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Mia Howard Memorial Scholarship Holds First Blood Drive at AP Elks

From: Janet Pipkens
 On May 2nd, The Mia Howard Memorial Scholarship Fund held its first blood drive. The community support was overwhelming. Together, with the Allen Park Elks and Versiti Blood Center, almost 30 pints of blood were collected, which saves 90 lives! And almost \$400 raised for the Scholarship Fund. Mia Elizabeth Howard was a beacon of kindness and ambition from Allen Park, Michigan. Mia's passion for life was evident in her love for animals, her dedication to her studies, and her deep bonds with family and friends. Tragically, Mia's life was cut short in 2021. Mia's story is a testament to the enduring power of love. Even in the face of tragedy, her family chose to honor her affirmations by embodying **continued on page 10**

Exciting Update on the Allen Park Downtown Street Light Replacement Project

From: Allen Park DDA
 The Allen Park Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has committed \$900,000 to DTE Energy to remove the old blue/teal street light poles that currently exist on Allen Road (Southfield Road to Roosevelt Avenue) and on Park Avenue (Southfield Road to Regina Avenue) and to replace them with new decorative black poles with a single acorn light on top. This construction project will begin on Tuesday, April 23 and should be completed by early August. This process should not result in any disruption of service or operations to the various businesses **continued on page 2**

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The Allen Park DDA is excited about this project, as it will significantly enhance

the appearance of our downtown, while also utilizing new street light technology that is more energy efficient and provides better il-

lumination.

If you have any questions, please call the Allen Park DDA office at (313) 928-3236.

motor city irish fest

When:
Friday, June 7 – Sunday, June 11, 2024

Hours:
Friday: 5 – 11 pm
Saturday:
Noon – 11 pm
Sunday:
Noon Mass, Festival from 1 – 7 pm

Where:
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Livonia, MI
(248) 477-7375

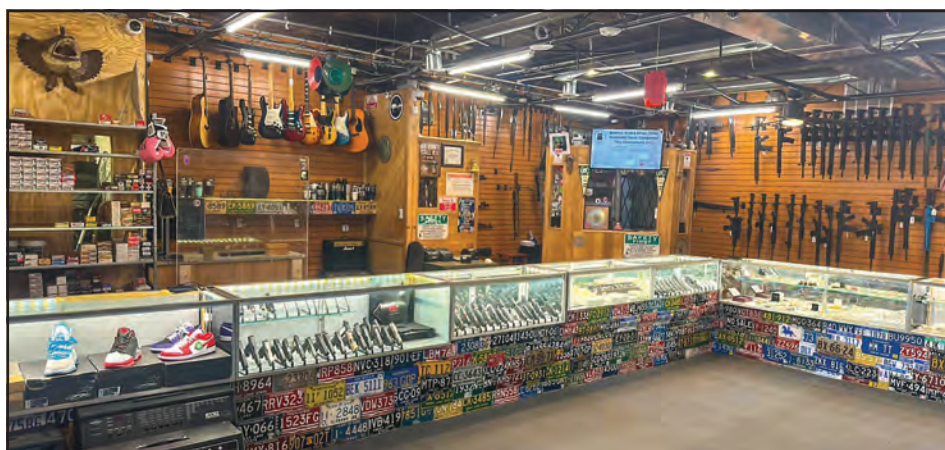
Tickets:
Advance tickets are \$10 and are available on-line. A link for purchasing tickets can be found on the Festival web site, www.motorcityirishfest.com.

Details:

The Motor City Irish Fest (MCIF) is one of the premier Irish-themed events in Southeast Michigan. Sponsored by Premier Sponsor Feldman Chevrolet, the event is a celebration of Irish heritage. This year's festival features a stellar music lineup, including headline bands from Ireland and Pennsylvania. Overall, 16 bands will be playing in two music venues. Interspersed between the music sets will be Irish dancers from seven area Irish dance schools. The event also explores Irish heritage through its Cultural Tent, and a Children's

Area with demonstrations of Irish sports, music, and storytelling. There will also be plenty of vendors of Irish and Irish-themed merchandise, and food vendors with both traditional and non-traditional foods for all tastes. There will also be a Whiskey tasting each day of the Festival (separate ticket required). New this year, the event will feature and interactive Foundry and Irish Knitting display.

