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ABIGAIL BREAKS RECORD



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Allen Park has some stupendous talent at the freshman level.

Abigail Russell packs some serious power.

"I participate in the swim team and I do throws in track and field," Abigail Russell said. "On the swim team I'm a sprinter and do the 50 and 100 meter swim. I'm currently in my first season of track and field at the high school and throw shot put and discus while doing virtual school."

Her coaches Joe, Max, and Mike all help her throw with a greater technique and set her up for success in the long run.

"I broke Allen Park High School's shot put record with a throw of 36'10" which was the longest standing girls track record," she said. "It's crazy to think about having done that as a freshman and I continued on page 4

APHS Freshman Abigail Russell recently broke a school shot put record. Photo By Bailey Gray.

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Wade's Tails Lead Her to Maple Heights!



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By: Nerys Hernandez, nhernandez@maplehts.com

Residents at Maple Heights Retirement Community received a surprise visit from our favorite local mascot, philanthropist and sweetest girl ever, Wade!

Wade and her fur-ever family visited the senior living community and enjoyed continued on page 7

EXCITING SEASON FOR AP CHEER



Story and more photos on page 10 • Photos By Julie Goodwin

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New Business Opens in AP



Photos By Jim Jacek



From Jim Jacek

A new business opened up in downtown Allen Park on March 1, 2021. It is called Metro Wallflowers, and is located at 6551 Allen Road, between Major Tomato and Thai Vylai. They frame memories. Services include custom canvases, oil paint prints, and custom banners. Send in your pictures by text or email, and your finished product can be framed, put on canvas, or created into a collage. Your print can even look like a painting. Pictures can be placed on shower curtains, cups, and even table covers for a display. The shop is owned and ran by Kevin Thompson. For more information, visit his website at www.metrowallflowers.com.

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Construction Continues on Allen Road



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Construction continues on Allen Road over the Ecorse Creek.

On April 20, cement was poured in the south bound lanes of Allen Road in front of Thun-

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Allen Park Police Department Weekly Summary

VIOLATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT.
Date: 04/15/2021

Location: S M-39/ROSEDALE BLVD, ALLEN PARK
Time: 08:56 PM

2021-00786
April 15, 2021 - 2056Hrs
Vehicle Impounded: 2010 CHEVROLET HHR
Evidence:
One (1) Crumbled lotto ticket containing 1.2g suspected crack cocaine (weighed in packaging)
One (1) Small clear and orange ziplock bag containing .5g suspected methamphetamine (weighed in packaging)
One (1) Small clear and white bag containing and unknown amount of unknown pills, pink and white in color, with an unknown lose powder within the bag
One (1) White and red folded paper containing .1g suspected heroin (weighed in packaging)
One (1) Purple tinted plastic bag containing .7g suspected crack cocaine (weighed in packaging)
One (1) White notebook folded paper containing .7g suspected heroin (weighed in packaging)
One (1) Black Nike backpack containing the following drug paraphernalia, tagged separately:
One (1) mirror with suspected cocaine residue
One (1) Red cut straw containing suspected cocaine residue
Three (3) Small ziplock bags containing copious amounts of smaller ziplock bags labeled "Apple Bags"
One (1) Red notebook containing ledger information
Sixteen (16) needles, pictures taken and disposed of in sharps container
One (1) Black Easton duffel bag containing:
One (1) Milwaukee 6" impact locking bit holder
One (1) Milwaukee 15 pack T25 impact bits
One (1) Milwaukee 2pack folding utility knife set
One (1) Milwaukee 3/8" high speed ratchet
One (1) Dewalt 3/8" compact impact wrench
One (1) Dewalt lithium ion battery
One (1) Google nest thermostat
One (1) JBL Harman speaker

