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Crumbling streets get \$3.8M facelift

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Street repairs totaling \$3.8 million are occurring across Canton this summer, ridding some neighborhoods of crumbling pavement and car-rattling potholes.

In all, 20 subdivisions cashed in on a chance to pay

just 20 percent of street repair costs while Wayne County paid 80 percent of costs.

"We love the fact that Wayne County is contributing \$4 for every \$1 we spend," said Joe Files, treasurer of the homeowners association for Brookside Village subdivision No. 5, near Palmer and Lotz. Files described the streets

as "not very good" — the reason Brookside plunked down its share for a \$281,250 project made possible by a Wayne County townships initiative that brought \$3 million in aid to Canton alone.

Construction crews in some subdivisions have ripped out crumbling streets and replaced large sections with new con-

crete, while other homeowner groups opted for smaller-scale repairs. Still other neighborhoods received new asphalt paving.

"I think it's great for residents, no question," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

The county aid averted much higher costs that home-

owner groups could have faced to fix local streets. Although Wayne County has jurisdiction over township streets, officials say the county simply doesn't have the money to repair all streets.

"There's not enough money to do everything," Faas said,

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Olympians come home



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Canton Olympians Jeff Porter and Tiffany Porter react to the cheers of the crowd.



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Allison Schmitt is surrounded by young swimmers before the procession to the Heritage Park pavilion.



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Canton Olympians Tiffany Porter, Jeff Porter and Allison Schmitt are interviewed by WJR-AM (760) radio host Paul W. Smith. See the full story in today's Sports, page B1.

Griffin leaving W-W school board; three on fall ballot

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Charles "Trav" Griffin is stepping down from the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, having chosen not to seek re-election.

"I think the Wayne-Westland schools are in good hands," Griffin, a Westland resident, said of the district, which includes a part of Canton. "I think our school district is going to survive and thrive. We've got great people in our community that can guide us in the future."

He's throwing his support behind incumbent Tom Buckalew and newcomer David Cox in the Nov. 8 election in which the two men will seek two six-year seats. Judy McKinney has also officially filed as a write-in candidate for the Wayne-Westland board, Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc confirmed Friday.

Griffin was elected to the Wayne-Westland school board in 1972 and served only 14 months then due to a job transfer that took him from the area. He explained his work with the Michigan Education Association then could have caused a conflict of interest.

In 2012, Griffin was appointed to the school board, having run and lost narrowly the year before. In 2014, he ran successfully for the balance of the term, two years. He's served this time about 4½ years.

His goals included fiscal stability in the district. "The worst thing to happen to our school district is to have some outsider come in and run our schools," said Griffin, who's proud of the current fund equity.

"My goal was to work with the entire board," Griffin said, noting the 4-3 votes of the past are now often 7-0. Griffin tips his hat to Superintendent Michele Harmala.

"The most important vote I've had is the selection of a new superintendent," Griffin said. "She's redoing our curriculum, which we wanted to update it to the modern day."

Buckalew is in his sixth year as a board trustee and is seeking a second term. Buckalew noted in an email to the Observer, "I originally intended to serve a single term, but in the last year I decided that perhaps a second term might be possible. Many factors entered into this decision. Support from my family was critical. Since coming to Wayne-



Griffin



Buckalew

World of Beer hiring, expects October opening

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

World of Beer is now projecting an early October opening in Canton as the company moves to hire 75 employees for what owner Chad Wilson called "beer school" training.

While not a brewery, World of Beer is expected to bolster Canton's place on the craft beer map because it will offer 550 different bottled brews from about 30 countries and another 50 beers on tap.

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Pa-

den called Michigan's still-growing craft beer industry "huge" and said World of Beer should prove successful, while also bringing in new jobs and adding to the tax base.

"That's what makes a community tick," he said. "The more businesses we have com-

ing in, the better it is for the tax base and the more opportunities we have for employment and for residents to get excited about new businesses. That's what keeps a community vi-

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Westland, Superintendent Harmala has been leading the district toward a Strategic Plan for district improvement. It is now in place and frankly I want to be a part of that process. And finally, I enjoy the work of being a trustee for a great school district."

In 1968, Buckalew began working for the Wayne Community School District (now the Wayne-Westland Community School District) and continued there until his retirement in 2009. During that time, he earned a master's degree in secondary school teaching from Eastern Michigan University and an education specialist degree in secondary administration from Wayne State University. In addition to teaching American history, Buckalew coached wrestling for 20 years, taught driver education, served as a class sponsor and co-chaired the North Central Accreditation Committee for John Glenn. Buckalew also served as Social Studies Department chair.

A Wayne-Westland

district resident since 1968, Buckalew, on the board since 2011, has served as its president and vice president. He also noted the need of school board members to work together.

Buckalew wrote in his Observer email, "Nothing is accomplished without the majority of trustees in agreement. So when I talk about my accomplishments it is really the work of the entire Board. That said, there are two things that for me rise above other accomplishments. The first is the decision to avoid privatization of district services. As attractive as the cost savings side of privatization appears, the ability to maintain a qualified and dedicated support staff for the district was more important to me. I think the negative experiences of some districts that have privatized proves we have made the right decision for our students and our parents. The second accomplishment was hiring a new superintendent. Following the retirement of Dr. (Greg) Baracy after many years of service to Wayne-Westland the board was left with a task that none of us had ever experienced. With

the help of the Michigan Association of School Boards we began the process of interviewing candidates and narrowing the field of applicants. As the process neared completion it was clear that Dr. Harmala should be our choice. Her selection was unanimous and we have had no regrets. I am confident that this decision will give our district the highest quality leadership for the foreseeable future."

David Cox could not be reached for comment for this story and will be profiled in an upcoming Observer prior to the fall election. He has served on the Westland City Council and is active with the Westland Community Foundation. McKinney is a community activist and will also be profiled before the November election.

The departing Griffin will keep busy. At age 76, he'll volunteer. "I'm really going to stay active in my community," Griffin said.

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adding that a long-term fix — elusive thus far — is needed.

Faas and Mark Merkey, township engineer, took the Observer on a tour Thursday of subdivisions where street work is occurring.

On Glengarry Boulevard, one lane had new concrete pavement while the other, badly deteriorating lane was awaiting repairs. Merkey said the street had reached "atrocious" conditions.

The street repairs, while welcomed by residents, have been disruptive to neighborhoods.

"There is a lot of inconvenience that goes on when the road is torn up and (construction) barrels are in the way," Merkey said.

Some residents had to park away from their homes to accommodate work crews repairing streets that, in some cases, date back to the 1970s. The work started in June and officials say it should be finished by early October.

"It's been a lot of work," Faas said, "but it's fixing some of the issues



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One lane of Glengarry Boulevard has new concrete pavement, while the other lane is awaiting work.

that need to be addressed in these neighborhoods." Some projects are much larger than others. They range in price from \$62,500 to \$306,305.

The vast majority involve concrete repairs, though some focused on asphalt repaving. The work is being done by Florence Cement Co. of Shelby Township and Hutch Paving Inc. of Warren.

Projects have focused on the worst areas of subdivision streets. Faas said township officials, homeowners association leaders, contractors and Northwest Consultants, Inc., all worked together to decide which streets — and which sections — were a higher priority. Going forward, it's

unclear whether the streets initiative, started by former Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, will continue.

Ryan Bridges, senior communications manager for Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, has said no decision has been made whether to extend the township roads initiative after current projects are done and reviewed.

"At the conclusion of this process we will conduct a complete review of the initiative and reach a decision on whether to continue based upon this review," he told the Observer in May.

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World of Beer in Canton is expected to open by early October.



Things aren't quite ready for patrons, but World of Beer in Canton is taking shape and should be open by early October.

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brant." World of Beer, which also serves food, is taking shape on Ford Road, west of Lilley, placing it along Canton's premier retail and restaurant corridor. It will employ about 75 bartenders, servers and kitchen workers, who will receive a two-week training course.

"They will learn everything there is to know about beer — the ingredients, how it is made, the different styles of beer, the history of beer," Wilson said. "They will sample 60-70 beers (spread over the training period). It's a very intense training process and it's fun to learn about craft beer."

Potential workers may stop by the World of Beer site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday to apply, Wilson said. Interviews are expected to begin soon.

"We give them all the training they need," he said.

Some Observer readers have frequently inquired about World of Beer's opening and whether it is hiring. It's a place where Wilson said patrons can drink their beer and eat it, too, because it is used in some sauces and dressings that accompany menu items.

Canton WOB is expected to seat 150-175 people and will have an outdoor patio.

When it opens, it will be the only World of Beer in Michigan, though construction also has begun on a site in Woodhaven.

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Matthew Valentino, general manager of the Canton World of Beer, stands by a now-hiring sign as the business draws closer to opening.

Ask Dr. Stewart



Dr. James Stewart offers treatment for sleep apnea and chronic snoring from his practice in Livonia, MI. Today he discusses whether nasal dilators help with snoring.

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DJ Holiday catches a break after years at jazz open mic

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

At age 70-plus and after a lifetime of singing, DJ Holiday has recorded her first CD, appears in a music video clip on YouTube and is the subject of a documentary in the making.

"Over 1,000 people on YouTube listened to that tune. I think that's wonderful. But I don't know anything about that side of life. The only thing I know is that bandstand," Holiday said in a recent phone interview.

Fans know her as a regular during the Thursday open mic with RGB Trio at Bert's Market Place Jazz Club in the Eastern Market. She's the gravel-voiced singer who delivers Billie Holiday tunes straight from the heart.

"My daddy put a radio in my crib when I was 6 months old with standards on it. I've been singing since I was 5 years old on the playground. I'm in the world, but I'm not of the world. My mind is on music," Holiday said.

Bill Meyer, a pianist with RGB Trio as well as other bands, has taken an interest in Holiday and her career. He suggested that she record a CD and booked studio time a few months ago. He wrote an original song, "Before I Go ..." for the project, arranged several other tunes and brought music heavyweights together to play backup on the recording. It was Holiday's first time in a recording studio.

