Union Block site set for March 2019 groundbreaking

By Hannah Ball

Builders for the two-story, mixed-use building at the old Union Block site in downtown Linden are expected to break ground in March 2019.

The development, owned by Nicole Wax of Dr. Wax Orthodontics, is a 14,833-square-foot building. It will house two yet to be identified tenants on the first floor, and Dr. Wax Orthodontics and another tenant on the second floor.

According to Linden Planning Commission meeting minutes from November, the final site plan was approved in May, and amendments were approved in November. These amendments included tying the sidewalk into the ramp, along with construction breaking ground in March and working with the Department of Environmental Quality.

See UNION BLOCK on 6A

Disappearances, abductions and murder — it can, and does, happen locally

By Vera Hogan

It must be unimaginable, the fear a person goes through when they realize that a loved one has truly gone missing — that moment after all other possibilities have been ruled out and law enforcement is now involved.

According to the Michigan State Police (MSP), there are nearly 4,000 missing persons in the state as of this month (December 2018). Locally, there are 105 missing from Genesee County, nine from Livingston County and 181 from Oakland County. Some of these could include voluntary disappearances, parental abductions or have other logical explanations. But many of them have no explanation whatsoever and that’s what scares people the most.

It seems like every day a young woman goes missing. It’s reported on the TV news or on social media, and a few days or weeks later, her remains are found.

See MURDER on 6A

Fenton Township man facing five felonies

Charges related to reported road rage incident Dec. 19 in Oakland County

By Sharon Stone

A reported road rage situation Wednesday, Dec. 19 resulted in a 46-year-old Fenton Township man being arraigned Dec. 21 in Oakland County 47th District Court. Bruce Holder was charged on five felony counts including discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle, felony firearm and carrying a concealed weapon.

Michigan State Police Metro North troopers were alerted to a possible road rage incident at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Lt. Calvin Hart said two male drivers were traveling in the southbound lanes of I-275 in Novi, Oakland County when the encounter occurred.

Police said the suspect, Holder, allegedly pointed a gun at another vehicle and fired one shot at it, but missed. The victim had a cell phone video of the suspect and suspect’s vehicle. The license plate was registered to Holder.

See FELONIES on 5A
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Living with the scars

Fire attack survivor appreciates her ‘new’ home and the community support

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — Rebecca Garnett’s home has been transformed from the scene of a brutal fire attack nearly one year ago, into what she now describes as her “beautiful little kingdom.”

The scars from the attack, which included damaged walls and burned floors, dresser and mattress, have been replaced with an emotional acceptance of the community. Her legs, however, still bear scars from the fire and subsequent skin grafts. She has several skin grafts on her legs and attended physical therapy.

On Monday, Feb. 5, her husband, David Garnett, doused her with gasoline and lit her on fire following an argument over her car and the litter box. He was sentenced May 29 to a maximum of 50 years in prison for the first-degree arson and assault with intent to murder.

Rebecca, 57, escaped by falling out of a broken window and asking a neighbor to call the police.

Despite the violent and potentially deadly incident that happened there, she has no issue staying in the trailer where the attack occurred.

The transformation of her home happened while she was recovering from the attack, and then while at work. Friends and acquaintances donated their time making the home livable through pitch parties, de-cluttering and then removing the “scars” of the fire through new flooring, wall paneling and repairs.

The large window she escaped though was replaced as well, and at a discount when the sales rep told why there was blood on the frame and glass. She also received a new, safer electrical panel. Much of the building materials and improvements were funded by a $2,800 GoFundMe campaign established by Rebecca’s friend, Debbie Garant.

Rebecca wanted people to know how far their gifts went, and that she appreciated them. She has a new dresser, donated by Skaff Furniture store in Flint, and a new bed from Winglemire furniture store in Holly. She has new kitchen table, chairs and throw rugs.

While she doesn’t hear from her husband, she hears from his son frequently. He came and visited recently. “He just thinks it’s horrible,” she said of his father’s actions.

Although he is a convicted abuser, she said she was still sad on her first Christmas tree she has set up in 14 years. Garnett is recovering from extensive burns caused by her husband, David, who is now in prison. Photo by Tim Jagielo

Rebecca Garnett of Holly sits in a new recliner donated by Skaff Furniture in Flint. It’s beside the first Christmas tree she has set up in 14 years. Garnett is recovering from a deadly incident that happened there, she said she won’t touch for him.

Goals for 2019 include simply being better at keeping up her home. “Now that I have a beautiful little kingdom, I need to keep it up,” she said.

She returned to work and received her award for working 20 years at her employer, the Lahser Pre-Vocation Center in Troy.

She works with adults with special needs. See SURVIVOR on 8A

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES EXCLUSIVE

Rare disease striking young children

By Tim Jagielo

A mysterious and incurable disease called Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) has afflicted four Michigan children in 2018. Two were confirmed just last week and another five are under investigation.

AFM has been monitored closely by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) since 2014. This year, the CDC confirmed 182 cases in 39 states.

Symptoms of AFM include various kinds of muscular weakness or lack of muscular control. The disease tends to afflict children. According to the CDC, 90 percent of the cases are children.

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Come Heller high water...

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his is the time when people start to ask — “Should I make any resolu-
tions for the New Year?”

It’s a ridiculous question.

Of COURSE you should make resolutions. You’re a hot mess. Based on how often you annoy me with your behavior, you need to make lots and lots of resolutions, and the sooner the better. What the heck are you waiting for?

