ ■ ■
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■ ■ ■
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY

Notice is hereby given that on January 16, 2019 the Holly Township Board adopted amendments to the Holly Township Code of Ordinances Amendment to Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations, Add Section – Wind Energy Conversion Systems Regulations Ordinance.

A true and complete copy of Holly Township's Code of Ordinances can be viewed online at www.hollytownship.org or can be inspected or obtained at the office of the Holly Township Clerk, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan, 48442, at all times said office is open for business.

THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF HOLLY TOWNSHIP'S AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES:

SECTION 1 – AMENDMENT

Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this Section is to establish standards and procedures by which the installation and operation of a Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) for both residential and commercial use and shall be governed within the Township to protect the health, welfare, safety, and quality of life of the general public, and to ensure compatible land uses in the vicinity of the areas affected by wind energy facilities.

32-6. Definitions
32-94 Agricultural Residential (AGRE) District
32-85 Rural Estates (RE) and Suburban Residential (SR) Districts Low Density Residential Districts
32-96 Single-Family Residential Districts (R-1 and R-2)
32-97 Mobile Home Park District (MHP)
32-98 Multiple-Family Residential Districts (RM-1 and RM-2)
32-99 Local Commercial District (C-1)
32-100 General Commercial District (C-2)
32-101 Office Service District (OS)
32-102 Limited Industrial District (LI)
32-103 General Industrial District (GI)
32-93(4) Application of Height Regulations.
32-166. Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS).

SECTION 2 - INVALIDITY
SECTION 3 - REPEALER
SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE – Seven (7) days after publication of this notice.
SECTION 5 - ADOPTION

CERTIFICATION

I, duly elected clerk of the Township of Holly, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Notice of Adoption and Summary of Holly Township Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations: Add Section – Wind Energy Conversion Systems Regulation Ordinance adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Holly at the regular meeting held on the 16th day of January, 2019 at which a quorum was present.

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Bronchos undefeated in Metro entering tri with Fenton, Linden

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity wrestling team has a busy and a challenging week ahead of them.

But the Bronchos are starting the week from the best position possible — they are undefeated in the Metro League.

The Bronchos improved to 6-0 in the Metro with a pair of dual wins on Friday. The Bronchos beat Holly 46-21 and also defeated Brandon 69-10.

That means Holly will enter today's

dual meet with Fenton and Linden at Linden High School one game ahead of both teams in the standings.

"We are feeling good, but we know that Fenton and Linden are going to be tough," Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta said. "We are not comfortable by any means. We have to take care of business against them. I'd rather be in our position, than have one loss at this point. We're going to have the top three teams in the league wres-

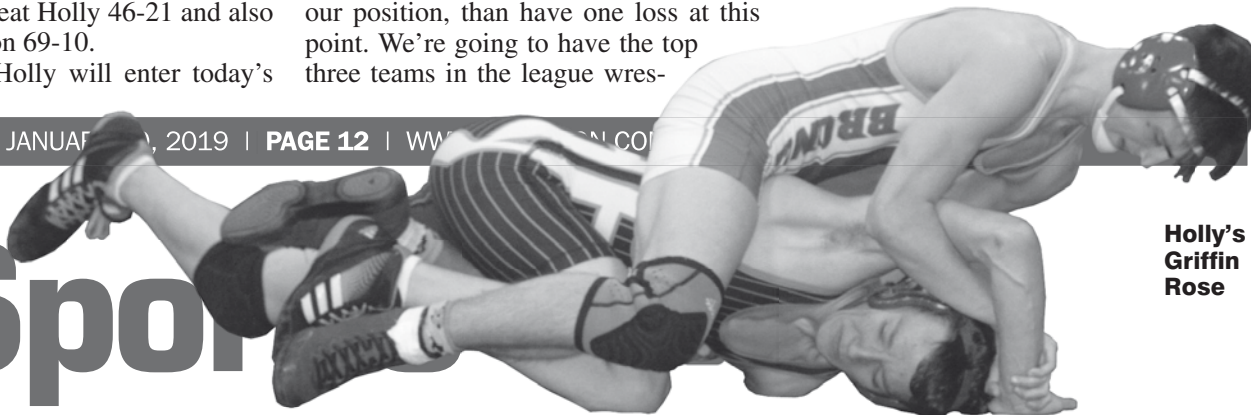
ting against each other."

