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Hamilton Publishing



Local 16 year old Releases a Book

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Local teen releases a book; Amanda Abraham, a 16 year old from Allen Park, just published a book. It was released a few days ago. It is a memoir titled "Dear Writing," and is clean and good for all ages.

Interviewing Amanda, I was struck

by how things have changed as I've aged. I could not have imagined having a book published at 16. But with the change in the publishing industry, publishing a book is a reality for even people as young as 16. Eragon, by Christopher Paolinin was self published at 15, continued on page 8

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Photos By Jim Jacek

Allen Park Theater to be Demolished Soon

From: Jim Jacek

The Allen Park theater will be coming down soon, but no date is scheduled at this time. Preparations are being made to remove

the asbestos as the first step before the theater can be torn down. Here are some pictures of the theater as it currently stands.

More Photos on page 5

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APDDA Gearing up for 2023 Season



From: Jim Jacek

The Allen Park Downtown Development Authority is getting ready for the 2023 season. They are looking for vendors for the Farmers Market, which starts on Friday, April 21, and vendors for the street fair, which is scheduled on Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5. Music in the streets start on continued on page 8

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Allen Park Police Department Weekly Summary

MDOP

Date: 12/16/2022

Location: ALLEN PARK, MI

Time: 10:15 AM

DAMAGED VEHICLE:

2012 Ford red Taurus

CIRCUMSTANCE:

On 12/16/22, at approximately 1015 hours, an Officer responded to Willow Cove BLVD Apt on a report of an MDOP.

OFFICERS INVESTIGATION:

Upon arrival, the Officer spoke with the

victim, who stated that an unknown suspect had damaged his vehicle. On 12/15/22, he parked the above listed vehicle in the parking lot outside of his apartment. When he returned to the vehicle on the same date at approximately 1800 hours, he observed the hood and front passenger side door

had been scratched by an unknown object. The Officer did observe the damaged to the vehicle. The Officer advised him a report would be made. There were no witnesses this crime. The vehicle is insured by AAA insurance company.



LARCENY FROM AUTO

Date: 12/05/2022

Location: 9000 ENTERPRISE DR., ALLEN PARK, MI

Time: 6:30 AM

Victim Vehicle: 2019 Dodge Ram w/ IL plate:

Stolen Property: Dashboard Radio Place: 9000 Enterprise Dr, Allen Park, MI 48101. (Holiday Inn Express)

On 12/06/2022 at approx 0630hrs, an Officer was dispatched to 9000 Enterprise Dr for a larceny from auto report. Upon arrival, the Officer made contact with the victim and he stated

he parked his work truck (the above listed vehicle) in the front row parking at the Holiday Inn Express at approx 2100hrs on 12/05/2022. He stated when he parked his vehicle all was intact. He stated at approx 0620hrs on 12/06/2022 he observed the rear passenger window to be broken into and the center dashboard radio to be missing from the vehicle. He stated

nothing else was missing from the vehicle. The Officer observed surveillance cameras as to be facing vehicle and made contact with the Holiday Inn Express management. Management was unable to retrieve video footage but advised that Manage, they would be in later in the day and would check the video footage. Nothing Further at this time.

LARCENY

Date: 12/12/2022

Location: PELHAM RD. ALLEN PARK, MI

Time: 5:54 PM

TARGET VEHICLE: 2004 black Honda Element

STOLEN ITEM:

Catalytic Converter

CIRCUMSTANCE:

On 12/12/22, at approximately 1754 hours, an Officer, responded to Pelham Rd on a report of a larceny.

