

# Shelby resident's invention could create a dozen local jobs

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PLYMOUTH — A new product to be manufactured in Plymouth could create a dozen new jobs.

During a presentation at last week's Village Council meeting, plans call for the Power Shelf to combine a standard electrical wall outlet plate with built in shelves, laptop computer storage and charging modifications. The list of models for different applications is growing, and all materials used to make and package the item come from recycled sources.

Designers say the Power Shelf should be on retail shelves soon.

Lynn Fetzer-Westmeister, of Fetzer Industries in the Plymouth industrial park, invented the product. She has patents, and said she is following up on requests for specific de-

signs from several hospitals and college students.

The Shelby resident, Fetzer-Westmeister hopes to keep the work local.

In other council business, the placement of mobile homes and manufactured housing will be regulated in Plymouth. An ordinance was passed last week with numerous limitations to dovetail with updated zoning in the community.

The EPA, which certifies sewer systems for maximum flow, confirmed Plymouth's current system is operating at maximum capacity. Water from downspouts, sump pumps and infiltration from storm drains is adding a large amount of unnecessary flow within the sewer system. Council is trying to find ways to eliminate this unnecessary flow to allow the sewer system to comply with EPA restrictions until the new sewer plant comes



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**Lynn Fetzer-Westmeister invented the Power Shelf, which will be made in Plymouth.**

online in 2011.

A potential utility rate increase was discussed. An in-depth study will be made to determine future adjustments.

The next scheduled council meeting will be Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.