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## CANTON CONNECTION

### Tea party

The American Tea Party hosts an event 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton.

Precinct delegate training will be continued, as well as discussions of topics such as, among others, "the difference between a democracy and a republic," "How does a democracy turn into a dictatorship and is there a way to stop it?" "What is the role of the state?" and "What is nullification and can the states nullify unconstitutional laws?"

The session is free to the public. To reserve space or for more information, contact Melanie Collinsworth at [thelibertychick@gmail.com](mailto:thelibertychick@gmail.com)

### Price hike

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### Market help

People looking for a fun volunteer experience — especially those who are Farmers Market enthusiasts — can volunteer at the Canton Farmers Market, located on the grounds of Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road, just north of Cherry Hill Road.

Organizers say volunteering for this popular Farmers Market is an excellent opportunity to give back to the Canton community. Volunteer opportunities include: market greeter/information booth, Bartlett-Travis House tour guides, children's arts and crafts, special activities, and Walking Club Ambassadors. The Canton Farmers Market offers plenty of delicious seasonal produce, including fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers and specialty products from local vendors. This open-air market also features locally produced arts and crafts.

The Canton Farmers Market takes place every Sunday from May 9 through Oct. 17, rain or shine. Volunteers are needed to work from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are not required to work every Sunday.

For more information on volunteering at the Canton Farmers Market or for other volunteering opportunities, call (734) 394-5191 or visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## The true 'Rock'

### 'Fitz' draws the curtain on 40-year Salem career

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dr. Pat Fitzpatrick has done the math, and he figures he's entered and exited the building at Salem High School some 15,200 times in a 40-year career as an administrator in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

He'll do it again on Friday. For the last time.

Fitzpatrick, the assistant principal who walked through the door the first time in 1970, retires Friday after 46 years as an educator, the last 40 of them in the same building where his friends, former students and colleagues feted him with a retirement party.

Fitz, as he's known all around The Park, decided "it was time" just about a year after taking time off because of heart-related health issues.

"I had hoped to work this year to help with the new style of administration," said Fitzpatrick, who is on the list at the University of Michigan for a heart transplant. "I talked to the doctors and we decided I had to get rid of stress, so that if a heart comes, I can be ready."

#### GETTING STARTED

When he walks out the door, Fitzpatrick will be ending a 46-year career that started as a history teacher at Willow Run High School in Ypsilanti in 1964. After six years at Willow Run — a stint marked, according to Fitzpatrick, by racial unrest and violence — Fitzpatrick was considering a career change.

While attending graduate classes at Eastern Michigan University, he had a conversation with Mike Hoben, for whom he would eventually work as superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools. Hoben told Fitzpatrick about more than 300 acres Plymouth school officials had purchased at Joy and Canton Center, where they would build a new "park" complex that Hoben said would eventually house four high schools and some 8,000 students.

Fitzpatrick went over and took a look at the \$11-million

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Salem High School assistant principal Patrick Fitzpatrick retires after 40 years serving students in the Plymouth-Canton schools.



COURTESY PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

Pat Fitzpatrick started his Plymouth-Canton career in 1970.

## Mother appeals for daughter's safe return

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the mother of a missing 15-year-old girl made a public appeal for her daughter's return, the Canton Community Foundation has started collecting donations for a reward fund for information leading to the youngster.

Redford resident Michelle O'Brien said her troubled daughter, Devon Kroetsch, spent several months in a girls home in Vassar before she was placed in a less-restrictive Canton group home which she fled nearly a month ago.

O'Brien said her daughter briefly phoned her three times after she fled the home, saying she was safe but refusing to disclose her whereabouts.

O'Brien issued a plea for her daughter's return and also has received help from the Canton Community Foundation. O'Brien said she wants her daughter to "just call home, come home."

"Nothing is that bad," the mother said. "We can figure it out. Nothing is ever bad enough to stay away from your family for this long."

Anyone who has information about the girl's whereabouts is urged to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Joan Noricks, the community foundation's president, said Devon's family has worked with the foundation to create a reward fund for information leading authorities to the girl.

"The foundation's motivation for doing this is to find a 15-year-old girl who is missing," Noricks said Friday.

To learn more about the foundation's effort and ways to donate, log on its Web site at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org).

Devon was reportedly last seen March 1 at Belleville High School. She did not return to the Canton home after school that day, prompting police to seek the public's help locating her.

On the day she disappeared, the girl was last seen using crutches with a bright orange cast on her foot.

Police didn't release the girl's name, but the mother did. The girl's name also appears on the foundation's Web site.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said the girl is believed to be safe based on the phone calls that family members say she has made, but authorities still are treating her as a missing person.

"Our investigation indicates that she has been in contact with family members, which has given us more reason to treat her as a runaway than a missing person," Schreiner said. "But, at this point we are still treating her as a missing person."

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The mother of Devon Kroetsch hopes the 15-year-old will come home safe.

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## Christmas comes early for needy homeowners

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Low-income Canton residents who are elderly or disabled will get help repairing their dilapidated homes when scores of volunteers show up at their doorsteps in April.

Some financially struggling and frail homeowners need significant help with electrical, plumbing, roofing, driveway and heating-system repairs, while others merely want assistance with painting, window-washing and yard-raking chores they simply can't do.

It's all part of Canton's Christmas in Action program, which raises money and uses donated materials as skilled and unskilled volunteers

embark on a one-day mission to help the community's less-fortunate residents.

This year's program starts 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, April 24, with a continental breakfast inside the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center, and volunteers will fan out across the township to do their good deeds 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"This is one of the best groups I've ever been involved with," said Craig Manser, Christmas in Action treasurer.

Simply because Canton has so many well-groomed neighborhoods, Manser said it's surprising to many people that some residents just don't have the money, the physical ability or family members to help them make much-needed

repairs.

"The program is for the people who can't do it themselves and who don't have other people to turn to," Manser said. "Sometimes the people will ask if they will be getting a bill in the mail (for the work)."

They won't.

Abe Vinitski, township parks and golf supervisor, said between 100 and 150 volunteers already have signed up to help with Christmas in Action.

"We definitely could use more people," he said. "We're like to get 200 to 225 volunteers."

To volunteer, call (734) 394-5191. Those who aren't available April 24 but who want to donate money or materials also may call the phone num-

ber.

Christmas in Action draws together volunteers such as electricians, carpenters, plumbers, roofers and other professionals, as well as students and unskilled people who might be handy with a paintbrush or a rake.

"We will take all the help we can get," Vinitski said. "The more help we get, the more work we can do."

Volunteers are encouraged to bring brooms, rakes and shovels marked with their names, as well as gloves. They will be provided a lunch during the day.

Vinitski estimated six to eight houses will get extensive repairs on April 24, while several others will benefit from less extensive sprucing-up

efforts.

Vinitski and Manser said Home Depot has been a major supporter of Christmas in Action, which also has received help from agencies such as United Way.

Each year, seniors and disabled residents receive help after they go through an application process that includes documenting their low-income status.

Though it occurs in Canton, the program is called Christmas in Action of Wayne County, and it is patterned after similar programs that occur across the country. For more information, log on to [www.christmasinaction-wayne.com](http://www.christmasinaction-wayne.com).

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# Fund-raising going well for dog park

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Supporters have now raised \$20,000 for a Canton dog park that officials hope to open later this year on a three-acre site off Denton Road north of Cherry Hill, across from fire station No. 3.

Abe Vinitski, township parks and golf supervisor, said organizers hope to raise as much as \$65,000 for a fenced-in dog park where dogs can play off-leash while their owners socialize.

"We could be open by fall. That's our plan right now," Vinitski said. "We're pretty much on schedule. We really want to open before the year's end."

Vinitski lauded the fund-raising efforts of Friends of the Canton Township Dog Park, a group that has worked tirelessly for the effort.

"The dog park supporters are incredibly passionate and very dedicated to the cause,"



Pet owner Kim Michael said her Irish wolfhounds Darby and Bear, shown here at home, are "bored" and need a Canton dog park where they can socialize with their peers. "They can't wait," she said.

he said. "It's quite remarkable."

One of those supporters, Kim Michael, has a border collie mix, Roxy, and two Irish wolfhounds, Darby and Bear, that she is eager to take to the

dog park. She said they already have enjoyed the camaraderie of other pets during past fund-raising events, such as "Bark at the Moon" outings in Heritage Park, where dogs have played off-leash at a simulated dog park.

"They get very excited," Michael said. "It's a great opportunity for them to socialize and get their energy out. They go home tired."

"I think the dog community is extremely excited about the

dog park," she added. "The dogs can socialize while their owners sit and talk. It's a good social time for everybody."

The next dog park fund-raiser is set for 8 p.m. Thursday at Kickers All-Star Grill, 46555 Michigan Ave., west of Belleville Road, where comedians will take the stage to benefit the ongoing effort.

Tickets cost \$15 and may be purchased in the township parks office, located in the Canton Administration



Organizers hope to open a three-acre dog park later this year on a site now occupied by a sign of things to come.

Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 394-5310 for ticket information.

More information also is available by calling Kicker's at (734) 482-1600 or by logging onto [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) and looking under the "In the News" section.

Patrons will receive 25 percent off their meals or half off a pizza during the evening, but a \$5 minimum drink or food purchase is required. Patrons must be at least 21 years old to attend.

Meanwhile, Vinitski has said designs for the dog park

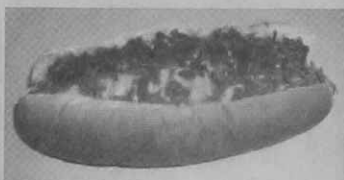
include two separate areas, one of large dogs above 20 pounds and another for smaller dogs. Officials say the park's layout will allow pets to enjoy themselves in a safe environment.

Michael said dog park supporters also have taken their cause to the social networking site Facebook. Moreover, she said a direct link to the Canton Township Dog Park Web site may be accessed by logging on to [www.bit.ly/canton-dogpark](http://www.bit.ly/canton-dogpark), where there's also a link to Facebook.

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Blood drive

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, March 30, from 1-7 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building lower level meeting room B.

The blood drive goal is 25 pints.

Contact John Spencer at (734) 394-5246 or [jspencer@canton-mi.org](mailto:jspencer@canton-mi.org) to make an appointment. Each pint of blood helps save three lives.

Brandon speaks

David Brandon, the University of Michigan's athletic director and former CEO of Domino's Pizza, will be the guest speaker during a Canton Economic Club luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Cost is \$20. To register, call (734) 394-5185 by Friday, April 2.

Waste pickup

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 5 and will continue until Dec. 2. All yard waste should be placed with your recyclables separate from your trash on your regular trash collection day.

Acceptable yard waste items include: grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, pruning debris, wood debris, and brush. Unacceptable yard waste items include: food scraps, animal waste, batteries, chemicals, and sod.

Twigs, branches, brush, pruning, and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, not exceeding 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Bundles are limited to six bundles a week.

Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste must be placed in 30 gallon paper yard waste bags or 32 gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles marked "YARD WASTE". Stickers for reusable container are available at Canton



Electric slide

Sydni Cramer, Patrick McDougall, Nicholas Schweikhart and Caroline Jones were among fourth-graders in the fourth-grade classroom of teacher Amy Caudill at Tonda Elementary School in Canton who recently learned how electricity works. Their work included learning how to wire their own houses.

Treasurer's Officer. Please note, dirt and clay are unacceptable yard waste items, if either are placed in the yard waste bag or receptacle, CWR will leave the yard waste behind.

All containers must be marked "YARD WASTE" and containers weighing over 50 pounds or that are over 32 gallons will not be accepted. All of the yard waste collected in Canton is delivered to the Veolia Regional Yard Waste Compost Site located on Six Mile Road in Salem Township. At the facility the yard waste is screened, then placed in long wind-rows which facilitate the natural decomposition of the yard waste into reusable compost.

For questions or more information on yard waste collection please refer to your Canton Resource Guide or call Canton Waste Recycling at 734/397-5801.

St. Michael open house

St. Michael Christian School, located at 7000 N.

Sheldon Road in Canton, hosts an open house 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 15.

The school offers preschool and elementary, including a "Young Fives" program and all-day kindergarten. Register before April 16 and apply full registration fee toward first month's tuition.

Contact the school office at (734) 459-9720 for more information.

