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Quick Hits

We wish you a happy Thanksgiving

By Charles Sercombe

Next week is a special week for many families.

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For The Review, this coming week means we have to adjust our schedules.

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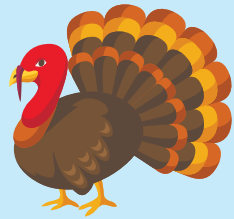
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Having said that, all of us at The Review thank you for being part of our family and supporting us throughout these many years.

Thanksgiving week is a time for all of us to appreciate our families and friends, and it also gives us the space to reflect on our lives and take stock of what's important.

And, the key things that are important are our health and taking care of our family and friends.

Have a restful week readers.



— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

HPS board president takes a deep dive into questionable school books

By Charles Sercombe

Following a recent raucous school board meeting regarding student reading material, Board President Salah Hadwan says he is conducting his own investigation.

The Hamtramck Public School Board is the latest board of education to come under scrutiny over what some say are inappropriate books on sexual and gender issues.

In total, there appear to be just two books in question in the HPS District, and it was pointed out that they were never required reading and, in fact, no student had even cracked them open.

Hadwan announced on Facebook that he is investigating what books are available in the district's schools.

"Some of you asked me to verify these concerns by going to the libraries to check for any other sexually explicit books that might be inappropriate for minors in our schools," Hadwan said.

"I was able to make some time to do what was asked of me by com-



The issue of what students should be allowed to read in the public school district is still ongoing, although there is little evidence that there are more than a couple of books that were deemed sexually inappropriate.

munity members. I can tell you that this will take a lot of effort to check every book, but I will do my best. I have started this process of verifying what we are told by the superintendent and teachers."

Hadwan went on to say he found one book that he objected to, but he did not identify it.

The reaction to Hadwan's investigation on various Hamtramck-based Facebook pages was mixed, with some praising him and others questioning this approach.

Veronica Lewis was critical:

"So basically, he (Hadwan) is saying on Facebook that he will be a one-person censorship committee reading every single book in Hamtramck Public Schools looking for what he considers explicit or derogatory?"

"Please, bring on the lawsuits."

Hadwan is not alone in reacting to the public concern. Mayor Amer Ghalib also reached out to the community on his Facebook page.

"We heard you. As a parent, I personally share the same concerns with you about the kind, quality and future of education for our kids.

"We trust that you and the board of education will solve the pressing books issue in the best interest of our kids and our community as a whole."

The mayor has no authority or control over the public school district.

In the meantime, the Michigan Chapter of the American Civil Lib-

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City mulls over what to do about its ambulance service

By Charles Sercombe

Some residents are complaining that the city's contractor for ambulance service, Rapid Response, is neither rapid nor responsive.

In one of the more dramatic instances recently, a Hamtramck High School student had a seizure in class, but after 25 minutes, or so, and an ambulance still had not arrived. By that time the stu-

dent's parents arrived at the school and drove their child to a hospital.

At a recent city council meeting, HHS teacher George Hloros and several students spoke about the incident, and their concerns.

"While that is troubling enough of an experience," Hloros said, of watching what his student was going through, "what was

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There has been growing concern over the city's ambulance service. A number of residents say they have had to wait a long time before an ambulance arrives.

City's State Rep. rises in legislature

By Charles Sercombe

Some history was made as a result of the Nov. 8 election.

For the first time in 40 years, Democrats won majorities in both the state's House and Senate.

That means Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, also a Democrat, will have a much-more cooperative legislature to work with.

The Democratic majority in the state legislature also means a change in leadership in both the House and Senate.

Hamtramck's own State Rep. Abraham Aiyash was chosen by his colleagues to be the House majority floor leader.

It will be his job to coordinate and schedule legislative plans, as well as keep taking the pulse on what his party members think about the issues being considered.

Aiyash is the first Muslim to hold this position. This is Aiyash's second term. He ran in a newly drawn district, District 9, and won decisively over his Republican challenger.

The Review reached out to Aiyash for comment, but he did not reply.

Aiyash represents the growing political power of Muslims in Hamtramck, who now also control Hamtramck's government. The city had been a Polish enclave for several generations.

