

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to March 12.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Post office employees send well-wishes: Employees from the Bloomfield Hills Post Office created a giant get-well card for co-worker Mei Buhr, who took a sick leave in January to recover from thyroid surgery. The card was placed in the post office lobby about five weeks ago and since has been filled with hundreds of well-wishes from co-workers and customers.

CLARKSTON

Violinist headed for England: Violinist Stacy Fike, a 17-year-old Clarkston High School senior will travel to England March 29 with the Flint Youth Symphony, where they will perform at a music school in Repton, England, then do two public concerts in London.

LAKE ORION

New school to be dedicated: Although construction continues, the new Lake Orion High School, located on E. Scripps Rd. was dedicated. The dedication ceremony included a tour of the new school facilities, featuring the

recently completed auditorium, gymnasium and the student commons area.

OXFORD

Center celebrates first anniversary: The Friends of the Oxford Family Community Center met last week to mark their first anniversary and got a look at some preliminary sketches of improvements, which include four basketball/multipurpose courts, a 20,000 square foot swimming pool and senior center with a walking-jogging track.

ROCHESTER HILLS

Mayor faces recall: The county elections board approved the language on a recall petition that states Rochester Hills mayor Ken Snell dismissed a firefighter, who was later reinstated with full back pay, benefits and seniority based on an arbitrator's decision. Resident Neil Billington, who filed the petition against Snell, has 180 days to begin collecting signatures from 6,417 registered voters to put the recall question on the ballot.

SOUTHFIELD

Dinners celebrate city's anniversary: Southfield will celebrate the city's 40th anniversary by sponsoring the Interna-

tional Cafe program. Foods and dance groups of Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Israel and India will be featured at five scheduled dinners this spring starting Thursday, March 28. For tickets and information, call (248) 354-4854.

TROY

Group plans to raise money: Art enthusiasts have helped create the independent Troy Arts Council Friends, which stands ready to raise money and help facilitate a public Troy civic center arts venue at the Troy Civic Center. The Troy Arts Forum will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, at the Troy Public Library.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Board plans land purchase: West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission board chairman said the commission is proceeding to make an offer to buy one parcel of property, while talks continue on three separate pieces. Property locations have not been disclosed.

— Compiled by staff reporter
Sara Callender

OCC to hold employment seminar

Oakland Community College's Southfield campus will host a free day-long workshop on employability strategies for current and prospective college students on Friday, March 27. Wayne Washington of the Corporate Human Resource Division of Henry Ford Health system will serve as the keynote speaker. Workshop topics and presenters include:

■ Interview techniques and follow-up, Gabriel Barthlow, Employment and Training Consultants.

■ Resume writing, Patricia

Chapman, Choices Supported Employment.

■ Effective interpersonal communications, Winnie Kidd, UAW-GM Center for Human Resources.

■ Professional image, attitude and dress, Peg Pierce, Southfield Employment & Training Career Center.

■ Conflict Resolution in the Workplace, Gabriel Barthlow, Employment and Training Consultants.

■ Leadership and Team Skills, Adelaide Huguley, Denby High School.

Although admission is free, participants must pre-register by calling (248) 552-2644.

As a follow-up to the March 27 workshop, the Southfield campus will host a job fair featuring local employers from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17. The job fair is open to the public. No registration is required.

The Southfield campus of Oakland Community College is located at 2322 Rutland Drive, one block south of Nine Mile Road between Greenfield and Southfield Roads. Ample, free parking is available. For more information call (248) 552-2644.

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New citizens take tour of state Capitol

State Rep. Pan Godchaux, R-Birmingham, welcomed 19 immigrants Feb. 24 to the state capital for citizenship graduation ceremonies and a day-long tour. They hailed from many countries, including Iraq,

Poland, Russia, Moldova, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan. Members of the group completed citizenship classes at Jewish Family Service. JFS is based in Southfield.

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