The problem, of course, is human beings are terrible at recognizing their own shortcomings, which is why each year I helpfully put together a starter list of resolutions for you to make. (No need to thank me. But if you can if you want.)

If you recognize yourself on this list, please resolve to stop this behavior immediately. If you don’t recognize yourself, don’t think you’re not an annoyance to mankind. You are. We all are, except for me. It’s just that I ran out of space before getting to your particular bad behavior. So please do a little self-examination to identify — then change — your worst tendencies, OK? Great. Thanks.

For 2019, you should resolve to:
• Stop double-pronouncing words in words. I think generational differences are overstated but I’ve only ever heard millennials say things like “supermark-ket” like it’s two separate words. Stop it. It’s not supermarket-ket. It’s supermarket. One k. It’s not bing-go. It’s just supermarket.

• Stop ending sentences with a rising tone. Younger millennials, in particular, do this. I wish this were an audio column so I could show you. But it’s not so if you haven’t noticed this before, I assure you, you will now.

Sorry about that. • Stop buying enormous pickup trucks and SUVs if you are not capable of politely driving and parking enormous pickup trucks and SUVs. Because your vehicle is twice the size of mine doesn’t mean you get to use half of my lane or take up two parking spots, OK? If you can’t keep your aircraft carrier in your allotted lane or space then you shouldn’t be allowed to own one.

• Stop ceaselessly ting-ting-ting your spoon around the inside of your coffee mug like you’re performing the triangle part for the New York Philharmonic. One quick swirl is all it takes to blend your cream and sugar into the coffee. Do that and move on.

• Stop voting for third party candidates and politicians who promise to run government like it’s a business. It’s not. And third party candidates are third-party candidates for a reason. You’re not “protesting” against the major party candidates when you vote for the women running from the Banana Slug Party. You’re voting for someone who believes in … banana slugs. That’s it. That’s all.

• While I’m on the subject and this is Michigan, please stop believing that fairies fix the roads. Fixing and building roads costs money. And that money doesn’t come from a pot at the end of the rainbow. It comes from you. If you want better roads, you’re going to have to pay for them. This is not a difficult concept.

• Stop acting all smug and superior like you, and you alone, know everything and everyone else is a blithering idiot bent on inconveniencing or annoying you. Man, don’t you hate when people do that?

IF YOU’RE SO concerned about the Democrats not doing anything about automotive insurance, maybe the Repub-
licans should have addressed the subject during their eight years in control. Why are you complaining about someone who isn’t even in office yet?

ACCUSED DOCTOR’S NEW job was ur-
gent priority in state government, records show. Dr. Eden Wells was hired to a new, protected state government job that will pay her $179,000 annually just weeks after a civil service official pledged to ‘do what we can on our end’ to find a new position for her.

MICHIGAN WOULD SHIFT income tax revenue away from the School Aid Fund toward road repairs and environmental cleanups under legislation approved by the Senate on Thursday.

SNYDER SHOULD VETO the pet-shop bill. In the closing days of the 2018 legislative session, Michigan lawmakers passed a dangerous bill (H.B. 5917) to strip local governments of their authority to ban the sale of cruelly bred dogs in their pet stores.

I SURE WISH boomers hadn’t destroyed Flint. Old photos of the city look really nice.

OCAISIO-CORTEZ IS a ‘typical millennial’ and ‘lazy?’ That is pretty funny coming from someone whose generation destroyed the country. Pretty sad.

THERE IS NOT a single person over the age of 60 who knows what socialism is but they sure love whin-
ing about it. Sorry you’re such a rube. Teenagers are smarter than you. Sad.

MAN, I’VE HAD a great time riling up all you boomers. Thank you for prov-
ing that you are the true ‘snowflakes.’

BEFORE YOU LAUGH at children who believe in Santa Claus, remember that there are adults that still believe that Reagan was a good president.

THE BILL EMPOWERING the Leg-
islature to intervene in lawsuits was criticized as an attempt to undercut Dana Nessel, who will be the state’s first Democratic attorney general in 16 years. Nessel has said she may not defend state laws she believes are unconstitutional.

I UNDERSTAND the purpose of a roundabout is to keep traffic mov-
ing. So what happens when the light at Poplar and North Road is red? Wouldn’t the traffic still back up?

I IT DOES NOT matter who donated money to what cause; Republicans enact laws and policy that primarily benefit the rich. Very few of their poli-
cies ever benefit the poor or middle class. As far as disruptive, that is a matter of opinion, isn’t it?

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What was the highlight of your 2018?

“I got engaged. I got married in September of next year.”

“Tammy Barton
Mundy Township”

“The birth of my granddaugh-
ter. She was born in late March.”

“Steve Peltier
Fenton Township”

“There were so many nice things in 2018. We came to America to visit our family.”

“Shirley Chard
England”

“Having my family visit from New Hampshire.”

“Jen Macklin
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“I’ve grown closer to God this year.”

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It attacks the gray matter area of the spinal column, which causes muscles and reflexes in the body to become weak. While serious, no deaths have been confirmed from the disease. There is no known cause, cure or vaccination.

The closest case has been in Oakland County. Angela Minicuci with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) said due to privacy laws, the exact city or township can’t be revealed, and that there is no further information on the five cases under investigation.

She said for the CDC to declare a case of AFM, they must first rule out all other diseases with like symptoms.

