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Quick Hits

Hanley Academy to host talk on mental health

Improving your mental health will be the topic at Hanley International Academy on Feb. 22.

The event is free, and will feature four speakers who will focus on techniques to maintain mental well-being.

There will also be raffles, featuring prizes that will help reduce stress.

The discussion will last for about two hours, and afterward, a free dinner will be provided.

Topics include how to reduce stress through being physically active; combatting bullying; reducing anxiety and stress; and child and adolescent issues.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. at the school's gym, and the discussion will be held in the gym.

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HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

City and school officials have big plans for Veterans Park

By Charles Sercombe

If the stars align right, Veterans Memorial Park could undergo a major renovation.

Make that millions of dollars' worth.

Plans for the park were introduced to the city council in December, and also to the community last Friday during a dinner presentation sponsored by the Michigan Municipal League.

The plan was created by a Minnesota-based urban planning company, and coordinated by Global Detroit. It was funded by a \$800,000 grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation, which



If a multi-million-dollar grant comes through, Veterans Park will undergo an amazing transformation.

has been funding programs to encourage younger people to get more physically active.

City and school officials are also hoping to receive a multi-million dol-

lar grant from the foundation to renovate Hamtramck Stadium, one of only five remaining baseball stadiums built for the Negro baseball leagues that existed

back in the early 1900s. Hamtramck Stadium was built in the 1930s. The renovation plan also includes the stadium, and further on over

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Former Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay has been retired for several months now, but he still thinks about work.

For newly retired schools superintendent, it still feels like work

By Joe Myrick
Special to The Review

Let's wind the clocks back to Friday, June 29, 2019.

School had let out by then, the summer season was blossoming while the NBA free agency season was beginning, and Thomas Niczay was having his last day as the superintendent of Hamtramck Public Schools.

Which, in turn, ended his 41-year run in education, much of it spent in the Hamtramck Public School District.

"It was difficult," he said, in regard to retiring. "It was difficult leaving, and I tried to make it as normal a day as possible."

In an attempt to leave

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Line up for the paczki run

By Alan Madlane

One doesn't often necessarily think of paczki and running in the same breath.

In fact, the very idea of running after having just consumed a paczek makes one want to ... well, something that rhymes with "twarf."

Nonetheless, there does exist such a thing as a "Paczki Run," and it's happening again here in Hamtramck the weekend before Paczki Day, specifically Saturday, Feb. 22.

The race goes from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., providing ample time for even the most tortoise-like, distracted, or otherwise deliberate entrant to complete their runnerly duty.

And that duty is a 5K (approximately three-mile) run past all the popular places in town.

Runners get rewarded with both paczki (from the New Martha Washington and New Palace bakeries) and beer (from Motor City Brewing Works) at the finish line.

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Line up for the paczki run

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3,700 spots left. We kid. But that figure is accurate. Per the website of, from 7 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Registration is at 9401 Jos. Campau, the former site of the just-closed Wheelhouse Detroit. But rest assured,

City of Hamtramck Notice of Public Hearing

Plan Commission

The City of Hamtramck Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:30pm at City Hall, 3401 Evaline St, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212. The public is invited to attend and comment or to make written comments before the date of the hearing. Address written comments to Grace Stamper, ATTN: Plan Commission, 3401 Evaline St., Hamtramck, MI 48212. The subject of the hearing is:

- Rezoning 8610 Conant from Residential to C2, Multi-use Commercial, per section XIV 1.02 of the Hamtramck zoning ordinance

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Wednesday, Feb. 19, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 7 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

The cost to enter is \$45. The sponsors are a who's-who of nearly 50 local government and business supporters, including the City of Hamtramck and the DDA.

The morning of the race, you will congregate, not at 9401 Jos. Campau but at 9011 Jos. Campau, at the corner of Faber, in the large strip mall. Get there early to take advantage of the available parking in the large mall lot. There is also street parking, but watch for meters, prohibited areas, etc.

Music will begin on the day of the race at 8:00. The streets involved will be barricaded off at 9:00 a.m. Note that, after this time, you will not be able to get through in your car, nor for example can a bus make it through either.

After they group you at the starting line by your presumed speed (starting at 9:20), and add in a benediction by dance from a group of local Polish dancers, weather permitting (9:45), the race itself will go off promptly at 10 a.m.

Your job? Run, or cheer on your running friends.

And try to not to rhymes-with-glarf.

City and school officials have big plans for Veterans Park

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to Keyworth Stadium, which is owned by the public school district.