Summer camp enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is offering a Summer Camp program for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years. The nine-week summer day camp, located on the school's campus at 45245 Joy Road In Canton, begins June 21 and ends Aug. 20.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of theme-related projects that include lots of arts and crafts, in-house presenters, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories

and games.

"Our program is especially designed to meet the development needs of young children," said Linda Myers, summer camp director. "Our professional and experienced staff of early childhood educators offers young campers a wonderful balance of learning and play."

Full and half-day programs are available during the summer session with morning-only groups running from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. and afternoon groups from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Full time care for day campers is also available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. as needed.

While parents are encouraged to enroll children for the full summer camp, Plymouth-Canton Montessori accepts part-summer enrollments to accommodate families' work and vacation schedules.

For additional information about Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and the

summer camp program, call 734-459-1550 or visit [www.pcmontessori.org](http://www.pcmontessori.org). Early enrollment is recommended to ensure availability.

Good Friday breakfast

All men and boys are invited to an All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Friday, April 2, at 8 a.m. at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon in Canton.

This community outreach event includes a powerful message by pastor Dave Woodby and son Zack. Tickets are \$5 and \$2 for boys 10 and under and can be obtained by calling the church office at (734) 459-3333.

Rose party

The Canton Lions Club hosts a "Millionaire's Party" April 15-17 at Rose's Restaurant.

All proceeds will benefit the Canton Lions Club and fund programs for sight- and hearing-impaired folks in Canton Township. The party runs 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. each night.

Rose's Restaurant is located at 201 N. Canton Center Road in Canton.

Damaris scholars

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with the \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts Award.

Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried.

Applications will be accepted April 27-30, the work will be juried April 30-May 3, and the Damaris Fine Arts Award will be announced May 4.

Applications can be downloaded at: [www.storytellerdesign.com/DamarisAward.pdf](http://www.storytellerdesign.com/DamarisAward.pdf)

Contact Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 to make an appointment to submit application and portfolio.

For more information, contact Debra Madonna, (734) 377-0914, [clarion@storytellerdesign.com](mailto:clarion@storytellerdesign.com).

Sagear scholars

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving

to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School senior who has overcome adversity with the \$500 Sandra Sagear Rotary Scholarship.

The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with polio.

Application deadline is March 30, and the award will be announced April 16. Applications can be downloaded at [www.storytellerdesign.com/SagearRotaryScholarship.pdf](http://www.storytellerdesign.com/SagearRotaryScholarship.pdf)

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Fish Fry Fridays

In the mood for seafood? Then don't miss Fish Fry Fridays through April 2 at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The all-you-can-eat buffets are served Fridays (except March 5) 5-8 p.m.

Fish Fry buffet items include battered Atlantic cod; herb encrusted Tilapia; seafood cakes; Pasta Alfredo; fresh vegetables; salad bar with tossed and Caesar salad; French fries; coleslaw; soft drinks, coffee and tea.

Adults can dine for \$11.95 per person and children under 12 years of age are just \$4.95 each. Desserts and a full-service bar are available at an additional cost. These dinners are prepared by Summit Gourmet by Continental for dine-in or take-out. Reservations are not necessary except for parties of eight or more.

For more information about these Friday Fish Fries at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.Cantonfun.org](http://www.Cantonfun.org).



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# EDUCATION

## Sorority packs its bag for cancer patients

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It started out as a project to provide chemo care totes for cancer patients at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, but it ended up also helping American troops stationed overseas and people utilizing the services of First Step.

Members of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Beta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an educational honor sorority, were able to make 150 well-stocked bags for the hospital, thanks to donations from staffers around the district.

"It was such a nice project because people got so excited about it," said Shawn Cornelissen, a kindergarten teacher at Madison Elementary School in Westland. "The little places like Annapolis get missed by things like this. We wanted to help in our community."

Cornelissen credits Annemarie Gantchart, who had lost a husband to brain cancer, with coming up with the idea for the bags. Sorority members have collected books and blankets for the schools in the past, but wanted to do something different this year. They researched the idea of providing a comfort bag for cancer patients going through treatment and came up with a list of items needed.

The sorority began collecting donations in January. Donation boxes were set in staff rooms at the different school buildings and even at Wayne-Westland's Central Office. Two student groups also got involved — the John Glenn High School Interact



Jacquie Norton (from left), Kathy Poole, Kay Flogaus and Cheryl Millerwise work on filling bags with items for cancer patients at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Club and the Stevenson Middle School National Junior Honor Society.

"The word went out and we collected so much that we had tables full of items," Cornelissen said. "We had tissue, hand sanitizer, puzzles, books, water bottles and small blankets that CVS helped get for us. We did 50 bags for the guys and put baseball caps in them."

There also were several bags that were specific for breast cancer patients put together by Madison's Grammy — Linda Jackson.

"We put pink ribbons on them," Cornelissen said. "We heard from a woman who was going through chemo for a third time. She said, 'This is so great, it's such a good thing.'"

Cash donations helped pay for the bags that were gotten

through the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, with the help of nurse Ruth Ann Petras. Stevenson Middle School teacher Tracey Cosgrove designed the logo which was printed on it at cost.

The media center at Stevenson was utilized for an assembly line with many of the 40 sorority members pack bags that were delivered Feb. 11 to Annapolis Hospital. The group decided not to put books in the bags, but instead gave them to the hospital to set up a lending library. According to Cornelissen, it took a minivan and several cars to get the bags to the hospital, where a wheelchair was pressed into service to get them inside.

"The nurse was overwhelmed. She called and said they gave out eight bags the first day," Cornelissen

said. "Some of the stuff we couldn't use we sent to First Step; the kids at John Glenn were doing chemo bags for children so we sent them stuff. We sent stuff for the troops. This became a multi-layered project."

The sorority provides scholarships in alternating years to graduates at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial. Cornelissen said the group will have to look at the project to see if it will make the chemo bags again next year. Schools and uses the Parisian Community Sales — "our big fund-raiser currently" — to fund it.

"This was nice," she said. "Most of it was donated and we purchased the bags and the water bottles. We went in thinking we'd do 50 bags and buy a lot for them and then this happened."

## 7th-grader scales heights to state geography contest

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Austin Foos is one of the top 100 geography students in Michigan, and his skills could take him to Washington, D.C. — and even the Galapagos Islands, off the coast of Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean.

Not that all that means much to the seventh-grader, who won the school-wide geography bee at West Middle School in December.

"I kind of knew I'd win it, 'cause I'm a super-genius," joked Austin nonchalantly after school in the front office at West on Thursday.

Austin's success in his school's geography bee, and on a written geography test of about 75 questions, landed him in the finals of the 2010 Michigan Geographic Bee. He'll compete at Western Michigan University on Friday, April 9.

The state winner gets to go to Washington in May to compete in the national finals at National Geographic Society headquarters. The nationwide winner gets a trip to the Galapagos — and a \$25,000 college scholarship.

"I'm incredibly proud of him," said Austin's mother, Laura. "Even though he thinks it's no big deal, it is a big deal."

Austin has long liked to look at maps and atlases, said his mother, who keeps an atlas in her car for him to peruse during travels.

"I had to replace one in my car because he wore it out," Laura Foos said. "He reads them constantly."

Austin, who also likes gym class, science and mathematics, traces his love of geography to his interest in wars and history, from which sprang a curiosity about the places where battles



Foos

were fought. He's especially interested in World War I and World War II.

His mother said Austin recognized patterns from an early age, is

adept at math, and likes to organize things in different ways, such as by size, weight or type. "It all fascinates him," she said.

Austin credits his current social-studies teacher, Ken Krick, and his sixth-grade social-studies teacher, Miles Barnett, for inspiring his interest in geography.

His favorite of the Earth's physical features? Mountains.

"I've always liked mountains. Been fascinated with them because I'm afraid of heights," he said. Austin has visited mountains in Arizona on a trip there.

Though he'll be competing against middle-schoolers from around the state, all school champions who finished in the top 100 on the written test, Austin by coincidence knows another boy in the statewide competition, an eighth-grader from Hillside Middle School in the Northville district.

Is his friend going to give him a run for his money? "Maybe. I don't know," Austin said.

Austin plays hockey and baseball — hockey is his favorite — and also likes comic books. He and his father, Allen Foos, share in interest in Major League Baseball stadiums, and have made pilgrimages to see games in Cleveland, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and, of course, Detroit. Fenway Park in Boston is on the schedule for this summer.

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# Bread-making on the rise at Aunt Millie's bakery

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you buy store-labeled bread at Meijer or Spartan supermarkets, burgers at Burger King or sandwiches at Arby's, or favor the Sunbeam, Aunt Millie's or Hillbilly brands, chances are that a factory in Plymouth Township played a big role in making your food.

Aunt Millie's Bakeries, a family owned company based in Fort Wayne, Ind., has a plant in the township that can turn out 230,000 loaves of bread and 700,000 dozen hamburger and hot dog buns each week. It opened in 2005 as a hamburger and hot dog bun bakery, and this January started a bread line as well, bringing in 36 new workers.

Aunt Millie's is scheduled to add a second shift to its bread production in mid-May, meaning 36 new jobs and a doubling of its output, said Tony Dalo, vice president for baking technology and quality assurance.

"It's been great for the community around here," said Dalo on Thursday as he began a tour of the plant with Michigan Department of Agriculture officials. "We've brought a lot of people in."

The high-ceilinged plant is a buzzing forest of automated dough troughs, conveyers, ovens, loaf-slicers and packaging machines. From the bins that each hold 1,200 pounds of dough it rises for four hours — and gets machine-kneaded three times during those hours — to the machines that slice and package the finished product — and even send wheeled carts laden with full bread crates toward the loading dock — the bread is largely untouched by human hands. There's a machine for everything — not just kneading, baking and packaging but also shaping the loaves and buns, adding toppings, and delicately slicing the loaf tops, before they're baked, for the split-top variety.

For the most part, work-

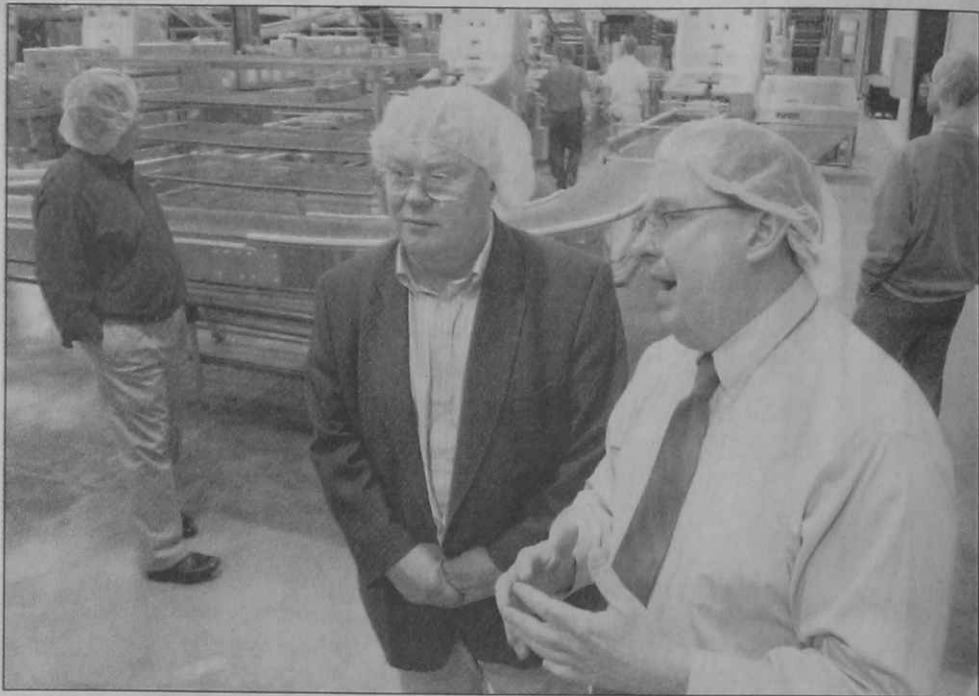
ers are monitoring machines; those working closest to the food are identified by their white uniforms, which are sent out for special cleaning.

From raw flour to finished 24-ounce loaf, it's a seven-hour process, Dalo said. That includes the four hours for the dough to rise, 56 minutes for the loaves to rise individually, and an hour for the baked loaves to cool before packaging.

"It's quite a feat that they have bread that fresh going on the shelves," said Don Koivisto, the MDA director.

