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## APHS Vendor Show



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# Cabrini Announces Top Ten for Class of 2024



Photo Courtesy of Cabrini High School

**From: Cabrini High School**  
 Stephen Schumm - Valedictorian  
 Ethan Watson - Salutatorian  
 Madelynn Glazier  
 Ashley Pelc  
 Cormac Moloney

Kaitlin Bone  
 Marissa Smith  
 Lyn Dang  
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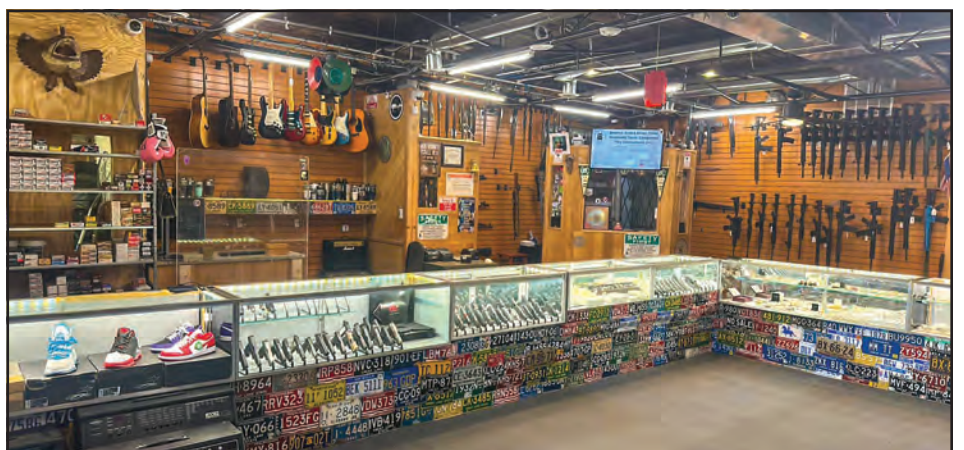
## Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce Holds Business Forum at Prestige



Photo By Jim Jacek

**From: Jim Jacek**  
 The Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce held a business forum at the Prestige Banquet Hall in Allen Park on February 26, 2024 to discuss the

upcoming NFL draft. Topics includes the security, dates, and activities planned. The panel included (sitting left to right) Dave LewAllen (Moderator), Alexis Wiley (Moment Strategies) and Claude Molinari (Visit Detroit). The Prestige Staff includes Chef Mike Shattraff, Alice Prusak, and James Herber.



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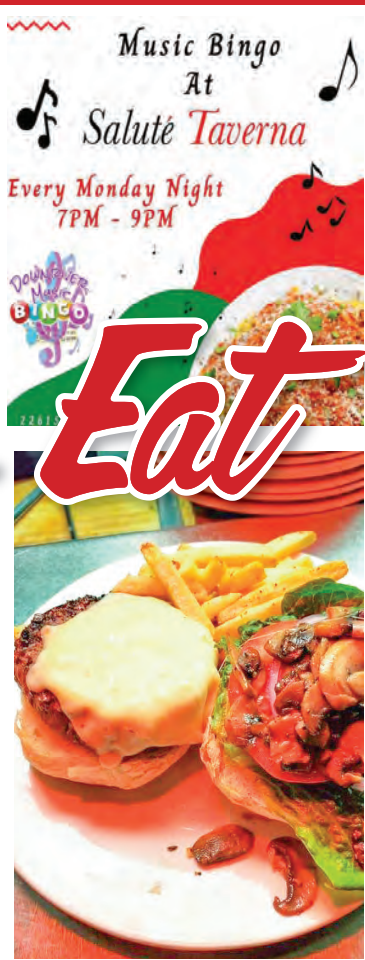
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#### Seafood Entrees

All entrees choice of soup or salad. Served with house vegetables. Choice of red skin potatoes or pasta. Extra charge for green beans, asparagus, broccolini

GRILLED SALMON 8oz \$24

SHRIMP grilled or scampi \$24

PERCH sautéed or fried \$22

COCONUT SHRIMP DINNER \$23

ZUPPA DE PESCE clams, shrimp and scallops in a white or red sauce \$28 (soup or salad only)

SEAFOOD POMODORO with fettuccine, shrimp, scallops, mussels \$28 (soup or salad only)