In all, the renovation plan covers a total of 26 acres.

The plan includes:

Creating a "green alley" near Keyworth Stadium.

Creating trail loops that "stitch" neighborhoods together.

Planting "living rooms" in the park. These are social gathering areas that are secluded by plantings.

Creating a "wet prairie meadow."

Creating a botanical garden.

Funding for the project could come from a variety of public and private sources, but the main source that city and school officials are hoping will come through is a multi-million grant from the Wilson Foundation.

The Michigan Municipal League is the fiduciary for any would-be grants.

The Wilson Foundation has already paid for new artificial turf at Keyworth Stadium, so it's not a long shot by any means to hope for further funding from the organization.

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By Angela Fournoy

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For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

Second Front Page



City Hall Insider ...

*What is our City Council up to these days?
We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.*

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Jan. 28, and all councilmembers were present.

Fire Chief Danny Hagen gave an annual report of the Fire Department. He noted that there were 979 incidents reported in 2019, which included fires, false alarms, rescues and other incidents.

There were 380 fire runs, of which 303 were helping Detroit firefighters in Detroit.

But, out of those 303 Detroit incidents, 169 (or 56 percent) were cancelled before Hamtramck firefighters arrived on the scene, or ended up being false alarms.

Detroit firefighters assisted Hamtramck firefighters in 69 incidents in Hamtramck.

In a community outreach effort, firefighters visited, and made presentations to, over 1,700 school children.

The Hamtramck Historical Commission and

Friends of Historic Hamtramck also made their annual presentation.

In a report submitted to the city council, it was noted that renovations continued in the city's historical museum – namely, the completion of a bathroom in the museum.

The “Hungry for History” program also continued to be popular.

Attendance at the museum increased this year, with a total of 4,522 visitors. Since 2013, there have been 19,750 visitors to the museum.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Robert Zwolak asked for the job description of Max Garbarino's position as Director of Community Safety and Services.

He said the administration's failure to provide a job description shows a lack of transparency.

A presentation was made on an update to proposed renovations to Hamtramck Stadium, one

of only five remaining stadiums that once served the Negro Baseball League back when African-Americans were banned from playing in the all-white Major Leagues.

An initial renovation proposal was rejected by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, because it would have added a structure to the stadium, and thus would have violated the restrictions on what can be done to structures deemed officially historical.

The new renovation plan would cost \$1.4 million. The city is seeking funding from multiple sources, including the Detroit Tigers organization.

In another matter, the council approved poverty exemption guidelines as submitted by the city Assessor's Office.

The guideline allows those living in poverty a reduction in their prop-

erty taxes.

In Hamtramck, a single person earning no more than \$13,740 a year is considered to be living in poverty. A family of four with a yearly income of no more than \$28,330 is also considered to be at poverty level.

The complete guideline is available through the City Clerk's Office.

An update of the city's Master Plan was submitted. The city initially completed its Master Plan in 2010. However, since that time various conditions in the city have changed.

Some of the recommended changes include: updating the look of the “gateways” into the city; improving trash collection; expanding the management of vacant lots; continuing demolishing dilapidated and dangerous structures; expanding tree planting; and improving nighttime lighting.

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City Council

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The subject of the hearing is:

- Text and map amendments to the City of Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance

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City of Hamtramck Notice of PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Please take notice that the public testing of the equipment and the program to be used for tallying the results of the Presidential Primary Election of Tuesday, March 10, 2020 will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. The test will take place at the Office of the City Clerk in Hamtramck City Hall located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

All interested parties are invited to observe.

August R. Gitschlag Hamtramck City Clerk

City of Hamtramck

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Library expands its services to include electronic streaming

By Alan Madlane

Your local public library is now bringing you more of what you want, right into your own little life.

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And it's free, free, free for residents.

The Hamtramck Library is touting their latest piece of interactive tech, which is called “hoopla” (lower-case first letter intended). A digital media streaming service available through a phone app, it looks at a glance to rival some of the pay-for services you may be spending your hard-earned on.

Movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics/graphic novels and TV shows are all available, and a fairly lengthy list of them at that.

A browse of the movie offerings reveals a real mish-mash of grown-up films and kid films intermingled on the screen, 50 at a time.

Some of the titles were recognizable as having been in the theaters not too terribly long ago; others may be made-for-TV (think BBC/Public TV, Hallmark, whatnot). Looking over the first 100 titles, nothing jumped out as being particularly current. Still, there is a generous variety from which to choose.

