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Quick Hits

Having a wild weekend in Hamtramck

By Charles Sercombe

The sound of music will be reverberating in town this weekend.

The Hamtramck Music Fest has returned, and will be happening tonight (Friday) through Sunday in dozens of venues.

Over 200 performers will be hitting the various stages throughout town.

You can still get wristbands, for a mere 20 bucks, at these outlets: Detroit Threads and Record Graveyard (both in Hamtramck), Dearborn Music (both locations, Dearborn and Farmington), Flipside Records (Berkley), Found Sound (Ferndale), Solo Records and UHF Records (both in Royal Oak), and Village Vinyl (Warren).

This weekend is just the beginning of the fun as summer winds down. In a few short weeks, the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival returns, Sept. 3-5, featuring a number of performers, along with all the other typical offerings.

The best part
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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD — Pride flag leads to a shakeup in the Human Relations Commission

By Charles Sercombe

There is going to be a shake-up in the city's Human Relations Commission, the mayor has said.

The commission became embroiled in a controversy about displaying a pride flag on one of the 18 city-owned flagpoles on Jos. Campau.

Commission Chairman Russ Gordon raised the flag at the request of the chairman of the city's Arts and Cultural Commission — although who asked for the flag to be displayed then became an issue of who said what.

That question has even caused some sharp words, with Mayor Amer Ghalib accusing some folks of lying.

Mayor Amer Ghalib said the Human Relations Commission was out of line in deciding on its own to raise the flag without a meeting and motion of the commission.

Ghalib pointed out that the commission, which he called "dysfunctional" on his Facebook page, hasn't had a meeting in over two years.

That's partly because the commission is comprised of 12 members.

It's been hard to get enough of them to show up for a quorum, which thus prevents the commission from taking action on any item.

Ghalib told The Review: "I'm in the process of searching for committed members who will make the commission functional and diverse and who will work with us to bring the community together.

"I'll remove the ones who don't attend, and that is a valid cause for removal."

He added that the chairman, Russ Gordon, will remain as chairman.

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Ever since a pride flag was displayed on a city-owned flagpole on Jos. Campau, attention has centered on the city's Human Relations Commission.

Despite the pandemic, true love knows no boundaries

By Alan Madlane

You never know what a week in Hamtramck will bring.

Case in point: The wedding of Todd and Reyna on Sunday, July 17, believed by them to be the first ever held in Hamtramck's historic baseball stadium.

Making things trickier, when they met (via a dating app), Todd lived in Canada while Reyna was living here in Michigan. Pandemic problems with border restrictions and the like, coupled with a visit to a psychic that brought a message from Todd's late father, added up to a story, and how.

Here it is:
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Hamtramck's historic baseball stadium was the backdrop for an international love affair.

A debate over religious animal sacrifices

By Charles Sercombe

Updating the city's animal ordinance has turned out to be no ordinary task.

An issue arose when some in the city's Muslim community noticed that, in a proposed update of the ordinance, the sacrificing of animals is prohibited.

The proposed ordinance was put together by a three-member city council sub-committee.

Some in the Muslim community are demanding that the city allow it because it is a practice that is part of their faith, especially during the Eid holiday.

"We want to practice our religion," said one resident at a recent city council meeting.

But another resident, a non-Muslim, objected to the practice.

"This practice, while sacred to some, would be extremely offensive and traumatizing to others," she said.

Others also objected, saying that slaughtering goats and other animals in backyards would cause a health hazard from spilled blood, animal feces, entrails and carcasses in garbage cans.

It was also pointed out that the ordinance prohibits the keeping of animals like goats, chickens, pigs, horses, cows, sheep and other livestock, which would prevent bringing a live

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Pride flag leads to a shakeup in the Human Relations Commission

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At Tuesday's council meeting, the council approved the mayor's appointment of Armani Asad to the commission.

Asad has run for local offices in past elections, and recently lost his bid to become a Wayne County Commissioner member.

Asad is no stranger to politics. Back in 2014, Asad was one of four area men who were convicted of illegally handling absentee ballots.

The issue of the city displaying a pride flag came up last year when one was flown on a flag pole in the city-owned Zussman Park, located across from city hall.

Protest over the display came mostly from the socially conservative Muslim community.

Opponents of the flag say that it needlessly causes division in the city.

