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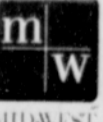
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2006 Dodge Magnum R/T AWD

BY KATHLEEN CARR
The automotive market has long since abandoned the family wagon, for sport utility vehicles and minivans. Dodge has zestfully revitalized interest with the introduction of the Magnum R/T. The Magnum is the first new four-door, rear-drive Dodge in over two decades, and the R/T has a V8 to boot.

First word...Hemi! The Magnum R/T shows ready muscle from any speed, 0-60 in 5.8 seconds. The Multi-Displacement-System, switches between four and eight cylinders without interrupting power flow, boosting the fuel economy by as much as 20 percent. This is a true muscle car in the classic sense.

The all-speed traction control and Electronic Stability Program, along with the 18" wheels and tires, assures the Magnum R/T will have the sharpest handling and abundant grip. The AWD is strongly recommended if you live in the



VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS: 5.7-liter Hemi V8, 340hp engine, Trainee; 5 Speed Automatic/AWD; 17 City-24 Highway MPG; MSRP is \$32,500.00

"snow belt". The 5-speed automatic transmission has AutoStick manual-shift capability.

The Magnum is one of the most aggressively styled station wagons ever built. The front end has a massive version of Dodge's trademark crosshair grille. The roofline slopes sharply downward to the

rear and gives it a sporty and menacing appearance. The explosive power of the Hemi under the hood and dual exhaust establishes a clear dominant presence on the road.

The Dodge Magnum R/T is flawless in design and craftsmanship. The Boston Acoustic stereo and speakers rock the road, as you roll

on down the highway. The optional backseat DVD system wins big points with the kids.

If you are looking for a family vehicle that will please everyone, this is it. This hot rod wagon is roomy, comfortable and loaded with standard safety features that will please the entire family.



Doris Council (third from right) and her daughter Bryn (second from right) join Marty Smit (center) and the Affordable Home Remodeling crew after completing window installation in Council's home.

Home Repairs Keep Seniors Safe

Doris Council worked hard during her long career to give support and guidance to pregnant teens. Young women she once counseled now introduce her to their grown children. But when Council had a stroke in February 2005 her life changed.

Now 53, she is regaining mobility, but simple tasks remain a challenge. Her daughter, Bryn, helps

her with housework and drives her to swimming classes, medical appointments and to volunteer where she once worked.

With a limited income, she struggles to get needed home repairs done in her 1905 King neighborhood home, where she has lived for more than 20 years. So it was godsend when on Sept. 30 a beehive of volunteers replaced all her win-

dows and front door with new ones donated by Milgard Windows.

Marty Smit, owner of Affordable Home Remodeling Co., and his employees donated their time to be the installation crew. The effort was part of the Community Builders Program of REACH Community Development.

A year ago, volunteers from the same program installed a new bathroom floor where rot had created a hole and replaced the kitchen sink faucet so she can wash dishes with-

out having to boil water.

The impact of the repairs is not lost on Council.

"I'm fearful that your staff will run out of resources," she said. "Considering what your program does for each household."

The Community Builders Program provides free home repairs for senior homeowners throughout Portland, keeping seniors safe in their homes and avoiding the displacement of longtime residents from their neighborhoods.

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