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Quick Hits

A date which lives 'in infamy'

By Charles Sercombe

Next Wednesday is an important milestone for this country.

Dec. 7, 1941, is, as former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt famously said, “a date which will live in infamy.”

On that day, the Japanese conducted a sneak attack on our Navy in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The attack was massive, and inflicted a huge loss on our Pacific fleet, but it did not accomplish its main goal: to knock America out of any notion to become part of World War II.

Well, that plan backfired, and America quickly entered the war, and four years later helped defeat fascism..

The number of American lives lost in that attack at Pearl Harbor was 2,403.

While the day is not a government holiday, it's held in reverence by a lot of folks.

Hamtramck had one veteran who survived that attack. Frank Stock talked with The Review about his experience back in 2011, when the nation observed the 70th anniversary of the attack.

Unfortunately, Hamtramck lost Frank in 2014. He was 92 at the time of his death.

And, sadly, many of the other Hamtramck veterans from that era are long gone as well, and now many who served years after are also deceased or incapacitated.

Hamtramck is always changing and generations come and go, but we will always have a special place in our hearts -for our veterans.

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Animal sacrifice issue once again shows a divided city council

By Charles Sercombe

As it stands now, slaughtering an animal at home is still banned in Hamtramck.

In a 3-2 decision, the city council agreed to update the city's ordinance on animals. As part of that new version, a slim majority of the council voted against allowing home slaughtering.

It's a decision that has a number of the Muslim faith upset, who say that the home slaughtering is part of their religious practice.

“This is part of our religion,” said Abdul Khalique. “It's been practiced for decades.”

But there were also concerns raised by a number of residents over the possible harm to the community's health over sanitary conditions from animal waste.

One resident noted that slaughtering animals in backyards could lead to cross-contamination because there is no proper way to dispose of the remains.

Lynn Blasey, who ran for council last year but lost,

said that, while the city has to be sensitive to religious freedom, there is such a thing as “freedom from religion.”

Ian Ingram simply said that the idea is “foolish.”

But one proponent for the practice, Nasr Hus-sain, suggested the council allow animal sacrifices to happen for one year as a test run “and see how it goes.”

He also said that those who call the practice “barbaric” are racists.

Councilmember Amanda Jaczkowski said she is willing to compromise on the subject, but first someone has to come up with rules and regulations on how animal sacrifices can be done at home.

“There are no guard rails,” she said.

She also said that allowing this under the shield of religious practice would also “allow anything, as long as people can say its religious.”

Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan and Nayeem Choudhury disagreed and voted to allow the practice.

Hassan said it's a mat-



In a divided vote, the city council has banned animal sacrifices at homes in the city – even for religious reasons. But that decision may change in the coming weeks. File photo

ter of “protecting religious freedom.”

Choudhury said the practice goes back to the time of “Adam and Eve.”

Jaczkowski warned, though, that bringing religion into the council's decision making is a “problem, and that's a line that needs to not be crossed.”

“We cannot become a theocracy,” she added.

In the council's discussion on the animal sacrifice issue, Ghalib pointed out that people have been doing this all along in the city – even without

it being legal.

He said he doubts the practice would be widespread.

“We are exaggerating the problem could be bigger,” he said.

He also warned that not allowing the practice could lead to a lawsuit, a comment that others have made on social media.

Curiously, Mayor Amer Ghalib was not asked to vote on the matter, nor did he remind the city clerk that he can vote on

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Council vacancy is filled

By Charles Sercombe

The resignation of Councilmember Adam Albarmaki became official at last Tuesday's city council meeting.

According to the city charter, his replacement is the runner up from the field of six candidates in the last council election, which was in November of 2021.



Adam Albarmaki

That person is Muhith Mahmood.

Interim City Manager Max Garbarino told The Review that he has been in contact with Mahmood who has said he is interested in the job and says he still qualifies as a candidate.