The mayor, who is Muslim, said it is indeed a divisive issue, but he added, "It's not my issue."

He also said that, when he became aware of the flag on the Jos. Campau flagpole, he was "told by the city officials that the DPW is ready to take it down, and I told them no, don't do that!"

The pride flag issue has become another wedge in the cultural divide between those of the Muslim faith and politically progressive members of the community.

The Muslim community was also heavily opposed to marijuana dispensaries opening here.

A debate over religious animal sacrifices

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animal into the city.

State law also prohibits the killing of animals except for facilities that process meats for public consumption, and other exceptions.

The Review contacted the state Office of Attorney General to see if there is a state law prohibiting the sacrificing of animals for religious reasons.

Amber McCann, a representative of the department, replied:

"This appears to be a legal question and the department does not provide general legal advice. You may wish to follow up with the city council and/or legal counsel for the city of Hamtramck."

The Review reached out to City Attorney James Allen but he did not respond.

However, he did say the council could allow the sacrificing of animals for religious reasons.

In 1993, the US Supreme Court ruled that religious animal sacrifices are allowed and protected under the First Amendment that, in part, provides that "Congress make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting its free exercise."

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan, who is a Muslim, as are the entire council and the mayor, suggested a compromise by allowing the slaughtering of animals in a designated location in the city.

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury, who is on the sub-committee revising the ordinance, said the city should allow animal sacrificing in order to make "accommodations" for those of the Muslim faith.

However, he bristled at the suggestions being made just as council was set to hold a public hearing and then vote on the ordinance. He said any additions or deletions should have been raised when the council did an initial review of the ordinance a few weeks ago.

Mayor Ameer Ghalib also agreed on some kind of compromise because he had heard that there would be a lawsuit filed against the city if the practice is not allowed.

As for the practice itself, Ghalib said the community has to keep an open mind.

"Sometimes some practices may not make sense to you," he said. "You may think that people who worship cows are crazy, but it's a sacred thing to them."

In one response to those opposed, Nasr Hussain, a resident who supported Ghalib for mayor, said on a Facebook page called Hamtramck Square that opposition to the practice smacks of being racist.

"Dear racists in Hamtramck: FYI, hundreds of Muslims already sacrifice animals in Hamtramck every year in their homes disproving the lies you're spewing that Hamtramck will turn into a dirty city because it's already happening and Hamtramck is still in a great shape," Hussain said.

With all that said, the council has tabled the ordinance for further review. There is no timetable for when this issue will be coming back up for consideration.



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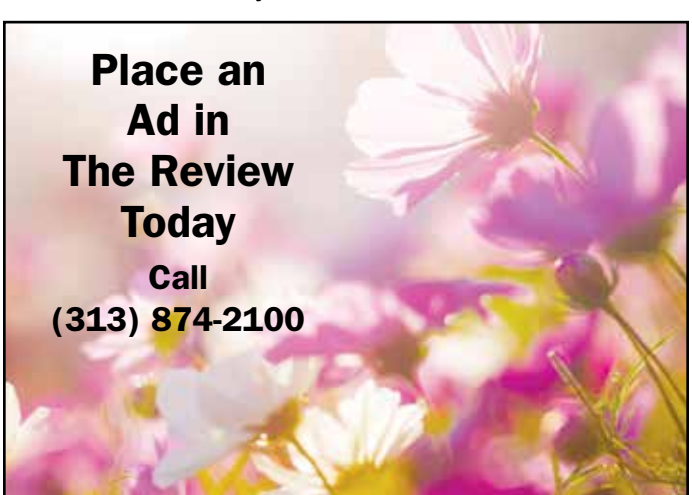
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Summer Reading Animal Magic Show: This program combines the world of animals and magic. Prepare to be amazed on Wednesday, August 17th, starting at 2 pm. Next week another magic show will follow. Don't forget to pick up a flyer to see the full schedule of weekly, summertime children's activities. Each book read earns a ticket for the August 29th prize raffle. What kind of prizes are up for grabs? There is some that will really get you MOVING! Others will BRIGHTEN up your day.

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

Story Time: Stories are a bridge between generations. Let us learn together from those who came before us. Bring your kids to the library and experience an exciting new tale every Monday at 4 pm.