Meyer also has invited her to perform with him and his Bill Meyer Group at appearances throughout southeast Michigan, including the Michigan Jazz Festival in Livonia, Greater Detroit Jazz Society concerts at Shield's of Southfield and the Jazz Lawn Festival at St. Monica's in Detroit.



DJ Holiday will sing Aug. 30 with RGB Trio in Plymouth.



The cover of DJ Holiday's CD.

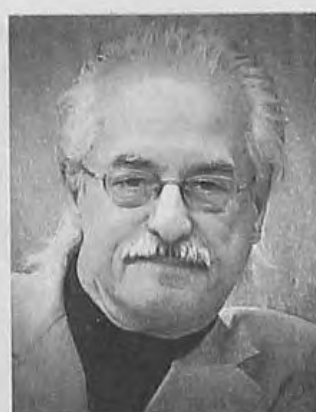
In Plymouth

Meyer, Gayelynn McKinney and Ralph Armstrong, will take their

RGB Trio away from Bert's for the first time Aug. 30 for a performance with Holiday at the Jazz@The Elks series

in Plymouth. The show is at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Admission is \$10 and includes hors d'oeuvres. The CD will be available for \$15 at the show. Proceeds benefit Holiday, whom Meyer and his wife Twyla have befriended.

"I pick her up for gigs every week. My wife has been trying to help her find another place to live. She has had a rough life. She's been squatting in a house she doesn't own, sometimes without water and electricity," said Meyer of Hamtramck. "But she comes to Bert's and sings and, when she does, she stuns the audience. She sings with more feeling than any other singer around. She sings her heart out and people are enamored



Bill Meyer will perform Aug. 30 at Jazz@The Elks in Plymouth.

by her."

Sally Pinchock, who books musicians for the Jazz@The Elks series, watched Holiday perform at Shield's of Southfield before offering Meyer a show this month. Pinchock said she was touched by Holiday's performance, her story and the Meyers' willingness to help her.

Salle Bolle, director of the Greater Detroit Jazz Society, has seen Holiday perform several times and says that just thinking about the singer makes her tear up.

"She's a crowd-pleaser. People love to watch her," Bolle said. "She sings a lot of Billie Holiday tunes."

Tough life

Holiday sees similarities between her own history and Billie Holiday's life, "except I don't smoke, do drugs or alcohol," she said.

According to her CD's liner notes, Barnaggo Honey Jazz Defreece has

used several names through the years, including Dr. Jazz, and now DJ Holiday. She grew up in New Jersey and left home to sing in bands around the country when she was 9, eventually landing in Detroit. For years, she walked a mile or more to the weekly open mic at Bert's for a chance to sing.

"Chicago, Boston, Bahamas, I've been all over, but I don't remember anything. I don't remember money. I don't remember where I stayed," she said. "I just knew I needed to find a bandstand. That is all I ever wanted to do."

She's grateful for the Meyers and is happy about the CD "because it came out so beautiful." Her CD release party was held in conjunction with a screening of the film "Resilience," which looks at Detroit after bankruptcy was declared. Now the filmmakers are focusing their cameras on Holiday for their next documentary.

Meyer said Holiday lacks professional polish — and that's part of her charm — but she loves to sing for an audience.

"She drops a beat every now and then. Sometimes she forgets words," he said. "She's very real when she sings. There are no pretenses. She just sings and you catch the depth."

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If you were looking for two words to describe the first Community Safety Day at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, "hot" would be one of them.

The other, according to organizers, is "successful."

Joe Gomez, RN, EMT-P, injury prevention coordinator at Beaumont, Wayne, estimated that the first-time event drew more than 350 people to the sun-baked hospital lawn. Gomez and Adrienne Gall, emergency department specialist at Beaumont, Wayne, coordinated the event.

"We had a good response from the community," he said. "It was a better turnout than we thought we would have."

Based on community safety days hosted at Beaumont Hospital, Trenton in the past, the event was designed to provide information on injury prevention to the community, highlight the services offered at the hospital and build a relationship with local public safety agencies.

Representatives from the Wayne/Westland Fire Department, the Romulus Fire Department, the Wayne Police Department and the western Wayne County S.W.A.T. team took part.

The Canton Fire Department brought its



Wysong children Claire, 2, Tanner, 3, and Addie, 8, all of Westland, try out the hurdle course at the Beaumont, Wayne safety day.

smoke house trailer to the event and the Department of Natural Resources also provided information about hunter safety, while hospital staff distributed information about concussion awareness, healthy eating, bike safety and more.

The Beaumont One helicopter was on site for part of the event, too, as were Beau the bear, the mascot of Beaumont Children's Hospital, a Beaumont ambulance, representatives from the Law Enforcement Education Program, Gift of

Life and the Encore service group. The Fur Angels pet therapy group greeted attendees, too.

Children received bike helmets and backpacks with school supplies and those that completed a bike safety passport were registered to win a free bike. Sixteen of them were raffled off. Gomez said 255 children took and completed the passport throughout the five-hour event.

"Overall, we thought it went well," he said. "We're already thinking of ways we can improve it for next year."



Officer William Mangan of the Wayne Police Department and his 5-year-old K-9, Zeto, greet Ayat Aldubaily, 10, and Ashwag Aldubaily, 9, of Dearborn.



Victoria Wallace, 8, helps her 2-year-old sister Amelia learn how to talk on the ambulance radio, while their mom, Keesha Wallace, looks on. They're from Canton.



St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia is hosting its 10th annual Embrace Life 5K Run/Walk for Cancer on Sunday, Sept. 11.

Embrace life and help fight cancer Sept. 11 at St. Mary Mercy run/walk

St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia is hosting its 10th annual Embrace Life 5K Run/Walk for Cancer at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Funds raised will benefit the hospital's Helen Palmer Inspirit Salon & Spa and other cancer prevention activities in the community. The Inspirit Salon & Spa works to enhance the image and confidence of cancer patients experiencing distressing side effects of cancer treatment, such as hair loss or a mastectomy.

"The 5K offers the community a chance to

celebrate cancer survivors, encourage those currently fighting cancer and remember those we've lost," said Michael Raczka, race director and director of Community Health at St. Mary Mercy. "Almost everyone knows someone who has or has had cancer. I encourage all of us to call a friend or neighbor and to come out in support of this great cause."

The course begins on hospital grounds and runners/walkers are then routed through the residential streets of Livonia. Awards will be given

to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run.

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St. Mary Mercy's Inspirit Salon & Spa will benefit greatly from funds raised. The salon offers a comprehensive appearance-enhancing program for cancer patients. It provides supportive therapy that works in conjunction with medical providers to manage the physical, emotional and image-related side effects of cancer, or other

conditions.

Patients may experience changes to their bodies due to chemotherapy, radiation therapy or surgery, which may result in alterations to skin, hair and nails. With these services, St. Mary Mercy can help manage the side effects of treatment in a supportive and caring environment.

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Students paint mural at Village Arts Factory site

An old warehouse wall on the emerging Village Arts Factory in Canton now has curb appeal.

What started as an idea last year from Doug Mans, past chair of the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, became a reality one mid-August Monday. The partnership had a wall that needed help — and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Art Club had the talent.

Grace Ma, art club vice president, had contacted Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director, after a teacher informed her that the partnership was looking for students to sketch out a large mural on a building in Cherry Hill Village.

It wasn't just any old wall — it was an exterior wall on a dilapidated, worn-down warehouse that had been vacant since about 2005. The painting was going to take place across a 203-foot exterior wall located 60 feet parallel from Cherry Hill Road.

The structure was in poor condition with missing cement, peeling paint and boarded-up windows. The mural, Engel said, would become part of a beautification project. The warehouse is one of three buildings on the 14-acre Village Arts Factory site — the others being a former Ford factory and a veterans dormitory, part of Henry Ford's final village industry built in 1943.

Engel and the partnership plan to use the site as an arts and education center with healing programs for veterans, walking and biking trails, artist studios and possibly even as a brewery.

On Aug. 15, six art club students painted a grid across 100 feet of the warehouse and then proceeded to transfer the mural design they created on paper to the north wall on the warehouse



Students create art on an old warehouse wall.

with black paint. They started at 10 a.m. and finished at 4:20 p.m. — just in time to walk to the nearby Cold Stone ice cream shop before it began to rain.

The girls are Kaylee Yang, Cindy Stuch, Christina Lai, Tanvi Sharma, Grace Ma and Annie Ning-ranging.

"The talent of these six girls was amazing," Engel said, adding later, "They were measuring, up and down ladders, painting, correcting, calculating, modifying the design — and everyone took a different area to paint. It was an unbelievable process from start to finish."

Engel said area residents have given positive feedback.

Next month, 25 people from the Ford Volunteer Corps will be going to the Village Arts Factory to paint another mural. It's one of the projects being completed on the Ford MODEL Teams "Community Building" Accelerated Action Day.

The Partnership received a Ford Volunteer Corps mini-grant of \$2,000 for all of the supplies to complete this community project.

For more information about the Village Arts Factory project and photos, go to www.partnershipforarts.org and sign up for a monthly newsletter, check out the partnership on Facebook or Twitter or call Engel at 734-765-7061.



Art students involved in the warehouse wall makeover are Kaylee Yang, Cindy Stuch, Christina Lai, Tanvi Sharma, Grace Ma and Annie Ning-ranging.

