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Quick Hits

Fundraiser for Cosmos star continues

By Alan Madlane

The fundraiser for former Detroit Tigers player and Hamtramck native Ike Blessitt has crossed an impressive threshold.

Organized by Dave Mesrev and the Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew. a volunteer bunch that's been keeping the stadium presentable throughout its renovation, the GoFundMe.com fundraiser has cleared the \$10,000-raised mark.

Ultimately, Mesrey's group is hoping to reach the lofty goal of at least \$50,000. That sum reflects two separate issues that Blessitt is facing - ongoing health care costs, and improving his living situation and conditions.

This is actually the third fundraiser related to, if not directly for, Blessitt. Two much more modest ones were begun in 2020; the first, in July, was initiated by Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox and raised \$1,945 of a hoped-for \$2,500 from 26 different donors, toward his then-impending triple bypass.

The second, coming in December of that year, was really in support of the Ike Blessitt Athletic Academy #22,

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Hamtramck loses one of its main bakeries after years in business

By Alan Madlane

Another iconic Hamtramck business has enjoy her own children closed up shop.

New Martha Washington Bakery, a family-run business that stretches back for decades and generations, is all through.

Sunca Bakic, known to most as Sandy, puts the blame right where you might expect it: age.

Her father Petar, 87, and mother Ivanka, 84, are still the owners – and still worked there too, on occasion. They would have owned the place by themselves for 50 years, come this Fall.

Sandy, her graying hair age the mania. windblown as she arrives at our office for a chat, of paczki flew, in flavors laughs through a slight mist of tears as she recalls the stories.

And the love.

The love of doing this work for a living – "I knew I wanted to decorate cakes since I was 13 years old," she insists - and of interacting with the customers that she's been seeing, for years, year after year.

But this year's Easter holiday would have involved too much prep work, especially coming so soon after Paczki Day, and so the decision came to pull the plug on Saturday, April 9.

And does she, by any chance, remember what the final item that went out the door was?

She certainly does: "A cake - a birthday cake. For a child," she says wistfully, and the tears

well up a bit once again.

Now, she says, she can and grandchildren. And maybe, volunteer a bit, here or there. No plunking in front of the TV all day for this family.

This year, Mardi Gras/ Fat Tuesday – or Paczki Day, as it's known around here - fell on March 1, and saw the usual lines stretching up Jos. Campau Ave., with people waiting in temperatures that strained to poke above the 50-degree mark.

Family members came to help out, to try to man-

Out the door the boxes as diverse as lemon, Boston Crème, povidla (think plum), custard, guava, rose hips and blueberry.

Seventeen flavors in all. A lot of work.

And now, there's one less place to get them in town next year, which means longer lines - out in the cold - at those other shops.

After that, it was a matter of slowly reducing the amount of stock that was carried. There were baked goods sent off, ultimately, everywhere from the police station to the jail.

Think it was just always about the money? They even managed to figure out how to accept EBT/Bridge Cards, as a sign in the front window let patrons know they

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City seeks ballots in **Arabic**

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck is joining Dearborn in seeking to have all future election ballots be printed in Arabic as well as in the standard English.

But there could be a roadblock to that happening.

Dearborn's plan have ballots translated into Arabic is facing hurdles from Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett, who questioned whether the ballots would be read accurately by voting machines, and who cited the need for a "procedure and process" to be followed, as she recently told the Dearborn City Council.

Just what specific "procedure and process" Garrett is looking for was not explained.

Garrett also said that the county election commission must approve of the ballot translation plan.

federal The Voting Rights Act of 1965 does not list Arabic as one of a handful of recognized languages spoken by minorities.

But, the Voting Rights Act specifies that, if a specific minority population of a city equals 10,000 residents, or at least 5 percent of the population, then this calls for communities to offer election material in that language.

Hamtramck's Arabic population likely meets that threshold. Dearborn's Arabic population Continued on page 2



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Hamtramck loses one of its main bakeries after years in

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could get a treat even if they had no cash for it.