One (1) Spiderwrap anti-theft device, not attached to any items
One (1) Brown paper bag containing misc. personal items
Circumstance:
While on patrol near 14887 Southfield Rd, Allen Park Motorlodge, The Officer observed the a vehicle pull into the business, which is a known high drug activity area. Approximately 5 minutes later, the Officer observed the listed vehicle exiting the property, continuing E/B Southfield Rd. A Query of the vehicle showed the vehicle to be EIV=N.
The Officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop near Southfield Rd and Riopelle by activating the overhead emergency lights. The vehicle continued E/B Southfield Rd and pulled into the parking lot of 2011 Southfield Rd, Bread Basket Deli. The Officer spoke with the driver/OF #1, who did not have his drivers license on his person, but provided a picture of his license. The front passenger, identified as IO, stated the vehicle is his fathers, and provided the insurance and registration. While collecting the insurance and registration, appeared to be incredibly nervous and shaky. The Officer asked for identification in which he provided the information.
A query of showed him to have an active warrant from Ecorse PD for Possession of Cocaine. A query of him showed him to have an active warrant from Garden City for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The Officer called for another AP unit to make a stop, and also called for a nearby K9 unit, in which LPPD K9 Ofc. arrived on scene. the Officer deployed his K9, and advised myself the K9 alerted on the vehicle for the presence of narcotics. All occupants were removed, one at a time, from the vehicle, searched, and detained. A search of the interior of the vehicle revealed a crumbled lotto ticket near the center console of the vehicle. Inside the lotto ticket contained suspected crack cocaine. A search of the rear passenger side

floorboard revealed a clear and white ziplock bag containing an unknown amount of unknown pills and white powder. Adjacent to the pills was a clear and orange ziplock bag containing suspected methamphetamine. On the seat of the rear passenger side revealed a white and red folded paper containing suspected heroin. Also on the seat was a Newport cigarette pack, which contained a purple plastic bag containing suspected crack cocaine. The rear passenger side passenger, identified as OF #2, was detained in handcuffs. On the rear driver side passenger seat was a black Nike backpack. OF #3, was holding the backpack on her lap while was being removed from the vehicle. Inside the backpack contained misc personal items, as well as three small ziplocks bags containing copious amounts of smaller ziplock bags, The bags were labeled "Apple Bags" and are the size commonly known to be used to transport narcotics. The bags were colored in green, blue, and yellow. Also inside the Nike backpack was 16 needles, commonly used to inject narcotics with. After detaining in handcuffs and identifying her, it was revealed she had an active warrant from Monroe Co. for Possession of Dangerous Drugs.
The Officer spoke with him, who stated the crack found near the center console was not his. He stated the crack was his. I spoke with who at first stated the drugs found near his seat were not his, but then recanted his statement and said they were his and that he had swallowed another bag of meth while being pulled over. LPPD and Superior Rescue were called to the scene. The Officer spoke with the woman who did not claim or deny the Nike backpack. The Officer advised she was being issued Citation# 178136 for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. They were advised of their warrants and released per the respective departments. The male was transported to the

RETAIL FRAUD - THEFT
Date: 04/17/2021

Location: FAIRLANE DRIVE, ALLEN PARK
Time: 05:46 PM

2021-00800
VCSA / CHILD NEGLECT/ RETAIL FRAUD
STOLEN/ RECOVERED:
HOME DEPOT MERCHANDISE
APPROX VALUE: \$970.59
EVIDENCE: (2) PLASTIC BAGGIES OF SUSPECTED HEROIN
- APPROX 3GM'S ***NOT TESTED***
(3) CAPPED NEEDLES, TIN W/ RESIDUE, BLACK NYLON BAG
- DISPOSED OFHOME DEPOT STORE REPORT W/ VIDEO CHILDREN INVOLVED:
IMPOUNDED: BLACK 2006 FORD F-150
INCIDENT:
On 04/17/2021, the Officer was dispatched to 3000 Fairlane on a report of retail fraud. Upon arrival, The Officer met with Loss Prevention agent states he observed a W/M (later identified as enter the store accompanied by two young children. He observed him select several power and gardening tools from