In other words, Mahmood says that he is still a resident of Hamtramck.

But there is a question of whether he truly is a resident.

According to Hamtramck and Troy property tax records, he lists his address as being in Troy. He also owns a house in Hamtramck, but does not claim a Homestead exemption for it, which would mean he lived there.

Instead, he had a Homestead exemption at his Troy house.

Mahmood told The Review he did live in Troy for a time, but moved to his other house at 3119 Holbrook before the 2021

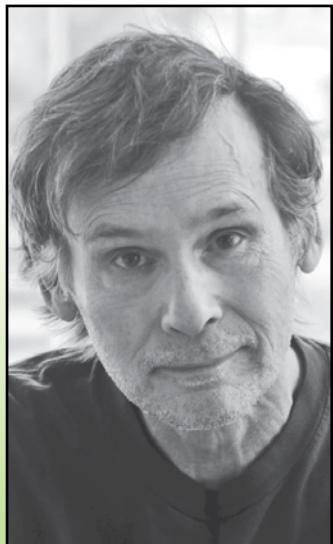
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Take a trip through a photographer's journey through Detroit

By Alan Madlane and Charles Sercombe

Bruce Harkness is a Detroit photo-documentarian. He is perhaps the foremost photographer of the old Poletown area – which lies just south of the GM plant, as Hamtramck spreads out to the north – the way it was, having made nearly 100 walkabouts there in the early 1980s.

Now comes Harkness' new photo book, “Photographs From Detroit, 1975-2019,” a career-spanning



Bruce Harkness

work that chronicles various segments of what was, for its author, a labor of love first and foremost.

We caught up with Harkness by telephone on a recent Sunday morning, and he was not only forthcoming and willing to share about his life and career, he made a planned 20 minutes stretch into an easy near-hour with the charm of someone you came away feeling you'd want to know better.

He was born in Redford

Township. His Indiana mother, by his account, was already 43 when she had him. His father, born in Canada, was a tradesman, and politically astute. He grew up in Brighton, close to Detroit and yet worlds away.

He studied photography in high school, and it came to seem like a natural thing. As he puts it, eventually he just kept finding that he was shunning other classes only to end up,

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ordinances. (Under Chapter 12, Section 12-02, the charter permits the mayor to vote on ordinances. The mayor also votes when the council is deadlocked in a tie vote.)

Not only that, but, in another ordinance regarding a change in rental dwelling inspections, he also did not vote.

The Review reached out to Ghalib for comment on why he did not vote on the ordinances, and he said it was “ a mistake where my name was not called to vote on those ordinances. I would consider it as one of those incidents where the city manager, attorney and clerk miss out on and everyone got occupied with the controversial views and didn't pay attention to the rules.”

Asked about how he will vote on the ordinances, he said wait and see.

“There might be an adjustment and additions to the animal ordinance before bringing it back and I may support it when that happens,” Ghalib said.

“You will find out about my stance on both ordinances when we bring them back for validation because they are considered invalid at this point.”

If the ordinances are reconsidered, there will be a new city councilmember, Muhith Mahmood, on board to weigh on the matter.

Voting with Jaczkowski to not allow animal sacrifices were Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri and Khalil Refai.

The council has struggled with this issue since June, and it had been tabled for most of that time.

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Historical Museum,
Board of Education meetings,
New Kamal Rahman Show “In My Opinion”,
Daily ESL classes at 4 pm, Local events,
Library programs, Interviews, Council meeting highlights, Event announcements, Evenings with authors, Citizen's Comments,
Children's programs, Motivate Me 313 programs, Foreign Language Programs,
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December 2, 2022

This week at the Library . . .

Water Board: Representatives from the People's Water Board Coalition and the Great Lakes Water Authority will be hosting a discussion at the library on Wednesday, December 7th at 6 pm. If you or someone you know are facing water shutoffs, please attend this community meeting to learn about the public assistance programs that are available. For those looking to lend a helping hand, you can also get info on the volunteer effort to spread water security awareness.