And now, does she have any parting words for all those loyal customers from across the decades?

She thinks for just a minute. A small smile

"Farewell, and thanks for years of support. We will cherish the memories, and miss you all to heck."

We'll certainly them, too.

City seeks ballots in Arabic continued from front page

is about 19 percent.

The issue gets even more tangled. Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson told Dearborn that it can go ahead with Arabic language ballots, a point that seemed to ruffle Garrett in her talk with the Dearborn City Coun-

It's not clear where the State Bureau of Electhe issue in Dearborn is heading.

The Review reached out to Garrett about her position on Hamtramck moving forward with Arabic language ballots, and her office replied, in an email:

"The Wayne County Clerk's Office fully supports voting inclusion and stands ready to take the necessary steps that falls within our purview to achieve the goal of Arabic ballots.

"There are legalities and processes which need to be determined and shared with the Office of the Wayne County Clerk, which will pave the way for new ballot translation standards in the State of Michigan. Ballots are too important of an issue to take lightly the proper steps that must be followed throughout the process.

"As the Wayne County Clerk, it continues to be my mission to work with tions and local clerks with integrity and respect for inclusive and fair access to ballots for all of Wayne County's electorate."

The Hamtramck City Council unanimously approved a resolution to go ahead with the ballot translation at last week's council meeting despite the obstacle that Dearborn is facing, and in fact used the resolution wording from Dearborn.

Except for one thing: Hamtramck's resolution specified the language to be translated would be Arabic. Dearborn's resolution did not specify what language would be translated, something that Garrett took issue with.

stranger to offering ballots in another language. The city was ordered by the Department of Justice several years ago to have ballots also printed in Bengali, which is a minority language recog-

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nized by the federal government.

Garrett was unaware of that Hamtramck was offering ballots printed in Bengali when the Dearborn City Council referenced Hamtramck as a model for printing ballots in an additional language. Garrett insisted that Hamtramck was doing that for election materials and sample ballots - not actual ballots.

City Manager Kathy Angerer told the Hamtramck City Council that she cannot promise when Arabic language ballots will be made available.

"It's our intention," Angerer said. "This will enable us to make it happen."

Angerer also noted that there will be an additional cost for translations and an added printing cost for ballots.

So far, there is no time frame when ballots in the Arabic language will be made available.

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Community members remember the life of Yvonne Myrick By Charles Sercombe tramck. She has carried

The passing of Yvonne Myrick has spurred a number of comments from those who knew her.

Myrick was retired from the city, and was the first African-American to serve Hamtramck Public School Board President. She also founded The Concerned Women of Hamtramck.

We took a look at the posting of comments on the James H. Cole Funeral Home website.

Here is a round-up of some of the comments:

Former Hamtramck Mayor Karen Majewski:

"Ms. Myrick was an inspiration and a model of love and service for everyone. Always gracious, always principled, committed to her community and



Yvonne Myrick

to a shared path forward, Ms. Myrick changed the city for the better. Hamtramck owes her a deep debt of gratitude."

Sherry Maloy:

"She was an amazing person. Prayers for her family."

Karen Kimbrougn:

"Mrs. Yvonne Rowena Myrick has always been a leader in the city of Ham-

the torch for so many and spoke up when other failed to make sure everyone would understand how important it is to get a fair education.

"To Rena, whom I met in Jr. High (my sister) as we were often thought of; my prayers to your family that all the memories bring comfort and joy to your hearts. Thank you for sharing your mother with so many for so long. I know she and Mrs. Ida Perry have a lot to talk about...."

Vanessa Gray:

"My Heart & Prayers go out to Mrs. Myrick family; she was a Phenomenal Woman! I will miss her

dearly!" Jessica Madden:

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This week at the Library

Afternoon Story Time: Nurture a sense of wonder and encourage a love for learning in your little ones by coming to our Story Time Afternoons. Presented by the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers, experience an exciting new tale every Monday at 4 pm.

