Local professor Teruki Kamon (above) recently gave a lecture on the physics research he conducts worldwide to 200 Japanese middle-schoolers in the Sado school system, located on a small island in Japan.

Kamon works at Texas A&M University in the department of physics and at Kyungpook National University in the Republic of Korea. His work also involves Fermilab in Chicago and CERN in Switzerland. Originally from Japan, Kamon wanted to share with Japanese students his story of receiving a global education and now working in a global research field.

Kamon also helps teach science to youth locally through his involvement in the College Station school district’s Saturday Morning Physics gatherings for the past year.

Through the weekly meetings, he joins other A&M faculty in teaching students as old as high school age in plain English about physics through lectures and hands-on experiments. The group was started in 2006 by professor Ralf Rapp, and since then has enjoyed increasing popularity. Some Saturday Morning Physics students have continued on to study physics at A&M.

Craig Blakely, dean of the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health, and Jim Burdine, assistant dean for public health practice at the school, served as guest editors for the current issue of the Journal of Primary Prevention, focusing on work of the School of Rural Public Health Center Community Health Development and several other Prevention Research Centers, designated and funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Ciro Sumaya, professor at the School of Rural Public Health, and Eduardo Simoes, director of the CDC’s Prevention Research Centers Program, co-authored a commentary on community engagement and collaboration. Other authors include Blakely, Burdine, Ken McLeroy, Monica Wendel, Angie Alaniz, Heather Clark, and former students John Prochaska, Keith Perkins and Shawta Sackett. Additional research centers represented in the journal issue are the University of Arizona, University of Michigan and SUNY University at Albany.

Dennis Perrotta, associate professor at the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health and associate director of the National Center for Emergency Medical Preparedness and Response, has been appointed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to a committee charged with outlining the roles and contributions epidemiologists can make in disaster response operations.

Perrotta recently participated in a workshop with participants from

Elizabethany Ploger wears stilts as she tosses out the first pitch during the Valley Bombers game.

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From left, Watercrest at Bryan Manager Janice McAlister, St. Joseph Foundation President Tom Pool and Outreach Marketing Coordinator Janice Campbell.

The St. Joseph Foundation of Bryan recently received a donation from Watercrest at Bryan, a new community. Foundation is to educate the community as well as gather donations for all of the health care.