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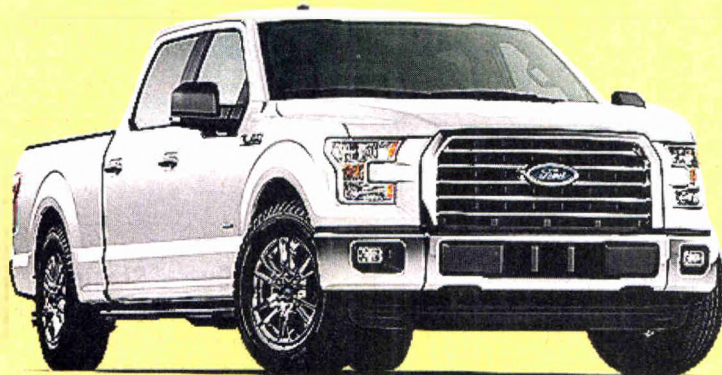
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**FIFE AND DRUM OPEN HOUSE**

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15

**Location:** Bus loop behind Salem High School

**Details:** Ever wonder what the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is all about? The open house — a chance to see the Corps in rehearsal — will take place in the bus loop behind Salem High School. In its 45-year history, the PFDC has never before opened a rehearsal to the public. People of all ages will have an opportunity see the Corps in action. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps consists of students ages 12-18. It's a nonprofit group of young musicians and performers who parade, dressed in Colonial-era garb, while playing live the fife and drum music of two centuries ago. The Corps appears in many local parades and tours each summer

**Contact:** <http://pfdc.us/pfdbclog/> or find it on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pfdc.us/](http://www.facebook.com/pfdc.us/)

**AUDITIONS FOR 'THE HAUNTING OF BILLOP HOUSE'**

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 15-16

**Location:** The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** Spotlight Players' senior group Still Got It Players, along with director Joe Arcel and producer Laura Kitzman, would like to welcome people ages 40-99 to audition for this thriller. Character descriptions as well as all other information for the auditions can be found at <http://spotlightplayersmi.org/> under Auditions. "The Haunting of Billop House" runs Oct. 20-23, at the Village Theater in Canton. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday performances at 2 p.m.

**Cost:** Free to audition. membership required once cast.

**Contact:** For more information, go to <http://spotlightplayersmi.org/>

**JAZZ AT THE ELKS**

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30

**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Guests will be entertained by the Bill Meyer Group, who will be backing DJ Holliday, who sings Billie Holiday favorites and original compositions. Come and hear about the DJ's amazing life story. Bill Meyer on keys, Gayelynn McKinney on drums and Ralphe Armstrong on



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bass. Styled after their regular Thursday night gig at Bert's Marketplace, Bill invites musicians to jam with the group. DJ will have her newly released CD available, "Before I Go."

**Cost:** \$10 donation at the door. Includes hors d'oeuvres

**Contact:** Call 734-453-1780, go to [www.plymouthannarbor-elks325.com](http://www.plymouthannarbor-elks325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com)

**'SOUTH PACIFIC' COMES TO CANTON**

**Time/Date:** Sept. 16-18, 23-25, Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m.

**Location:** The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** Spotlight Players presents the classic musical "South Pacific" with song favorites including: "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair," "Some Enchanted Evening" and "There Is Nothin' Like A Dame." This story involves love and loss, camaraderie, and overcoming prejudice.

**Cost:** Tickets are \$16 to \$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or at <http://www.cantonmi.org/290/Village-Theater>. Tickets are also available for purchase at The Village Theater Box office one hour prior to show time.

**Contact:** For more information, go to <http://spotlightplayersmi.org/>

**VFW FUNDRAISERS**

**Time/Date:** Various  
**Location:** VFW Post 6695, 1426

S. Mill St., Plymouth  
**Details:** A number of events will be held to raise money for the post

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK**

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. each Sunday through Aug. 21

**Location:** Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hills roads, across from the Village Theater

**Details:** St. Michael Lutheran hosts worship services in a casual atmosphere. Professionally managed child care will be provided. Immediately following Worship in the Park on Aug. 7, a free picnic happens from 12:30-2 p.m. on the grounds of the Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse. Hot dogs, cookies, chips and water will be provided, while you enjoy some musical entertainment from one of our praise bands.