While it has been described as “polio-like,” the disease isn’t caused by a known virus, though some cases seem to be associated with certain viruses like enterovirus/rhinovirus (EV/RV), though no cause is declared.

Confirmed cases are shared with media and the medical community. The MDHHS is following the lead of the CDC in fighting the disease.

“I think it’s fair for parents to be concerned,” Minicuci said. “I think it’s important for people to temper that with the fact that this is not a very wide-spread issue.” She said that it doesn’t seem to be transmitted between people.

The MDHHS is recommending standard preventative care, which includes a healthy diet and exercise, staying current on standard vaccinations, keeping hands washed and avoiding the sick. “These are tried-and-true public health practices no matter what,” Minicuci said.

If someone is diagnosed with AFM, they are treated on a case-by-case basis. Physical therapy for lurching muscles could be prescribed.

For more information, go to cdc.gov/autoimmune.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
BABY BOOMERS Didn’t destroy the planet: The Industrial Revolution did. For millennials who don’t know what that is, Google it.

I THOUGHT DEMOCRATS were Americans. Based on the fact that Democrats had no trouble paying $2 billion a month for Vietnam but won’t pay $5 billion to protect America, I have my doubts.

WHO PAID FOR your college education? A baby boomer. If you took out loans to get a college degree, is a baby boomer now making the payments for you because you are unable to? More than likely, the answer is yes.

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Angela Minicuci
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services spokesperson

MURDER
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are found. She was abducted and murdered. It happens everywhere, and it happens too often.

Mollie Tibbetts killed by farm worker
This summer, the country sadly watched the Mollie Tibbetts story unfold. Tibbetts, a 20-year-old psychology student at the University of Iowa disappeared while jogging the evening of July 18 in Brooklyn, Iowa.

Cristhian Rivera, 24, an undocumented immigrant from Mexico who worked at Yarrabee Farms, told investigators that on July 18 he drove past a woman in workout clothes, jogging alone, several times.

At first Rivera told authorities, he pursued the woman in his car. Then he got out and ran beside her. The woman was frightened, Rivera recalled. She pulled out her phone and told him, “I’m gonna call police.”

What happened next, Rivera claims, is blocked from his memory, something that happens when he gets upset or angry. The next thing he recalled, he told investigators, was being in his car and finding a headphone earpiece in his lap that did not belong to him. That prompted him to open his trunk, where he saw the woman in workout clothes, bleeding from the head and motionless.

He pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder Sept. 19. He waived his right to have a trial within 90 days and his murder trial has been set for April 16, 2019.

Abducted in Michigan, found unharmed in Kentucky
In October, a Michigan man was arrested in Kentucky after Kentucky State Police was tipped off that a missing Michigan girl might be in a semi-truck.

Because she is 14, information on the girl is unavailable.

A trooper saw the truck traveling on I-75, south of London, Kentucky, and pulled the driver over. The girl was found inside the truck unharmed.

She had been entered into the National Crime Information Center through Michigan as a missing person.

The semi-truck driver, Robert Phillips, 57, of Jackson, Michigan, was charged with unlawful transaction with a minor and possession of marijuana.

Abducted and dismembered
More recently in Michigan, the dismembered remains of a woman found in the basement of a Grand Rapids murder was later identified as that of a missing Kalamazoo woman, 30-year-old Ashley Young, who went missing Nov. 29.

Jared Chance, 29, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 2, and charged with her death.

This is just a sampling of the disappearances, abductions and murders that take place annually. It has not happened locally in many years, but it has happened here.

Here at home
The Urbins sisters of Tyrone Township, though they were safe when in September of 1991, they walked together on a lonely road. The sisters, who were 14 and 16, were raped and murdered by serial killer Leslie Allen Williams.

Murder came to town again a few years later.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 101 Michigan residents are missing. The vast majority of them are teenagers, or were teenagers when they went missing. To see the complete list, go to missingkids.org.

Sources: washingtonpost.com, milive.com, api.missingkids.org

UNION BLOCK
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(DeQ). The DeQ will install and pay for a vapor mitigation system due to past gasoline leak issues from a neighboring gas station. The maintenance for the system, however, will be the responsibility of Wax.

Along with the building, the commission approved a 23-space parking lot with fencing from North Bridge Street on the north side of the building. Additional improvements include a dumpster enclosure, landscaping, sidewalk and utility improvements.

Tax abatement
Wax was approved for a 12-year tax abatement through the Commercial Development Act and the city of Linden. The Commercial Redevelopment Act, Public Act 255 of 1978, encourages “the replacement, restoration, and reconstruction of commercial property by abating the property taxes generated from new investment for a period of up to 12 years.”

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— Dr. Katrina Nicholson

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
THE FAREWELL SPEECHES from state legislators who are leaving office — either through a lost election, term limits or moving to another job in the Legislature — also can be long, tearful, defiant and sometimes bizarre, such as when Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton) compared himself to Mother Teresa.

CONSERVATIVES IN THE Michigan House and Senate voted to usurp the power of the attorney general by allowing the House or Senate to intervene in any of the 40,000 or more cases the attorney general currently prosecutes or defends each year.

FOR ALMOST 200 years, the Office of Attorney General has faithfully represented state government, protected consumers and our environment, prosecuted heinous criminals, and stood up for the rule of law and the most vulnerable among us. It is thus an inherently conservative institution wanted without concern for the hard working men and women who are toiling at the current $9.25 minimum wage.

