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Quick Hits Memorial Day services set for Sunday

By Charles Sercombe This Monday is Memorial Day, just in case the holi-

day sneaked up on you. Memorial Day is the day we honor all those service

members who sacrificed their lives in protecting our nation.

Hamtramck veterans used to hold a special service on Memorial Day, but when the covid pandemic hit, that tradition went away.

But now, the Hamtramck-Wilock-Lubanski VFW Post 4162 and the Cpl. John Targosz Post 6 are stepping up and holding services this Sunday, May 26, 11 a.m., at the memorial monument in Veterans Park.

You read that right, it will be this Sunday, and everyone is welcome to attend.

According to Mark Widzinski, Commander, of PLAV Post 6. the services will honor the namesakes of posts: both Leonard Lubanski, George Wilock and John Targosz, who were all Hamtramck residents and were all killed in

Keyworth. Mann, the CEO of the ting the club on firmer fi- \$1 per year to lease the Jr. Foundation to install a club, said the move to nancial footing. Corktown is "... an oppor-

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD In Honor of Those Who Served and Sacrificed **Memorial Day** May 27th

Bang the drum slowly for Keyworth Stadium's loss of the DCFC

By Charles Sercombe

As many already know, the Detroit City Football Club (DCFC), also known affectionately as LeRouge, will soon have a new home field in Detroit's fabled Corktown.

The DCFC announced last week that it purchased the former Southwest Hospital, located west of Corktown on Michigan Ave.

The club plans to raze the former hospital and build a new stadium at the site. The team says it will move there in two years, but, in the meantime, will continue to call Keyworth Stadium home.

That ultimately means saying goodbye to the public school district's Keyworth Stadium, where the team has been playing since 2016.

The club said the move is necessary because the team has outgrown



Fans of the Detroit City Football Club will have to travel a little bit farther to see home games in two years. That's when the club plans to say goodbye to Keyworth Stadium and move into a new stadium in Detroit's Corktown.

nization and sport."

The club's Chief Creative Officer, and co-owner, Alex Wright, added:

"... Our players, staff, and supporters deserve a stadium with modern amenities that retains the best elements of when we needed them. Investments by our club and supporters give proof of our gratitude, and we are excited to set forth on the challenge to make our forever home just as iconic."

stadium, but the club also

At the time the club moved in, the east side of the stadium's bleachers were condemned. Numerous other repairs were needed, including new lighting.

Keyworth also benefited In exchange for playing from a \$500,000 grant In a press release, Tom Keyworth while also put- at Keyworth, the club paid from the Ralph C. Wilson new turf.



New school chief steps up – again **By Charles Sercombe**

The Hamtramck Public School District's game of musical chairs over who will be the next acting superintendent continues.

A few weeks ago, the board bid goodbye to Interim Superintendent Michael Williamson, and hired the district's new financial chief. James Larson-Shidler, to take over the role.

Previously, Shidler came from the Birmingham Public School District, where he was Assistant Superintendent of Finance. He left the district when a controversy erupted over the district facing a \$14-million deficit.

There was plenty of finger-pointing over whose fault it was for the unexpected deficit, and Shidler ended up taking an unexplained leave of absence, and then eventually resigning, according to media reports.

The district has required interim superintendents since Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed went on a paid medical leave in February, after receiving a poor job performance evaluation from the school board.

She was supposed to come back in March but her leave of absence was extended: however. no explanation was given for that extension.

As for her future with

action in World War II.

(These posts were formed shortly after World War II and remain active today, more than 75 years later.)

Mark says "the services will include reading prayers from the ritual books of both veteran organizations, placing poppies (a symbol of life after death) at the monument, (and) firing rifles as a salute to all deceased veterans, with (the) playing (of) Taps.

"Members from both posts will participate. We will be joined by family and friends to observe this service, and the public is invited to attend as well.

"We will honor all the Hamtramckans who were killed in America's wars, and are indelibly engraved on the Hamtramck Memorial; who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might live in freedom."

"The city and the people invested over \$800,000 tunity to grow our orga- of Hamtramck were there in much needed repairs.

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Hamtramck

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the district, The Review reached out to Shidler for comment, and he replied via email:

"We do not discuss confidential personnel matters with the press. To avoid unnecessary speculation, however, we can confirm that there is no change in Mrs. Ahmed's employment status and that Mrs. Ahmed has not been suspended.

"We appreciate your concern, ask that you respect her privacy, and look forward to seeing her back at the administrative building real soon."

