



Tina Theeke, manager of the Farmington Hills branch of the Farmington Community Library, demonstrates the new Kurzweil Reading Machine for visually impaired patrons.

Machine aids visually impaired

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on the spot. That's why we're in business," Papal added.

"Yes, the Kurzweil can be considered expensive. But someone can come in here, examine it, and test it in terms of their lifestyle."

The machine also dovetails into the new Americans with Disabilities Act, which expects all people who are handicapped to have equal opportunities, Papal said.

The Kurzweil also is beneficial for people who are physically handicapped as well as those with reading disabilities, Papal said.

The machine also complements the Oakland County Library for the Blind and Handicapped whose services are offered at the Farmington Community Library.

Demonstrations of the Kurzweil also can be provided for businesses who hire people with handicaps.

Chuck Muer opens WB Pals restaurant

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To paraphrase James Taylor, "You've got a pal?" In West Bloomfield and his name is Chuck Muer.

Resplendently dapper with a lobster bow tie and checkered jacket, Muer presided over the opening of Chuck Muer's W.B. Pals Monday night on Maple at Orchard Lake Road.

From the brightly colored hand-painted floor to the green ceiling, the special lights and the eclectic menu, the C.A. Muer Corp. has created a new restaurant, phoenix-style, from the ashes of Charley's.

Formerly called Bloomfield Charley's, the restaurant was shut down in August by Charley's Restaurants Inc., then sold to Muer along with seven other stores in September.

The interior was "gutted," as Muer put it, and given a face lift. Joan Rivers would envy. From the brightly colored hand-painted floor to the green ceiling, the special lights and the eclectic menu, the C.A. Muer Corp. has created a new restaurant, phoenix-style, from the ashes of Charley's.

loudly, at least where occupants of nearby tables were concerned, making conversation difficult.

On Wednesday nights, Muer welcomes guests who wish to bring voice or instrument and sit in with a trio comprised of piano, stand-up bass and clarinet. "It's live karaoke," Muer said. "But there's no bouncing ball."

A number of local VIPs dropped in Monday night to peruse Pals, including Detroit Free Press publisher emeritus Lee Hills. West Bloomfield police Chief Ron Cronin, his wife Joan, township treasurer Denise Hammond, Supervisor Sandra Draur and deputy supervisor Amy Falberg.

Hammond had a bowl of onion soup and a Caesar salad. "The soup was better than the salad," she said, calling the greenery a "typical Caesar salad."

Cronin sampled only the salad, remarking, "I'm trying to lose weight. Put that in (the paper). I'm trying to lose weight."

THE TURKEY ASPARAGUS melt was also reported to be tasty, if reminiscent of a ham and cheese sandwich.

Hills remarked that his dinner was "fine," but complained that the restaurant was "noisy."

At the semi-circular bar, guests were treated to free deviled eggs and pistachio nuts to such an extent that piano player Milne said, "I'm going to have to control myself. By the time we got done with (the bar food) we couldn't eat dinner."

Employees all seemed quite convivial. Bartender Candy Pesko said even the two-week training period was a blast. "Training was like when you were back in college trying out for a sorority."

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