Louise Gluck: This renowned poet was born on April 22, 1043. Gluck has received numerous awards for her work, served as the U.S. Poet Laureate in the early 2000's and in 2020 became the recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature. So much so that, over the decades, the academic analysis of her writings has continued to grow. Much ink has been spilled over her unique style, or quite the opposite, an absence of one. You can also visit www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/ louise-gluck to check out her bid and a number of her poems.

Read up, Meet up: In person book chat will take place on Thursday, April 28th at noon. We will be discussing "The Lincoln Highway", the newest novel by Armor Towles (of "Rules of Civility" and "A Gentleman in Moscow Fame)

Friday Morning Movement: chi (every week) sessions begin at 9:30 am and chair based yoga sessions (every first and third Friday) start at 10:30 am. Attendance is limited to ten participants.

Game Night: Drop in on a Friday

all ages)

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Second Front Page

School board rejects contract renewal

By Charles Sercombe

A top administrator in the Hamtramck Public School District, who had been put on administrative leave, will not be returning to her job.

Last week, the Hamtramck School Board voted not to renew the contract for former Human Resources Director Michelle Imbrunone.

(Boardmember Jihan Aiyash was absent from the meeting, and has been absent from meetings for the past two months.)

Both Imbrunone and Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed have been on leave since October.

Ahmed took a family medical leave, citing the stress caused by dealing with Covid. Ahmed had planned to come back in January, but the board placed her on leave, pending an investigation.

Imbrunone has also been under an investigation. The board has not specified what the investigations are about.

Imbrunone's attorney, Robert Lusk, had a copy of the results of Imbrunone's investigation at last week's meeting, and disputed its conclusions.



Michelle Imbrunone and her attorney Robert Lusk dispute the findings of an investigation into her handling of staff members of the Hamtramck Public School District.

He said the report's findings were "a foregone conclusion."

The person who performed the investigations, Mujhad Elhady, has been acting in the role of human resources director.

Lusk said Elhady had a self-interest in coming up with a negative conclusion.

"The fact in the matter is, he has an interest in the conclusion he reached," Lusk said. "He is the person, presumably, holding the job that Ms. Imbrunone would otherwise have with a raise in salary."

In the March board meeting, Imbrunone's position was eliminated,

and a new position was created, called Executive Director of Human Resources, which will be combined with another new position, called Di-

rector of District Support

Services.

The combined positions have a salary of \$115,500. No one has been appointed to that position, but it is believed that Elhady is in line for it.

The board did not respond to Lusk's comments, nor to the findings of Elhady's report.

The Review received a copy of the district's report on Imbrunone through a Freedom of Information Act request.

According to some of

Elhady's findings, it was determined that Imbrunone:

- Breached district policies and procedures
- Had an inability to work with others
- •Was insubordinate to superiors
- Made inappropriate evaluations of employees Imbrunone's attorney, Lusk, said, in a letter to the board, that she

to the board, that she cannot respond to the charges because they "are so broadly stated she cannot prepare a response."

Lusk said, in his letter, that the charges are "vague and ambiguous."

He also noted that the board had previously given Imbrunone high marks in her work evaluation, which he insisted should have resulted in an automatic renewal of her contract.

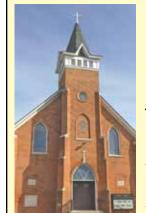
Teachers had complained bitterly about the management of Ahmed and Imbrunone. They said the two were responsible for making involuntary job transfers among teachers, and that Imbrunone was a "bully."

At least one administrator has filed a lawsuit against the district: former vice principal of Kosciuszko Middle School,

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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 Feb. 22, and all councilmembers, except for Mohammed Hassan, were present.

An audit report of the city's 2021 budget year was presented by the accounting firm UHY.

following:

- The city received over \$1 million from various COVID relief grants.
- A savings came from eliminating health care costs for city retirees, except for those who were disabled while on the job.

