Sanford International Film Festival features Leatherface, others

By TAMMY WELLS

SANFORD — The original Leatherface from the 1974 film “Texas Chainsaw Massacre” will be there and real live Maine game warden Tabitha Clark as she took a turn at slicing into the brain. – part of the three-layered display in the downtown for Sanford's hometown version of the Oscar – and you have a film festival: the Sanford International Film Festival, showing works by film makers from 40 countries.

and it’s a bargain for film buffs, organizers say, at $15 for a bracelet that gives you access to the films without extra charge. Sanford International Film Festival begins on May 27 and winds down on May 31.

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But the pinkish-gray lump – roughly the size of a baseball but more oblong in shape – was far from poultry. Instead, it was a sheep brain, the seventh-grader who made the assertion, fostering laughs from her peers, was dissecting it Thursday as part of a science-themed field trip to the University of New England’s Biddeford campus.

Biddeford Middle School science teacher Ann Putney, who accompanied students on the trip, said this week marked the fourth year she has taken students to the University of New England to participate in the interactive workshop on brain anatomy.

“Part of the life science curriculum (at RMS) is neuroscience,” said Putney. Her students have been learning about things like brain structure and function in the different parts of the brain, she said, and the field trip is a way of putting that knowledge into practice.

“Ooh my ghost,” cried one of the students, when she put a section of the brain’s surface into a place called the ventricle. “I get so scared!” cried another of her classmates. Michael Burman cut it into the “water balloon.”

White, balloon-like casing – part of the three layers of meninges, which house protective fluid and functions as a cushion for the blood vessels – is the reason our brains don’t bang around in our skulls when we move.

“Now I get to rub it in my little cousin’s face that I actually got to dissect a brain,” said student Tabitha Clark as she took a turn at slicing into the brain.

Although some students seemed a little grossed out by the activity, Clark felt perfectly comfortable and explained that she’s seen her mother perform surgery in the past.

“‘This is nothing,’ she said with a grin.

Earlier in the day, the 12-year-olds also spent time on the other side of campus in the marine science building, where they had a chance to get up close and personal with fish, said Senior Staff Writer Angelo Harmon.

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