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LED conversion: Brighter, greener

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Brighter light, cost-effective and energy efficient — the final phase of Westland's conversion to LED streetlights is underway.

"They started working Wednesday and will through fall. Then our neighborhoods will be done," said Westland Mayor William Wild.

As part of Westland's Mission: Green initiative, the city has partnered with DTE Energy on the streetlight conversion. The mercury vapor streetlights are replaced with energy-efficient LED lights.

"We will eliminate all the mercury vapor lights but you will still see sodium vapor lights on Wayne County roads," said Wild. "This will complete the city lights (conversion). I don't think Wayne County will change their sodium vapor lights — it's a good bulb, just not as energy efficient."

Nationwide, there is an effort to try to eliminate the mercury vapor bulbs in streetlights, he said.

This third and final phase of this mercury vapor conversion project will convert 2,466 street light fixtures to LED on neighborhood streets throughout the city. The total cost for

this phase to the city is \$435,173 with an annual savings of \$260,364 from reduced energy costs. The project is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 1.

"They've gotten the cost down so that the recovery (of project costs) is about one and half years," said Wild. "Once they get the lights up and we go through that (amortization) cycle, the (electric) bills should go down."

It's been about three years since LED lighting was installed at Mike Modano Ice Arena, Wild said, and so far,



Westland Mayor William Wild, center, at the kick-off for the final phase of converting city streetlights to LED.

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Fun! Play time pays off for Westland kids, rest of nation

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Pranhav Sundararajan, 13, is an eighth-grader at Frost Middle School in Livonia. He knows the importance of studying in school and also the key role exercise plays in health.

"I do karate. I also play tennis and sometimes I play basketball," the Westland teen said. He was volunteering recently with his mom, Mohana Sundararajan, at a

"LEGO Read & Play" event at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

That morning at the Westland library, preschool kids heard a story, "Old MacDonald Had a Truck," followed by fun playtime on the floor with LEGO. Many parents and grandparents joined in, with the option of a challenge based on the construction-themed picture book or whatever kids wanted to do.

"Some of them will take our LEGO challenge," said Stacey Quattro, youth services associate and the story teller on Aug. 10. "It's a nice time for kids to come and do some free, creative play. It's something they probably don't get enough of. This is really a nice setting to explore."

Mom Rene Hughes of Westland brought daughter Khloe, 6, to play. "Because she likes it," explained Hughes. Khloe's brothers are older, so she doesn't spend too much playtime with them.



Rene Hughes of Westland, mom to Khloe, 6, shares fun time with LEGO at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

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Trial continues in fatal crash

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Exactly one year after the collision that killed a Romulus woman, a doctor testified that the driver had been warned not to drive due to her epilepsy and seizures.

Detroit resident Onika Fields, 40, is charged with second-degree murder and driving with a suspended license causing death. Fields is charged with fleeing an accident at Middlebelt and Van Born, continuing west to Merriam and Van Born, running a second red light and striking the vehicle of Alzada Dolencic, 67, of Romulus, who was fatally injured. Dolencic had recently retired from Livonia Public Schools.

The collision happened Aug. 12, 2015. A year later Fields' trial is continuing in Wayne County Circuit Court. Fields is free on bond. The case had been adjourned multiple times and the bench trial before Judge Richard Skutt had been partially completed in April.

The defense called Dr. Martin Belkin, a neurologist who has treated Fields for epilepsy and migraine headaches over the last several years.

"I had informed her (Fields) that state law requires her to have six months without a seizure before she resumed driving," said Belkin, referring to a 2013 appointment with Fields.

A nurse's aide employed at a nursing home and private care, Fields returned to work from a medical leave in December 2014 with a letter from Belkin that prohibited her from several activities including driving and operating heavy machinery.

In April 2015 Fields reported having six seizures since



Fields



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Stolen tricycle leaves man stranded

A theft is leaving an elderly Wayne man with no way to get around.

On Monday, a man's blue Schwinn tricycle was stolen from his residence near Forest and Venoy.

This tricycle was the man's only mode of transportation.

Police provided a picture of a similar Schwinn tricycle in an attempt to locate the tricycle.

Anyone with information about the stolen tricycle is asked to call the Wayne Police Department at 734-721-1414.



A Schwinn tricycle similar to this one was reported stolen by an elderly Wayne man, who said it is his only transportation.

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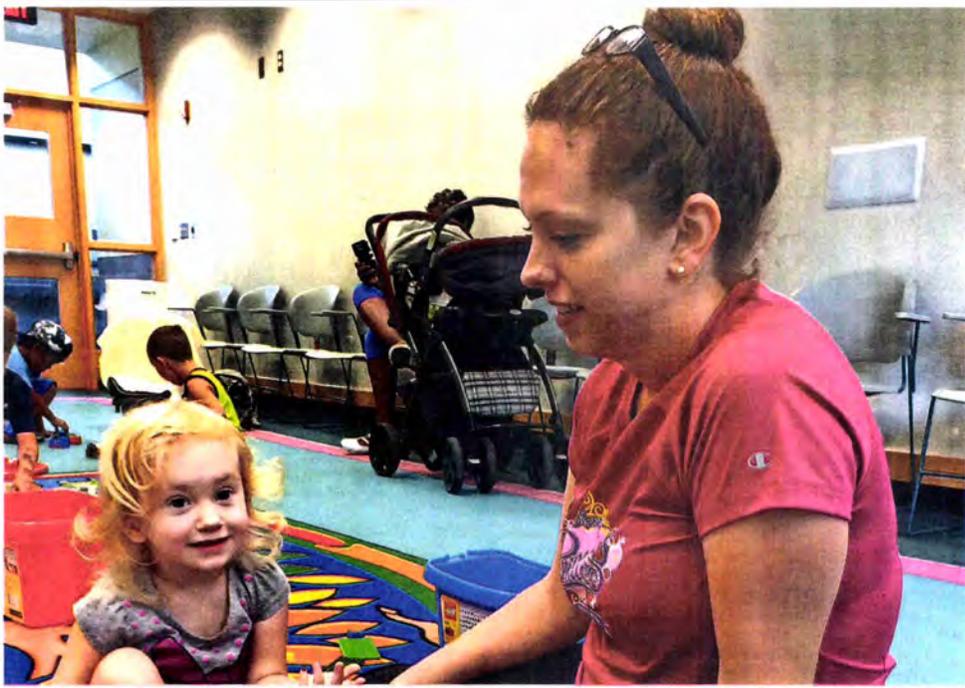
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"I do karate. I also play tennis and sometimes I play basketball," said Pranhav Sundararajan, 13, an eighth-grader at Frost Middle School in Livonia. He volunteered recently at a "LEGO Read & Play" event for kids with mom Mohana Sundararajan of Westland at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.



JULIE BROWN

Mom Karyn Robertson of Westland plays with daughter Madelyn, 2, at the LEGO event. Big sister Elizabeth, 8, also came to the Westland library for the fun that day.

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"She likes to play with her babies," mom Hughes said. Added Khloe, "And I like to swim. I like to play with all of my toys," added Khloe, a first-grader at Schweitzer Elementary School.

Nearby, mom Karyn Robertson was playing with daughters Madelyn, 2, and Elizabeth, 8. There were two enthusiastic groups playing and building that day, with the LEGO spread out on the

carpet. The program has proven popular with families, noted Quattro.

Academic research backs up the local folks' views on active play. Most grade school students are likely to claim recess as their favorite period of the day; however, in many cases recess still can be sedentary with students not engaging in enough physical activity.

Now researchers from the University of Missouri have found that zones with specific games can improve physical activity, improving a child's chance of engag-

ing in the recommended 60 minutes of "play per day," an effort endorsed by many health organizations as well as the National Football League. Researchers found that average physical activity increased by 10 percent and children averaged 175 more steps on a zoned playground compared to a traditional playground.

"Research has proven that active children are healthy children," said Jill Barnas, a doctoral student in the department of nutrition and exercise physiology at MU, in a press release.

"Moreover, past research has proven that activity helps academic performance. By reworking traditional recess games to be more vigorous, children are able to increase their physical activity in a really easy way, improving their health and doing better in school."

Barnas worked on the research under the guidance of Stephen Ball, associate professor of nutrition and exercise physiology at the University of Missouri.

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none of the bulbs have had to be replaced.

"DTE Energy is proud to partner with the City of Westland, in making such a significant infrastructure upgrade," commented Michael Chriss, DTE director of Regional Relations. "We look forward to providing safe and efficient lighting systems for our customers, and the community."

The initial phase of the streetlight conversion project began in March 2015 and converted 166 street light fixtures to LED on Wayne Road between Glenwood and Parkgrove. The city investment in this phase of the project was \$29,688 with an annual

savings realized of \$23,136..

The second phase of the project began in August 2015 and converted 230 street light fixtures to LED on major roads throughout the city. The total cost to the city was \$68,996 with an annual savings of \$38,516.

"As a city dedicated to responsible environmental practices and sustainability, Westland is proud to be able to improve upon the safety of motorists and pedestrians who use these thoroughfares with LED streetlights that use less energy yet provide for enhanced visibility," said Wild.

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DTE Energy crews are working in Westland to complete the conversion of city streetlights to energy-efficient LED lights.

TRIAL

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January, Belkin said. "She said she had run out of medication and was taking less than the dosage," he said. "She had been off one of the medications for two months. She had more frequent seizures in recent months."

Even when taking her medication, Belkin said Fields continued to have seizures. She went on another medical leave

early in 2015. A second work clearance letter in July 2015 from Belkin didn't contain restrictions on Fields' such as driving.

"She said she was not driving. If she had said she was driving, I would have advised her not to drive," said Belkin.

Fields had also reported smoking marijuana on a daily basis but Belkin said that had the potential to ease her seizures.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Michael Reynolds asked Belkin if someone having a seizure

while driving could drive off the road, get the vehicle back on the road and drive straight to a second crash that killed someone.

"That would not be my expectation," said Belkin, who described the seizures as lack of consciousness for 30 seconds to two minutes with loss of control of limbs.

Fields' brother, McKinley Lee Foster III, testified that he lives with her and often drives her to work and doctor appointments. He said she has an average three seizures a week and puts her onto her side, trying to make sure she doesn't injure herself.

"She doesn't drive

much. She drove before our mother passed away in 2011," Foster said.

"The seizures got worse and I started driving her. I volunteered to drive her. She's my sister. I have her best interests at heart."

Having heard about the fatal crash from his niece, Foster said his sister doesn't recall what happened and has no recollection of the crash.

The attorneys are to have briefs submitted to Skutt by Friday, Aug. 19 and do their closing arguments at that time.

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Wayne Garden Club celebrates 100 years

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The Wayne Garden Club is having a 100th anniversary party and has invited everyone to join the celebration 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, in Goudy Park.

With a program set at noon, there will be tips on gardening, master gardeners to answer questions, displays on the club history and from the Friends of the Rouge, a program on bees, crafts, music, gift bags and refreshments.

When the club formed in 1916, the members decided on the name the Conservation Circle. Later, it was the Conservation Club and in 1948, officially became the Wayne Garden Club.

"When the club started out in 1916, they were more about conservation. They were worried about the birds in the area," said club member Darlene Hawley, who is chairing the club's 100th anniversary celebration.

Over the years, the club's activities evolved - a push to plant flowering crab trees - Wayne's official tree - around the city, flower shows, an annual greens markets and planting flowers at public site around the city.

Club members plant and maintain flower beds around the city at the Wayne Historical Museum, the Wayne Library, Goudy Park, the Veterans Plaza in the circle between east and west bound Michigan Avenue at the east entrance to Wayne.



Wayne Garden Club member Darlene Hawley (left), who is chairing the club's 100th anniversary celebration, Wayne Councilman Anthony Miller and club co-president JoAnn Hanson.

The club also sponsored the Blue Star Memorial marker on Michigan Avenue in recent years. The Garden Club also placed the clock in Clck Tower Plaza at Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road.

The Wayne Garden Club, the Beautification Committee and the Historical Commission joined together in the late 1960s and early 1970s to install a wrought iron gate and brick wall at the Old Burial Ground or Old Wayne Cemetery on Michigan Avenue next to the State Wayne Theater.

As part of the project, the Garden Club then planted 34 varieties of trees on the site.

"We planted a lot of trees that have now grown to maturity," said Hawley. "We do things to help and beautify the community."

But as Hawley notes, the club also provided an opportunity for women to socialize, learn and provide community service at a time when the expected primary role was to be at home as wife and mother.

"Those goals still drive existing clubs today even though the role women play in our world today has changed drastically," Hawley said.

The Wayne Garden Club's first meeting had a program featuring papers prepared by

two members on "Our Feathered Friends" and "How to Attract and Protect Birds." The club members later studied moths, butterflies and bees.

