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Storyteller Arlene Moyer entertained the pre-school campers at the YMCA using her many character voices.

Fun's the story at YMCA summer camp

Preschool children partaking in the Farmington Area YMCA summer camp got a visit from professional storyteller Arlene Moyer.

She told stories to the children and acted out the characters to such classics as "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and used props much to the children's delight.

Marybeth Hetrick, com-

munity program director for the YMCA, said about 60 preschoolers enjoyed the entertainment this past week while children focused on the theme of storybooks.

The kids also went to the Farmington Hills Borders book store, where they enjoyed a special story hour and made arts and crafts based on story characters.



Jessica O'Hiel follows the story told by professional storyteller Arlene Moyer (at left) during a YMCA summer camp program for preschoolers.

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Raczowski, County Commissioner Terry Sever, Hills Mayor Nancy Bates and Council members Barry Brinkman and Vicki Burnett. Police assistant chiefs also shared well wishes.

Officer Brantley began his career with the Hills Police Department as a cadet in 1972. He was promoted to officer in 1975. He served as a field training officer, a firearms instructor, a narcotics officer with the Oakland

County Narcotics Enforcement Team, an investigator with the Southwest Oakland Auto Theft Unit and a property officer with the Support Services Division.

Brantley has received numerous citations, letters of appreciation, certificates of commendation, a chief's citation, and a professional service award.

Duffey began his career with the department as a cadet in 1974. He was promoted to police officer in 1977. He has served a field training

officer, firearms instructor, a narcotics officer with NET, an investigator with SWOAT and a crime prevention officer.

He received numerous citations, letters of appreciation, certificates of commendation, a chief's citation, professional services awards, a life saving award and was named the 1992 Veteran of Foreign Wars Police Officer of the year.

Bates said both men plan to enjoy their summer homes up north where they fish and hunt.

Both officers thanked their families, who were in attendance, for their support over the years.

Brantley said retirement is bittersweet. "I'm going to miss a lot of the people," he said. "I had a good career."

Dana Whinnery, assistant city manager, gave each man a watch from the city. He said the two are seasoned officers who will be difficult to replace.

Duffey said he wanted to thank everybody and even police department retirees who attended the ceremony. "I had a lot of good years and a lot of tough years. I loved the job," he said.

Bates wished both men "a long and happy retirement."

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Likely, you know the recent news on treating arthritis of the knee. Careful research revealed that arthroscopy and lavage of the knee don't work. For years, the medical community accepted that taking the arthroscopy to older people with wear and tear arthritis helped. It seemed reasonable to believe that smoothing out irregularities in the joint and clearing out debris with copious amount of water (lavage), would repair or even reverse the damage of osteoarthritis. The study to test this assumption was just published in the New England Journal of Medicine. The results showed that no difference existed between those who got this operation and those who did not.

If arthroscopy and lavage are not treatments for osteoarthritis of the knee, what is left? You can return to basics such as losing extra pounds if you are overweight and being careful in your choice of shoes - not high heels or tapering tips. You should continue to exercise daily if your knees can't take walking then turn to swimming if a facility is available, or if not, use a stationary bike. Exercise is important to avoid weakening your quadriceps and hamstring muscles. Such losses quicken the pace of the arthritis and makes later rehabilitation from knee operation difficult.

Another useful approach is periodic joint aspiration of excess fluid and injection of an intra-articular steroid. This procedure can be repeated and often puts off the need for knee replacement by months to years. The role of anti-inflammatory drugs is to relieve pain; they do not stop or repair joint damage already present.

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