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LECTURE SERIES

The Brown Bag Lecture Series travels to the time of the stagecoach during a presentation by historian Barbara Young from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, in the auditorium of the Oakland County Information Technology building. Young will lecture on the stagecoach inn, taverns and hotels of Oakland County and discuss their importance to early settlement. She is co-author of a book on Milford history entitled "Ten Minutes Ahead of the Rest of the World." For information, call the Oakland County Office of Arts, Culture & Film at (810) 858-0415.

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION

Upland Hills School, 2575 Indian Lake Road, Oxford, is sponsoring a Children's Holiday Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 7, for children ages 3 to 8 with a parent. Activities include candle dipping, cookie decorating, storytelling, holiday singing, wrapping paper decoration and more. Gift shopping is available at the "Stocking Stuffer Store." The cost is \$8 per child for sessions from 10 a.m. to noon, or from 1 to 3 p.m. For information and to reserve your space, call (810)

693-2878.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Oakland County Probate Judge Eugene Arthur Moore was appointed vice chair of the Trial Court Assessment Commission. The commission makes recommendations for funding for our trial courts for the number of judges and for any reorganization of our judicial system. Justice Elizabeth Weaver chairs the commission made up of 21 members appointed by the governor.

GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Detroit Edison Foundation's Energy and the Environment teacher mini-grant program is expected to benefit 20,000 students in southeast Michigan, including Oakland County. Information about grants were sent to principals of all public and private K-12 schools in anticipation of the Dec. 2 deadline. The program offers resources to educators for projects related to the environment or energy use that go beyond the scope of most school budgets. Judges look for interdisciplinary projects that incorporate problem-solving, decision-making and critical-thinking skills from their students. Grants average \$250, and 100 teachers will receive a total of \$36,000. For applications and information, call (313) 235-7187.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Oakland County Probate Court seeks volunteers to periodically check on the care of the elderly and the very young who are in the care of guardians appointed by the court. The next Guardianship Volunteer Training session is from 2 to 4 p.m. on

Friday, Nov. 1, at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. For information, call (810) 858-0288.

MENTORS NEEDED

Oakland County Youth Assistance needs positive adult role models for children ages 5 to 16 in need of a one-to-one mentor. The training session runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. For information, call (810) 858-0041.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Free Wood Chips will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, at Orion Oaks County Park, bordered by Baldwin, Joelyn and Clarkston Roads in Orion Township. Residents must supply their own containers, shovels and other loading equipment. Mechanized tractors or loaders are not permitted. The wood chips were dropped off at Orion Oaks by utility companies after tree pruning. For information, call (810) 858-0906 or (810) 858-1684.

MAIL EARLY

The U.S. Postal Service reminds Oakland County residents to send international and military gifts and greetings early to ensure delivery in time for the holidays. For the most cost efficient rates, bring your packages

to your local post office by Nov. 12 for Europe and the Caribbean; and Nov. 25 for Canada. International Express Mail and Global Priority Mail will always deliver packages, even if they're sent during the last few days before the holidays. For more information about international and military mailing, call your local Postal Business Center at (313) 226-8600. Or visit the U.S. Post Office, a non-tax funded agency, at the web site at <http://www.usps.gov/>

FALL PROGRAMS

The Pontiac-based Oakland Literacy Council is offering an English as a second language conversation group on Nov. 19 at the Troy Community Center; and on Nov. 20 at the Rochester Hills Library. Sessions run from 7 to 9 p.m., and are taught by Dennis McCue. Topics of discussion vary according to student's interests. Register at least two days in

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Good Luck!

EXAMPLE:

INCORRECT: Clos du Bois Chardonnay
CORRECT: Clos du Bois Chardonnay = 1 Mistake

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Mistakes: _____

Contest Rules: 1) Open to legal residents of Michigan, 21 or older. 2) No purchase necessary. 3) Entries must be received by Monday, December 16, 1996. 4) Voided mail be present to win. Winners will be notified by phone or mail. 5) Contest ends upon the Merchant of Vino Marketplace at the Lakeside.



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