OFFICERS INVESTIGATION:

Upon arrival, the Officer spoke with

the victim, who stated that an unknown suspect stole the catalytic converter off the above listed vehicle. She stated on 12/06/22, at approximately 1600 hours, she parked the vehicle in front of her residence. On 12/08/22, at approximately 1000 hours, she returned to the vehicle and it was making a loud noise when she drove it. On

12/12/22, she took the above listed vehicle to the Honda dealership and they advised her the catalytic converter was cut off. The Officer advised her a report would be made. There were no witnesses to this crime. The above listed vehicle is insured by AAA insurance company



Allen Park Public Library

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Fall Hours Begin

After Labor Day Weekend, the Allen Park Public Library is going to Fall Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday the library will be open from 10:00am until 8:00pm.
Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday the library will be open from 10:00am until 3:00pm.

Curbside hours will run all day during our open hours and end 15 minutes before we close.

The library will be closed on Sundays.

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Beginning October 1, 2020, materials you check out will be automatically renewed as long as they can be renewed!

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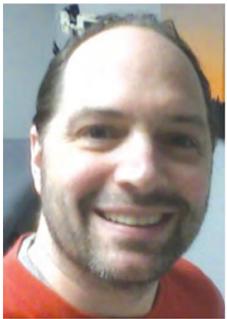
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ALLEN PARK ATHLETICS

ON THE SIDELINE:

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS, COMFY COUCHES, INCLINE PUSH-UPS AND LARGE PIZZAS



By Don Richter
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It's that time of year.

No, not the time of year the Detroit Lions have been mathematically eliminated from playoff contention.

No, it's New Year's resolution time.

I think I write this type of column every year. And every year around this time, I've

more than likely broken most, if not all, of my New Year's resolutions.

Every year I resolve not to make New Year's resolutions, but I seemingly do anyway. I don't know why. Maybe I should resolve to figure that issue out. Nah, that's too much introspection and work. I want a resolution I can break easy, err, I mean stick to and improve my life.

Yeah, right.

Anyhow, here are a few New Year's resolutions for yours truly.

First off, I need to cut down my pop intake.

I think this is al-

ways my first resolution at the beginning of each year. I'd really like to slow down and lessen my pop consumption, but it's just so darn difficult. When I watch sports — which is often — I need to drink a pop. Water just doesn't do it for me. Pop drinking is my biggest vice, I guess. But I just can't quit it. Maybe, though, I'll surprise myself and drink less pop this year. Yeah, and it's going to snow in July. Hey, like me drinking less pop, it could snow in July, but, more than likely it won't and more than likely I won't drink less pop. But I'm going to try. I re-

ally will. I promise.

I'm drinking a Mountain Dew as I type this column, soooo... But at least it's a Diet Dew. Does that count as "less pop?" I'm going to say yes. It's a start, right? And it's better than "regular" pop, isn't it?

I'm also resolving to eat less pizza this year. I think I am the reason Cottage Inn Pizza and Jets Pizza remain in business in my town. Is it bad when you actually become "good friends" with the pizza delivery guys and gals? I know, I need a life. More specifically, I need a social life. And even more specifically, I need a

larger pants size.

Which leads me to resolution No. 3 — I need to start exercising again. I actually do 100 push-ups every day (no, not the ice cream — I hear you in the peanut gallery). However, the push-ups I do are incline push-ups off the back of my couch or kitchen chair. It might sound like a decent amount, but it's actually a MUCH easier push-up than a regular, parallel-to-the-floor-type of push-up. I used to work out quite often back in the day and at one time (in another life, it seems) I was a fitness instructor. Nowadays, the only fitness I'm

instructing is my own lazy self to get up off the couch or recliner and get active. Sadly, my comfy couch and recliner are winning out over exercising. Heck, I just polished off a large pizza this past weekend watching the Michigan-TCU football game. The most exercise I've been getting recently is stuffing my face by grabbing one greasy slice of pizza after another. I know, I'm hopeless.

New Year's resolutions?

I guess they're good.

Just not as good as a large pepperoni and sausage pizza and a 2-liter of Pepsi...

