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Quick Hits

Say good-bye to summer. This Saturday is the first day of fall. While it's a beautiful season in Michigan, we are still in a summer mood. Maybe that's because last winter went on too long.

But there's a fun way to celebrate the first day off fall this Saturday at Pulasaki Park. That's when the Hamtramck Recreation Department will host a Fall Harvest, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be a lot of family-fun activities, such as hayrides, games, crafts, a petting farm, pony rides, donuts and cider and so much more.

You can also buy a pumpkin real cheap for \$1 to \$4 – depending on size of course.

The fun continues next week on Thursday (Sept. 27) evening with Art in the Park.

The city is hosting this event at Zussman Park, 6 to 8 p.m. Local artists will be featured selling their works. There will also be activities for the kids and food vendors.

Come on out and enjoy Hamtramck in fall!

Quote of the week ...

Who said this, and what is it about? You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

"(Trying to) create a controversial thing at the last second is fishy."

HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

Le Detroit Macaron celebrates a sweet one-year anniversary

By Sam Corey
Review Special Writer

The room inside Le Detroit Macaron is covered with cream-filled eggshells and, on this particular day, a lot of packaging.

Ribbons, small miniature boxes just big enough to fill a macaron, and labels brandishing the names of a bride and groom are strewn about a large table behind the clerk counter of this tiny shop on Evaline, just west of Jos. Campau, the retail space where Bon Bon Bon once operated.

Two-thirds of the macaron team, Isabelle Elwart and Jamila Kokumo, are preparing large wedding orders – each due the following day.

Yet, for all the movement and tight deadlines taking place, there's not a trace of alarm in the brightly lit bakery with colorful walls that contrast turquoise and jet-black.

"I would say this is probably the most relaxing job I've had," says Jamila, a lifelong Detroit and baker in the shop since two months after its opening in November of last year. "It's very therapeutic, there's no drama."

In fact, over the year Jamila has worked at Le Detroit Macaron she was only nervous one time when over 600 macarons were ordered for the following day.

"If you can imagine, 600 shells – that's probably 1,200 (macarons) we had to make. That was the only order I was biting my fingers about," explained Jamila.

While macarons – not to be confused with their twin baked good, the macaroon – have very simple ingredients, crafting them requires careful technique.

"You start with almond flour and confectioners'



Jamila Kokumo prepares a batch of macarons at Le Detroit Macaron Bakery, located on Evaline just west of Jos. Campau. The bakery is celebrating its one-year anniversary this Sunday (Sept. 23).

sugar and we run that through the food processor," explained Isabelle Elwart, an 18-year-old Hamtramck resident and baker in the shop.

The egg whites are then aged for a day to make the macaron more aesthetically pleasing.

"We start it up in the mixer. We do cream of tarter and then add some cane sugar," Elwart said.

After mixing it all together and throwing them in the oven – bravo – you have macaron.

In total, three women run the quaint French shop. The previously-mentioned full-time bakers, Jamila and Isabelle, and Patty Corkery, the owner, who also works as a full-time lawyer and COO of the Michigan

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A new photo exhibit at the Ukrainian Museum explores what life is like living with occupying Russian troops.

Ukrainian Museum exhibit offers glimpse of disputed territory

By Alan Madlane
The Ukrainian Museum is featuring a new photo exhibit through October 14.

Entitled "Against the Odds: Shedding Light on the Conflict in Ukraine," the photos are the work of Detroit-based photographer Steve Andre. He has been previously known for his documen-

tation of the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, which is in the northern part of the country.

The current photos are from his travels in eastern Ukraine, near the contentious border areas adjacent to Russia, in cities such as Donbas, Luhansk and Donetsk.

The photos attempt to
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CM gets three-year contract

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's new city manager now has a contract.

At last week's city council meeting, Kathy Angerer was awarded a three-year employment contract with a yearly salary of \$115,000, plus various benefits and a healthcare package.

The salary is the same as what the previous city manager received.