COD fried or baked \$16

#### Chicken Entrees

All entrees choice of soup or salad. Served with house vegetables. Choice of red skin potatoes or pasta. Extra charge for green beans, asparagus, broccolini

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PICCATA artichoke, capers, with lemon butter cream sauce \$22

PARMESAN breaded, baked, mozzarella, and marinara \$22

ALFREDO Homemade fettuccine noodles, alfredo sauce \$23 (soup or salad only)

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#### Beef, Pork & Lamb Entrees

All entrees choice of soup or salad. Served with house vegetables. Choice of red skin potatoes or pasta. Extra charge for green beans, asparagus, broccolini

RIBEYE 20oz angus prime \$35

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LAMB CHOPS (4) rosemary seasoned \$36

LAMB CHOPS MARSALA STYLE (4) sautéed mushrooms, marsala wine sauce \$38

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All entrees choice of soup or salad

HOMEMADE LASAGNA (meat) five layer of homemade Italian love \$22

RAVIOLI (meat) \$19 (lobster) \$21

choice of meat sauce, marinara or pomodoro

OLIVIA'S LULU LINGUINE \$19

red or white

GNOCCHI \$19

choice of meat sauce or marinara, pesto

EGGPLANT PARMESAN \$18

served with house vegetables

#### Pasta's

All entrees choice of soup or salad

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Choice of Meat, Marina, Aglia Olio, Pesto

Vodka Sauce, Pomodoro or Alfredo additional \$4

Choice of pasta: Penne, Spaghetti, Fettuccine, Pappardelle, Angel Hair

Add a Protein: Sausage \$6 Chicken \$6

Salmon \$8 Steak \$8 Shrimp \$8

#### Accompaniments

GF Saluté's Side Salad \$5

Meatballs (2) \$7.50

Red Skin Potatoes \$4

House Bread \$3

Italian Sausage \$8

Green Beans, Asparagus, Broccolini \$4

French Fries double cooked skin on \$6

Side of Pasta (marinara or meat sauce) \$7

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# Allen Park Police Department Weekly Summary

**HIT AND RUN**  
Date: 3/8/2024

Location: M39/OUTER DR, ALLEN PARK, MI  
Time: 5:25 PM

2024-2463  
March 8, 2024 - 1725Hrs  
Hit and Run  
VI Vehicle:  
2021 RAM 1500  
Circumstance:  
An Officer was dispatched to N M39 SD at Outer Dr for a hit and run complaint. Upon arrival, the Officer spoke with the victim who stated he was in the #2 lane making a left turn from N M39 SD onto

W Outer Dr, when the vehicle in the #1 lane came across the lanes and into him. He exited his vehicle, and the passenger of the striking vehicle told him to pull off the roadway and they would meet him there. He did so, and observed the striking vehicle flee the scene onto N M-39. He did not see the driver of the vehicle, but stated all passengers in the

vehicle were Arabic Males. The vehicle was described to be a white GMC Yukon or Chevrolet Tahoe. All windows were heavily tinted and there was no license plate affixed to the vehicle. There is no other description provided. He did not suffer any injuries, and was provided a report number for his records.

**RETAIL FRAUD**  
Date: 3/5/2024

Location: 3000 FAIRLANE DR, ALLEN PARK, MI  
Time: 11:27 PM

2024-2381  
03/05/2024  
Retail Fraud  
Location: 3565 Fairlane Dr (Meijer)  
Caller/Loss Prevention  
Details:  
On 03/05/2024 at approximately 2327hrs APPD Officers were dispatched to Meijer for a retail fraud. DCD advised while en route that the offender had fled the scene on a bike towards Outer Dr. The offender was described as a black male wearing a black jacket and a red beanie. Once at Meijer, an Officer made contact with the loss preven-

tion employee, he stated that he witnessed the offender conceal a bottle of liquor in his jacket via CCTV. He then reported that the offender then exited the store, passing all points of purchase, without paying for the liquor. While in the area Officers located the offender fleeing east bound on Outer Dr. The male on the bicycle matched the description given by loss prevention. The Officers made contact with him and located the stolen merchandise in a black duffel bag on his person. Upon a search the duff-

fel bag also contained 2 burglary tools that were confiscated. He was then transported to the APPD station to be booked on his charges. He was given citations for retail fraud and possession of burglary tools. The duffel bag and burglary tools were then logged into property by the Officers and dropped off the Meijer loss prevention report and was placed in the DB box. Stolen Merchandise:  
3 - Milago Tequila  
1 - Flecha Azul Tequila  
Total: \$194.71