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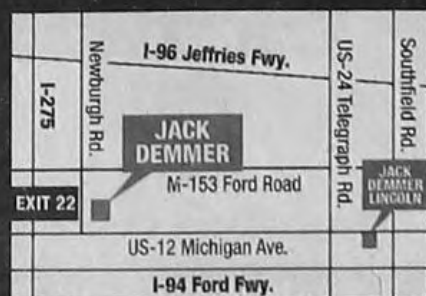
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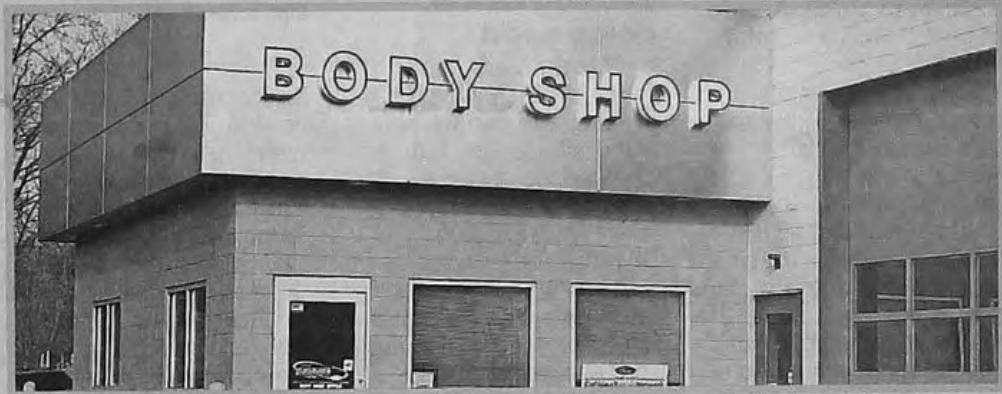
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Original Dairy Dan marks sweet milestone, success

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Liz Davanzo brought daughter Natalie, 6, son Alex, 5, and Natalie's friend Lily Terell, 6, to the Original Dairy Dan on Ford Road in Westland one sunny August afternoon.

"We love it," said Davanzo, a Westland resident. "The kids get Twists on a cone. I really like their Upside Down Banana Split." They visit when playing down the street at Tattan Park.

"It's almost a daily request," a smiling Davanzo said of the kids wanting ice cream. "At least 10 times a summer" they visit. "And they're always waiting for this place to open every year," she added as she parceled out the sweet treats.

Westland residents Sue and Larry Traver own the Original Dairy Dan on Ford Road, although not the other Dairy Dan in Westland. Their Dairy Dan is marking its 60th year of business this year.

'Never missed a season'

"We bought this in '99, so this is our 17th season. It has never missed a season," Sue Traver said. "It's been open every summer. That's 10 years older than the city."

She grew up near Wayne Memorial High and recently marked her 48th wedding anniversary with Larry. "Never in my dreams did I think I'd own it," she said. She moved to Westland from Royal Oak around second grade and stayed.

"Right now, it's the Pumpkin Pie Flurry because I just brought it out," she said of a top seller. What's on the sign often is the most popular choice.

Mike Dinco of Westland, a recent visitor, likes "the twist. It's chocolate and vanilla. A little of both." He's a regular at Dairy Dan.

"We've all got set stuff," he said of his family's favorites. Of the 60th anniversary, Dinco said, "it's a long time."

Traver uses a "24-flavors" system, for example being able to serve a pumpkin cone made with yogurt, custard or vanilla ice cream. She and the staff can accommodate diabetics, with

sugar-free and fat-free flavors.

Dole offers pineapple, mango, lemon and orange flavors that are dairy-free, lactose-free, fat-free, gluten-free and 90 calories.

"I put it in the machine, took one taste, got rid of my chocolate yogurt (which she can make)," Traver said of the Dole options. "It's a hit. This surprised me. I didn't expect the response I got."

'Super-busy summer'

Dairy Dan is open April through typically September, with a tentative Oct. 2 closing this year. "It's been a super-busy summer," she said. "It's been a gorgeous summer." Of customers, "You have so much to choose from. That's probably one of my customers' biggest complaints," until they pick a favorite, Traver said.

Dairy Dan has a Girl Scout Cookie Flurry incorporating several varieties, including Peanut Butter Patty. The staff of 13 experiments with flavors: "Mud Pie Parfait, that's a big mover," Traver said. "I think it's the way we layer it."

She and Larry hire teens starting at age 14, with one 24-year-old there in her 10th year. "I become their second mom. I love teenagers," she said of the business, which is open noon to 10 p.m. daily.

She gets compliments on quality of food, cleanliness and friendly staff. "They're always friendly. You'd better be smiling when you go to that window," she said.

If a teen has had a family quarrel, her mood quickly shifts at the window. "And then they're having a good time. This is their first job. I want them to enjoy it. We don't do drama," Traver said.

Battling cancer, doing good

The staffers don't touch their tips in the season, and donate half to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. To date, they've donated more than \$35,000 through the years and will attend a Karmanos luncheon in Birmingham in late September to laud that accomplishment.

Customers "come to the window and hold our



Dairy Dan owners Sue and Larry Traver are looking forward to serving the community for many more years to come as their business celebrates 60 years serving yummy treats.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Original Dairy Dan employees Glory Kozak, Cierra McKenzie and Emily Plas raised more than \$2,500 that will go to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Over 16 years, Dairy Dan ladies have given more than \$35,000 to Karmanos.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Westland resident Angela Long digs into her ice cream at her favorite place, Dairy Dan on Ford Road in Westland.

TOM BEAUDOIN

hands and cry," the owner said. "Do you know what that does to a teenager? The girls love it. They feel like they're doing something important and they are. We've done a lot here."

The Clowns Around Redford recently visited Dairy Dan, an annual event in which all tips go to Karmanos, she added.

A wall of customer photos visible from the picnic tables is a hit. "Oh, there I am. I'm so little," they'll say, she said. "We're running out of room."

A Traver daughter who studied culinary arts at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center helped the couple with "how-to" details when

they took over.

The business had 28 prom couples in formal attire one evening. Kids come in limos for birthdays and there was a marriage proposal for which the newlyweds returned on their first anniversary.

"They had to spend it here," Traver said. "It's been good," she added with a pat on the building's exterior. "Even when the economy took a

hit, she did good. The store takes care of itself. Ice cream's a happiness, it's a comfort food."

The business keeps them busy, said Traver, 67. Larry is retiring from truck driving in October. "We'll see how it goes," Sue said when asked of retirement.

She recalled then-Mayor Sandra Cicirelli liking custard and asking her to serve on the Downtown Development Authority board, which Traver still does. "I've been on the DDA board since then. She brought me in," Traver said of Cicirelli, now a district court judge.

It's work for the family to run Dairy Dan, but work they like. "Sue asked me if I could help her out," said sister-in-law Sally Keller of Westland, among the managers. "I said sure. It's like a big kid candy store. You can get pretty much anything you want here." Dairy Dan is at 35705 Ford Road. Call 734-729-0399.

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Welcome to the hanging garden of squash

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

You haven't seen big zucchini until you've seen the squash at Benito and Ersilia Zagaroli's house.

The Livonia couple grows Sicilian zucchini, also known as cucuzza squash.

Or as Ersilia puts it, it's the squash that "went crazy."

The vegetables measure 52-64 inches and dangle from vines grown over a pergola that shades the couple's backyard deck.

A group of five squashes hangs in the middle of the deck. Another three grow near the deck's stairs. The recent hot weather caused many more to wither on the vine, although new fruits have emerged in the last week.

"They went crazy. Isn't that crazy? And they grow so fast. Everybody loves them. That's why I'm not picking them," said Ersilia, who enjoys flower gardening, while her husband cultivates vegetables and fruit at their home.

The couple's three grown children, neigh-

bors and friends know about their unusual harvest, but first-time visitors usually do double-takes.

Stew, fry

Sicilian zucchinis are longer than other varieties of summer squash, but taste similar, according to the Zagarolis. Technically, the long vegetables are gourds that are prepared like zucchini.

"They are a little bit sweeter," Ersilia said. "A lot of people slice them and pickle them. Otherwise, you just cut it and make a stew. You peel them and you bake them. You can make zucchini Parmesan. People use them with scrambled eggs."

"I just like to fry them, steam them and fry them."

According to the website, cucuzzasquash.com, the vegetable should be peeled and seeded. Soft seeds can be steamed or used as a substitute for zucchini in recipes. It can be prepared whole, in chunks or sliced. It's also a source of vitamin C and fiber.

Benito said he grew the Sicilian zucchini vine from seed that he got

from a friend.

"I keep watering every day. Everything is natural. No spray," he said.

The hanging squash isn't the only super-sized plant in the couple's yard. A patch of bamboo towers over tomato and lettuce plants. Benito also harvests pole beans, figs, pears, chestnuts, plums and herbs. He planted a walnut tree more than a decade ago from a seedling that he carried in his shirt pocket home from Italy. He added a grape vine to the pergola last year.

Ersilia said both she and her husband lived on farms in Arpino, Italy, when they were kids. At 18, she moved to the U.S., but returned to Italy to marry Benito two years later. After they married, they moved to New York and then to Michigan. They've lived in Livonia for 16 years.

They've always gardened at their home and began growing Sicilian zucchini a few years ago.

"Anybody could do this," Ersilia said. "We use manure sometimes. You've got to water, too, or the plant will die."

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Benito Zagaroli checks out one of the long, hanging squashes on his deck.



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Benito and Ersilia Zagaroli near the water feature that Benito made.

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Q: I have a problem that I hope you can help me with. I graduated college about five years ago. To make a long story short, I was not very good with my money. I put way too much on my charge cards and I've gotten myself into a bind. In fact, I just have had to give up my apartment and move back with my parents. Currently, I owe nearly \$30,000 on my charge card. I also owe other debts, including back rent for my apartment, some utility bills and the big one: my student loan. I am contemplating bankruptcy; however, my parents are discouraging me from going that route. Now with me living at home my expenses have been dramatically reduced and, in addition, I have been talking to my



Rick Bloom

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charge card company and I think I'll be able to work out something with them. The main problem I have right now is with my student loan. Even with my reduced expenses I'm having trouble making the payments. I have done some looking online and I found a company that claims that they can help you reduce your payments on your student loan. The company charges you \$1,500 and they claim they can change your payment plan. My dad thinks it's a scam. The company is relatively brand new so I wasn't able to find out much about them. My

question to you is if you know of any other alternatives for my student loan or know of reputable companies that I should contact.

