

HazMat drop-off site moves to Costick

The Costick Activities Center will be the new site for the 2003 HazMat Day being held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 10.

Clearly marked signs will direct participants to enter at Gate 3 to drop off household hazardous materials.

In addition to Farmington Hills and Farmington, residents of Novi, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Southfield, Walled Lake, and Wixom may participate.

Following are guidelines for those attending HazMat Day:

- Have your driver's license ready to show proof of residency.

- Stay in your car. HazMat technicians will unload the materials for you.

- Properly label each container and close the cap tightly.
- Don't bring containers that hold more than five gallons or weigh more than 50 pounds.

- If a container is leaking, transfer it to a secure one.
- Place containers in a box with a sturdy bottom.

- Put the box on the floor or in the trunk. Do not put it in the front seat.

Household items accepted at HazMat Day include solvents, oil-based paints, herbicides, insecticides, batteries, motor

oil, antifreeze, gasoline, fertilizers, pool chemicals, small propane cylinders, and fluorescent light bulbs. Items that are not accepted include medical waste, radioactive materials, and explosives.

Used computer equipment will again be collected in an effort to divert the lead and mercury content from the landfill. Central processing units, monitors, keyboards, modems, and printers can all be dropped off.

Several items are not accepted at HazMat Day because they can be put in the regular trash. Latex paint can be dried and placed at curbside, and smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors can go in with regular garbage.

Needles and syringes can be put in with regular garbage but they must be placed in a "sharps" or other hard plastic container (such as a detergent bottle), or a coffee can with the lid taped on and clearly marked "syringes."

If you have questions about Household Hazardous Materials Drop-off Day or if you'd like a complete list of acceptable items, please call the DFW at (248) 553-8680 or visit the City Web site at www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us.

GAINES

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library," he said.

He didn't have money for the movies, so he chose the Y. But after being knocked out in the boxing ring, he decided to give the library a try.

Gaines said while reading, he discovered books never nurtured the people and situations in his life.

"I did not see myself in there," he said.

So he aimed to change that by writing his first novel, while looking after his baby brother.

The first effort failed to impress New York editors, but after his time in the armed services, he enrolled in a San Francisco university and studied writing. He eventually won a scholarship to Stanford University.

Gaines said looking back, his 50-year career as a novelist and a teacher of creative writing was thanks to sitting on those house steps in Louisiana, writing letters to relatives.



Author Ernest J. Gaines signed a book and shook hands with Shana Saddler, Ms. Saddler teaches Spanish and English at Harrison High School.

Gaines also took questions from the audience and signed copies of his book.

He said whenever he gets writer's block, he goes back to

reading the classics, including the Bible, to get his rhythm back.

The author's other works include *The Autobiography of*

Miss Jane Pittman and *A Gathering of Old Men*.

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ELEMENTARY

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a proclamation from Gov. Jennifer Granholm and invited students to visit in Lansing.

The school, located on Oak Forest, is among 11 Michigan elementary schools — five in Oakland County — to receive the state honor.

"No wonder you got a blue ribbon," said State Board of Education President Kathleen Straus.

"You are all terrific," Straus told students she purposely wore blue to symbolize the award.

She praised the staff, school board and school officials.

"You have great support from your community," Straus said.

"You need the community and schools integrated to make sure the schools thrive."

Schools that apply must go through an extensive application process, which for Wooddale started last April



Dr. Laseña Jones, Principal of Wooddale Elementary, is clearly pleased with the honor.

"It was hundreds of hours," said Laseña Jones, in an earlier interview. She's been principal for 10 years.

"It's an intensive self-reflection to get all the things they expect done," Jones said. "Everybody is part of the picture, every single staff member."

The assessment process documents accomplishments all in one spot. It focused on a number of criteria, including quality of the teaching staff which Jones said is maintained by staff development, infusion of technology, small group instruction and parent involvement.

The state award also recognizes parent involvement and student achievement.

"When a school community decides they want to apply to become blue ribbon school they are taking a huge chance," said Farmington Public Schools Supt. Bob Maxfield.

"They are saying, 'We have a story to tell.'"

Everyone came together as a team, said Jones.

"You have been excellent today as always," Jones told students.

The Wooddale PTA hosted a reception, and each student received a blue ribbon to wear, said Vicki Liebowitz, Wooddale PTA president.

Wooddale joins other district schools which received the award: Farmington High School, Highmeadow Common Campus, Hillside and Kenbrook Elementary Schools and North Farmington High School.

Highmeadow, Hillside and North Farmington High have also received the National Blue Ribbon award.

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OBITUARY

Leo Harlow
Services for Leo Harlow, 89, of Northville, were held April 5 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Gordon Almsworth officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Harlow was born June 10, 1913 in Wyandotte and died April 1, 2003 at Alterra Nursing Home. He worked for Ford Motor Company and retired in 1976.

He is survived by his daughters, Gail (Thomas) Ward and Kathleen Harlow; brother, John; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.

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