That was part of the plan, says Dalo. Before the expansion, Aunt Millie's bread was coming in from a bakery in Jackson. Now, he said, the bread is fresher and customers in the Detroit area are noticing a difference.

Aunt Millie's, which has four other bakeries in Michigan (in addition to Jackson, there's one in Kalamazoo and two in Coldwater), makes 15 varieties of buns and 13 varieties of



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Aunt Millie's vice president Tony Dalo explains the plant operations to Director of Michigan Department of Agriculture Don Koivisto.

bread in Plymouth Township, Dalo said. The company added 60,000 square feet for bread production, he said, and is negotiating for the purchase of a neighboring building, where officials plan to move shipping operations.

Plant manager Larry Christie, of West Bloomfield, has 33 years in the baking business, including 18 years at the now-closed Taystee factory in Detroit and 10 years at Awrey Bakeries in Livonia. He's a graduate of the American Institute of Baking in Manhattan, Kan., where Taystee sent him for training years ago.

Christie said he finds the work satisfying.

"I just want to make the best possible, the safest, product I can," he said.

Dalo, who is from the Philadelphia area, said he grew up in a bakery family in which hard-crusted Italian breads were the norm. "Here, you can't make it soft enough," he said. Dalo began working for Aunt Millie's when the company opened a plant in Coldwater, where he now lives.

Koivisto, the MDA director, said the agricultural and food-processing sector is a bright spot in Michigan's economy.

Farming, food-processing and related businesses employ more than a million people in the state, and there are some 500 major processors, plus another 300 smaller ones, so-called mom-and-pop operations, in Michigan, he said.

"We have all kinds of these (expansions) that are going in," Koivisto said.

Aunt Millie's, Dalo said, uses Michigan-grown products, like sugar, as much as possible.

C.B. Jones, the director of production at three Aunt Millie's plants, including the local plant, said he likes the variety the work offers.

"It's a little different each day," said Jones, of Sidney, Ohio, where Aunt Millie's also has a plant. "It's not like standing at a machine all day putting a bolt on something."

Jones got his first bakery job, at a Wonder Bread plant in Knoxville, Tenn., through a brother-in-law.

"I guess it kind of just got in my blood that way," he said.

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# Madonna Gallery hosts contemporary art exhibit

The works of national and local artists are being featured in an exhibit that delivers a social message now through April 6 at the Madonna University Gallery in Livonia. Paintings, sculptures and mixed media works are featured in IDOLS and ICONS: Transforming Tradition. The exhibit, which includes work by Madonna alumna Anna Lussier, shows how today's artists continue to use forms and symbols found in traditional religious imagery, even if the spiritual connotation of those symbols may have changed. "I am interested in the decisions that individuals make in their lives - the intertwining of so-called coincidences and the selective road we all have to travel," said John Bergmeier, an artist from Pontiac. "This 'road' is depicted by the symbolic icons left behind: images from old children's books, photographic images of family, various farm tools, etc. Found objects and Bible passages often serve as a catalyst, stimulating my imagination, memory and emotions." The exhibit is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Madonna University is at Levan Road, off I-96. For more information, call Jeanne Moore, curator and gallery director, at (248) 875-7332.

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It is not too late, but time is running out. The deadline to make payments or payment arrangements on your 2007 delinquent property taxes is



Raymond Wojtowicz

taxpayers to panic, or to stick their heads in the sand and hope this all goes away. The best way to prevent losing property to tax foreclosure is to come in and see us. Maybe there's something we can do. We can't guarantee that everyone who comes to see us will be able to save their property, however, we will do all that we can to advise you of your options.

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As a means of meeting this challenge I have launched a massive educational/informational campaign designed to alert delinquent taxpayers to the options we have available to help them resolve their property tax issues.

Those with delinquent 2007 taxes can apply for a substantial hardship extension, which would grant them up to an additional year to pay off those taxes.

The other option is to sign a payment agreement which requires the taxpayer to pay 20 percent of the delinquency by the end of March, another 20 percent by the end of May, another 20 percent by the end of August, and the remaining balance by the end of 2010.

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Raymond J. Wojtowicz is the Wayne County treasurer.

## NEWS BRIEFS



The Plymouth Symphony presents its annual fund-raising concert at 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

### Symphony set for annual pops concert

The Plymouth Symphony presents its annual fund-raising concert continuing the tradition of producing a broadly popular, high-energy and entertaining event with a new twist 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

This year's concert, "Hooray for Hollywood," will feature the music of the movies along with vocal performer Lizann Warner. Warner is a Vocal Impersonator whose vocal impressions include Judy Garland, Ann Wilson, Stevie Nicks, Barbara Streisand, Pat Benatar, Marilyn Monroe, Nora Jones, Cher, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion, Lita Ford and Grace Slick.

Music from great film scores will include *Gladiator*, *Lord of the Rings*, and *E.T.* along with several of the most memorable songs that even appeared in the big screen made famous by legendary divas Judy Garland, Barbara Streisand and Celine Dion, including, *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, *Evergreen*, *Moon River*, and *My Heart Will Go On*.

Warner's gift for impersonating famous female recording artists has gained her much notoriety in the music and video game industry. Her voice is on the popular game

"Guitar Hero III," impersonating Ann Wilson on the track "Barracuda" and Pat Benatar on the track "Hit Me with Your Best Shot." She also sings in the Las Vegas show "Rockstar -The Tribute," impersonating both Ann Wilson of Heart, and Pat Benatar.

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**A:** In order to make an informed decision, you need to look at the total out-of-pocket cost of renting vs. buying. You know what your rental price is per month. On the other hand, the cost of ownership is a little more complex.

If you did purchase the condominium, your mortgage payment — which includes your property taxes — would be about \$1,000 a month. However, there are additional costs that you need to consider. For example, there will be monthly condominium association dues. As the owner of the condo, you would be liable for all 12 months of association dues and any special assessments. As an owner, if there are repairs that need to be done inside the condo, it is your responsibility. Therefore, if you are thinking about buying, you need to guesstimate what your total out-of-pocket cost of owning would be.



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Don't forget to take into consideration that there will be certain tax breaks for you. Not only will you be able to deduct your property taxes, but also the interest on your mortgage.

I also recommend that if someone is considering whether they should buy or rent, he/she should factor in some non-financial issues — for example, quality of life. Would owning a condo in Florida increase the quality of your life? If not, the decision is purely financial. On the other hand, if it would increase the quality of your life, then that is something only you can quantify.

One thing everyone should recognize is that buying real estate is not a short-term investment. Real estate is illiquid and, thus, you have to think long term. In addition, there are many people who are speculating on real estate assuming that, just like the stock market, the real estate market will have a significant turnaround. As far as I am concerned, I do not see a significant improvement in the real estate market anytime soon.

With regards to the type of mortgage, 15 or 30 years, all things being equal, I lean toward a 30-year mortgage. My reasoning is mortgage rates are still near record lows and I would take advantage of these low interest rates for as long as you can. In addition, when you have a 30-year mortgage you can always turn it into a 15-year mortgage by making extra mortgage payments. If you have a 15-year mortgage, the only way you can turn it into a 30-year mortgage is to refinance.

One further note regarding mortgages: Always remember the key is not what is the best mortgage for everyone but, rather, what is the best mortgage for your situation.

In making that decision, one of the key questions you need to ask yourself is how long do you plan to be in your home? If you plan to be in your home for only a few years, sometimes an adjustable-rate mortgage would make sense. On the other hand, if you plan to be in your home long term, fixed-rate mortgages are where you need to be. Good luck!

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# FITZPATRICK

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high school the district was building and knew he wanted to be part of it.

Willow Run officials wanted him to take the open job as the high school's principal, but Fitzpatrick knew he wanted a change, and he thought the new "park" concept was the right move.

"I knew I had to make a career move," said Fitzpatrick, whose contract at Willow Run paid him \$4,800 a year, plus another \$200 to coach freshman basketball. "I came out here to see this building and I thought I had something to contribute. I just wanted to be a part of it."

## PART OF IT

Well, he has been. Chosen, he said, from some 60 applicants, Fitzpatrick was installed as an assistant principal at what was then just "Plymouth High School." He would be there when the name was changed to Plymouth Salem High School when the district also opened Plymouth Canton High School. And he was there years later, when the third school — the new Plymouth High School — went up over on Beck Road.

By his count, he's worked some 7,600 days, seen some 15 million kids go through the cafeteria and watched more than 23,000 seniors graduate.

He leaves, he said, without a single regret, proud of the students he's shepherded through the massive park, which now houses some 6,200 students. He gets his biggest high, he said, when struggling students turn themselves around, then return years after graduation and let him know he made a difference in their lives.

"Kids come from different backgrounds and situations that aren't good," Fitzpatrick said. "A lot of kids come here with a lot on their plate. It makes me proud when a kid comes back and tells me I was a factor."

## AFFECTING CHANGE

Brandon Bunt's last two years of high school were a



Patrick Fitzpatrick, who retires from his post as assistant principal at Salem High School Friday, started his career teaching at Willow Run High School in 1964.



Patrick Fitzpatrick gets a hug from retired educator Deborah Trapp.

struggle. Illness kept him out of school much of his junior and senior years, and he was having a hard time making academic progress. Fitzpatrick, Bunt said, made him every accommodation — one-on-one time, a room to study — to make sure he could get his work done.

"He impacted me a lot, in a 'mentor' kind of way," said Bunt, a 2005 graduate who went on to establish his own landscaping company, Infinitely Green Landscaping (ironically, Fitzpatrick is one of his customers). "He was just there. He takes a very positive approach to things. It's not a punishment thing for him. He gets to the root of the problem in a very positive way."

Ken Jacobs, Plymouth-Canton's assistant superintendent, is the only person still in the district who was there

when Fitzpatrick started. Between them, the pair has 92 years of experience — "I tell people most of that is on Fitz's side," Jacobs said with a smile — in the district.

Fitzpatrick said he thought, a couple of years ago, that — health willing — he could hit 50 years in the business. Unfortunately, health wasn't willing, and Fitzpatrick's heart is sending him into retirement. And while he'll miss his friend, Jacobs said he's happy Fitzpatrick is going out with dignity.

"We grew up together and were a team then," said Jacobs, who started with the district as a special education teacher at Pioneer Middle School in 1968. "He's always been here ... there aren't too many stories like Fitz. He can walk out of here with his head held high." Fitzpatrick said he's had

## THE FITZ FILE

Dr. Pat Fitzpatrick, for 40 years an assistant principal at Salem High School, did the math himself on some numbers from his 46-year teaching career:

**Presidents:** nine (Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush I, Clinton, Bush II, Obama)

**Superintendents:** six (Rossman, Hoben, Little, Booher, Ryan, Fiegel)

**Secretaries:** seven

**Graduates:** 23,400

**Work days:** 7,600

**Sick days banked:** 465

**Consecutive years without a sick day:** 28

**U-M football titles:** 22 (conference), one (national)



The table centerpieces at Fitzpatrick's retirement party featured personal messages.

chances to leave, but never considered it.

"For 40 years, this has been my life," he said. "It's just a fantastic place to work. I wouldn't have stayed here all those years if it wasn't."

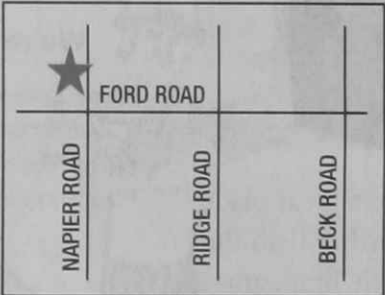
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# ‘My life is one miracle’

## Nun gives God credit for her successful health-care career

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

At age 85, Sister Mary Modesta shows no signs of slowing down.

As head of the “No One Dies Alone” program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Sister Modesta is devoted to the volunteer program that provides the presence of a compassionate companion to dying patients who would otherwise be alone.

Sister Modesta has enjoyed a long and satisfying career in health care. She hired staff before the hospital opened 51 years ago, launched the lab department and served as president of the hospital before spearheading the “No One Dies Alone” program.

She attributes her successes to a first-grade lesson.

“I learned why God made me: ‘To know him, to love him and to serve him,’” she said. “That has been my guiding star all my life.”

Born Stella Piwowar in Detroit, she knew by the third grade that she wanted to be a Felician nun. She always trusted God would help her navigate what looked like impossible mountains.

