East side, west side kids build understanding

Two sisters, both in education, are reaching out to each other's students to achieve better communication and understanding. This was the third year Kelly Vogelheim, an occupational therapist at Cloverdale Developmental Center in Farmington, and her sister, Bocky Kley, a fifth grade teacher at Eisenhower Elementary in Fraser were involved with the "Circle of Friends" program.

Cloverdale serves about 100 severely disabled students from area school districts including Farmington, Southfield, Walled

On Tuesday, July 2, the Farmington Hills Hol-

Lake, South Lyon, West Bloom-field, Huron Valley, Novi, Trey and Clarenceville.

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Holiday Inn hosts critical blood drive

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Summer Blood Drive. The drive runs 9 a.m.—3
The goal is 45 units of blood for area hospital
patients. One pint of blood can help three

public.

children. This year Fraser Schools Superintendent Gary Matsche also visited. A total of 52 Cloverdale and Eisenhower Elementary students participat-

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Christmas time, for example, the Eisenhower students adapted books for their pen pails by adding textures to each page of a book. The Cloverdale students packaged bags of dirt and sent seeds for the Eisenhower students to plant.

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to adapt things they use in their own daily lives and utilize tech-

nology so that children with dis-abilities could have similar expe-

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A June 7 field day held at Cloverdale featured an interactive music presentation, lunch, bubbles, parachute games and adapted bowling.

Flutterby, a face painting clown also entertained the children.

The program also helps children and parents understand their own feelings about disabilities. They learn to appreciate their similarities and differences.

ences.

"The results continue to be phenomenal," Vogelheim said.
"Many of the families involved have become a major part of the program in both schools."

Hills approves AED purchase

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Farmington Hills' many com-munity buildings will soon be equipped with something that could one day save your life or that of a loved one. The city council Monday approved the purchase of 10

to a normal rhythm, said Hills to help treat sudden heart-attack victims.

Known as automatic external defibrillators, the machines can hook a fow sensor pads on a person's body and detect his or her EKG and automatically administer the right amount of electric shocks to return a person's heart with the control of the c

"We like to think of them as fire extinguishers for heart attack victims," said Marinucci, "It's pretty idiot proof," he said of operating the units. He noted that many public places, such as casinos, now have the defibrillators on hand. Timing is vital to keep the person alive until medical professionals can arrive, the fire chief said.

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Once the heart stops, it can cause irreversible brain damagi fi is in 't rented in a certain amount of time,' he said.

City Mannger Steve Brock said Mayor Nancy Bates was instrumental in requesting the machines for the city's public buildings.

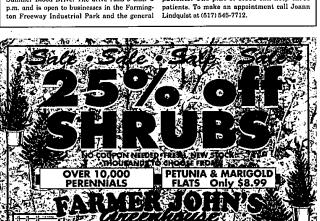
"She's concerned about people's well being, and when she saked if we could gut them, I said I would do one better and ask each department to come up with the \$2,500 or so in their budget to buy one and each was able to do so,' Brock said.

The machines are a vital, first step to saving a person's life if ho or she has a heart attack, the fire chief said.

"Pretty much anybody can use it. The instructions are simple and it offers a much higher chance of survival than just on the council approved the purchase of 10 of the machines from Phillips Medical Systems for \$27,740.

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