The city's Muslim community also captured another first by electing a Yemeni-American as mayor – who ousted former Mayor Karen Majewski in her re-election bid last year.

It appears that Majewski could be the last Polish-American to be Hamtramck's mayor. Many Hamtramck Poles have

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erties Union is cautioning school districts away from censorship. In a letter sent to districts statewide, the ACLU said:

“In debating whether to allow students to check out a controversial book from the school library, it is easy to lose sight of the overarching function of our schools: to train young people to think for themselves.

“Many years ago, the Supreme Court explained the essential role our schools play in helping young people to develop into the reflective and critical citizens that a democracy needs to survive and flourish: ‘The Nation’s future depends upon leaders trained through wide exposure to (a) robust exchange of ideas which discovers truth out of a multitude of tongues, rather than through any kind of authoritative selection.’”

The ACLU warned that banning books could result in legal consequences, saying it “will take action if necessary to stop censorship and protect the rights of all children to safe and inclusive learning environments. In addition to threatening the First Amendment rights of all students, this wave of book-banning is an attack on LGBTQ+ children and their families, and it must be stopped.”

City’s State Rep. rises in legislature

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long ago moved to the northern suburbs of Warren and Sterling Heights.


There is another Hamtramck connection to the position of Democratic House floor majority leader: former City Manager Kathy Angerer was the first female to hold that position – although, at the time she was in the state legislature, she did not represent a district that included Hamtramck.


Aiyash is the son of Yemeni immigrant parents, and a graduate of Hamtramck High School. His sister, Jihan Aiyash is a member of the Hamtramck Public School Board.

Hamtramck’s last resident to serve as a state representative was Chester Wozniak (who was also a Democrat). He served in the 1950s, and then made a surprise return for one term in 1991-1992.


Wozniak died in 2009, at the age of 87.

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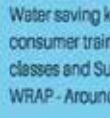
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
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Big Library Read: It is here. Visit www.biglibraryread.com to score a great new read and take part in a global online book club. This time, enjoy the tale of Nina and Oli. When a catastrophe befalls our Earth as we know it, the world of spirits merge with our own, bringing these two outcasts together. “A Snake Falls to Earth” is a YA novel by author Darcie Little Badger and this season’s showcase at Big Library Read.

Story Time: Expect to see some new faces at our afternoon story time. We will be welcoming members of the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers as guest readers. We extend to them a Big Thank You and invite all the children to join us in the library on Mondays at 4:00 pm.

Polar Express: Experience the history of the Pere Marquette 1225 steam locomotive (the basis for the train in the Polar Express). Catch it on Wednesday, November 23 at 3 pm.

Adoptive Yoga and Thai Chi: Good news for those awaiting our group practice exercise sessions. Adoptive Yoga returning Tuesdays at 3 pm and Thai Chi resumes Fridays at 10 am. These programs are Senior friendly. Comfortable footwear and clothing

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recommended. Presented by the RIM Foundation.

Game Night: Drop in on a Friday Game Night, starting at 4 pm (open to all ages)


Let’s Read Together Challenge: Did you hear about the Let’s Read Together Challenge? The Michigan learning Channel is asking teachers and parents of all readers from pre-school to 12th grade to have their kids complete 1000 minutes of reading by November 30th, tracked on a log sheet. That sounds like a whole lot. However, there are prizes to be won. Visit www.michiganlearning.org/resource/letsread/ for full details

NERF Games: While everyone else will be decking the halls for the winter season, we have got something else up our sleeves. Get the kids together and join us on Friday, December 9th, at 3 pm for a NERF blaster showdown, you will not want to miss.

Newspaper Collection: The Library of Michigan will be showcasing its extensive local newspaper collection and teaching participants how to navigate digital archives. Register and get more info about this ZOOM presentation, which will take places on December 1st at 6:30 pm.