Adaptive Yoga: During the summer months on Thursdays at 10 am you can take part in a fitness program featuring adaptive yoga. The classes are presented as a courtesy of RIM Foundation. Participation is limited to 10 individuals.

Edith Hamilton: This eminent classic historian who also shaped a surprising connection to Michigan celebrates her birthday on August 12th. Her family, at one point, lived on Mackinac Island. On your next trip to the library, consider going back to the classics. Read up on the societies and cultures of antiquity to appreciate them for what they achieved, to compare and contrast with their modern day equivalents, or to get a deeper understanding of your own distant roots.

Alex Haley: Author of "Roots" was born on August 11, 1921 in Ithaca, New York. His Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, published in 1976, explored seven generations of his family from its origins in Africa through slavery in America and eventual hard-fought freedom. Roots was translated into 37 languages and also became an eight-part TV miniseries in 1977, which attracted a record American audience and raised awareness concerning the legacy of slavery.

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The Review: Todd, your last name is Shearon? What was Reyna’s maiden name? Did she change it to yours, or keep her own, or hyphenate?

Todd Shearon: Reyna was born Reyna Polley, and is now Reyna Shearon.



Todd and Reyna Shearon recently were married in the newly-restored Hamtramck Baseball Stadium. Legendary baseball player Ty Cobb played a certain role in the ceremony.

I was 8, and I have lived here ever since.

The Review: What drew you together – what did you find that you had in common? Did you take a honeymoon, and if so, where? Go to any more baseball diamonds?

Todd: Reyna initially messaged me after reading on my profile that we share an irrational fear of sharks. From there, our conversation grew from messaging to talking and facetimeing for endless hours, sharing stories and learning about each other. We were both working remotely from home and in off-and-on lockdowns due to the pandemic, so we had nothing but time.

I don’t think we’ll take our official honeymoon until next spring, after we renew our vows with our family and friends in a more traditional wedding

ceremony. We went to see the Blue Jays host the New York Yankees in Toronto back in May, when we were returning home from Montreal where I did my (K-1) visa interview at the U.S. Consulate. I’m sure we’ll go to a few games before this season is over.

Reyna isn’t a big baseball fan, but she enjoys going to the games. As for me, she knew what she was in for early on when she learned that I set an unofficial world record for attending all 30 major league stadiums for a game each, within 28 days, in 2007.

During a road trip to visit her family in Florida last summer, we went to games along the way in Cincinnati, Miami, Atlanta, and Detroit, two of which I hadn’t been to before because they were opened

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Covid: Still here, and a plea for school kids to get vaxxed

By Charles Sercombe

The number of new COVID-19 cases dropped a bit from last week's number, but the overall threat in Wayne County remains high.

There were 32 new cases last week, bringing the total number of Hamtramck covid cases up to 5,300 as of Monday, according to Wayne County health officials. That represents 17.8 percent of the city's population of over 29,000.

The number of deaths from the disease remains at 74 for the same period of time.

The percentage of Hamtramck residents who are fully vaccinated is 53 percent. The state average is about 60 percent, so residents here have a lit-

tle way to go by that measuring stick.

The new virus in town, and in the country, is monkeypox, and it continues to spread. Michigan reports having 70 confirmed cases.

Michigan Chief Medical Executive Director Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian recently told WDIV-Channel 4 that it is still possible to contain it here in the state, but cases are skyrocketing in New York City.

"I think now we're focused on preventing as much transmission as we possibly can," Bagdasarian told WDIV.

The concern, however, is that with students returning to school in the fall, the virus might spread there. Health officials are now saying that

the virus will live on surfaces for 15 days.

So once again, it's important to continue to mask up and to wash your hands often.

And, speaking of kids returning to school in a few short weeks, there is concern that the number of kids who receive their normal childhood vaccinations is going down.

There is enough of a concern that the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) issued a press release, urging parents to get their kids vaccinated.

"The dropping rate of childhood immunizations is a growing concern that threatens the health of infants, children, teens, adults, families and our state as a whole," said

Glenn Dregansky, president of MAFP, in a press release.

"Without the protection of vaccines, illnesses such as measles, whooping cough, polio, COVID-19, and even the seasonal flu can easily spread and cause devastating consequences. Now is the time to get kids up to date on these critical vaccines before school begins."

So why are parents putting off vaccinations?