Adoptive Yoga and Thai Chi: The group exercise sessions at the library will soon be ending until the new year, but there is a few meet ups left. Catch Adaptive Yoga at 2:30 pm on Tuesday and Tai Chi at 10 am on Friday. The following week Tai Chi sessions will move to Tuesday, December 13th at 2:30 pm and that will be until they pick up again in 2023. This program is presented by the RIM Foundation.

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: Where can you find live, in-person, story time entertainment for your kids? The library, of course! Beginning at 4 pm on Mondays, we will be offering up a selection of silly tales that will make your little one's day.

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

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.

Rainer Maria Rilke: Looking to dig into a good read while the weather has you cooped up indoors? With December 4th being his birthday, we recommend the works of Austrian author and poet Rainer Maria Rilke. Whether you have a taste for the spiritual or the (psycho-) analytical, Rilke will have something to satisfy your appetite.

Joseph Conrad: This famous author born on December 3, 1857 under the name of Josef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski could speak no English until the age of 20. His native language was Polish, but he went on to become an outstanding novelist, best known for this tales of seafaring life including “Heart of Darkness” and “Lord Jim”.

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).

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Second Front Page

Covid: Some lessons we learned about the pandemic

By Charles Sercombe

Some good news on the virus front.

It appears that the RSV virus (respiratory syncytial virus) has peaked, and the number of cases is going down, according to health experts and media reports.

It's now been about three years since COVID-19 started spreading globally.

So what have health experts learned from this experience?

The Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health recently hosted a meeting with several health experts who came up with a list of lessons on how to handle future pandemics.

Here are some of the suggestions:

- Share vaccines across the globe.
- Of course, the wealthier countries were more successful in vaccinating their citizens. Some countries had a vaccination rate of 90 percent, while others had a 2-percent rate.
- That discrepancy led to covid variants growing and spreading.
- Let the Centers for Disease and Prevention be the experts on what to do.
- Yes, the CDC did make mistakes, health authorities said, but they stressed the need to “empower” the CDC to be a leader.
- Study what’s in our waste water.
- It’s not a desirable job, but studying what’s in our sewage tells us what is

spreading and how fast.

- Combine our data collection.

When more people began home testing, their positive results were not always reported. That led to missing trends, and the severity of the virus.

While health experts try to figure out a more cohesive plan to battle further outbreaks, there is still a lot more to be learned about covid.

It's now estimated, by the Government Accountability Office, that between 7 million and 23 million Americans are suffering from long covid.

That has prevented a number of people from being unable to return to work.

Symptoms of long covid include: fatigue, “brain fog,” muscle or joint pain, shortness of breath, and mood changes.

Back in Hamtramck, the number of new cases remained relatively low for the past week. Some 14 cases were reported, as of Monday.

That brings the total number of cases for the past three years up to 5719.

While last week’s number of cases remained steady, there were two new deaths reported here by Wayne County health officials.

The total number of deaths in the city now stands at 81 for the past three years.



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Uday Param

enjoys traveling and making new memories with his classmates.

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Spotlight on HPS students

Uday Param is a bright and talented student at Hamtramck High School. An active member of the Outdoor Adventure and Snow Sports Club, Uday

Board meeting change

The HPS Board of Education has moved its Dec. 14 regular meeting to the Hamtramck High School Auditorium.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Also, its Committee of the Whole meeting on

Dec. 28 will also meet at the auditorium. The date for this meeting may change, however, because of the holiday.

The change of venue was made at the suggestion of Board President Salah Hadwan.



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Council vacancy is filled

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primary election for city council. He added that he has not yet updated his property tax records.

The Troy house is located at 5555 Patterson.

Albarmaki had been in office since last January. His vacated term expires in three years. In his resignation letter, he said that he “underestimated the amount of time required to perform this

role to the expected standard.”