There are Oscar winners. There are B-titles, and even a few C-titles amusingly mixed in (think Mystery Science Theater). There are documentaries mashed in with fictional titles.

The same pattern repeats itself with audiobooks. The music

For newly retired schools superintendent, it stills feels like work

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his office as clean as it was when he first entered it, he grabbed a bottle of Windex and began wiping down his desk and windows, before removing his calendars and personal belongings from the walls.

“There it is,” he said to himself, upon seeing his office practically spotless, with nothing more than a key card and a set of keys left behind.

The clock struck 3 p.m. and before he knew it, he was out the door one last time. It hard for him to leave it all behind, and he was anxious about leaving and getting too emotional saying goodbye to a few people in his building.

That was six months ago. It is now January 2020. The man is 66 years old. How do you transition into becoming a normal, everyday citizen, when the past 41 years of your life saw you go from teacher (six years), to assistant principal (four years) to principal (20 years) to superintendent (11 years)?

When you've been Mr. Niczay for so long, how do you settle into just being Tom?

Well, if you're Tom, you start focusing on the one thing you felt you didn't have time for during your career: maintaining your health.

Becoming healthier became Niczay's prime focus upon entering retirement, both to get in better shape and to treat his psoriatic arthritis.

These past six months has seen him do just that, as he's committed to regular walking exercise. Specifically, walking with his dog for 2.2 miles every day. On top of that, he walked five miles on the Mackinac Bridge this past summer.

That's not all. He still engaged in Hamtramck. In his spare time, he works (yes, working in post-retirement) as a board member for the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium.

“I really believe that getting that Hamtramck Stadium repaired and funded is extremely important for

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

GM Poletown plant is both good news, bad news

We have spilled a lot of ink in recent months about the GM Poletown plant and what its existence means to Hamtramck.

The plant plays a major role in the city's finances, to the tune of about \$700,000 a year in a special deal in lieu of paying property taxes.

For a brief moment, it looked like GM was going to close down the plant, and that posed a serious potential financial setback for the city. As it turned out, that threat was a ploy to pressure UAW workers to settle their contract strike and come back to work.

Well, the strike did eventually end, but not necessarily because of GM's announcement that the plant would close.

With the strike settled, everything looked rosy. But then GM announced that the plant would undergo retooling to accommodate the production of electric-fueled vehicles – a technology of the future, industry insiders are saying.

But in order to retool the plant, production would be shut down for up to two years. During this time, according to the special tax deal with the city, GM won't be paying Hamtramck much of anything.

That means we are back to square one, financially-speaking – at least for the next two years.

So, now city officials are going to have to scramble to find a way around a loss of \$700,000 this year and next.

One reader has suggested that GM should be forced to keep paying the city what it normally does, because, well, it's only fair.

But unfortunately, a deal is a deal.

How this financial challenge will be worked out is still unknown, but we can guarantee that there will be sacrifices that will have to be made.

Celebrating black history in Hamtramck

The history of Hamtramck's black community is amazingly rich and filled with stories of amazing courage, persistence and a determination to see justice done.

You can learn about that at the new exhibit now on display at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau.

A special program to highlight the display and pay tribute to Black History Month will be held 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, at the museum.

There will be light refreshments, a short PowerPoint presentation and a special performance by the St. Luke Baptist Church Gospel Choir. There is no admission fee to attend.

It will be an educational and entertaining afternoon for the whole community. All persons, black and white, Christian and non-Christian, are invited to be part of this historical event.

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Congratulations... Several students at Hanley Middle School, received the Principal's Award for getting an "A" grade in all of their classes.

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Reaching out... Hamtramck's favorite DJ and entertainer, "Jotown," is asking for a little help.

Joseph Slanda, as he is known among friends and family, had a health issue recently, and his insurance has run out.

He has an online fundraiser, which you can search on GoFundMe.com, and is seeking to raise \$15,000. So far, he has a little over \$4,000 committed by well-wishers.

We'll let Joseph tell you what he has gone through:

"I recently suffered a stroke, and in the hospital I found out that I also had Hydrocephalus (Water on the Brain). I had surgery to install shunt in my skull that will help regulate my brains cerebrospinal fluid pressure. The stroke was on the right side of my brain so the left side of my body is affected.

"I have been in Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy and Occupational therapy, and I have reached the limit of what insurance will pay for. This is the end of the beginning of my recovery, and I still have many months to go. But



These Hanley Middle School students received the Principal's Award.



insurance doesn't pay for singing therapy, guitar therapy, roadie therapy. So I will have to find help with all of those.