This is not the first time Ahmed has taken a leave of absence.

A couple of years ago, she took a few months off, citing pressure from dealing with the covid pandemic. When she was scheduled to return, the **Continued on page 5**

Hamtramck's historical museum had a jazzy April

By Alan Madlane

Once again, we sift through the monthly Hamtramck Historical Museum newsletter, to bring you a summary of all that's new in what's old.

In the main news, the museum's "Speakeasy Fundraiser" was deemed a "blast."

At least 80 people came out for the Saturday, April 13, shindig, by their count, which was held right there at the museum. In addition to the requisite food and drink, there was a jazz

band and flappers flapping.

Even the mini "horse race"knocked 'em dead even if there was no actual gambling allowed.

Auggie Gitschlag was credited with keeping things running smooth, fun, and under control, and by all reports he Babe-Ruthed it out of the park. A "best costume" prize was awarded to Pat Hardy, for her fabulously authentic ensemble.

The fundraiser was held in the hope of raising some



One highlight at the Hamtramck **Historical** Museum in April was a fundraiser with a theme of a1920s speakeasy.



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Bang the drum slowly for Keyworth Stadium's

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perintendent Tom Niczay, who brokered the deal to bring in the club, said:

"With DCFC leaving, what concerns me is the short memory people have. Before DCFC, Keyworth was in disrepair - to put it mildly.

"The east bleachers were condemned. No one was allowed to sit there. per state safety inspectors. West bleachers, at various times, had to have a cyclone fence put up to block off broken (wood) and concrete.

"The lights were terribly outdated. The sound system could only be heard between the 40 yard lines.

"About \$800,000 was put into stadium seating and concrete repairs. A Ralph Wilson Jr. \$500,000 grant for a new turf was written and approved. Lights updated, sound system fixed.

"All this was done without asking taxpayers for any money. DCFC held a private sector fund-raising campaign. Hamtramck Public Schools and DCFC were lauded as one of the first public sector/private sector partnerships in the state. Partnerships do work, and the city now has a better Keyworth than before DCFC arrived in town."

News of the DCFC moving out was reported by numerous local media



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The DCFC started out as a semi-pro team but then quickly rose up to the status of a fully professional team. The club also fields a women's team.

The club has what can only be described as rabid fans, dubbed the Northern Guard, who attend games with painted faces, and add to the spirited matches with their chants and banging of drums, as well as setting off colorful smoke bombs.

The fans have become as much as part of the game as the players.

Local bars and restaurants also enjoyed a boost on game days, when fans would stop by for pre-game drinks and eats, as well as after the games.

The Review reached out to the city's Economic Development Department for comment on the local economic impact the club has provided to the city.

Karolynn Faulkner, the city's Community and Economic Development Manager responded, saying the team's departure "is a loss, both culturally

and economically. I can't speak to exact numbers or a precise economic impact, but DCFC attendees visit local establishments after the games."

While the club enjoyed a loyal fan base, which included a number of people who lived outside the city, not everyone here is pleased about game days.

Residents living in the area of Roosevelt and have often Gallagher complained about fans taking up their parking, and the noise that emanates from the stadium during games.

And, according to sources, not everyone in the Hamtramck Public School administration and school board were fans.

The club's embrace of the LGBTQ community and the display of the pride flag rubbed some in the conservative Muslim community the wrong way.

Recently, the plaque commemorating the rededication of the stadium was vandalized. Someone had spray-painted "F-DCFC" on the plaque, as well as other profanities.

The plaque has since been cleaned.

Keyworth Stadium was built during President Roosevelt's administration, in the 1930s, under his Works Progress Administration program --in fact, it was the first WPA project in the state.

In 1936, Roosevelt dedicated the stadium, and later President Truman visited the stadium and after that then-Senator John Kennedy campaigned at the stadium during his bid to become president.

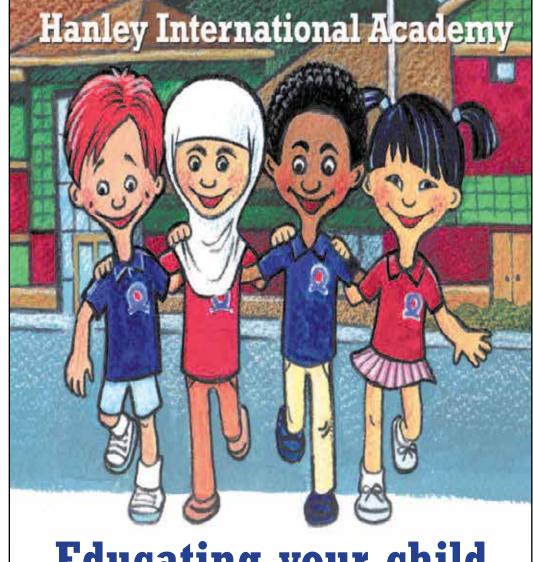
At one time, the city's Jos. Campau business district would close down on Friday afternoons in order to see the Cosmos football team play at Keyworth. The Cosmos were, back then, a powerhouse in high school sports.