Blame it partly on the covid pandemic, which kept many folks at home. Also, there is a worrisome trend of medical misinformation being spread on the internet and social media.

Imagine that, misinformation on the internet.

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after my (earlier) stadium tour (that would be Miami [2012] and Atlanta [2017] – ed.).

We also went to a game in Toronto after she was able to visit Canada.

The Review: The psychic is interesting. How did Reyna find her? Is she from the area? Was Ty Cobb Field important to your dad, Todd had he been there before (Todd's dad suggested, through the psychic, that they marry at Ty Cobb field in Leamington, Ontario; oddly, Ty Cobb threw out the ceremonial grand opening first pitch at Hamtramck Stadium. Cue the chills! Not enough? Turns out their wedding date was also the anniversary date of Cobb's death! – ed.)?

Todd: My father was a huge baseball fan, and he always talked about the greats, but his favorite was Ted Williams. My father is the reason for me loving the game as much as I do. He had been there a bunch of times in his life.

I remember him taking us there (Ty Cobb Field) as kids, but I didn't remember (it). It's not the focus when you go there. It's all about the birds (the field is located within Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary).

Reyna: My friend Miranda was telling me about her amazing reading with Julia Mary (Royal Oak) and suggested I go see her. I had never been to one (a psychic medium) before, and since I was single for the first time in a long time (and had no clue what my future would hold), I thought it would be fun to see what she had to say, or if any of my relatives would surface.

I hadn't even (known) Todd for two weeks and she told me I was going to marry the guy.

One year later, I surprised Todd by booking us a couples' reading with her. His father came through, and said we should get married at Ty

Cobb Field at Jack Miner's Bird Sanctuary in Canada.

This isn't something we could do, as per Todd's visa, but we visited the field before Todd moved here in early July.

The Review: When exactly do you think you'll have your full wedding celebration? Will you keep it here in Hamtramck, or don't you know?

Todd: We're looking to have our full wedding celebration in spring of 2023, once border restrictions get more back to normal and all of our closest friends and family would be able to attend.

The Review: Tell us a bit more about your Canadian television news appearances – why was it considered a story?

Todd: Our love story was featured on CTV News Windsor, as well as nationally. If anything, our story was something happy and positive to share with the community during a pandemic filled with despair, uncertainty, and fear of the future. Two people meeting from two different countries during that time seemed almost unrealistic.

The other side of the story was that the land borders were closed, and Canada wasn't allowing anybody into the country who wasn't essential. I made my way to Detroit two months after we started talking to finally meet her, but I had to first drive four hours to Toronto to fly to Detroit – which I could originally see from the front porch of my house.

I proposed on New Year's Day 2021 during a visit. I flew to Detroit multiple times before lockdowns got worse, and then we couldn't see each

other for over six months due to lockdowns and travel restrictions before I flew over for a six-week vacation last summer.

CTV continued to reach out to us when the Canadian government teased us with the potential loosening of border and travel restrictions. Canada finally opened its border to American travelers in August 2021, and the U.S. opened theirs in November 2021 to those who had been fully vaccinated.

The Review: Great story, to be sure. Any last thoughts or info?

Todd: The other amazing thing about our wedding day on Sunday, July 17 was that there were baseball games scheduled all day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Two days beforehand, the weather forecast showed a day full of thunderstorms, to the point that all games were cancelled.

The night before, I was so stressed out that our day wasn't going to happen as planned, but Julia told us it was the day it was meant to be and not to worry. Sure enough, when we woke up Sunday morning, the forecast had completely changed and we had a perfect day at the ballpark. The rain didn't show up until later that night.

You can say what you want about psychic mediums, but Julia Mary was right again.

Through this experience, we feel that we will always have connections to both Ty Cobb, and the city of Hamtramck.

The Review: Thanks! And congrats!

Todd and Reyna: Thank you so much for sharing our love story, and for your congratulations!

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

A teachable moment in Judge Krot decision

Hamtramck 31st District Court Judge Alexis Krot has been cleared of wrongdoing.

Last week we reported on the decision by the state Judicial Tenure Commission over Krot's handling of a 72-year-old cancer patient who was ticketed for having overgrown weeds around his garage.

Krot berated the man, and said some harsh words. She has apologized for her behavior, and self-reported her actions to the tenure commission. For that, she should be commended. It takes guts to admit to an error in judgment.