store shelves and place same into a shopping cart. He then pushed the cart past all points sale without offering payment. He stopped outside the South store exit doors and identified himself as loss prevention. He directed the two children to "wait in the car". Both kids walked to a black F-150 parked in the North parking lot and was escorted to the LP office.
Upon speaking to him, the Officer began to pat down for Officer safety. He immediately put both of his hands into his front sweat shirt pocket. He was handcuffed (dl/tc) and the Officer located a small black bag in the pocket he was reaching for.
The bag contained three capped needles, two suspected bags of heroin and a metal tray with residue on it. At this time he was advised / placed under arrest. He was transported to APPD, processed and lodged. The black bag and all listed contents were photographed. The suspected heroin was double bagged and

placed in the APPD Fentanyl locker. The listed bag, needles and tin were disposed of. A copy of the Home Depot store report along with digital memory card containing photos were placed in the DB mail box. The listed truck was towed/ impounded by City Towing.
The Officer located the listed F-150 parked in the North end of the lot. He made contact with both children, and made arraignments for them to be turned over to their stepmother.
SEE OFC , SUPPLEMENT REPORT CHILD NEGLECT FOLLOW UP:
The Officer contacted her who stated she was married but separated from him since August 2020. She stated she turned both children to their grandmother.
The Officer spoke to her who states she has had custody/legal guardianship over both children since 2013. She stated she was to pick the kids up from a friends house and did not know he was taking them to the store.

hospital by Superior Ambulance due to ingesting an unknown amount of narcotics, and was placed under arrest for possession of crack cocaine. While concluding the search of the vehicle, a black Easton duffel bag was located. Inside the duffel bag was unopened tools and electronics, listed above. Accompanied by the tools and electronics was a Spider Wrap anti-theft device, not attached to any box.
Due to the circumstances of the unopened boxes and the anti-theft device being unattached, the bag was seized as evidence as is believed to

be stolen property. The vehicle was impounded and taken to APPD impound lot by City Towing, TT# 229. The registered owner was not on scene and DCD entered the vehicle into as impounded, he was transported to APPD where he was booked and housed. No DNA was taken from as it was already on file.
While back at APPD, the Officer conducted another search of the black Nike backpack, and found a mirror with suspected cocaine residue. A red straw, cut down in size, also located and contained suspected cocaine residue. A red notebook was discovered,

and the front page of the notebook contained narcotic ledger like information, including names and prices. A small folded notebook paper was discovered in the middle of the ledger. Inside the folded paper was suspected heroin. All seized property/drugs were tagged as evidence. A picture was taken of the 16 needles, then disposed of in the sharps container. The pictures were emailed to Lt. work email. All personal items that were once in the black Nike backpack were placed in a brown paper bag and was tagged for Safekeeping.



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ALLEN PARK ATHLETICS

ON THE SIDELINE: MOTHER NATURE, BUMBLE BEES, DRIVEWAYS AND RANTS



By Don Richter
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WARNING: The following column includes multiple rants by a cantankerous middle-aged man. Be advised to turn the page or line the bird cage with this column if you find differing opinions offensive. You have been warned. Carry on...

The weather.
Yeah, I said it.
Do I need to say anymore? Can I get an

amen, a hallelujah?
Tell me again why I live in Michigan? Oh, that's right, I'm too poor to live anywhere else. Thanks for reminding me.

What other state has weather like the Great Lakes State? Short answer -- no other state.

Last weekend, I was in shorts and a T-shirt. I was outside raking, mulching, digging and weeding. I was sweating it was so hot. Last weekend, I officially opened lawn-mowing season at the Richter Homestead. The first mow of the season is always a big deal at my home. My grass was getting so high, small dogs were disappearing as they wandered onto my lawn. The indi-

vidual blades of grass seemed to be looking up at me as I surveyed my lawn last weekend. "Dude, it's time," they seemed to say in unison. "Get your rear end in gear and give us a trim."