The club soon moved on to town issues such as a community laundry, a Women's Exchange and a public restroom, which was built around 1926 west of Second Street across from St. Mary's Catholic Church, where there was an Interurban stop.

Club members continued to help broader community causes - in the 1920s it was the Red Cross and Salvation Army, working with crippled children, the Northville Sanitari-

um during the 1930s, the Veterans Hospital in Dearborn in the 1950s and today, Hope Nursing Home and the decorating of the Wayne Historical Museum for Christmas.

During the 1930s, club members did a lot of sewing and later during World War II, planted Victory Gardens. The name of the club officially became the Wayne Garden Club in 1948.

The club membership in recent years has fluctuated from the current 50 to as high as 80 members.

"I think all clubs today struggle with members and keeping them," said Hawley. "Most of our members are community people who have lived here most of their lives. They are people who love gardening and the community - they want to do service in the community."

The club also host a bi-annual garden walk that highlights Wayne home gardens. Wayne Councilman Anthony Miller recently hosted a garden club meeting at his home and showed off his gardening efforts.

"I feel you invest inside your house and you need to invest outside to improve our curb appeal," said Miller. "I would encourage people in Wayne to do that. I'm just an amateur - I'm not a professional horticulturist. It's a fulfilling hobby."

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

'Sorry, wrong house'

Livonia police were called Wednesday morning to a home in the 18200 block of Brentwood on the report of a possible breaking-and-entering that had taken place.

A resident of the home said she heard the back door opening, went to the kitchen and saw a man in it. He said, "Sorry, wrong house," and then left the home. A police K-9 unit responded in an effort to locate

the suspect. No items were taken and no forced entry was observed.

Break-in reported

Police were dispatched early Friday morning to New Horizon Medical Center, 19335 Merriman, on the report of a break-in that appeared to have taken place.

When police arrived, they saw a broken window in the building and a rock was in the middle of the floor with broken

glass around it. The owner of the location said nothing appeared missing, and that possibly the audible alarm that went off may have scared away the suspect or suspects.

Car stolen from Madonna University lot

Police were called Thursday evening to Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, on the report of a stolen car.

The car's owner said he parked the car in the lot earlier

in the day, and came out to find it missing and another running left in its place that was still running. No broken glass was visible at the scene. The van left at the scene was reported stolen earlier that day out of Detroit and it had had its ignition punched. The missing vehicle was then entered as stolen.

Tires damaged

Police were dispatched Tuesday morning to a home in

the 16200 block of Golfview on the report of some damage done to a vehicle.

The owner told police he and his family were out of town for about a week. When they came home, he found two of his vehicle's tires punctured by an unknown tool. No suspect information was available.

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Schoolcraft chef cooks up national honor

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Competitors came from big cities and big markets like Las Vegas, from New York City and from Orlando, Fla.

But it was a man from tiny Posen, Mich., who walked away a winner.

Chris Misiak, who hails from Posen (population 234 in the 2010 census) and is now a Certified Executive Chef at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, was named National Chef Educator of the Year during the American Culinary Federation national convention.

The ACF National Chef Educator of the Year Award, established in 1998, pays tribute to an active culinary educator whose knowledge, skills and expertise has enhanced the image of the professional chef, and who, by example, has provided guidance to students seeking a career in the culinary profession.

Misiak is the first Michigan chef to win it.

"I was overwhelmed," Misiak said. "To be able to compete against New York, Las Vegas and Orlando ... was really special to me. I believe that as educators, we are not in the business of simply teaching; we are in the business of changing lives. It has been a very satisfying experience, and I will continue to do my best to change lives."

In addition to his duties as the Culinary Arts department program coordinator, Misiak teaches storeroom operations and culinary chemistry and oversees the department's computer lab, as well as the teaching of software used to manage both front- and back-of-the-house operations.

A Certified Executive Chef



Chief Educator of the Year Chris Misiak picks concord grapes in the small garden off the VisTaTech center patio.



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Chef Chris Misiak received this medal for his award as Chef Educator of the Year.

and Certified Culinary Educator, Misiak, a graduate of Schoolcraft College, has been at the school 31 years. He credits the success of the school's culinary program, which he has helped build, to the support from the school.

"It's just proof that me, starting at Schoolcraft, getting my education here, staying on staff ... It says a lot about Schoolcraft's commitment to the culinary program," Misiak said. "The program is renowned because of the college's commitment to this program and the people in it."

Certified Executive Chef

Shawn Loving, chair of Schoolcraft's culinary program, said Misiak's success is a testament to the college's "commitment to students," and the strength of the curriculum and faculty.

"We are very proud of how Chef Misiak represents Schoolcraft College and the quality of teaching he provides," said Loving, who is currently also serving as the personal chef to the U.S. men's basketball team at the Rio Olympics. "This type of award allows me to feel confident that our tradition and consistency remains relevant and important with the many changes in the culinary

arts profession and hospitality field. We proudly continue to be one of the most prominent culinary schools in the country."

In his career, Misiak has cached the national champion Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Knowledge Bowl team and now serves on two National ACF committees including College Course Assessment and CCE Certification.

He parlayed that commitment to ACF, his 31 years of experience at Schoolcraft and the lesson plan he submitted into this national honor, the first for a Michigan educator

in the award's 19-year history.

He even built a curriculum of his own — the first-of-its-kind culinary chemistry class — from the ground up.

"I did all the research, I did the labs and I basically wrote the book," Misiak said.

He's not the only successful chef at Schoolcraft; Misiak has worked with five certified master chefs (Leopold Schaeli, Dan Hugelier, Jeff Gabriel, Kevin Gawronski and Brian Beland) and a certified master pastry chef (Joe Decker).

Misiak said that level of staff — "It's no different than any other restaurant," he said — creates pressure to perform "at such a high level" at Schoolcraft.

"That's what keeps me going," Misiak said. "Those guys ... keep this place vibrant."

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ON CAMPUS

Fairfield University

Two students from Farmington Hills are among students who graduated from Fairfield University in Connecticut.

Kishan Sapare and Satish Chandra Tatiparthi are among students who, at the time of graduation, had earned a minimum of 120 credits and completed at least 38 three- or four-credit courses, depending on the course of study, and have an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better at the conclusion of the senior year.

College of Wooster

Tristan Lopus, a graduate of Greenhills School, has been

named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at The College of Wooster.

Lopus, a sophomore from Farmington, achieved a grade point average of 3.65 or above.

Northwood University

Abby Joseph of Garden City and **Mark Thomas** of Farmington Hills are among the students listed on the Dean's List for the 2016 spring term at Northwood University.

In order to achieve Dean's List status, students must have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.25 for the term.

Eastern Michigan

Kelly O'Brien has been named to the Dean's List for

both the Winter and Spring semesters at Eastern Michigan University, with a 4.0 for the Spring semester.

O'Brien is a 2013 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia, and is majoring in K-12 physical education with a minor in health education.

Grand Valley

More than 3,300 Grand Valley State University students participated in commencement ceremonies at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

Students who graduated at the conclusion of the Winter 2016 include:

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Golden anniversary



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Dave and Karen (Bouffard) Plester celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016. The couple met more than 50 years ago, when both were students at Schoolcraft College. No fancy gown, no showers, no reception plans. They were married by a Justice of the Peace on Aug. 13, 1966, then began married life in an upstairs rental in Plymouth, directly across from Station 885, where they celebrated their 50th anniversary Aug. 7, 2016. Son Michael was born in May 1972. The couple now resides in Livonia. The couple plans to visit Karen's family in northern Michigan, then go to Las Vegas in the fall for more celebrating.

American Legion post honors Westland vet

Larry Fenner, Korean/Cold War veteran of Westland, was honored as the August 2016 "Veteran of the Month" by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Fenner served in the Army from 1961-1964. He was born in Flint and raised in Southfield. A lot was happening globally in 1961: John F. Kennedy was sworn in as president, the CIA's invasion force of 1,500 Cuban exiles is defeated at the "Bay of Pigs" by Castro's army, East Germany constructs the Berlin Wall, 2,000 military advisors are sent to Vietnam, and Russia detonates a 50 megaton Hydrogen bomb.

Fenner had just turned 18 and decided it was time to join and set off hitchhiking from Southfield to the Marine recruitment center in Berkeley. He was soon offered a ride, not by just anyone but an Army recruiter. The recruiter told Fenner he didn't make a habit of picking up hitchhikers but when he saw how polished his shoes were he stopped.

Fenner was talked into joining the Army and enlisted right away. He was sent to Fort Wayne for processing and to Kentucky for boot camp, then to Georgia for advanced infantry training.

The Korean War fighting ended in 1953 with the creation of the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), a 160-mile long, 2.5-mile wide strip of land dividing North and South Korea. This border has been heavily defended by 28,000 U.N. Troops since 1953 and is considered the most dangerous border in the world. Over 800 soldiers have been killed in sporadic outbreaks of violence along the border since 1953.

In early 1962, Fenner was sent to San Francisco where he boarded a troop ship on a 17-day voyage to Korea. "I was really lucky that I didn't get seasick," Fenner said. "Many men did and it was a miserable crossing for them."

Larry arrived in Korea in



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Larry Fenner of Westland is the August Veteran of the Month.

January, and stayed most of the time at base but was sent out on border patrol a few times. "We went out at night to observe the border," he said. "We had infrared field glasses and I was the radioman so I had to lug this big suitcase on my back. I was a little nervous because you never knew what or who was out there."

Larry served 13 months in Korea and was then sent to Fort Carson, Colo., where he served out the remainder of his service in the Mechanized Infantry in a personnel carrier as a Sergeant E-5. He was asked to re-up and said he would if they would cut him orders to go to Vietnam, but they wanted him to stay in Colorado as an instructor. He turned that down and was discharged in 1964.

He went home to his parents, who had moved to Redford. Larry met his wife Anna and was married in 1965. They bought a home in Elizabeth Lake, then Livonia and now live in Westland. They have five children and 11 grandchildren. Larry worked for 15 years as a Machine Builder for Pyle's and another 15 years as a Field Service Engineer for Hydromat/Advanced Filtration.

He has been a member of Post 32 for 29 years, served as the Post Commander for three years, and 17th District Commander for a year.

Get ready for school at county event

With the school year right around the corner, Wayne County residents can access essential healthcare services and information on living a healthy lifestyle at the 11th Annual Back to School Fun Fest 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 (rain date Aug. 25) at the county health center.

Hosted by the Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness, Fun Fest offers a day of health screenings as well as games and activities for all ages. For the first time, children will be able to receive free sports physicals to ensure eligibility for various school athletics this year.

Three hundred backpacks filled with school supplies will be given out to children 5 to 17 on a first come, first serve basis. Four bicycles with helmets and locks will be raffled off, along with one child safety seat.

Blue Cross Complete of Michigan will again sponsor the jump rope contest for kids, but new this year will be a performance by the Jumping

All-Stars. The nationally competitive non-profit jump rope performance and competition team has taught jump rope around the world and placed in several national and world competitions.

The Back to School Fun Fest will be held at the health center, 33030 Van Born in Wayne. Deputy Wayne County Executive, Richard Kaufman is scheduled to be in attendance to participate in the bicycle and child safety seat raffle around noon.

"Our partners continue to demonstrate their commitment to the community through their ongoing support of the Back to School Fun Fest," said Kaufman. "The level of excitement and anticipation for the Fun Fest grows each year and it's our goal to get students ready for a successful year with the necessary supplies and services."

Free services provided at the Family Fun Fest will include:

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- » Sports physicals for chil-

dren 3 to age 18.

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In addition to offering free health screenings, the Family Fun Fest will also offer information on:

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Livonia mom heads annual fundraiser for water wells

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Jessica Allen will add a personal touch to her annual Walk4Water fundraiser next month in Northville.

The event on Sept. 17 at Three Cedars Farm is held in conjunction with Livonia Church of Christ and Healing Hands International, which promotes Walk4Water activities nationwide. The walks raise money to fund drilling for clean, drinkable water overseas.

Allen, a Livonia resident, started a local arm of the national fundraiser in 2012 with her husband Terry and their two boys. This year the event will include a short walk, hayride and bonfire. She'll also share first-hand knowledge of drilling.

"I have a chance to go to Haiti. I never thought I'd have this chance. When we started this, I said 'Wouldn't it be cool to be at a well when people get their water?' This year I have a chance to go on a trip to Haiti to help drill," said Allen, who will spend Sept. 1-5 in the Caribbean nation with other Walk4Water coordinators.

"I can't wait to meet the people. I'm so excited to meet them and be around them and see them experience clean water for the first time."

She's not sure exactly what the drilling process demands but plans to roll up her sleeves and pitch in.

