

## OAKLAND JOURNAL

## Lighthouse marks anniversary

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## LOOKING SKYWARD

Oakland County officials have formed a special committee designed to help Genesee County attract a major airline to Bishop International Airport in Flint. The goal is offer an attractive alternative to Detroit Metropolitan Airport for residents and businesses, especially those who live and work in the northern reaches of Oakland County.

## WINNERS' CIRCLE

The National Association of Counties has chosen four innovative Oakland County programs for 1997 Achievement Awards. The Purchasing Division earned top honors for its program to cut costs by contracting out its day-to-day copy machine operations. The Department of Information Technology and the Clerks Office combined to win an award for a project to make it easier for residents to obtain results of individual elections in Oakland County. Information Technology won a solo award for developing and implementing a regional mugshot system that serves nine local police agencies, including the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Community Corre-

tions Division won recognition for its Pretrial Services Supervision Program, which will save the county more than \$3.8 million.

## 'CYBERLIBERTIES'

The Oakland County chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union will sponsor a forum to look at implications for the First Amendment at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Speakers will include Philip Gutin, national director, ACLU, and communications director for the Washington office of the ACLU, and Donald Cohen, director, Anti-Defamation League, Michigan Region. Wendy Joyrich, president of the Oakland County chapter, will moderate the discussion.

Cohen will take the discussion from the abstract to the concrete by going online to demonstrate various hate speech sites. Questions to be addressed include: Has the Internet been captured by hate groups? Does the Internet require new thinking about censorship? Is there such a thing as too much freedom of the Internet?

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Oakland County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program seeks volunteers 55 and older to become involved with community agencies that need assistance. Varied opportunities are available at schools, hospitals, libraries, human service organi-

zations and cultural institutions throughout Oakland County. Benefits include supplemental accident and liability insurance, mileage reimbursement and the chance to make a difference. For further information and assistance in finding the right volunteer spot, call Edna Thoms at (248) 559-1147.

## EPILEPSY FORUM

"Managing Life & Epilepsy" is the theme for the Epilepsy Center of Michigan's 1997 fall conference, beginning with a reception from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, (\$15), and full day of educational sessions Saturday, Nov. 8, (\$60) including continental breakfast and lunch) at the Novi Hilton in Novi. Call Bob at (248) 351-2102, Ext. 215 for reservations.

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

More than 1,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and leaders will participate in a community food good turn. The Detroit Area Council and Clinton Valley Council are distributing plastic printed collection bags to households through Nov. 7 and will pick up donated food on Saturday, Nov. 8. The food is taken to a district collection point at a designated Elias Brothers Big Boy Restaurant. Donations should consist of canned goods only — nothing perishable, frozen or in glass. Bags should be left on the front porch for pick up by 9 a.m. on Nov. 8. Canned goods also may be dropped off at any Big Boy Restaurant. Robert W. Berg of Southfield is North Trails District Scouting food chairman.

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, Lighthouse of Oakland County, Inc. will conduct its annual meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18, with Roderick D. Gillum, GM vice president of corporate affairs and newly appointed chairman of the GM Foundation, as guest speaker. He will address General Motors' commitment to North Oakland County.

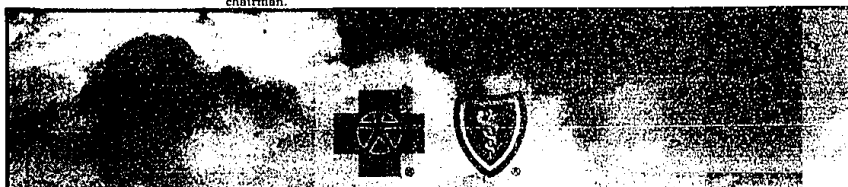
L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, will serve as master of ceremonies. The annual meeting will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at St. George Cultural Center, 1515 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be bought by calling Lighthouse: (248) 335-2462.

The organization is a non-profit human services agency that offers a continuum of services to

low-income residents through its subsidiaries: Lighthouse Emergency Service Centers in Pontiac and Clarkston, Pontiac Area Transitional Housing (PATH) and Unity Park.

Lighthouse Emergency Services respond to families and seniors who have an immediate need for food, medicine, transportation, utilities and shelter; Pontiac Area Transitional Housing provides a stable living environment for homeless women and their children; and Unity Park is a neighborhood revitalization and home ownership program for first time low-income home buyers.

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**Rochester Hills**  
Wednesday, November 12  
2 p.m.  
at Bill Knapp's  
3010 W. Walton Blvd.

**Bloomfield**  
Thursday, November 13  
2 p.m.  
at Bill Knapp's  
3900 Telegraph Rd.

**Livonia**  
Wednesday, November 5  
Wednesday, November 19  
9:30 a.m.  
at Bill Knapp's  
16995 S. Laurel Park Dr.

**South Livonia**  
Wednesday, November 5  
Wednesday, November 19  
2 p.m.  
at Bill Knapp's  
32935 Plymouth Rd.

**Farmington Hills**  
Thursday, November 6  
Thursday, November 20  
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Thursday, November 6  
Thursday, November 20  
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Individuals who have used Fen-Phen/Redux but do not yet have a diagnosis of disease may submit a letter with their name, address and telephone number to Charfoos & Christensen, P.C., 5510 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202 as continuous medical monitoring expenses have been requested in a separate medical monitoring class action lawsuit filed in the Wayne County Circuit Court on October 7, 1997.

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