The Bronchos had nine wrestlers finish the day with 2-0 records. Of those nine, three had two pinfall wins. They are Griffin Rose (130), Nate Young (140) and Cade Dallwitz (189). Andrew Kolman (112) and Jared Callahan (125) had a 2-0 record with one pinfall.

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Sports



Holly's Griffin Rose

Tigers stay atop Metro League, beat Creek

■Pivotal game vs. Kearsley slated for Friday

By David Troppens

Fenton — The first time the Fenton varsity girls basketball team played the Swartz Creek Dragons, Swartz Creek gave the Tigers a pretty good battle.

The Dragons trailed by just a 20-16 score and were looking to create an upset at home before losing 45-36.

The Tigers made sure it wasn't as dramatic the second time the two teams played. Fenton scored 25 points in the opening quarter and cruised to a 66-54 victory against the Dragons at Fenton High School, Friday.

The win sets up a showdown with fellow first-place team Kearsley at Fenton High School on Friday at 6 p.m. Both teams are tied with one loss in the Metro standings.

Team balance has been

Fenton's strength all season long, and it ended up being a strength against Swartz Creek. Four players ended up scoring double-digits with each providing offense at different times of the game.

In the opening quarter, Lauren Murphy and Chloe Idoni dominated. Murphy scored 10 points, while Idoni collected nine points, leading to a 25-9 lead after one quarter.

During the second quarter, Korryn Smith netted seven points while Murphy added another four, helping the Tigers to a 15-point quarter. Try as they may, the Dragons were unable to make a dent into the first-quarter lead during the second stanza. About the only player able to get any offense going was Cianna Gloster, scoring 10 of Swartz Creek's first-half points. The Dragons trailed 40-18 at the half.

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Fenton's Sam Whaling (front) drives to the basket during the Tigers' victory against Swartz Creek. Photo: Mark Bolen



Fenton's Jacob Boulay (front) drives to the basket during the Tigers' loss against Swartz Creek. Photo: Mark Bolen

Tigers struggle during second half vs. Dragons

By Dale M. Smith

Fenton — It was a bitterly cold Friday night at the Jungle in more ways than one for the Fenton boys' basketball team. With Fenton students dressed for the annual "Night at the Beach" event, unfortunately for Fenton fans the only heat was provided by some stellar outside shooting from the Swartz Creek Dragons as the visitors dropped the Tigers, 72-50.

The Tigers lost a heartbreaker against Creek to open the Flint Metro League season in early December when two late shots missed the mark in the last 10 seconds as Fenton fell to the Dragons, 66-63. This night looked to be another close one as the rivals punched and counter-punched in the first half.

Fenton came out strong in the first quarter and led 11-6 before a 7-0 run by Swartz Creek put the Dragons up by two at end of the first. The Tigers might have retained the lead early but for a string of turnovers preventing them from gaining any consistent rhythm on the offensive end.

In the second quarter with the score tied at 19, the Dragons used a mini run of 5-0 to regain the lead before the Tigers battled back to end the first half. Fenton led 28-27 at the break.

The second half started on a positive note as Fenton's Alec Kussro hit a three only 20 seconds in. Then, however, Creek heated up in a big way from outside the arc. Led by three 3-pointers from guard Carsen Allesie, the Dragons went on a 29-8 run to close out the third quarter and never looked back. The visitors ended up with nine 3-pointers for the game.

It didn't help that Creek was in the double bonus early in the fourth quarter. They took advantage at the free-throw line and ended up hitting 21 out of their 30 free throws. Meanwhile, Fenton only made 13 trips to the charity stripe while hitting nine free throws.

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The Fenton/Linden Griffins celebrate scoring a goal in a past game. The Griffins are in first place in league play. Photo: Mark Bolen

Griffins capture key league win vs. Tri-Valley Titans, 5-3

By David Troppens

Maybe the Fenton/Linden Griffins should be called the Road Warriors.

The squad proved they can do some serious damage on the road last week, winning two road contests. The second one came against the Tri-Valley Titans in an important Mid-Michigan Hockey Conference contest at the Saginaw-Bay Ice Arena on Saturday. The Griffins took a 2-1 lead into the first intermission and never trailed in the final two periods, earning a 5-3 victory.