ESL Classes in the Library: For the 2022-23 school year, the ESL classes organized by Horizon School, will be held in the library four days a week (Monday to Thursday). There are two sessions with the first starting at 9 am and the second at 11:30 am

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School Bell

HHS grad news

Anne Hughes recently sent us an update on her daughter, Mira Hughes. Here is what she had to say:

Mira Hughes (HHS class of 2022) was awarded



Mira Hughes (HHS class of 2022) was recently awarded a Planet Detroit Climate Leadership Award at the Detroit Bioneers Conference at University of Detroit Mercy.

a Planet Detroit Climate Leadership Award at the Detroit Bioneers Conference at University of Detroit Mercy on Saturday, Oct. 15 for her work as the President of LEAP (Leaders of Environmental Awareness and Preservation), an environmental club at Hamtramck High School.

Mira was a member of LEAP for all four years of high school, and President for two of those years. LEAP has established a recycling program in the high school, and members also do citywide clean sweeps, and tree plantings in the city of Hamtramck.

LEAP also partners with Be a Good Neighbor, led by Rev. Sharon Buttry, a grass roots Hamtramck organization that sup-

ports community gardens, clean-ups, and environmental awareness programs. Mira is a freshman at U of M, Ann Arbor.

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12/5 – Lake Shore, 7

p.m., Home

12/9 – Catholic Central, 7 p.m., Home

12/10 – HWF Classic, 6:30 p.m., Away (Ferndale)

12/13 – Plymouth Canton, 7 p.m., Home

12/15 – North Farmington, 7 p.m., Away

12/20 – L'Anse Creuse, 7 p.m., Home

12/29 – Roundball Classic, 4:35 p.m., Away (Ferndale) Grand Rapids Christian

12/30 – Holiday Extravaganza, 7 p.m.,

Away (North Farmington) Port Huron Northern

1/7 – Carmody Classic, 3 p.m., Away (Grand Blanc) Hamadey

1/13 – Ecorse, 7 p.m., Away

1/14 – Go Get It, 2:30 p.m., Away (Ferndale) Davison High

1/20 – University Prep, 7 p.m., Home

1/24 – Dearborn ATA, 7 p.m., Away

1/27 – River Rouge, 7 p.m., Away

1/29 – TBA (Classic), Away

1/31 – Stoney Creel, 7 p.m., Away

2/3 – Ecorse, 7 p.m., Home

2/7 – Notre Dame Prep, 7 p.m., Home

2/10 – University Prep, 7 p.m., Away

2/11 – W.C. Showcase, 6 p.m., Away (Benton Harbor) Kalamazoo Central

2/17 – River Rouge, 7 p.m., Home

Recognition

November is American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month. HPS celebrates the rich and diverse culture and traditions of Native people. We recognize their role in American History and their many contributions to society.

Health news

The health and safety of our students is a top priority. As COVID-19 and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) infection cases rise, we want to remind you of the actions HPS is taking to protect our students and staff. In addition to increased sanitization of frequent touch points in all district buildings and continued handwashing, we also provide free at-home COVID-19 tests available with the district nurse or

your school's main office.

Please remember to stay home when sick and wear a mask to reduce risk of infection. We have mask sizes for adults and children available at all district buildings.

Helping hands

Hamtramck Public Schools (HPS) will be partnering with the Detroit Friendship House to giveaway Thanksgiving meals to HPS families. Interested families can participate by completing a simple form and arriving on Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or until supplies last to pick-up their meal.

The meal is complete with a turkey, sides and dessert with halal options available to those interested. HPS is devoted to serving students and their families beyond school doors.

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Covid: Holidays could pose a serious health risk

By Charles Sercombe

You might want to think twice about traveling and getting together with family and friends for the upcoming holidays – including next Thursday's Thanksgiving.

According to media reports, the upswing in national travel during the holidays is a recipe for disaster, with covid subvariants proving to be largely resistant to vaccines and

booster shots – although those shots do help in lessening COVID-19 symptoms.

Not only that, this is expected to be a contagious flu season, and now there is also another health threat: RSV – respiratory syncytial virus.

It's a trifecta of viruses.

The RSV virus has already caused a high number of children to be admitted to hospitals na-

tionwide, and the virus also poses a threat to older folks.

