

## Reruns 2 resale supports Living Centers

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Reruns 2, Community Living Centers' resale and antique shop needs both donated items and volunteers.

The shop opened last November in the old Winery building, 31605 Grand River in Farmington. A grand opening will be held during the Farmington Founders Festival July 18-20.

"The shop relies largely on donated items — furniture, household items, books, jewelry," said Marci Hartlein, manager of the shop and secretary in the main office. "Most of our homes and all of our independent consumers reside in the Farmington area."

Donated items are tax deductible.

"The shop will sell almost anything," Hartlein said. "There is, however, only a small space set aside for clothing. There is not much need for apparel."

About 140 adults with developmental disabilities are in CLC's care in Oakland County.

CLC hopes that the shop will make enough money to help with ongoing medical supplies, things like disposable diapers and small cups to dispense medicine, as well as house maintenance and items for the homes.

"CLC needs funds more than ever because of governmental cuts," said Chris Compton, executive director.

She estimates the organization has lost about \$25,000 a month.

The shop has only one volunteer and is looking for more, even for just a few hours a month. Hartlein hopes to find volunteers who have a knack for or enjoy decorating.

They hope customers stop in often,



Treasure hunter: Brad Rickert has worked at the store since before CLC took over.

because the merchandise is always changing.

Brad Rickert, who is in one of CLC's independent living programs, is also involved.

"His enthusiasm for finding things to sell is truly remarkable and he works at the shop almost every day," Hartlein said. "The items Brad finds are sold on consignment. He takes great pride at finding good deals and making a sale."

They never know what he will bring back.

"Brad got a really cool radio from the 1930s or 1940s," Compton said. He also found a collection of teapots and old Coke bottles.

"I like to go out and get stuff," Rickert said.

In addition, he makes unfinished wooden car models and wooden shelves.

CLC residents will make crafts that the shop will sell, including unique garden art.

Plants will be added later.

Tom Voyles, who works for Dots Per Inch in Farmington made and donated the shop signs.

The hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Hours may expand if more people volunteer, Hartlein said.

For more information or to help out, call (248) 476-3838.

## Hills K-9 gets bullet-proof vest

Farmington Hills Police Department's K-9 Kasper will be getting a bullet-proof vest thanks to the Student Council at Hillside Elementary School.

On Friday, during a school assembly, the Student Council and their sponsor, Judi Moran, will be presenting the proceeds collected from their community service project to Farmington Hills Police Officer Jim Kase and his partner Kasper, a specially trained police dog.

Each year, the Hillside Elementary Student Council, comprised of fourth- and fifth-graders, plan and coordinate a community service project for

the student body.

The Student Council coordinated a school-wide Read-a-thon, where friends and family members could pledge money for each book a student read from April 29-May 3.

Hills Police Chief William Dwyer stated, "I am very impressed that the students of Hillside Elementary, their families and school staff are committed to community service and were willing to dedicate their efforts to purchasing protective equipment that could one day save the life of our police K-9 Kasper."

## Rouge volunteers needed

Hundreds of volunteers are needed for the June 1 Rouge Rescue/River Day. Twenty-three work sites have been established and one is in Farmington Hills.

Storm drain stenciling and site cleanup will take place at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus, west end of the campus behind Building H, from 8 a.m.-noon. To register, contact Mike Kadoske, (248) 522-2405.

Coordinated by the Friends of the Rouge, this annual event is an excellent opportunity for

hands-on involvement in restoration and protection of the river.

Since 1986, thousands of volunteers have come to the river on the first Saturday in June. They come from area businesses, local governments, school groups, service organizations, churches, homeowners groups and concerned citizens.

Volunteers should come prepared for working outdoors; long sleeves, long pants, work boots and insect repellent is recommended.

## 'Wine Walk' showcases state's wineries

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Michigan has become a well-respected wine producing community, says one well-known wine judge.

More than a dozen wine judges from Michigan and around the country descended upon Farmington Hills May 16 for Oakland Community College Hospitality Department's seventh annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting at the college's Orchard Ridge Campus.

The gala spotlighted the unique wines produced by the distinct climate surrounding the Great Lakes.

Professional judges from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, Indiana, Illinois and the Province of Ontario tasted and judged each of the nearly 500 entries.

The public was also invited to swirl and savor the products, along

with food from Steve and Rocky's, Travis Pointe Country Club, Pine Lake Country Club and The Fox and Hounds after 6 p.m.

Proceeds benefited a scholarship fund for students in the OCC Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management programs.

Darlene Levinson, an instructor in the program, said about 200 people attended the event and it raised about \$10,000 for the scholarship program.

Joe Schagrin, president and CEO of the Tasters Guild based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., said the Great Lakes region produces a lot of great wine.

"Most people are well focused and very devoted," he said of area wine makers.

"You have to have a love for wine and food. You can't love good food without good wine and you can't love good wine without good food."

He said the judges are not paid and simply come to Farmington

Hills for the event each year out of a love for good wine.

The wines were awarded gold, bronze or silver medals. Schagrin said if three judges chose a wine as a gold medal winner that bottle would move on to another set of three judges for their approval of the high honor to be given the final approval for a gold medal.

Schagrin, a longtime restaurateur, said America has become respected for its table wines after not really starting producing the drink seriously until 1980.

He noted he judges at other events in Michigan during the year.

"The state of Michigan has been good to the Tasters Guild," he said.

Schagrin said most of grapes in the state are produced on the west side of the state and in the northern, Traverse City region.

"There's wineries springing up all over the state, producing excellent wines," he said.



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