Whatever the opinion the public may have of her, one lesson we can all learn, besides having compassion, is that we need to help our neighbors who are in distress.

We have made this point before, but it's worth repeating. The Judge Krot incident is a learning moment for us all.

If there is a house in your neighborhood that has overgrown weeds or grass, or has litter – instead of complaining about it, do something.

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

A student's journey to success in the HPS District

By Nuo Ivesaj
HPS Principal of Horizon High School

Among the many excellent students attending Hamtramck Public Schools (HPS), Amal Al-Sabahi, a recent Horizon High School graduate, has combined interest and opportunity to create success for herself.



Amal Al-Sabahi

This was eye-opening for Al-Sabahi, exposing her to different churches, mosques and the religion of Islam, which inspired her to look deeper, study different cultures' history and literature, and fueled her fascination with Japan, the genesis of her cultural interest.

We celebrate Al-Sabahi's achievement of early graduation, which she accomplished at 16 years old. She plans to attend Oakland University, where she will pursue a four-year degree in Japanese Language and Culture.

She is very thankful for the experiences she was exposed to at HPS and encourages her fellow students to take advantage of the same.

"Don't procrastinate," says Al-Sabahi. "Find what you are interested in and go for it."

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and culture.

"I had always heard bits and pieces of what Japanese culture was truly like," said Al-Sabahi, "but I grew up with an American-lifestyle being my normal. It wasn't until my brother convinced me to watch the popular anime series Naruto that I began feeling an interest in Japan."

At Horizon High, Al-Sabahi took a course called Religious Diversity Journey. This program teaches students about different religions and cultures by taking them to various places of worship.

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Odds & Ends

All washed up... We couldn't help chuckling over a question posed by a resident who noticed that, during the Covid pandemic when many people were staying home, water usage in Hamtramck decreased.

How could that be, she wondered, noting that you'd think people would be consuming more water while being confined at home, as well as with their kids were being taught at home via the internet.

Umm, we hate to break it to her, but in our unscientific polling of friends and acquaintances, the reason why may have an "eww" factor. Namely, a whole lot of people stopped taking daily showers or baths.

What we wonder is, did people get used to skipping daily showers and are now out in public with perhaps a little natural odor emitting from them?

OK jokesters, go ahead and crack wise about Hamtramckans.

By the way, according to various studies, Hamtramck may have been an anomaly.

According to a study by the Pacific Institute, which studies water issues, residential water usage largely increased, both globally and nationwide, during the stay-at-home pandemic period.

But the study found some exceptions.

"The net effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on total water demand varies from community to community, depending on the relative proportion of residential and non-residential water uses and the makeup of the non-residential sectors," the study said.

"Most communities – including larger metropolitan systems in Boston (Massachusetts) and Austin (Texas) – have experienced a reduction in total water demand. More residential communities have experienced either modest increases or the smallest decreases."

So, the upshot here is, well, it depends.

D-I-V-O-R-C-E... Michigan's divorce lawyers have been busy with a capital "B" since the start of the pandemic.

Including right here in Hamtramck – although not as to the degree as many places elsewhere in the state.

DivorceAnswers.com is a legal resource with various types of information about divorce. According to their stats, at the time they broke it all down, pandemic-plagued Michiganders had searched for the term "divorce lawyer" 200,000-plus times.

Here at home in the Ham, that search happened 1,200 times. That's a far cry from the runaway winner (loser?) in this sweepstakes, which would be Riverview (Riverview?!) at 3,600 online enquiries, relative to its population size of 12,490. That's a fairly astonishing rate of 28.8 percent.

Hamtramck, with its 1,200 searches, placed in the 57th rank in the top 100 largest cities in the state.

Overall in the state, divorce inquiries were running about 45% higher since the pandemic began. Familiarity breeding contempt? Perhaps. Also suggested as a cause: Fights over kids learning at home.

Parking woes... Hamtramck isn't alone in dealing with its new parking meter system.

One meter system similar to ours is causing grief to our suburban neighbors in Royal Oak.

Residents and visitors there also complain about getting tickets when they had actually paid at a meter, and meters not working, and still getting tickets and on and on.

Well, city officials decided to further torture folks with another cruel twist: not only do have to park diagonally, but you must also back into the parking spaces.

What is it with these urban planners these days? Do they hate us?