The contract was approved by a majority of councilmembers and Mayor Karen Majewski. Angerer was officially hired a few weeks ago, but without a contract.

But there were two dissenters in both instances.

Councilmembers Andrea Karpinski and Ian Perrotta continued their opposition against hiring Angerer, who for the last year has been serving as acting city manager.

Prior to filling in as acting city manager she has served various other roles in the administration.

Karpinski's latest opposition was about paying Angerer the same amount as the previous city manager.

"I feel like there is a lack of qualifications," Karpinski said.

She added that Angerer has less experience as a city manager than former City Manager Katrina Powell.

Powell had experience as a city manager in two Florida cities prior to coming to Hamtramck. Both of those jobs lasted

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a total of about four years. Prior to that she held other positions in city administrations, and was a 20-year veteran in the Army.

years old, has for the past several years served in a number of administrative roles in Hamtramck, including economic development director. Prior to that, she

was a state legislator, Communications Director for the Dundee Community Schools, and Executive Director of Government Affairs at AT&T Michigan.

Councilmember Saad Almasmari disagreed with Karpinski, saying that considering the job responsibilities and Angerer's past experience her salary is "even less than what she deserves." Councilmember Perrotta questioned several aspects of the contract, pointing out that they were slightly more generous than what the previous city manager received.

Councilmember Anam

Miah criticized Perrotta's analysis of the contract.

"The contract is fine," he said. "Are we going to dissect this contract?"

Perrotta stressed that there was nothing "personal" about his objections over hiring Angerer. Instead, he said, it is about "the way it was done."

Perrotta and Karpinski have insisted the city should conduct a search, which Angerer could have also applied as a candidate for the job. They said the city owed that to the community after voters agreed to relax the city charter requirements for the position.

Ukrainian Museum exhibit offers glimpse of disputed territory

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shed light on the inhabitants of these towns as they currently exist, which is to say, under the seemingly endless threat of hostile invasion. It shows how people there they go about their daily lives.

The museum already held its opening reception for the show on Friday, Sept. 14. Andre was on hand to speak about his personal experiences during his stint in country.

The museum also houses a variety of Ukrainian records, arti-

facts and memorabilia, including an immigration archive, oral history repository and library, ethnic paintings and sculptures, woodcarvings and embroideries and an area of costumes and headdresses.

The museum is located at 9630 Jos. Campau in the south end of town. Their phone number is (313) 366-9764. You can also reach them via email at uaamdetroit@gmail.com, or check their website: ukrainianmuseumdetroit.org.



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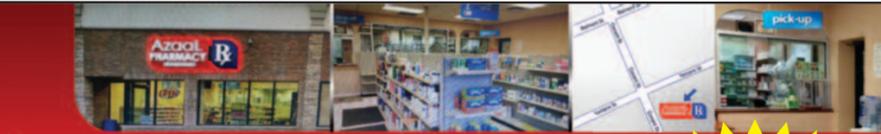
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Mr. Pelow was the father of Kelly (Greg) Jackson, Jason (Aimee Williams) Jackson, Karen (Donald) Miller, Susan (Michael) Hooper, Lisa (Michael) Pelow, and Edward (Kelly) Pelow; grandfather of Michael, Stephen, Ashley, Justin, Donald, Brianna, Alicia, Anthony, Jason, Tayion, Taliya, and Brooklyn. He

is also survived by three great grandchildren. Edward was predeceased by the mothers of his children, Etta Pearl Jackson and Georgina Miller.

Ed loved hunting and the casino and will be truly missed by his family.

Visitation is Friday, September 21, from 4-8 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.





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ESL Class – Tuesday, September 25, noon, ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

ESL Class – Wednesday, September 26, 9 a.m. and noon, ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

ESL Class – Thursday, September 27, noon, ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

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School Bell

Hamtramck Public Schools Pre-K – 12th grade enrollment for the 2018/2019 School Year

Please bring the following documents to the HPS Enrollment Office located at 3201 Roosevelt: Original birth certificate, up-to-date immunization record, parent ID, two proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage, etc.), proof of income (preschool only).