The stadium was named after Hamtramck's famed educator Maurice Keyworth.

A number of local fans, as expected, were upset by the club's announcement that it was leaving.

Former Mayor Karen Majewski lashed out on her **Continued on page 5**





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This week at the Library .

Library Garden Volunteers: Calling all volunteers with green thumbs. Plan for this year's community garden are on the way. The new project coordinator is looking for some helping hands. If you are looking for a patch of land to work your magic, sign up for a plot or two. Stop by the front desk and register.

Exercise in the Library: Adaptive Yoga is back on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm and Tai Chi on Fridays at 10 am. These beginner friendly, weekly exercise sessions are sponsored by the RIM Foundation. Please wear comfy shoes and stretchy clothing for maximum enjoyment.

Quiet is the Word: If you were asked to describe a library, the word quiet would probably be on your list. But is it true of all libraries? The Tikkurila Library in Vantaa, Finland, put in a karaoke room in 2016 with a huge catalog of songs to pick from. You would think that this would be highly disruptive for the majority of their patrons, especially since karaoke is quite popular there, (so we have been told). Luckly, it is a soundproofed room.

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Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 3:45 pm and Wednesday Story Time at 12:00 noon. The programs are presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

Game Night: We are moving to Wednesdays. Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Wednesday at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play. Everyone is invited.

Summer Reading Program: The library will have weekly activities for kids all summer long. Children will once again be able to earn tickers for our awesome prize raffle just by finishing their favorite books. There will be personalized reading trackers to chart their progress. All the fun begins at the end of June. More information coming soon.

Margaret Wise Brown: She was born on May 23, 1910 and is known for classic children's stories like "The Runaway Bunny" and "Goodnight Moon". She authored over one hundred books in her lifetime.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion Retired Housing Director has plenty to be thankful for

By Kevin Kondrat Retired HHS Director

As I now retire as the Executive Director of The Hamtramck Housing Commission, I would like to thank The Review for the opportunity to humbly thank all who have donated their time and resources to help the Hamtramck Housing Commission (HHC) become and remain a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) High Performing Agency for an unparalleled record of 17 years and counting.

My tenure as the Executive Director was immeasurably enhanced by the involvement of every person and entity I am about to mention.

First and foremost, I would like to thank my wife of 40 years, Sandy, and my family and friends who have put up with me these last 20 years at HHC.

Thank you to Mayor Tom Jankowski for your confidence and commitment in 2004, and the mandate to "Save the Commission "from HUD receivership."

Thank you, Mayor Karen Majewski, for your patience and diligence to ensure that the HHC was on the right path to High Performance. Your insight has allowed the HHC to flourish.

Mayor Amer Ghalib, thank you for your attention and concern for all of the residents of the HHC.

Without the stewardship of great commissioners

past and present, the HHC could not have achieved and continue to surpass the milestones it has achieved.

The HHC has always enjoyed and continues to excel because of the very best and conscientious commissioners who put the needs of the residents before everything else.

The HHC will be in great hands with Chris Cornwell as the new Executive Director and Kay Brown as a very professional Project Manager.

Chris has the formal education and hands on experience along with an intimate knowledge of the mechanical systems of the HHC that is all vital for the success of the HHC.

I take full responsibility for all that has occurred at the HHC over the last 20 years. However, the responsibility for the success of the HHC belongs to its residents and its spectacular employees.

For the last 17 consecutive years (and counting), the commission earned the achievement of being rated as High Performance, which serves as the capstone of the employees' many achievements. Their record is a testament to the fact that they are the very best at what they do and without peer.

They are collectively and individually responsible for the Commission's success.

I thank our contractors,

present and throughout the years, particularly ADR consultants whose tireless work on behalf of the Commission has saved it tens of thousands of dollars.

Thank you Judge Alexis Krot and Judge Paul Paruk (retired) of the Hamtramck 31st District Court for your fair and impartial rulings for all parties in HHC legal matters.