GOV. SNYDER SAID that he would carefully review the lame-duck legislation he would sign. But, he did exactly what the business community wanted without concern for the hard working men and women who are toiling at the current $9.25 minimum wage.

THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY has already had its taxes cut, thereby increasing its bottom line. It’s time to help the very people who help make it possible for the business community to exist by giving them a raise.

AN EASY ANSWER is why Snyder isn’t more celebrated is Flint. And certainly, the water contamination crisis there called into question the governor’s decision making, as well as his empathy.

AT FIRST, I wanted to answer, by the numbers, the stupid criticisms of JFK but why bother? There will always be those who rely on the David Peckers and Sean Hannitys for half-truths, sound bites and innuendos to satisfy their warped curiosity.

MATTIS DOESN’T BELIEVE in betraying U.S. allies. That’s why the defense secretary had to resign.

PARENTS, TEACH YOUR kids to put trash in its place. So much litter being tossed from cars, it really is unacceptable. Teach by example. This is the world they will inherit and unless everyone takes responsibility, it won’t get any better. No one is above bending over and picking up litter. Merry Christmas!

LAST WEEK’S STOCK market plunge is another sign that Trump’s recklessly emotional and senselessly chaotic approach to the job has a real impact. At the halfway mark of this terrible presidency, one has to wonder how much more the country can take.

IT SEEMS TO me that the reason health care is so expensive is an attitude problem. The patient’s attitude that it doesn’t matter what it costs as long as somebody else pays for it. The doctor’s attitude that it doesn’t matter what it costs as long as their butts are covered. And the parasite’s (lawyers’) attitude that if something bad happens, someone should pay, even if it is not their fault.

NEXT TIME WE have a government shutdown, congressional salaries should be furloughed as well. It’s completely unacceptable that members of congress can force a government shutdown on partisan lines and then have congressional salaries exempted from that decision. Have some integrity.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Pat Lockwood appointed to federal advocacy committee
Pat Lockwood, Fenton mayor pro-tem, was appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2019 Community and Economic Development (CED) federal advocacy committee. This committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC’s federal policy positions on issues involving housing, land use, recreation and parks, historic preservation and international competitiveness. “I am honored to be appointed to this National committee to help draft federal policy that represents the needs of local government.” As a committee member, Lockwood will play a key role in shaping NLC’s policy positions and advocate on behalf of America’s cities and towns before Congress, with the administration and at home.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Hartland Audubon Nature Club
Join us at Hartland Senior Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd., Howell, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. The free meeting will feature “Best Pictures” by local photographer Charles Harris. For details, call John at (517) 548-2610 or visit hartlandaudubon.weebly.com.

SURVIVOR
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Emotionally she’s doing OK. “I have good days and bad days,” she said, adding that it’s hard to get into a new routine. “I got so depressed before the incident,” she said. She admits that she struggled to keep up her home on bad days. Physical pain, depression and fatigue make doing chores difficult.

She said the depression is getting better but she can’t afford a therapist. Instead, she prays a lot, and appreciates her good friends at work and the people in her community who took care of her.

Physically she’s also getting better. She can wear slacks now, in time for winter, but her skin still isn’t used to the cold. She still has neuropathy and feels the “pins and needles” from her skin grafts. “It’s just going to take some time,” she said.

For the sake of younger women, she’s open to talking about the subject to help others avoid such abuse. Men and women have both learned from her story.

While she mentors younger women when she can, a 90-year-old woman who heard her story became her pen pal for support through these difficult times.

“I think it’s a positive thing for me to be able to talk about it,” she said. “I do realize it could have been a whole lot worse than it was … I’m still going to have scars for the rest of my life.”
Like I was cracking between my muscles and my skin,” she said, of her withdrawal symptoms.

She was also very depressed, until her parents, Shawn and Cindy Karczewski, bought her a Pomeranian-mix puppy, which she still has today.

Karczewski went to physical therapy for three years to strengthen her back, shoulders and neck to control the pain. That’s when she knew she wanted to be a physical therapist.

Now at 22, she has already had six years of PT experience, first at age 16 shadowing Dr. Jamie Reed at the clinic now known as NovaCare in Fenton. The first patient she followed was an amputee. “That’s when I knew this was my calling,” said Karczewski, who was homeschooled. “I love it all to my Nana (Marcia Spear of Fenton) and my mom, Cindy.”

She also worked at U of M-Flint at PT Heart, the university’s free student-led physical therapy clinic. She is currently working as a physical and occupational therapy technician and functional neurology chiropractic technician at the Insight Physical Therapy and Neuro-Rehab Center in Flint.

Karczewski was accepted into the highly competitive program at U of M-Flint to earn her doctorate in physical therapy. Afterward, she plans to earn her PhD.

“I want to do research and be a clinician, ultimately as a physical disability advocate in the public sector,” she said. “I want to re-integrate patients into the community, and get the community ready to accommodate them. That’s my highest goal.”
President Donald Trump encounters a little breeze before boarding Air Force One at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, on April 5, 2018. So this is what wind shear looks like.

No wonder this man is grousing. He looks like an Asian Elvis lookalike in this do called the “Rockabilly Mullet Deluxe.”

Kelly Osbourne is known for some of her outlandish hairdos, but this one is very “springy.” In fact, lilacs come to mind, right? We do believe she’s had some styles that make her look a little green around the gills.