A: I first want to comment on the thought of bankruptcy. I am not one who encourages people to automatically file for bankruptcy; however, I believe in many situations bankruptcy is a viable alternative and something that people should consider. There are consequences to bankruptcy; however, one of the great things about our system is the fact that we do give people another chance and that is exactly what bankruptcy does. Yes, there still is a stigma about going into bankruptcy but that stigma is not as great as it used to be. In addition, even if there is a stigma, cleaning up your debt situation and

getting a fresh start may outweigh that stigma.

I have seen many ads online offering all sorts of deals when it comes to student loans. Some of these ads offer debt forgiveness or reduced payments. In fact, some of the ads refer to the Obama Student Loan Forgiveness Program. Unfortunately, most of these ads are bogus and are nothing more than scams. Even the ads for legitimate companies are only doing what you can already do for free.

When someone has difficulty with their student loan, the first thing they should do is contact their student loan servicer. The student loan servicer is a company that handles the billing and other services for your student loan. The student servicer is not a company you select but rather, one assigned to you by

the U.S. Department of Education. It is the student loan servicer that can help you lower your monthly payments, consolidate the federal student loan, help you with defaults and even provide loan forgiveness. What is so great about contacting your loan servicer about these issues is that it is free. What many of these so called student loan forgiveness companies do is just offer you the federal government program but package it as their own.

When it comes to federal student loans, there are ways to reduce your payment. In fact, the federal government offers four income-driven payment plans: the Revised Pay-As-You-Earn Repayment plan (REPAYE Plan), the Pay-As-You-Earn Repayment plan (PAYE Plan), the Income-Based Repay-

ment plan (IBR Plan) and the Income-Contingent Repayment plan (ICR Plan). Not all these plans will apply to your individual situation but one should.

Even if you decide an income driven repayment plan is not right for your situation there are other repayment programs. For example, there are ways to extend your payment plan or even ways to temporarily suspend payments through a deferment or forbearance. The bottom line: there are options and you don't need to pay anyone for them.

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Metro Airport Ambassador Scafero lauded for service, commitment

Detroit Metropolitan Airport employees and volunteers were among the honorees Aug. 24 at the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau's 22nd annual Recognition of Service Excellence Awards. The event honors those who have demonstrated the highest of standards in customer service. The Wayne County Airport Authority, which operates De-

troit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run Airport, had 33 nominees, including one winner. Airport Ambassador Joe Scafero received the top prize in the Volunteers Category.

Scafero began volunteering as an Airport Ambassador more than 10 years ago and has provided more than 2,500 hours of service to DTW and its customers. In all

six years the Airport Authority has participated in the President's Volunteer Service Award program, Scafero has earned a Silver Award each year. He is known for being compassionate, dependable, professional and determined to help travelers make their flights. While Scafero was the only winner in the ROSE Awards Volunteers Category, 25 addi-

tional Airport Ambassadors were nominated. A total of four were finalists for the honor: Scafero, Karen Andrusiak, Sharon Kelly and Carol Oakley.

For the first time, Airport Authority employees were nominated this year, seven in all. Jason Wade, a manager in the Landside Services Department, was recognized as a finalist in the

Transportation Category. Landside Services is responsible for the administration of all parking operations; the Commercial Vehicle Access Program, including taxis, buses and car rental shuttles; and all airport-provided shuttle services.

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View historic homes in Detroit's University District

The University District neighborhood in Detroit is showing off its historic homes Sunday, Sept. 11. View six historic homes built in the 1920s that feature hardwood floors, stained glass and leaded glass windows, Pewabic or Flint Faience tile, twin staircases, crystal chandeliers, imposing fireplaces and more.

The University District neighborhood is located west of Palmer Park, bounded by McNichols, Seven Mile, Livernois and the Detroit Golf Club.

"I moved here a few years ago because of the stately homes and wonderful neighborhood. This is a place where you know all your neighbors and each home is very different," said Kelda London, University District Community Association home tour chairperson. "It's hard to decide which house you like best."

The homes on tour, built from 1920-36, are located on Birchcrest, Parkside, Wildemere and Muirland streets. One of the homes was built by the Spoon Brothers, who were known for their opulent craftsmanship. Many of the homes have been renovated over the



The University District neighborhood in Detroit is showing off its historic homes Sunday, Sept. 11.

years, most often staying true to the character of the house while attempting to combine the past and the present.

The Birchcrest home features burgundy mar-

ble window sills, built-ins, Pewabic floor tile and marble baseboards. One of the homes on Muirland had a kitchen fire in 1998 that led to discovery of an area that

had been totally hidden; it is now renovated and in use. The Parkside home is a decorator's dream, with a red room, formal dining room, four bedrooms with Jack-and-

Jill bathrooms and an etched granite rendering of Michelangelo's Creation of Adam. One of the Wildemere homes boasts a fountain, large aquarium, deck and koi pond.

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Visitors will also see rhinestone cabinet handles; all types of stained glass, leaded glass; recessed lighting, pendant lighting and sconce lighting; an original 6-foot by 7-foot wall mirror; third-floor spaces that originally were occupied by servants; and much more.

Two historic churches also will be open during the tour: Gesu Catholic Church on Oak Drive and All Saints Episcopal Church on Seven Mile. Church members will be on-site giving narrations of the historic significance of the churches and pointing out special features and artifacts. In addition, All Saints will be selling snacks and drinks.

Lawyer Pitt's work includes Flint water crisis, other public justice issues

Royal Oak attorney Michael Pitt was recently selected vice president of Public Justice. Public Justice is a Washington, D.C.-based national public interest firm of 14 lawyers which fights injustices through precedent setting and socially significant individual and class action litiga-

tion. More can be found at PublicJustice.net.

Pitt is co-founder of Pitt McGehee Palmer & Rivers, one of the state's largest firms specializing in civil rights and employment law. The firm is currently representing thousands of Michigan residents in a class action lawsuit (Mays vs. Sny-

der) related to the Flint water crisis.

"Michael has spent his entire career working on the very same issues that are the heart of our mis-



Pitt

sion," Public Justice Executive Director Paul Bland said. "His firm's advocacy on behalf of the human-made tragedy in Flint is a perfect example of his willingness to fight for the disempowered."

Pitt has served in board and leadership positions for numerous professional organiza-

tions including Michigan Association of Justice and Wayne State University Law School Board of Visitors/Executive Committee. He has also served on the State Bar of Michigan's Judicial Task Force on the Election of Michigan Supreme Court Justices. He received the 2014

Champion of Justice award from State Bar of Michigan. In 2013, Pitt was named to Michigan Lawyers Weekly "Leaders in the Law" and Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers.

Pitt is a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State Law School.

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HOMETOWN HEROES RETURN

Canton rally gift to Olympians

Schmitt, Porters get rousing welcome home at Heritage Park Amphitheater

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

After winning silver and gold medals at the Rio Olympics, Canton's Allison Schmitt once again received the rock star treatment during a boisterous, All-American rally Thursday evening at Heritage Park Amphitheater.

So did track and field hurdlers Jeff and Tiffany Porter, a married couple from Canton who represented the United States and Great Britain, respectively.

The love went both ways. "The support has been tremendous," said Schmitt, the 2008 Canton High School graduate who just won medals

at her third Olympics. "Whether it's here — thank you for being here — or looking on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook. I can't thank you guys enough and we heard you all the way from Rio."

At least 1,000 turned out for the program, cheering loudly and waving miniature American flags from the grassy berm opposite the stage — where Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy issued full-throated resolutions honoring the three Olympians.

LaJoy also made a big announcement, that Summit on the Park Aquatic Center would permanently feature Allison Schmitt Lane.

"Oh my gosh, I was shocked. I think

I screamed, 'What!'" Schmitt said, while greeting fans and signing autographs following the program. "They all hid it from me. I had no idea."

The program also featured singing of the national anthem by Workman Elementary School music teacher Keri Mueller and a question-and-answer session moderated by Paul W. Smith of radio station WJR-AM (760).

Following a pre-rally press conference, Schmitt and the Porters were escorted by Canton police officers and flag-carrying youngsters from Summit Swim School to the amphitheater.

Although the crowd didn't need



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Allison Schmitt reacts to the crowd after Supervisor Phil LaJoy presents her with honors.

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PREP FOOTBALL — WEEK 1

Wildcats victimized by sloppy play in opener

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

The promise of another season will have to wait another week for the Plymouth Wildcats.

Friday's season opener against Utica Eisenhower proved less than satisfying for veteran head coach Mike Sawchuk and his squad, as the visiting Eagles rolled to a 28-7 win on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"(Eisenhower) is a good team we're playing," Sawchuk said. "Do I think they're three scores better than us? No. They were tougher than us and they were more disciplined than us tonight."

To that end, the Wildcats were penalized for a pair of 15-yard personal fouls, derailing some of the slight momentum the Plymouth offense was able to generate in the first half — which ended with the Eagles leading 7-0.

Not to mention interceptions and fumbles that conspired against any sustained offense.

"Our defense did a great job; we were on the field all night," Sawchuk said. "But every series, with the offense, we've got to do some work."

"We got to have more of an attitude and we got to get first downs. But you can't blame it all on that."

The Wildcats had an encouraging start when senior defensive back Alan Farmer jumped up along the sidelines to intercept a Max Wittmer pass, ending the game's first series on a positive note.