**Contact:** Church office at 734-459-3333 or go to [www.connectingwithGod.org](http://www.connectingwithGod.org)

**SHAKESPEARE FEST**

**Time/Date:** Through Aug. 14  
**Location:** Village Theater, Cherry Hill, Canton

**Details:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is again teaming with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to present a three-week run of performances in Canton. This year's 22nd festival season will feature productions of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and "Richard II," as well as Karen Tarjan's "The Killer Angels," based on the novel by Michael Shaara

**Cost:** Tickets are on sale now, including season flex passes, at [www.cantonvillageheater.org](http://www.cantonvillageheater.org). A flex pass will include one ticket to each production and show dates and times can be chosen at the time of purchase or at a later date. Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$40, depending on patron's age

**Contact:** [www.cantonvillageheater.org](http://www.cantonvillageheater.org) or call 734-394-5300

**RAINFOREST ADVENTURE EXHIBIT AT CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**

**Times/days/dates:** Exhibit open during museum hours through Sept. 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

**Details:** Cranbrook Institute of Science has opened a new exhibit called Rainforest Adventure, an interactive maze where museum visitors descend through the four layers of the rainforest, and even see live rainforest animals on display. The traveling exhibit is free with museum admission. For more information on hours and pricing, go to <http://science.cranbrook.edu/visit/tickets-pricing>, call 248-644-5210 or go to [christchurchcranbrook.org](http://christchurchcranbrook.org)

**SENIOR GAMES**

**Time/Date:** Aug. 23-25  
**Location:** Various places in Canton

**Details:** Area seniors are invited to enter the inaugural Canton Senior Games for variety of fun

and challenging activities for men and women age 55 and older. This year's events include sports tournaments (golf, pickleball, tennis, billiards); cards/Wii games (eucre, pinochle, Wii bowling); and field games (bean bag toss, bocce ball, Frisbee toss, softball throw, basketball shot, soccer kick, football toss)

**Contact:** Registration is now available at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or in person at the Canton Club 55+ at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway. All participants must register by Wednesday, Aug. 10

**CANTON CHAMBER GOLF**

**Time/Date:** Sept. 15  
**Location:** Pheasant Run Golf Club, Canton

**Details:** The Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing is open to the public and various packages are available for purchase. All golf packages include beverages on the course, steak dinner and prizes. Individual golf is \$150 or the dinner alone is \$35. Sponsorships are available.

**Contact:** 734-453-4040 or go to [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com)

**SENIOR GOLF**

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23  
**Location:** Pheasant Run Golf Club, Canton

**Details:** Area seniors ages 55 and over are encouraged to hit the links for 18 holes in this four-person golf scramble that includes a continental breakfast, lunch and cart for \$49 for Canton residents and \$54 for non-residents. Come as a foursome, twosome or a single player. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 9 a.m. Lunch at the clubhouse is planned at 1:30 p.m. Prizes for several on-course contests will be awarded, including men's and women's closest to the pin. Additional door prizes will also be available. First place will be decided by a blind draw.

**Contact:** Registration is underway. Seniors are encouraged to reserve a spot by calling 734-394-5485 or register in person through Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Canton Club 55+, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

**FASHION SETTERS EXHIBIT**

**Time/Date:** Museum hours, through Nov. 6  
**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum

**Details:** The First Ladies Fashion Setters exhibit features more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history. Other memorabilia highlighting elections, the presidents and the first ladies will also be displayed.

**SEEKING COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS**

**Time/Date:** Until September  
**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5820 N. Lilley Road, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged, as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Next new volunteer orientation is Sept. 13 in the hospice office.

**Contact:** Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, at 888-983-9050.

You are hereby notified that there will be a hearing in the matter of, James Burton vs. Allied Waste, et al, Case No.: 14-NW-CV01873, as a result of the wrongful death of John Porter Burton, born on October 6, 1938, formerly of Seneca, Missouri, on August 26, 2016 at 11:15 a.m. at Newton County Courthouse, 101 S. Wood, Neosho, MO 64850, pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. § 537.095. All persons who are members of the class entitled to sue or join in this action are entitled to be present and to present evidence. Contact Katrina Richards of The Hersheve Law Firm, PC, 417-782-3790, for more information.

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# Local woman helped give rise to 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 Wil-

liams," 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 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 hesitate," 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



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

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.

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.

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.

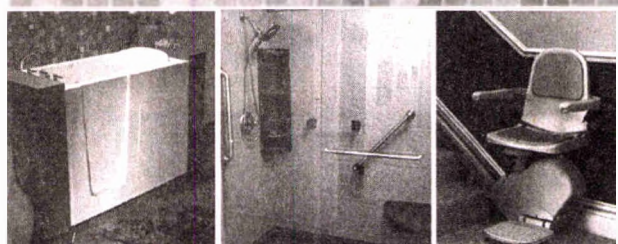
"Stan gained 15 pounds from my mom's cooking while I was in Europe," she said. "He was a very supportive husband."

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.

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.