By Vera Hogan
If you google “worst hairstyles of 2018,” you’ll get much more than that. You’ll find dozens and dozens of sites featuring the worst hairdos of all time. Here are some of the old and new ones we picked out.

We’re not sure who this is, but the hairdo would almost be tolerable if she could lose the eyebrows. Visions of a 2-year-old tugging on those is just too painful to imagine.

Okay, remember when you were little and you decided to grab the scissors and cut your own hair? Your dad caught you first and decided to fix it before Mom got home? Voila, here you go! This is Scarlett Johansson by the way.

We know how this happened. Drew Barrymore put her hair in a ponytail on top of her head, then dipped the tip of the tail in a bucket of black paint. But why? We don’t know why.

You think you’re having a BAD HAIR DAY!

Lady Godiva (she rode naked on a horse with only her hair to cover her in case you don’t know) would have appreciated this hairstyle called “The coat.”

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House Bill 4926: Permit, regulate and tax internet gambling

To repeal a state ban on internet gambling. The bill establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensure regime that allows the Detroit and Michigan Indian casinos to enter the business. An 8-percent tax would be levied on the gross internet gambling revenue, and the city of Detroit would be guaranteed a specified minimum amount of the tax revenue. House Bill 4920 to legalize fantasy sports games was also passed and sent to the Governor.

Passed 33 to 5 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☑️ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☑️ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☐️ NO
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☑️ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☑️ YES

House Bill 4911: Earmark some school fund money to roads and environmental cleanups

To earmark a portion of state income tax revenue that would otherwise go to the School Aid Fund to road repairs and environmental cleanups. The bill was passed with the expectation that increased revenue from imposing sales tax on internet purchases will mean no net reduction in future school funding, although the amount of extra money it would get would be reduced. The bill also revises the tax treatment of compensation received for wrongful imprisonment, so recipients would still be eligible for a housing expenses income tax credit.

Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☑️ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☑️ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☐️ NO
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☐️ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☑️ YES

House Bill 5634: Legalize fuzzy dice, darker car window tints

To reduce restrictions on vehicle side window tinting, and obstruction of driver’s vision (including hanging novelties like fuzzy dice from the rear view mirror).

Passed 20 to 18 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☑️ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☑️ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☑️ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☑️ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☑️ YES

House Bill 5017: Create adult “cyberbullying” crime

To create a new “cyberbullying” crime, with sanctions ranging from a $500 fine to 10 years in prison if a violation causes a death. “Cyberbully” is defined as using the internet or a telecommunications system to intimidate, frighten, harass or cause emotional distress. Similar laws apply to minors and students but this one would apply to everyone.

Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☑️ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☑️ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☑️ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☐️ NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☑️ YES

Senate Bill 541: Authorize mid-level “dental therapist” practices

To establish a new dental therapists licensure category. Practitioners would be under the general supervision of a dentist, and could perform many routine actions (like fillings) that are currently limited to full dentists. This is analogous to nurse practitioners.

Passed 68 to 41 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☑️ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☐️ NO

Senate Bill 1239: Prescribe rules for early voting and same-day registration

To prescribe details of rules needed to implement the election-day registration and early voting provisions enacted by voter approval of 2018 Proposal 3. The measure eliminated the requirement to register to vote at least 30 days before an election, and authorized “no reason” absentee ballot voting for all voters, mail-in voter registration, automatic registration with drivers license or state ID interactions, and a straight-ticket voting option.

Passed 60 to 48 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☑️ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☑️ YES

Senate Bill 1176: Ban mandating donor disclosure by nonprofits

To prohibit government agencies from imposing a donor disclosure mandate on nonprofit organizations, which would require them to turn over the names and personal information of contributors for posting on government databases. Agencies and their staff would also be prohibited from disclosing such information if they already possess or acquire it, with violators subject to misdemeanor penalties and civil fines.

Passed 58 to 51 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☑️ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☑️ YES

### HOT Line

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**OH NO, THE** government is closed down. Everyone run in circles and howl at the moon.

- ***OCASIO-CORTÉZ*** is what we get from college we need to stop subsidizing colleges.

- ***SHOUT-OUT TO FENTON*** Pub, Hoffman Insurance and Fenton Coney Grill for the beautiful light display. Let’s turn Fenton into a Rochester. Help to support our local businesses. Merry Christmas everyone.

- ***WE ATE AT*** Leo’s on Saturday and would like to thank whoever paid for our meals. It was greatly appreciated.

- ***THE GREATEST ENEMY*** of knowledge is not ignorance but the illusion someone has that they have knowledge.

- ***DOES ANYONE AGREE*** with me that for at least five or so decades, the left has had a war against proper parenting?

- ***WHY IS IT*** wrong for me to say gingerbread man? I’ve said it for decades without it being an issue.

- ***MILLENNIALS*** need adulting classes because their parents were too lazy to teach them to be adults.

**THE FENTON TOWNSHIP*** board needs to change its bylaws if a major vote on a financial matter can pass 3-1 with three additional members not in attendance. The new waste contract is an exorbitant increase for residents.

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Times
Marijuana-infused products

From gummies, to beer, to skin care, even mascara

By Hannah Ball

Smoking marijuana isn’t the only way to ingest the product. With Michigan residents voting to legalize recreational marijuana in November, they’re going to see more and more marijuana products on future store shelves and online.

