

# Telegraph



*Brad Hansen of Waste Resource Management is ready to answer questions from the overflow crowd.*

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## 2005 State of the County Address Draws Record Crowd

An overflow audience of nearly 400 people packed the auditorium of the Michigan State University Management Education Center in Troy on February 10th to hear Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson deliver his annual State of the County address.

With thousands more listening to a live broadcast of the speech on WJR radio, Mr. Patterson declared the State of Oakland County to be excellent and “our future blindingly bright.”

Mr. Patterson bases his optimism on a balanced budget for 2005 and 2006; a confirmation of the County’s prized AAA bond rating from Wall Street and a survey showing that of the 50 largest counties in America Oakland County delivers government services at the lowest cost based on personal income.

Mr. Patterson listed among the major achievements for 2004: Chief Information Officer Magazine/CIO selection of Oakland County as the only county in America among its 100 award recipients; Count Your Steps, the pedometer walking program targeting childhood obesity; Main Street Oakland which has served as a catalyst for \$223 million worth of reinvestment in 10 downtown communities over the past four years and a Health Division initiative which has triggered a dramatic reduction in the black infant mortality rate in the City of Pontiac.

Mr. Patterson also cited an impressive list of awards earned by various departments and divisions of County government in 2004 including Health, Fiscal Services, Solid Waste Resource Management, Central Services, Parks & Recreation and Information Technology.

As in past years, Mr. Patterson used a portion of his State of the County address to praise the hard work and generosity of County employees.

“They (County employees) are as generous and caring as they are talented,” Mr. Patterson said. “Since 1993, employees have contributed more than \$400,000 to the Casual Day Fund.”



*Mark Adams of Oakland County Planning & Economic Development, with Michael Kurilla of Ceradyne. Ceradyne is one of the first companies to be listed with the new County-sponsored Emerging Sector program.*



## Mistress of Deception - Sarah Emma Edmonds

### Female cross-dressing Bible peddler visits Oakland County, enlists in Civil War

by Charles H. Martinez

*Condensed from the original article published in The Oakland Gazette, Fall 1998, Vol. 31, No. 2, a quarterly publication of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society*

When a shy, slender youth knocked on the door of an Oakland County farmhouse in 1860, the residents little imagined their hospitality would snare them in a net of deception and secure their family's place in the history of the American Civil War.

The farmer was Charles Pratt, who owned acreage in Rose Township, along what is today known as Demode Road. The young lad standing on Pratt's front porch seemed innocent enough, claiming to be a Bible salesman. He smiled a broad smile, looked farmer Pratt in the eye, and said in a soft voice, "My name is Franklin Thompson, but my friends call me Frank." This was a bare-faced lie, one of thousands that tumbled from the lips of the brown-eyed, curly-haired youth, whose real name was Sarah Emma Edmonds. Much of Edmonds' personal life

remains an enigma, but her service as Union soldier, nurse, dispatch rider, and alleged spy constitute one of the most remarkable stories in U.S. military history.

Sarah was born in New Brunswick, Canada in 1839. Her mother was a kindly woman, her father a strict disciplinarian and hard taskmaster who kept his children working grueling hours in the fields. In her teens, Sarah eagerly read the novel, Fanny Campbell: or, The Female Pirate Captain and imagined herself escaping drudgery and a domineering father by adopting a disguise and running off. A few years later when her father insisted she marry an older man for whom she held only contempt, Sarah put her plan into action.

With the help of a friend she fled to a neighboring town, but fearing discovery moved to the U.S. after seeing an ad for door-to-door salesmen. Dressed as a man and identifying herself as "Franklin Thompson" she won the job. Her appearance in Oakland County was recalled by Charles Pratt's daughter, Lora, on the occasion of Rose Township's centennial in 1935:

"The girl, disguised in men's clothing, came to my father's house selling Bibles. Her features were almost too coarse to be those of a woman and too fine for a man. Once when she was helping my father he remarked that she handled a pitchfork like a woman. She dispelled his suspicions with the explanation that she had never done farm work."

