

## Miss Michigan to visit Farmington Hills

Miss Michigan 2002, Erin Moss, will be a guest in the Farmington Hills community the weekend of May 2-4.

Moss is preparing for a future in full-time Christian Ministry and is committed to a year of service to her state as she impacts lives along the way.

Her platform, Leadership Development, is an integral part of her service year as she works to teach others about their ability to impact the world in a positive way.

Moss was selected as Miss Michigan on June 15, 2002 displaying excellence in the areas of competition including interview, talent, evening wear and physical fitness.

In the talent portion, Moss displayed her skill as an



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accomplished flutist. Moss will be speaking on Friday morning to student groups at East Middle School and Wooddale Elementary.

School. On Friday evening she will enjoy dinner and a movie with Middle School girls, an evening coordinated by the youth ministry at Farmington Hills Church of God. On Saturday morning, she will meet with a local Girl Scouts troop.

A Saturday luncheon with Senior High girls will be followed by a Spring Fling for all Middle and Senior High Students on Saturday

afternoon from 2-7 p.m.

All area youth are invited to participate in games (3 on 3 Basketball tournament, volleyball, etc.), food and music. The evening will include Moss speaking to the students. The Spring Fling will be hosted at Farmington Hills Church of God located at 25717 Power Road.

All area youth are invited to participate in all events. For more information and to register for any of the tournament games, contact Mike Reid at (248) 477-9144.

On Sunday, Moss will be the guest speaker at Farmington Hills Church of God for the 10:30 a.m. worship celebration.

The public is invited.

## Huron Valley introduces new system

Huron Valley-Sinal Hospital has debuted Pyxis Patient Stations (PPS) recently installed in all patient rooms at the facility located at 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce.

This is the first system of its type installed in America.

The PPS is the latest, patient bedside, electronic interaction device and gives patients access to television programming, radio, the internet, hospital/medical information and more, with literally just the

touch of a finger.

It is fully adjustable for each patient's comfort of use whether lying down or sitting.

The clinical staff at the hospital use the system to access patient-care related information such as test results and updates on medications, right at the patient's bedside. It makes it easier for care providers to explain aspects of the patient's care and answer questions. The PPS also frees

clinical computers for access by personnel who don't frequently interact with the patient.

The Pyxis Patient Station was originally developed by BION, Inc.

That company was purchased by Pyxis, a well-known manufacturer of clinical equipment, which was subsequently purchased by Cardinal Health.

For more information, call (248) 937-6046.



Third-graders Samantha Struble and Trent Balogh recently introduced the robots they created at an all-school assembly.

## Gill 3rd-graders show off their robots

Third-graders Samantha Struble and Trent Balogh from Gill Elementary School recently introduced the robots they created at an all-school assembly. Robots did everything from cleaning bedrooms, catching flies and

giving children snacks. Students presented their robots in class and some were chosen to demonstrate how their robots worked in front of the whole school at a Sharing Assembly.

Trent Balogh of Vicky Shaw's class, introduced his Snack-o-Bot and demonstrated how it delivered snacks to him when he was hungry. Samantha Struble built FlyBot, a robot resembling a fly, to catch flies in her house.

### RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (248) 477-9722 or write: Religion Calendar, Farmington Observer, 23411 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48325. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

### EVENTS

**Miss Michigan**  
Erin Moss, Miss Michigan 2002, will be the guest speaker at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 4 at Farmington Hills Church of God Worship Celebration. The public is invited.

**Coffee talk**  
Single Point Lighthouse Cafe offers an evening of relaxation and fun while

listening to live entertainment provided by other Single Pointers. Cost is \$5. Hot dogs, goodies and coffee provided. Call Single Point Ministries at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road (near Haggerty), Northville, at (248) 374-5920.

**Antioch Preschool**  
Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills offers Christian based preschool for 3-4 year-old children. Class registration is now being taken. The church is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Road. Call (248) 626-7906.

### ONGOING

**Widow/Widower Support**  
New Hope Center for Grief Support, a

Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group meets at 7 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Parish offices, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at ages 4-11. (248) 348-0115.

**Aglow**  
Aglow International, a community lighthouse for women, meets for dinner and discussion at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Best Western Executive Hotel, 31525 W. 12 Mile in Farmington. For information or reservations call (248) 476-1053.

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*Congratulates the Feature Teachers for April*

Each teacher will receive a dozen roses and 4 mimosas courtesy of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Wesley Berry Florist and Star Theatres.



Ann Cole

Daniel Silverman, a sixth grader at Derby Middle School in Birmingham, calls Mrs. Ann Cole "the greatest science teacher." The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers calls Ann Cole Teacher of the Month for April and congratulates her for her awesome talent in the classroom. Cole's creativity, caring nature and enthusiasm for her students and the subject she teaches is well documented with Derby students.

In his nomination Daniel writes: "For example, in teams of two we made double-decker peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to show the layers of rock in the earth."

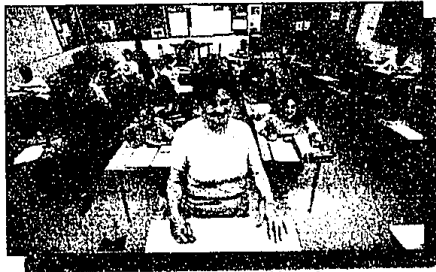
She is exciting and she really helps us learn. Today we had a class discussion about soil and she made it interesting!

You can tell by her enthusiasm that she really likes to teach. Every day she comes into the classroom smiling.

She is extremely nice to everybody in her classes. She helps everybody with their questions. When she talks to me I feel like I can trust her.

Daniel wrapped up his nomination with another example of what a super teacher and caring person Ann Cole is at Derby: "A boy in my class usually wears contacts. One day he wore glasses and Mrs. Cole said how much she like them. The next day she came in wearing her own glasses and said to him, 'You inspired me!'"

Congratulations Ann Cole of Derby Middle School in Birmingham Public Schools and an Observer & Eccentric Feature Teacher for April.



Mary Griffard

Mary Griffard, seventh and eighth grade social studies teacher at West Middle School in the Plymouth Canton School District was nominated for Feature Teacher in April by "all her fans." Both present and past students took the time to honor Mary Griffard for her dedication to students. "She deserves a blue ribbon, a trophy or medal," wrote Natasha Seppala. The Observer & Eccentric is pleased to honor Mary Griffard as Teacher of the Month for April. Griffard has logged some 30 years in the teaching profession and her nominators say she's "the very best."

"I've never had a teacher so involved and so dedicated to the class. It's her life. Her teaching is state of the art," wrote Natasha Seppala.

"She has a great passion for the work and she shared that with us. All of us couldn't wait to get into that class. She trained us to think, to actually turn on the light bulb. Soon our discussions became rich with intellect, thought and ideas. Everyone was involved, everyone has something to say," wrote Natasha.

"She has high expectations for us. We had to do good work and we did. We have thanked her a dozen times for being a great teacher but she deserves an award. She has been doing this for kids for 30 years - making us to love the world, respect people, do our best and have sudden urges to read history books."

"Her methods work," added Natasha.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers congratulates Mary Griffard for her dedication to students and her commitment to quality public education. Congratulations Mary Griffard of West Middle School, an O&E Featured Teacher for the Month of April.