He said that, because of his job duties, he has to move out of the city.

“This is not a decision I take lightly, but after consulting with mentors and family, I have decided that it is for the best,” Albarmaki said.

You can read his entire resignation letter inside this issue.

Birth Announcement

Valerie Stevens and Jeff Fournier are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Florence Kimberley Stevens Fournier.

She was born on November 11th 2022 at 3:17pm. She weighed 8 lbs 3 oz and was 19.69 inches long. She is already loved by many friends and family, in Hamtramck, and beyond.



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The City of Hamtramck is held two Public Hearings on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) to receive comments from the public on the following topics:

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3. Amendment to the Animal Ordinance

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Full and complete text of the changes is available on the City of Hamtramck’s website through Boarddocs (Resolution 2022-129, Resolution 2022-130 and Resolution 2022-78). The public is invited to view and comment on the amendments during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before November 22, 2022 to the City Clerk at RFaraj@hamtramckcity.com.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Ambulance service is a tricky issue to tackle

In recent weeks, the city's ambulance service has come under scrutiny. Namely, there is a concern that the service is unreliable. There have been several reported incidents where a call was made for an ambulance, but it never arrived, or it came only after a long wait. Why? Sometimes multiple calls for an ambulance are made within the same time period, but at certain times of the day there is only one ambulance on duty here. During so-called peak hours, there is a second ambulance provided. A number of residents say they want the ambulance service returned to the city's fire department, which had handled ambulance runs for years. That service was contracted out to a private in a cost-cutting move. There is a major problem, though, with ambulance service going back to the fire department: the city would likely have to wait a couple of years before a vehicle could be delivered because of supply chain delays and shortages. Not only that, it would cost a fortune to purchase an ambulance. Even if the department had one on hand, there still would only be one ambulance on duty. A reader recently pointed out another option: contracting the service with the Detroit Fire Department. This option is not far-fetched: the previous city manager, Kathy Angerer, was looking into this arrangement right before she resigned to take a different job. Hamtramck has gone through a series of private contractors, and they all left because they simply could not sustain the service financially. As it stands now, the city pays \$140,000 a year for the service. It's a complicated issue, and one that the next city manager needs to make a priority.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Councilmember explains why he has to resign

By Adam Albarmaki

I would like to start this post off by thanking the community, my peers and my mentors for their support and guidance over these past few years. I have learned a great deal and expanded my understanding of the political arena and what it takes to be an advocate for the people of Hamtramck. I went into this position with the expectation of being able to balance various responsibilities outside of council with my duty to the community. I must admit that I underestimated the amount of time required to perform this role to the expected standard. Between council meetings, subcommittee meetings, community events, discussions with publicists, and review of proposals, I've realized the hours required of a councilperson is far more than "just" meeting twice a month. Although the time commitment was more than I initially expected, I was committed to performing the role I had been elected to. This changed unexpectedly when my career path shifted. In order to pursue my professional goals my family and I made the decision to temporarily relocate. Some have suggested serving remotely, but I directed them to the charter that we strive to uphold which states a person must be a resident in order to serve as a councilperson.

With this being said, I am officially announcing my resignation from the Hamtramck City Council. This is not a decision I take lightly, but after consulting with mentors and family I have decided that it is for the best. Although this decision was difficult to make, I am grateful to know that the person who will be replacing me is someone I respect deeply. I met Muhith Mahmood on the campaign trail and am confident in his ability to serve the people of Hamtramck exceptionally. His experience in various roles as an advocate has prepared him for this position and I look forward to seeing the impact he will have as a councilman. I want to thank all of my constituents in Hamtramck for believing in me and being patient with the development of our beloved city. Hamtramck will always be the place I call home and I hope to one day return to serve the community again. (Adam Albarmaki served almost one year, out of a four-year term, as a member of the Hamtramck City Council.)