My flowers are blooming. The buds on my trees are making their presence known. Heck, the bumble bees are even out. I had my first encounter with one last weekend. I turned a corner near the back of my house heading to my shed and ran smack dab into a big, buzzing flying machine -- it looked like a black and yellow Hindenburg with tiny wings. We both instantly put the brakes on, did a little, "pardon me, excuse me dance,"

and in somewhat slow-motion, made eye contact. I think it was as surprised to see me as I was to see it. In response to the awkward situation, I think I blurted out something like, "Geez, this corner could use a traffic light." Followed by a nervous laugh. "Am I right?" It wasn't laughing. As it flew away buzzing my head and making me duck, I could hear it say, "You might wanna slow down there, bud."

Anyhow, my bumble bee run ins aside, my point is last weekend was warm and nice and quite spring-like. The plants were feeling it, the insects were feeling it and so was I. Then Mother Nature decided to trip us all up.

Earlier this week, I had to scrape my windshield and brush snow off my vehicle. I had to wear my winter coat. And I had just hung it up in the closet, retiring it for the season -- or so I thought.

Are you kidding me, Mother Nature?

What the heck is



Bumble bees were out last weekend at this columnist's house.

going on? Why are you messing with us like that? Explain yourself. I get so tired of going barefoot one day, then socks and boots the next day. T-shirt and shorts on Sunday and winter coat and hat on Tuesday. What gives, Mother Nature? Make up your mind. I've got yard work and bumble bees to deal with.

Contractors.

Wait, what? Are we still talking about the weather, Mother Nature and bumble bees?

No, I'm switching to contractors. Or, if you will, hired help.

I need my home's driveway repaved this summer. I tried all last year to get a contractor or "con-

crete guy" to come out to my home and give me an estimate. I never even received a return phone call, let alone a visit from one of the "concrete guys" last year. Granted, I started a little late in the "concrete season," but still, a simple return call saying, "I'm sorry, Mr. Richter, but we are too backed up to take anymore clients. Thank you for calling, however. Give us a call next year and we'll be happy to work with you." Click. How hard is that? I don't get it. Maybe I was just raised and/or taught differently. I've worked in the service business my entire life. I've had to deal with the pub-

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ALLEN PARK BOYS TRACK & FIELD

JAG TRACK WILL BE EXCITING

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Allen Park track and field will have a good chance in the Downriver League this season.

The Allen Park boys will have 6 seniors on their squad: (Distance guys) Jonah Gaggin, Isaiah Jacobs, Jerry Kephart, Troy Schnell, (Sprinters) Isiah Vamvas-Taylor, and John Walters. Top underclassmen this year best on the events; Throwers (Ian Gleis (11), Brady Montie (11), Joshua Walker (11), and Noah Collins

(10); Field Events (Alex Alvarez (11), Owen Alvarez (10), Joshua Armbruster (10), Anthony Castenada(9), Matthew Mizzi (9); Distance/Mid-Distance (Drake Steele (10), Jeremy Whoolery (9), Caleb DeLaGarza (9), Miles Dewberry (9), and Caleb Wynn (9); Sprinters (Sunerio Hamilton (11), Nick Kilburg (11), Adam Schroeder (11), Craig Cyrbok (10), Cam Morningstar (10).

The team is coached by Tim Collins.

"We have a great

9th and 10th class this year that hasn't really had any high school track experience," Collins said. "All these kids are eager just to compete and have fun this year. We are going to try to stay away from huge meets this year by having a few close with teams we tend to know better. At this point in the early season 2 guys really are standing out to qualify for state finals, Isaiah Jacobs (3200m) and Brady Montie (Shot Put)."

ABIGAIL BREAKS RECORD

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plan on continuing to put in hard work to get better throughout the next 3-4 years. One day I would like to throw in college and represent the United States at the Olympics for shot put and discus," she said. "I'm blessed to have the support of my family in all that I do. My grandpa especially comes to all my meets

for swim and shot put and has supported me no matter how bad or good I do," she added.

She is young and has much left for high school.