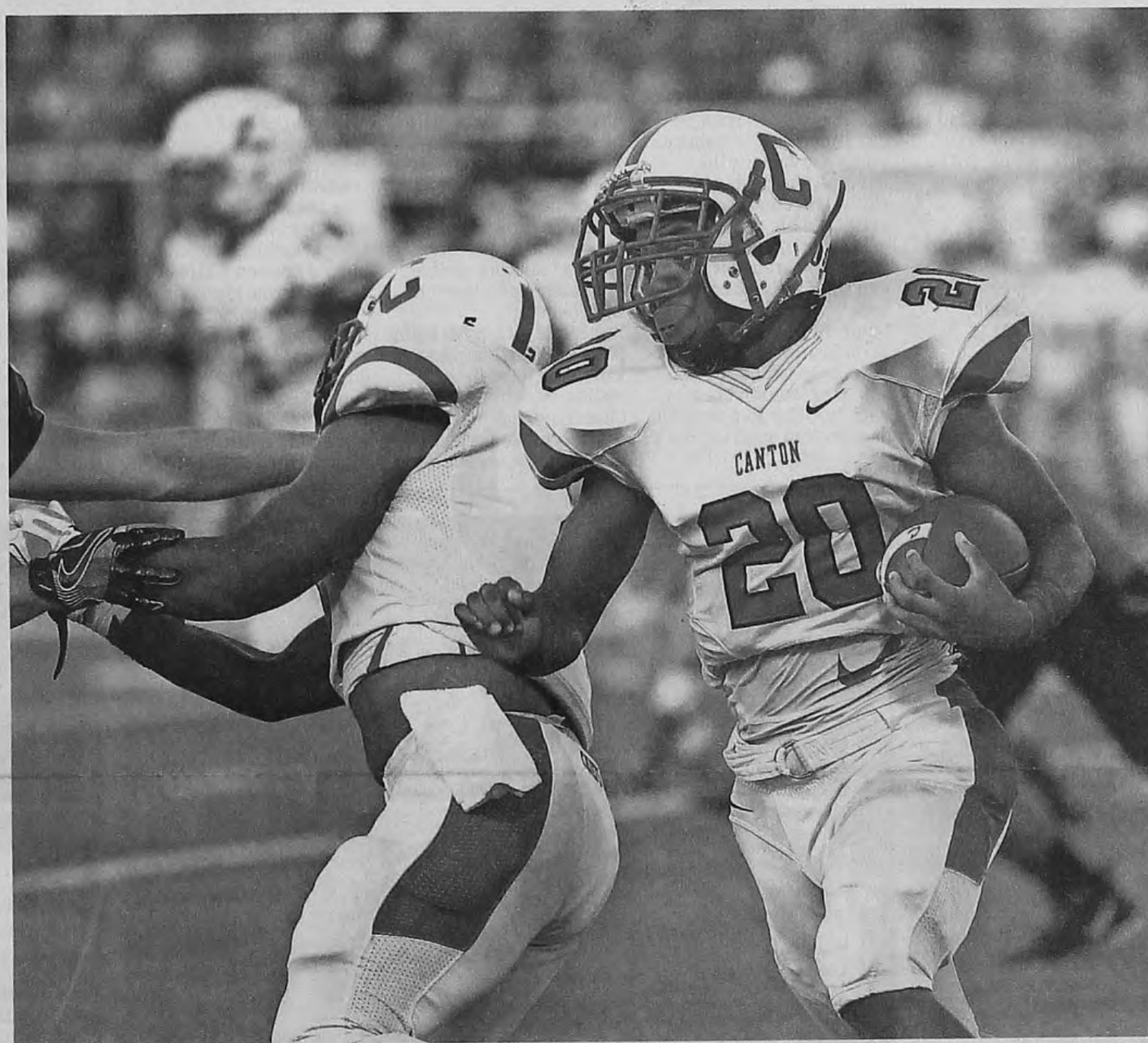
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MICHAEL VASILNEK

This ball is just out of reach of Plymouth's Colton Wieloch — kind of how the whole game went for the Wildcats.

PREP KICKOFF CLASSIC



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Canton's Markus Sanders (left) throws a block for Julian Thornton on Friday night against Dearborn Fordson at Wayne State University.

STONEWALLED

Canton builds 28-7 halftime lead, but Fordson rallies late for win

Evan Paputa
Correspondent

After a first half in which the Canton defense allowed just seven points and 176 total yards, the wheels came off as Dearborn Fordson exploded for 404 second-half yards and five touchdowns to defeat the Chiefs, 40-35, at the annual Prep Kickoff Classic held at Wayne State.

"It was a tale of two halves. Offensively, we need to start scoring. Just way too many big plays defensively and that's something we've been harping on; long pass plays, not tackling a fast quarterback. We got a lot of issues that were exposed tonight. They were faster than us and it showed in the second half," Canton head coach Tim



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Brennon Pelland caught a first-half touchdown pass for the Chiefs.

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OLYMPICS

Canton 'power couple' dialing down

Jeff and Tiffany Porter glad to be home with friends, family

Tim Smith
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Jeff and Tiffany Porter were dubbed a "power couple" by Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy during Thursday's rally at Heritage Park Amphitheater.

And with good reason. The Porters just returned to their home in Canton after competing at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio, Brazil. He ran the 110-meter hurdles for Team USA's track and field team, while she raced the 100 meters for Great Britain's squad.

But for a month or two, at least, the affable husband and wife will catch up on things like naps and enjoying fast food.

"When I got home on Friday, that was the first time in a long time that I slept through a full eight hours," Jeff Porter said during a pre-rally press conference at Summit on the Park. "It was beautiful."

As for Tiffany, she will enjoy herself for the next six weeks or so, before starting the unrelenting training cycle again.

Always more

"The thing about track and field is, after this Olympic year, next year we have a world championship in London," she



Jeff and Tiffany Porter thank the crowd for their support during the rally at Heritage Park Amphitheater in Canton.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

pursuing his doctorate at Eastern Michigan. "Every 200 yards on the highway, there were armed military police officers. I really didn't have any concerns about our safety."

Nodding in agreement was Tiffany, adding that Rio "was beautiful, walking the streets is just like any other city in the world."

They did drink nothing but bottled water, though, she noted.

Jeff and Tiffany Porter were chasing medals for different nations. But that didn't keep folks in Canton from rooting from far away for both to succeed.

"It was a nice surprise to know your neighbors are watching," he said. "We have neighbors that are big fans now of track and field and, of course swimming, because of what we've been doing."

"It's awesome to come back to Canton, come back home and be surrounded by friends and family and be able to revel in that support. And they're excited, they're happy that they've lived that experience with us."

Tiffany chimed in that "when you go to the Olympics representing something so much larger than yourselves, to have that support of your local community and your family, people that generally want to see you succeed really does mean a lot."

Powerful stuff, to say the least.

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said. "Then the year after that it's a Commonwealth (Games) for Europeans and then another world championship.

"There's always a championship to keep you going. Obviously, the Olympics is the big one. But world championships are also a big deal."

Also on hand for the press conference was another Canton hero, U.S. swimmer Allison Schmitt, who did not want to make any proclamations as to whether she would or wouldn't get back into the pool for another run at an Olympic medal in 2020. "I'm

not making any decisions right now, but we'll see," she said.

Meanwhile, 30-year-old Jeff Porter said he's already decided to hang up the running shoes — at least as far as international competition is concerned.

"I'm happy to put a conclusion on my track career," he said, smiling. "I'm looking forward to the next steps."

"But if Tiffany is going (to the 2020 Olympics), I'm going to be in the stands, watching and cheering loud."

The recent games in Rio were the second time

both of the Porters competed in the Olympics. He registered a personal best of 13.08 seconds in the 110 hurdles for Team USA at the 2012 London Olympics; she represented Great Britain (where she was born) at the 2013 World Championships.

"I really, really enjoyed London," Tiffany said. "It was kind of hard to top that, to be honest with you. But Rio was an awesome experience."

Also giving a thumbs up to London was Jeff, who noted there was a shopping mall and an "awesome McDonald's"

near the Olympic Village that time around.

"So many more options," he said.

No worries

Still, all three Canton Olympians gave kudos to how Rio handled the influx of athletes, fans and media from all over the globe — and that their health and safety there never were jeopardized.

That flew in the face of dire predictions made almost daily in the media.

"They did a phenomenal job preparing everything for the village," said Jeff, a University of Michigan graduate now

RALLY

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much pumping up, emcee Ralph Cabildo did just that, encouraging them to "shout it out and show 'em what Canton's all about."

Later, Cabildo said the people did just fine.

"This is awesome. What Canton has done here is fantastic," Cabildo said. "It's fun to see people come out and celebrate their heroes. It's a good thing."

"They got up on their feet and they were just roaring as our Olympians came in."

Inspirational

Cheering from the front row were members of Canton High School's current girls swimming and diving team.

They also made noise from their living rooms when Schmitt won gold with USA Swimming's 800-meter relay team and silver with the 400-meter relay team.

"I think it's really inspiring to be able to see them and hear their stories," said Canton senior Lauren Phillips, 16. "It's really incredible, it's really cool that they're representing our hometown, especially Canton. It's not that big of a place compared to everywhere else."

Phillips said she did not personally send any tweets toward the Canton Olympians, but "I watched all of it."



Allison Schmitt is surrounded by young swimmers before the procession to the Heritage Park pavilion.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

So did another Canton swimmer, 16-year-old junior Maya Bhat.

"It's so cool. We train at the same pool she did, she swam at Canton, too," Bhat said. "Her name is all over the record board."

"Every time we look up to see what events we have to swim, it's really cool that you can see her name there."

The swimmers were just a few of the many Canton residents who made enough noise to be heard more than 5,000 miles away.

At the Canton home of Frank and Kristie Smith, the whole family was dialed in whenever

Schmitt swam or the Porters competed in the hurdles.

"Oh yeah, we were screaming and cheering," Kristie Smith said.

Plus, it was a return engagement for the Smiths as far as welcom-

ing Schmitt back to Canton.

In 2012, they were at Heritage Park Amphitheater following Schmitt's five-medal haul at the London Games. That time, they brought their older daughter Courtney

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Salem strong in numbers and talent

Rocks have nearly 70 runners out for team

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Strength in numbers could push Salem's varsity boys cross country team far down the championship path in 2016.