I cannot thank enough the Hamtramck Police (HPD) and Fire Departments (HFD). They have consistently met all of our needs, and never let us down.

The HPD through the 88th Avenue Deli have donated sandwiches and treats for our children at Christmas and Halloween throughout the years, thank you.

The Goodfellows through Konrad Koski, have formed an alliance with the HHC which ensures that all needy children in Hamtramck, Detroit, and Highland Park are recipients of Goodfellows boxes at Christmas.

The HHC now distributes 3,500 Goodfellows boxes annually from the administration offices on Dequindre. Jay Searcy and your "band of angels" and Yolanda Eddins, for the love and support you have given our children throughout these many years.

My very heartfelt thanks goes out to you both!

Finally, I want to thank

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Odds & Ends

Some like it hot... This week's freak hot weather streak became an issue in the public schools, where most of the buildings do not have air conditioning.

A number of people and parents complained that the schools should have been closed due to the dangerously high temperatures, but the interim Superintendent James Larson-Shidler insisted that it was OK for kids to attend school.

How did he come to that decision? Here's what he posted on social media:

"Thank you for your patience today as we navigate the start of the summer season.

"We did walk through each building this afternoon to gauge the temperatures throughout.

"Please note that we will resume our normal school schedule tomorrow (Tuesday). The temperatures in the buildings were still comfortable even with the higher temperatures outside.

"We are confident that the students can safely and comfortably attend school for in-person learning."

Not everyone was buying that explanation.

"This is insanity. These buildings need cooling!" said Ania Buraczewski on a Facebook page called "I love Hamtramck and actually live here."

Kathleen-Garbacz Thomas has a suggestion for Larson-Shidler:

"Maybe he should go sit up in a class with one of the teachers and really see how it is. Even with all

On the job... The Hamtramck Police Department was also active on social media this week. The department noted that, over the past week, officers "recovered two firearms from the hands of wanted criminals. The men and women of the Hamtramck Police Department risk their lives every day to keep the City of Hamtramck safe for all its residents."

Getting healthy... As usual, the annual Health Hike, sponsored by Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HDFCC), which is part of the Piast Institute here in town, attracted hundreds of folks of all ages.

A special guest this year was former Police Chief Anne Moise.

Graffiti war ... The Israeli-Gaza conflict is being played out on the Highland Park water tower located at Dequindre and the Davison, just north of Hamtramck.

First of all, how people are able to scale up the tower is a mystery to us, but people do it.

For the past couple of weeks the graffiti "Free Palestine" stood alone, but now someone has scrawled "America first" alongside it. And in an ominous tag, someone spray-painted "Patriot Front. US"

The Anti-Defamation League considers the Patriot Front a white supremacist hate group.

This isn't the first time that political messages have been spray-painted many of them, involving outside substances that don't really always belong in a human body.

Or, at least, not in the quantities they're getting put into said bodies.

One charming mode of getting a body-high rush is to abuse canisters of nitrous oxide ("laughing gas"), also called "whippets" in the parlance when packaged into colorful canisters.

And they're readily available if you're inclined to seek them out and, well, not really focused on your future, beyond your immediate wacky desires.

There are a number of issues with this, of course; one of the biggest being that it's mostly young folk getting their hands on these little items – and then dumping the unused canisters every which-where.

It's gotten so bad, there's a statewide ban going into effect beginning June 10.

They've been in use for quite some time in the whipped cream biz, as part of the propellant that makes the cream come out, well, whipped.

But the kids, along with some adults, are using them to whip their brains into momentary mush. No, it's not the worst drug one could do, but it can certainly have detrimental long-term effects, say the medicos.

Meanwhile, the empty canisters are littering neighborhoods, many of which don't need any extra problems. Little kids are finding them – and some that haven't been fully emptied yet. Lawn mowers are running the canisters over, sending them firing like bazooka shells.

Day competition held Saturday, April 20, at Central Michigan University.

Sheikh Jahan, Mariya Shah, Ishraq Talukdar and Sara Alward were selected for the honors for their projects on the theme of "Turning Points in History." They will move on the national level of the competition, being held this year at College Park, Maryland in June.

"Turning Points in History motivated many students to investigate important milestones in their communities, and how those events shaped the environment and people in their area," said Amy Bradfield, Michigan History Day coordinator.

In all, 375 students from across Michigan took part in the competition.

The Hamtramck students partnered with the Hamtramck Historical Museum to develop their projects. The museum suggested areas of study for the students to explore and provided source material for them to investigate.

