

ABCs of CPR

Girl Scout troop gets early lesson in saving lives

Girl Scouts in Troop 71 at Longacre Elementary School in Farmington are learning the ABCs of CPR. Namely, "air," "breathing," and "circulation."

On Thursday, May 7, William Beaumont Hospital nurse Sandy McNeil - who has two girls in the troop - gave an after-school presentation about cardiopulmonary resuscitation. McNeil brought an electrically powered CPR mannequin that responds the same as a human when revived.

Children heard some common-sense tips from McNeil, a trained CPR instructor and a nurse in Beaumont's cardiac catheterization unit.

They then lined up and practiced on the dummy, pinching its nose and exhaling into its mouth and pushing down on its sternum. McNeil said the ratio of chest compressions to breaths is 5 to 1 for injured infants and children and 15 to 2 for adults.

"You should not be bouncing" while pushing the chest, McNeil said to the children. "... You want to go up and down in a nice fashion. You're pumping blood from the heart to the rest of the body."

The breathing step is just as vital, because the brain function starts to die without oxygen after about five minutes, McNeil continued.

Even though the Scouts are considered too small to effectively perform CPR, which can be tiring for adults to handle, the presentation gave them a chance to learn something that troop leaders, parents and McNeil hope will stay with them through their life.

"It's a good time to start learning it," said McNeil, mom to troop members Maureen and Meghan. "There are things they can do. For example, if they can learn how to clear an airway or call 911, or go and get help, they can make an impact."

Several parents were enthusiastic about their children's learning the very life-saving skill that helped save teen Melissa Garr last July 23 at Farmington Glen Aquatic Center, following a freakish poolside accident. Many of the families in Troop 71 belong to the private swim club.

Troop services director Susan



Pushing right: Beaumont Hospital nurse Sandy McNeil helps scout Elizabeth Ferriss practice CPR during a recent demonstration at Longacre School.

Anastasiou, whose daughter Nicolette attends fourth grade at Longacre, said the lessons of CPR are important to learn at any age. "When the time comes, they'll have it in them and know what to do."

The Garr accident, when a heavy tree limb fell on an apparent reason and knocked the 16-year-old Farmington High School student into a coma, heightened the awareness of families enough to want to learn CPR, Anastasiou said.

Longacre parent Kim Heath also welcomed the demonstration, which her daughter Lauren took part in. "It's good for them," Heath said. "And I like how they make it easy to learn, with the ABCs."

back yard," Anastasiou said. "The majority of the girls (families) belong to the Farmington Glen. It all hit home."

Troop co-leader Andrea Ferriss, whose daughter Andrea is a fourth grader at Longacre, said "It's good for everyone to learn CPR, even though they may not remember everything. But if they remember one important thing, it might save someone's life."

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Clarenceville sees MEAP leap

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An emphasis on curriculum and hard work by Clarenceville teachers has paid off in higher scores on the state-mandated Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests for fourth- and seventh-graders.

Recent results released for Michigan school districts show most scores have increased, which Clarenceville Superintendent Thomas Tattan attributes to improvements in the district's curriculum and the district's staff development efforts.

"We really have to take this seriously," he said. "It is a judge of how we're doing."

"We need to align our curriculum so that our students can do well on the test," he added.

But he cautioned that students took the test later than usual this year, which allowed them to absorb more information before the test date. Previously, tests

were given at the beginning of the school year, after students returned from summer break.

Although pleased with the results, he said "I think we have to take into consideration ... this isn't really apples to apples, because it was given at a different time of year."

Scores for Clarenceville fourth-graders jumped from 56.9 percent to 74.4 percent satisfactory scores in math and from 48.4 to 63.2 in essential reading skills.

In the seventh-grade, math scores rose from 46.9 to 55.1 percent and reading from 37.5 to 49.5 percent.

Since the MEAP tests began as a measurement of basic skills of students, they have since become a measurement of an

CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT				
1998 MEAP Scores				
	READING		MATH	
	97-98	96-97	97-98	96-97
4TH GRADE	63.2	48.4	74.4	59.9
7TH GRADE	49.5	37.5	50.1	46.9

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entire school district, used by real estate and other professionals when measuring community standards.

The MEAP has essentially placed control over local curriculum, Tattan said. "Basically the MEAP is the state curriculum," he added. "It's become a constant heightening of expectation."

Results of the fifth- and eighth-grade science and writing tests, also given at the same time, were not released with the fourth- and seventh-grade scores and are not yet available, Tattan said.

AGENDAS

Farmington Hills City Council
City hall, 474-6115
7:30 p.m. Monday, May 18

- Agenda items:
- Proclamation honoring Nurten Ural, recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Athena Award.
 - Consider resolution to support Friends of the Rouge and Rouge Rescue 98.
 - Consider introduction of ordinance regarding the use, sale and possession of tobacco products.
 - Consider approval of Farmington Hills Water Supply System 1998/99 Rates.
 - Consider approval of Sewage Disposal Rates for 1998/99.

Farmington City Council meeting
23600 Liberty St.
8 p.m. Monday, May 18

- Presentation: Public Safety Department Citizens Award.
- Proclamation: American Legion Groves-Walker Post Anniversary.
- Farmington Community Library expansion and renovation millage

proposal resolution.

- Resolution for fifth year SAD, principal shopping district certification of delinquent payments.
- Adopt Ordinance No. C-647-09 to increase Historical Commission from seven to nine members.

Farmington School Board Regular Meeting
Lewis Schulman Building
32500 Shawwassee
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19

- Library millage proposal presentation.
- Presentation: speech and language department.
- Continued discussion of proposed 1998/99 budget.
- Approve breakfast program resolution.
- Approve America's Promise resolution.
- Approve Curriculum/Textbook recommendations.
- Approve sale of used vehicles.
- Approve 1998/99 millage levy.
- Award bids on temperature control bid package and district wide paving bid.

Tyndale info session Monday

Tyndale College in Farmington Hills will host an information session at 6:30 p.m. Monday to show potential students how to complete their bachelor's degree in business administration in just 19 months. Classes are forming now.

Tyndale's accelerated degree program for adults offers small classes taught by executives from local corporations.

The information session offer visitors the chance to meet faculty, students and staff, and visit a class in progress. For more information, call 1-800-483-0707.

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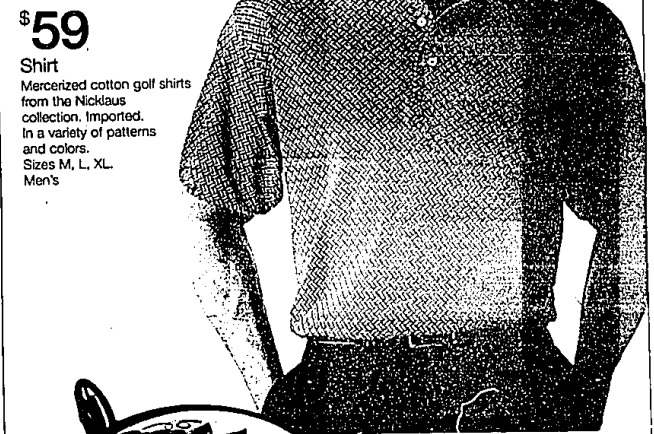
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