Tri-Valley started strong, scoring within the first two minutes

of the contest when Matt Pike scored with 15:54 left in the first period.

However, 2:29 later, the Griffins scored their first goal when Kenneth Sorum scored his third goal of the season off a Zach Eakes assist, tying the game at 1-1. Fenton/Linden took the lead for good by scoring with just five seconds left in the first period. It came when Josh Appleberg scored the first of his two goals on assists by Eakes and Lincoln Wright. Fenton/Linden led 2-1.

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Bronchos strong second half not enough vs. Flushing



Holly's Jelon Brown (right) tries to block a shot in Friday's loss to Flushing.

Photo: Todd Boone

By David Troppens

Flushing dominated the first half.

The Holly varsity boys basketball team dominated the second half.

Unfortunately for the Bronchos, the first half domination played out a tad more importantly than the half they dominated.

Flushing jumped out to a 31-18 lead in the opening half and then held on down the stretch, earning a 52-49 Metro league victory against the Bronchos Friday night.

Holly fell behind 19-8 after one quarter which meant the Bronchos found themselves digging out of a hole pretty quickly. However, the Bronchos worked on getting out of that hole. A 15-12 edge in the third quarter cut Flushing's lead to 43-33 entering the final period. Holly scored 16 points in the fourth quarter and held Flushing to just nine, but it wasn't enough to overcome the deficit.

"We played with great intensity in the second half for the opportunity to win the game, but came up short," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Joe Merlo said.

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Linden wrestlers take second at weekend team tournament

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity wrestling team had three individual firsts en route to a second-place team finish at the Corey Fuller Invitational, Saturday.

Mitchell Kerr (140), Jimmy Roti (152) and Uziah Delgado (160) earned the firsts.

Kerr won five matches, earning his weight class title with a pinfall win against

Three Rivers's foe Javon Brown in the final. Roti also earned a pinfall win in his final match, defeating Portage Central's Logan Stuckhardt. Delgado competed against Grand Ledge's Garrett Kroczaleski in the final, winning a 6-3 decision.

Three others made it to the championship match but had to settle with runner-up finishes.

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PREP REPORT

GYMNASTICS

► **LFLF takes ninth at Jeanne Caruss Invitational:** The LFLF squad finished with a team score of 137.55. Maty Temrowski and Ella Cox tied for 10th on the vault with a score of 8.875, while Lauren Hayden and Cox also tied for 10th on the floor with a 9.225 score. Apryl Smith just missed out of the top 10 with a score of 9.2. Sabra Robinson posted a 9.05. Emma Jump led the team with a 9.0 on the beam. Hayden was 10th in the all-around with a score of 34.425.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Fenton at Grand Blanc Cheer**

Classic: The varsity Tigers placed sixth in the Division 2 event with a team score of 691.34. One of the highlights was a season-high round two score of 203.34 due to the inclusion of triple splits to the routine. Fenton had a 208.90 round one score and a 280.10 round three score.

In JV action, Fenton posted a score of 603.80, earning scores of 194.80 during round one, a 154.20 during round two and a 264.80 during round three.

Fenton had two middle school teams. Fenton Orange had a total team score of 402.84 during its two-round performance. Fenton Black posted a team score of 330.72.

► **Linden at Holt Ram Invitational:**

Linden placed fifth with a total team score of 641.04. The Eagles had scores of 197.20 during round one, 179.64 during round two and 264.20 during round three.

In middle school action the Eagles placed eighth with a 298.14 two round team score.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Clio 16, Holly 14:** Holly won both baker games with scores of 193 and 206, setting them up a chance for the victory. However, Clio rallied back and won the match. Jacob Warner led Holly with a 198-212-410 series, while Justin Mallory had a 200-181-381 series.

► **Flushing 30, Linden 0:** Jackson Shelp led the Eagles with a 198-170-368 series.

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Clio 28, Holly 2:** Holly's top series was posted by Savanna Moriarty with a 155-134-289.