Despite these savings, The report noted the the city's expenses outweighed its revenues. That has led to deficit spending since 2019.

That deficit led to a \$2.1 million reduction in the city's budget surplus.

Down the road, the city will likely lose \$1 million from Wayne County's jail located on Conant and Hamtramck Dr. The county is about to complete al 16 mills in property construction of its new jail in downtown Detroit, and that will likely mean the Hamtramck jail will shut down.

The county has been making the \$1 million payment in lieu of paying property taxes.

It's not known what the county plans to do with the building.

On the plus side, the city has been aggressively going after delinquent property taxes and unpaid income taxes.

In another financial overview by Plante Moran, the financial projection for the next several years is not good. In order to avoid a deficit, the city must raise at least \$3.5 million in either new revenue or by budget cuts.

"There really isn't any more fat to cut," from the budget, said a company spokesperson. "What you have is a revenue problem."

The financial situation could hit the wallets of property owners. If the city defaults on its pension obligation, there will likely be a court-ordered tax judgment.

In other words, a court could order a special property tax millage to cover the pension obliga-

(Voters twice previously rejected a city millage increase of 10.5 mills to cover that obligation.)

If voters were to approve paying an additiontaxes, that would pay for the costs of police and fire services. Another option would be to contract those services out to other communities, but it's unclear what the savings would amount to.

Another option would be to apply for a state emergency loan, but that would only "buy time," the financial report said.

(This has been done in the past while the city was under the supervision of state-appointed emergency managers.)

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury thanked the financial presenters for the "wonderful things we have learned."

But Choudhury questioned the viability of asking residents to vote for a tax increase.

"Everyone thinks their taxes are too high," he said.

Another

presentation was made on the city's infrastructure by Hennessey Engineers. The ultimate goal for the city is to connect its sewer lines to a line running under Conant Ave.

That connection would end flooding when there are heavy rains. But the cost is in the millions of

While the city still has more work to do, so far there have been 334 water lines replaced, and 56 more will be replaced on Holbrook Ave.

Almost 700 additional water lines will be re- tramck," the man said.

placed this year and next.

This year's road repaving includes Hamtramck Dr. and Goodson. Also being repaved are six alleys, mostly on the north side of Holbrook.

In the yearly review from the code enforcement department, there were over 3,500 notifications issued, over 5,700 inspections, and 1,738 tickets issued.

About \$120,000 was collected in ticket fines.

During public comment, attorney Mark Koroi said that brining in a state-appointed emergency manager "isn't a bad idea."

Nasr Hussain said that one way to solve the pension obligation is to divert all income tax revenue toward that payment. (He did not say where revenue would come from for the items currently being paid by income taxes.)

Hussain also said the city needs to review its legal fees.

Bill Meyer suggested that the council review past financial obligations to keep perspective.

"It's always doom and gloom." he said.

A man complained about the city's new parking meter system, calling it "offensive."

He said he has received 12 parking meter tickets so far for such things as waiting to pick up a friend. He said the tickets are "sneaky."

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School board rejects contract renewal

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was transferred to a intendent. teaching position.

Her husband, David Adamczyk, was also at last week's board meeting, where he warned the district of further legal action if the district does not fully comply with a Freedom of Information Act request he submitted weeks ago.

Over 30 teachers and staff members resigned from the district during

Christina Adamczyk, who Ahmed's tenure as super-

Lusk pointed out that teachers and others in education throughout the state also transferred to new jobs during Covid, and that what happened in Hamtramck was not unusual.

"There were resignations all over the state," Lusk said. "What happened here is not significantly different than what happened in districts

Quick Hits

Cont. from front page and exceeded its asked-

for \$7,000 goal to raise \$8,068 from 34 separate donors. So far, 153 donors have

chipped into this latest, biggest effort. Blessitt is fresh off having a stent put into a cardiac artery, and has lost a leg to diabetes. He is now 72 years

He is one of just 525 remaining pre-1980 players who fell through the cracks on a pension, due to a glitch in the contract put together that year.