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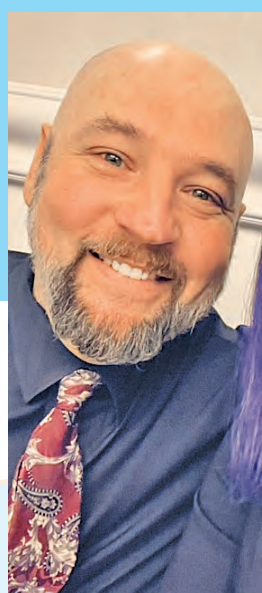
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Allen Park Police Department Weekly Summary

LARCENY

Date: 4/16/2024

Location: APPD, ALLEN PARK, MI
Time: N/A

2024-4042
LARCENY
04/16/2024
STOLEN:
(2) iPHONE 15 PRO
MAX CELL PHONES
\$1200.00ea TOTAL:
\$2400.00
INCIDENT:
On 04/16/2024, an Of-

ficer met with a victim at APPD regarding a larceny. She recently ordered two I-Phones through Verizon. On today's date she opened a package delivered by UPS. She found the parcel to contain two empty

iPhone boxes missing the phones inside. She was advised by Verizon to file a police report to have the phones replaced. It is unknown where and when the phones were removed from the package.

TRAFFIC CRASH - HIT AND RUN

Date: 4/19/2024

Location: M-39, ALLEN PARK, MI
Time: 11:20 AM

24-4166
Traffic Crash - Hit and Run
04/19/2024 at approximately 1120 hours
INFORMATION:
On the above date and time, an Officer, was dispatched to the area of n/b M-39 near Outer Dr. for a traffic crash with injuries. While en-route, dispatch advised one of the vehicles had heavy front end damage and had fled the scene. The Officer arrived on scene and made contact with the driver,

who provided him a verbal statement. She stated that she was traveling n/b M-39 in the right lane, having just passed Outer Dr. and coming up to the n/b M-39 onramp from Outer Dr. She stated a white sedan (possibly a Kia, unknown model) was getting onto n/b M-39 from the onramp off Outer Dr. The sedan then sideswiped the Chevrolet Traverse that she was operating. She began to pull off the the right side

of the shoulder on M-39, just after Oakwood Blvd. She stated the driver of the striking vehicle began to pull over, then took off n/b M-39 at a high rate of speed. She described the driver as a b/m with an afro and bushy black beard and darker colored skin. She and her passenger refused to be transported by APFD, stating they would take themselves to the hospital for evaluation.

FRAUD

Date: 4/18/2024

Location: OSAGE, ALLEN PARK, MI
Time: N/A

2024-4117
04-18-2024
Fraud
LOCATION:
Osage, Allen Park
48101
STOLEN:
\$3997.12 Cash
SUSPECT(S):
Unknown
DETAILS:
In-Station Fraud
complaint on 04-18-2024. The victim stated he was scammed \$3997.12 by unknown suspect claiming they were from Consumers Energy and they need-

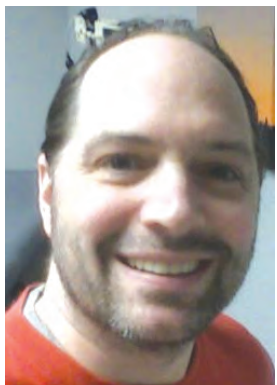
ed the Victim to pay his bill. Victim stated he just paid his bill in the same amount on Tuesday 4-16-2024 but the male on the phone advised that it wasn't in the system yet. The male on the phone advised Victim to go to Walmart in Taylor and use the Green Dot Service to pay his bill amount. Victim got two Green Dot Cards in the amount of \$3997.12 total and gave the unknown male the

information. Victim realized after the fact that he was probably scammed and called the caller back and the male did indeed advised him that he got scammed. The bill was for his Consumers Bill at his restaurant in Irish Hills and Victim did not need the power to go out at the restaurant. The unknown male told him he had to pay the bill or the power will be shut off in 2 hours.