Early Childhood Elementary News

This week the preschoolers started at Early Childhood Elementary School. Preschool teachers Mrs. Michelle Cook, Mrs. Nyaeka Sepala and Mrs. Jackie Dzedzuila have been busy getting the rooms ready, welcoming the parents and sharing information about the school year. It should be a fun year of learning for the students.

In Ms. Janice Rakoczy's room the students celebrated Constitution Day by reviewing the original document located online in the National Archives Building in Washington D. C.

The students saw how the Constitution began and what type of rights it insures. Students enjoyed learning songs, making tricorn hats and making a George Wash-

ington mask as they sang "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

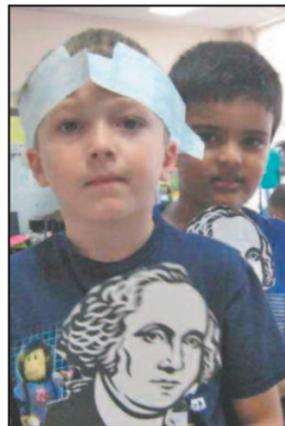
Students also learned the math skills of adding and subtraction of 10 through a game in Everyday Math called "I See 10." It was a busy day of learning and fun.

Curriculum Nights

• September 27 – Early Childhood Elementary



Above and below: Preschoolers at Early Childhood Elementary School started the school year this past week.



School and Tau Beta Elementary School, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

• September 28 – Horizon High School, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Calendar:

• Wednesday, October 3 – Fall Count Day and end of Progress Report Period #1.

• Thursday, October 11 – Progress Report #1 distributed.

• Thursday, October 11 – Half day for Hamtramck

laski Park, 11a.m. – 2 p.m. Hayrides, pumpkins, games, crafts and more! Free family-friendly fun!

• Dance: Classes offered – tap, pre-ballet, jazz/hip hop. All skill levels. Ages 3-15 Classes held Tuesdays and Thursdays. September 18, 10 weeks, 45 minutes. \$30 residents, \$40 non-residents.

• Tennis: Instruction offered in forehand, backhand, serve, volley and ball control. Practice Saturdays at Veterans Park, September 22. Ages 4 and over, \$15 residents, \$25 non-residents.

• Guitar: Hands-on playing time the very first day. Guitar provided. Limited space available. Tuesday/Friday. September 25, ages 6 and over, all skill levels. \$10 residents, \$20 non-residents.

• For more information call (313) 892-2635, or check out the 2018 Fall/Winter Brochure. Follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information at www.Facebook.com/HamtramckRecreationDepartment

Compiled by Janice Gandelman



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High School and Horizon High School. Parent teacher conferences from 12:30- 3 p.m. and 5-7p.m. Full day for all other schools.

Athletic Events

• Friday, September 21 – HHS Varsity Football vs. Ecorse at 7 p.m. HOME-COMING GAME. We would like to see the community come out to support the Cosmos. Homecoming Parade leaves from HHS at 5 p.m. and goes down Casmere to Jos. Campau to Keyworth Stadium. Go Cosmos!

• Tuesday, September 25 – HHS Boys' Soccer vs. Eastpointe at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Tuesday, September 25 – HHS Girls' Volleyball vs. Melvindale ABT 5:30 p.m. Away.

• Thursday, September 27 – HHS Boys' Soccer vs. Harper Woods at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Thursday, September 27 – HHS Girls' Volleyball vs. University Prep, 5:30 p.m. Home.

• Friday, September 28 – HHS Varsity Football vs. University Prep at 4 p.m. Away.

Recreation Department News

• Fall Harvest: Saturday, September 22 at Pu-

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Firefighters hold a 'Field Day' at Pulaski Park

By Charles Sercombe

A couple of Saturdays ago we got our first taste of fall weather.

