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Housing center seeks families

Oakland County Center for Open Housing is seeking families interested in participating in the Family Volunteer Program fund-eid by the W. K. Kelogg Founda-tion and Ford Motor Company Foundetion. Recruitment and training is now taking place.

Purpose of the program is to en-courage interaction between homeseekers who wish to make a pro-integrative move and family volunteers of various cultural, ao-cial and ethnic backgrounds.

Goal is that interaction of fami-lies will result in the appreciation of diversity and enrichment of the families, neighborhoods and com-munities in Oakland County.

You are invited to attend a Vol-unteer Orientation Meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia Road, Huntington Woods.

Call Deborah Taylor, Family Volunteer coordinator, at 647-0576, to confirm your attendance.

League sets public forum

The Oakland Area League of Warnen Votters is sponsoring a public focum on education at 7:30 mm. Wodneaday. Fok. 24, at the Oakland County Board of Com-missioners Auditorium, 1:000 N. Teiegraph Road, Pontiae. The forum, "Education: What's on the line?" focuses on the pros-pets and challeages facing Mich-igen education in the '90s. Panel-pets and challeages facing Mich-igen education in the '90s. Panel-ists include: Marilyn Lundy, member of the State Board of Ed-ucation: Arthur Carter, deputy superintendent for governmontal relations and community survices, Detroit Public Schools, Dr. Be-bucca Rankin, director of general education of Oakland Schools. Each panel discussion. This will be followed by questions from the audience. The LWVOA encourages the mublic, especially school board members and parents, to attend this free event.

your safety belt.

For information, call Ann Glenn, 625-2775.

Food bank needs help

The Food Bank of Oakland County and The Women, Infants and Children Program have be-gun a community-based outreach program for expectant mothers and mothers of young children throughout Michigan who are liv-ing below the poverty level. Mothers who qualify will receive packages containing food and information about the pro-gram and its services. Volunteers are needed to help pack baces from 3.8 p.m. Mon-day Priday from now until March 5. A second shift is also available from 9 n.m. to 2 p.m. Pridays. To volunteer, call Bob Bauer, 332-1473.

Conservation teacher awards

Nominations are being accept-ed for a national teacher of the year awards program in conserva-tion education. All full-time teachers in public, parachila and private schools are eligible to participate. The pur-pose of the program is to cente an appreciation of the value of con-bervation education and to a timu-late efforts by teachers to advance the wise use of acil, water and re-hated resources. The program is designed to rec-organize teachers who have imple-mented innovative soil and water conservation activities. The first place prize is \$1,000 and a trip to Phooniz, Ariz. to ac-pert the award. Second place prize is \$500. For more information, or to get an entry form, call 620-0863. Deadline for nominations is March 1.

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property tax reform debate Other issues muddy

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

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delivery from dealer stock by 3/31/93. 'Lease payment for a Continental Executive Series,

BTAFF WATER The 1993 version of the prop-erty tax debate is more then a battle over which mediche to use. It's a battle over which dis-ease to fight. "The issue is the economy ... the unemployment rate," said Dr. Doug Roberts, state treasure and Gov. John Englor's advocate of a 20 percent school proporty tax cut. "We're saying you can do

them togother — tax reform and school finance reform," said Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake. Dobb is vice-chair of the House Traxition Committee weighing the merits of Englers Senate-passed plan versus a bi-partisen plan ahe supports. The panel listoned all Wednesday morning to Roberts and Richard Headlee, chairman of Alexander Hamilton Life In-surance Co. of Farmington Hills,

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head of Taxpayers United, and foe of government apending. Next it will hear an outline of the plan supported by the Group of 14: Republicans, Dobb and Susan Munsell of Howell, Dem-ocrats Bill Keith of Garden City and David Gubow of Huntington Wooda, among them. Their plan calls for cutting school tax rates (now an average of 334 per \$1,000 of valuation) to \$34 per \$1,000 of valuation) to \$34 per \$1,000 of valuation) to \$34 per \$1,000 of valuation) to \$35 per \$1,000 of valuation) to \$36 per \$1,000 of valuation) to \$377, raising the personal income tax and allowing voters to sub

stitute a 2-cents sales tax hike in 1994. Ji would have the effect of evening out the resources per pu-pil at about \$4,700. It would not affect business taxes. Roberts praised the group's ef-fort to solve the school funding problem but said, "It has the problem of not addressing the first issue (the economy). "Under it, the wast majority of renters will end up paying more taxes. Small families with two parents

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and two kids will pay less — but they're not typical families any more.

"The single biggest winner," Roberts went on, "will be non-residents — people who have lakeshore homes in Michigan but live in Chicago. They'll get a property tax cut but pay no more income tax."

Headlee supported Engler's across-the-board tax cut with no replacement taxes.

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