

Gleaners executive director. Gleaners distributed some 19.3 million pounds of food in 2006. The drive to update and expand the Gleaners fleet of 18 vehicles, the average age of which was 15 years at the beginning of 2006, has resulted in more than \$60,000 in grants and individual donations.

DETROIT

Metro Airport lauded for 'best concessions'

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport garnered four first place spots in the 2007 Best Concessions Poll published by *Airport Revenue News*, an industry trade journal.

Metro Airport received the Best Overall Concession Program, Best Concessions Management Team, Best Overall Concession Program Design, and Most Unique Services.

It also won second place in Best Customer Service. All awards were for the airport's McNamara Terminal.

Lester Robinson, Wayne County Airport Authority CEO, was named Best Director of the Year by the publication.

NEGAUNEE

Lesktech gets EPA grant for treating copper mining waste

Lesktech Limited has received a \$70,000 Small Business Innovation Research contract from the Environmental Protection Agency for research into a method for treating waste from copper mines along Lake Superior.

The company will work in association with Michigan Technological University on the project.

ADJUSTABLE RAMP MAKER DEBUTS DISPLAY AT NADA

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP - Rampboss-USA, which makes adjustable vehicle display ramps, says it may have found a niche among large exhibit builders and marketing production companies that have automotive related clients.

The company recently exhibited one of its products—the Rampboss V1—at February's National Automobile Dealers Association convention in Las Vegas. And one of its products was used to display a Cadillac XLR at a Miami Super Bowl party put on by *Sports Illustrated*.

Cadillac also used two of the ramps at Super Bowl XL in Detroit then moved them to Las Vegas to promote "The Drive," a permanent exhibit on the grounds of the Sahara Hotel.

Rampboss President Todd Stoney said the visibility is a positive development.

"Having a presence at two consecutive Super Bowls is more than exciting, it's priceless."



DETROIT

Organizations join to provide financial education for consumers

The Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and over 32 Michigan organizations announced the fourth Michigan Money Smart Week will be held April 20 - 29, 2007.

Coordinated by the Detroit Branch and its partner organizations, the Money Smart Advisory Council (MAC), Money Smart Week is designed to promote financial literacy and provide greater personal finance education to consumers. MAC Council members include local banks, nonprofits and media organizations.

Michigan's Money Smart Week will have programs throughout the state, designed to provide free personal finance education for attendees. Dozens of free events will take place at various times and locations during the week.

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