Holiday season social gatherings are risky because most folks do not mask up anymore especially among family or friends. Health experts advise that it would be wise to ask guests coming to your house to perform a covid test on themselves at home before heading over.

(Editor's note: Yeah, good luck with that.)

As for the Hamtramck weekly covid update, the city reported 10 new cases as of this past Monday. The total number of cases reported in the city for the past two years-plus is now 5,684.

That figure represents 19 percent of the city's population.

The number of deaths for this period remains at 79.

The latest tell-tale symptoms of covid are now: sore throat, runny nose, blocked nose, persistent cough, headache – all in that order.



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City mulls over what to do about its ambulance service

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most traumatizing for us all was what happened next.”

And that was watching “the clock tick by minute-after-minute” and no ambulance arriving.

Later, he found out that the reason for the delay was that the city has only one ambulance on duty.

“This was such a shocking and unacceptable fact that it is beyond belief ...” he said.

A student echoed his sentiment: “We need to ensure no lives are lost.”

In the case of the school incident, the city’s sole ambulance was tied up on another run.

As it turned out, the city’s ambulance contractor supplies only one on-duty ambulance during what are considered non-peak hours.

The city has had a bit of a tortured history with ambulance service. At one time, the Hamtramck Fire Department operated that service.

But, several years ago, the department’s one-and-only ambulance died on a run, and police officers had to transport a person waiting for help to the hospital.

That incident prompted city officials to look into a less expensive ambulance service – while possibly improving upon it. The thinking was, by contracting out the service, the city would save money on both fire department staffing and the purchase and maintenance of a city-owned ambulance.

Initially, the city’s contractors provided the service at no cost to the city. The companies thought they could collect insurance money from the people they service.

Turns out, though, a number of residents have no insurance.

The result was, the ambulance contractors were not earning money. Ambulance companies came and went.

A few years ago, the city’s current ambulance company demanded – and got– \$140,000 a year for their service.

Former City Manager Kathy Angerer was in talks with the Hamtramck firefighters’ union about possibly bringing back service to the fire department.

And then she left to take another job, and the matter has since, apparently, gone nowhere.

But even if the city were to return local service to the fire department, that comes with a price tag

too, and that could possibly be more expensive than contracting it out.

Once you total up the cost of ambulance personnel and the cost and maintenance of an ambulance, it could all greatly exceed the \$140,000 price the city currently pays.

The cost of a new ambulance alone is at least \$200,000 – more or less.

And firefighters’ union president Andrew Oleksiak conceded, on a recent Facebook page dedicated to Hamtramck, that it would take time to order and receive a new ambulance.

“If we ordered a new ambulance tomorrow, it could take up to two years to get because of demand and supply shortages,” Oleksiak said.

Also, he said, there’s a shortage of personnel.

“There’s a massive firefighter/EMT/paramedic shortage in Michigan,” he said.

As for the city eliminating ambulance service through the fire department, Oleksiak has another take on that.

“The fire department provided amazing service, but the city administration wanted to play political games with it and now this is the result,” Oleksiak said.

If the city were to go back to providing its own ambulance service, there’s still the matter of what happens when the city’s ambulance is on a call and another call comes in?

Would that require the city to pay to have a private company on standby, just in case?

Or would the city also purchase a second ambulance and hire more trained personnel to be on hand?

The cost of that could be staggering, and the city is currently in deficient spending.

As of now, the city is talking with its contractor to provide a second ambulance during non-peak hours.

In the meantime, Mayor Amer Ghalib has suggested hiring a specialist to help the city sort through this issue.



Healthy smiles can lead to healthy lives: understanding the importance of dental health

By Gregory E Berger, MD, Medical Director, CCA Health Michigan

Dental and oral care are essential to overall health. Regular visits to a dentist for cleanings, checkups, and preventative care can help promote oral and dental health—and minimize problems that could affect the whole body.

Dental care, however, often gets overlooked. For many people, access and cost are two common barriers. In fact, more than 1 million Michiganders lack access to adequate dental care and almost half of adults age 65 and older lack dental coverage, a University of Michigan survey found.

Good oral health can be achieved through preventive care, regular self-care, and the early detection, treatment, and management of diseases. A healthy mouth, teeth, and gums are important to whole-body health. Oral health can be a window into overall health.