Gummies. Chocolate. Beer. Sparkling water. All of these products can be made with marijuana.

The products with a high amount of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) cause the “high,” while other products contain a small amount of THC but contain more cannabidiol (CBD) for medicinal purposes. They should be packaged with clear language that tells the potential buyer how much THC and/or CBD is in the item.

Many of the companies mentioned below don’t deliver to Michigan, but the Great Lakes State could begin to see similar companies gaining traction.

Gummies

Baked Bros makes sour Kush Kids, which won the Best Product award at 2014’s Cannabis Cup. The total amount of THC in their bags of gummies ranges from 0 mg of THC to 300 mg. The packaging clearly states the ingredients, number of servings and flavor of gummy.

LOL Edibles is a company that makes cereals called Frooty Loops and Cap’n Munch, as well as Cheeto-like snacks.

Chocolate

It could be argued that the marijuana-infused business began with chocolates and brownies, and these products aren’t going away.

Kiva is a popular marijuana-infused chocolate seller that also markets their mints and chocolate drops. On their packaging, Kiva clearly states the ingredients, the candy is medical cannabis, contains 120 mg of CBD and 120 mg of THC. It should be kept away from children.

House Bill 5526: Assign letter-grade to each public school

To require the Department of Education to develop a system that assigns each public school a series of letter grades between A and F based on the state’s math and reading tests, including success and growth rates.

Download the Michigan Votes app for alerts.

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, Dec. 21.

House Bill 6553: Let legislature intervene in legal challenges to laws

To authorize the state House or Senate to intervene in any case in state courts to protect a power or interest of the state or the legislature. Among other things, this would allow the incoming Republican legislature to defend previously passed laws it favors should an incoming Democratic Attorney General, Secretary of State or Governor choose not to defend legal challenges.

Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

House Bill 6011: Authorize drivers license “points” for tickets in other states

To enroll Michigan in a national driver license compact that shares traffic violations, accident data, and more. Under the compact, a traffic violation in another state would generate “points” on a Michigan driver’s license, and vice versa.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

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My resolution for 2019

New Year resolutions — I don’t usually make them because I am terrible at keeping them. But this year I think I will make an exception. I’m going to try to be more considerate — especially to those people who are always so kind to me.

Sometimes it’s easy for us to say, “They’re not going to care if I don’t — call back, email back, say thanks, or acknowledge their consideration or kindness in some way.” But it shouldn’t be that easy and even though I usually try, I am going to do better to be more considerate, and I am going to expect the same from others.

In past years, I have received invitations to high school open houses, birthday parties and other special events. If I could be there personally, I always sent a gift. But rarely did I get a thank you card. When they were little boys.

Spent in Vietnam to protect this country.

If she reaches over and lifts the button to unlock the driver’s side door for Cee, she is “one of the great ones,” according to Sonny. If she doesn’t do this, she is inconsiderate and selfish and should be dumped immediately. Jane lifted the button so life was good.

There is another thing that has stuck with me throughout the years. Our former general manager, the late Glenn Rockman, was one of the nicest guys ever. But he had a firm policy, from which he never waivered. When interviewing a potential new employee, it didn’t matter how educated, intelligent, qualified or skilled that candidate was, if he or she did not say the words, “I must keep my current employer two week’s notice,” that candidate did not get the job.

The way Glenn looked at it was if this person was willing to do something this rude and inconsiderate to their current employer, “they won’t hesitate to do it to me.”

Civility is often questioned in these turbulent times and it would be wise for me, and all of us, to remember that a kind word or gesture, or even a simple thank you when someone does something nice for you, doesn’t cost a thing.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

A Roundabout at North and Torrey roads would be great. I’ve visited 20 European and Middle East countries. If the people in those countries can figure out a roundabout, I’m quite confident Americans (true Michiganders) can safely figure them out as well.

Monday’s Sell-Off extends the market’s losses after its worst week in more than seven years. The major indexes are down 16 to 26 percent from their autumn highs.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline was 24 hours a day. If you or someone you know needs help, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 24 hours a day at 800-273-8255.

Santa left Trump a lump of (clean) coal for Christmas.

When lead showed up in school water, Detroit got right on it. The nation hasn’t.

To the Hotliner that said political correctness is the antithesis of the first amendment. You nailed it. My friend. Spot on.

How soon we forget. Uneducated liberals in government. Democrats spent $2 billion a month in Vietnam but won’t spend two and a half months worth of what they spent in Vietnam to protect this country.

My stock holdings are down 20 percent and the President is advising me to buy the dip. Oh really, with what?

In response to the person who tried to shame the prior owner of many manufactured home communities in the Fenton area. He never charged us water, sewer or trash. He waivered. When interviewing a potential new employee, it didn’t matter how educated, intelligent, qualified or skilled that candidate was, if he or she did not say the words, “I must keep my current employer two week’s notice,” that candidate did not get the job.

Roundabouts — brought to you by same idiots who thought a shopping mall in the middle of the street was a good idea.

Unbelievable, Republicans cannot agree on anything. These incompeotent politicians just shut the government down. They own the senate, congress and the president, yet they want to blame the Democrats.

I don’t get it. All of the complaining about auto insurance all of a sudden. It just didn’t go up; it’s been like this. Apparently, when Republicans ran the state, high insurance rates were okay, but now that we have a Democrat it’s not. Where have you people been?