Dearborn Heights Police Department welcomes 2 executive staff members



Dearborn Heights Mayor Bill Bazzi and Chief Jerrod Hart announced the addition of 2 Executive staff members to the city's Police Department today. The officers, both long-time veterans of the law enforcement community, will begin their new roles starting January 9, 2023. Reporting directly to Chief Jerrod Hart, they will play an instrumental role in helping guide the strategic, operational



Paul D. Vanderplow,
Director, Support
Services,
Dearborn Heights
Police Department

and human resources/performance aspects of the department.

Paul D. Vanderplow will serve as the Department's new Director of Support Services. A 28-year law enforcement Veteran, Vanderplow most recently served as Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Detroit Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Prior to his Detroit Field position, he served with the Detroit District of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division, where he began his law enforcement career in 1995. Since then, he has held numerous investigative, command and administrative posts that took him to several cities throughout the U.S. investigations, strategic planning policy and procedure development. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Finance/Accounting from Arizona State University, and completed the Executive Man-

agement Program at Northwestern University's Evanston, Illinois campus. He also holds the distinction of Eagle Scout, and serves as Chairman of the National Law Enforcement Exploring Program.

Kevin Swope will serve as the Department's new Director of Police Operations. Swope, a 25-year Veteran of law enforcement, began his career as a police officer with the Detroit Police Department. Following a 5-year stint in Detroit, he joined the Westland Police Department, and has served there since. During his 19 years with the Westland PD, Swope served in numerous leadership, command and management positions, relating to the areas of Patrol, Investigation, Professional Standards, Training, Investigations, Traffic/Accident Investigations, General Administrative, Internal Investigations, and School Relations — as well as serving as a Negotiator for the Western Wayne

County Crisis Team, and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Swope is a 2017 graduate of the Eastern Michigan University Police Staff and Command program, as well as a 2022 graduate of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) Police Executives and New Chiefs' School.

"The addition of Directors Vanderplow and Swope will accelerate the changes we are undergoing to develop a world class, community focused, data driven police department." Chief Jerrod Hart explained. "Our partners at the U.S. Department of Justice - Community Oriented Policing Services and the Collaborative Reform Initiative - Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC) assessed our agency in September 2022 and identified six areas of improvement we will focus on — which the DOJ will support with fund; Leadership Development, Peer to Peer, Fair & Impar-

tial Policing, Recruitment, Selection & Retention, Community Engagement and Policy Review.

These areas of focus represent a significant level of change which can be uncomfortable and unsettling for the status quo. I'm confident however, that Directors Vanderplow and Swope are fully capable of leading this change in management, team building and, most importantly, developing a culture of support and value for all employees as we enhance the services we

provide to our residents, our business owners and those who visit our community. Credit for much of this initiative goes to our former Police Commissioner, Dr. Joseph E. Thomas Jr., who passed away last October. Dr. Thomas was an experienced leader in change management and leadership theory, and an exceptional colleague who is missed dearly."

Mayor Bill Bazzi also expressed his pleasure with the new

hires. "I am delighted that Directors Vanderplow and Swope are joining us. Together, they bring a wealth of experience and insight that, under the leadership of Chief Hart, will help transform our Police Department to a true world-class organization that will serve with excellence and professionalism — and will grow into a source of pride for our community and its residents."

Kevin Swope, Director, Police Operations, Dearborn Heights Police Department



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CABRINI ATHLETICS

CABRINI BOWLING & GIRLS BASEBALL

CABRINI SPORTS RESULTS

From: Sara Forystek
Bowling

The Cabrini boys bowling team hosted Plymouth Christian Thursday night at Thunderbowl Lanes. The matchup featured preseason #1 hosted by the preseason #2, both in Division 4.

The matchup was star studded and started off hot with a 192-171 win for the Monarchs in baker game #1. Cabrini kept the momentum going into baker game #2 with a 223 to 182 effort in the second baker game. The Monarchs

went on to win the match with a final of 26-4.