And the perfect antidote to the gloomy, gray skies and colder temperatures was a "Field Day" sponsored by the Hamtramck firefighters' union.

For four hours on Sept. 8 in Pulaski Park the public was treated to free grilled hotdogs and other food items, free ice cream and plenty of games for kids to keep occupied.

It also served as a reminder of the upcoming 9/11 anniversary held on Sept. 11. On that day 17 years ago, 343 firefighters and 60 police officers died trying to save people in the World Trade Center in New York City.

Back in Sept. 11, 2001,

terrorists had flown hijacked planes into the two buildings, causing their total destruction. In a coordinated attack, terrorists also hijacked planes and flew one into the Pentagon, causing destruction to part of that building.

In a third incident passengers apparently thwarted the terrorists flying a plane who had an intent to crash it into the White House or the Capital building.

Instead, the terrorists were forced to crash the plane into a field in Pennsylvania.

Scenes from the recent Firefighters Field Day that was held in Pulaski Park.



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Credit Union League and, like Jamila, was a graduate of Oakland Community College's culinary school.

Isabelle, who wants to eventually own her own pastry shop, discovered Le Detroit Macaron by reading about it online. Initially, she emailed Patty for a job, but was rejected because they weren't hiring at the time.

Not to be deterred, Isabelle's dad inspired her to apply again – this time as an intern. Two months later in July, Isabelle's persistence paid off. "I'd be willing to hire you, for pay not for an internship," Patty told Isabelle.

Patty, for her part, says she never thought she'd venture outside of law. "I never had a plan of baking or opening a bakery," she said.

A few years ago, however, with a lot of untapped energy brewing, she began taking baking classes and flew to Paris, France a few times to indulge herself in the world of French baking.

"I just feel happy when I'm in there," Patty said of her experience in baking shops. "I'm always paying attention to how they're decorating it, what they're selling, other than what they're making – what other products are they selling? I just love it."

Soon, Patty began looking for places to run a small shop, focusing just on macarons. She decided on Hamtramck because of the small space and cheap sticker price.

"Already the restaurant boom had hit Detroit, so places were already really pricey," Patty said. She was nervous about opening a bakery that would be too expensive to run. "I did not want to spend



Isabelle Elwart is two thirds of the team that produces macarons. The business has expanded in the past year, and demand keeps increasing for these high-end pastries.

\$2,500 a month on a really nice, done-up Detroit location."

She also didn't want to sell too many baked goods because of the upkeep. Instead, Patty and her team are very attentive to how they make, and present, one baked good – macarons.

"They got to look good and they really gotta taste good – and that's all we focus on at our shop," Patty said.

What has surprised Patty was that so many of their customers were Hamtramck residents. "They were super excited to have us," she said. "They bent over backwards trying to help a new business owner navigate what I needed to do."

"It's a huge family neighborhood," said Jamela, referring to Ham-

tramck. Kids sometimes come in and inquire about working the store. "They will ask, 'How old do I have to be to work here?'" Jamela simply responds that, "You have to be old enough to come in

advertising for wedding orders, we got a new printer that prints images onto the shells," explained Isabelle.

The miniature, edible ink images imprinted onto the macarons was a cute way to advertise for local businesses and celebrate weddings. It was a big hit, and significantly added to their sales.

To increase foot traffic into the store, they began offering macaron-baking classes to customers whenever Patty has time to schedule them.

"The classes are insane – they sell out in a half hour," said Patty. If you're on their email list, you get first dibs. "We're almost sold out for the rest of the year," Isabelle added.

Isabelle and Jamela will begin teaching the classes for the first time this year. The two women have been an integral part of running the baking shop.

"I don't know what I'd do without them," Patty said of her two employees.

Patty is still trying to figure out some way to celebrate their anniversary on Sept. 23.

"We'll probably do a special macaron for it and give those away free," she said. "We'll have something for our customers to celebrate them and thank them for welcoming us into the community."