As you can imagine, merchants are hopping mad about this new parking system, and are demanding the meters be removed.

Sound familiar?

Parking police... On a couple of different Facebook pages dedicated to Hamtramck, there is a camera recording of an encounter between a would-be parker in the 12000 block of Mitchell St. having it out with a retired Hamtramck detective.

First of all, yes, that is a retired Hamtramck detective. We won't get into names, but suffice it to say, he was also in the department's traffic division, when there used to be such a thing, before moving on to become a detective.

Anyhow, it seems this guy wanted to park his car in front of a house where he didn't live but there was a milk crate blocking the space.

Well, this retired detective flashed his badge, which even says he's retired, and scolded the

would-be parker to respect other's property.

The thing is, unless there is a handicap parking only sign or some other parking restriction, no one owns a parking space in front of their house.

Yes, we know it's an age-old Hamtramck tradition to claim that space on the street in front of your house as your own. As a rule, neighbors respect that space and stay in their lane.

Some have criticized the retired detective for abusing his authority. We'll let Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise explain the situation, as she provided to us in an email:

"I would not call this an abuse of power, because this individual is not a current member of the Hamtramck Police Department and therefore has no authority to enforce the laws of this community. He has no current affiliation with the police department or the City of Hamtramck."

As for street parking, here's the word from the chief:

"Unless parking in a particular spot was prohibited, such as fire lane, hydrant etc., it is a public street and anyone can legally park their vehicle there."

A word of advice for the detective: first of all, you should know better. Also, get a life and enjoy your retirement (and city pension). Flashing your badge is pathetic. Although, in a certain Hamtramck way, all-too predictable.

Smoke detectors... If you find yourself in need of either smoke alarms or carbon monoxide (CO) detectors, you're in luck.

The Hamtramck Fire Department has a quantity of these items, and they're making them available to residents at no charge.

All you have to do is contact the fire marshal at (313) 305-4503, extension 225, or at firemarshal@hamtramckcity.com, and schedule an installation.

Alternately, rather than calling, you could visit the firehouse in person at the corner of Caniff and Mackay to make the appointment.

The fire department reminds residents that they should have a smoke alarm in every bedroom, and at least one on every floor of a residence.

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Guest Editorial

Veteran organization kicks in donation for service dogs

by Darci E. McConnell

A program to partner service dogs with veterans to help combat depression and other mental health challenges just got a boost, thanks to the Detroit Chapter #9 of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

VVA#9 agreed to donate \$25,000 to the National Guard Association of Michigan (NGAM). To raise awareness of post-traumatic stress disease (PTSD) and to reduce high suicide rates among veterans, NGAM has set out to partner 54 service dogs with individuals who served our country.

The suicide rate for National Guard active-duty service members is 30.6 per 100,000 compared to 25 for the rest of the military, according to a 2018 report by the Department of Defense.

“Serving your country, while the ultimate sacrifice, also can have some long-term effects on one’s mental health and we need to ensure that our veterans are helped and treated,” explained Paul Palazzolo, president of VVA#9. “We are proud to provide this means of support to a veteran.”

NGAM is working to sponsor 54 dogs by 2024 (the 54 by ‘24 Campaign: Service Dogs Save Lives), which equals one medical service dog per state and territory by the time the National Guard hosts its two largest military conferences in Detroit in August of 2024.

The organization “is in-

credibly grateful for the support of Detroit Chapter #9 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. We are thankful that this amazing group of veterans care,” said Jeffrey Frisby, NGAM’s executive director. “This donation is proof of their commitment to see veterans suicide end in America. Through this donation, they will get to name a service dog, they will get updates on the dog’s training, and be able to learn about the veteran” — from the Michigan National Guard — “and the life that their contribution has changed.”

Training, which takes two years, will be done by Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc.

The pairings are saving lives, Frisby said. “We have veterans who have completed degrees, marriages that have been saved, jobs have been secured, and, yes, even lives that have been saved from suicide,” Frisby said. “These veterans all credit the medical service dog for making an amazing difference in their lives.”

VVA#9 supports and honors veterans by helping them access resources, advocating for veteran-centered policies and legislation, being a partner in the Metro Detroit Veterans Coalition that hosts the annual Veterans Day Parade, and working to better our community through scholarships, donations and other philanthropic efforts.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 2-8.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

• A hit-and-run accident occurred on Fleming.
• A noise complaint was made on Alice.
• Possible gunshots were reported on Dequindre.