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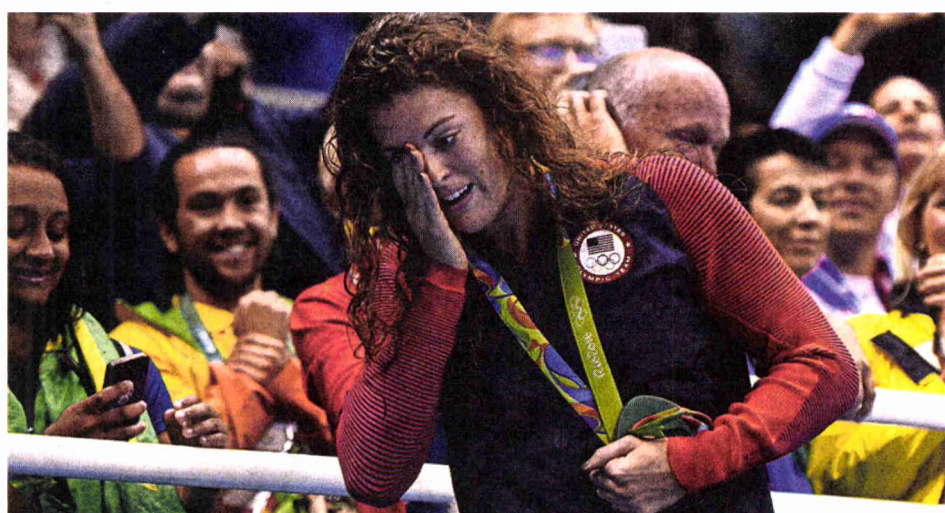
## Schmitt's win worth more than gold

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 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



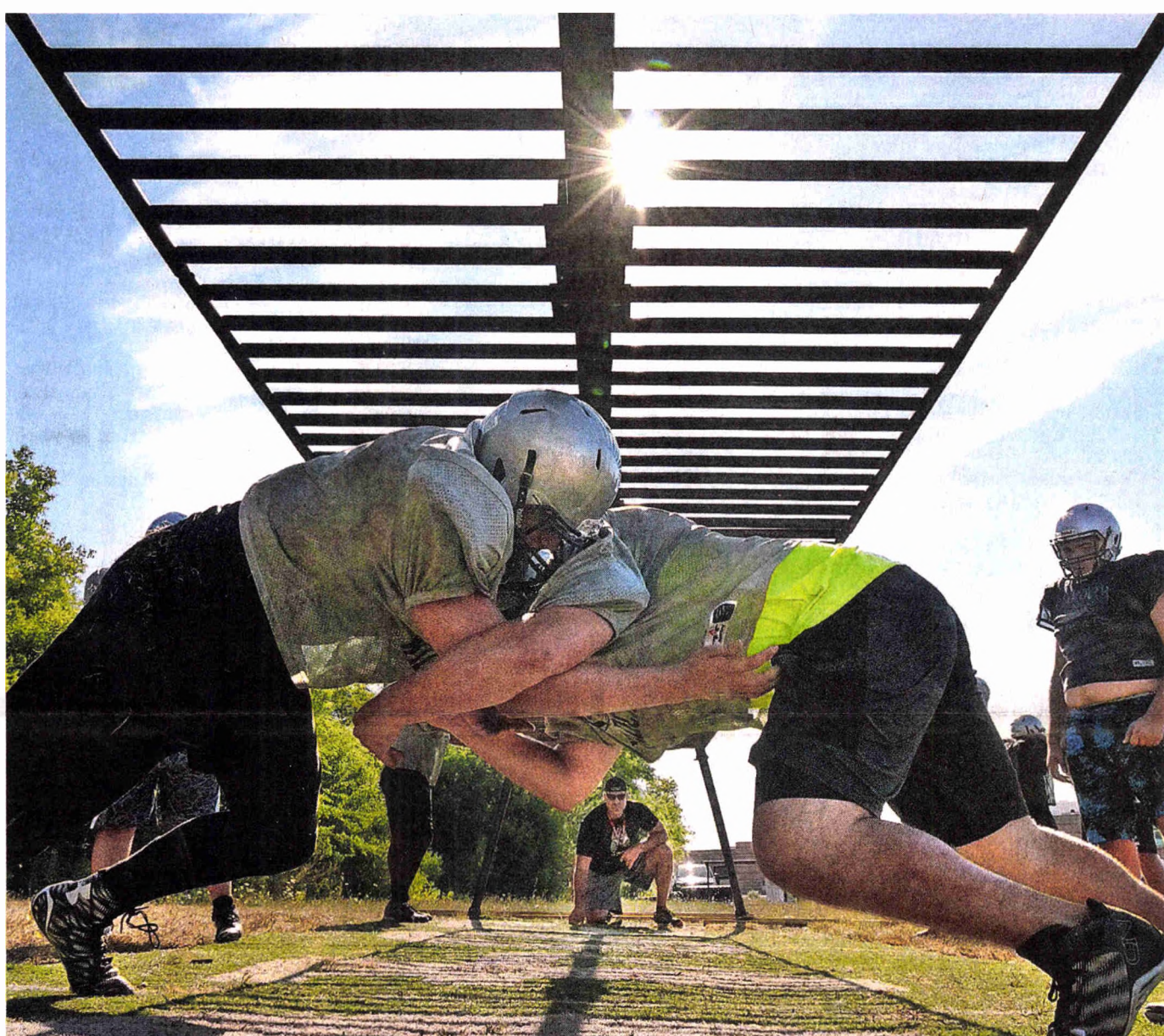
Hall

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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