**LARCENY FROM AUTO**  
Date: 3/5/2024

Location: 7000 ALLEN RD, ALLEN PARK, MI  
Time: 8:21 PM

24-2356  
LARCENY FROM AUTO  
7420 ALLEN RD (ALL POINT CONSTRUCTION)  
03/05/2024 0821 HRS  
STOLEN: CATALYTIC CONVERTER  
VEHICLE: WHITE  
2019 FORD F-150  
On the above time and date, an Officer responded to Allpoint construction regarding an LFA complaint. Upon arrival, the Officer spoke with the manager for All Point. He reports on 03-03-2024 the listed vehicle was parked in the All

point parking lot on the north side of the building near the ally. He stated employees noticed the catalytic converters missing on Monday 03-04-2024 upon starting the vehicle. The Officer did not observe any evidence left at the scene, however there is video footage of 2 males

dressed in all black under the vehicle, then walking south through the parking lot towards the alley, with what appears to be tools and the catalytic converter. They sent the video footage via email which was then forwarded to the APPDDB.



## AP First Responders Assist at Awards Ceremony held in Southgate



Photo By Jim Jacek

**From: Jim Jacek**  
The City of Southgate held an awards ceremony on March 6, 2024 for the first responders from area cities that helped

put out the fire at the Meadows Senior Apartments on October 3, 2023. It was the largest structure fire in the history of Southgate. Allen Park

was present to assist. The first responders from Allen Park were Fire Chief Jeff O'Riley, Lieutenant Mike Schook, Sergeant Derrick Spencer, Eng. Mike Estrada, Eng. Ryan Croft, Firefighters Chris Ajlouny, Tom Malcolm, Mike Franz, and Trent Olson. The awards were presented by Southgate Mayor Joseph Kuspa and City Council President Zoey Kuspa.

## Caribou Coffee Now Open In Allen Park

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By: Jim Jacek  
Caribou Coffee is now open. They are located at 16006 South-

field Road in Allen Park, where Boomer's previously was located, across from Allen Park City Hall. You can find

signature drinks, mochas, lattes, coffee, and breakfast there. They are open 5:30 am to 8pm 7 days a week.

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# ALLEN PARK ATHLETICS

## ALLEN PARK CHEER

### 2024 SEASON AP CHEER: A SUCCESS!



From: Julie Goodwin

States Head Coach Julie Goodwin: "APPC were triple crown winners in the postseason. Taking the MHSAA Competitive Cheer District Finals title at home on February 17th our 7th in a row, the following week advancing to the MHSAA CC Regional Finals at Fen-

ton HS taking home our 7th Regional title in a row and advancing APCC to State Finals for the 20th consecutive year. Becoming one of the top 8 in the state out of a field of over 80 D2 teams is such an accomplishment. MHSAA D2 CC State Finals were at Central Michigan

on March 2nd . It was the most amazing day. The team had 3 solid rounds , in front of a huge AP crowd of our families and friends. We were so honored to take home the 2024 State Championship for the 6th time. Four of the titles in the past 5 years. This team was one of the hardest

## ALLEN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

### APMS WRESTLING WINS DRL CHAMPIONSHIP ON FEBRUARY 24!



Photo By Faith Nieves

working teams I have ever coached and there was no doubt they were going to battle for this title against some great teams. They took the floor in every round with confidence, determination and heart. It was the most amazing days. I could not be any prouder of their perfor-

mance. This is my 20th year of coaching , our 20th year at a State Finals and to take home the title was priceless. It is because of my amazing coaching staff throughout our program, which majority are alumni of the program, Meghan Megill. Carolyn Morris,

Jessica Tremonti, Tera Waddell, Faith Ridolfi, Carrie O'Riley ,Sydney Bain, Angela Sammut, Mackenzie Waddell, Shar Kehr that we have continued success. It was definitely a history-making year. Grateful, Thankful, and Blessed for Allen Park Cheer."

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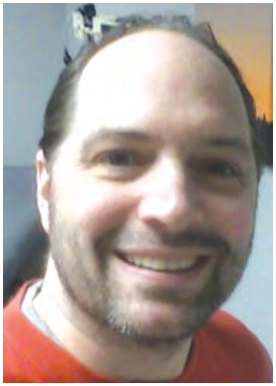
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# CABRINI ATHLETICS

## ON THE SIDELINE: TV ANTENNAS, BASEBALL, TIME CLOCKS AND RETIREMENT



By Don Richter  
drichter101@comcast.net

I'm not that old, am I?

