



## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Summer hockey class

Registration is under way for Suburban Hockey's summer classes, which start July 9 at the Novi and Rochester Ice arenas.

Other programs will take place in July at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills, the Dearborn Ice Skating Center and McCann Arena in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Suburban Hockey will conduct August programs at Birmingham Ice Arena, Southgate Ice Arena and Lakeland Arena in Waterford.

There will be power skating schools for mini-mites through bantams, as well as a mini hockey clinic for mini-mites, mite fun-damental hockey school, squirt skill-builder program and pee wee/bantam finishing school.

Goalie schools will be held at the Rochester, Suburban Training, Dearborn and Birmingham arenas. There will be adult programs at Suburban Training and Birmingham. Suburban Training also will have a girls program directed by Olympic gold medalist Lisa Brown-Miller.

To register call Suburban Hockey at (248) 478-1600.

### College swim results

Erin Spiro of Farmington and Albion College placed 19th in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:12.46 at the NCAA Division III women's swimming and diving championships March 8-10 in Buffalo, N.Y.

She also was 29th in the 100-yard butterfly (1:01.46) and 44th in the 50-yard freestyle (25.49).

Spiro, a graduate of Birmingham Marian High School, was the first Albion woman swimmer to compete in an NCAA meet since TerryAnn Evelyn in 1995.

### Twisters grid tryouts

The Wayne County Twisters of the Lake Shore Football League will conduct a pro-style combine tryout camp at 2 p.m. Saturdays, March 24 and 31, at the Wayne-Westland YMCA, 827 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

There is a \$20 tryout fee (payable at registration). Candidates must be 18 years or older with a high school diploma.

The combine will consist of bench and standing press, vertical jump, 40-yard dash, quarter-mile run, shuttle and agility drills. Players must bring outside running shoes.

For more information, send an e-mail to michigan-twisters@yahoo.com.

### Tour America sign up

The Amateur Tour of America, Michigan Section, is open for registration for its 10th season. The Amateur Tour offers fun, friendly golf competition in a professional tour-style environment.

All golfers, from scratch to 40-plus handicaps, are welcome to participate. Tour members compete in one of four flights, against players of similar ability, with as much as \$1,500 available in prize money at every regular Tour event. The top individual prize is \$300.

New members are requested to submit scorecards from five, 18-hole rounds prior to the flight qualifying event April 28-29. New members with a current USGA handicap may forego the event.

Seven Tour events will be held at championship courses throughout southeastern Michigan, from Ann Arbor to Romeo. The season runs May 12 to Aug. 6 with post-season play in September.

Membership fees are \$280 for men, \$260 for women and seniors, and \$160 for juniors. Members also must pay an entry fee (greens fees plus \$5) for each tournament event entered.

Those interested should call (800) 473-TOUR for further information and a registration form.

# Kansman takes challenge for charity

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When Cathy Kansman decided to do a 100-mile bike marathon for charity, the least of her concerns was the rigorous demands of the challenge.

"I was more concerned about the fundraising than the physical aspect of this," said the 39-year-old Farmington Hills resident.

"It's as out of my comfort zone to have to ask for money. It's an awkward thing, even when you believe in something and know families have to deal with it."

Nonetheless, Kansman hopes to raise a minimum of \$3,600 by April 1 for the benefit of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The bike event will be Sunday, June 3, in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

Kansman, who plans to pay for her own trip and contribute all the money raised, was inspired to join the LLS's Team in Training Program by the memory of her late neighbor, Patricia Wirth, who died from a blood disorder.

"Mrs. Wirth was my next-door neighbor for 24 years, and she blessed my life in many ways," Kansman said. "She taught me how to knit and bake cookies."

"She loved all of the animals and insects I brought her way. She was my patient piano teacher, a role model and

mentor, but most of all a wonderful friend.

"I will always be grateful for the gifts she has given me."

Kansman has never done a bike marathon, but she continues to play competitive sports and remains physically active.

"I haven't gotten outside yet, but I've been riding indoors," she said. "I've done a lot of cross training, so I think I have a good conditioning base to start, from working out, lifting and training aerobically through other means."

"I have respect for the whole bike thing, and I'm confident my experience in athletic conditioning will help me make the transition."

Her first choice for a recreational activity, however, would be either going to the gym and lifting or playing soccer.

Kansman is a former girls and boys soccer coach at Farmington and North Farmington high schools, and she plays for the over-30 Michigan Magic in the Great Lakes Women's Soccer League.

"We're still very competitive," she said. "Our league consists of women who were on the first women's college teams, or high school for that matter. So we have the pioneers."

The Magic team, which has been together for 25 years, won a national indoor championship several years ago

and has been a runner-up a couple times.

"Soccer has been my passion but, recreationally, I love to lift and anything else that someone invites me to do that sparks an interest," Kansman said. "If it's kick boxing, hiking or biking and it's a nice day, I'm going to try it."

Kansman and her husband, Kevin, the former Farmington High varsity baseball coach, have been married 10 years and have two children — a 7-year-old daughter and a 5-year-old son. Kansman had been a teacher for Farmington Public Schools, but she is currently on a leave of absence.

With her background in sports and health fitness, would Kansman ever think of competing as a triathlete if she's willing to tackle a 100-mile bike event?

"I did a triathlon back in college and really enjoyed that," she said. Asked how she did, she added, "I finished! That was my goal. But I've never run a marathon. I haven't caught that bug yet."