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

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## SOMETHING NEW

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



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

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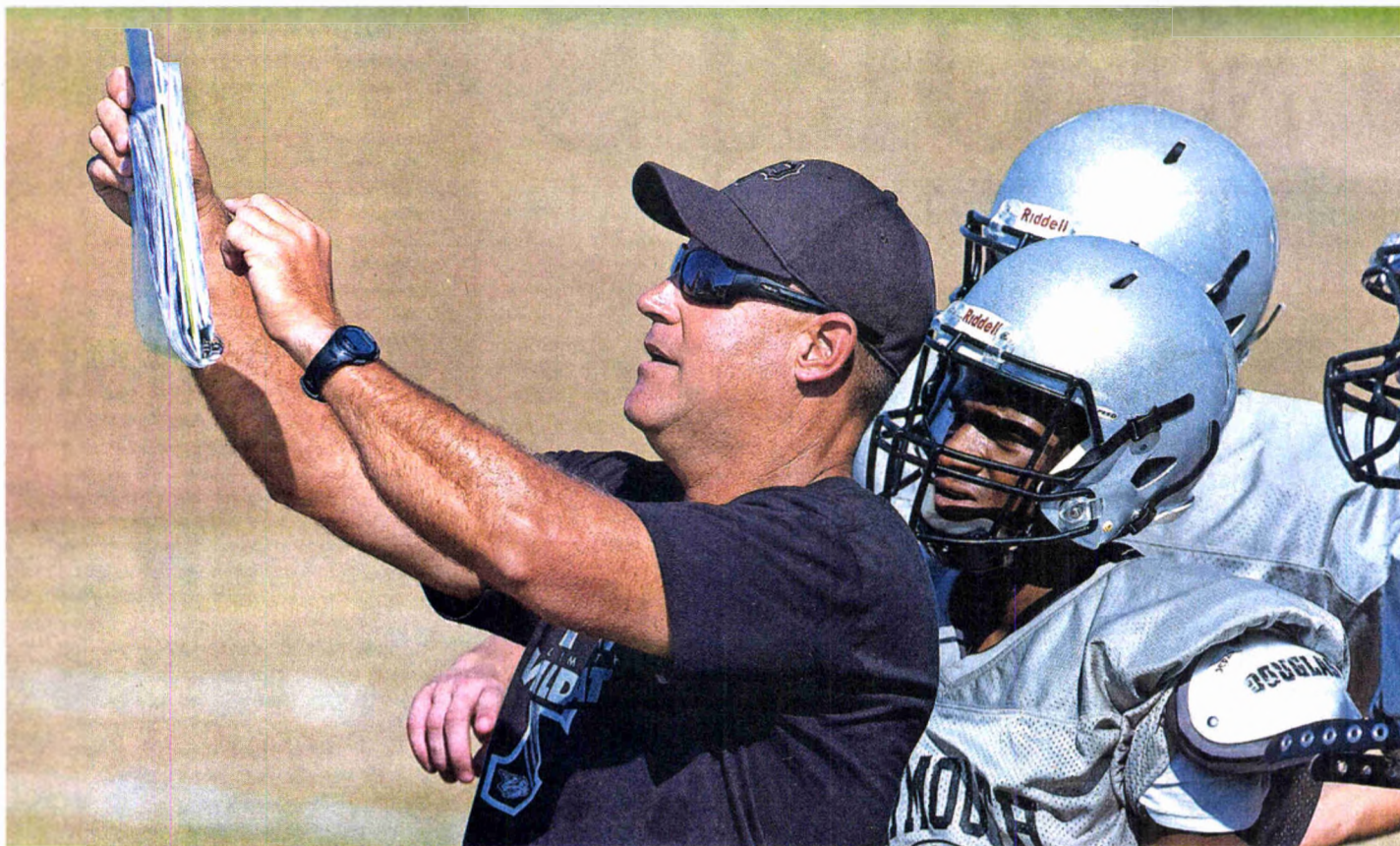
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Plymouth varsity football coach Mike Sawchuk reviews a list of plays during Wednesday's practice.

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## PRACTICE

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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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## 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.

