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Quick Hits

Labor Day is here, and for kids, you know what that means.

Yes, the school year returns this coming Tuesday (Sept. 4), so enjoy your last weekend of summer fun, kids.

Technically, summer doesn't really end until Sept. 23, which is the first day of fall.

In other news, you may have noticed in this week's Crime Log there was an incident of two men posing as Water Department employees. The two approached a resident saying they were there to shut off the water service.

One of the men went inside and swiped money that was on a table. They then took off in a beige-colored van.

Police Chief Anne Moise said that all city employees and contractors wear identification badges. That's the first thing to check. But if anything seems suspicious or out of place, don't hesitate to call the Police Department – you can dial 911 in cases like this.

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.

“What I value is continuing that progress and stability.”

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Time for a party, Labor Day Festival has something special

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's annual goodbye party to summer is set to go this weekend.

Yes, the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival kicks off this Saturday (Sept. 1) and continues through Monday (Sept. 3).

This is the 39th year for the festival, which has seen plenty of ups and downs (and ins and outs) over the years. But, for the past several years the festival has enjoyed a rebirth and has seen a dramatic increase in attendees and vendors.

This year should be no exception.

Much of the credit goes to a stellar live music lineup. The highlight this weekend is Motown legend Martha and the Vandellas, who will close out the festival on Monday at 9 p.m.

For those not of a certain age, the group is best known for the summertime



Hamtramck's Labor Day Festival will once again take over the northend of Jos. Campau this weekend. Two highlights of the weekend include the Polish Day Parade on Monday at 1 p.m. and right before that, the annual “canoe race” at noon.

favorite – and national hit – “Heat Wave.”

And also check out some of their other big hits – “Nowhere To Run,” “Dancing in the Street” or “Jimmy Mack.”

The group will be performing a special 30-minute tribute to the late

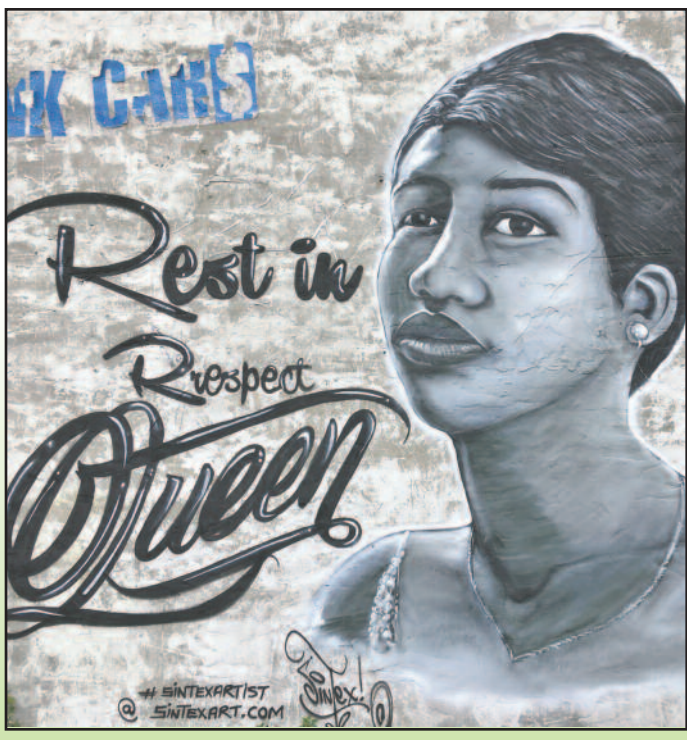
Aretha Franklin – something that is not to be missed. (Editor's note: This is the “something special” we hinted at in the headline.)

Also performing are some of the best rock and alternative bands in Detroit.

