

Belcourt brings mobile movies to Waves

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A super excited group of participants in Fairview's Waves Program were recently treated to a private movie screening. The event took place earlier this month at the Fairview Day Program in their center, located in the Fairview Recreation Center. The Waves Program serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and offers unique opportunities for these special adults at a local level.

The enthusiastic Waves group enjoys frequent outings, including a monthly trip to the Belcourt Theatre in Franklin. Since the theatre is closed for renovations, the Belcourt offered to bring the movie magic to Fairview with their Mobile Movie Theatre.

"This is the first time we've done it this way," said Erin Blunt, recreation coordinator for Waves. "This actually allows more of our service participants to experience it because when we go out into the community, we are limited to the number that can go out at a time, so this gives the experience to everyone."

The twenty Waves Day Program participants waited anxiously with popcorn in hand for the feature film presentation, a movie that was selected in part by the group. "We actually take their suggestions. They have input on what movie we will see," Blunt explained.

"At the end of each movie, we have a Q and A and discuss whether the next movie should be, like maybe a comedy or a western. Then we compile their ideas and find one that will fit our theme for the month best." February's theme is local heroes, so the movie presented was a reflection of the theme.

According to Blunt, these types of activities are important for all who participate in Waves. "Going to the movies is something you and I take for granted, but our



Fairview's WAVES Day Program participants anxiously await a movie screening provide through Belcourt Mobile Movies. DEB FEHR/FOR THE FAIRVIEW OBSERVE

service participants don't always get that luxury," she shared. "It's an awesome opportunity for them to be able to go to a theater, buy tickets, get popcorn in the lobby, and watch a movie on a big screen with surround sound."

The Waves Program also offers arts and crafts classes for participants, a walking club, swimming club, music therapy and volunteer opportunities.

Waves actually had its beginning in Fairview. In 1973, a group of citizens in Fairview, Tennessee, met to discuss the needs of individuals in their community with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Determined to "make waves" on behalf of the individual they wanted to serve, the group identified programs and services needed, and Waves, Inc. began.

Polar Plunge, Winter Fest at Westhaven this Saturday

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Register now to join Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury (HFHWM) for its first Polar Plunge and Winter Festival this Saturday, February 20 at the Westhaven Residents' Club, located at 401 Cheltenham Ave in Franklin.

This fun, family-friendly event will include children's activities hosted by the Academy of Westhaven



POLAR PLUNGE
& WINTER FESTIVAL

Help grow community garden in Fairview

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Westview United Methodist Church, in Fairview, is partnering with Williamson County United Way and the University of Tennessee Extension Department for the creation of a Community Giving Garden in Fairview.

The project is designed to allow food grown in the garden to be distributed to area families in need and seniors in the Fairview community as well as to Graceworks West. United Way and local businesses are providing the seed, plants, fertilizer and irrigation system to start the project along with the tools needed to main-