"I think we'll definitely be working. I've seen pictures of mud, wet clay, of when they hit water and it's spraying up," she said.

Understanding the need

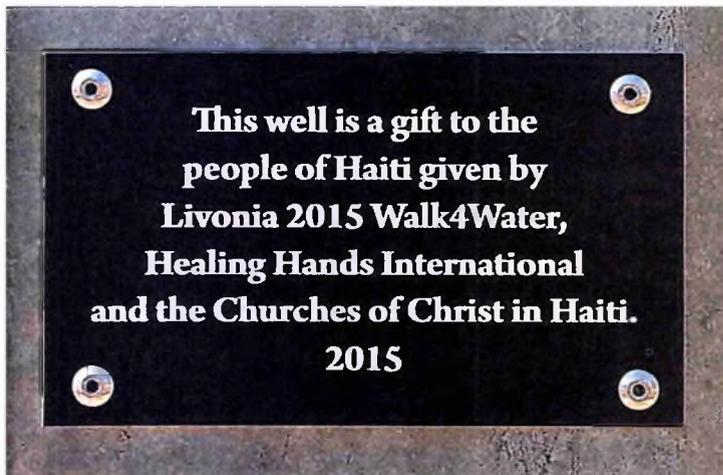
The experience will help Allen raise awareness of the need for clean drinking water overseas, which she says is as im-



Jessica and Terry Allen, with their youngest son Hunter, at Walk4Water last year. The event included a corn maze.



Youngsters catch water from a well in Haiti.



A dedication plaque on a well funded by the local Walk4Water event.

portant as donating funds for drilling.

Doug Fair agrees. He's vice president of operations at Texas-based Healing Hands International.

"Without awareness, the funds don't make sense," he said, in a phone interview. "When you go to a different country, you're blown

away by their needs."

He said Walk4Water aims to create an awareness that water "makes life flow." The number, "4" in the title refers to the average number of miles some families walk to find water.

"When you take water out, nothing else works. When you add it, you have restoration of life."

"It's one thing to bring water, it's another to keep it flowing."

In addition to drilling and maintaining wells in Haiti, the organization also drills in India, several African nations, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Healing Hands representatives attend all Walk4Water events. Eight walks are scheduled next month.

"The walks all look different. We think outside the box and we encourage coordinators to do the same," Fair said. "Jessica had a passion for it and ran with it."

"We want people to know how blessed we are and how much of a struggle it is in Third World countries to get water every day."

Choosing water

That notion has fueled Allen's interest in Walk4Water. When she and her husband were looking for ways to give back and "be a part of something bigger" five years ago, they considered a variety of volunteer projects, including fostering a child.

"We went with water. It is something essential to every day life," Allen said. She invited her church to participate, and coordinates the fundraiser with Healing Hands.

The event, which was held in Livonia before moving to Northville last year, has raised enough money to drill four wells since 2012. Last year, when cost per well went from \$4,800 to \$6,000, Walk4Water raised more than \$13,000, enough to drill two wells and buy water filters for locations where drilling isn't possible.

Allen hopes to raise enough money for at least one well this year. The Vacation Bible School at Livonia Church of Christ gave the project a head start by donating \$633.

"If you raise awareness and they truly understand, the funds will come," she said.

The event starts with registration at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at Three Cedars Farm, 7897 Six Mile, Northville. The event will start at 6 p.m. Participants can bring drinks, snacks, hot dogs and other foods for the fire, along with roasting sticks. S'mores will be provided.

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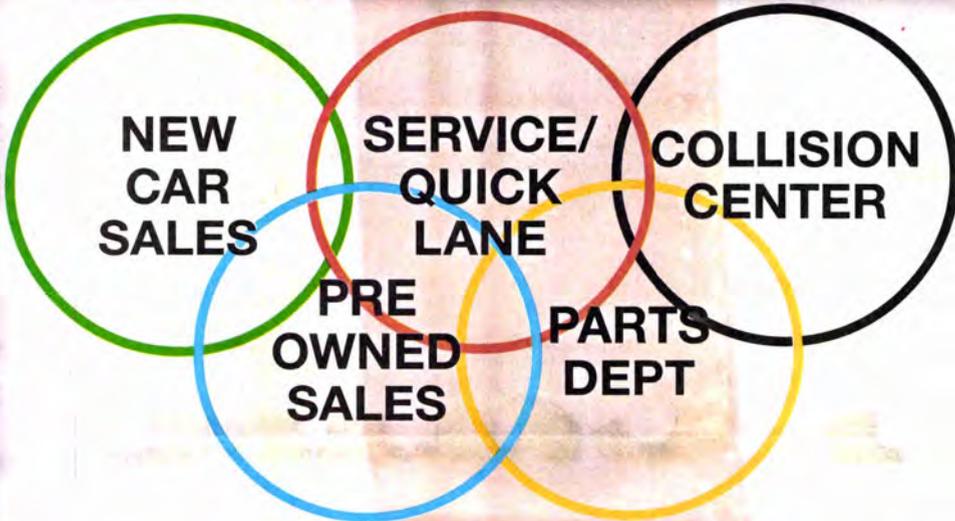
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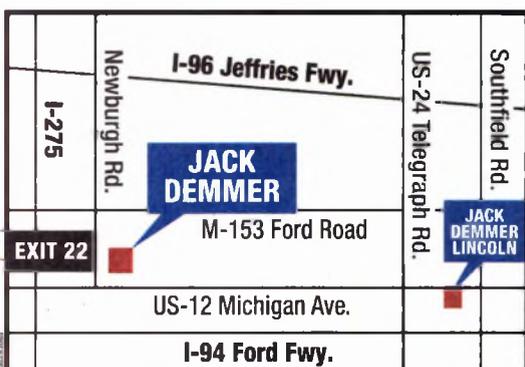
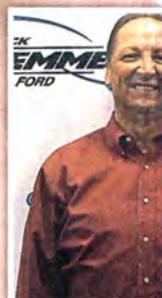
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Jones pioneered synchronized swimming

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

One of the pioneers in Olympic synchronized swimming grew up on a farm in western Michigan.

"But we didn't farm," Frances Jones, 91, said of her childhood in Hastings. "My dad worked for the railroad as a telegrapher — he taught me enough of the Morse code so I could send an SOS if I needed to. My mom was a florist with her own greenhouse."

Jones started out as a swim instructor at a YWCA branch in Lansing and eventually served as president of the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Association. She led a team of swimmers called the Lansing Sea Sprites on a pair of world tours that included stops at the 1960 and 1964 Summer Olympics. She even co-authored a book on synchronized swimming.

Jones always thought the sport should have been called "aqua gymnastics" to give it a broader appeal.

"Back then, it was considered an art form ... something you saw in the movies with Esther Williams," she said of synchronized swimming. "The Olympics wanted nothing to do with an art form, so we had to kill that Hollywood art form and create a sport."

The early years

Jones was born in 1926 and raised during the Great Depression. She and her two older sisters grew up with a strong Christian faith in a hard-working family. They were taught at an early age to be self-reliant and inquisitive.

"My sisters did the cooking and I was my mom's hired hand," Jones said. "I helped her in the greenhouse and learned how to make Christmas wreaths out of pine cones and silk flowers."

Each of the sisters also learned how to sing and

play a musical instrument. For a half-hour or so each evening after dinner, the girls would gather around a small piano in the living room and sing church songs and love songs.

Jones learned to swim in Thornapple Lake, just outside Grand Rapids. She learned how to dance at a young age and was a natural leader.

During her four years at W.K. Kellogg High School in Nashville, Mich., she was a cheerleader, drum majorette, choir singer and member of the drama club. She played the French horn in the high school orchestra and was the decoration chairperson for the senior prom.

At Eastern Michigan University, she majored in physical science and developed a deep understanding of human anatomy, its muscles and movements. She also joined the dance club, learning everything from the waltz to the boogie-woogie. Those lessons would later help Jones when it came to developing routines for her swimmers.

Married life

It was at EMU that she was introduced to Stan Jones, a Methodist minister's son who had just returned from the battlegrounds of World War II and was now enrolled at Albion College. They met at a friend's wedding and Jones knew things were getting serious when Stan invited her to the Sigma Chi Sweetheart Ball.

"We enjoyed each other's company very much," she said. They married in 1949, beginning a lifelong partnership.

By now, Jones had a job as the health education director for the YWCA. She taught several dance classes and all levels of swimming.

"I had a class of girls I taught swimming for four years and I didn't



Frances Jones, 91, with some memorabilia from the 1964 world tour she took with the Lansing Sea Sprites. JONES FAMILY PHOTO

know what else I could teach them," she said. "I read in the paper that the junior national synchronized swimming duet championships were being held in Detroit, so I went to see what that was about."

She went to the event and decided she wanted to add a class in synchronized swimming.

"I asked the director if I could add it to my weekly schedule and I'll never forget what she told me," Jones said. "She said, 'Fran, the Y frowns on competition for girls and you should not add it to your schedule.' Right then, I knew I was going to quit and form my own sports club."

Jones went home and discussed her idea with Stan. With his encouragement, she submitted her resignation.

"He didn't even hes-

itate," she said of her husband's backing. "He was all in."

It was the early 1950s and Jones was ready to conquer the world of synchronized swimming.

From Lansing to Rome

To start her club, Jones recruited swimmers from around the state and secured three local swimming pools for training.

Synchronized swimming requires precision, rhythm ... and a great set of lungs. It combines dancing, swimming and gymnastics, with duet and team competitions.

The inaugural group was mainly made up of high school swimmers. Jones had them rehearse the choreographed sequences on the deck before moving to the pool.

"That way they could see each other," she said. "They could see who was fast and who was slow ... and I could see what they were doing, so I could easily correct them."

She called her team the Lansing Sea Sprites.

"I was a volunteer and I never took money for my coaching," Jones said. "All I wanted was cooperation and girls who were willing to respond to my rules and type of training."

It wasn't long before the team saw results. Two of her swimmers, Sandy Giltner and Judy Haga, were U.S. Solo and Duet champions in 1958-59. Both swimmers were from the Lansing area.

In 1960, she led her team on a promotional tour through Europe that wrapped up at the Summer Games in Rome. Jones started working with swim teams from other countries, helping to train international judges so they could identify the required movements and positions.

It was the height of the Cold War and Jones reminded her swimmers to accept and appreciate the different cultures. Each weekend, the girls organized their own Sunday church services.

"We traveled from country to country on trains," Jones said. "We were just treated beautifully — every swim club bent over backwards to do something for us. We put on shows all over the map."

Her team enjoyed prime seats during the Olympic Games in Rome. Jones said they were so close to the action that one of the torch-bearers smiled at her swimmers as he made his way up the stairs.

The day after the Games ended, during the gala program, Jones and her team put on a synchronized swimming demonstration for the Olympic steering committee. Afterward, they returned home and continued competing in national meets.

"My teams always finished in the top 10 — usually they ended up in sixth place," she said. "It was tough beating the California clubs ... they had more practice time and they always finished at the top."

'Pants, blouses and bathing suits'

Four years later, Jones led another delegation of swimmers around the globe to promote synchronized swimming, this time for an extended period of four months that included stops in 21 countries.

A number of the swimmers were students from Michigan State University who took off the semester for the trip. Jones said her husband stayed home with their two young children, with her own mother chipping in with the chores.

"Stan gained 15 pounds from my mom's cooking while I was in Europe," she said. "He was a very supportive husband."

The team performed at the Crystal Palace in London, where the Queen of England sent a personal representative to watch the demonstration. They next traveled to Rome, then to Syria.

She recalled crossing the border into Syria for a show in Damascus. Their bus contained well over 30 pieces of luggage and the armed border guards wanted to inspect each piece.

"I told them it was full of swimmers and all they'd find were pants, blouses and bathing suits," Jones said. "I then pulled out a letter from the State Department and the gentlemen who invited us to perform in Damascus and they allowed us to cross without inspecting the suitcases."

The tour ended at the 1964 Summer Games in Tokyo. Jones said each of her swimmers received a kimono and the team was warmly received at several dinners hosted by the Japanese government.

It took another 20 years, but eventually everything fell into place and synchronized swimming was officially recognized at the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles. Jones was invited to the Olympics that year to work with the swimmers.

"When they finally got it in the Olympics, you could hear me sing the hallelujah choir from California," she said of the moment. "I was very proud of our country."

Red, white and blue

The family moved from Okemos to Orchard Lake after Stan was made vice president at the Burroughs Corp. in 1965. Jones left the Lansing Sea Sprites that year and formed the Michigan Aquarius Club. Her daughter Candice was one of the original members.

