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If you attended the March 5th Town Hall, you were able to view our new partnership video. If you want to watch it again or if you missed it, visit this link: [OU/Pontiac Initiative partnership video](#). Feel free to share widely, post to your website or use when sharing information about network activity.

Keep scrolling down for more news tidbits and network updates. If you would like to request an article about your group, business or organization in this e-blast or if you have any events, news items or requests, send them to baldwin2@oakland.edu.

Happy Reading!

WXOU to celebrate its 50th Birthday Bash at The Crofoot

By Paige Brockway

Oakland University's on-campus radio station, 88.3FM WXOU, will be holding its 50th Birthday Bash at The Crofoot in downtown Pontiac on Thursday, March 24. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. and will feature performances by headlining artist Alvvays, as well as local artists Flint Eastwood and George Morris and the Gypsy Chorus. OU students can get tickets for free from the Center for Student Activities ticket window, and tickets are available to the public at The Crofoot box office for \$15.



The Oakland University Bear Bus will shuttle students to and from The Crofoot beginning at 6:30 p.m. in parking lot two (P2). WXOU hopes the Birthday Bash will help push more OU students to become involved in Pontiac and strengthen the partnership between the city and the university. The event is co-sponsored by the Student Program Board and Student Video Productions.

For more information about WXOU's 50th Birthday Bash, contact WXOU General Manager Lauren Barthold at (248) 370-4324 or generalmanager@wxou.org.

GLAD mentoring welcomes volunteers



At the March Town Hall meeting, a representative from the GLAD mentoring program stood up to share information about their group's mentoring program. He welcomes all volunteers to attend a meeting to get to know more about the mentoring opportunities within their program. The group holds meetings every Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the

Greater Love Apostolic Church, 168 University. See this [flyer](#) for more information or contact Deacon Wesley Jackson, Sr. at (248) 701-4327; wjacks1971@yahoo.com.

Parent University seeks input about community resources

Parent University received a \$6,000 gift from Genisys Credit Union to provide support services for their meetings. The money will be used for child care, refreshments during meetings and speaker fees. Read more about the gift [here](#).

Parent University is a community collaboration to help Pontiac resident parents become full partners in their children's education; it emerged as a priority area from the first OU/Pontiac Initiative town hall meeting. There have been two successful parent meetings, one of which attracted 200 parents from the district. At the last meeting, planners collected feedback from the parents who were asking for specific information and resources for future meetings.

The Parent University team is asking for your help as they gather resources for parents. The attached form shows the areas where resources are needed. If you or your organization already provide these resources and can partner with Parent University or share resources, please complete the form or send an email to baldwin2@oakland.edu. All leads are welcome. [Parent University Resources Needed Form](#)

New non-profit in Pontiac

By Paige Brockway

Reroot Pontiac is a new non-profit organization that is purchasing properties throughout the city and applying environmental services and research to revitalize neighborhoods. Their goals include removing trash-buildup and overgrowth, developing garden plots, teaching classes on environmental health and safety and providing soil testing services, particularly to detect lead.

The group includes many employees, alumni, and students of OU and Wayne State University. Many of the members come from STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) backgrounds, and are interested in tutoring students in these subjects and developing courses that can cover subjects such as green energies, gardening, biology and chemistry.

Reroot Pontiac has also partnered with the Neighborhood Garden Coalition and is interested in partnering with other organizations to consolidate resources and share expertise. They hope to eventually invite students from Pontiac schools to tour the gardens and projects, and offer professional internships to local university and high school students.

For more information about getting involved with [Reroot Pontiac](#), contact Jim Greenwood at jimg3641@gmail.com.

Community invited to participate in OU day of service to benefit Gleaners and Pontiac parks

Come help Gleaners by creating food donation bags and post cards for their annual food drive! The food bags will be mailed out to thousands of community members with a postcard explaining the annual Gleaners food drive dates. Last year these food bags/postcards increased food donations by 70%! Gleaners needs us to make hundreds this year! Bring a friend, OU staff member, your student organization, alumni, or a member from the community! We also have an afternoon option from 12-2 p.m.; we will be cleaning up parks in Pontiac. Our goal is to give the Pontiac Parks a thorough spring cleaning so that residents will enjoy them during the summer months!

What you need to know: April 8th, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Gold Rooms, Oakland Center, Walk-ins are welcome!





Pontiac Optimist Oratorical Contest

Pictured left to right: Tom Kimble (judge); first place winner, Casey Anderson from Avondale High School; third place winner, Lilian Murdic from ITA; second place winner, Mariah Nelson from Pontiac High School; and Bob Maxfield (judge)

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