And the Rocks already weren't that far away, reaching fourth place in the Division 1 regional each of the last two seasons.

"The strength of our team will be our team depth — we will have to run as a pack in order to be successful," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said. "There are very few teams in the state of Michigan with over 65 boys and the large numbers should lead to some intense battles for varsity spots."

So competition already is steep and the first race isn't until Tuesday's match-up at Har-



Salem's (from left) Ryan Exell, Andrew Beyer and Luke Haran form an impressive top three for the Rocks.

SALEM ATHLETICS

land. Aspinall, entering his 11th season with the Rocks, welcomed 20 returning varsity letterwinners among nearly 70 runners.

The good thing for the Rocks is, there isn't much of a drop-off from varsity standouts to newcomers looking to make their mark.

Although last fall's top three of Chaz Jeffress, Griffin Skaff and Jacob

Kubinski graduated, the Rocks remain loaded with talent.

Juniors Ryan Exell and Andrew Beyer and sophomore Luke Haran likely are slated to help fill the void left by those departures.

Aspinall said Exell and Haran bring momentum from successful seasons with Salem's varsity boys track and field team.

"Exell earned all-

region honors in the 1,600 and 3,200 this past spring and Haran earned all-region honors in the 3,200," he said. "All three of these guys have put in a tremendously amount of work this summer and will be drastically improving their personal bests from last fall."

Where the coach is truly pumped up is the level of competition for the remaining seven varsity positions.

Eleven athletes are in the mix to complete the lineup.

Those include seniors Tyler Dew, Alex Lindsay, Peter Bushaw, Nathan Schubring and Alex Kroll; juniors Owen Parks, Alec Teodori and Nolan Teodori; and sophomores Shane McKimmy, Luke Jakubik and Christo Jeffers.

"These guys have all had productive summers and will likely fill our top seven," Aspinall said.

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PREP FOOTBALL WEEK 1

Tigers claw back, rout Rocks

Belleville roars in second half against Salem, 40-19

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

If football was judged alone on just the first two quarters of play, then the mood would have been much different on the Salem sideline following its season opener against Belleville.

The Rocks held a 12-7 advantage at the half, utilizing all three facets of the game (offense, defense and special teams) to put up points on the scoreboard.

Unfortunately for Salem (0-1), there was still another half of football to be played, which saw the Tigers (1-0) score 20 unanswered points en route to a 40-19 win at the P-CEP JV Field.

"It was definitely back and forth and special teams played a big part of it," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "I think we ran out of gas a little bit toward the end. It was one missed block or a back slipping and that was the ebb-and-flow of the game. We have to be better conditioned and play better."

The changing of the guard came late in the third quarter, with Belleville's offense taking to the field for a third time, after having its previous drives end via punt. Following a pair of runs, the Tigers went to the air on the ensuing play, which saw quarterback Jahz Watts take a low snap before catching wide receiver Julian Barnett on a comeback route for a 67-yard score with 1:10 remaining to make it a 13-12 game (the two-point conversion was unsuccessful).

The dynamic duo of Watts and Barnett once again caught the Rocks off-guard, this time in the fourth quarter on a pivotal third down. Belleville, which coughed up the football on the previous possession, had other intentions this time around as Barnett hauled in a 41-yard bullet pass from Watts to give it an eight-point cushion with 8:07 left in regulation.

"Julian made some plays for us and the sky's the limit for him," Belleville head coach Jermain Crowell said.

As much as the offense came alive



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Breaking loose for a nice gain Friday night against Belleville is Salem running back Andrew Davis.

during the second half for the Tigers, the defense was just as complimentary, thanks to a pair of interceptions that led to scores. Following Barnett's second touchdown of the game, Salem quarterback Ryan Young had a pass tipped at the line of scrimmage, where it fell into the hands of Belleville's Matt Clark.

The Tigers needed just two plays to finish the job, which came on a 2-yard dive by sophomore Khalid Crawford to put them ahead by a 27-12 margin.

Not to be outdone, the Rocks cut the deficit to eight less than two minutes later, as senior defensive lineman DaVon Gunn knocked the ball out of Watts' hands and turned on the jets for a 41-yard scoop and score.

"I called that at halftime and told him he was going have one of those in the second half," Britnell said. "I won't take credit for that, but DaVon did a great job."

Belleville scored on a 22-yard run by sophomore Deon Selma before putting the game away for good on Patrick Lupro's 64-yard interception return with 1:48 to go.

Salem took the initial lead less than seven minutes into the contest, thanks to a safety by defensive linemen Alex Howie and Gunn.

The Rocks made it a 9-0 affair on their first series of the second quarter via the read option, which saw Young fake a handoff to junior running back Andrew Davis before tucking it in and reaching pay dirt on a 19-yard run up the gut.

Belleville took some wind out of their sails, courtesy of a 65-yard return by Barnett on the ensuing kickoff.

Junior kicker William Neumaier's 25-yard field goal with 3:30 left until halftime extended Salem's lead to five points.

CANTON

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Baechler said.

Slay Shajrah put the nail in the Chiefs' coffin as he hauled in a 59-yard strike from Hamze Elzayet to put the Tractors up for good.

"To come in here and battle, especially how we were down at half, shows a tribute to the kids and our staff," Fordson head coach Fouad Zaban said.

Canton (0-1) took a 28-7 lead into halftime thanks to a balanced first-half attack. Markus Sanders (18 carries for 186 yards) and Steven Walker (two carries for 27 yards) both scored a rushing touchdown to put Canton up 14-0 in the first quarter. Brennon Pelland and Colin Troup both caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Jake O'Donnell in the second quarter.

Pendulum shift

On the first play of the third quarter, O'Donnell was intercepted by Shajrah to shift the pendulum Fordson's way. Four plays later, Elzayet scampered in from 39 yards out to cut the Canton lead to 28-14.

Change in momentum put Canton behind the 8-ball right out of the gates in the third quarter, according to Baechler.

"Our message (at halftime) was the score is 0-0 and we have to re-establish momentum in the third quarter and we didn't," he said. "We didn't communicate on the kickoff right away. Quarterback makes a horrible decision on a receiver running the wrong way."

"They took the momentum right away and we just could not get it back. Hats off to them."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Julian Thornton eludes a Fordson tackler to score Canton's last touchdown.

On the flip side of things, Fordson's defense struggled with Canton's traditional wing-T offense in the first half, giving up 28 points and 293 total yards.

Zaban and his coaching staff trusted their preparation and did not make any halftime adjustments.

"Honestly, we did the same stuff. We were more disciplined and executed better. Our players came back and wanted to fight, they fought," Zaban said.

Answering back

After Fordson rattled off four unanswered touchdowns to take a 34-28 lead with 7:21 remaining in the fourth quarter, the Chiefs marched down the field to retake the lead.

Canton needed two fourth-down conversions to get deep inside Fordson territory as Julian Thornton ran in from

27 yards to put Canton up, 35-34, with 2:34 left.

"We couldn't stay on schedule today. They were obviously more physical than we were and that's an issue; I don't care how big we are. We're not a big team, but that should not be an issue," Baechler said.

Despite scoring 35 points, the offense was not firing on all cylinders, according to Baechler.

"We had to go with big plays. We scored 35 points, but I certainly don't think we played very well offensively. We have a lot of work to do," Baechler said.

Fordson's defense held Canton to just 155 yards in the second half. The Tractors' concentration and discipline to stopping the run proved to be critical in their effort, according to Zaban.

"We know what they're going to do, they know what they're going to do. We didn't go in at halftime and really change anything. We concentrated on our execution," Zaban said.

Elzayet was a difference maker all night, accounting for 470 out of Fordson's 580 offensive yards and five touchdowns (three passing, two rushing).

"The quarterback is a product of who's around him and my guys stepped up and they made plays. They don't all have to be Division I, 6-foot-3 athletes. They're just play makers that do their jobs," Elzayet said.

Fordson's lone first-half score came on a 3-yard run by Ahmed Sabbagh.

Canton will host Walled Lake Western (1-0) in a KLAAC crossover at 7 p.m. Thursday at the P-CEP varsity field.

"We got to get better. We can't think about wins and losses, we got to think about getting better. That's what wins," Baechler said.

Eisenhower, unfortunately, came right back and scored again. The defense bit on a Wittwer fake and the quarterback then threw a deep ball over the middle to Chargo for a 25-yard score.

Plymouth's offense could not turn on the jets after that, however. Peterson was picked off by John Stroble to end one series later in the third.

And in the fourth, down 21-7 and with junior Zach Beadle in at QB, a fumbled snap on fourth down led to the game's final TD — a 39-yard strike from Wittmer to Benjamin Mets with 5:31 remaining.

"We worked our tails off, the linemen worked their tails off," Timko said. "But we just didn't execute in crunch time, fourth down, third down we didn't make plays."

"We're still growing, we're still getting better. It's going to be good."

Sawchuk, meanwhile, guaranteed it will be a different Plymouth team on the field for Week 2, when the Wildcats host Walled Lake Central (6:30 p.m. Thursday, on the JV grass field).

"You can't forget this, you got to remember what you did," he said. "But you got to watch film and you got to get better. The only way I know how to do it is dig my heels in and grind."

"We've done it before, plenty of years and we got to do it again."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

PCA opens season with one eye on the finish line

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Last season, Plymouth Christian Academy won a lot of volleyball games.

But the 36-5-1 Eagles — having cruised to division, district and conference championships — could not finish the job, falling in the Class D semifinals to vaunted nemesis Battle Creek St. Philip.

Second-year head coach D.J. Kellogg and a senior-laden squad are all-in on doing whatever it takes to finally put a state championship banner in Butler Gymnasium.

"Last year's loss in the state semifinal match was disappointing, for sure, but ultimately it really raised the bar for the PCA program overall," Kellogg said. "Girls from last year's varsity and JV teams worked hard and improved in the off-season."