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Odds & Ends

Getting warmer... If it seems to you that our winters are getting warmer, you are right. According to climatologists, our Decembers have had less snow and more rain in recent years. We might be alone in this thought, but we'd rather have snow than cold rain in December. The worst of winter – namely cold and snow – are now concentrated in January and February. On the flip side, our summers are getting hotter, and sticking around longer. Michigan was once known as the “Winter Wonderland.” Now, maybe, not so much.

Word... “Gaslighting” – defined as “a deliberate conspiracy to mislead” – has been named “Word of the Year” by the dictionary folks at Merriam-Webster. You can find this word at work in any number of Hamtramck-related Facebook pages. We wish we were kidding about that.

New mural... There isn't too much information about this, but this Saturday, Dec. 3, there will be an unveiling of a new mural at 9414 Jos. Campau. It's being called “Faces of Hamtramck,” and the get-together will offer tea from 1-4 p.m. Coming together ... The Common Word Alliance Clergy Interfaith Organization celebrated both Thanksgiving and its own 12th anniversary of existence at Imam Elahi's Mosque, Islamic House of Wisdom, in Dearborn Heights this past Wednesday, Nov. 23. Among numerous guests chiming in with opening addresses of welcome were Hamtramck Mayor Amer Ghalib, as well as Dearborn Heights Mayor Bill Bazzi, Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott, and David Conrad, representing the Archdiocese of Detroit, beside others. These are the kind of efforts that give you hope for the world.

Both Mayor Ghalib and former mayor Karen Majewski were among another large group of persons receiving “Community Service Awards” on this evening, from U.S. Congressional Representative Debbie Dingell. Dingell represents Michigan's 12th District. Keynote Speaker Zulfikar Shah, from the Milwaukee area, is a former President of the Islamic Circle of America, among other accolades, and currently serves multiple other religious posts in his city. His speech, at one point, stressed that, no matter our beliefs, we all live under the “Golden Rule,” that being to treat others as we would have ourselves be treated, with respect and dignity. And that, we can absolutely get behind. Congrats on a dozen years of trying to bring people together, rather than divide.

Reminder... Know anyone qualified to be Hamtramck's new city manager? The job posting is currently on the city's website, and you have until Jan. 10 to submit an application for the position. You can find details of the requirements/qualifications that one needs on the city's website by clicking on the “Information Center” tab and then clicking on “Job Postings.” As far as we know, the job is not being posted elsewhere, so it's kind of by word-of-mouth at this point.

Toy drive... Detroit Friendship House is hosting a Christmas toy drive now through Dec. 6. You are encouraged to donate such things as Lego sets, books, gaming or sports toys, action figures, Barbies and dolls, arts and crafts, board games and headphones. Drop-off time is today (Friday), 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon. Friendship House is located at 9540 Conant, and you can call them at (313) 871-7443.

Water bills talk... Having difficulty in paying your water bills? If so, there will be a

talk held on the subject next Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Hamtramck Library (2360 Caniff). The People's Water Board has joined up with the Hamtramck Water Department and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) to discuss the revised Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP).

Poetry award... Former Hamtramck resident Ksenia Rychtycka, who we've interviewed in these pages before, now has a new notch in her belt, so to speak. Rychtycka was one of the winners of an American Book Fest award for the category of Poetry: Chapbook, for her collection “A Sky Full of Wings.” The ABF website, in recognizing Rychtycka's work, deemed it “a compelling and heartwarming collection that delves into the themes of journeying, home, ancestral land and circle of life.”

The book has an “official” publication date, per Amazon.com, of September 10, 2021, as put out by Finishing Line Press. The ABF notes that it was previously “selected as a finalist in the 2020 New Women's Voices Chapbook Competition,” indicating it had been self-published or otherwise made available before the 2021 date. Nevertheless, it qualified for a 2022 ABF award, per their rules. “Personal experiences are interwoven with family history, highlighting journeys – both physical and psychological – that are encountered along the way,” the judges further enthused, about the collection. They also say that a couple of the individual poems from this book were recognized previously with honorable mentions from a pair of other competitions, namely the 45th New Millennium Writing Awards and the Rochester Writers Margo Lagattuta Award Contest. Quite the kudos, indeed, for one of our local literati.