► **Clio 29, Linden 1:** Kaitlyn Rice bowled a 201 game while Cassie Most led the squad with the best two-game series with a 172-114-286.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Hamady 59, Lake Fenton 47:** The Blue Devils gave Hamady a good battle, but fell short in a 59-47 road loss.

"We got great looks on the inside but struggled early," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Brian McInerney said.

The Blue Devils were never that far out of it. The Hamady lead was just 29-20 at halftime and 46-34 entering the fourth quarter. Hunter Schramm led the Blue Devils with 11 points while Conner Steffey had nine points, all coming on three-pointers. Cody Schramm netted eight points.

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Linden girls basketball falls to Owosso

The Linden varsity girls basketball team's offense struggled against Owosso, resulting in a tough 50-25 road loss Friday night.

The Eagles never scored more than eight points in any quarter. Meanwhile, the Trojans scored double-digits in all four quarters.

Holly competitive cheer takes first at invite

Winning one tournament title is nice. Winning two in a row is even better.

The Holly varsity competitive cheer team learned that on Saturday after they

earned first place in the Division 2 portion of the Melvindale Cheer Invite on Saturday. The Bronchos posted their highest round one score to date.

Linden Eagles crush Owosso, perfect in Metro

The Linden varsity boys basketball team remains undefeated in Metro League play.

The Eagles remained three games

ahead of second-place squads Flushing and Swartz Creek by using a strong defensive effort against Owosso Friday night.

Flushing's defense slows down Bronchos

It was a tough defensive-minded contest between the Flushing Raiders and the Holly varsity girls basketball team on Friday night.

Unfortunately for the Bronchos, the

Raiders' defense was the toughest that Holly had seen all season long.

The Bronchos scored a season-low 22 points, losing a 40-22 road contest to the defending Metro League champions.

Blue Devils drop road game at Hamady

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team couldn't overcome a slow start, resulting in a tough 53-42 road loss to state-ranked Flint Hamady, Friday night.

The Blue Devils (2-4 in league play

and 8-4 overall) trailed 16-5 after one quarter and trailed from that point on. The Blue Devils cut the gap to 28-17 at halftime, but Hamady (10-1) outscored Lake Fenton 16-8 in the third quarter.

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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, save up your energy because you might need it for a difficult project on the horizon. This could mean you have to keep socializing to a minimum.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you have been on a stable path, and this is a good thing. Wasting time floundering will get you nowhere fast. Keep up the good work and momentum.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21
A rough patch or string of bad luck will soon pass, Gemini. Focus on the positives in your life and give them all of your energy for the time being. Gray skies will clear up.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, a great opportunity is coming your way and you are eager to dive right in. Write down the pluses and minuses of this endeavor before getting too deep.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, ensure that your voice is heard on a particular matter; otherwise, you may regret not speaking up. Wait until others are quiet to get your point across.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, if you've been looking for a new career, you may be pleasantly surprised with the news coming your way. Opportunity knocks, but you must be paying attention.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23
Extra spending on essentials may have you reevaluating your budget this week, Libra. You might need to cut corners to make everything work, or find new income.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, it seems the bumpy stretch in your life has been long, but you're finally able to see that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Keep your head high.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21
A relationship may be blossoming and you won't be sure which direction it will go for a little longer. If you trust your instincts on this and be yourself, things will work out.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you will prove your mettle and show everyone just how tough you can be with a surprising announcement this week. Be prepared for some applause.


AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, even though many things are changing in your life right now, you'll probably find that you welcome change whole-heartedly. It's time to shake things up.

PISCES


Feb 19/Mar 20
Moving in a new direction can mean many things to you, Pisces. A change of address, a vacation, a new career, or even a new style fit the bill.

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Audience score
rottentomatoes.com **78%**



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R, 1 hr. 48 min. Drama

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13 Recluse
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17 Sicilian spouter
19 Tier
20 Onetime NYC mayor
22 Writer Buscaglia
24 Sternward
27 Near the treasure
29 "Thin Man" dog
32 Just one thing after another?
35 Deserve
36 Arp's movement
37 Poehler or Grant
38 Panasonic competitor
40 Incline
42 Slithery squeezer
44 Not so much
46 Radius neighbor
50 German Chancellor

DOWN

1 Unclear view
2 Discourteous
3 Eskimo boat
4 Officeholders
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