Museum Education Committee members Joe Kochut and Gary Saganski played key roles in the museum's participation.

Also, the students we-

ren't the only ones to take home honors. Their teacher, Amy Bielat, was selected as one of two nominees for the National History Day Teacher of the Year award.

That award is presented to the teacher "who demonstrated a commitment to engaging students in historical learning through (the) innovative use of primary sources, (and the) implementation of active learning strategies to foster historical thinking skills..."

History Day is like the old science fairs that once were popular, but for using a historical theme at its core. Students in schools across the country are given a theme and then develop informational projects based on that theme.

Their projects, which can be papers, video presentations, websites, performances or display boards, are judged on local, state and finally national levels. **Beth Olem**

The Beth Olem Jewish cemetery is the oldest section of undisturbed Hamtramck.

Dating back to the 1860s, the Jewish cemetery stands on the grounds of the GM Factory Zero at the far south end of the city.

One of the oldest cemeteries in the Metro Detroit area, Beth Olem is a reminder that Hamtramck's diversity is not a new concept, and that there was once a significant Jewish community in the area.

The cemetery was founded in 1862, and the last burial there took place in 1948.About 1,000 people are buried there.

The cemetery is now maintained by Clover Hill Park Cemetery of Birmingham, but owned by Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. The fences of the factory provide protection to the tombstones that stand on the well-manicured landscape.

The cemetery is only open to the public on two Jewish holidays a year. One of those holidays, Passover, was celebrated recently, on Monday, April 22. In recognition, the cemetery was open on Sunday, April 21.

More booze news

In a continuance of their recent mutual doings over the past few years, HHM is loaning an interesting **Continued on page 5** the windows open it's still almost 90 degrees. ... Come on now have some compassion for the kids and staff."

However, Cindy Marecki said not having air conditioning is nothing new.

"They didn't have A/C when my kids went 20 years or so ago," she said. There is some good news. Most of the district's school buildings will indeed have air conditioning units installed this year and/or next.

on the water tower. A couple of years ago someone wrote "Free the Water" on the tower.

During that time there was an ongoing campaign to make water affordable for low-income households.

That was painted over eventually, just like the latest messages will likely be.

Whippet bad... People have a seemingly infinite capacity for finding ways to escape from reality – The new state laws will ban the sale of objects "designed for inhaling nitrous oxide for recreational purposes or drug paraphernalia," while banning their sale to minors who might abuse them.

Young teens are often the worst offenders in this game, with an es-**Continued on page 4**

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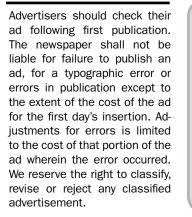
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Coming Events

FRIDAY, May 31, 5 p.m. - A Community Awards Dinner, sponsored by the Hamtramck Community Initiative, will be held at the Gates of Columbus Hall at 9632 Conant, Hamtramck. Tickets are \$25 and can be paid in advance or at the door. Tickets are available at the door.

SATURDAY, June 1, 2-4 p.m. - Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!

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By Charles Sercombe This week's Crime Log

covers May 14-20. Tuesday, May 14

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

 An attempted car theft was reported in the 2300 block of Goodson.

 An unarmed robbery was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Norwalk. In a follow-up, a male juvenile was arrested in the 12000 block of Dequindre for strong-armed robbery.

• A hit-and-run accident happened in the 11400 block of Conant.

· An assault was reported in the 3800 block of Miller.

Wednesday, May 15

· A business on Jos. Campau reported an incident of fraud.

• A hit-and-run accident happened in the area of Conant and Prescott.

 An assault was reported in the 2200 block of Faber.

 Neighbor trouble was reported in the 11500 block of Fleming.

Thursday, May 16

• A complaint was made about noise in the 9400 block of McDougall.

 A neighbor dispute was reported on Wyandotte.

• A hit-and-run accident happened at Conant and Yemans.

A domestic assault was reported in the area of Lumpkin and Hewitt.

· A suspect was arrested in the 12000 block of Oklahoma for domestic assault.

· Family trouble was reported in the 9500 block of McDougall.

Friday, May 17

• At about 2:30 a.m., a complaint was made about noise in the 2700 block of Evaline.

• At almost 3 a.m., a fight was reported at Okla-

was reported in the 11000 block of Sobieski.

Saturday, May 18

• An attempted auto theft was reported in the 3300 block of Edwin. An attempted auto theft was also reported in the 3200 block of Jacob.