And that's a bitter pill. This fundraiser, though, shows that Hamtramck still likes lke. We wish him all the best

in his recovery.



Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Hamtramck mourns the loss of a champion for all

Last week. tramck lost a dedicated public servant.

Yvonne Myrick, a retired supervisor with the city's water department, and the first African-American to be president of the Hamtramck Public School District Board of Education, passed away last week.

Ham- the Concerned Women with dignity and poise. of Hamtramck, which mentored students, and was active in a number of civic functions.

> She was a mighty voice for the disadvantaged, and a champion for the rights of minorities. Myrick was also a fierce supporter of all things Hamtramck.

We have witnessed Myrick also founded her face down critics

Unfortunately, Hamtramck experiences its share of vicious political fights, but through it all, Myrick exhibited an inner strength that was truly inspiring.

We will miss her strong but gentle voice, but we rest easy knowing that she will continue to be a true role model for all.

May she rest in peace.

Community members remember the life of Yvonne Myrick

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"May peace be with Mrs. Myrick and her family. Her life has touched so

Sharon Davis:

"I am blessed to have known Mrs. Myrick.

She was an exceptional lady of strength, class and intelligence that I truly admired."

Janice Thomas:

"Cousin Yvonne epitomized what a woman of valor, class and upright living is all about. She was always gracious and kind. She truly loved God

like spirit to anyone in her presence.

"Thank you, Jesus, for blessing us with her presence in our family. I will treasure my time with

Melanie Myers:

"Mrs. Myrick taught me so much wisdom that I got her to agree to be my Godmother. Lol. Many phone calls and visits with her helped me know God better.

"She raised her kids and honestly, she raised

and showed her Christ me too. Soft and kind words always flowed from her heart. I know she and Jesus are having talks. Lol. I am lifting the family up in prayer, peace and comfort. Reminding us all that we shall see her again and what she put in all of us is precious."

Jihan Aiyash:

"To God we belong, and to God we return. Thank you for paving the way for women like me to serve this city."

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Odds & Ends

Covid update... Mayor Ameer Ghalib didn't have much to report to the community during his weekly talk on Facebook, other than to give a brief Covid update, and mention a number of events and get-togethers he attended in the past week.

For those who missed his talk, there were 14 new Covid cases this past week, bringing the total number of Covid cases for the last two years up to 4,705.

The number of Covid deaths for this time period remains at 73.

While the number of new cases has been relatively low in recent weeks, there is a new and highly-contagious variant working its way through the world.

Health officials are still advising people to mask up while in enclosed public places, although, by the looks of things, few people are doing so.

Wayne County has reported almost 250,000 Covid cases over the past couple of years, a figure that does not include Detroit numbers.

Most susceptible to the disease have been those 29 years and younger over 98,000 people.

The county also recorded over 3,900 deaths for the past two years, but, again, that number excludes Detroit residents.

The mayor also pointed out that last weekend's charity basketball game between teams from Hamtramck and Dearborn raised over \$7,000. That money will be used to aid people in Yemen who have pick up their children from been caught up in a deadly civil war.

Reminder... As it was noted before, the St. Florian Strawberry Festival is back, after a two-year hiatus.

Here's a press release issued by the Parish:

"This historic event that started in 1968 will take place on Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8, 2022. Saturday Festival hours are: Dinners and Bake Sale from noon until 7 p.m. with full festival activities from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. On Sunday, the festival hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"There will be a wide variety of fabulous Polish food including stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, pierogi, city chicken, potato pancakes and nalesniki.

"Everyone's bake sale: highlighting strawberry pies and tarts

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as well as favorite Polish desserts, which will be available to take home or enjoy there. Polish beer and other adult beverages will be on sale. And Polish dance groups, musical groups and a DJ will perform for your enjoyment. To entertain the children there will be some games and activities just for them.

