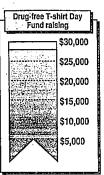
# Red ribbons to promote drug awareness



When you see red ribbons popping up beginning Oct. 1, they won't be early boilday decorations, but a sym-bol of drug awareness and support for a drug-free illestyle, all part of National Substance Abuse Aware-neer Monit

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Locally, Farmington Families in Action is urging that red ribbons be worn by students, faculty and other citizens and displayed on city and privately owned vehicles, school buses, homes and businesses.

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privately owned venticis, school busses, homes and businesses. The Downtown Farmington Business Association is providing a waterproof red ribbon to businesses for display, as well as a poster with a drug-free message. Employees an encouraged to wear a red ribbon. The red ribbon campaign is one of many events planned in October as part of National Substance Abuse Awareness Month.

Tickets are still available for the kickoff breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Mercy Conter. The tax-deductible charge of \$10 will include breakfast and a presentation of the statement of the

are: prefinished metal soffit panels, caulking and foint sealing, wood doors, finish hardware, insulation, itle, acoustical treatment, gymnasium flooring, carpeting, painting and wall coverings, tackboards, toilets, lockers, food service equipment, casework, window treatment and fire protection systems.

tation by Michigan drug ezar Donald Reisig, Tickets are on sale at Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, \$3201 Grand River.
The "Are You Concerned?" series will be offered at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 in the Farmington Hills Harrison High School cafeteria. This series will feature Heart Ford Hospital Maplegrove Chemical Dependency Treatment Center speakers. It will highlight disease, family, teenagers and intervention.

In ADDITION to the "Are You Concerned?" series, a "Sports Night" all own a releasing the address sports and drug abuse. The dates for "Sports Night" are Wednesdays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25. Lions quarterback floding Pecke and former Harrison High School football star John Miller will be the speakers on Oct. 25.

More than 12,000 T-shirts are printed and being readled for distribution to students, faculty and administrators of the Farmington Peblic Schools.

Students are encouraged to wear their shirts throughout the school year as a way of showing their choice to remain drugfree.

The T-shirts, with a "Say yes to life (thumbs up), say no to drugs (thumbs down) message, are the highlight of "Drug Free T-Shirt Day" no Cct. 6. Students are encouraged to wear their shirts throughout the school year na a way of showing their choice to remain drug-free.

More than \$28,000 has been raised to cover the cost of the T-shirts. T-Shirts also will be provided for stu-dents at the Alameda and Fair/ew Early Childhood Centers, Farming-

YES, I would like to support a Farmington "Drug-Free" message T-Shirt Day!

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ton Community School, Boys Repub-lic, Farmington Training Center and the Sarah Fisher O'Conneil School. Donations have come from local organizations and as far away as California, where a person submit-ted a donation after hearing about

local efforts through a friend. To donate, write: FFIA, P.O. Box 3273, Farmington Hills 48333. Individual T-shirts can be bought through American Silk Screen at \$9

per shirt. Group rates are offered Call 538-4089.

### Board awards bids for work at school

The Farmington school board awarded another \$1 million in bids for construction on Hillstde Etementary Sept. 12.

Boundary Studies are under way to determine which students will attend the new school and how other clementaries might be affected. Several public meetings are scheduled to get feedback about boundaries from the public, including one this evening at 7:30 at Power Middle School.

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### October is Head Injury Awareness Month

October is National Head Injury Awareness Month and the Michigan Head diplay Allance is allated to the Michigan Head diplay allance is allated to the Head injury. The MHIA was formed by bead injured individuals, their family members and professionals concerned about the unique problems of the head injured. Their principle aim is to provide support for the head injured and their families, not only during the initial time of crists, but throughout the on-going re-

habilitation phase.

habilitation phase. Head injuries occur in all age groups, but are more common among young adults. Such things as auto and sporting accidents, falls, blows to the head, alcohol and drug use are all associated with head injuries.

"Similar problems can result from conditions such as encephali-tis, lack of oxygen to the brain and cerebral hemorrhage, but most cerebral bemorringe, but most head injuries happen as a result of

accidents," said Sharon Barefoot, president of MHIA.

Now at epidemic levels, it is estimated that nationally, 100,000 persons die annually from head injuries and that over 700,000 have injuries severe enough to require hospitalization. Of this group, between 50,000 and 90,000 people a year are left with intellectual or behavorial deficits of such a degree as to preclude their return to reguas to preclude their return to regu-lar life. Community facilities for the rehabilitation of the head in-

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