Le Detroit Macaron is located at 2756 Evaline. For more information call (313) 338-8006.

"When we started ad-

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Lawsuits against city prompts a need for a review of city procedures

In recent weeks we have reported on recent settlements on city lawsuits and criminal charges involving some police officers.

It made one commenter on our website to remark: "What in blazes is going on here?"

We couldn't agree more.

While not getting into specifics, you have to wonder how things have broken down. Sure,

there are some unscrupulous people looking to win the "Hamtramck lottery" – as some have come to call those taking advantage of the city to gain a windfall of money.

Part of the problem is that it costs an insane amount of money to defend against lawsuits, so the easiest – and cheapest – solution is to settle lawsuits.

All cities are vulnerable to this.

The other observation is that some city employees apparently need cultural sensitivity training.

Again, we do not mean to point fingers because there are many nuances involved.

Now that we have a new city manager, it behooves us to take another look at how we do things, and how we are interacting with each other.



City Hall Insider ...

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

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on July 10, and all councilmembers were present except for Abu Musa.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Justin Jessop criticized the city's new yearly budget. He said it is illegal and has bloat to it. He said it reminds him of "the same tactic to fatten up a 10-page letter."

Robert Zwolak said the city needs to gear up for the upcoming national census. He said a city campaign is needed to urge residents to fill out the census form in order for the city to benefit from federal programs and funding that are based on how many people live here.

In a discussion to adopt a new business sign ordinance, Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi proposed several changes.

Mayor Karen Majewski objected to many of the changes.

Majewski said one of Al-Marsoumi's proposals to allow pulsating electronic signs would make the city look "trashy." She also objected to his proposal to increase the size of business signs even more than what was originally proposed.

She said that while the larger signs would allow motorists to see them more easily, the point of smaller signs is to slow down traffic.

Councilmember Ian Perrotta objected to how the changes were proposed, saying Al-Marsoumi should have sent the council his proposed changes before the meeting, "not a minute before voting."

Al-Marsoumi said he attempted to introduce the changes at a previous council meeting but was blocked.

He also further defended his changes, saying many other communities, such as Canton and Dearborn, allow the sign changes he is proposing.

Councilmember Saad Almasmari sided with Al-Marsoumi.

"We should be more open," he said.

The vote to adopt the original change in the sign ordinance was defeated, with Councilmember Andrea Karpinski and Mayor Majewski voting in favor. Councilmember Perrotta abstained in the vote.

The proposed sign ordinance was developed by the city's Plan Commission, of which Majewski pointed out that Councilmember Anam Miah is a member of and who voted in favor of it with the commission.

In this council vote, Miah voted against the proposal. Miah said his vote for it with the Plan Commission was only to move the proposal forward to the council.

Majewski said the Plan Commission's vote in favor of the new ordinance was, in effect, a recommendation to the council – not just something for the council to consider.

During the second public comment section, Bill Meyer said the vote on the sign ordinance was an example of the city's "white power structure" at work. Meyer added that he considers himself a "conduit" between the city's ethnic and racial communities and the "white community."

He said the city needs to listen to business owners about what they want.

(Several of them had earlier expressed support of Al-Marsoumi's changes.)

Meyer said "businesses of color are getting screwed by the city."

He added that the city plays favorites with white-owned businesses.

"Businesses that open quick are always the white ones," Meyer said.

Carrie Beth Lasley criticized Al-Marsoumi's sign ordinance changes, saying Hamtramck is a walkable community and doesn't need the type of signs one sees in suburbs such as Sterling Heights.

She added that trying to "create a controversial thing at the last second is fishy."

Between the lines...

When the Pope came to Hamtramck

By Charles Sercombe

It was 31 years ago this past week when former Pope John Paul II visited Hamtramck.

The Sept. 18, 1987 visit has been duly noted by folks belonging to a Facebook page dedicated to Hamtramck. The group is specifically known as "Hamtramck Memories – Back in the Day."