"Although I'm still a very young athlete, my advice for younger athletes, or younger people in general would be to try new things," she said. "Personally, I didn't even

hear about any of the field events until the beginning of middle school. I would have never even known I was good at shot put if it weren't for me branching out and trying something new. Thank you to everyone who has supported me to this point and I am very excited for the years to come!"



CABRINI ATHLETICS

CABRINI BASEBALL

CABRINI BASEBALL GRABS TWO

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This past weekend was a good one for Monarch baseball.

On Saturday, April 17th, the Cabrini baseball team travelled to Ann Arbor to face Greenhills in a doubleheader. The Monarchs came out victorious in both games, 16-0 in the first game and 11-1 in the nightcap.

In the first game, Senior David Egged tossed a 1 hit shutout for a complete game victory while striking out 11 in the process. Junior Hunter Krukowski led the offensive attack going 2 for 3 with 3 RBI's, Senior Jacob Miller went 3-4 and Sophomore Michael Walters contributed 3 RBI's in the victory.

In game two, Ju-

nior Derek Balls tossed a 3 hit complete game with 10 k's. Freshman Nick Baccella led the Monarch attack going 1-2 with 3 RBI's and fellow Freshman Alex Thompson went 1 for 3 with 2 RBI's. Krukowski drove in another run and Miller finished with a 4 for 6 day at the plate.

CABRINI SOFTBALL

CABRINI SOFTBALL ROLLS

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On Saturday, April 17th, Cabrini hosted a doubleheader versus Romulus Summit Academy. Initially it was going to be a round robin with Detroit Cristo Rey, but due to Covid protocols, they were unable to play.

In the first game, the Monarchs came away with a 15-0 victory, led by Senior pitcher Mackenzie Noah, in a game that was called after 4 innings due to the mercy rule. Noah

threw a no hitter and dominated with 11 K's and helped her own cause at the plate with 2 RBI's and scored 3 runs. Sophomore Mary Schantz led the Cabrini attack going 2 for 3 at the plate with 5 RBI's. Fellow Sophomore Alexandra Fitch also went 2 for 3 with 3 RBI's. Senior Wyndem Reid and Junior Samantha Graf also contributed 2 RBI's a piece.

In the second game, the Monarchs went with Freshman Brianna Man-

ning, as they once again won by an identical 15-0 score. Manning also pitched a no hitter in a game called after three innings due to the 15-0 score. She struck out six while on the mound and drove in 3 runs from the plate. Schantz had another 3 RBI's, Reid went 2 for 3 with 3 runs scored, Fitch went 2 for 3 with 2 RBI and Graf had 2 RBI's. Junior Ella Nowc joined the offensive display by going 2 for 3, with 2 RBI's and 3 runs scored.

CABRINI TENNIS

CABRINI BATTLES HARD AGAINST BISHOP FOLEY

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The two teams were matched well based on experience and the new up and coming players. Savannah Manungas our Captain on the team is our number 1 singles player and played a hard match but lost her match. Isabella Wolney played well at number 2 singles but lost to her seasoned opponent.

Claire Villarreal, 10th grader at 3rd singles is new to tennis won her first match and first point for Cabrini she played 3 long sets and played like a seasoned player. Grace Deberardino, number 4 singles won second point for Cabrini, she is new to tennis as well she fought hard to win two back to back sets. Number one Doubles Cassidy Glazier and Marin Genaw are new to tennis fought hard but lost to their opponent in two sets. Number 2 Dou-

bles both new to tennis Jordan Downham and Taylor Bonar won back to back sets easily. Two seniors Jasmine Evans and Chloie Pedronio brought the win home for Cabrini in back to back sets.

The girls all played hard in the cold weather, dug deep to win their first match for 2021.

Allen Park Cabrini - 4, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic - 3.