She has been a member of the Felician religious community for 66 years and taught for 13 years after getting her teaching certificate. But she always wanted to be involved in health care. Her opportunity came during the planning stages of St. Mary Mercy in the early 1950s.

### BACK TO COLLEGE

She said she didn’t feel she knew enough to head the lab, so she went back to college and received her medical technology degree from Madonna in 1956, a master’s in the same field from Wayne State University and a master’s in hospital administration



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Sister Mary Modesta, 85, has spent her life depending on God for everything she’s needed to run and equip St. Mary Mercy Hospital and her latest ministry, the ‘No One Dies Alone’ program.

from the University of Notre Dame. She was named a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives in 1998.

Six months before the hospital opened, Sister Modesta was among a small group who hired personnel and equipped departments.

### TRUST IN GOD

“I said, ‘God if you want a lab, you have to make it,’” Sister Modesta recalled. “All you have to do is know God, love God and serve God. I was always asking for more people and more equipment.”

In 1977, she was appointed vice president heading diagnostic services, and in 1982 she was appointed president and CEO along with Sister Renetta Rumpz, who was appointed vice president. Sister Rumpz took the helm when Sister Modesta stepped down in 1998.

“Sister is a very caring person, a person of deep faith and very dynamic,” said Sister Rumpz, former provincial minister of the Felician Sisters. “She’s very devoted to the community, not only the Felicians, but the community of Livonia. I’ve known her 32 years and through her

leadership we were able to put forward major projects and renovations.”

Sister Modesta resigned her hospital post in 1997 after attending a convention that talked about the “No One Dies Alone” program.

“I could feel the Holy Spirit hovering over me and telling me in my heart that when you retire this is your new ministry. I always felt wherever God put me, He will provide,” she said. “I’m here only to love Him and serve His people, nothing else. When God wants something done, He puts everything in our hands to do whatever His will is. It’s why I can do the things I can do. At baptism, we got faith, hope and love instilled in our souls and if this wasn’t enough, God gave us the Blessed Trinity. God loves us so much, He lives in us.”

Other hospitals ran similar “No One Dies Alone” pro-

grams, but they often ended at 11 p.m. each day and Sister Modesta thought, “People die at night, too.”

### EXPANDS PROGRAM

So with volunteers and the support of the St. Mary Mercy nursing staff, the program expanded to 24 hours daily. Volunteers or “compassionate companions” are able to help provide terminally ill patients with the gift of respect and dignity at the end of life. From 1997 to 2002, Sister Modesta was on call to go to patients’ sides. Now there are 80 volunteers from surrounding communities.

“God puts it in their hearts that they want to serve others,” Sister Modesta said, adding that she often sits with volunteers at dying patients’ bedsides until the volunteer is comfortable with the process.

Her room in the convent is equipped with a com-

puter that helps her monitor patients who are near death and either don’t have family or have relatives who need a break.

“Of all my responsibilities, this is the most fulfilling,” she said. “It gives me so much joy to be there when they die.”

Last August, Sister Darlene Marie Schoenherr started working with Sister Modesta to coordinate the program.

“She’s an excellent role model for me,” Sister Schoenherr said. “She’s a very spiritual and prayerful person.”

During her time with St. Mary Mercy, Sister Modesta saw the hospital grow from 175 beds, 99 physicians and 300 employees in 1959 to 304 beds, more than 500 physicians and 1,700 employees.

The additions came one after another — the child care center, the various emergency rooms and technology expan-

sion. It was one challenge after the other.

### TEAM EFFORT

“There was always something new the people needed,” she said. “God always provided us with the knowledge and wisdom. I appreciated our board members, administrative team, medical staff, every nurse, every aid, every volunteer — even the people in the community who spurred us on. You have to do it in a team effort to serve the health care needs of the people in the community.”

Along with the “No One Dies Alone” program, Sister Modesta heads the hospital’s Lost and Found, works on routing lost patient mail and serves as team leader of employees in a walking club. She greets the benefit of each role with the same enthusiasm.

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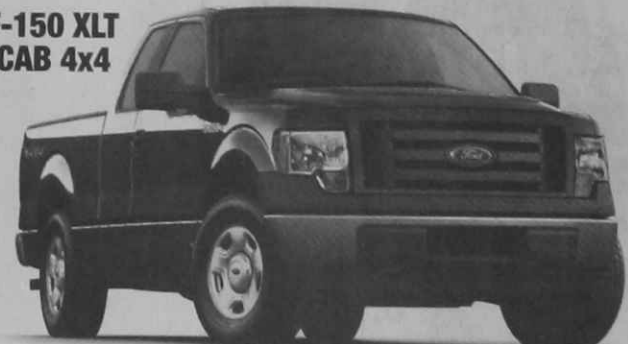
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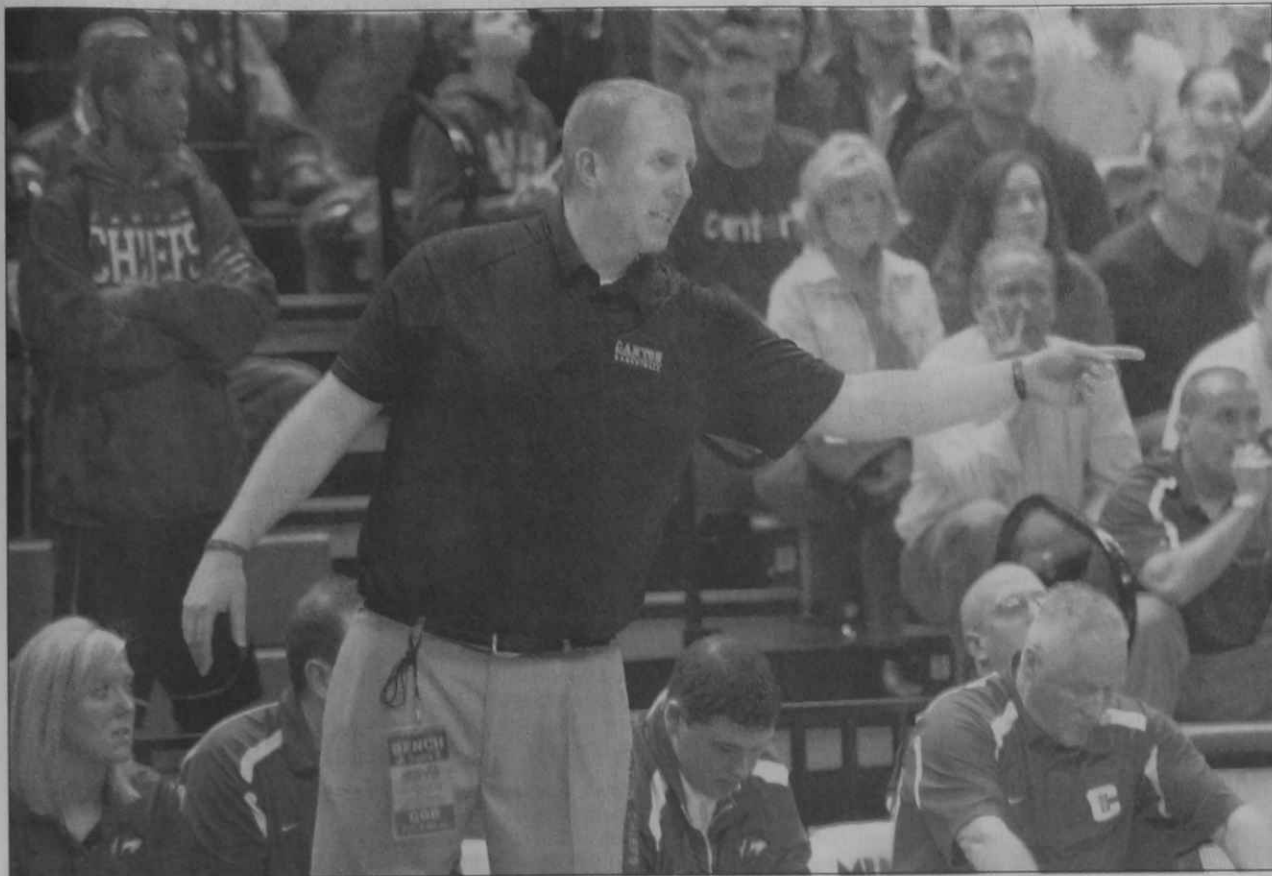
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Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski, shown encouraging his team during the March 19 Class A state semifinal at Breslin Center, does nothing but win with a cool, calm approach.

## Extra credit: Samulski gets his due

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There were many celebrations this season for Canton's girls basketball team.

But Chiefs head coach Brian Samulski let the players get the glory. The girls were the ones at midcourt hoisting trophies, while crafting a 24-2 record and berth in the Class A Final Four.

"This group of girls is a great group of girls," said Samulski last week. "I can't take a lot of credit for what they've done. They just come in, they competed every day, they worked hard every day, they were focused, determined."

"It was just a pleasure to be able to work with them and to

### WHO'S WHO

• The 2009-10 Canton girls basketball team, which went to the Class A Final Four, include the following players: junior Kayla Bridges, senior Alyssa Cottrell, senior Yuki Krolicki, senior Kelly Larimore, sophomore Jesse Larner, sophomore Robyn Mack, junior Melanie Pickert, junior Kari Schmitt, junior Sara Schmitt, junior CarolAnn Sexauer and senior Lindsey Winters.

• The head coach is Brian Samulski, assisted by Bob Blohm, Lindsay Charles, Matt McNulty, Brandon Szejewski, junior varsity coach Jason Priebe and freshman coach Sarah Orehek.

be part of the great ride they took us on."

Of course, the 33-year-old Samulski was leading the way and earned *Observer* Coach of the Year honors as a result.

Canton breezed through the regular season, easily winning the KLAA South

Division and Kensington Conference. Then it was on to the district and regional triumphs and a victory over Midland Dow in the quarter-final.

That set the stage for the heartbreaking 50-47 loss to Detroit Renaissance on

### COACH OF THE YEAR

March 19 at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. The Chiefs led with less than two minutes to go, but were not able to close it out.

### GREAT FEAT

Although the sting of losing the semifinal remains for coaches and players alike, Samulski said the girls will someday look back on 2009-10 with enormous pride.

"When you take a look at what the girls did, I think it's a great accomplishment on their part," Samulski said. "Twenty-four wins is the most in school history, 22 wins in a

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## Whalers clinch in 5 games

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth Whalers coach and general manager Mike Vellucci pulled the trigger on a January trade to obtain center Phil McCrae, he had games like Friday in mind.

The 6-3, 195-pounder scored twice — including the eventual game-winning goal — and was a force all night as Plymouth eliminated Sault Ste. Marie with a 6-2 victory at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth thrilled the sellout crowd of more than 3,700 in Game 5, taking the Ontario Hockey League first round series 4-1.

Barring a comeback by Saginaw against Kitchener in that series, the Whalers likely will face Western Conference leader Windsor in the second round.

Please see **WHALERS, B3**



WALT DMOCH

Plymouth goalie Matt Hackett congratulates his Soo counterpart, Robin Lehner, for a job well done.

## SIDELINES

### 'Z' to coach Cruisers

The Plymouth Canton Cruisers Swim Team recently announced that Alexandra Platusich Morgan will be the team's new head coach.

Platusich Morgan, nicknamed "Coach Z," most recently acted as coach and swim program director at the Finley YMCA in Raleigh, N.C.

She also brings coaching experience as top assistant at Club Wolverine Swimming and with Sectional, NCSA Junior and USA Junior qualifiers. Before the merger with Club Wolverine, she was top assistant/age group coach at Ann Arbor Swim Club.

"We are looking forward to Z transforming our program into a perennial state power and developing swimmers who compete at the all levels of swimming," said Scott Kemp, president of the Cruisers. "We also look forward to working with the community and Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools to develop high quality competitive swimmers and leaders that can represent our community."

Platusich Morgan has a master's degree in marine engineering and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan.

For more information about the program, go to [www.cruisersswimming.com](http://www.cruisersswimming.com).

### Captain's Corner

The *Observer* looks to continue running the Captain's Corner series, which gives senior student-athletes a chance to give their views about leadership.

Please e-mail sports editor Tim Smith ([tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com)) with any candidates for the weekly spotlight. (Limit nominees to one per team.)

### Hurricanes tryouts

The Michigan Hurricanes Midget AA hockey team wraps up its spring tryouts 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Compuware Arena NHL rink.