Stan died in 2008. Jones has been living in Bloomfield Township for the past nine years and is now a resident at Samaritan Senior Living on Telegraph Road. She keeps fit through exercise, a healthy diet and a positive attitude.

"I run twice around this building daily if I can," she said.

Many of her swimmers send Christmas cards and visit whenever they're in the area. Jones admits she's been glued to the TV since the 2016 Summer Games began Aug. 5. The synchronized swim teams are scheduled to compete Aug. 18-19.

"This time, we have much better competition," she said. "I'm wondering if China is going to beat us, but I don't know. I still think our team can win it all."

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Sue Sargent of Livonia (left), who lost her daughter Chrissy to cancer at age 12, and Chard'ey Woolfolk of Garden City volunteered with Kids Without Cancer at Canton's Liberty Fest in June.

Eagle Scout project benefits libraries

Evan Lobel, a 17-year-old Eagle Scout candidate (Troop 1539) approached Livonia Library Children's Librarian Karen Smith about doing his Eagle Project to benefit the public libraries.

Working together, they decided that he would create a series of learning and development toys for the children's departments at each branch. Using both recycled materials (including refurbishing the large activity cubes already at the library) and original concepts, Evan created four unique activity cubes and three latch boxes.

The project took several months to complete, and Smith could not be happier with the finished project.

"Evan did an amazing job," Smith said. "They are much better than I had imagined."

The actual building of the cubes and latch boxes



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Evan Lobel, a 17-year-old Eagle Scout candidate (Troop 1539) created four unique activity cubes and three latch boxes for the Livonia libraries.

took place over two days and utilized 34 volunteers working over a combined 200 hours. The activity cubes consist of beads, mazes, alphabet blocks and one even has a drawing surface.

Although they have only been in the library for a few days, Smith said the children who have visited the library are "delighted to play with them."

Join Kids Without Cancer Sept. 10 for Motor City Quack Attack

You're invited to join Kids Without Cancer and partners at Oakland County Parks for the second annual Motor City Quack Attack. This is a family-friendly event which involves 5,000 rubber ducks racing for a cure to childhood cancer.

The Motor City Quack Attack will be held at The Red Oaks Water park in Madison Heights on Saturday, Sept. 10. Gates open at 11 a.m. with the duck launch at 2 p.m. Organizers will have music, a photo booth and a raffle.

Proceeds from the duck race benefit Kids

Without Cancer, a non-profit organization founded in 1981 whose vision is a world in which no child has to face a diagnosis and battle cancer. This event will fund pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Supporters can "adopt" a rubber duck (\$5/duck) and test their luck in the waterpark's river ride. The first three ducks to pass the finish line win. First place prize is \$1,000 cash; second place \$500 cash, and third place

\$250 cash. Ducks can be adopted online: www.motorcityquackattack.com/

Sue Sargent of Livonia serves on the Board of Directors for Kids Without Cancer. She lost her daughter Chrissy to the disease at age 12.

Wrote Sargent in an email, "I became involved with this organization in memory of my daughter Chrissy who passed away in 1993. She was only 12 years old and diagnosed with ovarian cancer. During her 3 month illness, I was on an emotional roller coaster, I could only focus on saving my

daughter's life. Sadly, Chrissy was not able to beat the monster."

Adds Sargent, "Later, I realized there are many children who have cancer. Too many children. I don't have much money to give, so I decided to volunteer. I didn't think I had skills, but over time I found that I do, and I use them to be a voice for children fighting this awful disease that is robbing them of their childhood or their lives."

Find more details online at www.kidswithoutcancer.org On Facebook, visit www.facebook.com/kidswithoutcancer/

Friends of Wayne Library host beer tasting Aug. 19

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Visitors to the Wayne Library are usually looking for a book, or to use the Internet or something of that nature.

But on Friday, Aug. 19, the library is offering a special invitation to stop in to sample specialty beers and help raise money.

The Friends of the Wayne Library are hosting a beer tasting in the library community room beginning at 7 p.m.

Liberty Street Brewing Company of Plymouth will be providing three specialty beers to sample: Liberty Belle

Blonde Lager; Waves of Grain Hefeweizen; and Red Glass Amber Ale. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at the library circulation desk. Seating is limited, so advance purchase is recommended but some tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library.

The library is located at 3737 S. Wayne Road between the two legs of Michigan Avenue. Call 734-721-7832 for more information.

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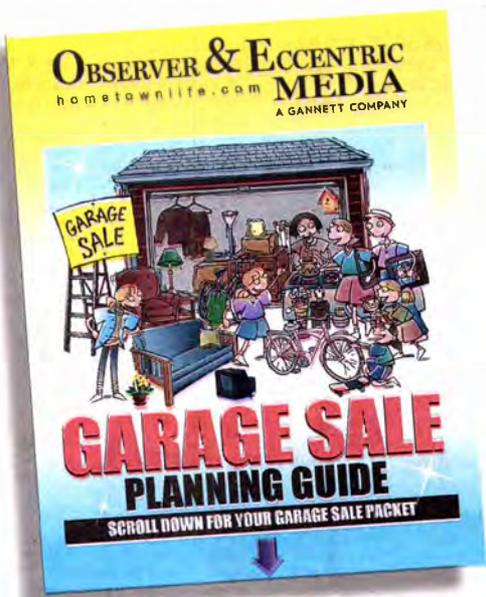
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Flu shots

Flu shots are coming to the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood in Garden City.

Walgreens will be on-site 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 17, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both Sept. 28 and Oct. 26. Free shots will be available for those without health insurance courtesy of Walgreens. If you don't have health insurance and think you may qualify for the no cost Healthy Michigan Plan OR Qualified Health Plan (QHP) on the Health Insurance Marketplace, be sure to stop in the Community Resources Office after you get your flu shot. Trained health insurance application assistants are available to help from 9:00am-4:00pm every Monday-Friday (evening and weekend hours are available by appointment).

For more information, please call The Senior Department at 734-793-1870 or The Community Resources Department at 734-793-1857.

Nerd Night

The Garden City Public Library announced Gabriel Kleiner, local writer and gaming enthusiast, will be visiting on Monday, Aug. 22, at 6 p.m., to discuss the Survival Horror video game Silent Hill 2. He will delve into the game's history, explain the story and the gameplay, and also discuss the psychological and metaphorical interpretations of the game's themes. Gabriel has been an avid video gamer since his childhood, and Silent Hill 2 is one of his favorites. This talk will hopefully encourage some new people to explore the game and its genre, as well as show that games can be more than just a way for children to mindlessly pass time. Admission to the program is free. The perfect gaming food (Mountain Dew and Doritos) will be provided. To reserve a seat, call the Garden City Public Library at 734-793-1830.

Colbeck hours

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and District Manager Penny Crider will hold monthly office hours for August in Livonia on Friday, Aug. 19, from 11 a.m. until noon. The office hours will be held at the Livonia Civic Center and will be open to the public. No appointment is necessary. For more information or to contact Sen. Colbeck, please visit www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com

or call 517-373-5713.

Neighbors and friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, will kick off another year of fun and friendship with an ice cream social on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. The event will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church located on 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. New members are welcome.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May at 7 p.m. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. For more information visit our website at <http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com>

Car show

Sons of AMVETS sponsors a car show noon to 11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, in Westland.

The event features hamburgers and hot dogs, pop and water for sale outside. For more information, call 734-721-9440.

Concussion program

The Livonia Civic Center Library hosts the program, "Concussions in Athletics - Know the Warning Signs," with Dr. Steven Karageanes at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23 in conference room A. Karageanes, Medical Director, Sports Medicine and MercyElite Sports Performance, St. Mary Mercy Livonia, is a distinguished sports medicine specialist who has treated concussions for almost 20 years. He assisted the Brain Injury Association of Michigan in writing the Michigan Concussion Bill, which became law in October 2012. The program is scheduled at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

Flea market

The Greenmead Flea Market takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh in Livonia. The event features historic tours (from noon to 3 p.m.). Visitors who have a wagon or cart are welcome to bring them to make shopping easier. No dogs are allowed, refreshments will be available and admission is \$2 (children under 12 free). Pro-



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Making history

Zaharah Buck, an 8-year-old Jr. Ranger from Westland, was part of history last month when the first leatherback sea turtle nest ever recorded in the Florida Keys was discovered at Bahia Honda State Park. The original crawl was spotted on May 17, by Park Services Specialist Keely Final. Zaharah had the honor of releasing a little turtle into the ocean.

ceeds benefit the preservation of Greenmead Historical Park. For more info call (248) 477-7375.

Makeover workshop

Zeal Credit Union is inviting women to attend a complimentary workshop designed especially for them from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Westland Shopping Center, located at 35000 W. Warren in Westland. This free event, which is open to the public, will be held in the Community Room on the Center's lower level and include a "women and money" seminar at 11 a.m., makeup, hair and fashion tips at 11:30 a.m., and lunch at noon. All workshop attendees will be entered to win gift cards and a \$50 VISA gift card provided by Zeal Credit Union. To accommodate lunch guests at the Women's Makeover Workshop, registration is required by calling Jennifer Shelton of Zeal Credit Union at 734-466-6108.

Mom 2 mom sale

The St. Edith/St Colette Mom2Mom sale is set for 8:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 8. It will feature 74 tables of great deals on gently used maternity, baby and children's items. Admission is \$3 from 8:30-9 a.m., and \$2 from 9 a.m. to noon. St. Edith Church is located at 15089 Newburgh in Livonia. For more information, email m2msale@stecmops.org.

support Blessings in a Backpack of Livonia. There will be a disc jockey specializing in '50s and '60s music. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is at 39020 Five Mile in Livonia, just east of I-275 next to the Italian American Club.

Back-to-school tools

Building Families First Community Development Organization (BFFCDO) in partner with Fenmore Block Club will host a "Back to School Tools" supply drive. The drive seeks to collect new school supplies and backpacks for local students K-12. Collection boxes are set up to accept donations at 38099 Schoolcraft Road (inside the TRUST Office Building) in Livonia. The supplies will be sorted and packed into backpacks for distribution to families on Saturday, Aug. 20. Needed supplies include new backpacks (particularly for students ages 12-17), binders, supply cases/bags, colored pencils, markers, wide-ruled paper and one-subject notebooks, highlighters, pens (red, black and blue), rounded-tip scissors, No. 2 pencils, rulers, glue bottles, glue sticks, composition books and folders. To donate or volunteer, call Tonia Cramer at 734-743-1351 or email info@bffcdo.org

Cooking matters

Wayne Senior Services sponsors "Cooking Matters for Diabetes," a free seminar on Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. through Sept. 7. The event is sponsored by Wayne Senior Services, Beaumont, Ford Motor Co. Fund and Gleaners Food Bank. This six-week workshop is a commitment of fun, interactive sessions presented by trained culinary and nutrition instructors. It provides specialized recipes and information for adults living with diabetes and their caregivers. It is appropriate for those newly diagnosed as well as those who have been living with type 2 diabetes or are prediabetic.

Holiday bazaar

The Women's Guild at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia hosts its annual Holiday Bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. The church is at 17600 Newburgh Road. The Holiday Bazaar will feature craft tables with new handmade craft items to sell, homemade baked goods, raffles and lunch during the day. All profits donated to local charities. Some tables are still available for rental. For more information, call 734-464-0476

Farmers Market

Wilson Barn hosts a Farmers Market Saturdays through Oct. 8 at 29350 W. Chicago in Livonia. The market features local vendors, produce, crafts and baked goods and breads. There's a Kids Corner, make-and-take and arts and crafts projects from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 30 and Aug. 27. Free pony rides take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 6. For more information, call Karen at 734-261-3602 or visit wilsonbarn.com

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Westland market

The Westland Farmers & Artisans Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13 (closed June 16 and Aug. 4). It features a variety of food and craft vendors, special events and music. EBT is accepted. The market is at 1901 N. Carlson, Central City Park, in Westland. For more information, call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Wayne Farmers Market

The Wayne Farmers Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 26. It features a variety of food and craft vendors, special events and music. EBT is accepted. The market is behind city hall in Wayne. For more information, call 734-658-5296 or email towfmanager@gmail.com

GriefShare meetings

The congregation at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church has experienced the deaths of several members in the past few months. To respond to the grief and sorrow for their loved ones, the church is starting a grief support group using "GriefShare" materials. GriefShare groups meet weekly for 13 sessions to help face the challenges after the loss of a loved one and move toward rebuilding lives. Each week, the GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects. After viewing the video, group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in their lives. GriefShare will be held on Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Road in Livonia in the chapel. This is free for all who would like to attend, but registration is requested to know how many to prepare for. Register at www.christoursavior.org under Events tab. For more information, contact Mike McGrath at 734-459-1274 or Linda Hollman at the church office, 734-522-6830.