No, seriously, am I?

Go ahead, you can tell me, you won't hurt my feelings. I stopped having "feelings" years ago. Dang, maybe I just answered my own question.

Anyhow, I hadn't really considered myself old until a recent slew of age-questioning-events took place.

Now, just so you

know, I grew up in an era where I had to physically remove my rear end from the couch to change the TV channel or turn the volume up or down. And yes I also grew up having to fiddle with and sometimes fight with TV "rabbit ears" antenna that purportedly helped sharpen and better focus a TV screen channel that might have been slightly askew.

I also grew up having only five TV channels or so to watch. I remember when the National Anthem played signifying the TV station you were watching was going off the air for the night. I remember being in bed as a youngster and hearing the

TV play the National Anthem followed by constant static or a loud ringing noise. It was at that point I knew my Dad must've fallen asleep in front of the TV.

Anyhow, man did I go off topic, I'm that old. But am I really THAT old? I don't know. I'm starting to really ponder that question.

A guy I grew up playing baseball with — he was the All-Star catcher and I was the All-Star pitcher (yeah, that's how I rolled back then) — last month retired after 35 years as an airline mechanic. I saw a photo of him punching the clock for the final time on his Facebook page. He lives in Tennessee  
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### CABRINI SPORTS RESULTS



From: Sara Bardelli

Cabrini Varsity girls basketball won the district championship on Friday, March 8 at Cristo Rey High School. Cabrini Varsity

girls bowling placed 3rd at States.

Bryce Cadaret placed 2nd in the state for bowling.

Kourtney Downham placed 3rd in the

state for bowling.

Bryce Cadaret, Kourtney Downham, and Brianna Manning were all awarded with All-State Honors.



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## ON THE SIDELINE: TV ANTENNAS, BASEBALL, TIME CLOCKS AND RETIREMENT

continued from page 6 just outside Nashville. He was the first person I saw and talked to at our high school's 25th reunion (maybe that means I'm old?). I don't know why, but the thought of him as "retired" hit me differently.

How could the kid I played baseball with all those years be an older "retired guy" now? Growing up, my friend Kenny had long hair that oftentimes reached his shoulders. He was a loud-mouth, crazy dude — he was voted "Most Talkative" in our high school's Mock Elections back in the day. I was voted "Most Shyest." Though I tell people I was the most popular quiet

guy. Despite our different personalities, Kenny and I always got along. Maybe because he marveled at the wicked curveball I threw and he caught after we struck out batter after batter during our pitcher-catcher playing days. Or maybe because I was amazed with his rifle arm that bailed me out time after time gunning down opposing runners trying to steal a base. Whatever it was, we always made a good pitcher-catcher combo on the field and good friends off of it.

So seeing him retired after all those years as a mechanic threw me for a loop.

"Dang, Kenny's retired," I said to myself looking at his picture clocking out for the final time. "Where has the time gone?" With short, cropped graying hair, Kenny's long flowing locks are long gone now. Sadly, so is our youth. Until seeing his photo, I just never realized it.

Dang.  
My "little" nephew is 34 years-old, owns a house and got married last year.

Dang, dang.  
Our family celebrated my other "little" nephew's 31st birthday two weeks ago. He's now a 6-foot-3, 245-pound former Marine.

Dang, dang, dang.  
My brother-in-law retired last year after 35 years as a chiropractor.

My sister retired

two weeks ago after almost 50 years working only two jobs.

Dang, dang, dang, dang.

I'm getting, err, I mean, I AM old. There, I admitted it. I guess I did indeed answer my own question. I don't feel old. I really don't. I might look old though. I'm practically bald and lose my breath bending over and tying my shoes, but I can still do three sets of 25 push-ups. It might take me 40 minutes, but hey I can still do it.

I'm old.

Dang.  
Where's my phone book, you know, the yellow pages? I need to call someone on my rotary phone. Help, I need a life.

Or maybe I should just retire...



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# APHS Vendor Show



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 By: Jim Jacek  
 Allen Park High School held a vendor show on March 2, 2024 in the school's gymnasium. Pictured are some of the vendors that participated in the show.

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