On the Cabrini girls side, the Monarchs took on Farmington Hills Mercy, and saw a familiar story play out for the Lady Monarchs. The girls won both baker

games by a slim margin in each, as well as taking all points in the match except for two from the individual portion. The Monarchs take the match over the Marlins, with a final of 28-2.

Written by Hunter Myers

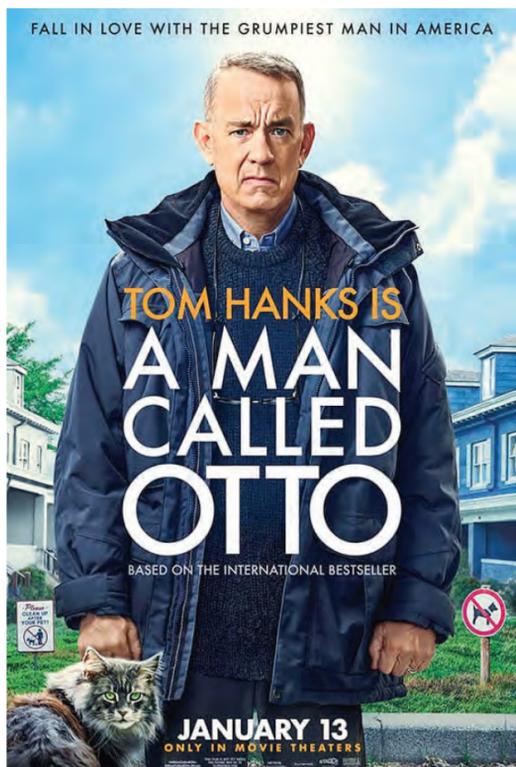
Girls basketball

Varsity girls basketball traveled to Riverview Gabriel Richard on Wednesday, January 4th. Cabrini won 47-46 in an overtime battle. Carly Roth had 16 points, 13 rebounds,

and 3 assists. Kaitlyn Jabczynski had 12 points, 7 assists, and 1 steal. Ava Teed had 8 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, and 5 steals. Mary Schantz had 7 points, and 13 rebounds. The JV girls basketball team also won 34-33 over Gabriel Richard!

JOIN EMAGINE ENTERTAINMENT FOR OPEN CAPTION SCREENINGS OF "A MAN CALLED OTTO"

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WHAT: Join Emagine Entertainment for Open Caption showings of some of the newest film releases. Guests who experience hearing impairments will be able to enjoy the movie-going experience with audio subtitles displayed on the big screen for all to see.

These special screenings take place at select locations on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons. All open caption movies are shown in 2D.

*Note: there are no modifications made to the film.

SYNOPSIS: **A MAN CALLED OTTO (PG-13)** The film will follow Otto (Tom Hanks), a grumpy isolated widower with staunch principles, strict routines and a short fuse, who gives everyone in his neighborhood a hard time as he watches over it like a hawk. Just as it seems like he's finally given up on life, an unlikely and reluctant friendship develops with his new neighbors. Little by little, Otto undergoes a subtle transformation... but is he really capable of change?

WHO: Open Caption films are open to those with hearing impairments along with their supporters.

WHEN: Show times vary by location. **M3GAN** Sunday, January 15, 2023 Wednesday, January 18, 2023

WHERE: Tickets are available at the box office, online at Emagine-Entertainment.com or through the Emagine App. To purchase tickets and for a full list of showtimes visit

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2023 Car Show Date Announced



From: APDDA

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• Trophies, music, refreshments, door prizes, and more
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Allpoint Construction Pictures with Santa

From: Jim Jacek

Allpoint Construction offered free pictures with Santa inside their office at 7420 Allen Road in Allen Park. The pictures were posted on Facebook. The picture that received the most likes was the winner of \$250 dollars. The winner was Aaron, Kelly, Carson, and Nora Mackie, along with mom Kim Snape.