FILE PHOTO

## SCHMITT

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Olympics records (200 freestyle, 800 freestyle 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 golfers 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

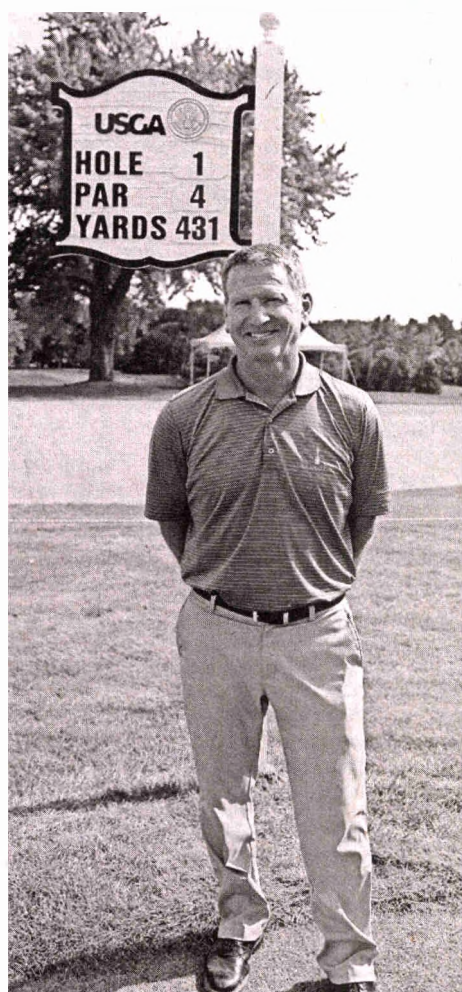
However, it's a totally different feel now as he officially took over as head professional in January from Pat Crosswell.

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



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 2016usamateur.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 which 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."

### 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 Haver-meyer 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.



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 Pummill 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 VIX 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.

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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.

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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.



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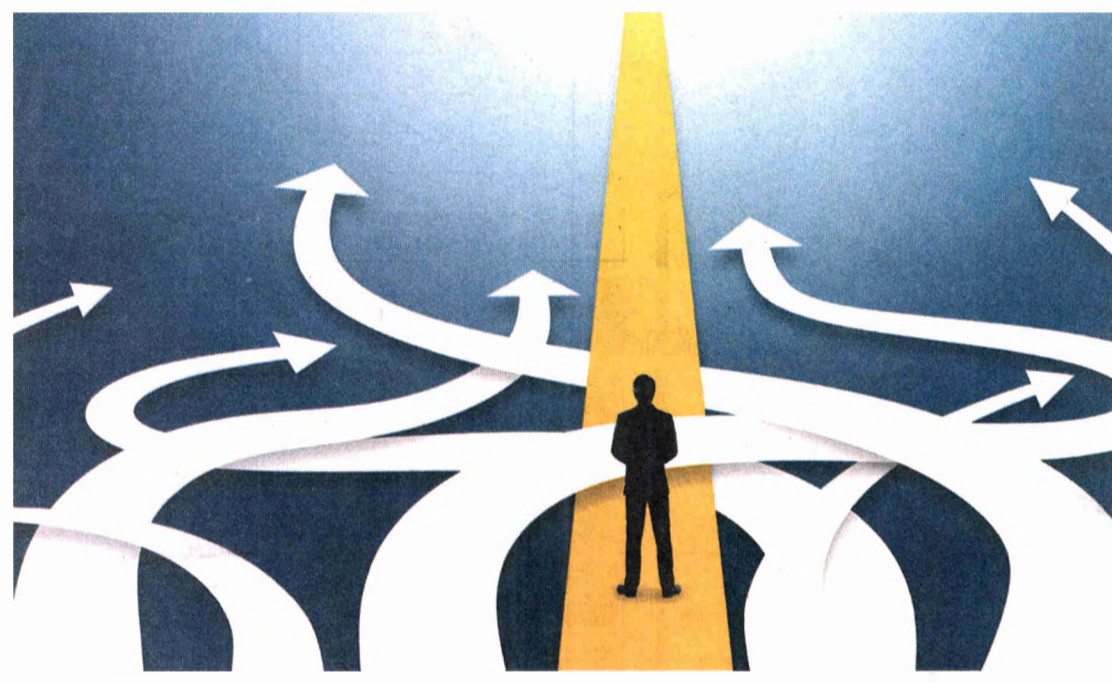
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# Fast-growing jobs help advance your career

BY MATT TARPEY  
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Who hasn't been there before? Stuck in slow-moving traffic while in the next lane, cars seem to be speeding along fine. But you know that as soon as you change lanes, it'll suddenly be nothing but brake lights.