ALLEN PARK ATHLETICS

ON THE SIDELINE: LAWN MOWERS, SPRING, SORE NECKS AND A "SPIDER GLASS"



By Don Richter
drichter101@comcast.net

Spring has finally sprung.

Well, I guess it's actually a month or so into spring, but I don't consider it "officially spring" until I dust off the old yard work equipment. And old it is.

I've had my lawnmower for at least eight

years and my weed-wacker probably for almost two decades now. My weed-wacker is so old I still use an extension cord to power it. I'm pretty sure I'm the only person on my block who still uses an extension cord with any yard tool. And I can pretty much guarantee you I'm the only person on my block who uses the term "weed-wacker."

So last weekend I spent three hours trimming, weeding, picking up random sticks and mowing my lawn. As of today, I can't feel my toes and I can't bend over to tie my shoes. When did I get so out

of shape?

I work a hard, physically demanding job every day and I'm in pretty darn good shape for my age if I do say so myself — and, yes, I'm probably the only person who says that. But last weekend's opening season yard work kicked my butt. I've slept 10 hours for two straight nights, but I'm still tired. My neck is so sore I can barely move my head side-to-side. It even hurts swallowing food. What is going on?

I think I'm going to break down before my yard work equipment does. Thankfully all of my yard work tools are still operating well. Me?

Not so much. Fingers crossed they (and me) last another spring/summer.

Another sure sign of spring, at least in my house, is the awakening of the bugs. Where the heck do they come from? Part of my spring work to-do list every year is to put down my bug barrier spray inside and outside my house and to spray my wasp and bumble bee preventer along and underside my roof for my shed and home. This weekend I'll be starting that project, but the bugs aren't waiting, that's for sure. I've already seen a few random ants and

some spiders meandering through my house, checking out the place.

And, mind you, when I say spiders, I don't mean those cute little harmless banana-colored spiders or a lazy daddy long-legs. No, sadly in the Richter household I get spiders the size of quarters. And they're mean with attitudes. It puzzles me why I just can't have tiny, manageable spiders in my house. But truly ever since I moved into my house, I've had big, hairy spiders. I do live on a corner close to a field so maybe that's where the hulk-like spiders are coming from? I don't know.

But after 17 years of living in my house, I've developed a pretty good system of removing the large spiders from my dwelling. Sometimes they get stepped on or "Raided," but I'm a friendly, peace-loving man who just wants to live in harmony with nature. So, more often than not over the years, I remove the eight-legged nuisances with my trusty "spider glass." I'm actually quite "ninja-like" in my skillful, yet assertive use of my "spider glass." Wherever I find a large, mean-spirited spider in my house, I rush to my kitchen and grab the