On the flip side, poor oral health can spark a cascade of adverse effects that can impact the rest of the body. For example, bacterial accumulation in the mouth can cause inflammation. Untreated, this can lead to gingivitis and gum disease, which have been shown to trigger whole-body inflammation. This systemic inflammation is linked to several diseases such as heart disease, pregnancy complications, respiratory diseases, and diabetes. New emerging evidence also links uncontrolled periodontal disease to an increase in respiratory complications from COVID-19.

Clearly, no Michigander should go without dental care. In addition to good personal



dental hygiene practice—such as regular twice-daily brushing, flossing, and consuming food and drinks low in sugar and acids—regular dental checkups are also important to maintaining good oral health. While most plans cover basic dental care, individuals should determine whether their plans cover other services and procedures. This is essential for seniors as many of them may face gaps in coverage because original Medicare doesn’t cover most dental services and many dentists don’t participate in Medicaid programs.

At the same time, individuals who do have insurance coverage may face additional barriers. An important first step in addressing this challenge is recognizing that for many individuals, access to care involves a constellation of different but related hurdles, such as limited financial means, lack of transportation, busy schedules, or even fear or dislike of dental care services.

These are systemic, whole-health challenges that require any sustainable solution to pri-

oritize unmet social and behavioral health needs. Individuals with significant challenges require complex and coordinated care. Legislators on both sides of the aisle are taking important steps toward aligning policies to include access to more comprehensive care, including dental and oral care.

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In Our Opinion

What is the hidden agenda of school books?

There has been a lot of attention lately about reading materials in our public schools. Quite frankly, it's been a lot of loud ignorant talk and threatening language, used against school folks.

This issue is largely being ginned up by certain political forces whose hidden agenda is getting rid of public education.

In Hamtramck, there appear to be two books in question – that were never required reading and, in fact, had not been picked up by any student.

Let's take a step back on this issue, and take a few deep breaths. Of course, parents' input on our education system is always welcome. But, we all need to come at the subject of education from an informed point of view – not some knee-jerk reactions to what has become hysteria over sex-oriented subjects.

No one in our schools is trying to sexualize, or groom, or whatever buzz word you want to use, our kids.

Out of this heated debate, we heard one voice worth repeating.

And that person suggested that parents turn their attention to what their kids are looking at in their cell phones.

In other words, a lot of students are getting their sex education from the internet. Obviously, that's not the most trusted or healthy source to learn about such a thing, or frankly much of anything else.

What our kids are seeing on their phones is way more important than a few controversial books.

Parental control starts at home.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Hazards remain with lead water lines

By Abdullah Hafid

My journey as a Preventive Medicine resident and Public Health student at Wayne State University Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences has been eye-opening, captivating, and insightful.

Through these efforts, I have come to know the City of Hamtramck, in a close and informative way. While I was initially presented with the topic of lead contamination in households, this issue began to resonate with me through different assessments and community projects.

As a reminder lead is a heavy metal that has been used historically in plumbing fixtures, welding solder, and pipe fittings and is well-documented to cause learning delays, behavioral problems, and neurological damage. While this issue is not new to the community and the solution is known, the hazard remains.

This is important because having a lead service line presents a risk of lead poisoning in the Hamtramck community, as the maximum contaminant level goal for lead in drinking water is currently set at zero parts per billion.

As of last year, Hamtramck officials had estimated that 5,900 lead lines exist within the city. The US national average for swapping out a lead-service line for a copper service line is roughly \$8,111 per line. That presents a replacement cost of \$47.8 million.

To fund this endeavor, The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provide billions of dollars nationwide to help address issue such as lead-service lines.

What makes this an opportune time for Hamtramck includes: an underserved population that is affected, evidence of recent contamination, and political leadership supportive of addressing this issue are all positive factors to get this resolved.

Thus, there is encouragement for local lawmakers to apply for individualization funds that the City of Hamtramck qualifies for to increase the process of replacing lead lines as quickly as possible.

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Odds & Ends

Crime watch... Hamtramck's streets continue to show a mean streak.