Leading the PCA team once again will be senior co-captains Olivia Mady and Divna Roi, who will play outside hitter and libero, respectively.

Mady and Roi were outstanding throughout the Eagles' big 2015 season and are primed for one more strong showing.

Other key returning seniors are setter Jessica Paulson, middle blocker Aliyah Pries, defensive specialist Abby Vicars and middle blocker Taylor Misteale.

Also back are juniors Abigail Pray (setter), Robin Albert (outside hitter/right-side hitter) and Grace Kellogg (outside hitter).

Defensive specialist Natalie Shaffer, a junior, and freshman middle blocker Gabriella Kellogg also will bring depth to the roster.

Stepping right in

Meanwhile, the level of competition for varsity spots during the summer and team camp also indicated to Kellogg that there will not be a drop-off.

And numbers were so strong that Plymouth Christian needed to form a freshman team.

"Coupled with that, (Taylor) Baptist Park closed late in the summer," Kellogg said. "Despite the unfortunate situation for them, PCA was blessed to get many transfer students, some of which played volleyball."

Two of those players — seniors Devon Burns and Ruth Doty — will be instrumental both at outside hitter and the opposite side of the front row.

"Those two girls have made excellent additions to our team, both from a talent and team culture standpoint," Kellogg said. "The other two new players will also add significant value to our team."

"Overall, the changes will result in giving us some offensive and defensive options we didn't have last year."

Kellogg added that tougher non-conference opponents are on the schedule, including Plymouth for a 6:30 p.m. home match Tuesday, to help prepare the Eagles for crunch time.

PCA also will compete in challenging tournaments at Mt. Morris, Novi and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

"Our focus this season will not be as much on record as it will be on getting better," he added.

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Plymouth Christian Academy senior co-captains Divna Roi (left) and Olivia Mady can't wait to pick up from where last season left off.

WILDCATS

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But the game remained scoreless until the final minute of the opening quarter.

Wittmer connected with Ryan Chargo on a 77-yard touchdown catch and run. Chargo grabbed the ball over the middle near midfield, then busted his way down the left sideline into the end zone.

Eisenhower never trailed after that.

Still, there remained hope on the Plymouth sideline as the second half opened.

Unfortunately for the home side, a miscue on a fourth-down play set the tone for a tough final 24 minutes.

The punter, Farmer, took the snap, but instead of kicking away, ran forward. An Eisenhower player brought him down at the Plymouth 32 to give the Eagles great field position.

Sure enough, three plays later, senior Jacob Albrecht busted a run around right end for a 16-yard touchdown to make it 14-0.

"It's just a rugby punt, we get pressure, he's supposed to ... get rid of it," Sawchuk said. "I don't know if he thought maybe he could get the first down."

"But that's something I have to fix. I'm not going to blame it on him."

Plymouth did respond on the next



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Trying to find room in the Utica Eisenhower defense Friday is Plymouth running back Darius Timmons (left).

series, with a 68-yard kickoff return by Isaac Emminger giving the Wildcats the ball inside Eisenhower's 30.

On the next snap, Wildcats senior quarterback Jonah Peterson lofted a spiral into the end zone, where it was hauled down by senior wide-out Chase Timko for the touchdown. Booting the extra point was Erli Metko, slicing the deficit to 14-7.

"I just saw the ball come up to me and I went up and had to make a play for the team," Timko said. "I came down with it and tried to get something going."

RELIGION CALENDAR

AUGUST

PRaise AND WORSHIP

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28
Location: Open Arms Church, 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: The Beatenbos will minister
Contact: 734-471-5282

T-SHIRT COLLECTION

Time/Date: Through 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

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

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, from Sept. 8-May 11
Location: Berkley Community Church 2855 Wiltshire, Berkley
Details: This 30-week, in-depth, inter-denominational study of Romans is for women. Children's program also is available for youngsters through kindergarten. Register at 248-885-5718
Contact: birminghamberkley.cbssclass.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Cheek to Cheek sings pop-jazz and R&B duets. Get tickets at unityoflivonia.org
Contact: 734-421-1760

FAITH FORMATION

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
Location: St. Priscilla Parish activity center, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia
Details: "Prayer: The Faith Prayed - Making Room For God," is the first of the parish's "Growing in Faith Together - Intergenerational Sessions" for 2016-17. A light meal will be provided. Free will donations will be accepted. RSVP by Sept. 16
Contact: faithformation@saint-priscilla.org; 248-476-4700

GRIEF SHARE

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

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Time/Date: Noon, Sunday, Sept. 11
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Robert A. Finnigan, who has a background in finance and accounting, and who is a student of Unity teachings, will lead a personal finance workshop
Contact: 734-421-1760; unityoflivonia.org

MUGS & MUFFINS MINISTRY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. third Saturday of the month, beginning Sept. 10
Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: This new ministry is for women, ages 18 and up, no children, to gather together for friendship, exploring God's word and coffee, tea and muffins
Contact: 734-421-0472

PRAYER DAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20
Location: Capuchin's St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: A prayer service, with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir and the Dearing Dancers, will celebrate the International Day of Prayer for Peace. The theme is Let Peace Begin With Me and the featured speaker is Capuchin Friar Ray Stadmeier
Contact: 313-579-2100; TheCapuchins.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday,

Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 17
Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Specialty boutique, house wares / household, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Grand opening with 20 percent mark up is Sept. 14. Bag sale is Sept. 17
Contact: 248-477-1410

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; nancyklen879@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.livoniast-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/stinnocentredford

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@tbosm.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, 14 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.metrofibrogroup.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 (non-perishable 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

Celebration Church, ELCA
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, with an education hour at 11 a.m. Social hour follows the service.
Location: 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-421-0749; celebrationLC.com

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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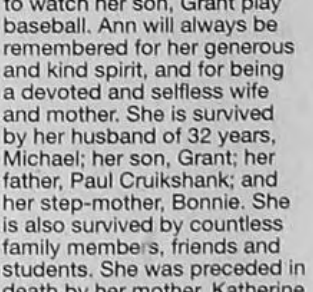

BENJAMIN HOWARD died peacefully in his sleep on August 22, 2016. Born April 6, 1958 in Jackson, Mississippi, Ben was raised in Miami, Florida, received a degree in Business from the University of Florida in 1980, and an MBA from the University of Michigan in 1982. Ben worked 26 years for Unisys Corporation as an IT professional where he traveled the world implementing software. Later Ben worked for various firms in southeast Michigan as an IT Project Manager. Ben resided in Livonia for 24 years. He actively volunteered with the Livonia Junior Athletic League as a coach and manager for boys basketball, soccer, and baseball programs. Ben is preceded in death by his father and mother Sheldon and Eleanor Bank. Ben is survived by his wife of 27 years Nancy (Sifka) Bank of Livonia, sons Simon Bank of Oak Park and Stephen Bank of St. Joseph, and sister Michal Finkelstein (nee MaryEllen Bank) of Beit El, Israel. A well attended service was held at Unity of Livonia; many honored Ben by wearing suspenders. The family appreciates donations to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan in Ben's memory. Please share a memory at www.rgrgharris.com.

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GERARD "JERRY" JAMES June 20, 1936 - August 22, 2016. A life-long Redford Township resident and a proud United States Air Force Veteran; Loving father of Julie (Mike) Rzepka, Jennifer (Larry) Millen and David (Leslie); Devoted grandfather of Monica, Adam, Madeleine, Olivia, Elizabeth, Nicholas and Nathan; Dear brother of Carol (Doug) Hunter, Jim, and Toni Chase, and uncle of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, Leone and James (Jim) Doran, sister, Fran, and brother, Jack. Jerry will be laid to rest with U.S. Military Honors at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy, Michigan with his grandparents, John and Florence Smith. A private family memorial and burial are planned for a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to The Michigan Humane Society.

RICHTER


HARRY G. August 21, 2016, age 90 of Westland. Beloved husband of June. Visitation Monday 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road & Cherry Hill) Westland. Entombment Glen Eden Memorial Park. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com

