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#### Wall Street signs off on county's AAA bond rating

Wall Street has affirmed Oakland County's AAA [bond](#) rating on \$12.88 million in debt for the construction of a district court building. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said Moody's cited the county's strong balance sheet and recent three-year, line-item budget among its reasons to continue the coveted rating, which is difficult to retain during a down economy.

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#### Homeless shelter asks for toilet paper donations

Grace Centers of Hope, which feeds and shelters the homeless, is making a plea to the public for toilet paper. The center uses 35 rolls a day. Donations can be dropped off at the center at 35 E. Huron St. Visit [gracecentersofhope.org](#).

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#### \$1M fire training facility starts with donated labor

The construction of a trench rescue training facility for the [Fire Department](#) got under way Thursday with the donated labor by members of the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights. The in-ground facility is the first for the Fire Department and part of a \$1 million training project at the No. 5 fire station.

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