Contact nonparent head coach Lee McCarty at (734) 392-0888 or check out the Web site at [www.eteamz.com/mihurricanes](http://www.eteamz.com/mihurricanes).

### Spring coaches call

The spring season for high school sports is here and, as always, the *Observer* wants to spotlight the efforts and accomplishments of athletes from the Canton and Plymouth communities.

Please call sports editor Tim Smith at (313) 222-2637 with detailed recaps of games, matches or meets. Those also can be e-mailed to him at [tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com).

Deadlines are 11 p.m. Tuesday for the Thursday paper and 10 p.m. Friday for the Sunday paper.

### Dragons hoops

Parents, it's that time again to register your fifth-, sixth-, seventh- or eighth-grader for the Michigan Dragons summer basketball program. Go to [michigandragons.com](http://michigandragons.com) and register. The registration period ends April 16.



Bringing experience to the 2010 Canton girls soccer team is returnee Megan Trapp (No. 19), shown during a 2009 contest.

## Canton girls eye continued success

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's something to be said for experience in prep athletics and Canton's girls soccer team does not lack in that department.

The Chiefs, again coached by George Tomasso, have a solid core of returning players from the 2009 team that captured the KLAA South Division championship (17-3-2 overall, 9-0-1 in the South).

Along with some promising newcomers to the roster, it should be another very competitive and successful season for the Chiefs.

Tomasso emphasized that the vets and newbies all have something in common — the penchant to work hard on and off the pitch.

"What I am most impressed with is the team's work ethic and overall intelligence," Tomasso said. "I am looking

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forward to the upcoming season."

Leading the way are senior co-captains Alyssa Cottrell, Lindsey Winters and Jessikah McClendon. Cottrell and Winters are midfielders while McClendon will help on offense from her forward position.

"All three started last year and were a big part in winning the district title," Tomasso said. "From last year they have proven to be leaders on and off the field."

They set the bar in work ethic and dedication, but Tomasso said they also have plenty of talent.

All-state returning defender Melanie Pickert is another gem who will spearhead the Chiefs backline and provide

support for senior goalie Samantha McPartlin, who nabbed 12 shutouts in 2009.

Canton boasts several other seniors, including midfielder Christy Balewski, defender Traci Brietmeyer, defender Danielle Frysinger and midfielder Rachael Brunk.

Sophomores Megan Trapp and Robyn Mack round out the team's returnees and will play midfield and defense, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Chiefs welcome juniors Kayla Bridges (goalie), Liz Ferrill (midfield), Janine Koslowski (midfield), Maddy McLean (midfield), Bree Starosciak (midfield), Jennifer Learst (defense), Rachel Rohrbach (midfield) and sophomore Allyson Krause (forward) to the fold.

Canton gets the season started 7:30 p.m. Monday against visiting Novi.

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Sara Stone  
Salem



Sara Schmitt  
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Michelle Vanover  
John Glenn



Chelsea Gaddis  
Harrison



Kellyn O'Brady  
Garden City



Senneca Scott  
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Kayla Bridges  
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ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL

FIRST TEAM

Jenna Bachrouche, Sr. F, N. Farm.  
Lyndsey Booker, Sr. G, N. Farm.  
Kari Schmitt, Jr. F, Canton  
Chelsea Williams, Jr. G, Franklin  
Chelsea Carradine, Sr. F, Thurston  
Sara Stone, Sr. F, Salem

SECOND TEAM

Sara Schmitt, Jr. F, Canton  
Michelle Vanover, Sr. F, Glenn  
Chelsea Gaddis, Sr. G, Harrison  
Kellyn O'Brady, Sr. F, Garden City  
Senneca Scott, Sr. C, Franklin  
Kayla Bridges, Jr. F, Canton

THIRD TEAM

Erin Menard, Soph. C, Churchill  
Brett deBear, Sr. F, Salem  
Jasmine Harris, Soph. G, N. Farm.

Kristin Malcolm, Soph. F, P. Christian  
Molly Gacioch, Sr. F, Ladywood  
Mary Fitzgerald, Sr. PG, Ladywood

FOURTH TEAM

Robyn Mack, Soph. G, Canton  
Kristen Balhorn, Jr. C, Stevenson  
Samantha Fischer, Sr. G, Garden City  
Ashley Wheeler, Sr. G, Thurston  
Janelle McQueen, Jr. G, F.H. Mercy  
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# Chiefs dominate 2009-10 girls basketball All-Observer squad

FIRST TEAM

Jenna Bachrouche, Sr. F, N. Farmington: The 6-foot senior was a four-year varsity starter and standout for the Raiders, who were 76-17 with three OAA division titles during that time. She is athletic and versatile, contributing in all aspects of the game. Bachrouche, who signed with Oakland University, averaged 14.5 points and 9.4 rebounds to lead the Raiders in both areas. She also had 2.5 assists and 2.6 steals per game. Bachrouche scored 1,218 points and had 768 rebounds in 91 career games.

"We really needed her this year to play pretty much every position," coach Tim Carruthers said. "She played in the post and helped bring the basketball up the floor. She played a different position defensively for us a lot of the time, too. She was going to do whatever the team needed, which was a great tribute to her character and wanting to put the team first."

"She did everything — rebound, score and handle the ball. I thought she had a great senior year."

Lyndsey Booker, Sr. G, N. Farmington: Having started 93 consecutive varsity games at point guard, the 5-foot-7 senior was another four-year standout for the Raiders, who were 20-4 and won the OAA Red Division crown. North won three Class A district titles and made a state semifinal appearance during her career.

Besides being the floor leader, Booker excelled in all areas and, like her teammate, Jenna Bachrouche, had many double doubles and some triple doubles. She averaged 9.7 points 6.5 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 3.7 steals. Booker, who will play at NCAA Division I Loyola-Chicago, had 912 points, 381 rebounds, 267 assists and 328 steals in her career.

"For four years straight, I never had to worry about who was bringing the ball up the floor and getting us into our offense," coach Tim Carruthers said. "She was always looking to get other people involved. She is truly a pass-first kind of point guard, or her scoring numbers could have been even higher."

"Lyndsey developed into a great rebounder this year. Her rebound totals skyrocketed. That was her biggest area of improvement for sure."

Kari Schmitt, Jr. F, Canton: Schmitt, one half of Canton's stellar twin tandem, pretty much did it all for the Chiefs on their march to the Class A state semifinals and 24-2 record.

The 6-0 junior averaged 13.4 points and 8.8 rebounds per game and connected on 49 percent of her field-goal attempts, providing the team and head coach Brian Samulski with plenty of timely buckets.

"You know what your going to get from her every night," said Samulski going to bring every-thing she has."

The All-KLAA selection also chipped in with 2.2 assists and 3.2 steals per game, helping the Chiefs enjoy an undefeated season in the KLAA South Division followed by sweeps through the districts, regional and state quarterfinal.

Chelsea Williams, Jr. G, Franklin: The 5-9 junior point guard averaged 15 points, eight rebounds, four steals and five assists per game for the Patriots, who finished 18-6 overall and reached the Class A regional finals.

Williams also was a key starter as a sophomore during Franklin's 2009 run to the Class A state finals.

"Chelsea was a sparkplug for the team all year long," Franklin coach Dave McCall said of the All-KLAA Conference pick. "The team seemed to play whatever level Williams was playing at. She is a great young lady who plays ball like she's been playing it all her life."

Chelsea Carradine, Sr. F, Thurston: A four-year letter-winner and two-year captain, Carradine was the focal point of the Eagles offense once again this season, averaging 18.5 points and 3.5 assists per game. The 5-10 senior,

who also averaged 11.5 rebounds per outing for the 10-11 Eagles, spread her wealth all around the court as she handled responsibilities equally as well in the front-court and backcourt.

"Chelsea is one of those players who has real good ability and sees the floor extremely well," Thurston coach Bob Ostrowski said. "She knows the game really well and can play any one of the five spots. The girls really looked up to her and she is just a great person on and off the court."

Sara Stone, Sr. F, Salem: The four-year varsity player capped off an excellent prep career with her second all-KLAA and team MVP award.

Stone averaged 15 points and nine boards for a second consecutive season, providing Rocks head coach Fred Thomann with a solid 1-2 punch (along with senior Brett deBear).

"She has been a four-year varsity player who has terrific talent," Thomann said. "Sara has played all the positions on the court, point guard, wing and post."

Thomann said Stone is being recruited by a number of colleges to play basketball.

SECOND TEAM

Sara Schmitt, Jr. F, Canton: Listed at 5-11, she is the shorter of Canton's excellent Schmitt twins. But Sara also made a major contribution to the Chiefs' 24-2 season, not to mention to their postseason run that enabled the team to reach Breslin Center for the Class A state semifinals against Detroit Renaissance (a hard-fought 50-47 loss).

Schmitt contributed 8.4 points, 4.2 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.4 steals per game and made 43 percent of her shots from the floor.

Both of the sisters have physicality, desire and basketball smarts — along with an uncommon knack for knowing where each other is on the court. That intangible trait rubs off on the rest of the team.

"Sara, like her sister, has been very consistent all year," Samulski said. "Her scoring really picked up in the state tournament (she scored 20 points in the quarterfinal win over Midland Dow). She is a great defender and (led) us in assists."

Michelle Vanover, Sr. F, John Glenn: The 5-7 senior guard-forward averaged 19.6 points, eight rebounds, four assists and three steals per game en route to All-Kensington Conference honors.

"Michelle made the game so easy because she worked so hard," Glenn first-year coach Mark Anderson said. "She provided leadership in practice and was most improved because of her work ethic. A lot has to do with her dedication and love for the sports. She's just a good leader and a good student."

Chelsea Gaddis, Sr. G, Harrison: Gaddis was a four-year varsity starter for the Hawks, who were district runners-up to North Farmington. She is a solid all-around player, adept at all phases of the game, averaging 13.1 points as well as 5.1 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 4.5 steals the past season.

Gaddis owns the school records for steals in one game (13), a season (117) and career (317). She's among the leaders in points, rebounds, free throws, three-point field goals and assists, too.

"Chelsea played a major role in the success our team had this year," coach Tim Micklash said. "She was the best all-around player and also one of the hardest-working players I have ever coached."

"As one of our captains, she not only led us in scoring, but she was also a team leader in assists and steals and was second in rebounds, blocks and free throw shooting."

Kellyn O'Brady, Sr. F, Garden City: The Cougars talented senior forward culminated a stellar four-year prep career by leading her teammates in scoring (10.5 points) and rebounding (6). Her tenacity on the court spilled over into the win column as well as the Cougars registered a 14-7 record overall that included a share of WWAC Red Division crown.

"She had a fantastic year and

that was nice to see because for her first three years here wins were a little lean," Garden City coach Barry Patterson said. "She put in a lot of work in the off-season and got stronger and that really helped her game. She was a leader on and off the court and I think by being a four-year player she put it incumbent on herself to be that type of player."

Senneca Scott, Sr. C, Franklin: Though undersized in the post, the 5-8 senior center utilized her great jumping ability and strength to average nine points, 10 rebounds, three blocks and three steals per game.

Scott also was a key starter as a junior on Franklin's 2009 run to the state Class A championship game against Benton Harbor.

"Senneca is a great athlete and has built her basketball game on her ability to outthrust her opponents," McCall said of the All-Kensington Conference pick. "She really improved her level of play this year."

Kayla Bridges, Jr. F, Canton: When the Chiefs needed an offensive spark, the 5-11 junior often provided it.

For example, she helped her team get off to a quick start against Midland Dow in the quarterfinals with six of the first eight points. In the semifinal at Breslin, she connected on back-to-back jumpers to give the Chiefs the halftime lead over Detroit Renaissance.

Bridges, who also got into the fray for loose balls and rebounds, averaged 8.9 points and 6.1 rebounds per game and shot 44 percent from the floor.

"Kayla had a great year," Samulski said. "She did a great job of scoring inside for us and rebounding. She is a tremendous offensive rebounder, always getting us second-chance opportunity points."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Brian Samulski, Canton: The fifth year of Samulski's stint on the Canton sidelines was nearly perfect, with the Chiefs steamrolling past every opponent except one — Detroit Renaissance, the team that ultimately eliminated his team in the Class A state semifinal.