Hamtramck was still a mostly Polish city at the time, but the demographic change was coming quick. Pope John Paul II was the first-ever Polish pope in history.

Prior to Karol Cardinal Wojtyla becoming Pope, he was Archbishop of Krakow.

He was no stranger to Hamtramck, having visited here in 1969 when he received a hero's welcome even back then.

The town in the late 1980s was a faint echo of its former 1950s-era self.

Thirty-some years ago Jos. Campau was still bustling with business, with hardly an empty storefront in sight. Conant, though, was showing signs of blight.

All of that was on the verge of change.

There was one last hurrah for the city, but it was not the last time the city would come under the national and international media spotlight. The summer building up to the Pope's visit was busy with special events and public discussions. There were also high expectations of a huge surge of folks wanting to be here for the historic occasion.

I was here working at the now defunct Citizen newspaper. Like any beginning reporter, it was a special moment to experience history in the making, and witnessing a small town pumping itself up for such an important visitor.

The plan was for the Pope to speak outside, at the corner of Jos. Campau and Holbrook, where the Town Center shopping center is now.

A huge stage was built in the week before the visit.

Local restaurants and bars and all businesses were encouraged to stay open all night before the big visit. A huge turnout was expected.

The manager of McDonald's had two semi-trucks parked, loaded with extra food. Turns out it was a waste of preparation.

While there was a party atmosphere the night before, hardly anyone showed up by morning.

Many blamed it on the Secret Service who clamped down the city so tight, folks didn't want to experience the hassle of even getting into the city. But for those who lived here or former residents who came back to town

'Welcome Pope' in Polish."

My job was to ride with the photographers on a flatbed truck that travelled in front of the Pope-mobile.

As the folks noted in the Hamtramck Memories Facebook page, it was a wild ride down Jos. Campau, which started at Davison, a little before 8 a.m. The day was gray and unseasonably cold.

In most cities you see a slow cruise of the Pope-mobile with the Pope smiling and waving to folks lined up on the streets.

There was no one waiting at Davison, and the ride was not a slow one.



Above: Pope John Paul II travels down Jos. Campau in his Popemobile. He visited Hamtramck 31 years ago, on Sept. 18, 1987. Below: A monument stands at the corner of Jos. Campau and Hewitt where the Pope spoke.



just for the visit, it was a fun time.

"Everybody loved everyone. It was a great atmosphere. We need more things like this to bring the world together again," said a member of the Hamtramck Memories Facebook page.

Said another member of the Facebook page: "I lived on Holbrook right across the street from where they built the stage. We were partying all night, had a house full of relatives. My son was on the front page of the Jackson paper he was holding a sign that said

Instead, the press truck shot off like a cannon and we sped down Campau at about 40 miles per hour – never slowing down until we got to Hewitt, where the stage was.

The Pope went by so quickly, it was a blur for most.

"The day he drove down Campau we walked up 15 minutes before he was scheduled to drive down Campau got right up front and watched him speed 40 mph down the street. The poor old lady next to us starts shouting 'Wait! Come back, come back,'"

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Metro news...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modeldmedia.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years.

This week, with their permission, we are sharing one of their features:

Some say that solar panels will be the wave of the future for green technologies.

There is one Detroit who is making this prediction come true.

For as long as he can remember, Ali Dirul has been interested in science and computers. "It's something that's always been in my nature," he says.

But that affinity alone wouldn't have caused him to start Ryter Cooperative Industries (RCI). That decision had as much to do with his belief that communities have the capacity to build a cleaner, healthier, more empowering future through technology — RCI is just there to help.

"We're looking to change the framework of how communities deal [with energy]

in this current economy," says Dirul, founder and executive director of RCI. "And look towards shifting and growing this towards a newer type of sustainable economy."

Founded in 2015, the Detroit area project management company specializes in energy-oriented engineering solutions with a particular focus on solar power. It takes special pride in finding ways to make those resources useful and accessible to community residents and organizations.