Obama and Clinton were all part of the 16-year plan to weaken our military. Open borders feed weapons to other countries, destroy our population. People need to wake up and follow QAnon if they really want to know what’s going on. These evil people will pay the price.

Alexandra Cortez is an idiot. She needs to be shipped to Venezuela.

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NEW BUSINESS:
HO19-001 Michael L. Stanley, 11089 Jennings, Fenton;
Requesting a home occupation permit for gun sale business in residence, parcel 06-03-100-047.

ZBA19-002 Ryan and Wendi LaFontaine, 11 Emerald Pointe, Linden;
Requesting a variance from the requirement to have at least a 4.12 roof pitch to build a new house at 4575 Eleanor, parcel 06-33-100-016.

ZBA19-003 Matt and Jaclyn Serra, 14150 Moffett, Fenton;
Requesting 161 sq. ft. maximum allowable sq. footage variance to build an attached and detached garage at 13306 Lakeside Landing, parcel 06-13-100-001.

ZBA19-004 Scott Seymour, 12423 O’Dell, Linden;
Requesting 10 ft. front yard and 12 ft. sight line variances to build an addition and deck at 4025 Minnetonka, parcel 06-16-126-021.

ZBA19-005 John Topolinski, 1422 Edgewater, Fenton;
Requesting 6 ft. 3 in. front yard setback variance to build an addition to the garage, parcel 06-13-156-006.

ELECTION OF ELECTORS:

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ROBERT KRUG,  
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
UPON A ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

(1) The Township Board of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan (the “Township”) in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., local time, on January 15, 2019, at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, to review the following proposed special assessment district:

TYRONE TOWNSHIP LAUREL SPRINGS SUBDIVISION ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (2019)
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

and to hear any objections thereto, and to the proposed project, and to the petitions filed by Township property owners with respect to the proposed project.

(2) The project (the “Project”) will consist of crushing and shaping existing asphalt in certain roadways and placing a new hot mix asphalt of approximately three and one-half inches on the roadways. The roadways on which the improvements are proposed to be made consist of the following roads in and around the Laurel Springs Subdivision: Laurel Springs Boulevard, Overlook Drive and Dentonview Drive. The Project is designed to serve the properties in and around the Laurel Springs Subdivision: Laurel Springs Boulevard, Overlook Drive and Dentonview Drive. The Project is designed to serve the properties in and around the Laurel Springs Subdivision: Laurel Springs Boulevard, Overlook Drive and Dentonview Drive.

(3) The Township plans to impose special assessments on the properties located in the Special Assessment District to pay for the costs of the Project.

(4) The plans and cost estimates for the proposed Project, the description of the District, and the petitions in support of the Project are now on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public inspection. Periodic redeterminations of the cost of the Project may be made, and subsequent hearings shall not be required if such cost redeterminations do not increase the estimated cost of the Project by more than 10%. Any person objecting to the proposed Project, the petitions supporting the Project, or the proposed District must file his or her objections in writing with the Township Clerk before the close of the January 15, 2019 public hearing or within such additional time (if any) as the Township Board may grant.

This notice is given by order of the Tyrone Township Board.

Dated: December 19, 2018
Marcella Husted
Tyrone Township Clerk

Map of Special Assessment District
ARIES
Mar 21–Apr 20
Aries, even though you are not prone to worrying, this week some things have you feeling a bit on edge. Concentrate on what you have going right instead of what can go wrong.

TAURUS
Apr 21–May 21
Taurus, couch your ego for a little while and let a loved one get his or her way. Concede control in this and you’ll find it benefits you in many different ways.

GEMINI
May 22–Jun 21
This is a time for working hard and smart, Gemini. Your hard work will come to fruition and get you where you need to be quickly. Ask for help if the going gets too tough.

CANCER
Jun 22–Jul 22
Cancer, expect to reconnect with a long-lost activity or hobby you used to love. Find things that give you pleasure and enjoy some time focusing on fun.

LEO
Jul 23–Aug 22
Leo, your money is better spent on self-improvement, a vacation, or something you belong to a club or another form of organized activity.

VIRGO
Aug 23–Sep 22
VIRGO: Expect to revisit a project or decision you have to work on. Delays and mishaps are likely if you do not go through things correctly.

LIBRA
Sep 23–Oct 22
Libra, your best course of action now is to focus on your personal needs and goals. Resolve to take your own advice when it comes to relationships and business.

SCORPIO
Oct 23–Nov 21
Scorpio, expect to have a change of heart about an idea or project you have been considering. Make sure to weigh all the possibilities before you act.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22–Dec 21
Sagittarius, you are feeling very confident and optimistic about the future. Take advantage of this positive attitude to achieve your goals.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22–Jan 19
Capricorn, expect to have a change of heart about an idea or project you have been considering. Make sure to weigh all the possibilities before you act.

AQUARIUS
Jan 20–Feb 18
Aquarius, expect to have a change of heart about an idea or project you have been considering. Make sure to weigh all the possibilities before you act.

PISCES
Feb 19–Mar 20
Pisces, you are feeling very confident and optimistic about the future. Take advantage of this positive attitude to achieve your goals.

Weekend Crossword
PUZZLE CLUE: QUITE A COMPLEMENT

Weekend Clues
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ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd, to consider the following Variances:

Ryan and Carrie Ford are requesting Variances for Placement of a Barn and the Size of the Barn. He would like to place the Barn in front of the home and the size would be 2400 sq ft which is more than the home. Described as 01-13-200-003, 14.1 acres on Lahrng Rd.