Lora Pratt Doty further related that with the outbreak of the Civil War, Franklin Thompson announced his intention of enlisting in the Union Army and left their farm. Early in the war there was no physical

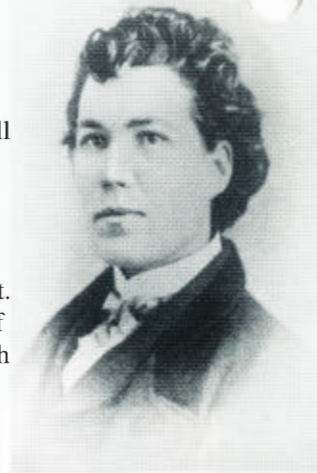
examination of enlistees.

Although some of her company remembered "Frank" as small and delicate, Sarah was able to complete basic training without incident. By the spring of 1863, faced with the inevitable discovery of her gender if hospitalized,

Private Thompson deserted the Union Army. She traveled from Kentucky to Ohio, and there made the change back to "Sara Emma Edmonds."

She wrote her autobiography, Nurse and Spy, which her former book selling employer published to instant acclaim. Ignoring the wealth and fame offered, she turned her royalties over to the Christian Sanitary Commission and sought a civilian role as nurse for the remainder of the Civil War.

Sarah married Linus H. Seely, convinced him to change his name to "Seelye," and bore three children who died young. The Seelyes' two adopted sons lived to adulthood. In 1884, after much red tape, Sarah Emma Edmonds Seelye and Franklin Thompson were recognized as the same person, and a military pension of \$12 per month was granted. Two and a half years later, President Grover Cleveland signed a bill that removed the stigma of desertion from her record.



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## Brown Bag Lecture Series

**April 21, 2005**

Noon - 1 P.M.

Speaker: Kim Sneden,  
Curator of Education at the  
Detroit Zoological Society

The Detroit Zoo

**What's New  
at the Zoo**

**May 19, 2005**

Noon - 1 P.M.

Speaker: To Be Announced  
**Meadow Brook  
Hall**

Meadow Brook Hall is often described as an American castle. Built between 1926 and 1929, the 110-room Tudor revival style mansion was inspired by English country manor houses.

**June 16, 2005**

Noon - 1 P.M.

Speaker: Bill McElhone  
Birmingham Historical  
Society

Established in 1942, the Birmingham Historical Society's mission is to contribute to the quality of life in Birmingham by preserving, learning from and celebrating its past while helping to shape its future.





# 2004 National Association of Counties Achievement Awards

Oakland County has received six 2004 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (N.A.C.O.), recognizing the innovative programs developed by Oakland County's employees:

Applications for the 2005 N.A.C.O. Achievement Awards have been submitted. We are awaiting notice of our award winners. Stay tuned...

## Mosquito Smarts Program

(George Miller - Health Division)

The Health Division devoted numerous resources, including \$500,000 grants to local municipalities countywide to reduce mosquito breeding and enhance public awareness of mosquito-borne illnesses. The campaign included orienting local cities, villages and townships, and school districts to the etiology of the West Nile Virus. This program represents an excellent example of increased intergovernmental cooperation that improved health outcomes in the County.



## Mail Processing Center Centralized Mailing

(Todd Birkle - Central Services)

The Mail Center has purchased a mail-sorting machine, which allows the County to automate/barcode all first class mail in-house. In fiscal year 2003 County departments saved \$139,500 in the postage costs of daily mail. The Mail Center processes tax bills, personal property statements, assessment change notices and special mailings for local cities and townships, saving approximately \$60,000 in these postage costs.



## e-Health, Well and Septic Permitting Application

(Joe Maletta - Info Tech)

The department of Information Technology, in collaboration with the Health Division, has designed and developed a system using the latest Web, GPS, GIS and Wireless Tablet technology to automate the process of approving and issuing permits for wells and septic systems. Environmental Health staff can now process applications and issue permits in their field using wireless tablets, thereby reducing paperwork used in the tracking of applications for wells and septic permits and improves efficiency and accuracy in processing permits.



## NoHaz - Northern Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium

(Martin Seaman - Waste Resource Management Division)

This program provides a valuable service to residents while protecting Oakland County's quality of life. Hazardous waste contractors receive and safely dispose of and/or recycle all household hazardous waste that is collected and is responsible for all liability of the collected material received. Its value was confirmed when, even in these times of tight budgets, 90% of 2003 NO HAZ communities voted to participate again in 2004.