 A theft was reported in the 2300 block of Burger.

• A missing person was reported in the 3200 block of Belmont.

• A male suspect was arrested, in the 9600 block of Conant, for home invasion, assault and for violating the city's knife ordinance.

· While investigating a suspicious circumstance in the 1900 block of Trowbridge, officers arrested a male juvenile for carrying a concealed gun without a permit.

Sunday, May 19

• At about 12:30 a.m., officers responded to a call from the 11600 block of Mitchell where a couple were yelling and screaming.

• At a little after 1 a.m., a fight was reported in the area of Yemans and Conant.

· Family trouble was reported in the 2700 block of Evaline.

 Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 12100 block of Conant.

· A landlord-tenant dispute was reported in the 2700 block of Evaline.

Monday, May 20

· A juvenile on Mackay was reported as a runaway.

· An auto theft was reported in the area of Commor and Nagel.

 An illegal dumping was reported.

· A child who was reported as lost in the area of Casmere and McDougall was later located.

 A fight was reported in the area of Gallagher and Roosevelt.



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• A hit-and-run accident was reported at Hamtramck Dr. and Jos. Campau.

 Family trouble was reported in the 11000 block of Mackay.

 Neighbor trouble was reported in the 3800 block of Holbrook.

· A landlord/tenant dispute was reported in the 11400 block of Lumpkin.

A domestic assault

& Ends 9

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timated 12.5 percent of eighth graders using them at their peak year of abuse, in 1995. But short-term accidents can harm airways, and longterm neurological, cardio-pulmonary and other problems can arise with chronic and/or frequent abuse.

One senate Republican and 18 house Republicans voted against both bills, with some considering them, as Bryan Posthumus of Oakfield Township said, providing "little chance to solve the problem," and putting more onus on businesses to police their sales.

How bad is the issue?

Well, a recent Motor City Makeover clean-up day netted some 11,000 empty nitrous canisters. Again, that's in one day.

That's a lot of, uh, whipped cream, folks.



New school chief steps up - again Cont. from front page

board placed her on paid suspension, but no reason was offered to the public for this move.

The board then hired Nabil Nagi, the district's then English Language Development Director, as interim superintendent. Several months went by before Ahmed returned last January.

Nagi was then placed on suspension, but again, no reason was given. He has since filed a lawsuit against the district to regain his former job.

Ahmed is also suing the district and school teachers' union over when she was placed on paid suspension. Ahmed is paid over \$200,000 a year.

During her tenure, the district purchased two buildings, the former People's Community Services, located at 8633 Jos. Campau; and the former Social Security building, at 9324 Conant.

The Jos. Campau building was purchased for \$527,500, and the Conant building was purchased for a little over \$1.4 million.

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At the time, in 2021, Ahmed hailed the purchases, saying they "bring a sense of renewed hope for the future of our district, and (are) another step toward giving our students all of the tools they need to succeed. ..."

Neither building has yet been put to any use by the district.

Also, during her tenure, there was an exodus of experienced teachers and staffmembers, many of them citing a "toxic" work environment created by Ahmed and one of her administrators.

The district has also lost a couple of hundred students, causing a resultant loss of millions of dollars in state financial aid.

On top of that, voters last year twice overwhelmingly rejected the district's attempt to get a millage renewal, which has resulted in the loss of a further \$900,000 per year in revenue.

The district plans to seek the renewal of a different millage this year, which would bring in over \$2 million a year.

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Bang the drum slowly for Keyworth Stadium's loss of the DCFC Continued from page 2

Facebook page, saying the club was "Pushed out by current city leadership and its lackeys - because the kind of people who support DCDC are not the people they want spending their time and money in Hamtramck."

Also, on social media, Linda Ward said: "I'm sorry to see this but they got so much absurd pushback over parking for just a few days of the year. This is a huge loss for Hamtramck."

Lawrence Macks noted that the club had "a good run and they always said Keyworth wasn't their final home. They'll leave the stadium in better condition than they found it which is better than what most do. ..."

But an administrator for the Facebook page called Hamtramck Square, who goes by the pseudonym of Hjmahh Klaham, is pleased to see the club going.

"Finally more parking.

Also didn't help they were flying them flags in our faces," he said in an apparent reference to the display of pride flags during the games. "Good riddance," Klaham added. Hamtramck's loss will

be a great gain for Detroit's Corktown. That area, which encompasses the neighborhoods around the former Tiger Stadium site, is now bustling with businesses, restaurants and bars.

the old Detroit train station building, now owned by Ford Motor Co., will attract even more people and businesses to the area.