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APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-03-22: 6 & Middlebelt Properties, LLC, 812 South Main St., Ste. 200, Royal Oak, MI 48067, on behalf of Lessee Wireless Vision (T-Mobile), 40700 Woodward, Ste. 250, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, seeking to replace an existing wall sign on the east and north elevations on property located on the south side of Six Mile (29245) between Middlebelt and Savoie, resulting in excess total area and the east elevation wall sign is also excess in area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-48 (Rescheduled from August 16, 2016): Ford Road Ventures, 40700 Woodward, Ste., 250, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, seeking to erect two (2) identical ground signs, one (1) on each of two major thoroughfares, on property located on the west side of Middlebelt (19043) between Seven Mile and Clarita, resulting in excess sign area, sign height and width.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-49 (Tabled on July 12, 2016): Stephen Velte, south side of Myrna (81557) between Merriman and Auburndale, seeking to construct a detached garage, resulting in excess garage area and height.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-08-61: Christopher Mason, east side of Lathers (17920) between Floral and Curtis, seeking to construct a single family dwelling with attached garage upon a lot which is deficient in area. The existing shed shall remain. The existing home was destroyed by fire.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-08-62: Eym King of Michigan, LLC, 2730 N. Stemmons Fwy., Ste. 908, Dallas, TX 75207, on behalf of Lessee Burger King, seeking to erect four (4) wall signs, on property located on the south side of Plymouth (34835) between Laurel and Wayne, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-08-63: Eym King of Michigan, LLC, 2730 N. Stemmons Fwy., Ste. 908, Dallas, TX 75207, on behalf of Lessee Burger King, seeking to erect three (3) wall signs, on property located on the south side of Plymouth (28203) between Deering and Harrison, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.

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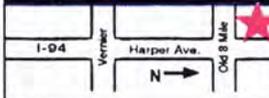
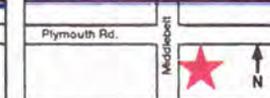
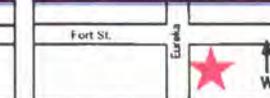
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RIO OLYMPICS

Schmitt's win worth more than gold

Canton native's courageous journey ends with eighth Olympic medal

Jeff Seidel
Detroit Free Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Another gold medal hung around her neck and her eyes welled with tears. Allison Schmitt walked around the pool deck and climbed the stairs Wednesday night at the Olympic Aquatics Stadium. She reached up and hugged her parents, Gail and Ralph Schmitt of Canton, in a long, emotional, wonderful moment.

"They've seen it all," Schmitt said, after winning a gold medal in the 800 freestyle relay. "It's been a long journey the last four years. They've been there

every step of the way. To see them, to be able to give them a hug, it was very emotional."

Was this her last race? It seems likely, but she danced around the issue in a news conference.

"My emotions are so high right now," she said. "I'm glad I can figure out the rest later."

It was Schmitt's eighth Olympic medal, at the end of her third Olympics Games.

But Schmitt's legacy is so much more than her world record (in the 400 medley relay in 2012) or even her three



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Allison Schmitt wipes away tears during the medal ceremony after Team USA won the women's 800m freestyle relay gold.

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116TH U.S. AMATEUR PREVIEW

Hall, Heinze to tee off at U.S. Amateur

Prestigious Oakland Hills to welcome local golfers at prestigious tournament

Marty Budner
Staff Writer

David Hall finally nabbed that elusive U.S. Amateur qualifying spot and, to make it an extra-special experience, he'll be playing right in his own backyard.

The 116th U.S. Amateur will be played this week at Oakland Hills Country Club and Hall will be one of 312 golfers teeing off in America's oldest championship. The 45-year-old Birmingham resident is one of nine Michigan golfers who have qualified, including Josh Heinze from Canton and Ben Smith from Novi.

"It's going to be fun, for sure," Hall said. "For us amateur golfers, this is the biggest stage that you can play on. I'm really excited and looking forward to it, especially with it being at home here in Michigan."

"To play in the Amateur is something I've been pursuing for many, many, many years. I've tried qualifying maybe 20 times, since I was 18 or 19 years old. I missed qualifying (for the Amateur) by one stroke three or four times.

"I thought maybe the window was starting to close on me a little bit, but the golfing gods sometimes have a way of finally smiling on you," he added. "I would love to make match play, but I'm just going to enjoy the whole experience either way."

Hall advanced to his first U.S. Amateur by earning co-medalist honors at



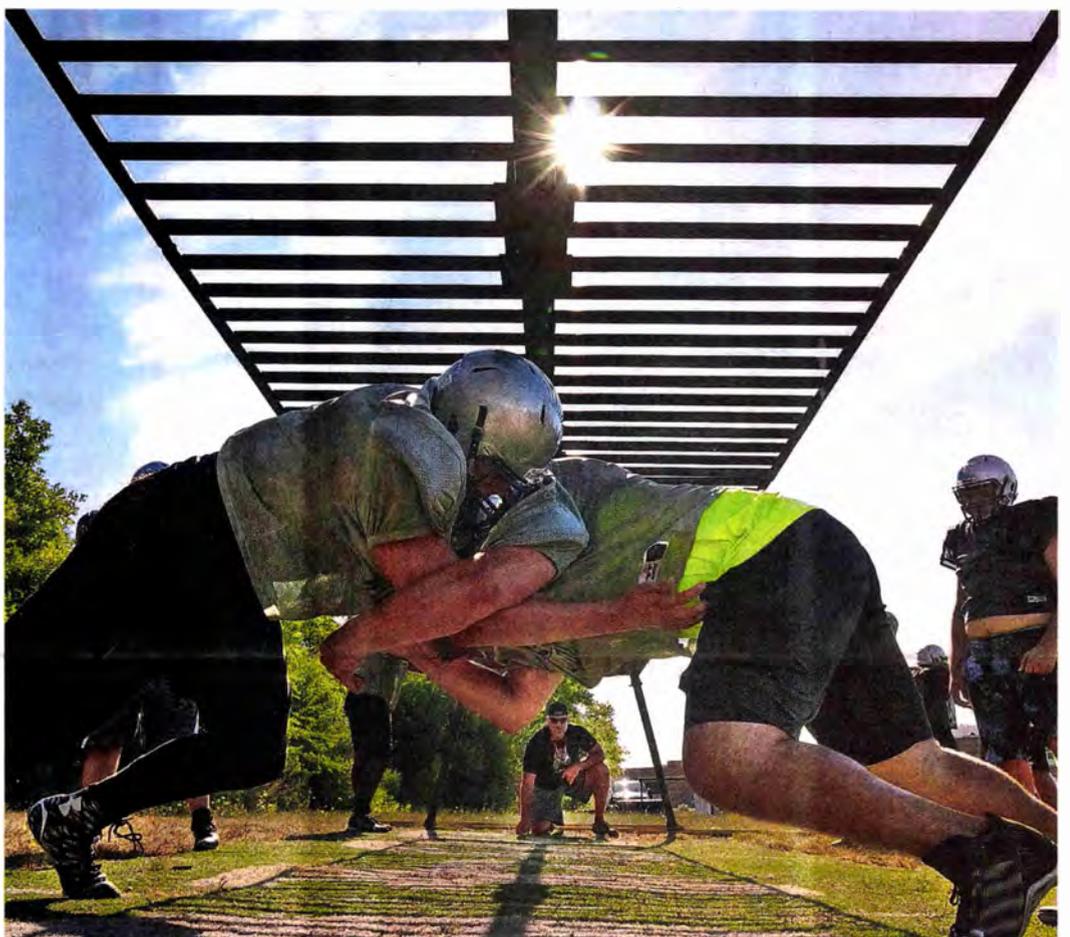
Hall

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Canton native and Plymouth High School graduate Josh Heinze will be competing this week in the 116th U.S. Amateur at Oakland Hills Country Club.

START OF FOOTBALL PRACTICE



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Plymouth football players get in some licks during Wednesday morning's sun-drenched practice.

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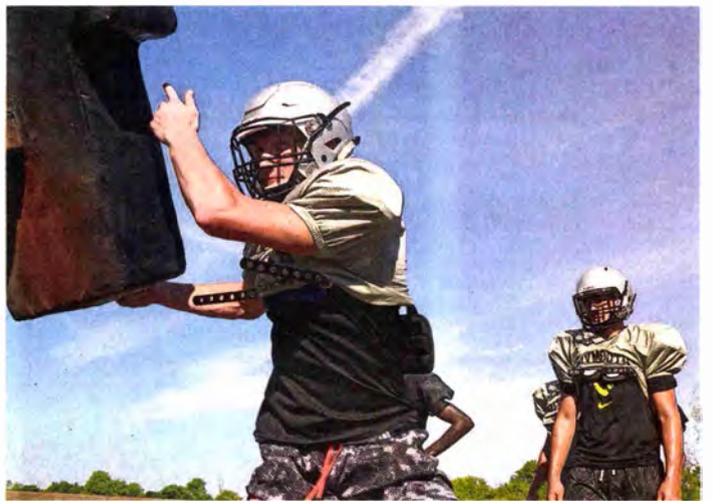
Plymouth varsity, JV learn plays in collaborative setting

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

At first glance, Monday's start of football practice for the Plymouth Wildcats looked the same as any other year.

Out on the practice field just west of the high school, veteran head coach Mike Sawchuk and his staff presided over everything from sideline-to-sideline "gassers" during the morning session to an elaborate, afternoon run-through of offensive plays by players wearing helmets, T-shirts and shorts.

Along the perimeter Monday afternoon were countless water jugs to keep players well-hydrated — not to mention the 40-gallon WaterBoy



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Colton Wieloch hits the sled during the Wildcats' Wednesday morning session.

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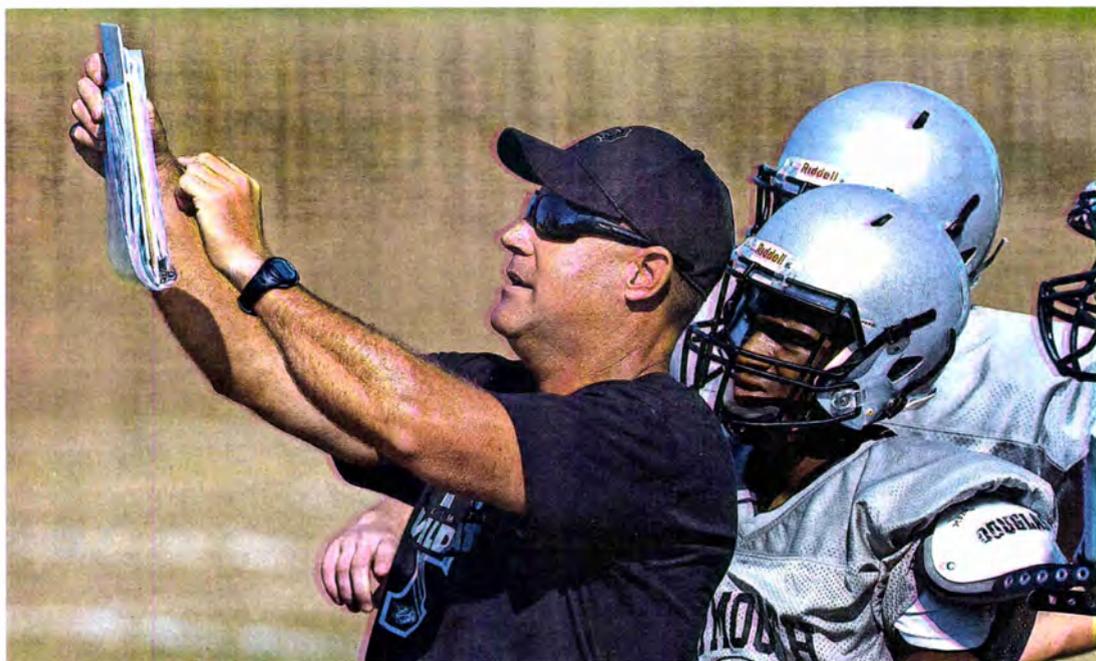
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Plymouth varsity football coach Mike Sawchuk reviews a list of plays during Wednesday's practice.

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FARMINGTON FOOTBALL

Early practices help to build foundation

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

What players do during August football practices will affect what they do in the upcoming season and beyond, according to Farmington coach John Bechtel.

While the Falcons kicked off pre-season preparations last week without a specific theme, the coaches did have a focused message for their players.

"We talk to our kids about character," Bechtel said. "What you do on a daily basis determines who you are. We're just trying to make sure our kids are working hard, they're on time and they're responsible."

"Hopefully, those are lessons they can carry through the rest of the lives."