For its most recent project, completed May 11, RCI installed a state-of-the-art solar smart pole at the Parker Village community resource center in Highland Park. The innovative device provides light, Wi-Fi, LED signage, and on-site security to the area around the community center. It's the first of a series of smart poles RCI wants to bring to Detroit and Highland Park.

Completed with some assistance from DTE in 2015, the three-kilowatt station, known as Dirul Energy Sta-

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said one member of the Hamtramck Memories page.

I was barely able to capture a clear photo from the speeding truck. I remember holding on for dear life as there was only a thin metal railing keeping us from falling out.

The ride was too fast, too bumpy and it was too overcast and dark to get a good shot.

The best moment of that ride was when the driver attempted to turn right on Hewitt from Jos. Campau and smashed into a Detroit police car.

All of the press photographers fell down, much like in a "Keystone Cops" scene. The embarrassed driver, believe it or not, got a ticket.

So why was the motorcade going so fast? I never found out, but the speculation was that the Secret Service was afraid that if it went slow, someone would try to shoot the Pope — because you

know, this is Detroit.

The security was so heavy-handed only about 20,000 — maybe 30,000 — people showed up.

Plus, the weather was lousy too.

That didn't deter the Pope, who went on to give a one-hour speech. Most of it was in Polish, meaning most of those in attendance had no idea what he was saying. They may have been of Polish descent, but that didn't mean they spoke Polish fluently.

The theme of his speech was that we must keep in touch with our ethnic roots.

He was speaking about the Polish-American experience, since there had been a huge migration of Poles to America before and after World War II.

He stressed that "the nation which lets itself be cut off from its tradition descends to the level of a tribe."

As for any trouble, there were two incidents. One

involved a guy on Andrus St. who came out on his porch waving a plastic handgun. He was promptly arrested and taken away to a hospital for "observation."

The other incident was a group of about six protestors carrying signs denouncing the Pope. One of the signs said: "Pope is Satan."

They, too, were arrested.

There is still one last vestige of the Pope's visit remaining. Right outside the parking lot, at the corner of Jos. Campau and Hewitt, there is a monument depicting the stage built for the Pope.

If you drive down there to see it, be careful about making a turn on Hewitt.



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FRIDAY, Sept. 21, 4 p.m. (until they run out) — All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner (meat and vegetarian choices), salad and bread, \$8, at the Hamtramck Moose Lodge (9421 Conant), proceeds to Women of the Moose Charities. No carry outs.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 11-17.

Tuesday, September 11

- A Dyar resident reported a domestic assault situation.
- A Belmont resident reported someone stole her vehicle.
- A resident was arrested in the area of Caniff and Conant for trespassing and obstruction.
- A resident in the 2300 block of Poland reported that their landlord served them with a fake seven-day eviction notice after they just paid rent for October and November.
- Officers responding to a call in the Grand Haven-Circle Dr. area arrested a Detroit resident for possessing a stolen car.

Wednesday, September 12

- A resident was arrested for a domestic assault that happened in the 2200 block of Holbrook.

- A resident was arrested in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau for being disorderly and obstruction.

- A resident reported fraudulent activity that occurred via email.
- A Selfridge resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls.

Thursday, September 13

- A resident was arrested for a domestic assault incident that happened in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.
- A Holmes resident reported their bike was stolen.
- A Belmont resident reported someone stole his vehicle.
- A resident was assaulted while working on Carpenter.

Friday, September 14

- No incident report was available for this date.

Saturday, September 15

- A Detroit resident was arrested at Holbrook and

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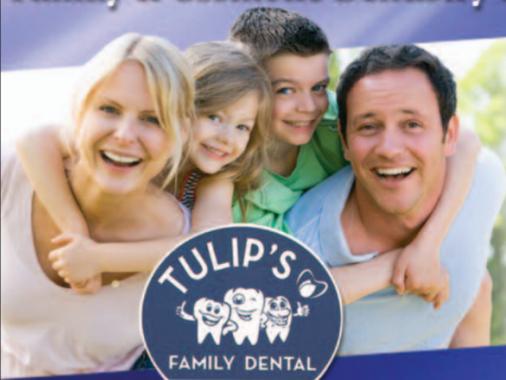
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tion, is Detroit's first fully off-grid solar power generation plant. Since setting up the station, RCI has also implemented solar technology throughout the farm and several substations for farm workers to recharge electrical devices.

