

Blinded by science

Demo time: During the family science night at Longacre Elementary School, Dr. Kenneth Kurjan demonstrates how to dissect a shark. Helping him out is Farmington High School student Danielle Miller, of the National Honor Society.



Families sample evening of discovery at Longacre

It was a night of wonders March 15 at Longacre Elementary School. More than 500 people turned out for a family science night, featuring 14 interactive stations assembled by Wonderama of East Lansing. One of the stations was about electricity, another about the mechanics of bubbles, another about glow-in-the-dark slime.

Students and family members also saw an eye full when Dr. Kenneth Kurjan dissected a shark. Kurjan's son, Jonathan, attends Longacre.

Assisting Kurjan at his station was Danielle Miller, a Farmington High School student and one of 10 National Honor Society members to help out with the program, co-sponsored by Longacre and the school's PTA.

Danielle's sister, Ashley, also

attends Longacre. Their mom, Pat Miller of the PTA, coordinated the science night.

"This is a wonderful addition to the great science program we have," Miller said. "There's much student and parent involvement."

She added that it is gratifying to see elementary school girls taking more of an interest in science—perhaps enough to keep them excited about the subject into middle school years.

"It was just a terrific response" to the experiments and demonstrations, said Longacre Principal Bill Smith.

Meanwhile, the school's keen interest in science continues at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, for the PTA-sponsored Longacre Science Fair.



Creativity: The Longacre Family Science Night gave students and family members an opportunity to make their own sheet of paper out of paper fiber.

Cancer topic of Southfield forum



To help cancer patients and their families learn more about the emotions associated with the disease, Detroit's Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will host a nationally known cancer psychologist for an upcoming presentation in Southfield.

"The Human Side of Cancer," a free presentation featuring Jimmie C. Holland, MD, will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Registration is free, but seats must be reserved in advance. Call (800) KARMANOS — (800)

527-8286 — 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

Holland is a pioneer in the field of psycho-oncology, the study and treatment of psychological concerns related to cancer care. She and co-author Sheldon Lewis wrote the book, *The Human Side of Cancer: Living With Hope, Coping with Uncertainty*. (HarperCollins Publishers, \$25)

Holland will be available immediately following the presentation in Southfield to sign her new book. For donation of \$25, you will receive a copy of *The Human Side of Cancer*.

A portion of the proceeds will support Community Outreach programs at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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