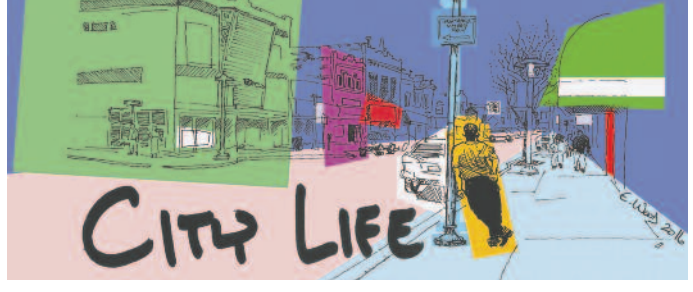
Besides live music, the festival has great food, a midway with rides and games and many booths selling clothing, art and all sorts of other things.

Two highlights of the holiday weekend include the Polish Day Parade and a

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Fans of Aretha Franklin paid their respects to the Queen of Soul this past week.



Rest in respect, neighbor

By Walter Wasacz

When Aretha Franklin moved to Detroit with her family in the 1940s she lived on Boston Blvd. in the northend, just a skip and a jump from Hamtramck.

When she died earlier this month, Motown legend Smokey Robinson recalled meeting her for the first time. He was two

years older and lived on Belmont, a more modest block in the northend.

Diana Ross lived on Belmont, too, Smokey recalled, and future members of the Four Tops and the Temptations were also growing up in the same area, or across Woodward Ave.

I thought Smokey's

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Council feud erupts over CM

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck almost had a new city manager this week.

But the vote to hire Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer got tangled up in the one thing that is constant in this city: Politics.

It appears Councilmembers Anam Miah, Abu Musa, Saad Almasmari and Fadel Al-Marsoumi are in favor of hiring Angerer.

But Councilmembers Ian Perrotta and Andrea Karpinski are opposed and are accusing them of foul play.

That's because Hamtramck voters just agreed to a city charter revision on who can qualify for the job of city manager. The requirements were greatly loosened.

A majority of the council agreed last February to allow voters to decide on the charter revision. The thinking then was it would allow the city to widen the pool of candidates who would otherwise be shut out from consideration because they did not meet the job requirements.

It was thought that a number of otherwise qualified candidates were disqualified in the city's last search for a city manager. Out of a field of nearly 40 only three met the qualifications, and out of that group only one candidate was recommended by the city search firm to be interviewed.

That candidate was turned down.

Angerer has been the acting city manager for the past year and two months, replacing the previous city manager who was not rehired after her employment contract expired.

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Time for a party, Labor Day Festival has something special

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“canoe race” on Monday, starting at noon, at Jos. Campau and Edwin. These are human powered “canoes” made of wood and wheels.

There is plenty of rowdy crowd action as well, with onlookers encouraged to throw water balloons or squirt the racers with water guns. Heck, some even toss buckets of water.

It's good, clean fun. Bring a bar soap and you can take a shower. (We are kidding about that part.)

Following the canoe race, the annual Polish Day Parade takes over Jos. Campau and the festival grounds, starting at 1 p.m. and lasting about an hour – short and sweet.

For many folks the best part is just hanging out with friends, downing a few

cold brews and people watching.

Festival co-organizer Shannon Lowell said the only unknown is the weather and weather – er, whether – the festival will dodge a washout.

So far, it looks like there might be a rain/storm possibility all weekend – but that forecast was on Thursday when we went to press and can change anytime.

On the other hand, a little rain never stopped this party – it's Hamtramck after all. Well, there have been times.

The festival has always been about promoting the city.

That is still the mission, Lowell said.

“It helps reinvigorate the downtown,” he said.

The yearly cost of the

festival is about \$85,000 – of which \$25,000 is spent on extra police patrols on the festival grounds.

The city's Downtown Development Authority has donated \$10,000 to help defray costs. Other revenue streams come from vendor rentals, food and alcohol sales and about \$25,000 from the midway company.

Festival hours are noon to 10 p.m. daily.

Afterward, the city's many bars will be bustling with live music. Be sure to stick

around and enjoy the night scene.

