

Amateur detectives: Farmington Hills Police helped graduates of the first-ever detective school for children celebrate last Saturday, at the William Costick Center.



First crime prevention class for kids graduates

The first class of the Farmington Hills Police Department's Crime Prevention Kids' Club Detective School graduated Saturday.

Forty-six Farmington Hills school children, grades four through six, attended the school, held at the Costick Center on April 6, 13 and 20. The classes were taught by Sergeant Darnel Krauss, with assistance from several other of the department's investigators.

Officer Bonnie Unruh and Sergeant Darnel Krauss created the program as an extension of the Crime Prevention Kids Club. The classes covered investigative techniques, crime classification, crime scene processing, and crime lab capabilities.

The students also conducted hands-on exercises involving fingerprinting and shoe print casting. Their final practical problem was a crime scenario for them to solve using what they

learned in class. This included detailing the crime scene, determining what photos they would need, and what interviews and other evidence they would need for their solutions.

Dwyer said, "We at the Police Department feel it is very important to host programs that allow our young citizens to see into the department to remove the mystery from what we do."

Swing band featured during arts festival

The Mighty Meaty Swing Kings will swing into the Costick Center in Farmington Hills at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 4, with their popular foot-stomping and hip-swingin' style.

The performance is part of the eighth annual Farmington Area Festival of the Arts, and is being presented by the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division.

The Mighty Meaty Swing Kings are Ohio's answer to the

Brian Setzer new-style swing and have performed with the Brian Setzer Orchestra and the Royal Crown Revue. "High energy swing" is their forte, along with a visually exciting performance that includes dancing, zoot suits and great audience interaction.

The Mighty Meaty Swing Kings recently released their second CD, *Swing Big*. Their first recording was entitled, *I Swing Therefore I Are*, which

was an instant hit with swing fans.

Tickets to the concert are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and senior citizens, and are available in advance at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, or at the door the night of the concert. Tickets may be charged by calling (248) 473-1800.

For more information, call the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1826.

Dunckel 6th-graders plead guilty

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Four girls who attended Dunckel Middle School plead guilty Monday in Oakland County Family Court to attempting to

place a harmful substance in food.

The four sixth-graders admitted to conspiring to put an over-the-counter pain reliever in their teacher's coffee in March, said Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer.

Another student alerted the teacher to the action of the students, Dwyer said. The teacher was tested for harmful substances, but results proved negative.

He said one of the girls acted as the lookout, another distracted the teacher and two put a crushed Advil tablet in the drink.

If the girls maintain a clean

record until age 18, the crime will be removed from their records once they become adults, said Bob Zivian, Oakland County assistant prosecutor in the Juvenile Justice Division.

He said one of the girls explained the action was taken because the teacher hurt her feelings.

The girls could be ordered to perform community service and continue counseling at their sentencing, which will be June 24 before Judge Rae Lee Chabot.

Three of the girls have withdrawn from the school district while the fourth remains suspended. A hearing date for her has not been scheduled.

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