Besides being located near a desirable area of Detroit, the new DCFC stadium will give the club more control over parking.

With the DCFC stadium up and running in two years, the financial gain for Corktown will be a huge boost, to say the least.

Also, the reopening of

Hamtramck's historical museum had a jazzy April

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piece to a Wayne State exhibit dealing the history of humans' use of alcohol.

Hint: It's not all just about getting bombed and losing one's inhibitions.

"The Art of the Drink" is the title of this new exhibit. now at the Wayne State University Gordon L. Grosscup Museum of Anthropology. The exhibit, curated by museum Director Andrew Maske, Ph.D., explores the world's association with fermented drinks, from Japanese sake to American Prohibition-era booze.

The display includes a Prohibition-era baby buggy, complete with a false bottom. When most alcoholic drinks were illegal here, from 1918 to 1933, some moms were known to stash liquor bottles in a baby buggy's secret bottom area - below junior's own bottom - so as not to attract the attention of snooping police officers.

The museum is loaning the buggy to the museum for the display.

The exhibit is open now and will continue through the fall. The museum is in the Old Main building at 4841 Cass Ave. on the campus of WSU. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Podcast

The museum wants to remind you, also, about their "Hamtramck Now and Then" podcast having resumed regular programming - they most recently recorded a program with Mike McGettigan, the Director of Training at Planet Ant Theater here in Hamtramck.

If you have any suggestions for future guests, contact the museum at hamtramckhistory@gmail. com. "Hamtramck Now and Then" programs can be heard on Spotify.

Donation

School Bell

The museum also wants to mention that they have an interesting new item in their collection, a donation from Craig Serafino of St. Clair Shores. It is a larger, old wooden swivel desk mirror that the Hamtramck police used to position so that they could see who was approaching the desk from down the hall.

Membership

And, lastly, they want to remind readers that one of their lifebloods for continuing operation is their Friends of the Museum membership program.

There are a variety of levels of membership available. Go to hamtramckhistory.com and follow the appropriate link.

The museum is located at 9525 Jos. Campau, near Norwalk St. The hours are normally Fridays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with Saturdays being open an extra hour, until 4 p.m., or else by appointment email hamtramckhistory@ gmail.com.

Oratory Club On Wednesday,

May 20, a whopping seven of Hamtramck Public Schools' brightest and best were treated to a day out with two of their favorite teachers, Violetta Kuzniar







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and Rahiel Housey-Johnson, in honor of the Optimists of Downtown Detroit's Winners' Circle and Law Day.

The main event took place at Nemo's in Corktown.

This special day was the pinnacle of the 2023-2024 Optimist International Oratorical season, which featured the topic, "How to Change the World with Optimism."

Contestants received commemorative medallions, certificates, and prize checks, based on their success on March 20, 2024, when Musin Alhadi, 7th grader at Kosciusz-Middle School nabko bed first place; Dickinson East 6th grader Zareen

Students in the HPS Oratory Club were recently treated to a special outing at Detroit's Riverwalk: Left to right: Ali Ahsan, Violetta Kuzniar, Laith Mohamed, Faiza Azrin, Muhsin Alhadi, Zareen Begum, Nabiha Chowdhury, HPS teacher Rahiel Housey-Johnson, and Promita Biswas.

Begum took second; and Nabiha Chowdhury, 7th grader at Kosciuszko, took third place.

Honorable Mentions include Laith Mohamed 8th grade Kosciuszko, Promita Biswas 7th grade Kosciuszko Middle School, Ali Ahsan 8th grade Kosciuszko, and Faiza Azrin 4th grade Dickinson East

Keynote speaker Robert Cleary, Esq. spoke to the contest winners, judges, club members, and others in attendance, about cur-

rent events, education, and career opportunities in the various fields of law.

Essay contest winners from a local high school were invited to celebrate, also, but were unable due to testing. It was a beautiful, sunny day for a stroll along the Detroit Riverwalk.

Interested Hamtramck Public Schools students in grades 5-12 may contact Ms. Housey-Johnson at Kosciuszko to inquire about participating next season, which begins Oct. 1.

City Of Hamtramck

FY 2024-25 Budget Notice and Public Hearing

On Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm, the Hamtramck City council will hold the first reading of the proposed fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. The city council will hold a public hearing and second reading of the proposed fiscal year 2024-2025 on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm, at the regular council meeting. The proposed budget is available for inspection on the city of Hamtramck website. The property millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The city of Hamtramck website (Hamtramck.us) has information regarding the regular City Council meeting and budget Information.