Bechtel, who begins his 19th season as head coach, was eager to hit the practice field, too, after nine months on the sideline.

"As the coach of a fairly successful high school football program, there are a lot of things involved and a lot of them don't involve coaching," he said.

"One thing that does happen is the chance to get back on the field and coach kids and that's why we do this. It's good to have practices and do what we love to do and that's coach kids."

The Falcons, who were 5-5 last year and lost a 33-30 shootout with Livonia Franklin in the playoffs, were looking forward to the first day in full pads Friday.

"The focus was on fundamentals in terms of X's and O's, trying to get each position under control," Bechtel said of the first few days. "We want to make sure everyone understands alignments, responsibilities and reads. It's the same as everybody else."

It was a hot week, too, with the temperature in the 90s and high humidity. Frequent water breaks are part of program policy.

"Our kids weigh in and out of every practice," Bechtel said. "We monitor weight loss and, if they're not back to where they should be, we sit them out. You have to stay hydrated. It's the same issues during the season."

With 34 players on the varsity and few returning starters, the Falcons have a lot of available opportunities for players who want to play.

"We see kids who've really stepped up in a lot of different areas," Bechtel said. "There's a whole collection of them. We've had a lot of kids stepping up and it's fun to watch. It's their turn."



John Bechtel begins his 19th season as Farmington head football coach.

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drinking station on wheels, complete with six hoses.

"It's really important to stay hydrated, because if you're not hydrated, your energy level is real down, you're sluggish and you're not moving as well," senior lineman Austin Scheffer said during a water break. "But so far, it's been really good. No complaints."

Believe it or not, Scheffer said the long day of sprints, chalk talk and plays was just what the doctor ordered.

"Getting back into this, you definitely miss it," Scheffer said. "I got on the field today and it seemed like it was just yesterday that this (practice) was going on."

Also, per Michigan High School Athletic Association regulations, players could not wear their shoulder pads. The first full day of contact drills is Friday, with the annual Black and Silver Scrimmage slated for Saturday.

That was frustrating for some players, such as sophomore Austin Timko: "We're out here for eight hours and can't even hit anybody."

In it together

But what was taking place was different, too.

Plymouth's varsity and junior varsity teams were on the field together, lined up going in opposite directions from the 50-yard line or so. Both groups were doing a comprehensive run-through of offensive plays.

Standing together along the sidelines were coaches Matt Adams and Kevin Justice and they looked more like baseball coaches giving signs to the batter.

What they were doing was using arm and hand motions to parlay plays to quarterbacks and skill players. Adams and Justice also gestured important details, such as what kind of cadence to use at the line and defensive coverage for that specific play.

"The main benefit is we have all the coaches coaching the same thing, doing the same individual skills, obviously the verbiage," Sawchuk said. "The JV knows how fast we got to go, practice, so the tempo of practice is great."

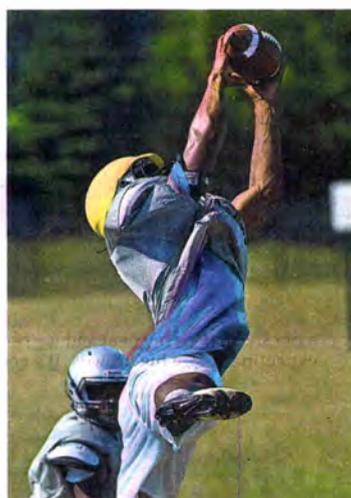
Adams coaches running backs for the varsity, while Justice is JV receivers coach.

"The bottom line is, you have to be a student of the game," Adams said. "This is a complicated offense, a collegiate-level program. It's amazing that



Morning drills for Plymouth's varsity football team included this grueling activity.

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Plymouth's Jayden Dunham makes an interception during an offensive drill.

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they can grasp it, but they execute it and coach each other."

Getting in sync

Instead of varsity, JV and freshman teams practicing in separate clusters, the key to the "collaborative" coaching concept is helping younger players see, hear and feel exactly what the future holds in store for them should they reach the varsity level.

"It's a little rusty first day, but en-

thusiastic," Sawchuk said. "We changed the way we practice a little bit. We're JV and varsity together, so we're trying to iron out a few things and get the kids used to it. As we keep doing it, it will get better."

Varsity quarterbacks Jonah Peterson and Zach Beadle, wearing red shirts, took turns leading the offense through running and throwing plays.

The varsity offense went up against defenders who held blocking pads and wore yellow helmet beanies to enable coaches to keep tabs.

Before and after each whistle, coaches on the field offered critiques and encouragement.

Peterson threaded a pass into the left flat that Allen Farmer snagged before sprinting another 10 yards or so.

"We're not going to put them in situations where they can get hurt, but they have an opportunity to play scout (varsity practice squad) and open up the coaches' eyes," Sawchuk said about JV players working in tandem with the varsity.

Meanwhile, Sawchuk, entering his 10th season as Plymouth's head coach, said it is imperative that younger players learn and find out for themselves just how fast the game goes at the top prep level.

"As we keep giving them things and they can handle it, we'll keep giving them more," Sawchuk said. "If they can't, we'll try to stay where we're at and do it great. Why keep giving them things and do it mediocre?"

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Olympics records (200 freestyle, 800freestyle relay and 400 medley relay).

She has done something far more important than swim fast and win races. She has shined a light on depression, opening up and speaking about her own struggles and touching countless lives.

It has been tough, but courageous. She has used swimming to help others.

And that's about as impressive as it gets.

So if this was her last swim, as most suspect, it was truly impressive.

To go out on top.

Schmitt swam the opening leg of the relay on a team that included Leah Smith, Maya DiRado and Katie Ledecky. They won in a time of 7 minutes, 43.03 seconds.

"To finish off with a relay, with these amazing girls, it was a dream come true," Schmitt said.

Schmitt swam a 1:55.95 split in the preliminaries, which earned a spot in the championship relay.

It was a significant achievement for Schmitt. She had not represented the U.S. on a national team since 2012.

"I was emotional when I found out I made the night relay," Schmitt said. "Now to have a gold medal around my neck, I can't even put it into words."

Going into the final leg, the U.S. was in second place, trailing Australia by 0.89 seconds.

But the U.S. had a secret weapon, that's not so secret — Ledecky, the new-



Canton native Allison Schmitt (from left), Madeline "Maya" Dirado and Leah Smith look at the results board after they won the gold medal for the USA. This could be Schmitt's final Olympics.

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ly-crowned 200-meter gold medalist.

"As Maya was still swimming the third leg," Schmitt said, "I turned to Katie and said, 'You know, everybody here is scared to swim against you. You got this.'"

Some 100 meters later, Ledecky had a 0.63-second lead.

And Schmitt had one last golden moment.

Emotional time

After the race, Schmitt met with Michael Phelps, her long-time friend,

and with Bob Bowman, her long-time coach.

"It was pretty emotional," Schmitt said. "I was ecstatic. I was loud. I was probably the loudest in the cool down pool. But it was very genuine hugs, long hugs."

As far as the future, Schmitt is thinking about getting a master's degree.

"I have a passion about spreading awareness in mental health and destigmatizing the negativity around that," she said. "I know eventually I want to learn the scientific background

around that. I want to go back and get my master's so I can talk about the scientific background and the experiences I've had. Hopefully save some lives."

And she wants to travel.

"I haven't seen much of other countries, besides the hotel and the pool," she said. "I'm excited to travel the world, see other places, learn other cultures."

A day later, Schmitt was still beaming.

"It was incredible," she said. "At one point, I never thought I would represent Team USA again."

Proud parents

On Thursday afternoon, Schmitt held a news conference in the main media center.

Her parents sat in the back. "You would think that the third time around that we would know the ropes," Ralph Schmitt said.

As he spoke, his eyes welled up with tears. "This is highly emotional," he said. "It is phenomenal."

Schmitt's parents had slept only a few hours.

"I'm so proud," Gail Schmitt said. "To come forward, to talk about it and try to help so many people and have such a passion for it, I'm just so extremely proud of her."

Interesting, isn't it?

Gail Schmitt didn't talk about her daughter's records or her Olympic medals.

She beamed when talking about how her daughter is trying to help others.

Which is probably all you need to know about Allison, where she came from and where she is headed.

GOLF

BRADY'S BUNCH: OHCC's newest head pro, staff prep for U.S. Amateur

Marty Budner
Staff Writer

The U.S. Amateur tees off this week at Oakland Hills Country Club and Steve Brady — the new head professional at the venerable venue — can't wait for the prestigious tournament to tee off.

The 116th U.S. Amateur Championship, conducted by the U.S. Golf Association, begins Monday with 18 holes of stroke play. Ironically, the first major championship Brady was involved with after arriving at Oakland Hills in 1997 as director of golf instruction was the 2002 U.S. Amateur.

"It's very exciting to have this be my first major championship here," Brady said from inside his office at the club's pro shop. "There's probably been a few more sleepless nights about what could go wrong ... I've never had to worry about so many things at one time before."

"But we've been planning this tournament for probably four or five years," he added. "Now it's here and we're looking forward to it. The staff is excited."

Besides the 2002 U.S. Amateur, where Ricky Barnes defeated Hunter Mahan, Brady also served on the staff for both the 2004 Ryder Cup and the 2008 PGA Championship.

A different feel

However, it's a totally different feel now as he officially took over as head professional in January from Pat Crosswell.

Brady, 57, indicated his current post will severely challenge his management skills like The Monster's well-known undulating greens will test each of the amateur golfers' putting abilities over the next seven days.

"It's funny, I've been here for eight months and being the head professional is a little bit better indicator of your management skills," said Brady, who was named to the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame in 2013. "I would say being the head pro, there's a lot more pressure in different ways."

"You have to manage the (pro shop) team and have a great team. You have to answer a lot more questions, a lot more emails, a lot more texts and a lot more voice mails. Just from people around the country wanting this or wanting that. Before I took over this year, Pat Crosswell would always field those questions."

"The questions the team has now come to me, versus when I would go to Pat and ask him questions," he added. "But to be honest, I have a great staff and they can pretty much answer those questions on their own and, if there is



MARTY BUDNER

Steve Brady's first USGA championship as Oakland Hills Country Club's head professional will be this week's U.S. Amateur.

something they're unsure of or need approval, they will come to me."

Brady said staffers Dave Drisko, a longtime PGA member who serves as tournament director for club events, and Kristee Wright, director of merchandise, are his two "field generals."

They must all be on top of their games to ensure success both on the course and in the pro shop.

"Dave and Kristee are both very good at what they do and I don't know if I would be here without them," Brady said. "The most important thing for all of us is communication with emails with the USGA, the rest of our senior staff at Oakland Hills and our golf staff."

"We just have to make sure there is enough quality merchandise in the shop the week of the event," he added. "And we have to make sure we have a Plan B or Plan C just in case something unexpected comes up."

THE AMATEUR FACTS

What: 116th U.S. Amateur Championship
Where: Oakland Hills Country Club
When: Aug. 15-21
Field: 312 amateurs, with an average age of 22.3, representing 29 countries and 46 states. Oldest player is Patrick Tallent, 63, from Virginia; youngest is Karl Vilips, 14, from Australia.
Format: 36 holes of stroke play Aug. 15-16, with the low 64 golfers advancing to match play. Six rounds of match play begin Aug. 17, with the 36-hole final scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 21
Tickets: \$20 (single-day grounds) and \$75 (weekly pass). Military personnel and students admitted free with valid ID. Tickets available online at 2016usamateer.com

Greens are the key

The tournament features the world's top 312 amateurs, who will engage in one round of stroke play on both of Oakland Hills highly-regarded courses — the North and South. The North Course will play to 6,849 yards and the South will be a little longer at 7,334 yards. Both will be set up at par-70.

The field will be reduced to the low 64 scorers, who then compete in match play on the South Course until a winner is determined. Brady said there is usually a playoff to determine the final match play field and that's usually one of the tournament's more memorable moments. The playoff would take place early Wednesday morning on the North Course.

"That's probably one of the most exciting parts of the tournament," said Brady, a college golf All-American out of Saginaw State University. "Usually, you have maybe a dozen or 20 players for a half-dozen spots. That is usually a tournament in itself."

"The greens are what the players are going to have to watch out for, but it's the USGA who determines whether or not the greens will be fast or slow," he added. "And it's how the USGA will set up the course — the hole locations — is usually what determines whether the scores will be high or low."

Brady said the driving range or the 12th tee area on the South Course, where you can overlook five different holes, are two strong options for spectators to watch the action. In a unique aspect to the U.S. Amateur, patrons are allowed to follow in the golfers' footsteps right on the course.

"The course is in great shape. Steve Cook, our superintendent, does a fantastic job," he said. "It's a circus and it's a big show. It's a big deal and we're expecting pretty big crowds. It's going to be a big week."