"The Polish Muslims, Hamtramck's hometown favorite party band, will entertain on Saturday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. This entertainment traditionally serves as a homecoming for St. Florian High School alumni. Before the festival comes to a close on Sunday, there will be a raffle where \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded.

"The festival is free to attend and we look forward to seeing our parishioners, our Hamtramck neighbors, alumni and everyone in the Metro Detroit area who loves a good Polish party."

Road warriors... Sometimes driving Hamtramck's side streets feels like we're in a third-world coun-

Recently, on a Facebook page dedicated to all things Hamtramck, attention was drawn to the horrible street conditions near KosciuszkoMiddle School.

When it rains, certain parts of the streets surrounding the school that are heavily potholed look like small ponds.

That makes it hard for parents to drop off and school.

And we can only imagine how annoying it is for neighbors forced to park out on the street.

This area has been bad for years and desperately needs to be repaved. We're crossing our fingers that city hall is aware of the situation.

Go La Rouge... Local soccer faves DCFC, or Detroit City Football Club,

known as Le Rouge to their loyal fans, have advanced to the Round of 32 in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup for this year. They got there with their

third straight win in the competition, a 2-1 comeback against the Columbus Crew this past Tuesday, April 19, at Keyworth Stadium. Tomorrow, Saturday,

April 23, Le Rouge will head to Connecticut for a road contest against Hartford Athletic.

A total of 103 teams have been participating in this year's version, the 107th U.S. Open. The previous high was 99 teams. in 2017, pre-pandemic.

Out of this total, 71 of the teams are from Divisions I, II or III. The DCFC are a Division II club, playing in the United Soccer League.

This round of 32 will now feature the 24 teams that won their games, plus the eight higher-seeded Division I clubs.

The tournament meanders through the summer, finally wrapping up in early- to mid-September.

In this latest game, Columbus dominated the first half, possessing the ball 63 percent of the time to Le Rouge's 37 percent. The Crew scored first as well, in the 7th minute of

But Maxi Rodriguez got both goals for the DCFC, the first at the 64-minute mark on a headed ball, and the second at the 86 minute mark on a penalty kick, for which Rodriguez is 2-for-2 this season, and 6-for-6 since coming to Le Rouge last year.

The club notched a road win at Atlanta United 2, 4-0, in their first tournament game, and then vanquished the Birmingham Legion, 1-0, at Keyworth on April 15.

Let's keep it going!

At the Fisher... A unique opportunity is awaiting you at the Fisher Theatre, now through Sunday, May

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The Detroit City Football Club beat the Columbus Crew team Tuesday night, which will allow the DCFC to advance in Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup. Photo supplied by the DCFC.

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Odds & Ends

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1. The 2018 winner of 10 (!) Tony Awards makes its first-ever stop in Detroit, no-doubt pushed back due to the pandemic.

The play is called "The Band's Visit," and is a beautiful musical telling the story of a travelling group of seven musicians from an Egyptian police orchestra who are to play in Israel at the opening of a new Arabic center.

Through misinterpretation, they end up in a desert backwater overnight, where they are kindly taken in by some of the locals, a couple per household.

Over the course of a brisk 100 minutes, give or take, this show proceeds to weave a mesmerizing spell of beauty, understanding and compassion quite unlike anything we've seen on the stage before. You can almost smell the exotic spices in the air.

This is a show that might have special interest for Hamtramck's Arabic-speaking population. Seriously, it's one of our favorite shows in a very long time.

Go – you won't regret it. Note: The theater is closed on Mondays, but there are two shows on Saturdays. You can get a seat for as cheap as \$35.

Support local theater!... Hamtramck's own Planet Ant Theater trots out some entertainment

of their own this weekend at the Ant Hall (alas, no more shows at the venerable purple building, at least not for the foreseeable future).