"I knew I was at the end of a 30-year cycle and that something big was going to change in my life this year, and it surely has. My spirit and my mind are strong, and though I haven't been able to perform for the past 4 months, I have been working on a book

about my experience called 'My Sacred Stroke.'

"I don't know when I will be able to work again, so I am asking for help in surviving my next few months of recovery that I will have to fund myself. I know I am going to make it through this huge shift in my life. It's just going to take some time and work.

"It is very difficult for me to ask for help, but I need help now, so I am asking."

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NOTICE

CITY OF HAMTRAMCK BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Hamtramck Board of Review will meet in the City of Hamtramck City Hall located at 3401 Evaline, First Floor Conference Room, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212, on the following days:

Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 9:00 am for the organizational meeting (no appeals will be heard).

By appointment to hear appeals,

Monday	March 09, 2020	1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday	March 12, 2020	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

The purpose is to review the assessment rolls of Hamtramck. Matters pertaining to the assessment of property may be brought before the Board of Review. Appointments will be taken until 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Appeals will also be accepted by letter.

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Are mailboxes becoming a thing of the past?

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Mr. Postman, what the heck/Where do I go to mail a card or a check?
– Everybody, nowadays

By Alan Madlane
So where have all the mailboxes gone?
And no, you're not imagining it – there really are fewer mailboxes out there – meaning here in Hamtramck, and around the country overall.
And that comes directly from a communiqué on the blog of the USPS Office of the Inspector General.
The blog entry, from more than three years ago, noted a decline of some 12,000 collection boxes (as they are more rightly known in the trade) in the approximate period of 2011-16.
We even had a running conversation here in the office with a resident, who mentioned a mailbox that we suggested he use was no longer there to use.
Much to our consternation and surprise.
Considered convenient and reasonably secure, the boxes have also, admittedly, been a reassuring symbol to many of the comforting presence of a national postal service.
The general idea was to

eliminate any collection boxes that weren't averaging 25 pieces of mail per day.
But it didn't all go only in the direction of fewer boxes. The blog mentioned that there were also a few added here and there too, where demand had grown for example, and thus warranted one.
From the sound of it, the post office gets plenty of complaints about the removal of boxes as it happens; after all, there's always going to be a collection box that's most convenient to someone, and they're going to miss it when it's gone.
But the boxes are prone to vandalism; surprisingly, expensive to maintain, according to the blog; and can become eyesores if they aren't routinely maintained – primarily, painted every so often (many boxes in urban areas suffer constant “make-overs” by graffiti taggers, for one thing).
The blog is even-handed; it mentions an audit undertaken in the eastern U. S., recent at the time, which determined that the mailbox removal process was flawed – “not effective,” they admitted, and having “procedures... not consistently followed” in spite of such procedures being quite clearly in place.
Give the Post Office credit for being honest.

The Office of the Inspector General went on to recommend a constant monitoring of the statistics, and proportionate action to reevaluate and fix any discrepancies in need for mailboxes versus their actual availability.
The blog also invites sin-

cere and useful public comment.
So, if you are pining for a box, such as it is, don't hesitate to start by contacting your local post office with the suggestion.
You never know, you might just become a neighborhood hero.

Obituaries


BATHURST



Burton G. Bathurst, 80, died February 10, 2020.
Mr. Bathurst was the loving companion of Rose T. Brys; father of Raymond (Renee), Kenneth, Ronald and the late Dennis; son of the late James and Matilda; grandfather of seven; great grandfather of nine.

Burt served his country in the United States Army where he was honorably discharged and later worked for Chrysler at the Lynch Road Executive Lease Car Program where he retired from. In his retirement, he worked to support the veteran's organizations and posts in Hamtramck. Burt's family held private services and he will be inurned at Great Lakes National Cemetery at a future date.

GORDAY



Barbara Gorday (nee Rutkowski), 83, died February 10, 2020.
Mrs. Gorday was the beloved wife of George; mother of Gregory (Rachel) and Kathleen (Paul) Serra; grandmother of Dominic, Elena, Vincent, and Nicholas. Barbara is also survived by her brother Richard Shebestak.

Visitation was Thursday at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck. Mrs. Gorday will lie in state Friday, Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m., until the time of the funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212. Burial will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery Detroit, MI.

