

## OAKLAND JOURNAL

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## GLEANERS BOOST

Gleaners Community Food Bank's newly initiated \$3 million drive for endowment has been given a significant boost with a grant of \$150,000 from the Detroit-based Matilda Wilson Fund. The Gleaners Endowment was established to allow the food bank to meet the growing challenge of hunger in southeastern Michigan in the years to come. Gleaners and its member agencies currently provide more than 300,000 meals a week to poor and hungry people. More than 41 percent of those served are children. The Matilda Wilson Fund, which has broad purposes, was established in 1944 by Matilda and Alfred Wilson, who built Meadow Brook Hall in the 1920s in Rochester Hills.

## RESCUE MISSION BENEFIT

Detroit Lions quarterback Frank Reich will be guest speaker at the Pontiac Rescue Mission's "Give Thanks for Kids" breakfast from 7:30-9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Troy Marriott, on Big Beaver, east of I-76. Cost is \$25 per adult, \$10 per child. Proceeds will benefit the women's and children's program at the Pontiac Rescue Mission. Call Michelle at the mission to make reservations: (248) 334-2187.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Oakland County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program seeks volunteers 65 and older to become involved with community agencies that need assistance. Varied opportunities are available at schools, hospitals, libraries, human service organizations 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 Thomas at (248) 559-1147.

Volunteers are needed by St. Joseph Mercy - Oakland, with openings in the gift shop, surgical lounge among other areas. Call the hospital at (248) 858-3035 to set up an appointment for a November orientation. The hospital is located at 900 Woodward Avenue, just north of Square Lake Road, in Pontiac.

## PENNIES-A-POINT

Grant Hill and the Detroit Pistons will again team up with Oakland County Special Olympics for the "Pennies-A-Point" program for the 1997-98 season. The program entails pledging pennies (one cent, five cents or 10 cents) for every point that Grant Hill scores for regular season games. Pledge proceeds go to Oakland County Special Olympics for training, competition, uniforms, equipment and other costs throughout the year. Pledge cards are available at the Special Olympics office by calling (248) 674-4924. Oakland County Special Olympics offers 18 year-round sports for children and adults with mental retardation.

## AMI RAFFLE

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County will hold its ninth annual limited ticket raffle. Grand prize is a 1998 Corvette or \$30,000 cash. Other prizes include a TV, VCR and camcorder. Tickets are \$100 and only 1,200 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the Jack Cauley Dealership in West Bloomfield. Proceeds from the sale help support research, education, support groups, housing and advocacy for the needs of individuals with mental illness and the needs of their families. For ticket information, call (248) 657-6440.

## PERSONAL COUNSELING

Counseling services are available free of charge at the Practicum Counseling Center on the Rochester Hills campus of Oakland University. The center is open most weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 370-4187 or (248) 370-4176.

## EXEMPLARY WORKSITE

The General Motors Technical Academy in Waterford, a partnership between General Motors Corp., Oakland Schools and the local school districts serving the Avondale, Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac, Rochester and Troy communities, received the 1997 Exemplary Worksite Learning Award at the National Tech Prep Network Conference held in Nashville, Tenn.

## HELPING HARVEST

Employees of the Oakland

County Family Independence Agency dug deep into their wallets, cleaned out their food cupboards and sold breakfast bugles and salads in October to raise \$1,750 in cash and food donations for The Michigan Harvest Gathering. This is the first year the agency participated in the drive. All of agency's donations will help feed hungry families in Oakland County.

## YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Youth Assistance Volunteer Programs of Oakland County

Probate Court need positive adult role models for children ages 5 to 16 in need of one-to-one mentors. To become a mentor, join us for training from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 15. For more information about Oakland County Youth Assistance, call (248) 858-0041. The court also needs a few good volunteers to periodically check on elderly and very young individuals who are in the care of guardians appointed by the court. Guardianship Volunteer Training sessions will be conducted Nov. 15 and 19.

For more information about this volunteer opportunity, call (248) 858-0288. All training programs will take place at the Oakland County Courthouse at 1209 N. Telegraph in Pontiac.

## OU SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate students at Oakland University in Rochester Hills who are physically challenged and use wheelchairs are eligible for financial assistance through the Steven R. and Leah P. Vartanian Endowment Scholarship

## Fund.

Scholarship applications can be filed with the Office of Graduate Study at Oakland University. The application deadline is Dec. 1. For more information, call (248) 370-2194.

## WINTER HAZARDS

This is Winter Hazards Awareness Week in Michigan. Gov. John Engler said: "Each year in our Great Lakes State, countless people lose their lives or suffer property damage due to winter storms that bring extreme cold, freezing rain, ice and snow."

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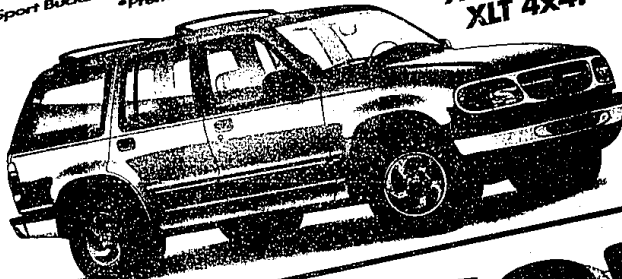
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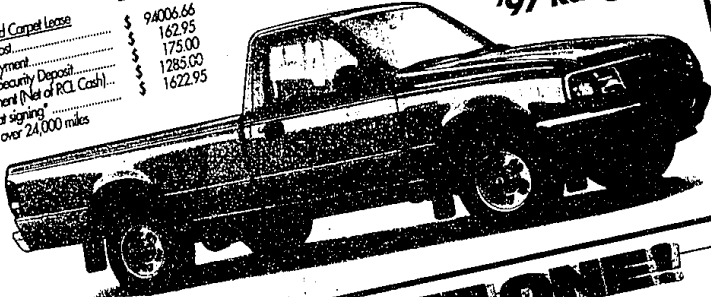
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