Don't let that kind of logic keep you from choosing a career in a growing industry. Here are 12 occupations that grew by at least 10 percent between 2010 and 2015 and are projected to grow by 10 percent or more over the next five years, according to data from Economic Modeling Specialists Intl. With luck, your next job will accelerate you toward your career goals.



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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

- 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: 118,859
  - ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$15.37
- 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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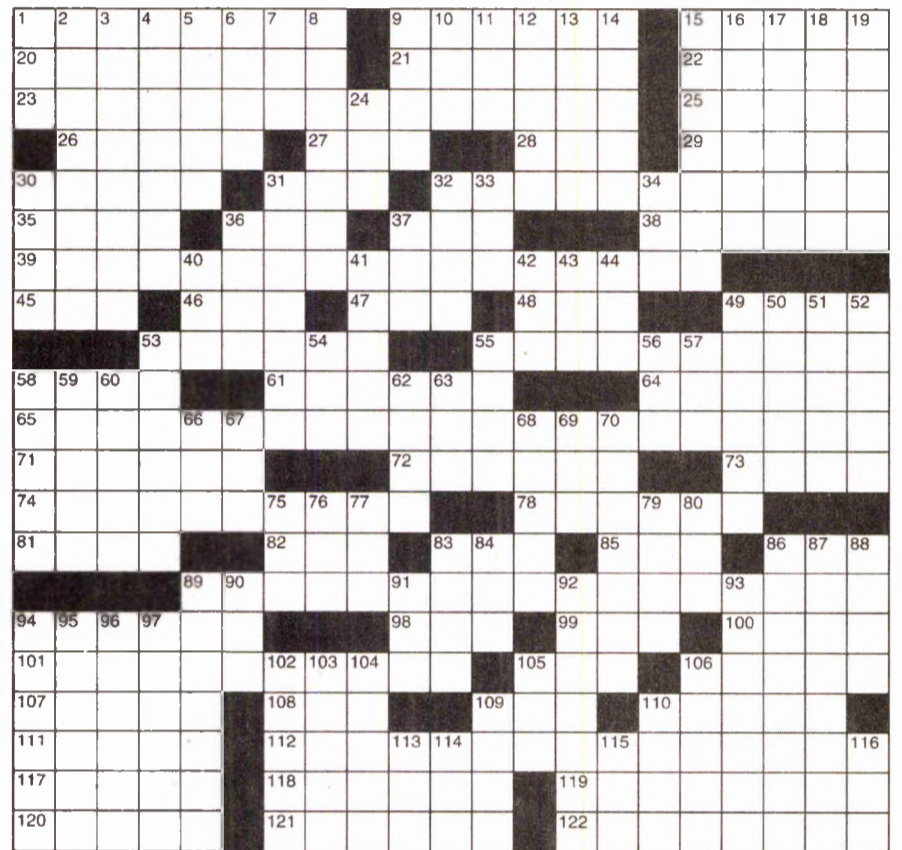
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Signal-enhancing audio equipment
  - 9 Ukrainian port
  - 15 Judge, during a case
  - 20 Not digital, as a clock
  - 21 Largest "little piggy"
  - 22 As a result
  - 23 Gave some merchandise an awful review?
  - 25 Cultural values
  - 26 Film's name, e.g.
  - 27 Actress Wray
  - 28 Winning tic-tac-toe line
  - 29 Sans — (carefree)
  - 30 Ancient Aegean region
  - 31 Jazz band's job
  - 32 Lowers a lady again while tangoing?
  - 35 Yule libations
  - 36 Election winners
  - 37 Took a load off
  - 38 Alarm clocks, when going off
  - 39 Fashions articles out of yarn incessantly?
  - 45 Osaka cash
  - 46 Partner of parks, briefly
  - 47 City grid: Abbr.
  - 48 Sac fly stat
  - 49 "Ol course, amigo!"
  - 53 Spicy Korean cabbage
  - 55 Data about unstimulating java?
  - 58 Antares, e.g.
  - 61 Edible hero
  - 64 Roo's donkey pal
  - 65 Never took off one's teal jumper?
  - 71 Bushes' successors
  - 72 D major's relative key
  - 73 Sloop feature
  - 74 Casual pants dug out of the earth?
  - 78 Fly in Zambia
  - 81 Granola bits
  - 82 Most populous Idaho county
  - 83 Shar- — Jr.'s junior
  - 85 Boise-to-Las Vegas dir.
  - 89 Magazine devoted to razor sharpeners?
  - 94 Weather map line
  - 98 '80s sitcom
  - 99 Name of 13 popes
  - 100 Broad valley
  - 101 Thorough way to steal someone's milk shake?
  - 105 Hostile dog?
  - 106 Clingy wrap
  - 107 Like wet weather
  - 108 Bruins' Bobby
  - 109 Lass
  - 110 Months before Oct.
  - 111 Make amends (for)
  - 112 What makes thin sheets stick together?
  - 117 Calculus pioneer
  - 118 Reciprocal
  - 119 German
  - 120 Lechers' looks
  - 121 Get garbed
  - 122 Devours greedily
- DOWN**
- 1 Golf number
  - 2 Evenly matched
  - 3 Inviting to enter with a hand motion
  - 4 Snobby sort
  - 5 Missouri city
  - 6 Film critic
  - 7 Strong java
  - 8 Home aquarium inhabitant
  - 9 Comply with
  - 10 Make a hole
  - 11 Self-love
  - 12 Endured
  - 13 "Ditto"
  - 14 Fable figure
  - 15 Saint-Saens cello piece
  - 16 Won back
  - 17 Bury
  - 18 Nissan Leaf, for one
  - 19 Ingredients in plastics
  - 24 Witch
  - 30 Like pen smudges
  - 31 Small Italian dumplings
  - 32 Fans' shouts
  - 33 Ordinal ending
  - 34 Fin. neighbor
  - 36 Bit of news
  - 37 P.D. rank
  - 40 Mumbai Mr.
  - 41 Hoops Hall of Famer — Thomas
  - 42 Poet's "belore"
  - 43 "Castle" airtel
  - 44 By way of
  - 49 Bully's retort
  - 50 Twenty: Prefix
  - 51 Houston baseball team, briefly
  - 52 "— a Letter to My Love" (1981 drama)
  - 53 Krispy — (doughnut shops)
  - 54 Boiling
  - 55 Slicer site
  - 56 Store suffix with "two"
  - 57 Extra charge
  - 58 Replay mode
  - 59 Bone of the lower leg
  - 60 — -garde
  - 62 Chinwags
  - 63 "Smarter planet" co.
  - 66 Pa
  - 67 Financial paper, briefly
  - 68 "— then ..."
  - 69 Canon line
  - 70 Novelist Theodore
  - 75 Stud locale
  - 76 Hue and cry
  - 77 Middy break
  - 79 Bandleader Puente
  - 80 Francis Drake's title
  - 83 Aspirin unit
  - 84 Santa's aide
  - 86 Launching
  - 87 Haile — (Rastafarian savior)
  - 88 Site of delight
  - 89 Workers cutting timber
  - 90 La-la lead-in
  - 91 "My Gal —"
  - 92 Wail loudly
  - 93 Kind of plug
  - 94 Hair locale
  - 95 Figurine, e.g.
  - 96 Yankee rival
  - 97 Pennant
  - 102 Nick of films
  - 103 Like comics
  - 104 Knight wear
  - 105 GoPro, e.g.
  - 106 Manage
  - 109 Singer Marvin
  - 110 Comfy-cozy
  - 113 — Jima
  - 114 Apprehend
  - 115 First Bible bk.
  - 116 TV hosts



