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The HOPE Hospitality and Warming Center is seeking volunteers. Because of the poor economy, the center is expecting even more guests this winter than usual.

Volunteers cook dinner on-site or serve prepared meals, supervise guest registration and stay overnight at the shelter.

For information, call Executive Director Ryan Hertz at rhertz@hopewarmingpontiac.org or at 248-332-6101 anytime.

Bouchard is named executive of the year

The Detroit Executives Association has named Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard executive of the year for his management of the 1,200-employee department.

Bouchard is to receive the award at a luncheon today at the Detroit Athletic Club.

The group cited Bouchard's leadership in privatizing noncore functions, such as jail food service and replacing patrol vehicles with more fuel-efficient models.

Bouchard joins former Detroit City Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey as the only elected officials to receive the award.

The association was founded in 1926 to help executives in metro Detroit network.

AUBURN HILLS: City's fitness initiative earns top marks

The International Council on Active Aging has named the Auburn Hills 100 Days to Health initiative as one of the year's most innovative aging programs, according to a news release from the city.

The ICAA recently awarded the program with the 2008 ICAA Industry Innovator Award.

The Auburn Hills Senior Services Department is to receive a crystal award of recognition, a one-year ICAA facility membership and a full pass to the organization's conference in San Antonio in December.

The program provides 100 days of activities designed to keep adults, ages 50 and older, informed

and educated about fitness.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP: Deputies get help with an arrest on island

Oakland County sheriff's deputies stationed west of Clarkston got help Tuesday from marine deputies after receiving two emergency calls from an island with no road access.

About 10:30 p.m., a dispatcher heard only momentary screams before a 911 call ended, then received a second similar call but got no answer in callback attempts.

When deputies reached Susin Lake, no private boats were available to get to the house on the island, so they summoned a county boat, arrived and arrested Donald Sturgis, 48, Undersheriff Mike McCabe said Wednesday.

Sturgis was charged with domestic violence and resisting officers.

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