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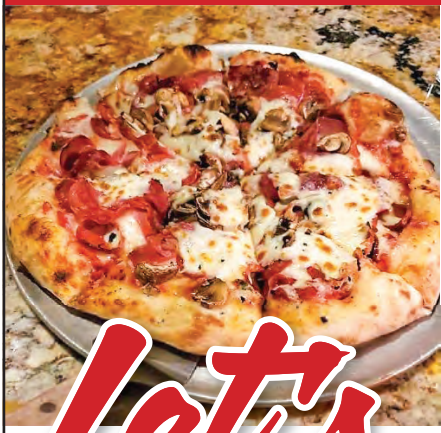
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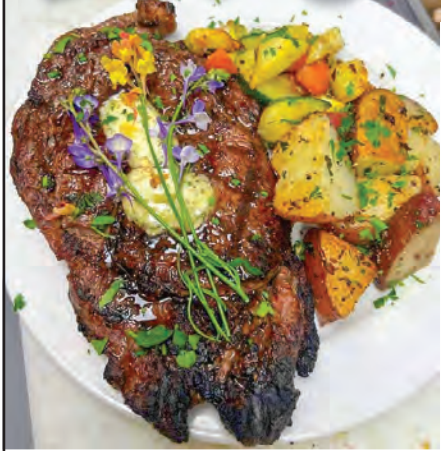
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COCONUT SHRIMP coconut battered shrimp served with pineapple relish \$12

STEAK BITES Angus prime beef \$16

ITALIAN SAUSAGE PEPPERS & ONIONS \$14

MUSSELS white wine, butter garlic sauce \$15

MEATBALLS (2) veal, pork, beef made in house \$7.50

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ARANCINI 2 breaded, homemade rice balls filled with spinach and mozzarella \$14

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DONNA'S ANTIPASTO 3 meats, 3 olives, 3 cheese, 3 sweet pepper, red onion, pepperoncini, roma tomato tossed with choice of penne pasta, romaine or both Small \$16 Large \$18

WEDGE romaine heart, tomato, cucumber, red onion, bacon, and blue cheese crumbles \$14

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SHRIMP & PESTO \$18 pesto sauce, shrimp, sliced tomato and Parmesan

BLANCO \$16 mozzarella, ricotta, basil & olive oil

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SANTINO SOUTH SIDE ITALIAN BEEF \$14 marinated beef roasted, Au jus on a crusty roll (dry or wet) your choice of hot gardeniera, sweet peppers, grilled onions add cheese \$1.00 fries included

Seafood Entrees

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

MARSALA sautéed, mushrooms, marsala wine sauce \$22

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)

CACCIATORE onion, peppers, mushrooms, in marinara sauce \$18

Veal Entrees

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

MARSALA sautéed, mushrooms, marsala wine sauce \$24

PICCATA artichoke, capers, with lemon butter cream sauce \$24

PARMESAN breaded, baked, mozzarella, and marinara \$24

FLORINTINA breaded veal cutlet, alfredo, spinach \$24

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Dinner Menu

Eat, Drink & Be Merry

Beef, Pork & Lamb Entrees

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RIBEYE 20oz angus prime \$35

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Meatballs (2) \$7.50

Red Skin Potatoes \$4

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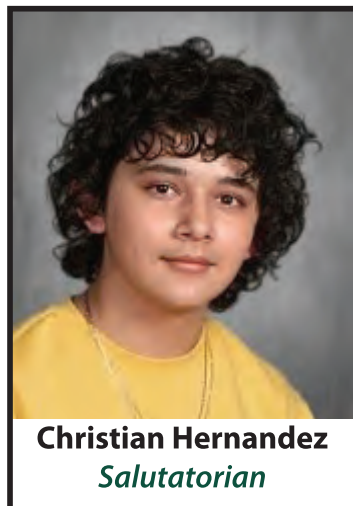
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2024 TOP TEN ALLEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



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Christian Hernandez
Salutatorian



Emily Ellis



Vincent Scott



Justyn Clark



Samantha Scherer



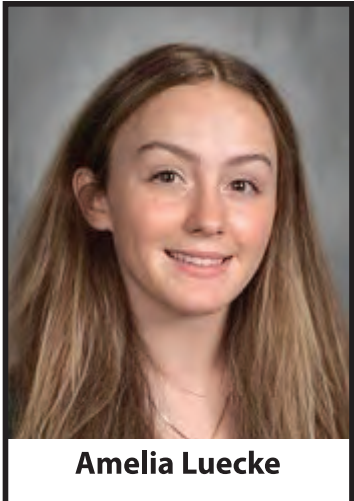
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ON THE SIDELINE: LAWN MOWERS, SPRING, SORE NECKS AND A "SPIDER GLASS"