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6	8	7	5	3	2	9	1	4
1	9	3	6	7	4	4	5	8
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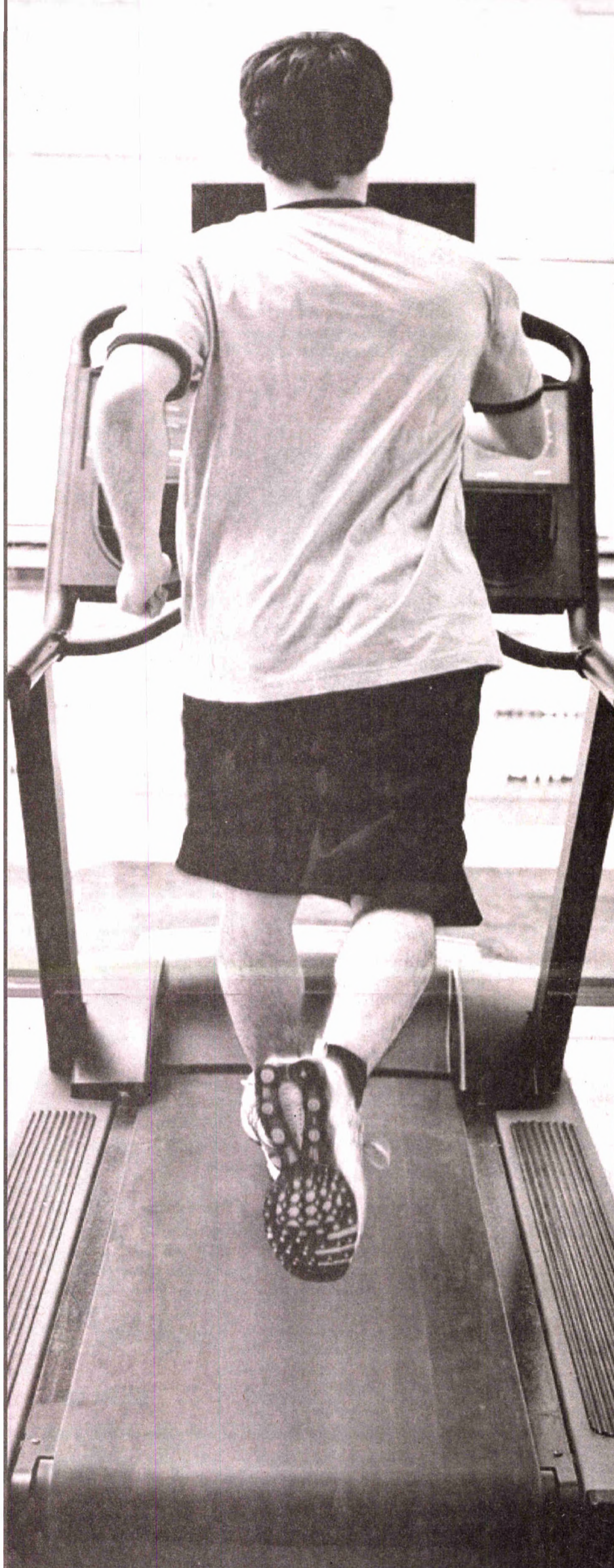
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 REVILED THEGOODS ETHOS  
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 HOGS LINS SAIT WAKERS  
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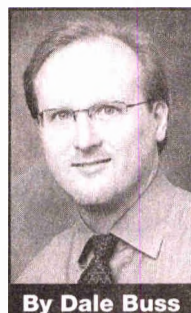
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# Car Report