OLSZEWSKI

Boguslaw Wladyslaw Olszewski, 63, died February 8, 2020.
Mr. Olszewski is survived by his wife, Bozena; daughters, Ursula (Zejdan) Saab, Kasia, Karolina (Piotr) Papiez; sons, Maciej and Michal; sisters, Ursula (Jerry) Czachor, Janina (Angelo) Servin, Heidi (Patrick) Bestler; grandchildren, Dominik, Julia, Chase, Pawel, Christian, Alexander, Kamil.
Mr. Olszewski was a self-employed residential contractor.

Visitation was at Krot Funeral Home in Hamtramck. The Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at St. Florian Church.

School Bell

Upcoming Events:
• February 14 – Half day for all students.
• February 17 – No school for students and staff. President's Day.
• February 26 – End of Progress Report Period #3.


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Compiled by Janice Gandelman

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FRAME



Lester Frame, 72, died February 6, 2020.
Mr. Frame was the beloved husband of 43 years of Fay; father of Sherry (Mike), Daudlin, Crystal Brock, Traci (David) Pluszczynski, and Francis Justus; brother of Ronald; brother in law to Arthur Templin. Lester is also survived by nine grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Private services were held by the family. Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.



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Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Feb. 4-10.

Tuesday, Feb. 4
No incident report was available for this date.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

- At a little after 11 p.m., a resident was arrested for trespassing at a business in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau Ave. after getting into a verbal altercation.
- At almost 2 a.m., a resident of Pontiac was arrested in the 12000 block of Jos. Campau Ave. for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant and for possessing narcotic paraphernalia.
- At a little after 3 a.m., the driver of a gray Toyota Camry refused to stop for a traffic violation, and led officers on a chase. The driver eventually stopped in the area of Carpenter and Fleming, and then fled on foot. The suspect was described as being a male, about 30 years old, wearing a black jacket and a black beanie hat.
- At almost 4 a.m., a resident reported a break-

in and the theft of some items.

- A resident of Flint was arrested after at traffic stop for driving without a license (with five previous convictions for this offense) and for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

- Tools were reported stolen from a work van in the 9300 block of Gallagher St.

- A juvenile from Ecorse was arrested for attempting a break-in and for providing false information to an officer.

Thursday, Feb. 6

- At almost 1 a.m., two people were arrested in the area of Carpenter and Dyar for possessing open intoxicants in public and for being wanted on Hamtramck misdemeanor warrants.

- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jos. Campau and Carpenter.

- Another hit-and-run accident happened Nagel and Caniff.

- A middle-aged woman driving a newer silver Ford

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SATURDAY, Feb. 22, 4-7 p.m. – Pre-Lenten Polish Dinner with accordionist Domenic Bagiano, at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming.

MONDAY, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. – Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott hosts a free Community Coffee Hour every fourth Monday of the month at Maine Street Restaurant, 11650 Jos. Campau.





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Mustang struck a vehicle at Caniff Electric and then drove off. The Mustang has moderate to heavy front-end crash damage.

- Officers found a loose pit bull in the 2300 block of Edwin St. The dog’s guardian retrieved the dog from the police station.
- A Detroit resident was arrested in the 9300 block of Charest St. after allegedly striking another person with a 2x4 piece of lumber. The suspect was also arrested for obstructing officers.

Friday, Feb. 7

- Officers revived a person with Narcan who had overdosed in the 2600

block of Holbrook Ave. The person was further treated at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Saturday, Feb. 8

- At 12:30 a.m., a resident was arrested in the area of Holbrook and Brombach for felony domestic assault.

Sunday, Feb. 9

- At 11 p.m., a person was arrested after fleeing the scene of an accident in the area of Caniff and Gallagher.
- At 11:15 p.m., a De-

troit resident reported being assaulted while walking in the area of Caniff and Ellery.

Monday, Feb. 10

- A resident was arrested in the 2300 block of Hewitt St. for being disorderly.
- At 1 a.m., a resident was arrested in the 2000 block of Trowbridge St. for obstructing officers.
- At almost 2 a.m., multiple suspects set fire to a vehicle parked in the 2400 block of Hewitt St.

For newly retired schools superintendent, it’s still feels like work


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Florida next winter to get away from the harsh Michigan weather, as it bothers his arthritis.

What makes Niczay’s retirement all the more interesting is that he actually already briefly retired once before in 2016, only to change his mind and undo his resignation by that November, upon realizing he still had some work to do to help the school district during a tough financial time.

Right now, though, he says that he’s happy with his decision to finally step down last year, and is happy with his new life.

But when asked if he’s truly done with education, and permanently retired this time, Niczay employed the age-old saying:




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