Also, word is if there is a rainout, the bands scheduled to play on the south stage (the big stage) will move to Ant Hall on Caniff, south of Jos. Campau and next to the Hamtramck Library.

Bands scheduled to play on the north stage (the smaller stage) will move in the case of a rainout to Trixie's Bar on Carpenter, between Jos. Campau and Mackay.

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Wednesday
September 12, 2018
6:00PM

Meeting will occur in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of City Hall

Notice issued in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233. Staff will be happy to make the necessary arrangements.

Metro news...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modelmedia.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:

In 2014, Detroit-based photographer Ali Lapetina began photographing the people of Detroit and Hamtramck's Bengali community. During the project, she noticed that

the Bengali men had far more recreational outlets than the women, and thought they needed their own space.

Women of Banglatown is that outcome. With the goal of empowering local girls and women, it's a free community space that offers art and wellness programming, opportunities for generate income, assistance for immigrants, and a place for conversation.

The nonprofit is now looking to raise some funds, having launched a Kickstarter campaign with a \$25,000 fundraising goal ending on Sept. 20.

According to the campaign, funds will go towards purchasing materials for activities like sewing and screen printing that can generate income for the women, bringing in teachers for yoga or skill-building workshops, as well as provide transportation to and from the space.

"The word is spreading throughout Hamtramck

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We would like to video record your brief (up to three minutes long) presentations, but we will also accept other formats: short essays, poems, paintings, drawings, etc.

The most interesting

contributions will be included in the Library's Centennial Time Capsule for future generations to discover.

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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). An unlimited number of Kindergarten School of Choice applications for the 2018/2019 school year will be accepted through September 4, 2018. No late applications for School of Choice can be accepted.

All Schools

• Tuesday, September 4 – School resumes for all students.

Early Childhood Elementary News

Early Childhood Elementary School teachers and support staff were busy this past week preparing for the new school year by attending professional development trainings. Under the guidance of Sohnia Malik, WCRESA facilitator, everyone is learning strategies to teach students to be more effective problem solvers in mathematics.

By exploring different approaches at solving problems, teachers are learning hands-on applications of new and improved methods to teach students.

Also, Early Childhood Elementary School received a great surprise from neighboring Holy Cross Polish National Church in

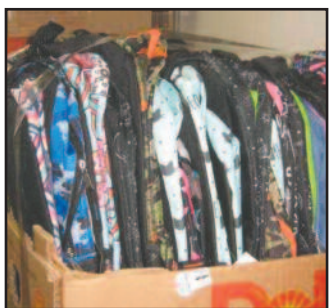
Hamtramck. The generous parishioners sent boxes of school supplies for the teachers and students.

Coats for the chilly fall and winter weather were also donated. The wonderful donations will definitely start the school year off right! A big thank you to all those who donated.

And, many of the teachers this summer took classes, traveled or took a break.



Above and below: Hamtramck teachers spent part of the summer learning new teaching techniques.



Parishioners from Holy Cross Church donated school supplies and clothing for students at the Early Childhood Elementary School.

Mrs. Rosemary Haacke, Mrs. Kathleen Hill and Ms. Janice Rakoczy taught creative writing as part of the Meadow Brook Writing Project.

Students from all areas of Michigan came weekly to Meadow Brook Hall and learned creative writing skills as well as the history of the Dodge-Wilson home.

Students animated their writing through the Ani-

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Students may complete the TIP application in the MiSSG Student Portal at www.michigan.gov/misssg or by calling 888-447-

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Happy 80th Birthday Stacey



A Man Who Wears Many Hats

Respect, reliability and esteem are just a few words to describe the impact that Edward Stacey continues to leave on his family and the community. Whether you know him as the man who voluntarily “cleans up the city” or the man who graciously donates his time and energy to various charitable organizations, most of us who know Stacey know that he is a man of character.

For those who call him Dad or Grandpa, they know just how defined his character is. Stacey does not allow “family” to be defined by simple biology, but allows family to extend beyond the borders to include those he is fond of and those that he has grown to love; an honor that extends through the generations. He simply has an enormous amount of love to share.