These two improv-originated shows can be seen for one price, just \$5 more than what you would pay to see just one of them.

Listed, originated and performed by Tom Novik and Maggie O'Reilly, and directed by Lauren Bickers, follows a husband and wife team of realtors who try for the ultimate sale, perhaps at the peril of their marriage ...?

"Nowheresville2," written and directed by Will Curry, assembles a cast of eight to tell the tale of an influencer who gets stranded in a small town that is nevertheless full of menacing characters.

Opening tonight and playing this Friday and Saturday and next (April 22-23 and 29-30), each show is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and packaged together for \$20/\$25 ATD.

Ghost Light lounge opens at 7 p.m., doors to the theater open at 7:30, Listed plays at 8 p.m., "Nowheresville2" at 9 p.m.



Tau Beta

March 11 was "Flashlight Friday" at Tau Beta Elementary School.

As part of the school's March as Reading Month celebrations, students from Mrs. Guertin's third grade class "shed a light" on books they were read-

Thank you, Mrs. Guertin, for encouraging children to read, not only during literacy month, but beyond.

Enrollment

It's important for students to love where they go to school. That's why Hamtramck Public Schools offers a variety of extracurriculars and community-based events.

We make it easy for students to get involved, and join the Cosmos community.

To learn more, and enroll your child at Hamtramck Public Schools for the 2022-23 school year, visit: HamtramckSchools.com

Reading program

We emphasize community at Hamtramck Public Schools, and seek ways to engage our students both in and outside the class-

Join us on every Monday at 4 p.m. at the Hamtramck Public Library (2360 Caniff) for afternoon story times presented by the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

We look forward to seeing our young students each week, and to help foster a love for literature.

Health program

At Hamtramck Public Schools, our teachers bring out the best in our students and colleagues.

We understand these last few years have not been easy, especially due to the COVID-19 pandem-

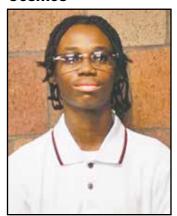
This spring, the "Michigan Stay Well" program is presenting free interactive workshops for teachers.

Thank you, teachers, for all the hard work, dedication and talent you bring to our community.

If you are interested in signing up for a class, please go to the following

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Cosmos



Dejai Foster

This week's "Meet the Cosmos" student-athlete is Dejai Foster.

Dejai is a senior and stu-

Friday, April 22, 2022

Above and below: Scenes from a recent tree planting



dent-athlete at Hamtramck High School.

His favorite basketball memory is spending time with his teammates throughout the season.

Dejai's favorite things about being a Cosmo are the life lessons he has learned.

Dejai plans to become an entrepreneur after high school.

Go Cosmos!

Tree planting

A tree planting was held recently at Kosciuszko Middle School for former teacher Terry LaFramboise,

"Flashlight Friday" at Tau **Beta Elementary School.**

52, who died recently. His obituary read, in

"Terry was highly known for his talkative nature and **Continued on page 8**



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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log

covers April 12-18. Tuesday, April 12

- · Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Charest St.
- A noise complaint was made in the 3400 block of Holbrook Ave.
- · Three males were seen jumping over a fence in the area of Holbrook and Lumpkin. The men reportedly arrived in a red Dodge Charger. Officers were unable to locate the suspects.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred on Conant near Evaline.

Wednesday, April 13

- · A man in the area of Jos. Campau and Holbrook, was reported to be throwing fireworks at another person.
- A theft was reported in the 1900 block of Trowbridge St.
- · A break-in was reported on Caniff Ave.
- A landlord reported having trouble with their tenant on Lumpkin St.
- A theft was reported on Carpenter Ave.
- A Moran St. resident reported being assaulted.
- · A Jos. Campau Ave. business reported break-in.
- A garage break-in was reported on Lumpkin St.
- A person was arrested on Jos. Campau Ave. for trespassing and obstruction.
- A Yemans St. resident reported having trouble with a neighbor.
- Juveniles were reported to be being playing with fireworks on Jos. Campau near Dan.