• A break-in was reported on Selfridge.

• A complaint was made about a disorderly person on Lumpkin.

• Possible gunshots were reported on Circle Dr. near Oklahoma.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

• A noise complaint was made in the 2400 block of Andrus. Another noise complaint was made in the 2900 block of Jacob.

• A Lumpkin St. resident reported that someone damaged their vehicle.

• An agent for a Conant Ave. business reported an incident of fraud.

• A suspicious incident was reported on Belmont.

• Family trouble was reported on Evaline.

• A disorderly person was reported on Evaline.

Thursday, Aug. 4

• A break-in was reported in the 3500 block of Caniff.

• A theft was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

• Officers responding to a report of a theft in the 2000 block of Caniff arrested a suspect for carrying a concealed weapon, and for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

• A Commor St. resident reported that someone stole items from their vehicle.

• An agent for a Conant Ave. business reported an incident of fraud.

• Customer trouble was reported at a Jos. Campau business.

• An agent for a Jos. Campau business reported an assault.

• A complaint was made about reckless drivers in the area of Holbrook and Jos. Campau.

Friday, Aug. 5

• A person reported that, while in the area of Fleming and Commor, they were being followed.

• A neighbor dispute was reported on Goodson.

• An agent for a Conant business reported an incident of fraud.

• Officers took a stray dog that was captured by a resident to the Michigan Humane Society.

• A Yemans St. resident reported being harassed.

• A theft was reported on Andrus. A theft was also reported on Klinger.

Saturday, Aug. 6

• A noise complaint was made in the 2900 block of Caniff.

• A neighbor dispute was reported in the 11400 block of Lumpkin.

• A report was made about four suspicious people in the area of Jos. Campau and Belmont riding bicycles and wearing black ski masks and backpacks. Officers found an abandoned bicycle and a backpack, which contained burglary tools.

• A business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported a shoplifter.

• A Farmington Hills resident was arrested in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau for retail fraud and possessing narcotics.

Sunday, Aug. 7

• A noise complaint was made in the 3400 block of Doremus.

• Officers investigated a suspicious vehicle in the 2900 block of Yemans.

• A fight was reported in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.

• A complaint was made about an animal in the 2600 block of Holmes.

• A break-in was reported in the 2600 block of Neibel.

• A suspect was arrested for damaging property and for being disorderly at a Conant business.

Monday, Aug. 8

• A domestic disturbance was reported at a residence on Oklahoma St.

• A vehicle was reported stolen from the 2600 block of Caniff.

• A theft was reported in the 3800 block of Prescott.

• An assault was reported in the 2700 block of Yemans.

• A suspicious situation was reported on Moran.

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Obituaries

RADWANSKI



John Rad- wanski, age 87 of Curran, Michigan, passed away at his home on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

John was born in Ham- tramck, Michigan on June 24, 1935, to John and Alexandria (Szydlik) Radwanski. He attended Western Michigan Univer- sity under a Basketball scholarship, receiving a Master’s degree in Educa- tion. John married Leoca- dia “Dolly” Malczewski on April 27, 1957, in Ham- tramck.

He held many positions in the Hamtramck com- munity over the years: he was Superintendent of the Hamtramck Pub-

lic Schools; Police & Fire Commissioner for Ham- tramck; Civil Defense Di- rector; Hamtramck High School Varsity basketball coach; middle school principal, Oakland County Sheriff Marine Patrol; and Suburban Champion bas- ketball coach in 1965.

Following John’s retire- ment, the couple lived in Gaylord before settling in Curran in 1995. They built their home on their prop- erty in Curran that they had owned since 1972.

John was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Mio, MI; a 3rd De- gree member of the Mio Knights of Columbus Council #7329; Comins Eagles; Mio Lions Club; the National Wild Turkey Federation; and the Ham-

tramck Optimist Club.

John is survived by his wife Leocadia “Dolly” Radwanski and his niec- es and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: John & Alexan- dria Radwanski, his sis- ters: Ann McCullough and Helen Wyszcmierski, and his brother Leon J. Rad- wanski.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 10 AM at St. Mary Catholic Church, Mio, Michigan with Rev. Santiago Hoyumpa offici- ating.

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