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the sectional qualifier held in early July at Southfield's Plum Hollow Country Club.

Hall shot a 141 (69-72) to tie Toledo's Ben Silverman for the title in the 83-player field. That sectional qualifier was one of 99 sites across the country, along with two international sites, that helped to produce the final list of entrants into this year's U.S. Amateur.

Experience helps

Hall was satisfied with both his play and his mindset to top the Plum Hollow qualifying field.

"I just played very solid all day," Hall said. "It's 36 holes in one day and you kind of have some ups and downs, but I managed to just hang around and not make any big mistakes."

"I hit the ball well all day, made a few putts and I think my experience really helped. I had a little stretch in the afternoon where I made three pars and three bogeys, but I kind of knew that was normal. You're not going to tear it up all day."

"I think some of my experience of playing events over the years was helpful," he added. "If I was a young guy, I probably would have felt I was giving it away. But I resisted that urge, kept playing and ended up making a couple birdies coming in and squeaking in. It was a fun day to play."

Hall, who works in the family's financial service company, has played the revered Oakland Hills courses on many occasions with friends. He figures course familiarity will give him a slight advantage.

However, he is fully cognizant of the challenges historic Oakland Hills will offer — undulating greens, tough pin placements, narrow fairways and tricky rough.

"Oakland Hills is a tremendous golf course and I think it's a great spot to have a U.S. Am, because it's hard," said Hall, who has taken instruction from many of Michigan's top pros over the years, including Steve Brady of Oakland Hills. "Everything about it is demanding. There are no easy shots on the golf courses, but those are the kinds of courses they play U.S. Amateurs on."

"Par is always a good number on basically any hole in the U.S. Amateur," he added. "Greens are hard and firm and Oakland Hills is as tough as any course in the country. There are guys there who potentially have more game than I do, but I will know the course a little bit. But it's all about hitting the shots and executing."

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Player of the Year

After graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School, Hall attended the University of Michigan, where he made the golf team as a walk-on. He worked hard to be a starter and eventually earned plenty of playing time as a senior.

Hall then became a regular player on the Michigan tour circuit, winning Player of the Year honors in 1995. He reached the round of 16 at the U.S. Mid-Amateur in 1996 and represented Michigan in the USGA Men's State Team Championship twice. Hall was a medalist at the North and South in 1995.

"I've been playing a little more lately and still working a lot," he said. "But I've been kind of playing a little bit better lately and, obviously, the game's a whole lot more fun when you're shooting lower scores."

The U.S. Amateur, which includes golfers from 29 countries, consists of 36 holes of stroke play Monday and Tuesday — 18 holes for each player on both the North and South courses. The field will be reduced to the low 64 scorers, who advance to match play competition that will eventually produce the 2016 U.S. Amateur champion.

Many of golf's greatest professionals, such as Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gene Littler, Lanny Wadkins, Hall Sutton, Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods, have won the Hagemeyer Trophy, which is awarded to the winner.

MICHIGAN'S ENTRANTS

The 116th U.S. Amateur at Oakland Hills Country Club features a field of 312 golfers, nine from Michigan. Following are Michigan's entrants and their first two tee times Monday and Tuesday:

- » David Hall (Birmingham) — 7:40 a.m. Aug. 15, North Course No. 1; 1:05 p.m. Aug. 16, South Course No. 10
- » Jeff Champine (Rochester Hills) — 7:45 a.m. Aug. 15, North Course No. 10; 1 p.m. Aug. 16, South Course No. 1
- » Anthony Sorentino (Shelby Township) — 8:25 a.m. Aug. 15, North Course No. 10; 1:40 p.m. Aug. 16, South Course No. 1
- » Blaze Hogan (Big Rapids) — 7:40 a.m. Aug. 15, South Course No. 1; 1:05 p.m. Aug. 16, North Course No. 10
- » Carson Castellani (East Lansing) — 9:40 a.m. Aug. 15, South Course No. 1; 3:05 p.m. Aug. 16, North Course No. 10
- » Nick Carlson (Hamilton) — 7:45 a.m. Aug. 15, South Course No. 10; 1:20 p.m. Aug. 16, North Course No. 1
- » Josh Heinze (Canton) — 8:05 a.m. Aug. 15, South Course No. 10; 1:20 p.m. Aug. 16, North Course No. 1
- » Ben Smith (Novi) — 9:15 a.m. Aug. 15, South Course No. 10; 2:30 p.m. Aug. 16, North Course No. 1
- » Bradley Bastion (Shelby Township) — 3:05 p.m. Aug. 15, South Course No. 10; 9:40 a.m. Aug. 16, North Course No. 1

Planetdance teams rock KAR National Finals world

Canton studio takes top honors at Myrtle Beach-hosted competition

Planetdance from Canton recently took the KAR National Finals at Myrtle Beach, S.C., by storm.

The competitive dance team took top honors all week, including performances in top mini group, placements in the mini solo and duo division, placements in the junior and teen division and top senior soloist.

Among individual accomplishments were:

» Cadance Toby, 8, of Westland was crowned fourth runner-up Petite Miss Dance of America.

» Lindsey Koshowsky, 13, of Canton was crowned fifth runner-up Teen Miss of America.

» Vazhane Sawyers, 18, of Canton received a \$500 cash scholarship.

Planetdance senior dancers won the senior elite grand championship.

The studio, owned by Jen Tompkins, was also awarded Studio of the Year during finals.

Meanwhile, Planetdance is currently moving to a new location, which will allow parents and dancers to have a fresh start in the dance world with numerous opportunities for recreational and competitive dancers of all ages.

To that end, the studio will hold its 13th annual summer intensive workshop Aug. 15-16. Outside choreographers and dancers will take part.

For more, go to planetdancestudio.com or call 734-414-0641.



PLANETDANCE

From left are Lindsey Koshowsky, 13, of Canton, Planetdance owner/director Jen Tompkins and Cadance Toby, 8, of Westland. Lindsey was awarded fifth runner-up Teen Miss of America, while Cadance was awarded fourth runner-up Petite Miss Dance of America at the recent KAR National Finals in Myrtle Beach.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

GC tennis tryouts

Garden City's varsity boys tennis program is hosting tryouts at 9 a.m. Monday at the high school tennis courts.

For more information, contact coach Ron Punmill at 734-765-5479.

Hole-in-one club

Kyosuke Nakamura, 36, of Ann Arbor, sank a hole-in-one July 31 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Nakamura used a 5-iron and Pro V1X golf ball to ace the 179-yard No. 6 hole at the Golden Fox course.

MWGA golf event

The Michigan Women's Golf Association will host the four-woman Cha-Cha-Cha Tournament Aug. 22 at Paint Creek Country Club in Lake Orion.

The format uses the one score of the player(s) with the lowest gross and net on par-5s, the two lowest gross and net scores on par-4s and the three lowest gross and net scores on par-3s.

The event begins with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. There will be at least two flights by team handicap and awards for the gross and net team winners.

The entry deadline is Friday, Aug. 12. To register, go to www.mwga.org.

First-time golf ace

At the age of 82, Robert Ford of Bloomfield Hills still has the right touch with a golf club.

Ford, who has been playing golf for more than 60 years, shot his first hole-in-one Aug. 3 at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

He used a 6-iron to ace the 135-yard eighth hole. His feat was witnessed by Dan Eastman.



PLANETDANCE

Planetdance's team of Morgan Besant, Maddie Haack, Lindsey Koshowsky, Molly Howard, Marisa Stafford, Brooke Arcuragi and Vazhane Sawyers are all smiles after winning honors in Myrtle Beach.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Email event information for this calendar at Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

AUGUST CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14
Location: Zhong Shu Temple Michigan, 23845 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: In addition to the calligraphy class, the temple also runs a Tao session in English at 10 a.m.
Contact: 248-579-4791

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 18-19 and 25-26
Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills

Details: Trinity and Friends choir presents "Let's Go To The Movies." Tickets are \$12
Contact: trinityinthewoods.org

CONCERT CANCELED

Time/Date: Aug. 15
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28860 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Kim-Char Meredith's concert has been canceled
Contact: unityoflivonia; 734-421-1760

GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21-Nov. 6
Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Grief support group provides help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Cost is \$20 and includes workbook.
Contact: 248-766-5977

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20
Location: Sacred Heart Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Bicycles, furniture, antiques, lamps and light fixtures, tools and hardware, kids games and toys, sporting goods, home decor, kitchenware, books, music, movies and more. All proceeds will go toward church utility bills
Contact: Sacred Heart church office, 734-522-3166

T-SHIRT COLLECTION

Time/Date: Aug. 15-Sept. 15
Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church is collecting T-shirts in bright colors for adults and youngsters in Zimbabwe. Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills-based charity, will send the donations to Africa next month. A donation box is accessible 24/7 and is stationed at the church's front door
Contact: kenwoodchurch.org

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 21
Location: Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds outdoor services with childcare provided
Contact: 734-459-3333, connectingwithGod.org

YOUTH SOCCER

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m., Aug. 15-19
Location: Crossroads Church/Trinity Church Grounds, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Soccer camp for boys and girls ages 5 and up, any skill level. \$25 per student; non-refundable. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks. Register at www.crossroad-snow.org
Contact: info@crossroad-snow.org, or Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY GALA

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Wattles, Troy

Details: Gala celebrates Bloomfield Hills-based Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 90th anniversary. The Rev. Leo Cachat will celebrate Mass. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and dancing will follow. Marie Osborne of WJR 760 AM radio will emcee. Tickets are \$100 and \$20
Contact: 248-644-4933; manresa.sj.org

GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 19
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Grief support group will meet for 13 sessions. Each week participants will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects, and will spend time in discussion. Workbooks will be available for personal study of the grieving process. Register at christoursavior.org
Contact: Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830 or Mike McGrath at 248-505-8894

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and

related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancy-len879@att.net

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livonia-st-michael.org

Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386
Contact: facebook.com/stinno-cenredford

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests

welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

Recycling RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibro-group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore
Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Devon Aire Community Church of the Nazarene

Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. Sunday service

Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at W. Chicago Road, Livonia

Details: Service with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Sunday school and child care
Contact: 313-550-4301

Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 8-12

Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking

Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road

Contact: 734-421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Contact: 734-427-3660

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service

Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi

Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

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- 1. Home health aides**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 23
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 19
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 992,134
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$10.86
- 2. Personal care aides**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 29
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 17
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 1,854,568
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$10.28



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- 3. Nurse practitioners**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 17
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 16
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 135,181
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$47.33
- 4. Physical therapists**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 13
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 16
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 223,310
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$40.16
- 5. Web developers**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 28
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 15
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 173,354
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$30.27
- 6. Physician assistants**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 13
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 14
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 101,165
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$47.53
- 7. Veterinary technologists and technicians**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 19
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 13
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 103,747
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$15.91

- 8. Occupational therapists**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 10
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 13
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 121,822
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$38.23
- 9. Phlebotomists**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 10
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 12
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 600,001
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$41.49
- 10. Computer systems analysts**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 19
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 12
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 600,001
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$41.49
- 11. Substance-abuse and behavioral-disorder counselors**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 12
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 12
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 101,453
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$20.09
- 12. Health care social workers**
 - ▶ Percentage change (2010-15): 15
 - ▶ Projected percentage change (2016-21): 12
 - ▶ 2016 jobs: 167,821
 - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$25.87