A complete copy of this tax description may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

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Obituaries

Norma Bryant

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Angeline Dalley

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Earl Hanson

Mary Jane Wyant
1936-2018
Mary Jane Wyant - age 82, of Grand Ledge, MI, formerly of Fenton, passed away Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Rd, Fenton from 10 AM until the service which begins at 12 PM. Mary was born October 1, 1936 in Flint, the daughter of Clyde and Florence (Porter) Severn. She attended Flint Central High School. She was licensed in Cosmetology and Real Estate. Mary and her husband, Don, owned a number of businesses including a beauty salon where she was instrumental in assisting her husband with business operations. They owned and operated Shorthorn (Flint) for 17 years and started other restaurants such as Diablos, Super Chicken, The Texan, and Floogles. Mary enjoyed several sales positions pertaining to health and nutrition. She is survived by her children, Sherry (Dave) Pickering of Grand Ledge, MI, Shelly (Don) Helms of Davison, MI, Gloria Taylor of Grand Blanc, MI, and Lois (Dave) DelMott of Otisville, MI, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald Lorne Wyant, Jr. of New Lothrup, MI; 13 grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; four sisters, Annette (George) Kovacs of Mesick, MI, Esther (Tom) Voelker of Davison, MI, Gloria Taylor of Grand Blanc, MI, and Lois (Dave) DelMott of Otisville, MI; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald Lorne Wyant on March 16, 2016; daughter, Debra Lanning; and two sisters, JoAnn Severn and Claudia Severn. Tributes may be posted at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com. Those desiring to do so, may make contributions to Fairview Assisted Living, 11656 N. Hartel Road, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or Heartland Hospice Care, 865 S. Cedar Street, Mason, MI 48854, www.heartlandhomehealth.com.
Reasons a mutt should be your next dog

“Mutt” and “mongrel” have long had negative connotations, but there’s no need to turn one’s nose at mixed breed dogs. Dogs of any kind, regardless of lineage, can be cherished companions who offer years of tireless love and affection. In fact, mutts have gained steam as dogs of choice thanks to new, more trendy monikers, such as “designer dogs” or “cross-bred pups.” In addition, many well-recognized purebred dogs popular today were likely once amalgams of different breeds that were carefully crafted to acquire the desirable traits of popular breeds.

Many mixed-breed dogs are beautiful, well-behaved pets. The American Veterinary Medical Association states that 36.5 percent of American households have dogs. Many of those pooper scoopers are mixed-breed dogs. Here’s a look at what can make mutts stand out pets.

• Healthy pup: Mixed-breed dogs may not be prone to genetic diseases specific to one particular breed and may be less likely to develop an inherited disorder. According to Dog Reference, something called “hybrid vigor” explains why a mutt’s mixed ancestry makes it harder and more robust. The average lifespan of a mutt is longer than that of most purebred canines. This doesn’t replace the need for quality veterinary care, however.

• Life-saving choice: Animal shelters are often bursting at the seams with mutts. Choosing to adopt a mixed-breed dog can reduce overpopulation and ensure that dogs will not be euthanized.

• Affordability: Mutts are typically more affordable than pure breeds because a person is not paying for lineage, show titles and AKC registration. Some mutts actually may be free if a family is giving away puppies.

• Unique qualities: No two mixed-breed dogs are the same - even among litter mates. That individuality can be an advantage.

• Moderated traits: Many purebred dogs were bred to serve specific purposes of the breed. A Border Collie, for example, is designed to herd and require rigorous exercise to remain healthy both physically and mentally. Stripped of that primary job, a dog might be destructive or become depressed. Comprised of different breeds, a mutt may have a less intense drive to fulfill its breed standards, perhaps making it a more easygoing pet.

• Trendy: Thanks to puggles and labradoodles, it’s now chic to have a mutt.

Leftover Ham & Bean Soup

Although you may think the list of ingredients may seem a bit long, trust me, it’s so easy to make. I can’t tell you how yummy this soup is, so comforting, so hearty and so filling. This may seem a bit strange to some of you, but we usually eat this with raw red onion and salt. You take a small piece of onion, dip in it and have at it with the soup. May sound strange, but boy does it give this soup a new flavor dimension.

Total Time: 1 hour 10 mins
Serves: 8 servings

Prep Time: 10 mins
Cook Time: 1 hour

INGREDIENTS
1. leftover ham bone
2. cups leftover ham chopped in cubes
3. tbsp olive oil
4. large onion chopped
5. medium carrots chopped
6. stalks celery chopped
7. cloves garlic minced
8. whole peeled potatoes and cleaned
9. cups vegetable broth low sodium
10. oz cannellini beans (1 can), drained and rinsed
11. tsp cumin
12. tsp thyme
13. salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup fresh parsley chopped

INSTRUCTIONS
1. In a large soup pot, heat olive oil. Add onion, celery and carrot and cook for about 5 minutes until onion is tender.
2. Add garlic, ham bone, parsnip, boy leaves and the broth. If you don’t have a ham bone, just skip it. Bring to a boil and lower heat to medium. Let cook for about 30 minutes.
3. Add rinsed beans, cumin, thyme and season with salt and pepper. Continue cooking for another 30 minutes.
4. Remove ham bone, boy leaves and parsnip. Garnish with parsley and serve.

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