En route to a 24-2 record, the Chiefs won their division, conference and association titles. Then they kept winning in the state tournament, including Canton's first regional crown since 1994.

The 33-year-old Samulski remained steadfast all season that all of the success was due to the 11 players on his roster rather than anything the coaches did.

In fact, when it became time to accept the district and regional trophies, he stayed off the floor and let the girls accept the hardware.

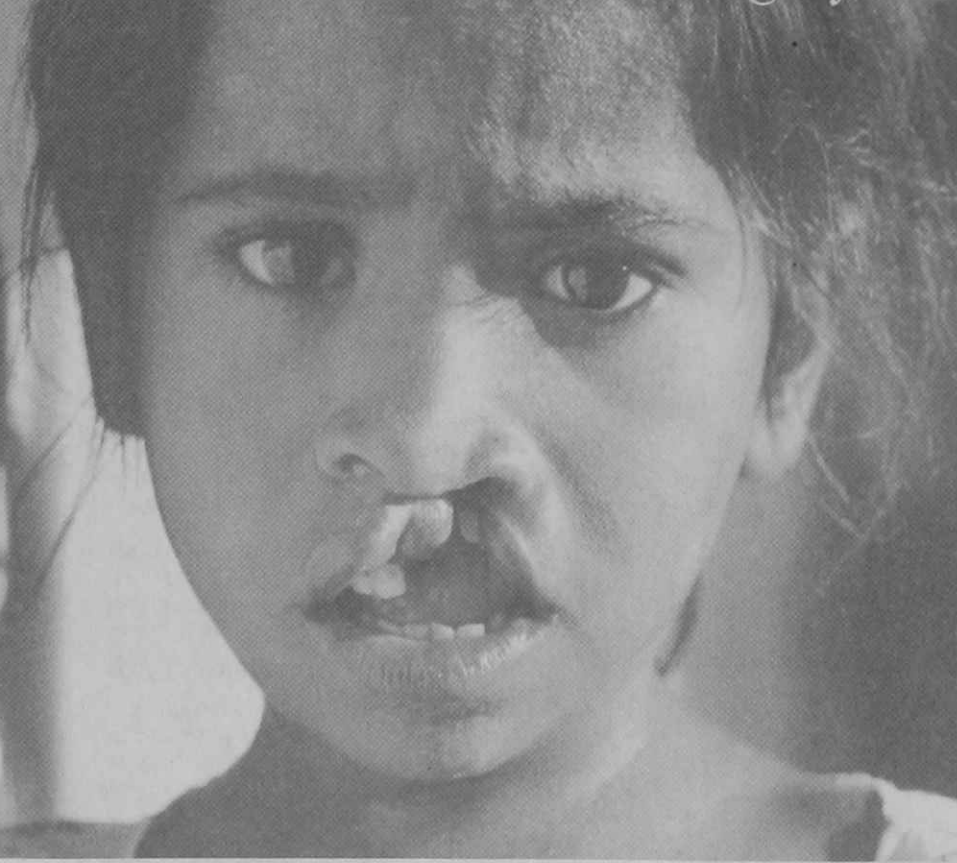
"I think one of the things I helped them realize it was their team, it wasn't Brian and then the girls,' it was 'the girls and Brian,'" he emphasized. "We were all in it together. I allowed them to lead, I allowed them for it to be their team. But their the ones that play and I think that's important."

Samulski also gave plenty of credit to the rest of his staff, led by veteran Bob Blohm, who coached Canton's girls from 1989-04. About assistants Blohm, Brandon Szejewski, Matt McNulty, Lindsay Charles, junior varsity coach Jason Priebke and freshman coach Sarah Orehek, Samulski said: "They're part of this as much as I am."

About being named Observer Coach of the Year, Samulski noted that "when you get something like this, I really do feel it's a reflection of the entire program."

Samulski is a physical education teacher at Westland John Glenn. He and his wife, Shannon, have two young children (daughter Emma, 3 and son Connor, 1).

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## SAMULSKI

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row is the most in school history. "Making it to the Final Four, it's not easy and absolutely a great feat."

According to Samulski, whose 3-year-old daughter (Emma) joined the players for a couple of the award celebrations, a close "family" of 11 girls provided something extra that made the season unforgettable.

"If you would have been at our banquet (Tuesday) night you would have heard the words like family, sisters, best friends," Samulski said. "It's a very close-knit group, a very tight group. All 11 of them have each other's back and that's what made them so fun to coach. There was no drama."

Samulski added that it was special to see his players step up to the podium during the team banquet and give testimonials.

"It was pretty emotional for the girls (at the banquet)," he said. "The kids get up and speak, and it's very cool to see them get up in front of the group and talk about the impact that the basketball program has had on their life."

PLENTY TO REMEMBER

The coach and his assistants (led by veteran coach Bob Blohm) now will take a breather and look forward to what could be another big year next winter.

But Samulski is certain that his players won't have any trouble looking back on '09-10 — even years from now. And they won't just be reminiscing about all those wins.

"When they're as old as me, 33, I think they'll still be talking to each other and still remember this because of the relationships they developed," Samulski said.

It's a good bet that he won't forget an amazing team and amazing season, either.

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Looking downfield for a teammate is Salem senior defender Ryan Blakey during the Rocks' 12-6 victory over Dexter.

# Big start for Rocks

The Salem boys lacrosse team got off to a flying start to the 2010 season Wednesday night, routing Dexter 12-6. Registering three goals each for the Rocks were Garrett Berg, Steve Haburne and Connor Berlin, while Dylan Hatcher chipped in with a pair. Nick Gianini also got one past the Dexter keeper. Salem (1-0) made good on 12 of its 27 shots. Meanwhile, Berg and Hatcher each contributed two assists. Other helpers were collected by Ryan Blakey, Gianini and Haburne. The victory made Eric Hoffman's Salem coaching debut something to remember as well as an indication that the Rocks will bring plenty of firepower to the lacrosse field this spring.

## WHALERS

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"I think he (McRae) had a great series," said Vellucci following the traditional on-ice handshake line between the OHL rivals. "That's why we traded for him. "We needed him to come up big and we needed some goals and he and (winger Ryan) Hayes played really well the whole series."

McRae scored his fifth and sixth goals of the series and along with linemate AJ Jenks (1 goal, 2 assists) set up Hayes' goal at 4-4 seconds to get Plymouth off and running.

On the early goal, which came on the first rush into Soo territory, McRae spun and sent a sweeping wrister from the right circle that Greyhounds goalie Robin Lehner (24 saves) stopped but couldn't smother. The energetic Hayes banged in the rebound from near the left post.

But with a string of four penalties called against Plymouth, the Greyhounds evened the score 1-1 with 13:18 remaining in the frame.

Ex-Wahler Myles McCauley tapped in a rebound past stellar Plymouth goaltender Matt Hackett (33 saves), who again showed why the National Hockey League Minnesota Wild recently signed him to a three-year contract.

### GLOVE WORK

Hackett flashed a mean glove hand on several occasions, stylishly snapping up a couple of hard point shots from defenseman Michael Quesnele.

"(Hackett's) a great goalie, he played exceptionally well every game and kept us in," Vellucci said. "He made some big saves again tonight when the game was in question."

The Soo outshot Plymouth 15-10 in the first, but thanks to Hackett and the Whalers' strong penalty killing the game remained 1-1 entering the second.

"It's been (key) the whole series, special teams," Vellucci noted. "Our penalty kill's been very good and our goaltender is a big part of it."

Plymouth regained the lead



PHOTOS BY WALT DMOCH

The triumphant Plymouth Whalers salute their fans Friday night at Compuware Arena, after clinching their playoff series against Sault Ste. Marie.



Battling in front of the Sault Ste. Marie goal on Friday night are Plymouth's Tyler Brown (No. 12) and Soo defender Brandon Archibald. Both players scored in the OHL playoff game.

at 15:24 of the second on an outstanding individual play by Jenks. He skated from the right circle over to the left and then ripped a shot against-the-grain that beat Lehner inside the right post.

"I was trying to get myself a lane and shot through a screen and luckily it just found the net," said Jenks, of Wolverine Lake. "It's more luck than skill on that, I guess."

Then came perhaps the key stretch of the game. On a delayed penalty against the Soo, following a thunderous body

check in the corner to the right of Hackett, the Whalers made it 3-1 with much of the crowd still riled up about the big hit.

Jenks and Hayes worked the puck down ice to McRae, who slipped it past Lehner at 19:35.

Hackett also was shaken up when a Greyhound apparently hit him with a stick as he was skating off the ice for an extra attacker.

After the period ended, Hackett exchanged words with Soo players who were obviously trying to get under his skin.

### STAYING CALM

"Yeah, the whole series has been like that," Hackett said. "I just had to calm down and not let it bother me anymore."

McRae then widened Plymouth's lead to 4-1 just 5:15 into the third. Forward Tyler Seguin broke his stick trying to one-time a shot, which didn't go too far. But that didn't matter because McRae wired the loose puck top shelf.

A seemingly routine shot by Brandon Archibald fooled Hackett to make it 4-2 with 6:17 left and perhaps put some fans on edge.

But the always hard-working forward Tyler Brown tallied an unassisted goal at 17:52 to pretty much ice the victory. Brown, using Hayes as a decoy on the rush, snapped a shot over Lehner's trapper.

Plymouth added an empty netter at 18:46 when winger Josh Brittain scored (from linemate Jamie Devane).

Both Hackett and Jenks said it was good to wrap up the hard-hitting series early and get ready for the next round.

"The last game is always the hardest to win and our boys played real hard tonight and battled and competed," Hackett said. "We did all the little things right."

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The Crystallettes of the Dearborn Figure Skating Club will compete April 9-10 as Team USA II at the ISU World Synchro Skating Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

## World spotlight awaits Crystallettes

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The world stage awaits a local synchronized skating team.

The 19-member Crystallettes of the Dearborn Skating Club, fresh off a silver medal finish, in the USFS U.S. Synchro Championships held March 5-6 Minneapolis, Minn., will compete as Team USA II at the ISU World Synchronized Championships, April 9-10, in World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Crystallettes, ranging in age from 15-26, will be among 24 teams representing 19 different countries at the World Championships.

It has been a worldwind season for the Crystallettes, who earned gold medals at the Prague Cup in the Czech Republic and the Mid America Championships in Fraser. They also collected a silver medal at the Kalamazoo Classic and a pewter medal at the Dr. Porter Classic competition in Ann Arbor.

In the U.S. Championships in Mariucci Arena in Minneapolis, the Crystallettes, skating to Sammy Davis Jr.'s "Love Me or Leave Me," finished second in the short program. They were only second to the Haydenettes (Mass.) and only .23 points ahead of reigning national champion Miami of Ohio University.

In the long program, skating to the Latin themed "Maleguerna" by the Brian Setzer Orchestra, they held their second position following a near perfect program by the Haydenettes, who earned the top scorer, while providing a cushion of 7.44 points over third-place Miami.

One of the youngest members of the Crystallettes is Livonia Franklin High sophomore Alyssa Shomsky.

Among the other area team members include: Sharon Neff and Alexandra Panaretos, both of Birmingham; Kelsey Anderson, Devon Metiva and co-captain Kaitlyn Peterson,

all of Dearborn; Meghan Quigley and Abby Tomba, Bloomfield Hills; Rachael Franchock, Milford; Amanda Allan, Plymouth; co-captain Laura Friedman, Canton; Alyssa Kirsch, Jacquelyne Zolynsky and Josephine Zolynsky, all of Farmington Hills; Tessa Hedges, Grosse Pointe Farms; Rebecca Camilleri and DonAe Poe, Redford.

Rounding out the squad, coached by Shannon Peterson and Holly Teets, is Caitlin Britton (Chicago, Ill.) and Sarah Mahrt (Indianapolis, Ind.).

The support staff includes Ann Barr, Stacy Holland, Kevin O'Keefe, Denise Dobert and Mike Vigilante.

The Crystallettes, supported by the Ford Motor Co., will perform in a send-off exhibition beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 1 at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center, 14900 Ford Road, Dearborn.

For more information on the Crystallettes, visit [www.dearbornfsc.com](http://www.dearbornfsc.com).



One of the reasons for the Crystallette's team success is the grace of Canton's Laura Friedman.



Crystallette Amanda Allan of Plymouth demonstrates her exquisite figure skating routine.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Thunderbirds fastpitch

Thunderbirds Fastpitch Softball is looking for a few more enthusiastic and committed young women who love to play softball.