On August 29, 2018 Stacey celebrated his 80th birthday. We wish him all the best for the coming year and thank him for his continuous generosity and support for all the lives he touches every day.

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moto computer software. At the end of the week, students presented their stories and poetry to their parents and classmates.

HHS Boys' Soccer Team Off To Winning Start!

The Hamtramck Boys' Soccer team is off to a 3-0-1 start. They opened the season with a 1-1 tie against Catholic League powerhouse Dearborn Divine Child.

They have since won games against Canton Prep, Summit Academy and city rival Frontier Academy.

Senior Basem Ali has recorded an outstanding 10 goals through the first four games. The team would love to have the community come out and support their games to help keep their winning streak alive.

Go Cosmo!


Grant program

Time is running out for eligible individuals from the Class of 2018 who have graduated with a high school diploma or equivalent to claim their Tuition Incentive Program benefits, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

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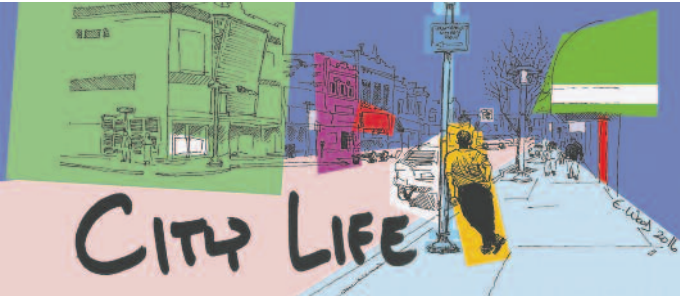
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memories stitched together a marvelous (and largely underreported) piece of Motown neighborhood history, all occurring within a walkable distance – via the east-west Caniff corridor – from where this newspaper is published and many of us live.

Within minutes of her death, news of it circled the globe. Her passing was a headline in multiple languages, felt by generations of fans. There are a lot them: she recorded and performed professionally over seven decades. She was only 14, in 1956, when she cut her first gospel record for J-V-B, a long defunct recording company on Hastings St. near Harper Avenue.

Aretha’s heart and soul traveled well: very well indeed. She was a hitmaker, a pop star and cultural icon who had an impact on people in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and all across the Americas, North and South. It would be no exaggeration to say she had millions of fans, and it’s not hard to imagine her fanbase growing in years to come, as her songs continue to reach hearts not yet born.

I was introduced to Aretha Franklin’s voice after hearing her cover of Otis Redding’s “Respect,” which came out in 1967. A year earlier the song was a regional hit for the Rationals.

I bought both versions at Old Town Records, Hamtramck’s hippest record shop of the 1960 and early 1970s, where I found most of my 7-inch 45s.

It seemed everything Aretha put out — she was

then signed to Atlantic; Motown founder Berry Gordy Jr. later said it “was



Above and below: Scenes from the memorial held for Aretha Franklin at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.



a mistake” never adding Franklin to his roster — made the national Billboard charts as well as those put out locally by A.M. station WKNR (known as Keener), which published a guide to the top 31 songs of the week.

It was on the Keener chart that I remember seeing titles like “The House that Jack Built,” “Chain of Fools” and “Think” before I actually heard the music, the words stoking my imagination, making me wonder what the songs were about.

The primary mission of this column is to discover and participate in experience on foot. So to pay my respects I’d planned to walk from my house to the Charles H. Wright Museum

of African American History at Warren and Brush, where Aretha’s body lay in state Tuesday and Wednesday.

That’s a distance of 3.5 miles, a healthy stroll. But a heat advisory had been posted Tuesday so I played it safe and made the trip by car.

Traffic was thick in Midtown, parking hard to find.

the body.

I drove to New Bethel Baptist Church, on Linwood at the corner of Philadelphia, where Aretha’s late father C.L. Franklin was pastor for many years and where she sang in the youth choir.