Last week, there was a reported carjacking that involved three gun shots being fired. No injuries were reported, nor further details provided.

Just a couple of weeks ago, there were three reported armed robbers on city streets. Two suspects have been arrested in that matter, and they face serious felony charges.

One of those suspects had just recently been released from prison.

Also, last week, the police department reported that officers noticed a person on Carpenter who was armed with a gun. The suspect ran off, but was later captured.

The department doesn't say where the arrest took place, but did say that a number of weapons were confiscated at the site.

We know that teens will be teens, and they have a lot of energy to burn off. Having said that, there have been consistent reports in recent weeks of disorderly juveniles, and even fights.

We also know that some folks can be pretty cranky and are generally annoyed by loud teens, so there's that to consider.

Moving on: what's with the ongoing reports of people banging on the doors of houses?

It could be any number of things, including door-to-door solicitors, political campaigners, disoriented folks, and of course, those wishing to cause harm or to see if anyone is home so they can break in.

The police department has long urged residents not to hesitate in reporting suspicious situations – and that includes people and even, yes, vehicles.

Also, every week, there's at least one or two reports of people breaking into cars to steal items. For those not wise to the ways of living defensively in urban cities, heed this advice: Do not, and we mean never, leave anything of value in a car where it is in plain sight, whether the value is real or perceived, because someone will be interested in taking it.

That includes change in a cup holder, a pack of cigarettes, food, CDs, packages, tools, briefcases, clothing – you name it.

Election follow-up... For those wondering how many Hamtramckans voted by absentee ballot in the Nov. 8 election, that number was 1,893.

A total of 4,310 people participated in the election.

Recycle... Got a problem with a build-up of old electronic items in your home?

Yeah, us neither, but some folks might, and the solution for them is coming up this Saturday – and it's a great one.

The Detroit Zoo is hosting an E-Recycling Event that day, from 10am-4pm (the hours that the zoo is open).

The idea is to divert this toxic waste away from local landfills.

People who bring these items in for recycling will get a complimentary admission ticket to the Detroit Zoo. Extra tickets will be provided for those who carpool.

The tickets are good through the last day of the year, December 31. Check the zoo's website for visiting dates and times.

Pre-registering for this E-Recycling Event is encouraged, but walk-ups are welcome.

So, what kind of stuff, exactly, are we talking about here?

Items that may be recycled are: TV's and monitors; printers, desktop and laptop computers; cell phones and tablets; holiday lights, cords and other wires; DVD and VHS players; batteries; and radios.

The Zoo asks that you "cover," (i.e. –presumably – wrap) all lithium batteries, button-type cell batteries, sealed lead-acid batteries, any batteries greater than 9 volts, or "batteries of unknown chemical composition," although they don't specify what you should cover/wrap these battery types in.

They also recommend that you remove all of your personal information from the electronic devices before bringing them up.

In other words, scrub them clean down to the studs. Although, they also assert that all hard drives brought in will then be destroyed in accordance with the standards set by the U.S. Department of Defense for such action. A certificate, attesting to the fact that this was, indeed, accomplished, can be emailed to you upon your request.

So, just bring your items to the Zoo's 10 Mile Road Large Surface (Parking) Lot, at 8450 W. 10 Mile Rd, Royal Oak.

Other questions can be emailed to sustainability@DZS.org.

Obituaries

COOPER



William "Bill" Cooper (born August 6, 1949) passed away early morning November 16, 2022, after a short battle with cancer. His family was by his side for the final few days, and with him when he crossed over.

Bill was born to Bernice and John Cooper of Riverdale, Illinois. Bill attended Thornton High School in Harvey, Illinois and, after graduating, enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving 8 years as an aircraft electrician.

Bill eventually went on to obtain his Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master's in Public Administration. A beloved public servant, he held government positions in Riverdale, Illinois, Hamtramck, Mount Clemens, and finally in Elk Rapids, Michigan, where he retired.

Bill is survived by: his wife, Diana Nee Lynn; his daughter, Christine (John) Clarida; grandchildren, Taylor, Madison, and Logan; Diana's children, Shelly Ambrose and Scott Greenlee; her grandson, Zach Ambrose; and a very long and glorious list of friends and colleagues.