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#### Michigan Dragons hoops

Parents, it's that time again to register your 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grader for summer basketball. Go to [michigandragons.com](http://michigandragons.com) and register. The registration period ends on April 16.

#### Flag football

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Summer NFL Youth Flag Football Registrations (for grades three-eight) now through April 16 at the recreation office from noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. For more information, call (734) 455-6620. Check out more program and registration information, including Spring Classes which are now open for registration, at [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us).

#### Salem Baseball Skills Camp

Baseball players still have Saturday, March 27 for the Salem Baseball Skills Camp.

Go to [www.rocksbaseball.com](http://www.rocksbaseball.com) for more information and a registration form or call Pat at 734-516-5530.

#### Rec lacrosse coach sought

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is taking applications for a recreational lacrosse coach for girls in grades 5-8. Female lacrosse playing or coaching experience is preferred but not required. Please contact recreation director Steve Anderson, (734) 455-6620 x 302 or via e-mail, [sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us](mailto:sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us).

#### Are you a Bad Bowler?

Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton might be your place if you are. The facility is hosting a 12-week "Bad Bowlers Club" at 8 p.m. Thursdays through March. The program is for beginning or low-average bowlers.

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## Walking on air

### Dog bed business lands woman on entrepreneur DVD

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OSE STAFF WRITER

Julie King found a niche in dog beds.

"Use what you've got. Be smart about it. Use two covers and don't cheap it out. Make it the best, most easy thing that will last the longest," she said, sharing the philosophy behind her Gertie Gear air beds for dogs.

The Westland woman didn't plan to make and sell a new product when she began her search for an easy-to-clean, sustainable bed two years ago. She simply was tired of doing laundry generated by her potty-challenged pooch, Gertie, a senior Beagle with back problems and "an attitude" about piddling indoors.

"I bought one of every kind. I've gone through two dozen beds. The foam beds you can't wash. If you wash the stuffing beds they take days to dry. It's like washing a pillow," said King, who also owns a Beagle-Shepherd mix, Jackie, 8, and a cat, Veto, 16. She supplied multiple beds for Gertie, who promptly urinated on them.

"I noticed when I bought a bed with a pillow in the middle, she nests. I wondered how can I come up with something like that? It ended up being an air bed."

She bought two different brands at first. One quickly sustained a hole. The other had such a small zipper opening that King struggled to

pull the inflated tube in and out of its protective covering.

**DO-IT-YOURSELF**

King, 39, had created a carpeted ramp for Gertie and figured she also could custom make a bed. She'd start with a doughnut-shaped inflatable pool toy, encase it in a canvass covering with a wide-zippered opening and top it all off with a colorful, soft fabric that would slip over the entire bed like a fitted sheet.

A few sewing lessons later from one of her four siblings, King assembled the bed and tested it on Gertie.

"She loved it."

So did dog owners who saw her handiwork.

Their interest compelled King to create Gertie Gear and begin making the beds herself. A Center for Creative Studies graduate, King had worked with branding, creative graphics, design, marketing at several firms in the Detroit area before creating Greenworld Creative LLC, her own creative services agency. The work from Greenworld helped her pay bills while launching Gertie Gear in March 2008 and getting ready to sell her product for the first time at a street fair in Ferndale two months later.

It was a rocky start. Her father, who had struggled with esophageal cancer during the prior six months, died just three days before the fair. King barely slept between the fair and her father's funeral, the



Gertie and Julie King are a dynamic duo.



Julie King sews a covering for her Gertie Gear dog bed.

day before, but managed to break even on the show.

**NETWORKING, SELLING**

Later that summer she began promoting her work on Etsy.com, a Web site for artisans. She joined Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and networked with other individuals selling dog-related products. By the following summer she

resumed selling at dog shows, craft fairs and farmers' markets.

Her work caught the eye of a "swag bag" supplier for West Coast events that draw celebrity dog lovers. She supplied beds and vouchers for beds for Earthday in Hollywood and HOLLYWOOF last year. That led to a call from Jai Rodriguez, *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* star, who expressed interest in

the product.

The American Kennel Club featured Gertie Gear in its holiday gift guide last year and invited it back for this year's spring-summer guide.

*Fido Friendly* magazine listed Gertie Gear among its top 100 products this year and Detroit Public TV included King's story in a special project, *StartupNation* — Open for Business with the Sloan Brothers. The television special aired last week on Channel 56. King's story is told on a "special features" section of the show's DVD, which will be released this summer.

"I've been so lucky. I've gotten so many breaks, but one thing led to another," she said.

Her best advice for budding entrepreneurs is "use your resources."

"I'm not talking about asking your parents or friends for money. I'm talking about their knowledge. Everybody knows something. Everybody is willing to give a little bit of information."

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# Encountering Jesus: See Shroud of Turin replica at Livonia church

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OSE STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Todd Lajiness hopes worshipers feel a profound encounter with Jesus Christ after viewing a replica of the Shroud of Turin on exhibit at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia.

Lajiness, dean of studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, weekend associate at Holy Family Parish in Novi, and former associate pastor at Our Lady of Victory in Northville, will be the guest speaker at the exhibit, which opens today and runs through noon, Good Friday, April 2.

His presentation starts at 1:15 p.m. in the church, located in the gymnasium of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia.

"I'd like to give the people in part some historical background — the history and experiments that scientists currently are doing and what they tell about the authenticity of shroud."

He'll also look at the shroud from an artistic perspective.

The Shroud of Turin is a centuries old linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man. The Roman Catholic Church, which has custody of the original Shroud in Turin, Italy, does not require belief in the authenticity of the artifact as part of its dogma, but millions believe the image it bears is of Jesus Christ. The Church encourages research and scientific investigation, but does not formally espouse the authenticity of the shroud.

## PRAYER PORTAL

"It's unique in terms of the image of Christ," said Lajiness, who became interested in the artifact after writing a



The face on the shroud

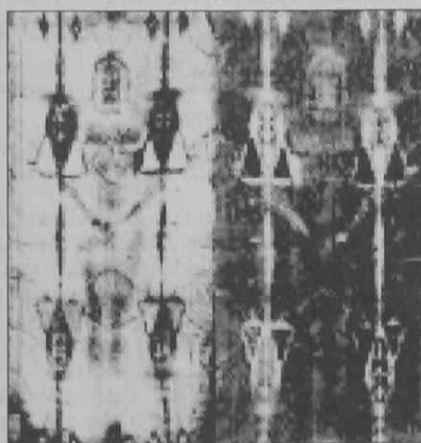
research paper on it in the mid-1980s. "It gives us an image of Christ we don't normally encounter." During the second half of his presentation at St. Michael the Archangel, he'll lead worshipers through a meditation on the shroud.

"I want to use the shroud as doorway or portal to encountering Christ more deeply."

Lajiness said the faint image on the shroud is unlike most other representations of Christ found in sculpture and painting through the ages.

## UNUSUAL CHARACTERISTICS

"In artistic or photographic terms, we normally see everything in positives," Lajiness noted, adding that the image on the shroud looks similar to a photographic negative. "That's one of the first and many odd characteristics of the



Shroud images

shroud.

"The second is the wounds you see on the shroud. They are accurate from a pathologist's perspective. Most have said they are a very accurate picture of a crucifixion — the nails through the wrist and not the palm. A lot of traditional art does not do that."

Lajiness, who has visited Turin, said pollens in the authentic cloth demonstrate that it is exclusive to the Middle East and that the style of the weave is consistent with first century cloth making.

"The actual image itself pathologists say is consistent with a real body and execution. It's remarkable."

But Lajiness said value of the shroud lies in what it reveals for spiritual life today, "the way we as individuals can encounter Christ."

The Holy Week display is open to the public at no charge. Exhibit times are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30-7 p.m. Sunday, March 28; 7-9 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, March 29-30; noon to 6 p.m., Thursday, April 1 and 9 a.m.-noon, Friday, April 2. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livonia-stmichael.org.



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**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

Could it be possible that the manufacturers don't want the homeowner doing their own repairs? Could they be engineering the products in such a way that only their service technicians can do the repairs and therefore reap the monetary gain? I don't

think the above are possibilities, I think they are a fact. Brand loyalty is being deflated one customer at a time by appliance manufacturers and they won't be happy until all products are coming from China. The following e-mails are just two examples of the

**I get a lot of inquiries from homeowners who are very angry that one dishwasher rack can cost more than \$150 or that they are no longer available. Such expense can cause a consumer to go out and purchase a new dishwasher and that is exactly what the manufacturer has in mind. There is a repair kit made by Maytag which comes in a liquid form using a bottle and brush for application that will certainly help you to repair that rack.**

many stories I hear and read from the American consumer.

Ann writes: Let me start by saying how I've enjoyed seeing you and hearing you on radio and TV. You have helped save people lots of money and given great advice for many years.

I have a Maytag dishwasher... works great. I used to have well water and it corroded parts of the racks inside. It does an excellent job and looks like new but I am planning on selling my house soon and wanted to replace those racks. Unfortunately

after calling Servall parts I find that the those particular racks for that dishwasher are no longer available from Maytag. My question is this: Is there any kind of tape or plastic that can be wrapped around those racks where the corrosion is (Would like to make it look cleaner) and still able to withstand the heat and also to be non toxic? I really can't afford to go out and buy a new one. This economy is such that I have to try and make do with what is already here. Would appreciate any advice you can give

me on this. Thanks so much.

Reply: I get a lot of inquiries from homeowners who are very angry that one dishwasher rack can cost more than \$150 or that they are no longer available. Such expense can cause a consumer to go out and purchase a new dishwasher and that is exactly what the manufacturer has in mind. There is a repair kit made by Maytag which comes in a liquid form using a bottle and brush for application that will certainly help you to repair that rack. The metal rack is dipped into a tank at the factory and coated with the plastic surface and the repair kit is the same plastic product put on at the factory. They also have plastic tips that you can put on the prongs of the rack. Before doing this you will need to take your emery board and clean off the old rust and clean the surface using white vinegar. You may also get on the phone and call appliance retailers who sell dishwashers. Years ago, I did have an appliance store and I always had 20 or so used dishwasher racks in my back yard

which I gave away at a special price.

Marilyn writes: We have an older (14 years) Panasonic microwave oven that works fine, except the light burned out. Is there any way to replace the light? Thank you for your time in answering this.

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**GOOD FRIDAY** - April 2 - Scripture Service, 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Rosary - 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

**HOLY SATURDAY** - April 3 - 1:00 p.m. Blessing of Food - 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

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**April 3...HOLY SATURDAY**  
Blessing of Easter Food:  
St. Maurice Church 11:30a...St. Genevieve Church 1:00p

**THE EASTER VIGIL...St. Maurice Church 8:00p**

**April 4...EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**  
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Good Friday Afternoon.....April 2nd .....1:15 p.m.  
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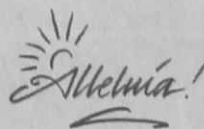
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### SERVICES

**Palm Sunday, March 28, at 11:00 a.m.** - Communion Service  
**Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m.** - Communion Service  
**Good Friday, April 2, at 12:00 noon** - Remembrance of Jesus' hours on the cross.

### Easter Sunday, April 4

9:30 a.m. - Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall  
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## 61%

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## 40%

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# Retailer offers tips for sports safety for youth

In recognition of National Youth Sports Safety Month, which is observed in April, Brian Kean of Play It Again Sports of Livonia offers a few reminders:

- **Wear the right gear for your sport:** Protective gear such as wrist and shin guards, and knee and elbow pads should be worn during all active sports. For children who participate in hockey, baseball, lacrosse, fastpitch softball, ski and snowboarding, a helmet should be worn at all times.
  - **Make sure it fits:** If a helmet is the wrong size, it cannot do its job. Avoid the temptation of letting your kids borrow equipment from friends or siblings.
  - **Maintain quality:** Analyze your child's gear at the start of each sporting season. If padding is worn or buckles are missing or broken, it's time to get something new.
- "There is always the risk of injury when a child participates in a sport, but the prevalence of injuries can be diminished with proper prevention," Kean stated in a press release. "In particular, being equipped with gear that is safety approved and designed for the specific sport is a child's best defense against sustaining an injury."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than half of the seven million sports and recreation-related injuries that occur each year are sustained by youth between ages 5-24, Kean noted.