Dozens of people were there, taking pictures

against a wall decorated with flowers, balloons and the proclamatory words “Aretha Queen of Soul” spelled out in red and white block letters. A new mural had been freshly painted around the corner at Euclid and Linwood: it read “Rest in respect, queen.”

This scene on the street was also spirited and joyful — exactly the way one suspects she would have expressed it in a song.

Hamtramck native Walter Wasacz’s walkable discovery column is a chronicle of his adventures lived close to home.

Need to repair your bike? City has you covered

By Alan Madlane

The greening of Hamtramck continues, and bicyclists are the beneficiaries this time around.

A pair of grants totaling \$3,000 have enabled the city, with a big assist from Wheelhouse Detroit, to install five bike repair stations around town. Wheelhouse Detroit is the hip, all-things-bike business with a location at Jos. Campau and Florian.

One grant, for \$2,000, came from the League of Michigan Bicyclists, and the other, \$1,000, from a Community Development Block Grant. The grants were spearheaded by bike-centric non-profit Tour de Troit, as well as Wheelhouse owner Kelli Kavanaugh and Hatch Detroit Executive Director Vittoria Katanski.

Tour de Troit sponsors Hamtramck’s annual “Paczki Run,” usually the Saturday before Fat Tues-



Hamtramck received grants to install five bike repair stations throughout the city.

day and Ash Wednesday. They also put on about half a dozen annual large-scale bike tours of historical spots around Detroit.

The repair stations themselves are easily spotted, given their bright lime-green paint jobs. A sturdy, stationary rack serves as a way to mount the bike within reach of the various tools, which are affixed to the station by strong metal cables. Separately, a hand-powered air pump allows for

essential tire inflation.

One station is located on the northeast end of Zussman Park across from the City Hall building, at Yemens and Falcon. Another is at Wheelhouse, 9401 Jos. Campau.

The others can be found at Hamtramck High School, Veterans Park and Pulaski Park.

So get your trusty two-wheeler out and ride Hamtown. They’ve got you covered.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Enough with searching for a new city manager – we have one

The city council political divide reared its head again this week. The dispute this time is about whether to hire Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer as the new city manager. We are not going to get into all the ugly details and political maneuvering that took place. Most of it was a sideshow that served no real purpose. You can read what happened on the front page. Let's cut to the chase here. A few weeks ago voters overwhelmingly approved a change in the city charter to loosen up the qualifications required to become a city manager because the old language was so limiting it prevented otherwise qualified people to take the position. When the charter revision was first proposed several months ago, it was generally thought there would be a new search conducted. But this week Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi put forth a resolution to hire Angerer. He appears to have the support of fellow councilmembers Anam Miah, Abu Musa and Saad Almasmari. Councilmembers Ian Perrotta and Andrea Karpinski are outraged over this, saying the councilmembers went back on their word to conduct a search. You can make up your own mind on how this looks, but we are satisfied with Angerer taking the role of city manager. Why? Because we have seen the candidates who have come before the city council, and we were not impressed with the search results. And it's been a little over a year that Angerer has been acting city manager and we are pleased with the job she has done. The street/alley repair project is going forward, and has even expanded to include more alley repairs this year. Angerer has also been instrumental in working with the Hamtramck Public Schools District to likely qualify for a major grant that will go a long way to repairing our historic baseball stadium, which in turn could lead to a huge recreational boost to the city. Under her management, the city has seen its budget surplus to continue to increase, and she is making strides to make the Fire Department services affordable. Most notably, the political bickering has greatly lightened up. Council meetings are running much more smoothly, for the most part – hey, this is Hamtramck after all and we have a knack here of never being satisfied with the way things are going. In short, another search for a permanent city manager would be a waste of money and time. Besides, the learning curve for a new person would put the brakes on the progress the city is making. Even Mayor Karen Majewski is on board with the hiring of Angerer. Tuesday's vote on Angerer's hiring never happened. Councilmembers Perrotta and Karpinski walked out of the meeting before the vote took place, thus causing a lack of a quorum because the mayor and Councilmember Almasmari were absent. There must be at least four councilmembers present to hold a vote. What this means is that the proposal will likely return at the next council meeting. Whether anyone likes it or not the majority rules. That's the way it goes. It's time to move forward. Enough with casting our net to find a new city manager. As the saying goes, let's not fix something that isn't broken.