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ANN E. age 57, of Northville, passed away August 25, 2016. She was born September 25, 1958 in Cadillac, Michigan, daughter of Paul and the late Katherine Cruikshank. Ann graduated in 1980 from Central Michigan University, teacher education program as their top teaching candidate. She was a high school math teacher with Plymouth/Canton schools for over 30 years. She was a dedicated educator and always put her students needs before her own. Ann and her husband, Mike owned and operated Showcase Stables. She was a horseback riding instructor and a well respected, national horse show judge. In 1997, Ann became the first coach of Team U.S.A. Morgan, representing the United States in South Africa. She was also known for her beautiful singing voice, for being an excellent cook and she never missed a chance to watch her son, Grant play baseball. Ann will always be remembered for her generous and kind spirit, and for being a devoted and selfless wife and mother. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Michael; her son, Grant; her father, Paul Cruikshank; and her step-mother, Bonnie. She is also survived by countless family members, friends and students. She was preceded in death by her mother, Katherine in 2006. Visitation will be held on Monday, August 29 from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. with the family receiving friends beginning at 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Ann will be laid to rest in Cherry Valley Cemetery in Evart, Michigan.
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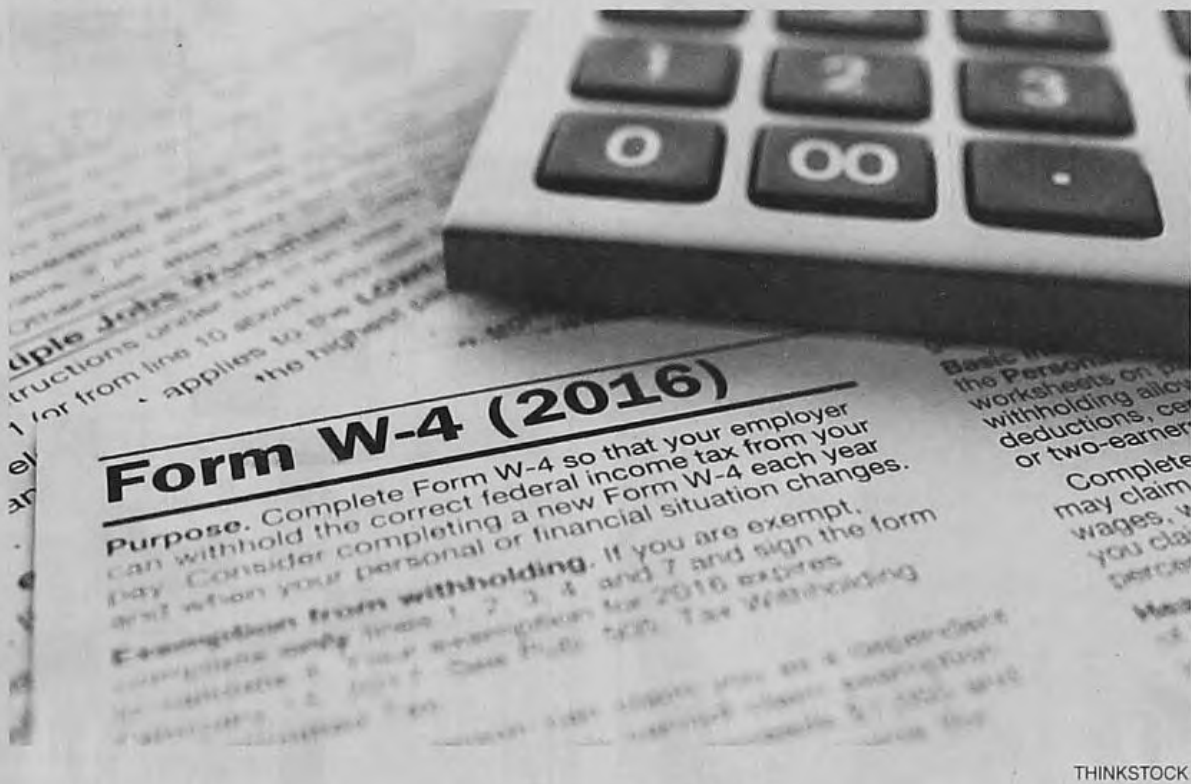
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If you're struggling to survive off of your wages, follow these expert tips on simple strategies to stretch your paycheck.

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Build a budget. Having a set budget and tracking your expenses can help you better manage your money. "Consider your fixed expenses, like your mortgage, car payment or rent, and then consider your variable expenses, like

groceries and gas. Use a budget worksheet to help you determine how much you can spend every month while still being able to put money away in saving," says Mark Goldstein, president of SAFE-Money Alliance in Las Cruces, N.M. "If you're struggling with a budget, take a step back and track your spending to see where your money is going. Save your receipts and organize them into categories to see where you're spending the most money."

Goldstein says that once you determine the source of your money issues, it's time

to cut expenses. "Can you cut your TV subscription, gym membership or the number of times you eat out a month? Little things like this can add up over a year."

Increase your income. When money is tight, "the best option to get ahead is to increase income," says John Crabtree, a personal finance blogger at Action Economics. "If someone is living paycheck to paycheck and working 40 hours a week, an extra 10 hours per week increases total income by 25 percent, and that's if no overtime is

calculated in. If overtime isn't available at your primary employer, there are many places that hire part-time workers for nights and weekends."

Save in small increments. If you're barely getting by, saving money may seem impossible. But by putting even a small amount away each month, you'll slowly — but surely — build a cushion that you may need down the road.

Matthew Coan, owner of the personal finance website Casavvy.com, suggests having your paycheck directly deposited into two accounts — one primary and one savings. "You need to determine how much money you think you can have deposited into your online savings account each paycheck to be able to live off what is left over," he says. "Let's say you can only have \$10 taken out of each weekly paycheck and deposited into your online savings account. After one year, you will have \$520 saved up, plus whatever interest you have earned."

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Car Report

FORD DOUBLES DOWN ON FUTURE OF AUTONOMOUS DRIVING, BUT MUCH OF THE EFFORT WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN SILICON VALLEY



By Dale Buss

Ford CEO Mark Fields has evolved from something of a skeptical participant in the self-driving-car derby to one of its most enthusiastic racers. And he topped off that subtle transformation earlier this month by deciding to double Ford's personnel footprint in Silicon Valley and by announcing that the company plans to release a fully driverless car -- without a steering wheel -- within the next five years.

Ford said that it now intends to deliver high-volume, fully autonomous vehicles for ride-sharing by 2021. It's one of the few companies, even including the digital-tech giants trying to shoulder into the business, that has declared its intention to field vehicles that really can't be driven by humans.

But Ford expects the first of these cars to be used by commercial-fleet operators looking for cost savings instead of employing human drivers and to confine these vehicles largely to cities with pre-mapped zones designed for autonomous vehicles.

To augment its existing efforts, Ford said it invested in a handful of companies and collaborations that are expanding its strong research in



A fully autonomous Ford Fusion Hybrid being tested on the streets of Dearborn.

advanced algorithms, 3D mapping, LiDAR and radar and camera sensors.

For instance, Ford is investing \$75 million, along with Chinese digital giant Baidu, in Velodyne, a sensor maker based in Silicon Valley that is a leader in light detection and ranging (LiDAR) sensors. The aim is to quickly mass-produce a more affordable automotive LiDAR sensor than those available today.

The company also acquired SAIPS, an Israel-based computer-vision and machine-learning outfit, to further strengthen Ford's expertise in artificial intelligence and enhance computer vision.

Ford also notched an exclusive licensing arrangement with Nirenberg Neuroscience LLC, a machine-vision company founded by a neuroscientist who cracked the neural code that the eye uses to transmit visual information to the brain. This has led to a powerful machine-vision platform for performing navigation, object recognition, facial recognition and other functions, with many potential applications.

Finally, Ford has invested in Civil Maps, a Berkeley, Calif.-based outfit that develops high-resolution 3D-mapping capabilities.

But perhaps more significant than all those investments for southeastern Michigan is the fact that Ford also will double the staff at its Silicon Valley office to 260 by the end of next year in an effort to expand into new "mobility" services. Those are jobs that, in an earlier era of automotive transport, most surely would have been located in Michigan.

"The next decade will be defined by automation of the automobile, and we see autonomous vehicles as having as significant an impact on society as Ford's moving assembly line did 100 years ago," Fields said in a release. "We're dedicated to putting on the road an autonomous vehicle that can improve safety and solve



Ford's campus in Palo Alto, Calif.

social and environmental challenges for millions of people -- not just those who can afford luxury vehicles."

To that end, over the last year or so Ford has launched all sorts of experiments and initiatives in ride-sharing, car-sharing and other "mobility services," has beefed up its digital capabilities and created a mobility unit that is headed by former Steelcase CEO and interim University of Michigan athletic director (he hired Jim Harbaugh) James Hackett.

Still, Ford's latest moves to catch up with rivals such as General Motors -- which took a big stake in ride-sharing service Lyft and plans soon to start testing a fleet of driverless

Chevrolet Bolt taxis -- demonstrate an interesting evolution in Fields' approach to mobility.

Nearly two years ago, when he gave a keynote speech at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Fields generated headlines such as, "Ford CEO: We're not ready for self-driving cars yet."

Rather than making precipitate moves and announcements so that the company could make a "marketing claim," he said at that time, Ford didn't want to race to try to introduce the first automated car if that meant it wouldn't be available to a wide range of consumers. And he said Ford would focus instead on bringing more automated-driving features, such

as lane-departure warning systems, into its already-affordable vehicles.

In his remarks about Ford's latest moves, Fields was much more eager to note that Ford's hat is in the self-driving ring on any terms -- even though he insisted that the company still is "not in a race to make announcements." Ford now wants to deploy its self-driving model within five years and presumably will focus later on making it a mainstream offering.

"We've done a lot of work reducing the cost of the technical components," Fields said this week, "but at the outset, it is still going to be a relatively expensive vehicle."

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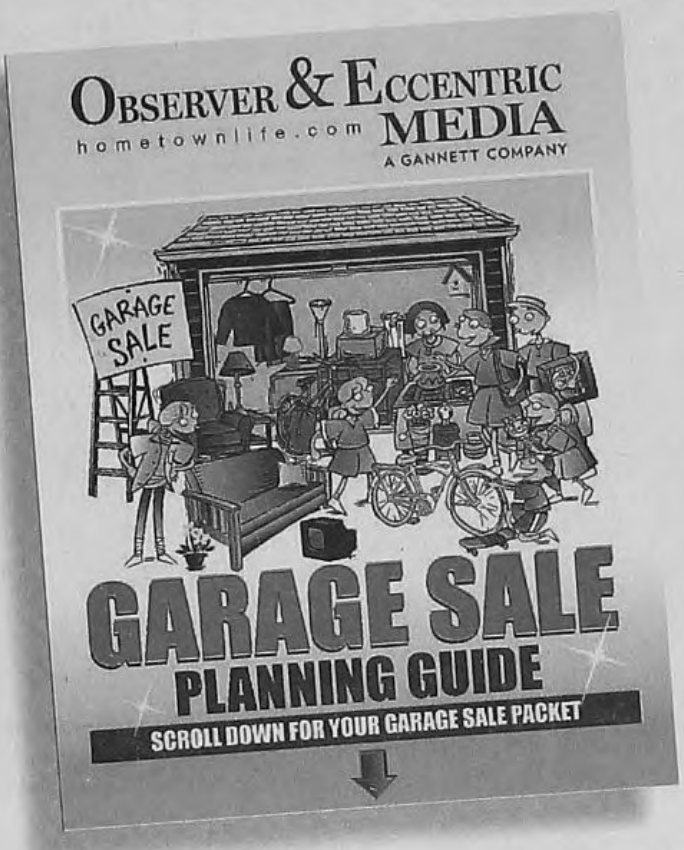
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