In addition to the use of inefficient gear, causes for injury include varying sizes of participants and slower reaction times in growing children.

"Fortunately, thanks to the popularity of events such as the X Games and the Olympics, children are growing more accustomed to seeing athletes wearing protection," Kean stated. "However, parents should never allow wearing protective gear to be a choice. It's a prerequisite for participating in sports."

Play It Again Sports of Livonia, which is part of a nationwide chain that sells a wide selection of new name brand fitness and sports equipment, and also buys, sells, and trades quality used sports and fitness gear.

Staff members are trained to properly fit both children and adults for the protective gear needed for a wide variety of sports.

For more information about Play It Again Sports, call Kean at (734) 266-1999.

# Spring Wolverines football game benefits Mott Children's Hospital

See the University of Michigan football team play its annual spring game and help C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the same time.

The spring game, set for 1 p.m., April 17, is a free public event, but U-M football and Mott are partnering in a fund-raiser to help build the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital scheduled to open in Fall 2012.

"We are thrilled for the opportunity to partner with the U-M football team and Coach Rodriguez to benefit the patients at U-M Mott Children's Hospital," stated Pat Warner, Chief Administrative Officer for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Von Voigtlander Women's

Hospital. "The annual spring game is always a great way for U-M fans to come out and support the team and we are truly grateful that the team has offered their support to Mott."

Fans can make a donation of choice to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital upon entering the gates of Michigan Stadium. Donations are accepted at any level but fans will receive giveaways for donating at the following four levels:

- \$5 donation receives an "All in for Michigan Towel"
- \$20 donation receives a spring game "All in for Michigan, All in for Mott" T-shirt
- \$250 donation receives

four passes to a pre-season scrimmage

- \$500 donation receives two pre-game sideline passes to one of four games: Bowling Green, Massachusetts, Iowa or Illinois.

All of the money raised will benefit the Michigan Football Experience, an interactive play area for patients at Mott to experience what it's like to be a Wolverine football player. In addition, there will be a silent auction on the concourse during the spring game.

For more information call Mott's office of Medical Development and Alumni Relations at (734) 998-0370.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### APRIL

#### St. Mary Mercy

• "Pet Preparation for Baby," 7-9 p.m., Thursday, April 8, in classrooms 1 and 2, will educate dog and cat owners about common behavior problems - and strategies to prevent them - when a new baby is brought into the home. Topics covered are what to expect from your pet, how to prepare for success, simple tips on an easy transition and how to anticipate and prevent potential behavior problems. Registration is required. Fee is \$10 per person. Call (734) 655-1159 for more information, or to register. Register online at [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events".

• "Heartsaver" Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class (CPR), 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10. The class is being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. Learn CPR and choking techniques for children and adults. To register, call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950, or register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org).

• "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby" runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 17, in classrooms 1 & 2. Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. This class is based on the "Lamaze Method" and includes exercise, relaxation, breathing techniques and comfort measures to assist expectant moms through the different stages of labor. \$75 per couple. (734) 655-1162 or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org) and click on

"classes and events".

The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

#### Cancer screening

The University of Michigan Health System, the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center will offer free throat cancer screenings by appointment in conjunction with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week and World Voice Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 17, at the U-M Health System, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor. Priority for screening appointments will be given to people with symptoms or risk factors related to throat cancer, and to those without health insurance. Exams will take less than 45 minutes to complete. Refreshments will be provided, and free transportation or parking will be available. Registration is required. Call the U-M Cancer AnswerLine at (800) 865-1125 or visit [www.mcancer.org/throatcancer](http://www.mcancer.org/throatcancer).

#### Dawn Farm

• Ed Conlin, addiction counselor for Detroit Capuchin Service System, will present, "Spirituality and Recovery from Addiction," 7:30-9 p.m., April 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium (ground floor), 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. This program will describe how spirituality relates to recovery from chemical dependency, explore personal spiritual needs and life choices, and discuss the Twelve Steps as a spiritual program which can benefit anyone.

• Dr. Patrick Gibbons, adjunct clinical instructor in psychiatry at the University of Michigan will discuss

"Psychiatric Disorders in Chemically Dependent Individuals: Diagnostic and Treatment Considerations" at 7:30 p.m. April 27, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. The program will provide an overview of co-occurring addiction and psychiatric illness, including standard diagnostic criteria, individual considerations for determining the appropriate course of treatment, available treatment interventions, and the perspectives of both the addict and the treatment provider on addiction. Admission free. A certificate to document attendance can be provided. The series is organized by Dawn Farm, a nonprofit organization that provides a continuum of programs for treatment of chemical dependency. (734) 485-8725.

### MAY

#### Karmanos Cancer Institute

The 2010 Annual Dinner gala, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, May 8, will include a reception, an elegant dinner, a super silent auction, a raffle sponsored by Tiffany & Co., and a fashion show designed by creative icon Linda Dresner, also a breast cancer survivor. Master of Ceremonies will be radio legend and long-time Karmanos supporter Dick Purtan. Special tribute will be given to Gerold Bepler, the new president and chief executive officer of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Entertainment will be provided by the Bay Area Blues Society. The event will be at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Tickets are \$375 to \$750. For information, call Karry Samulski at (313) 576-8106 or e-mail [samulskk@karmanos.org](mailto:samulskk@karmanos.org).

## NEW FACES

Matteo Valenti, D.O., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital.

Board certified in Internal Medicine, Valenti is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Internists and the American College of Physicians. He is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and the Society of Hospital Medicine.


Valenti practices at Midwest

Internal Medicine Associates located at 20317 Farmington Road, in Livonia. The office number is (248) 615-0777.

He studied medicine at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his internship and Internal Medicine residency at Mount Clemens General Hospital, where he served as chief resident.




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# Top 10 Jobs in Healthcare

Kate Lorenz,  
CareerBuilder.com Editor

Love the idea of working in healthcare, but can't stand either the sight of blood or several more years of school? Good news: Jobs in the healthcare industry are wide-ranging and cater to a variety of professional levels and skill sets. Better yet, these jobs are also growing at a rapid pace.

Wherever your particular interests lie, from analysis to administration, chances are there's a healthcare job for you.

**1. Physician assistants** What they do: Provide diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive healthcare services as delegated by a physician. What they need: Accredited educational programs usually last two years and are full-time. Once they complete one of these programs, physician assistants will need to take a national exam to obtain a license. What they earn: \$63,675/year\* With benefits and bonuses: \$75,861

**2. Medical records technicians** What they do: Maintain and evaluate the accuracy of patients' medical records, including exam results, X-ray reports, lab tests and past diagnoses. What they need: Most often, an associate's degree from a community or junior college, with coursework in science and medicine. What they earn: \$31,837/year With benefits and bonuses: \$36,575

**3. Social workers** What they do: Help people and families who face life-threatening diseases, domestic troubles or social problems function the best way they can in their environments, deal with relationships and solve personal and family problems.



What they need: Although a bachelor's degree in social work is sufficient for entry into the field, a master's degree in social work is becoming the standard and is typically required for positions in health settings and clinical work. What they earn: \$52,119/year With benefits and bonuses: \$59,554

**4. Clinical laboratory technicians** What they do: Perform tests that result in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of disease. They analyze the results and relay them to physicians. What they need: The usual requirement for an entry-level position is a bachelor's degree in medical technology or one of the life sciences; however, a combination of education, on-the-job experience and specialized training may suffice. What they earn: \$27,861/year With benefits and bonuses: \$32,070

**5. Mental health counselor** What they do: Work with individuals, families and groups to address and treat mental and emotional disorders and promote optimum mental health, using a variety of therapeutic techniques.

What they need: A master's degree is typically required to be licensed as a counselor, which may entail 48 to 60 hours of graduate study. What they earn: \$40,338/year With benefits and bonuses: \$46,206

**6. Medical scientists** What they do: Research human diseases to provide the information necessary to develop solutions to human health problems, such as vaccines and medicines. They may also perform clinical investigations, technical writing, drug application reviews and patent examinations.

What they need: A doctorate in a biological science is the minimum education required for most prospective medical scientists. Medical scientists who perform invasive procedures on patients must obtain licensure by graduating from an accredited medical school, passing a licensing exam and completing up to seven years of graduate education. What they earn: \$88,281/year With benefits and bonuses: \$103,638

**7. Pharmacists** What they do: Distribute drugs prescribed by health practitioners, inform patients about medications and their use and advise health practitioners on the selection, dosages, interactions and side effects of medications.

What they need: A degree from an accredited college of pharmacy and successful completion of the state-required licensing exam. What they earn: \$81,439/year With benefits and bonuses: \$102,792

**8. Physical therapists** What they do: Provide services that help restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities of patients suffering from injuries and physical ailments.

What they need: A master's or doctoral degree from an accredited physical therapist educational program, as well as a state-required license. What they earn: \$53,410/year With benefits and bonuses: \$67,229

**9. Medical transcriptionists** What they do: Transcribe dictated recordings made by healthcare professionals into medical reports, correspondence and other administrative material that eventually become part of patients' permanent files.

What they need: Postsecondary training in medical transcription from a vocational school, community college or distance-learning programs is often preferred by employers. Certificate programs often last a year and associate's degrees last two. What they earn: \$27,602/year With benefits and bonuses: \$31,776

**10. Medical and health service managers**

What they do: Plan, direct, coordinate and supervise the delivery of healthcare.

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- 5 Indy 500 month
- 8 Apron wearer
- 12 Neglect
- 13 Work by Keats
- 14 In addition
- 15 Distance measure
- 16 Educational org.
- 17 Filleted fish
- 18 Pancake order
- 20 Harvest wool
- 21 Brilliance
- 24 River rapids
- 27 Kimono sash
- 28 Archeological site
- 31 Almost, in verse
- 32 Income source
- 33 Grate upon
- 34 Ultimate degree
- 35 Brooks or Gibson
- 36 Galas
- 37 In and of —
- 39 Fido's pal
- 43 Silly person

- 46 Wild goat
- 47 Carthage loc.
- 49 Freeway access
- 51 Achy
- 52 Pub pint
- 53 Silent performer
- 54 Piano parts
- 55 Fez
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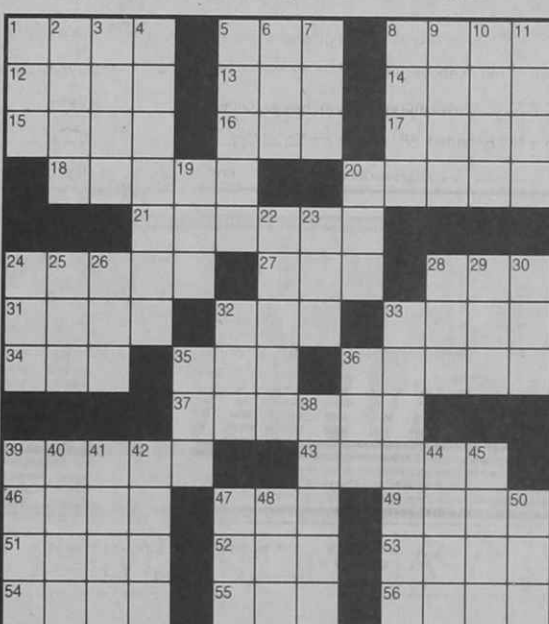
#### DOWN

- 1 — de guerre
- 2 Left Bank chums
- 3 Thin gold layer
- 4 Furtiveness
- 5 Cell habitants
- 6 Lime cooler
- 7 Roll-call vote
- 8 Crush
- 9 Lotion additive
- 10 "La — Bonita" (Madonna song)
- 11 Mover and shaker
- 19 Billiards stick
- 20 — Lanka
- 22 Handyman's

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

BLVD OWLS WEB  
BOAR JAYS ERE  
BONED IRELAND  
DAZZLE IVES  
BEAD EE OLE  
OYL ARDENT TU  
DRS HO VU MAN  
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MLB IN FRET  
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- 29 Devotee's suffix
- 30 Loc. finder
- 32 Jacuzzi feature
- 33 Improves drastically
- 35 Cosmonaut's lab
- 36 Sitcom waitress
- 38 Marsh stalker
- 39 Take a chance
- 40 Woodwind instrument
- 41 Extremely
- 42 "Sign here" marks
- 44 Iceboat necessity
- 45 Madame Bovary
- 47 Ooh companion
- 48 Gulf st.
- 50 Tent holder

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