## 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.

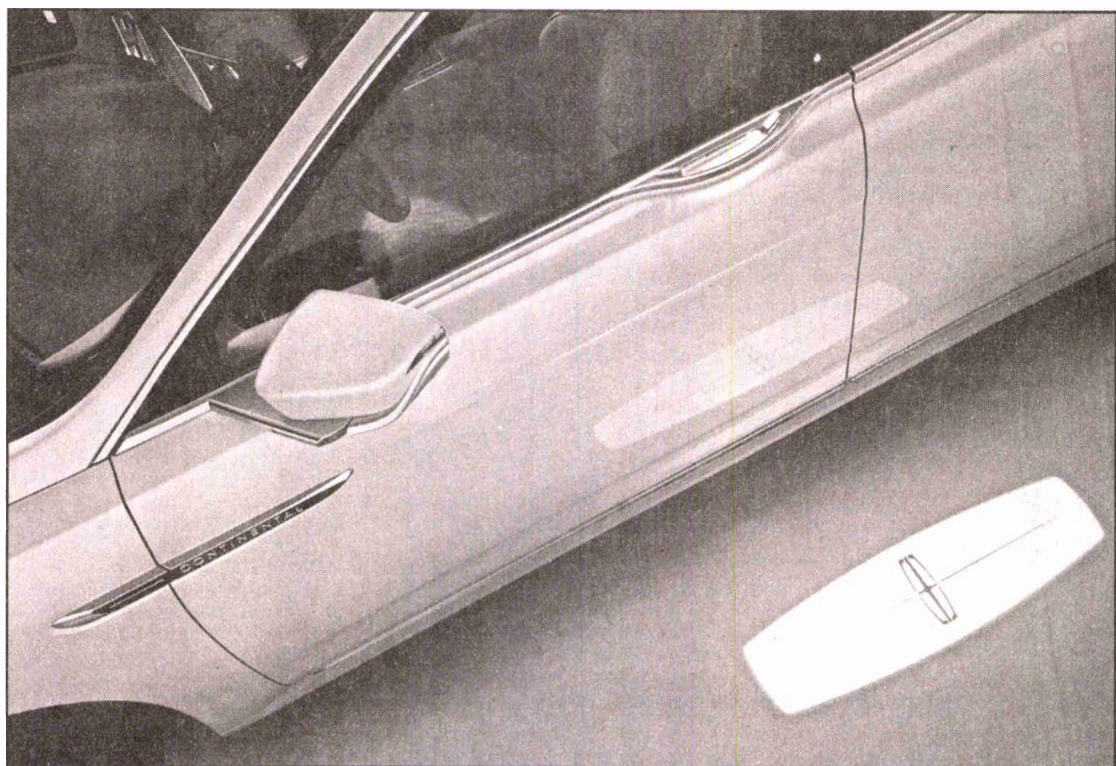
The "suite" of "enhanced client experiences" includes valet pickup and delivery service that is being ushered in with the new 2017 Lincoln Continental this fall, and a future app that will help Lincoln owners with "parking solutions and other commerce services."

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 futuring 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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