Anyone wishing to make a donation to Kansman's cause should make a check to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society — the money is 100 percent tax deductible — and mail it to Cathy Kansman, 26346 Meadowview, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Questions



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BARRELL

**Charity begins on a bike: Riding in her first bike marathon isn't as daunting to Cathy Kansman as the idea of raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.**

regarding the LLS and charitable event can be directed to Kansman at (248) 476-6762.

## St. Fabian wins CYO hoop title

Farmington Hills St. Fabian won the Catholic Youth Organization's citywide championship in boys basketball by defeating Grosse Pointe St. Clare in the final, 35-32.

The team is comprised of eighth graders Joe Garino, Brad Holm, Christopher Jones, Justin Jwad, Brian Kegley, Max Kelmigian, Kyle Lambert, Matt Leach, Sean Mackler, Darrin Rawls, Phillip Sacha and Brad Wilkinson. The seventh graders are Steven Dowhan and Joe Vincent.

Following the March 10 victory, John Tomey retired after 14 seasons as the only head coach in the history of the program. His assistants were Rick Leach, Don Kegley and David Jones.

The championship is the first for the St. Fabian boys. The girls won a CYO title in 1993.

"It was a storybook finish," Tomey said, adding this all-time team had the most balance of all the ones he coached. "Other teams had great players, but this team had all the components."

"We had big players, good guards and a lot of commitment. We had one of these in past years but not the inside-outside combination we had this year."

The 2001 champions also had a great deal of camaraderie, which served as a good base for a winning season, according to Tomey.

"They were very unselfish," he said.



**City champions: The members of the CYO champion St. Fabian basketball team are (front, kneeling) head coach John Tomey and coach Rick Leach, (standing, left to right) coach David Jones, Sean Mackler, Darrin Rawls, Justin Jwad, coach Don Kegley, Brian Kegley, Chris Jones, Matt Leach, Max Kelmigian, Steve Dowhan, Joe Garino and Brad Wilkinson, (back row, left to right) Kyle Lambert, Brad Holm, Joe Vincent and Phil Sacha.**

"Nobody cared who scored or who got the recognition. It was a full team effort."

"Part of that was due to the fact the kids have played together so long. They started in the fourth grade, and this was their fourth year together."

Having a full-size gym at St. Fabian for the last two seasons has enabled the players to be better conditioned, too.

"We were playing in a small gym that was the old church for the first 12 years," Tomey said. "Two years ago we built an addition to the school and a

new gym."

Tomey said most of the St. Fabian players will likely attend North Farmington High School, which will be good news to Raiders coach Tom Negoshian.

Besides playing for the citywide championship, St. Fabian had extra motivation for the title game against St. Clare.

When most of the boys were at the B level a year ago, St. Fabian lost a post-season tourney game to St. Clare, 47-7.

St. Clare scored the last five points of the half, with the help of two St. Fabian turnovers, to take a 20-15 lead into

halftime.

"Our two big guys (Mackler and Rawls) got in foul trouble in the second quarter, and we sat them down," Tomey said. "We took a risk and hoped the game wouldn't get away from us, and the other players played well."

"We were in good shape foul-wise and as far as our outlook on the game. We thought we had taken their best shot in the second quarter and were only down five."

"We ended up getting their big guys

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## Ocelots make first trip to JUCO finals

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What lies in store for Schoolcraft College men's basketball team?

The 31-2 Ocelots, making their first appearance in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Tournament, will take on Western Nebraska, sporting the worst record among the field of 16.

The two teams square off at 10 a.m. (CST) Tuesday in the first game of the week-long tourney in Hutchinson, Kan.

But don't let Western Nebraska's record (21-12) or seven-man roster fool you. The Cougars, who make Scottsbluff (population 13,000) their home, have a rich tradition in the junior col-

lege ranks having captured 11 Region titles since 1978 and eight during the 1990s.

The Cougars have produced two NBA players — Bobby Jackson (Minnesota) and the Sacramento Kings) and Sedric Toney (Philadelphia 76ers).

Ironically, not one Western Nebraska player hails from the state.

The team's two leading scorers plus a third player were suspended for the year for disciplinary reasons.

Justino Victoriano, a 6-9 sophomore from Luanda, Angola, leads the Cougars. He averages 14.1 points and 8.6 rebounds per game.

Deonte Moses, a 6-5 freshman from Milwaukee, Wis., averages 13.5 points, while 6-foot guard Barry Lindsey

(Durham, N.C.) is next at 9.1.

Other key players for the Cougars include 5-11 sophomore Derek Cummings (Nassau, Bahamas), who is averaging 7.3, and 6-7 freshman Terrance Allen (Macon, Ga.).

The team's international flavor extends to 6-3 freshman Pawel Mrozik (Lublin, Poland), a three-point threat who has been hot of late, and 6-9 freshman Tomislav Topic (Siroki, Croatia).

First-year coach Trace Bevill coached previously at McCook C.C. (Neb.) where he compiled a 171-107 record in nine years.

Western Nebraska finished 11-2 record at home but only 10-10 on the road and on neutral courts. The Cougars started the season 8-7, but

have gone 13-5 since semester break.

Other first-round games on Tuesday include Wabash Valley, Ill. (32-1) vs. Barton County, Kan. (28-8); Okaloosa-Walton, Fla. (27-4) vs. Southwest Tennessee (22-6); Cochise, Ariz. (28-4) vs. No. 1-ranked Dixie State, Utah (32-1); Georgia Perimeter (24-10) vs. Southern Union State, Ala. (24-8); and San Jacinto, Tex. (29-4) vs. Indian Hills, Ia. (30-3).

The NJCAA Division I tourney includes a consolation bracket, so Schoolcraft is guaranteed at least two games.

The championship game is set for Saturday night in Hutchinson's 7,500-seat arena.

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