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Tuesday, Nov. 22

- A Hamtramck resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license, and for being wanted on a felony warrant for home invasion.
- Officers recovered a vehicle stolen out of Monroe County.
- Officers assisted another agency in the 9400 block of Conant.
- Family trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Zinow.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 11600 block of Sobieski.
- Two unrelated complaints about animals were made, one on Caniff, and the other in the 2700 block of Yemans.
- A theft from an auto was reported in the 11300 block of Fleming.
- Multiple complaints were made about a juvenile in the 8800 block of Conant.

Wednesday, Nov. 23

- An assault was reported in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.
- An assault was reported in the 3000 block of Belmont.
- A male was arrested on McDougall for domestic violence.
- A hit-and-run accident happened in the area of Nagel and Caniff.
- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 2200 block of Holbrook.

Thursday, Nov. 24

- A male was arrested after a traffic stop for driving with a suspended license, and for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- Officers investigating a possible theft from an auto in the 11300 block of Conant noticed a vehicle speeding away from the area. After a pursuit, a male was arrested for fleeing and eluding.
- An assault was reported at a Jos. Campau Ave. business.
- A suspect was arrested for a domestic assault.

Friday, Nov. 25

- Officers responded to a person in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau who was calling for help. Officers determined that no crime had occurred. In another incident, a person in the 12000 block of Selfridge also called for help, but once again officers determined that no crime had taken place.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person on Jos. Campau.
- An Edwin St. resident reported that they had found a dog.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 2600 block of Holbrook.

Saturday, Nov. 26

- Officers investigated a report about two suspicious males in the area of Caniff and Klinger. They determined that no crime

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SATURDAY, Dec. 10, 2-4 p.m. – Take-out Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!



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had occurred.

- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the area of Fleming and Zinow.
- A disturbance was reported in the area of Circle Dr. and Selfridge.

Sunday, Nov. 27

- A male was arrested in the 2300 block of Caniff for domestic assault.
- A suspicious person

was reported in the 3100 block of Casmere.

- A report was made of two suspicious males, who may have been armed with guns, in the 5000 block of Yemans.
- A woman was arrested for drunk driving after causing property damage in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

- Multiple electrical fires were reported at Yemans and Buffalo.
- Officers responding to a call about a loose dog on Gallagher could not find it.

Monday, Nov. 28

- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 3000 block of Jacob.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 3100 block of Carpenter.
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The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public-school educators across the state during the school year.

One outstanding educator will be selected each week and will receive a \$1,500 cash prize plus a \$500 grant to their classroom, school or school district. One of the weekly award winners will be selected to receive the Lottery's Educator of the Year award and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

Each winner also will receive a plaque and be featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, and WNEM-TV, Saginaw.

The winner of the 2022 Educator of the Year award was Spencer Vanderheide. He is a high school teacher with Kenowa Hills High School, which is part of Kenowa Hills Public Schools.

Hundreds of educators were nominated during the eighth year of the educational awards program and 34, including Vanderheide, were selected to win a weekly award.

Previous winners of the Educator of the Year award:

2021 – Janice Smith, a school social worker at Fisher Magnet Lower Academy in Detroit

2020 – Megan Sidge, an Autism Spectrum Disorder teacher at Hickory Woods Elementary, which is part of the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.

2019 – Stewart Kieliszewski, an Earth science, biology, mechatronics, and media teacher for eighth through 12 graders at the Uby Community Schools.

2018 – Kerri Moccio, a literacy intervention specialist at Bedford Elementary School in Dearborn Heights

2017 – Linda Holzwarth, a social studies teacher at Portage West Middle School in Portage

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