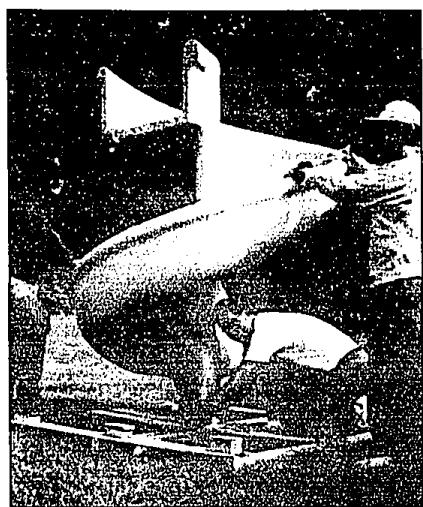


Birmingham Temple members build playscape

Two generations of Birmingham Temple members came together recently to build a new playscape. In an effort to accommodate young families joining the temple, a dedicated group of members assembled the facility

on the temple grounds at 28611 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. "This is sort of like a barn raising," said Caroline Trapp, one of the organizers. "The kids can't wait to see the structure they helped design."



Spiral slide: Jeff Voight, Mark Moreland and John Bowman assemble a spiral slide.

The playscape project, a joint initiative by the Young Couples Club, the Family Club and Rabbi Tamara Kolton, got under way after a tot-shabbat service. It was a unique combination of fund-raising and generous donations by the family of the late Sally Clasky that made the pro-

ject a reality.

The playscape will be dedicated to the memory of Sally Clasky at the temple's annual birthday party/picnic on June 3, which is also Clasky's date of birth. Her family will also be recognized that day for their generosity.



Details: Judy Green unwraps clamps for a structure that will be part of the Birmingham Temple's new playscape.

Football academy for women June 17

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Traditionally, women are left on the sidelines when it comes to the game of football. Advertising and merchandising target men in their campaigns as the primary audience that not only understands the sport but actively participates on occasion.

University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr wants to change all that. The head coach of one of the best-known teams in the United States initiated a football academy in 1999 tailored toward women.

The Michigan Football Women's Academy brings together the entire coaching staff of the U-M football team with hundreds of women from Michigan and across the U.S. who want to gain a better understanding of the game — everything from terminology to strate-

gies. According to Janet Roth, development officer at the U-M Cancer Center, the day-long event scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17, is open to women ages 18 and up (13-17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult) who are interested in comprehending all aspects of the game while getting an equal opportunity to receive individual attention from the coaching staff.

The event, sponsored by the 31-Metro Detroit Ford Dealers, is simultaneously a fund-raiser for the Coach Carr Cancer Fund to benefit patient services at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor.

Last year, after expenses, \$40,000 was applied to the endowment fund created by Carr, according to Roth.

"The philosophy coach Carr shares with the students and his coaching staff is that it's not just about playing football," said Roth. "The academy gives the players a chance to meet the community and to let individuals know what it's like to be a part of Michigan while having a fun day and raising money."

Forty-five dollars of the \$65 registration fee can also become a tax deductible gift if participants choose that designation.

Of the 450 women who participated in the 1999 program, Roth said ages ranged from 13 to 81 and guests included Michigan residents as well as out-of-staters from Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

Women have the choice of observing or actively participating in all of the discussions and activities with the offensive and defensive coaching staff as well as some players from the U-M football team.

"Women are broken into small groups and rotate amongst the eight coaches to learn the position they are responsible for in the game as well as moves," said Roth. "There will be several new activities offered off-field from last year, and we hope to have a Big Game official talk about rules and regulations of football."

"The academy is taken very seriously by the coaches who volunteer their time," said Roth. "This is run like real football."

At the end of the day women have a better grasp of ball throwing, plays position, and receiving and can put their new skills to the test in an optional exercise against one another in small groups.

Registration deadline is June 7. Cost is \$65. Parking is free and a brochure with a map will be provided. Call (734) 615-0665 for more information.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

RIGHETTINI-STOLLER

Mrs. Patricia Righettini of Rochester Hills announces the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Bradley David Stoller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stoller of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Groves High School and Wayne State University. She is a teacher at West Maple Elementary School.

Her fiance is a graduate of Farmington High School and Northwood University. He is finance manager at Page Toyota.

A July wedding is planned at Shenandoah Country Club.



WAGNER-BAKER

Michael and Bonnie Wagner of Farmington Hills announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer, to Adam Baker, the son of Lynne Baker of King of Prussia, Pa., and the late Thomas Baker.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Farmington High School and the University of Michigan.

The groom is a graduate of LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Pa.

A June wedding is planned.



NEW VOICES



LAUREN ELYSE WILSON

Kevin and Zoe Wilson of Royal Oak announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Elyse, on Jan. 8, 2000.

Her grandparents are Nicholas and Catherine Chatas of Royal Oak and Kathleen Wilson of Farmington Hills.

CLUB CIRCUIT

EMBROIDERERS GUILD

The Farmington Hills Embroiderer's Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills. Call Charlotte at 926-0899.

COSMO WOMEN

The Cosmopolitan Club of Detroit will hold a luncheon with cards, games and socializing at noon Tuesday, June 6 at the Finnish Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road in Farmington. \$10 per person. Call Justine at (313) 382-3863.

BNI
The Business Network International Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, at the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington. The Greater Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7:30 a.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Comfort Inn, 30715 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

OPTIMIST CLUB

The Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Anita's Kitchen, 31005 Orchard Lake Road. Call 474-9680 or 442-9796.

KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club of Farmington Hills meets at 12:15 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at the Steak & Ale, 27590 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Prospective members are welcome. Call 661-8463.

TOASTMASTERS

The Windbaggers/Toastmasters Club meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, except the first Thursday of the month, at Kerby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty, in Farmington Hills.

FINNISH CENTER

The Finnish Center offers a variety of activities: dancing, singing, weaving, cards and more. You don't have to be Finnish to join. Call 478-6939.

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