Singles:
No. 1 - Marissa Bhesania, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic def. Savannah Manungas, Allen Park Cabrini, 6-1, 6-1, -;
No. 2 - Kylie Bhesania, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic def. Isabella Wolney, Allen Park Cabrini, 6-3, 6-1, -;
No. 3 - Claire Villarreal, Allen Park Cabrini def. Anna Klucens, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic, 6-2, 1-6, 0-6;
No. 4 - Grace De-

berardino, Allen Park Cabrini def. Gisele Koods, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic, 6-7 (5), 3-6, -;
Doubles:

No. 1 - Mara Gutierrez, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic - Miray Alkatib, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic def. Cassidy Glazier, Allen Park Cabrini - Marin Genaw, Allen Park Cabrini, 6-3, 6-3, -;
No. 2 - Jordan Downham, Allen Park Cabrini - Taylor Bonar, Allen Park Cabrini def. Rachel Maltese, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic - Emily Bristow, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic, 1-6, 2-6, -;
No. 3 - Jasmine Evans, Allen Park Cabrini - Chloie Pedronio, Allen Park Cabrini def. Maya Pelshaw, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic - Abigail Rusch, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic, 2-6, 1-6, -;

CABRINI WINS AGAINST DETROIT WESTERN

From: Steve Dolunt

On Wednesday, April 14th, the Cabrini Softball team hosted Detroit Western International in a non-league game. It was the delayed opener for the Monarchs. Cabrini came away with the win 10-0 in a game called after five innings, on a brisk day. Cabrini was led on the mound by Se-

nior MacKenzie Noah who picked up the win 11K's and helped her cause by going 3 for 3, at the plate (two singles and a double) with 5 RBI's.

Fellow Senior Wyndham Reid was 3 for 3, (two singles and a double and flawless fielding.

Freshman Brianna Manning and Junior Samantha Graf were

both 1 for 1, with Graf playing a strong game behind the plate.

The Monarchs next game was scheduled for April 15th on the road at Farmington Hills Mercy, but was postponed due to inclement weather. They now play Saturday, as they host Detroit Cristo Rey and Taylor Summit Academy in a three team round robin.



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Help Support Team Wade

From: Patrick Clemens

Hi friends Wade here,

Team Wade, is something I wanted to start because I thought it would be a good way I could help my furry friends. So I started selling T-Shirts. \$10.00 a shirt, xxl is \$12.00 and \$6.00 goes to pay for the shirts and the remaining 4.00 dollars is split between two animal shelters that are special to me: The Roscommon Animal Shelter and Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue. The shirts have become very popular and while I'm selling them here I am also selling them up in Roscommon. The community has been so supportive, I have two businesses that have shirts and they were kind enough to sell them for me. Role Models Bike Shop and Allen Park Family Chiropractic are selling them and doing a great job. I can't thank them enough. In Roscommon I have three businesses selling the shirts they are Nibbles Ice Cream, The Bird and The Bear, and Higgins Lake West Hardware.



Photos By Patrick Clemens



It's truly a team effort and that's why we are known as Team Wade. So thank you

to everyone, my furry friends appreciate it.



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By Jim Jacek

The Allen Park Chamber of Commerce business feature this week is Steve Haddix, with Haddix Electric. His office is located at 5729 Allen Road in Allen Park. Our vast knowledge of electrical services doing Commercial, Residential and Industrial work ranges from changing service panels from fuses to breakers, 220 lines for stove or dryer, lighting, installing dedicated or standard circuits, city code violation repairs, whole house generators, transfer switches for whole house or portable generators, new parking lot lighting installation or troubleshooting and repair. We also offer decommissioning and re-commissioning for business relocations.

You can reach him at 313-386-7288, or by email at haddix01@sbcglobal.net. For additional information, visit his website at www.haddixelectric.com.

COVID-19 Vaccines Update from Allen Park Fire Department

COVID-19 vaccine appointments open through April 29; evening hours available, visit www.cityofdearborn.org/covid.

With coronavirus cases surging, anyone 18 and over should be aware that more vaccine appointments have opened up through April 29, including evening hours, at the Consolidated Vaccination Center at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michi-

gan Ave.