Photo By Jim Jacek

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Fish & Loaves



Stephanie McNees receives her certificate from Jim Beri for joining the Allen Park Chamber.



Stephanie McNees stands in front of a wall mural inside Fish and Loaves. Photo By Jim Jacek.

From: Jim Jacek
 The Allen Park Chamber member feature this week is Stephanie McNees with Fish & Loaves, located at 25670 Northline Road in Taylor. Fish & Loaves provides a wide variety of nutritious food at no cost to the clients, including fresh produce, dairy, and meat. People are free to shop and select food from the shelves with assistance from the friendly, caring volunteers upholding our commitment to "Respect, Compassion, and Generosity". Fish and Loaves serves Allen Park, Brownstown Township, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Taylor, and Woodhaven. You can help out with a monetary donation, organizing a food drive, or volunteering your time. You can find additional information on their website at www.flcfp.org, or you can reach them at 734-442-0031.

AP House Christmas Decorations Winners 2023



From: Jim Jacek
 The Facebook group The Allen Parker held a contest for the most likes on houses decorated for Christmas. The winners were selected based on the number of likes the pictures received. The prizes were donations from Bella Pizza, Rise and Shine Windows, Smith Insurance, and Chic Fil A.

Prestige Banquet Hall to hold Daddy-Daughter Dance

From: Jim Jacek
 The Prestige Banquet Hall is having a daddy-daughter dance on Sunday, February 12, from 3pm to 7pm. The menu includes

baked chicken, mostaccioli, oven roasted potatoes, and green beans. Tickets are \$30 per couple, and \$10 each additional child. A gift bear is included. The Prestige Hall is located at 6600 Allen Road in Allen Park. Tickets can be purchased at the hall, or by calling 313-928-1340.

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Local 16 year old Releases a Book

► continued from page 1 prior to landing a major deal at 19. Amanda set out to write with the intention of publishing. She explained, "I've written other books before but they weren't up to my standards. (This is) a more mature book for an older audience." Amanda has been writing for over 10 years. I wanted to know if Amanda plans on continuing to write. "I'm very excited to keep writing,

keep publishing that sort of thing."

I wanted to know who her publisher is. "Writers Republic, a self publishing book company."

I assumed that being a published author by the age of 16, a future in literature is pretty clear cut. But Amanda explained that she has other dreams. "I don't want to pursue writing as a main career. I want to be an anesthesiologist and writing will be a

hobby."

How can readers obtain a copy of the book? Readers can order through Writers Republic, <https://www.writersrepublic.com/bookshop/category/memoir>, Amazon, Barnes and Noble. Amanda states that the best way to order is through Writers Republic.

I was curious as to what the book is about? "(It's) a compilation of letters to writing that describe

a passion for living. Daily encounters in life. Lots of references to faith. Talking to

writing and hoping that writing will give you answers. The goal is that through writing it can unveil questions and answers to life."

I immediately think Amanda has created a wise premise for a book. Possibly because I do write or because it's a common technique,

but writing is a way to uncover answers. It is why journaling is so popular these days. Therapy of sorts without having to pay for appointments. I wanted to ask if her 16 year old self found the answers she needed. But, I didn't want to give a spoiler for the book, which I can't wait to read.

APDDA Gearing up for 2023 Season

► continued from page 1 Wednesday, June 7. If you are part of a live band, you may be able to perform during one of the shows. The Allen

Park car show is June 21, so get your classic car ready. To register for these events, you can reach Lauren Riviera-Bielak at 313-

928-0940 (office) or at 734-460-1488 (cell). You can also email her at LBielak@cityofallenpark.org.

THE ALLEN PARK 41ST ANNUAL STREET FAIR

If you love being a vendor in the summer, think about joining us next year, 2023, for the Allen Park's 41st Annual Street Fair! This event will be held Friday, August 4th from 10am-9pm and Saturday, August 5th from 10am-9pm. If you have any other questions, please go to the link provided below!

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