Council feud erupts over CM

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Perrotta wrote on his Facebook page that he was “disgusted” that the bare majority of councilmembers decided to forego the search and instead hire Angerer. “In February it was decided by a majority of council that the search for a full time city manager would be suspended so the City Charter requirements could be amended in order to widen the net of potential applicants,” Perrotta said. “Now, the very same colleagues who argued that we need to have a wider search appear to be attempting to circumvent a new search entirely. This is because a new search will undoubtedly provide several extremely qualified candidates, effectively taking their preferred candidate out of the running.” At Tuesday's council meeting a resolution to hire Angerer and have the city attorney draw up a three-year contract was on the agenda. But before that vote could happen, Councilmembers Perrotta and Karpinski walked out, which resulted in a loss of a quorum – or enough present councilmembers – to hold a vote. Councilmember Almasmari was absent and so was Mayor Karen Majewski, who would have also been eligible to vote on the matter. Councilmember Miah, who was chairing the meeting in Majewski's absence, defended the resolution. He said Angerer has proven that she can do the job over the past year. “Even if we find a good candidate and hire them, it will take a year for them to get up to speed on city matters,” Miah told The Review. “Why lose the momentum?” Councilmember Al-Marsoumi, who presented the resolution, agreed. “Her past government experience exceeds the charter's requirements. She's been doing a good job,” Al-Marsoumi told The Review. As for Mayor Majewski, she too told The Review that a search for a city manager would slow down progress happening in the city. “What I value is continuing that progress and stability,” Majewski said. Councilmember Perrotta told The Review he doesn't think hiring a city manager will slow anything down. “Conducting a search for a city manager does not have to disrupt progress in this city, and adding capacity by hiring a qualified and experienced city manager while keeping Ms. Angerer on staff could only improve things,” Perrotta said. It is expected that the resolution to hire Angerer will appear again at the next city council meeting, Sept. 11, which is when it's also likely that the mayor and Councilmember Almasmari will be present.



School Bell

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Metro news...

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American girls and women to discover their own creative and social potentials." You can donate by going online at: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/womenofbanglatown/women-of-banglatown-community-art-space-for-girls/description>



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Obituaries

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Lee McCulloch, 38, died August 23, 2018. Mr. McCulloch was the father of Andrew and Leah, and life partner of Trisha Szeliga. Mr. McCulloch was the brother of Joseph, Jason (Alisa), and Nathan; nephew of Matt and Lynn Adkins. Lee is also survived by his cousins, Eugene McCulloch, Rachel Delara, Jordan McCulloch, and Matthew Adkins. He will be missed by his best friend Terry Baker and his employer, Bruce Williams.

Visitation is Friday, August 31, 2018 from 4 - 8 PM with services at 6 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

WROBEL



William Joseph "Bill" Wrobel, 66, died August 24, 2018.

Mr. Wrobel entered eternal life on August 24, at his home surrounded by his beloved partner and daughters, after a courageous battle with an aggressive form of brain cancer, glioblastoma multiforme.

Bill was born on July 31, 1952, in rural Warren, MI to Joseph and Elizabeth Wrobel, where he grew up and attended school. He later attended Northern Michigan University where he received a degree in business. Bill was retired from the Michigan Department of Corrections where he worked for 22 years. He had previously served in the

United States Airforce Reserves. Bill loved aviation and had dreamed of getting his pilot's license.

