

City news

Teacher injured in rafting accident home, but still in serious condition

by Michael McCulloh

A Batavia High School Spanish teacher who was injured following a white-water rafting accident in Costa Rica has been transferred to Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, where she remains in critical condition.

Central DuPage Hospital spokeswoman Susan Morris said no other information other than Joy Vaughn's condition is available at this time.

Vaughn, 24, was an adult chaperone of an independent student trip for spring break and was with nine Batavia high school students and another foreign language teacher when the accident occurred on Saturday, April 1. No one else from the area was injured.

Before being transferred to the United States, Vaughn was at a hospital in Costa Rica, where she was joined by her parents and the other teacher, Julie Johnson.

There have been conflicting reports

on how the accident was actually caused during the rafting excursion. Batavia High School Principal David Booth said last week that the incident occurred so fast it is hard to determine exactly what happened.

Vaughn, a resident of Naperville, is in her second year teaching at Batavia High School.

Students at Batavia High School have started a fund to assist Vaughn with medical expenses, which can be dropped off at the main office of the school.

Also, cards or letters for Vaughn can be sent in care of Batavia High School, 1200 W. Wilson St., Batavia, IL, 60510.

Vaughn's father, John, said people have been very kind following the accident.

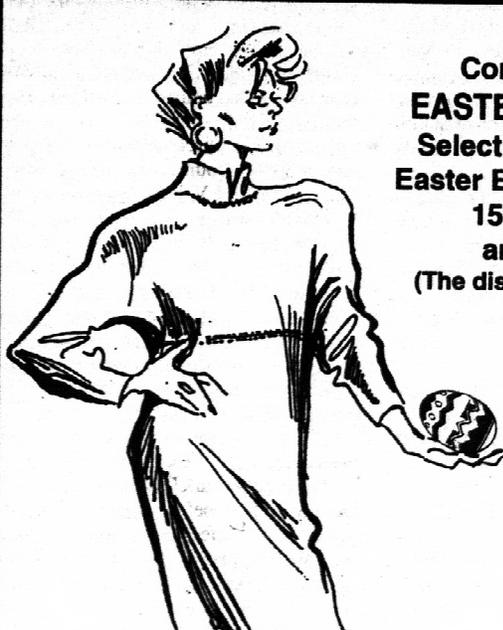
"There has been a tremendous amount of love, prayer and concern (for Joy)," he said. "We just ask people to keep praying for her."

School news

Batavia college students receive scholarships

Batavia resident Ann Snodgrass is the recipient of a \$400 anonymous scholarship from the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Also, Batavia resident Kathryn Noel

Storm was considered for the Pillars for Excellence Scholarship at Culver-Stockton College in Missouri. The scholarship is worth full tuition, and is renewable based upon academic performance.



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