

OAKLAND KALEIDOSCOPE

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NEED VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers are needed to help the Oakland Literacy Council stay in touch with tutors and students. The Council offers a

friendly work environment, free coffee and an occasional donut. To volunteer, call Linda at (810) 338-8940.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The Oakland County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program seeks volunteers 55 years and older to become involved with community agencies that need assistance. Varied opportunities are available at schools, hospitals, libraries, human service agencies and cultural institutions throughout Oakland County. Benefits include supplement

tal accident and liability insurance, mileage reimbursement and the chance to make a difference. Call Linda Kaniewski at (810) 559-1147. Cranbrook Hospice Care in Bloomfield Hills seeks caring volunteers in Oakland County to provide in-home support to terminally ill patients and their families. Winter training sessions begin in Jan. For details, call Sharon Doyle or Gerry Cold at (810) 334-6700.

HOST FAMILIES
Academic Year in America is

looking for families in Oakland County to open their hearts and homes to an international student from Brazil, Germany or Argentina. Host families benefit by learning about another culture, making a friend, and earning scholarships toward designated international travel-study programs. Exchange students have the opportunity to participate in the American way of life, something many of them only dream about. Students, who are 16 to 18 years old, arrive with their own medical insurance and spending

money. Academic Year in America, sponsored by the non-profit American Institute For Foreign Study, has been bringing foreign students and American families together for 15 years. To find out how you can participate, call AYA Placing Regional Director Amy Mullen at 1 (800) 322-4678, ext. 5423.

NEW SERVICES
Pontiac-based HAVEN, the Oakland County center for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse, implemented a new series of ser-

VICES called "Supervised Parenting Time." The services help HAVEN assist families in working through their problems and establishing new, lasting relationships, and benefit the court system by offering different levels of supervision for parents and children. The new levels of service include supervised parenting time, intermittent supervised parenting time, supervised exchange, telephone monitoring, family interaction groups, proactive parenting and therapy.

Oakland 4-H to celebrate 50th year at homecoming celebration

The Oakland County 4-H Fair will be celebrating its 50th anniversary at the 4-H Fair held July 28-Aug. 3, 1997, at the Springfield Oaks County park. 4-H alumni including past and present 4-H Fair Exhibitors, retired 4-H leaders, 4-H Fair board members, past fair presidents, 4-H agents and program staff, are invited to participate by donating or loaning memorabilia, ribbons, trophies, newspaper articles, scrapbooks and banners (auction, club or club flags). Club banners, flags and other artifacts will be displayed and identified, so they can be returned after the fair.

The Homecoming reunion will be held on Monday night, July 28. To help with the preparation, the committee is requesting from alumni, leaders, retired board members and the general public to share memories of their experiences through some of the following: short articles, letters, photos, movies and/or scrapbooks.

These will be used to develop a 50th anniversary memory book, videotape, and displays for the reunion. A 50th Anniversary Celebration Videotape and Program Book, that will include your letter and short stories, will be available for sale.

If possible, please label photos with the year and identify the people. All donations or loans should be sent before March 1 to Cathy Grain, 4975 Whipple Lake in Clarkston, or contact her at (810) 394-1736. A sponsorship program will also be created to help defray expenses of the celebration. For more information, call the Oakland County 4-H office at (810) 858-0889.

Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, age or religion.

Ski season now open

Ski with your sweetheart, bird watch or stargaze at Independence Oaks Nature Center in February.

Forget the candy this Valentine's Day, take that special person to "Sweetheart Ski" a 5-kilometer cross-country ski tour from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14.

Advanced ski rental can be arranged for young adults and adults with skiing experience only. The cost is \$5 per person, \$16 with ski rental.

Take a brisk walk along the trails at "Morning with the Doves and Other Birds" on Saturday, Feb. 15. Snack with the birds as they peck at energy-rich food at the Nature Center's feeding center. The cost is \$2 per person for the 8:30-10:30 a.m. program which is not recommended for preschoolers.

"Winter Star Party: Birth and Death of a Star" offers the opportunity to view stars of the season on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Pre-registration is required for all nature programs and an entry fee of \$8 per vehicle or \$5 per Oakland County resident will be charged for programs beginning before 4 p.m. Independence Oaks County Park is located on Sashabaw Road, 2.5 miles north of I-76, near Clarkston.

For more information, call (810) 625-6473 or (810) 858-1684 for the hearing impaired.

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