

Hospitals come alive for kids

By Susan Buck
staff writer

WITHIN THE HALLS OF Redford Community Hospital, a Pied Piper treads.

Like the chap from Hamelin, he enchants youngsters of all ages by taking them on tours of the hospital's inner workings, dispelling fears they might have.

Carl Geistler, a six-foot-six Farmington resident, has conducted tours for the last eight years, even though his full-time job is as an orthopedic and operating room technician for the hospital.

Since that time, Geistler has hosted 21,000 youngsters, averaging 130 tours a year. So far this year, he has taken 73 groups on the 1½-hour hospital tour.

The tour is advertised strictly by word of mouth, but word seems to get around: Geistler has hosted groups from Redford Township, Farmington, Westland, Garden City, Detroit, Plymouth, Canton Township, Southfield, Bloomfield Hills, Ferndale and East Detroit. Groups of older people seeking information about the hospital's services also visit.

THE CHILDREN'S tour is given to reduce or eliminate fears children might have about any hospital. If they should ever be patients, or have a close relative hospitalized, their worries and concerns should be less acute.

Last week, 5- and 7-year-olds from Redford Union's Stuckey Elementary School, together with teachers Doris

Cooney and Nobu Okubo, paid a visit.

Wide-eyed and some a bit leary, the students began their tour in the emergency room. The students were given a choice of either nurses' or doctors' caps as a hospital memento. Several girls chose doctors' caps, but not one boy chose a nurses' cap.

"Who would like to watch their heart beat?" asked Geistler. Tamara Sharpe, 7, volunteered.

"Every time that green line goes up and down, that shows your heart beating," Geistler said, pointing to the EKG monitor. "Just like there are different rooms in your house, there are different rooms in your heart."

GEISTLER TOOK out a heart monitor resembling a radio. Smearing surgical jelly on several children's arms, he pointed out that their heartbeats differ in sound, rhythm and speed.

"Now we're going to put a cast on in the cast room," Geistler said. Like baby ducks following their mother, the children followed him.

One of the tour highlights is when Geistler puts a youngster's arm in a cast. Geistler allows the cast to harden during the tour then removes it at the conclusion.

"First, I want to show you what we use to take the cast off," Geistler said, his eyes glinting mischievously as he produced an electric saw.

THE SAW whirled ominously. Eyes widened and a hush fell on the room as Geistler drew the saw across his wrist.

"You don't see any blood do you?" he

asked. The children peered at Geistler's arm in disbelief and then breathed a sigh of relief.

"Now, who wants a cast put on his arm?"

Seven-year-old Victor O'Neill bravely volunteered. Geistler wrapped wrap Victor's arm up like a mummy.

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—Carl Geistler
hospital technician

"MY BROTHER had his shoulder broken because somebody threw him off the swing," Dyan Matheson, 7, informed the group.

"I watch General Hospital," another child piped in.

Everybody got to touch the cast.

Then he led the children on to the recovery room on the second floor.

"Are all these people going to fit on one elevator?" a young worrywart asked.

Reaching the second floor, Geistler reminded the children to be silent so as not to disturb the patients. Entering the recovery room, the children saw Dr. Bruce Tabak open the outside door of the operating room.

Tabak was dressed in surgical green,

having just finished a foot operation.

"We have to wear all these special clothes and scrub our hands before an operation because our other clothes have germs on them," Tabak, face mask dangling, told the children.

When operating rooms aren't in use, the youngsters gown up in surgical attire and go into the operating rooms. But today, all rooms were occupied.

"WHERE'S THE SNACK?" an impatient child wondered aloud.

Next stop, the basement.

The children entered the darkened X-ray room where the big X-ray camera was housed. "The X-ray shows the inside of your body," Geistler said.

"These don't hurt either."

Then, on to the laboratory and the blood bank. Little eyes observed the numerous test tubes and slides. A photographer lured one little girl to the microscope.

Everybody crowded into a small room with a large refrigerator. Geistler reached in to grab a large baggie with red liquid. "That's real blood," Geistler said. "It comes in a bag. We keep it in the refrigerator so it doesn't spoil."

"Ugh, yuck," the children groaned in unison.

Geistler held up a throat culture in a dish. Doctors use a throat depressor to obtain throat germs for this culture, he explained. Five or six medications can be used to treat a throat infection, he said.

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Above: Victor O'Neill bravely volunteered to have his arm put in a cast. But he had second thoughts as tour leader Carl Geistler gets ready to remove it. Below: Anna Stallman, assistant lab director, holds Laura Sherman up to a microscope while Mike Dixon waits his turn.



Carl Geistler, an orthopedic and operating technician at Redford Community Hospital, has the youngsters' full attention as he explains an X-ray.

photos by ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Police raid a success

By Julie Brown
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A man was arrested Thursday following a Farmington Hills narcotics raid that netted a supply of marijuana, hashish and LSD.

John Perry Bartels was arrested, following the raid of the house located at 22810 Albion in Farmington Hills.

"He was taken into custody, arrested last night," Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said Friday.

Warrants were issued by the prosecutor's office Friday afternoon, he said. The warrants were for possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, felonious assault, and using a firearm in the commission of a felony.

The raid of the home occurred at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, and included officers from Oakland County N.E.T. (Narcotics Enforcement Team) and the Farmington Hills Police Department.

In executing the search warrant, officers culminated a seven-week investigation, Dwyer said. The investigation was initiated following complaints from area residents concerning possible narcotics activity at the home.

UPON ARRIVING at the home, officers were refused entry by the lone occupant, Dwyer said. "We found it necessary to forcibly enter the front door. In so doing, we were confronted by the occupant," who was armed with a 15-shot semiautomatic handgun.

After the occupant was disarmed, a search of the home revealed a quantity of marijuana packaged by weight in heat-sealed containers. "It numbered close to 100 heat-sealed packages," the police chief said. "There was also a large amount of hashish, and a quantity of LSD. It's all got to be itemized."

Police also seized a 9mm handgun and a .30-caliber carbine.

Woman dies in accident

An investigation is continuing into an auto accident that killed a Detroit woman Saturday, May 4.

Beatrice Fabner, 76, died at approximately 5:27 p.m. that day in the emergency room at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, said Russ Tuttle, director of community relations.

The accident occurred at approximately 4:50 p.m. on eastbound Grand River Avenue near Pearl. Fabner was making a left turn from the westbound

Grand River turnaround onto eastbound Grand River.

"She was struck by the second vehicle, which also was eastbound," said Lt. Ernie Miller, head of the traffic division for the Farmington Hills police.

The other driver, Gerry Schwarz, 29, of Detroit, was also taken to Botsford. He was treated in the emergency room and then released, Tuttle said.

"We're investigating it," Miller said of the accident, the seventh traffic fatality in the city for 1985.

Hospice care is discussed

A community informational meeting, to determine the local need and interest in hospice home care, will be at Madonna College at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23. Sister Mary Giovanni, director of a

developing hospice home care program, will moderate the evening's discussion.

For information, call 591-5153 during business hours.

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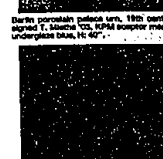
Thomas Hart Benton original litho (American, b. 1899) "The Woodsman," 1939. 8 1/4" x 10 1/4", part of a large graphic feature on Sunday.



One of a pair of 18th century ivory hand percussion pistols, valued between \$1,000 - \$2,000.



Derby porcelain pedicel urn, 18th century, signed T. Dwyer, 1750. 12 1/2" high, 10 1/2" diameter, valued between \$1,000 - \$2,000.



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