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Bid Due Date:	2:00 p.m., Thursday May 30, 2024 Bids will only be accepted on forms provided. Proposal forms must be in a sealed envelope, mailed or delivered in person prior by 2:00 p.m. EST on the due date to:	Obituarie.
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2:00 p.m. Public Bid Opening: Thursday, May 30, 2024	Frank Rewold and Sons Inc. 303 E. Third St., Suite 300, Rochester, MI 48307 4th Floor Mezzanine	Wies- lawa "Vicky" Czerkes-
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Bid Bond:	5% bid security required. Bid bonds are required, however, certified or cashier checks are acceptable for bids under \$50,000.	Czerkes, and Aven Olko. Grandmother of Alina, Jan- nah, Jayda, Emma, and
Nonexempt:	This project is not tax exempt for state sales tax and/or use tax. All materials and supplies incorporated and used in construction and becoming a permanent part of this project will not be exempt from state sales tax and/or tax	Mia. Vicky is also survived by her sister Kazimiera and niece Kadie.
Disclosure Statements:	Each bid proposal must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between owner or any employee of bidder and any member of board of education or superintendent of Hamtramck Public Schools. Each bid proposal must also include a signed Iran Economic Sanctions Affidavit. The board of education will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement or the Iran Economic Sanctions.	She was preceded in death by her mother Wero- nika Skoczylas; father, Jakub Skoczylas; late hus- band Joseph Czerkes.

From the Office of Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree



Retired Housing Director has plenty to be thankful for **Continued from page 3**

Jessica Jones, the Financial Michigan.

> In 2004, the HHC was penniless with a zero account balance. Mayor Jankowski had a simple but difficult mandate to save the Commission.

HUD had very serious doubts that it could be done and told me just that. Twenty years later, the HHC has set records for being a HUD High Performer for now 17 consecutive years. The Commission, once flat broke, now sits with \$2 million in the bank - earned the old-fashioned way ... We saved it, both financially and metaphorically.

God Bless You All!

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Ibituaries

Vicky immigrated from Poland as a teenager, settling in Hamtramck, where she would live out her life and establish a family. In Hamtramck, Vicky became a staple in the community by way of her long career with Hamtramck Public Schools where she worked as a bus driver and within custodial services. Along

mething for you!'. She enjoyed riding the Harley with Mark throughout the years, hitting the open road and feeling the wind in her hair. She also loved tending to her flower garden in a yard that didn't include grass; she hated grass.

Throughout the years there are too many pets to name, however, Vicky was an animal lover. Her dogs were her #1 pride and joy, whether from rescuing, adopting, or breeding she LOVED and nurtured them all!

She was loved and will be missed by many who call her mom, friend, or Ms. Vicky.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Vicky's name to one of the Moose Charities.

Visitation is Friday May 31, 2024 from 2-8 p.m. with services TBD at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

STOLL



Anthony 'Tony" Stoll, 56, died May 19, 2024.

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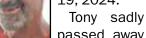
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with other job duties, she made sure that the children were on track, well taken care of, and was a mother to all.

Not only was Vicky a staple in her community, but she was also a public servant within it. She dedicated time in her life to the Hamtramck Friendship House and to the Hamtramck Moose Lodge. You could often find her at the Moose sharing a smile, sharing a laugh, and doing her best to keep this community gathering space going while filling people's bellies. She loved her Moose connections, finding joy with other branches like Mount Clemens, and attending the annual conference in Sault Ste. Marie.

Mama Vicky loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, whether it be here in the city or up north with her husband Mark. She loved a cold Coors Light on a hot, never cold, day – only drinking it when the mountains were blue. She also loved a good garage or yard sale, leaving with gifts for all. She was thoughtful and would often meet someone by saying, 'I have so-



passed away at the hospital on May 19, 2024 due to injuries from a bicycle/car accident on May 3rd. He is the loving son of the late Lonnie and Dorothy Stoll and survived by his brother Danny, many cou-

sins and friends who love and miss him deeply. He graduated from Hamtramck High School in 1987. Tony was an avid cyclist, a loyal, dedicated employee and a gentle giant to all. Tony was an organ donor and was able to save three

people's lives through his sacrifice. Arrangements are pending but the family asks that you donate to his funeral costs at his Go Fund Me Page.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." - 1 Corinthians 13:13

Visitation TBD, arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.