Appointments must be made at www.cityofdearborn.org/covid.

Vaccination appointments are reserved for people who live in Allen Park, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Redford, Dearborn, Garden City, and Melvindale.

The vaccines are the two-dose Moderna shots.

Masks covering your mouth and nose are required to en-

ter and remain in the building. People will be asked to show their I.D. and will be screened at the door.

The Consolidated Vaccination Center is a collaborative effort between the seven communities, with support from Wayne County.

Note that those people who are 16 and 17 years of age need to seek a vaccine at another clinic. The Moderna vaccine is not approved for those under 18.

Wade's Tails Lead Her to Maple Heights!



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 the company of many on April 15th. Residents were very excited and happy to meet and play with Wade. Even the team at Maple Heights was excited for the visit. Lead Concierge, Lynda Gauthier, has been following Wade since before her Facebook page! Lynda says, "Wade has become a wonderful ambassador. I like reading highlights from her walks - from fun things going on around us to local business promotion to home decorations. Wade is just the best!"

Wade and her sister, Mallory, were both trained to be service animals. Wade's "chief of staff", Patrick Clemens was a trainer. When it came time for Wade to become "official", she struggled with passing the test due to a throat issue. Patrick, who also trained Mallory, his wife's service dog, decided to keep Wade. And the tails... or trails...start from there.

Wade has developed a reputation as Allen Park's unofficial mascot. Wade's popularity has developed over the past year. She promotes local businesses and leads efforts to fundraise for various projects around our community. Her Facebook page, Wade and Her 4 Legged Friends, has increased followers that enjoy learning

about her on-goings and donating to the causes. Wade even led a parade of fur-babies this past summer in an effort to get people out and walking. Maple Heights staff and residents supports her philanthropic efforts and gave a small collection of plastic lids/caps (for a local bench project) and pet toys

to offer Wade, as she continues her tails of helping others in our community.

To learn more about residency and move in specials at Maple Heights Retirement Community, please reach out to 313.383.6226 and ask for Nerys or Rachel.



Allen Park Farmers Market now Open



By Jim Jacek

The Allen Park Farmers Market opened on April 16. The market takes place on Fridays from 3pm to 7pm on Park Avenue and Harrison. Vendors at the opening market included Kapolnek Farms, SnoBiz Delight, Peg Darnell, Kettle Corn, Srodek's Quality Polish Foods, Norman Catering, B Real, and Beechwood Cheese Co.




Yard Waste/ Compost Pickup will resume on Monday April 5th



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ON THE SIDELINE:

MOTHER NATURE, BUMBLE BEES, DRIVEWAYS AND RANTS



This columnist's driveway needs repaving. It's been a chore simply getting an estimate.

work." Is it really that hard?

Then he went on a long-winded speech telling me what he would do for me and my driveway -- all, of course, at a price way too expensive. And the kicker was he said he would have to break up a portion of my driveway near my house that didn't need repaving, but I would have to take care of repairing that section myself -- wait for it -- because it wasn't something he did. Of course it wasn't...

Anyhow, he never asked me what I wanted as a customer. What I was looking to get done. I don't know why this simple act of giving an estimate is so difficult. Did this person actually want my business?

I have a second estimate scheduled for later next week. Wish me luck. At least I'm getting call backs this time around. Let's hope this next individual has a can-do, professional, courteous and customer-first-type attitude.

I know in this day and age, that might be asking too much. But a guy can dream, right?

None of this might even matter. I hear it's supposed to reach near 80 degrees next week. You know what that means? Snow is right around the corner. Along with a very cold and angry bumble bee...

continued from page 4 lic, customers, clients, parents, etc. my entire working career. At the very least, common courtesy and respect should be shown, no matter the circumstances.

Fast forward to this year. More specifically, fast forward to this past weekend. I got an early start on making my calls this "concrete season" and was able to get a "concrete guy" to come out to my house to give me an estimate.