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"spider glass" (a simple see through dinner glass) I have located in a corner on my counter. I then proceed to re-find the spider — whether it's on the floor, in my tub, in a sink, on the wall, in a corner or on the ceiling and quietly and deftly, with a steady hand diamond cutters would appreciate, place the opening of the glass around the spider. After a few nudges to get it moving, it invariably skitters downward to the bottom of the glass as I in one fell swoop turn the glass right side up and place a small see through Tupperware container on top of the glass to seal my "prey" in. Most times the spider just chills at the bottom of the glass (I think they can sense other spiders have been where they're at and they just relax), but other times they go bizerk and want desperately to get out.

Either way, in a matter of minutes I open the front or back door of my house — whichever is closest to the incident — and take the top off the glass and dump the glass upside down on the porch freeing the spider. Hopefully it lives a happy life after being freed from my glass prison.

Everyone says those same spiders probably turn around and come right back into my house. I don't know, my bug barrier will stop them, right?

Right?

Anyone?

I've already corralled two big, hairy spiders in my "spider glass" this spring. What's going on?

I guess you can call me "Spider-Man."

Or maybe, better yet, you can call me an exterminator.

Spring has finally sprung.

Is it winter yet...?

Taylor Animal Shelter

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 DJ American Staffordshire Ter... Female, 5 mos Taylor, MI	 Sophia American Staffordshire Ter... Female, 5 mos Taylor, MI	 Havoc American Staffordshire Ter... Male, Young Taylor, MI	 Tank American Staffordshire Ter... Male, Young Taylor, MI	 Jude American Staffordshire Ter... Male, Young Taylor, MI
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AP Farmers Market is Back for 2024



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From: Jim Jacek

The Allen Park Farmers Market is now open on Fridays from

3pm to 7pm, weather permitting. The booths are set up at 7240 Park Avenue, by Harrison Street. Vendors

include SMD made with love, Creations by Annalyse, Lisa's Crystal Jewelry Shop, Peg Darnell Bracelets,



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Crystal Market Liquor



RoseAnn & Kenny

By: Jim Jacek

The Allen Park Chamber Member of the Week is Crystal Market Liquor, 18618 Eureka in Southgate. It is owned by Jason and Kenny, who took over the store in July 2023. During the hours of 11AM to 8PM, hot food is available, including chicken, ribs, pizza, and fish.

Mia Howard Memorial Scholarship Holds First Blood Drive at AP Elks

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 ing the values she held dear. The Mia Howard Memorial Scholarship Fund stands as a beacon of hope, empowering students who share Mia's passion for community service and academic excellence. Through this scholarship, Mia's legacy continues to shine bright, inspiring others to make a positive difference in the world, just as she did. We are so grateful for the ongoing support we receive. It truly has been overwhelming to say the least. Our next event, our annual golf outing is being held on June 9th, 2024 at Taylor Meadows Golf Course. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. Although the outing is sold out to golfers, we still have room for sponsorships if you would like to support our mission. For more information, please visit www.MiaHowardScholarshipFund.org or our Facebook page The Mia Howard Memorial Scholarship Fund.



CABRINI ATHLETICS

CABRINI SPORTS

CABRINI SPORTS RESULTS

From: Sara Bardelli

On May 2nd, the Cabrini Varsity baseball team won against Everest Collegiate 6-2.

On May 6th, the Cabrini Varsity golf team won against Aus-

tin Catholic 186-192.

The Cabrini Varsity softball team is currently undefeated with a record of 11-0.

Ava Teed broke the school record for the 1600m with a time of

5:10.4. She also broke the record for the 800m with a time of 2:22.65.

The Cabrini Varsity soccer team beat Wyandotte 6-1 on May 6.

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