Bill's family will receive visitors from 11:00am -1:00pm on Saturday, November 19, at Beacon Cremation & Funeral Service, Covell-Elk Rapids Chapel, 312 Pine Street, Elk Rapids, Michigan.

As a veteran, Bill appreciated the work of the Wounded Warrior Project. Please consider making a donation in his name at woundedwarriorproject.org

Beacon Cremation & Funeral Service, Covell-Elk Rapids Chapel, is in charge of arrangements. www.beaconfh.com

RYBACZUK



Richard A. Rybaczuk, age 64, died November 13, 2022.

He is the son of the late Michael and Marie; father of Celestina and Jason; grandfather of Jayden, Blaine, Zoey, and Dante; brother of Lawrence (Barb) and the late Daniel, David (Rebecca), and James.

Richard is also survived by his good friend Sandy and many nieces and nephews.

Richard enjoyed singing in bands. Two of the bands that he sung with are One of These Days and Vengeance. BSBH Forever.

Memorial Visitation Saturday November 19, 2022 from 4 – 8 PM Services at 7 PM at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 8-14.

Tuesday, Nov. 8

- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11300 block of Moran.
- Two stray pit bulls were captured and taken to the Michigan Humane Society.

• A complaint was made about a group of disorderly juveniles on Evaline.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

• A hit-and-run accident occurred at Jos. Campau and Caniff.

• A hit-and-run accident, which injured a pedestrian, was reported on Comor.

• Officers attempted to pull over a silver Dodge Charger that had been reported stolen out of Livonia. The driver sped off.

Thursday, Nov. 10

• A vehicle was stolen in the 2200 block of Andrus. The suspect who stole it crashed into another vehicle.

• A person on Evaline reported that four males, traveling in a dark blue Chevy Malibu, attempted to rob them at gunpoint.

• A gray 2020 Toyota Rav4 was carjacked on Oliver St. by three male suspects, wearing ski masks, who were armed. At least three gunshots were fired.

Friday, Nov. 11

• A woman reported that while in the 2000 block of Evaline she was being followed by her boyfriend,

who was in a vehicle.

• Officers responded to a call about a child screaming in the area of Oklahoma and Circle Dr.

• A Roosevelt resident reported an assault.

• A fight was reported in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.

• A break-in was reported in the 3800 block of Trowbridge.

• A home invasion was reported in the 5100 block of Yemans.

Saturday, Nov. 12

• A noise complaint was made in the 11600 block of Klinger.

• A report was made about a male in the area of Casmere and Klinger who was looking into vehicles.

• A break-in was reported in the 11600 block of Conant.

• A reckless driver was reported in the area of Holbrook and Jos. Campau.

• A theft from an auto was reported in the 9700 block of Conant.

Sunday, Nov. 13

• Officers responded to a break-in at a residence in the 2600 block of Casmere, but they found no one inside.

• A fight was reported in the 11900 block of Jos. Campau.

• A hit-and-run accident occurred on St. Aubin.

• A hit-and-run accident happened on Lehman.

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Officers, responding to a report about a suspicious person on Carpenter at Dequindre, noticed the suspect was armed with a handgun. The sus-

pect fled the scene, but was arrested later. Multiple guns were found at the scene of the arrest.

Monday, Nov. 14

A report was made

about a suspect breaking into a car in the 3200 block of Belmont.

Officers responded to a suspect breaking into a building in the 11000 block of Jos. Campau. The suspect fled in a vehicle. Officers began a chase, but lost sight of the sus-

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SATURDAY, Nov. 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m. – Drive-thru/Take-out Polish Dinner at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. \$12 Adult / \$6 Child 12 & under. Menu: Pork Chop, Kielbasa, Pierogi/sour cream, Sauerkraut, Mashed potatoes/gravy, Dessert. Cars will be staged in parking lot for delivery in front of church.

TUESDAY, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. – Turkey giveaway (while supplies last) at Muslim Family Services, 12500 Mitchell St., Detroit.

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