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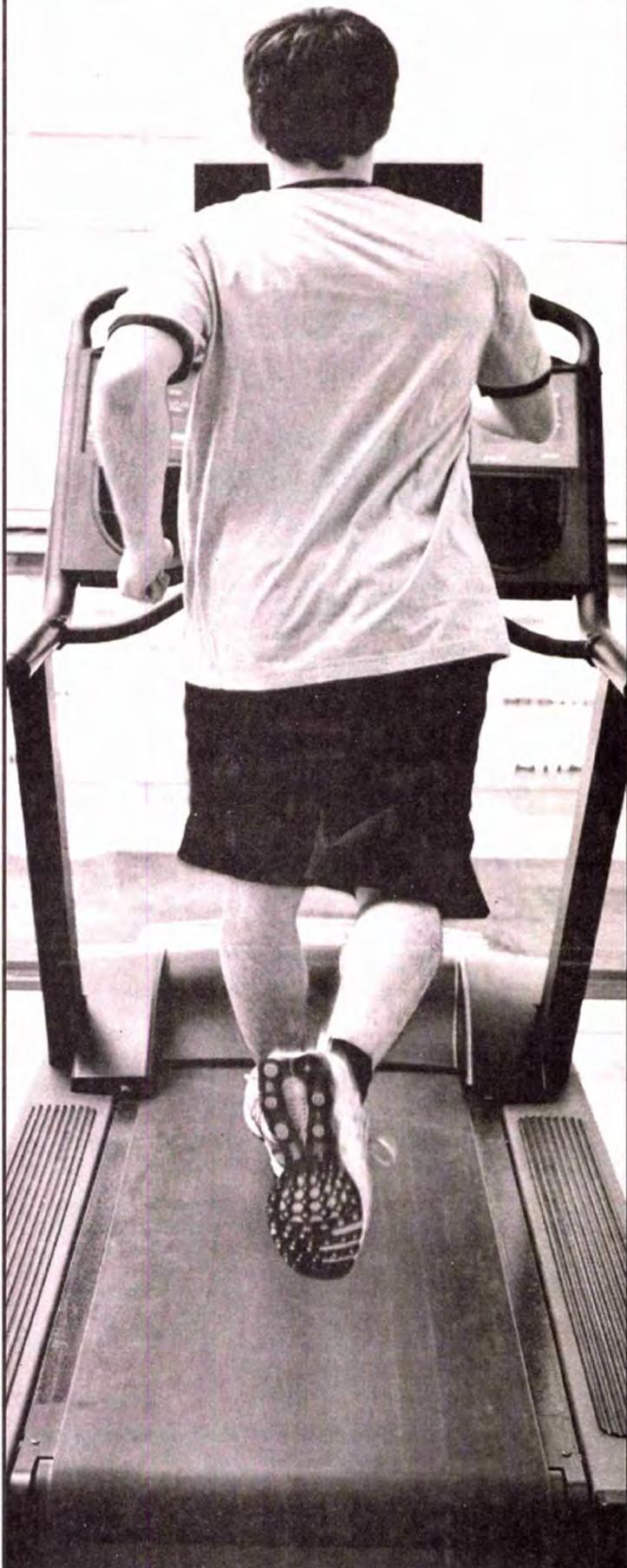
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	5			4					2
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		2	8					7	
		5			9	3			1
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		3			6				5
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

5	2	8	3	1	6	4	9	7
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- CUTPURSE
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- ENOW
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- FAIRY
- FARE
- FIE
- FORSOOTH
- GAMES
- GOOD MORROW
- GRAMERCY
- HAPLY
- HITHER
- HUZZAH
- JOUST
- KNIGHTS
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- LORD
- MAIDEN
- MASTER
- MAYHAP
- MISTRESS
- NAY
- OFT
- PERCHANCE
- POPPET
- PRITHEE
- RENAISSANCE
- SHIRE
- WENCH
- WHEREFORE
- YONDER

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POWERAMP	ODESSA	TRIER
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REVILED	THEGOODS	ETHOS
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KNIT	STOUT	GIRHEAVEN
VEN	REC	EST
YEN	KIMCHI	DECA
STAR	HOAGIE	EAYORE
LIVED	WITH	BLUEDRESSON
OBAMAS	AMBLINOR	MAST
MURED	JEAN	SIT
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STRAW	AND	ALL
RATNY	ORR	DAI
ALONE	LA	W
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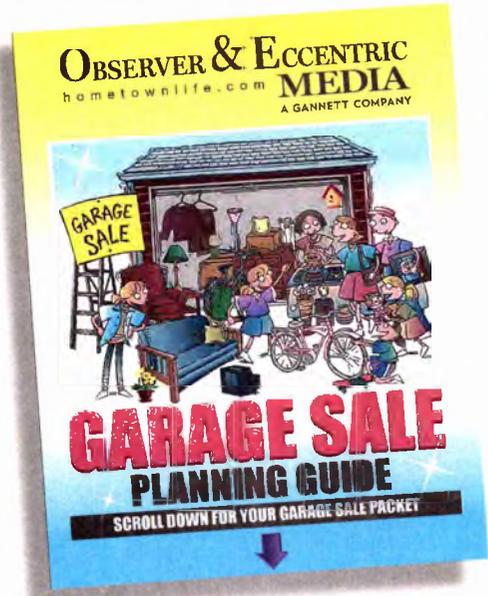
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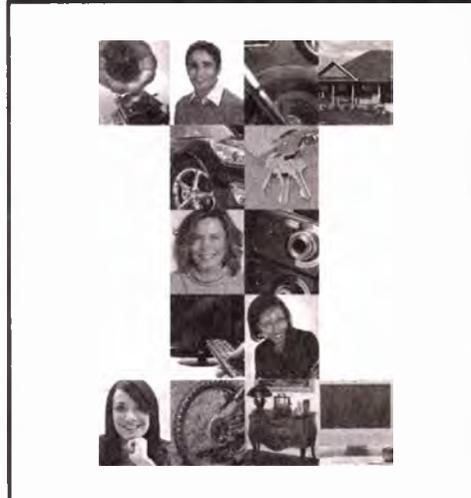
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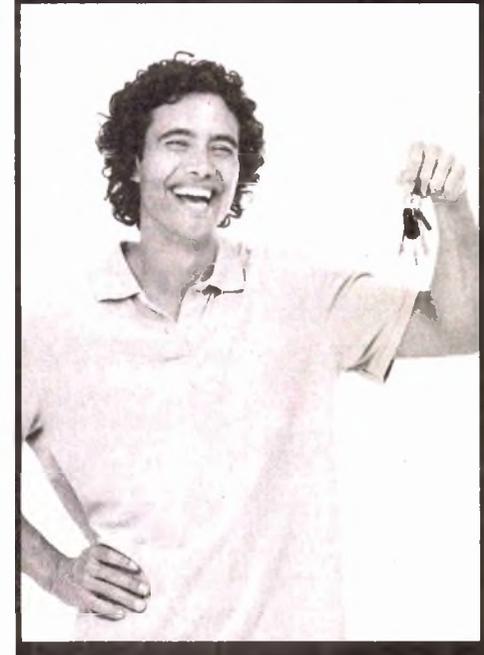


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Car Report

THE LINCOLN WAY: FORD'S LUXURY BRAND PROGRESSES AS IT GEARS UP FOR LAUNCH OF NEW CONTINENTAL SEDAN



By Dale Buss

Lincoln is coming out with its best products ever, with the exciting promise of an all-new Continental flagship sedan debuting this fall. Its marketing renaissance remains solidly built around

Matthew McConaughey. Sales also have been on an uptick so far this year. Now the Ford-owned luxury brand is moving with more determination in one of the other important battlegrounds in the premium-auto space: brick and mortar.

Mimicking the "experience center" concept that helped Lincoln gain a foothold for the first time in China, the brand has opened a Lincoln Experience Center on Fashion Island in Newport Beach, Calif. It will announce a second location later this year.

At the location, people can "engage with Lincoln products and connect with relevant luxury information, activities and experiences," the brand said in a press release. These include learning about the "design inspiration" behind various Lincoln vehicles, enjoying a complimentary drink and taking a Lincoln for a test drive. Hosts will refer consumers to



The Lincoln Experience Center in California.

a nearby Lincoln dealer, if they're interested.

Lincoln reports that 50,000 people so far have walked by the place in the high-end shopping district and about 4,500 have come inside.

But it's just part of the brand's "largest investment ever in personalized experiences [and] services for clients," according to the press release.

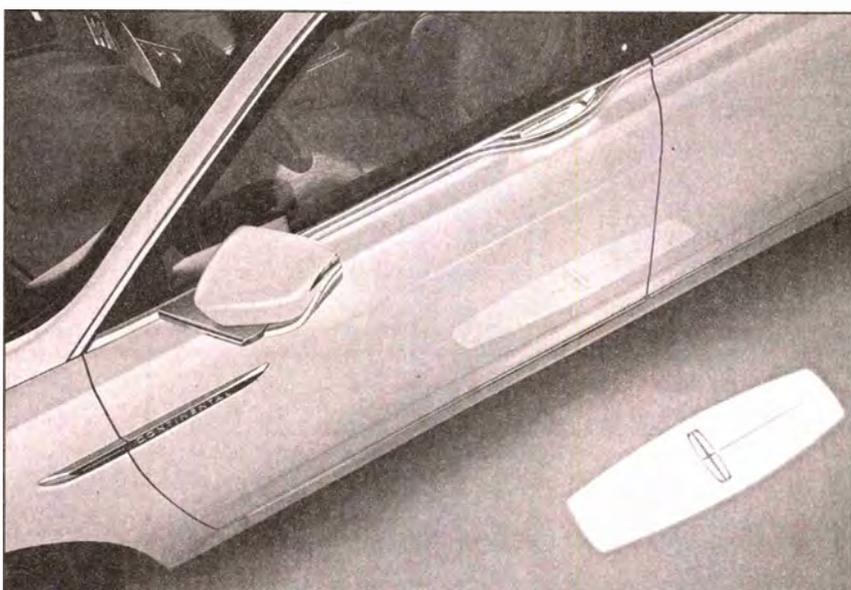
The "suite" of "enhanced client experiences" includes valet pickup and delivery service that is being ushered in with the new 2017 Lincoln Continental this fall, and a future app that will help Lincoln owners with "parking solutions and other commerce services."

In the US, The Lincoln Way will build on the Lincoln Black Label platform that currently "offers the ultimate expression of Lincoln style and substance," as the brand put it, in Lincoln dealerships, including personalized shopping with dedicated personnel in the showroom and access to a curated list of restaurants coast-to-coast called the Culinary Collection.

The Lincoln Way also builds on Lincoln's experiences in China. The automaker had to go from a standing start in one of the world's most competitive luxury car markets, and it said that "full-service client care has helped differentiate the brand" there. Lincoln sold nearly 12,000 vehicles in China last year, its first full year of sales in the country, while this year's sales already have exceeded 12,000.

"We believe that when you buy a really great luxury car," Lincoln says on its website for China, explaining The Lincoln Way, "you deserve more than just a really great luxury car. You deserve a luxury experience."

Why shouldn't Lincoln try to compete in China? It never had a presence there until the last couple of years, but China's auto market



The exterior "welcome mat" feature of the new Lincoln Continental.

remains a bit of wild west, where just about any western luxury brand still has a chance to establish a profitable beachhead and long-term growth.

And overall, it's interesting how the Lincoln journey has continued in the last few years under new Ford CEO Mark Fields after former CEO Alan Mulally reportedly was interested in letting the struggling brand die.

While new products have only been trickling into the Lincoln lineup as Ford slowly turns it over, they are worthy vehicles. And unlike traditional rival Cadillac, Lincoln already had a good representation of products — albeit older ones — in the fast-rising SUV and crossover segments.

Thus, Lincoln SUV sales for the

first seven months of 2016 were up by more than 19 percent over a year earlier, while Lincoln car sales were down, though only by a respectable 4 percent. Combined, Lincoln brand sales were 10 percent ahead of a year earlier, through July.

So as the luxury segment of the US auto industry has continued to perform well, it makes every bit of sense for Ford to insist on being a long-term player there via Lincoln.

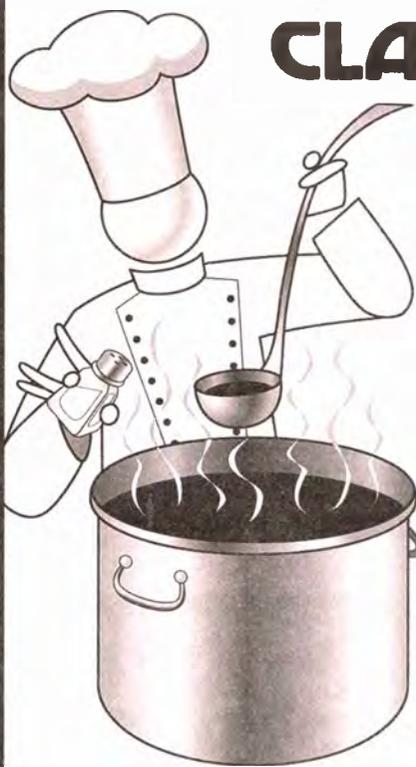
Thus it's probably a great time for the debut of the new Continental. The new vehicle gives Ford engineers and Lincoln brand handlers the chance to present an all-new flagship when it arrives at dealers this fall. It'll follow by just several months the launch of

Cadillac's new flagship large sedan, CT6.

Among other features of the new Continental, for example, is what the brand calls "Approach Detection" technology. Exterior "welcome mats" illuminate, and soft exterior and interior lights glow to provide the feeling of a warm welcome.

The technology "does more than just turn on lights," said Sheryl Connelly, Ford's global consumer trends and future manager. "It allows Continental to welcome you as if arriving at a friend's house for dinner, or checking into a resort. It makes you feel at home where you have everything you need and you are in a serene and familiar space."

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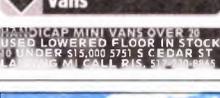
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