He arrived on time. Sadly, he forgot to bring a "can-do" attitude. I work very hard for my money and if I'm going to pay you to do a job for me, I expect you to work just as hard as I do, if not harder. I expect you to have high energy and to go the extra mile for me.

After our initial introductions, which consisted of a fist bump and a barely audible "hi," from him, I showed him my driveway and what I was hoping to get done. I already was disap-

pointed and knew this was going to be a waste of time. Not the best of first impressions. And this was a guy around my age or maybe a little younger -- he still had hair. Anyhow, besides the obvious pock marked portions of my driveway that need repaving, I have a more detailed area around my back door that needs repair. I showed him that area first. Within a nano-second, his response was, "Yeah, I don't do that." Translation -- "I don't have the wisdom or skill to handle a job like that." My response in my head, "So why are you here?" How does this person stay in business? Here's how this interaction should have went down. Me showing the guy my detailed area around the back door. His response should have been a simple, professional -- "I'm sorry, Mr. Richter, that's something I don't do. But before I leave I can get you a phone number of someone who can handle that sort of

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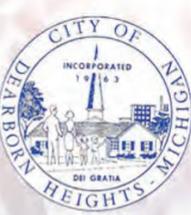
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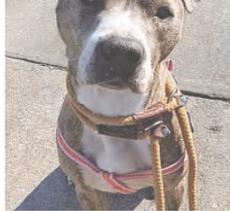
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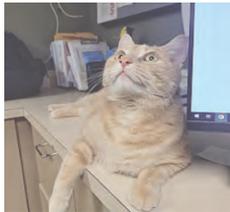
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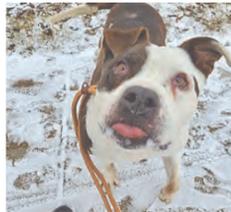
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May 4 Allen Park Schools Bond Proposal

About the bond:

Shall Allen Park Public Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Seventy-Four Million Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$74,215,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of: erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to and remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings and other facilities; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; purchasing school buses; erecting a storage building; and erecting, equipping, preparing, developing, and improving running tracks, athletic fields and facilities,

playgrounds, parking areas, and sites? The following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2021, under current law, is 1.01 mills (\$1.01 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 6.74 mills (\$6.74 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The school district expects to borrow from the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated

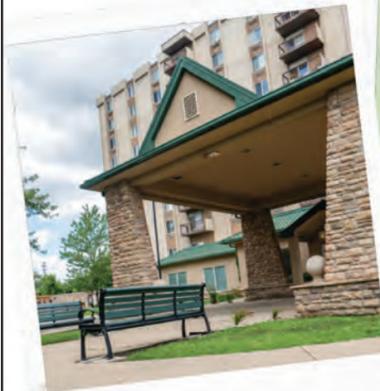
total principal amount of that borrowing is \$12,508,958 and the estimated total interest to be paid thereon is \$9,570,450. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 18 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 12 mills. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$43,710,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is approximately \$5,157,046. (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

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EXCITING SEASON FOR AP CHEER

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From: Julie Goodwin

For this cheer season we carry a roster of 27 girls. 6 who are seniors: Kylee Dietz, Haylee Jent, Rayden Guthrie, Cailey Tuttle, Monica Karagozian, and Skyler Longton.

Coaches - Julie Goodwin - Head coach Assistant Coaches- Meghan Terry, Tina Johnson, and Jessica Tremonti. Our season was a rollercoaster. We had one week of practice in and we were shut down due to Covid. We then spent the next 2.5 months on the computer doing virtual practices! This team was dedicated and hardworking the whole time. They gave 100% attendance the whole time. Once we returned in January we could cheer but not stunt or have contact for a few more weeks! Finally in mid-January we could move forward. What is normally a 4 month season we had 6 weeks to prepare for finals! But we were so grateful to have a season! This team battled through quarantines and injuries but never gave up! Their perseverance was amazing.



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