

Lifesaver: Showing the new (left) versus the old defibrillator are Craig Glomstead of Community EMS (left) Commander Maria Putt, Maria Azzaretti, Public Safety Director Gary Goss, Commander Daniel Dellar and Margo Gorchow of Botsford Hospital. Putt and Dellar used the old style device on Assaretti.



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Botsford, CEMS donate heart devices

The Farmington Public Safety Department received a donation of Automatic External Defibrillators Monday from Botsford Hospital and Community EMS, according to police Commander Maria Putt.

The AED's were presented during a ceremony Monday in the Farmington City Council chambers.

Putt said the defibrillators, which will be housed in the trunks of patrol cars, enable trained public safety officers to properly and quickly respond to emergencies such as heart

attacks or cardiac arrest.

"The quicker you can get this sort of treatment to someone, the increases of saving them are many-fold," Putt said.

The newer, more compact AED replace the defibrillators the department is currently using. The older AED's will be kept as backup units.

Meanwhile, Putt said a film crew from TV-12 will be videotaping the presentation, for a forthcoming documentary about how the equipment is used to save lives.

- Tim Smith

Guests offer career insights

Dunkel students get jump on future

By TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

For middle school students such as O.E. Dunkel's Rob Feldman, there is no time like the present to begin gaining insight into potential careers.

And the Career Exploration Day last Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Farmington district school gave Feldman and other students a clearer view about everything from broadcasting to choreography to a career in culinary arts.

Among the guest presenters, who shuffled from classroom to classroom for 20-minute sessions, were two representatives from the field of journalism - Terry Foster of The Detroit News and yours truly. The program was coordinated by Dunkel career development teacher Mary Beth Sikora.

Feldman, a seventh-grader and president of the Farmington district school's student council, liked the 20-minute format, because it gave students a chance to sample several different fields throughout the 2 1/2-

hour program. His favorite session of the day he attended was about a career helping the visually impaired.

"I liked all of them in different ways," Feldman said. "Some were more interesting than others, but I thought all were informative."

According to Feldman, who wants to pursue a career in fine arts, programs such as Wednesday's are an invaluable resource for young people as they begin mapping out their futures.

"It helps us out," Feldman said, "because you don't really get to know what careers are about, except for those in your family. And, in high school, you're going to have to start looking at careers and know what's out there. This day was a successful way to show that."

The career day was also beneficial for the guest speakers, including Mary Paulson, a technical translator for Volkswagen of America in Auburn Hills. Her

job is to help translate repair manuals from German to English.

"I really enjoyed this," Paulson said. "This was a great opportunity for the children to see what's out there. A day like this allows them to see the various opportunities and why they need to take math and English for careers down the road."

Paulson said 20 minutes was "a good time frame to work with," allowing for a career overview (on pertinent skills, required education, job advancement, etc.) as well as time to field questions from students.

Talking about a marketing career was Rebecca Perzanowski, of Metrobank in Farmington. "I had a lot of fun," Perzanowski said. "The kids asked interesting questions I didn't expect."

She asked students in one session to come up with a marketing plan for "the best pair of Rollerblades possible."

"This gives them a live example of careers," Perzanowski added. "And it's good for us, too, the interaction."

APEX has openings for 4-year-olds

There are spaces for five more 4-year-olds from Oakland County to enroll in the new Achieving Preschool Excellence program at the Farmington Community School.

APEX is a free, state-funded

program for children who meet guidelines. Children must be age 4 by Dec. 1 and must have transportation to and from school. Classes are 12:30-3 p.m. Monday-through-Thursday. For more information, call 489-3373.

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