As for RCI's direction, Dirul couldn't be more excited. He says the company has been growing, as has public interest in the work they're doing. Right now, he's currently looking to acquire a building, so RCI will have a permanent space to

conduct research and hold renewable energy demonstrations. Beyond that, Dirul also wants to expand the work the company is doing locally to include other areas of the United States and even other countries where people are dealing with energy disparities.

By David Sands



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Latham for possessing an open intoxicant in public.

• A homeowner in the 2300 block of Yemens reported a break-in.

• A Bernard resident reported the theft of their ice cream truck.

• At almost 6 a.m. a Detroit couple was ticketed in the 11000 block of McDougall for lewd and lascivious acts.

• A Sobieski resident reported being assaulted by her son.

• An owner of a busi-

ness in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported an incident of retail fraud.

• A resident was arrested for domestic assault for an incident that happened in the 12000 block of Sobieski.

Sunday, September 16

• At about 1:30 a.m. officers assisted an ambulance crew with transporting a highly intoxicated man who was found lying down in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau.

• A Jos. Campau business reported a theft.

Monday, September 17

• A Gallagher resident reported someone broke a window on her vehicle.

• A Goodson resident reported someone stole her cellphone.

• A Prescott resident reported being assaulted by two youths.

• A resident reported a road rage incident in the area of Lumpkin and Denton.

• An agent for a business in the 8800 block of Jos. Campau reported a theft.



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Eulogy for Delphine Wojtowicz

The family of Delphine Wojtowicz, who passed away September 12, 2018, wrote the following eulogy:

She was born Delphine Zlotucha, on June 20, 1931. Her parents were Stella and Michael Zlotucha. She had three sisters: Regina but everyone called her Virgie, Celia, but everyone called her Queeno and Laura.

Mom attended public school in the City of Hamtramck. She worked at J L Hudson Co. in her senior year. She also modeled for a clothing store called Paris Fashions on Jos. Campau.

Mom said she came to know Raymond when he was 14 while he worked at a store called Royal Coffee, however she said he was a nerd, and tried to ignore him when she went shopping there.

Several years later she met him at a friend's house, and they were married soon after a few dates. Del moved in with Raymond, three brothers and his father to care for them and tend to the house in the absence of Ray's mother, Honores.

During the 66 years of their marriage, Del and Ray raised five children, nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Mom formed a special bond with each of her children in her own way. Her family was the pride and joy of her life. She was also a care giver to her mother when her health declined.

While Raymond made a career as an elected official and was a boss to many in Wayne County, Delphine was the boss at home – especially with her trademark finger wag, you knew she meant business. In her



Delphine Wojtowicz

spare time, she enjoyed sewing dresses, costumes and quilts as a hobby. When everyone went to bed at night, that's when she did her best work.

Nicknamed as Gaga, her nurturing and caring ways continued with the grandchildren. She told everyone that she was the OG or original Gaga before Lady Gaga became popular.

Del treated everyone as part of our family and even if you weren't related by blood, there was always a spot for you at Del's dining room table

whether it was to eat, talk, laugh or cry.

Recently Del was asked by one of her grandchildren what the best time of her life was and she responded by saying it was the day she was married to Ray. She also added that she didn't expect anything but to be married and raise a family. And she did just that.

While Ray was the brick to build the home, Del was the mortar that kept the home all in place, and together their strong foundation, of 66 years, a life full of family and friends, weathered any storm. Del showed us that it's not the years in your life, but the life in your years. May she rest in peace, with the memories of her we hold so dear to our hearts.

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