Thursday, April 14

- · A property damage report was made on Caniff
- A domestic assault was reported on Klinger
- A neighbor dispute was reported on Yemans
- · A Caniff Ave. resident reported that someone stole an item from their
- A domestic disturbance was reported on Mitchell St.

vehicle.

- An agent for a Jos. Campau Ave. business reported having trouble with a customer. An incident of mali-
- cious destruction of property was reported on Mc-Dougall St. Neighbor trouble was
- reported in the area of Grand Haven and Circle

- A large fight between neighbors was reported in the area of Dyar and Com-
- · Family trouble was reported on Trowbridge St.

Friday, April 15

- A complaint was made about a disorderly person refusing to leave the premises of an establishment in the 11400 block of Sobieski St.
- A noise complaint was made in the area of Lumpkin and Trowbridge.
- A report was made about a woman in distress on Mitchell St.
- · A theft was reported on Florian St. · Family trouble was reported on Belmont St.
- · A suspect was arrested in the 12000 block of
- Lumpkin St. for assault. · Family trouble was reported in the 2700 block
- A disorderly person was reported in the 2000 block of Caniff Ave.

Saturday, April 16 · An agent for a busi-

of Trowbridge St.

- ness in the 2000 block of Caniff Ave. reported that a woman refused to leave.
- A pedestrian in the Caniff and Gallagher area reported being injured in a hit-and-run accident.
- · A theft from a house was reported in the 3800 block of Oliver St.
- · An agent for a business in the 2100 block of Caniff Ave. reported that two males refused to
- leave. · A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Jos.
- Campau Ave. · A domestic fight was reported in the 2300 block of Burger St.
- · A car theft was reported in the 11500 block of Nagel St.

Sunday, April 17

- A property damage report was made in the 2900 block of Roosevelt
- · A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 2100 block of Caniff Ave.
- · Officers took an assault report from a victim who was being treated at Children's Hospital.
- · A hit-and-run accident occurred on Hanley St. that resulted in property damage.

Monday, April 18 · Family trouble was re-

- ported in the 2300 block of Andrus St. A suspicious person
- was reported in the area of Poland and Dequindre.

Coming Events

TUESDAY, May 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Wayne Health and ICNA Relief Michigan (Muslim Family Services) have joined forces for a monthly initiative offering residents in need a combination of services from their organizations including COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters, free health screenings, access to a food pantry, and resources for rental and utility assistance, weatherization and home repair. First Tuesday of every month, can accommodate up to 100 people. Health screenings are available free of charge to persons of all ages with or without insurance. Approximately 50 pounds of food, including fresh produce, will be available for persons with ID, ICNA Relief Michigan, 12500 Mitchell St., Detroit.

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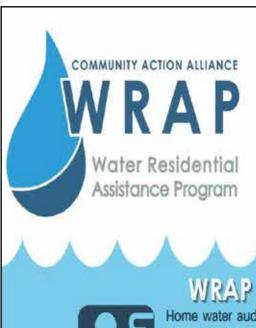
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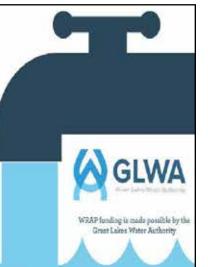
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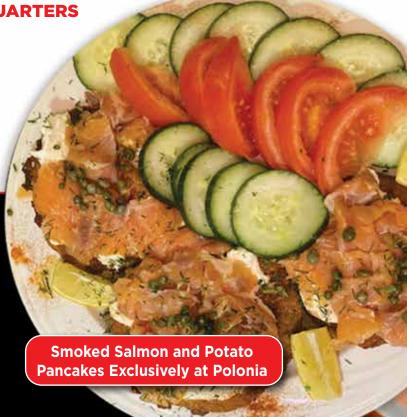


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