Bill was preceded in death by his father and mother, Joseph and Elizabeth. He is survived by his soul-mate, Patty Brook; his five children, Dawn Wrobel (Dan Skellenger), Rachel Estes (Derek), Joseph Wrobel, Stephanie Mallette (Chad), Danielle Wrobel; his former wife Janet Wrobel (Lambert); his seven grandchildren, Jaden Wrobel, Ashton Estes, Evan Skellenger, Madalynn Estes, Lilliana Wrobel, Calvin and Westley Mallette. He is also survived by his brothers, Donald (Linda) Wrobel and Jerry (Faith) Wrobel; many nieces and nephews; and his faithful canine companion and best friend, Daisy,

the yellow Labrador dog.

Bill could fix anything. He loved his dogs, computers, music, antiques, books, planes, astronomy, classic cars, good food, talking politics, and spending time with his family. Bill was a beloved partner, father, grandfather and friend. He will be dearly missed.

Please join us in a celebration of Bill's life on September 10, at 4:00 p.m. at his home on 123 E Rose Rd in Coldwater, Michigan. The family welcomes all and invites you to share any stories or memories of Bill, www.dutcherfh.com.





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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 21-27.

Tuesday, August 21

- A semi-truck driver was ticketed after driving on prohibited roads and damaging a city-owned tree.
- A business owner in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau reported he received counterfeit money over the weekend.
- A Livonia resident was arrested for shoplifting at a store in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau.
- A business owner in the 3400 block of Holbrook said a Detroit resident cashed a fraudulent DTE Energy check.
- A resident in the 9400 block of Charest reported their vehicle was broken into and a cell-phone was stolen.

Wednesday, August 22

- At 10:30 p.m. a Detroit resident was arrested in the area of Jos. Campau and Yemans for a street robbery, theft, obstruction, resisting arrest and possessing narcotics.
- A resident reported their bike was stolen in the 2600 block of Carpenter.
- A Detroit resident was arrested in the area of Carpenter and Charest for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant and carrying a concealed gun without a permit.
- A resident reported that someone tried to grab her while walking to her job.
- A resident reported her juvenile daughter had either run away from home or was missing.
- A resident reported that he was swindled in a business scam which resulted in the loss a few thousand dollars.
- A resident in the 5100 block of Yemans reported someone kicked in the back door of their residence.
- A resident in the 3100 block of Trowbridge reported the theft of their city-issued trash can.
- A Warren resident reported...

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- A resident in the 11600 block of Moran was arrested for domestic violence.

Thursday, Aug. 23

- A resident reported being assaulted by people they know.

- A Lumpkin resident reported suspicious activity involving children.

- A Norwalk resident reported a man grabbed her arm and pulled her.

Friday, August 24

- A resident reported being assaulted in a road rage incident.

- A resident in the

3000 block of Hanley was reported missing.

- A resident reported having his identity falsely used to open credit card accounts.

Saturday, August 25

- A business owner in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau reported being assaulted by a male armed with a handgun.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant and obstructing officers.

- A resident in the 2900 block of Belmont reported being assaulted by a person they know.

- A resident in the 2700 block of Evaline reported damage to two window screens.

- A Yemans resident reported suspicious activity that occurred near Pulaski Park.

Sunday, August 26

- A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for obstruction and possessing open intoxicants while driving.

- A resident was arrested for assaulting three family members and others living with him.

- A resident reported her ex-boyfriend stole her cellphone out of her hand and fled on a bicycle.

Monday, August 27

- A driver involved in a hit-and-run accident was arrested for drunk driving.

- A McDougall resident reported the theft of their lawn mower.

- A resident in the 11500 block of St. Aubin reported two men in their 50s came to their resi-

dence claiming to be Hamtramck Water Department employees and said they had to shut off their water. One of the suspects entered the residence and stole money.

- A resident in the 2700 block of Evaline said their locked gas cap would not unlock. The incident was reported as being suspicious.

- A resident in the 2600 block of Holbrook reported being choked by a person they know during a dispute about their cable television not working.



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