## Vital Records On-line Service

(Jim Taylor - Info Tech)

This application delivers a new service to residents and customers by offering a more convenient way to order certified copies of birth, death and marriage certificates. It also taps into a new revenue source by charging a small fee to cover the cost of conducting credit card transactions and to make future technology enhancements.



## Thin Client Program

(David Veit - Info Tech)

The Thin Client Program clearly reduces the cost and increases the ability to deliver personal computing to employees through the centralization of technical resources. It provides the ability to perform application software upgrades in a more timely manner while requiring less time for service and support and improves the ability to manage software licenses as well as increasing data security.



## Health Division Welcomes It's 17th Class of Dietetic Interns

On Monday, February 28, eleven women, all college graduates, started the Oakland County Health Division's Dietetic Internship. These hard working, talented, enthusiastic, and unpaid interns were warmly welcomed. They annually provide over 3000 nutrition services to county residents. The seven full-time interns finish in nine months; the four part-time interns finish in March of 2006. Seven of the interns are Oakland County residents. Through a cooperative agreement three of the part time interns also work for Michigan Women, Infant and Children Supplemental Food Program in the Michigan Department of Community Health Outstate Program.

The American Dietetic Association awards national accreditation to this Internship. An internship is the last formal educational step to be eligible for the national registration exam for dietitians. As newly Registered Dietitians, they will work in hospitals, nursing homes, school food service, and for community health agencies here and across the country.

The interns for 2005-2006 are:

- Misbah Choudhri, Royal Oak
- Kristina Elliot, Northville
- Meryl Jackson, Southfield
- Angela Kalczynski, Waterford
- Gina Rennie, Waterford
- Abigail Richardson, Royal Oak
- Francesca Ventimiglia, Warren
- Doris Knight, Farmington
- Erin Webley, Kalamazoo
- Renee Miano, Marine City
- Kindsay Kasel, Holt

## Count Your Steps

Count Your Steps, the pedometer-walking program Mr. Patterson launched in 2004 to attack the growing problem of childhood obesity, is back for a second consecutive year.

The inaugural year was a huge success by any measure with more than 220 schools, 1200 classrooms and some 29,000 third and fourth grade students across Oakland County participating. Students logged a total of more than 3.2 billion steps with the Rochester School District taking first place honors with 410 million steps.

In 2005, Count Your Steps runs from April 4th – 29th. This year's sponsors, which are providing all the funding for Count Your Steps, are General Motors, POH, Flagstar Bank, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Art Van, WJR, Health Alliance Plan and Henry Ford Health Systems.

If your child is a student at one of the participating Count Your Steps schools, please encourage him or her to get out and walk. Learning the importance of daily exercise could prove to be a life altering experience that will put your child on the road to a long and healthy life.



## The Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team is recruiting new members!

The Oakland County DHHS-CISM Team is a group of trained volunteers that come together to provide emergency psychological first aid to victims of, or witnesses to, a critical incident.

Critical incidents may produce a wide range of stress symptoms, which can appear immediately at the scene, a few hours later or within a few days of the event. The more symptoms experienced, the more powerful the stress reaction can be. The longer the symptoms last, the more potential there is for permanent harm.

The main objective of a CISM intervention is the restoration of human dignity and self worth to people who are experiencing normal symptoms of distress because they were exposed to a highly abnormal event – a Critical Incident to them!

Our CISM team members are crisis intervention specialists. It is NOT the function of our team to place professional counseling or employee assistance programs, but to provide immediate, incident specific, and supportive crisis intervention with a proven model. Team members receive specialized training and participate in regular continuing education sessions.

Being a member of the CISM Team requires, at a minimum, the following:

- Ability to participate in at least four 2-day training sessions during your first two years on the team
- Ability to commit to at least quarterly ½ day trainings (ongoing)
- Willingness to conduct pre-incident education trainings for the general community
- Ability to respond within 24-48 hours to a call for assistance in the aftermath of a critical incident
- Willingness to make referrals to the team for possible interventions

Other opportunities within the team may include membership on the Internal Training Team, the Leadership Committee, the Marketing Committee or a spot as one of the On-Call Coordinators. If you are interested in becoming part of this crucial team of dedicated volunteers, please contact Deborah Thuesen @ 248-858-4066 for more information.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY





## Telegraphing Our Talents

the assistant to the Media and Communications Officer, Senior Citizen Advocate and South Oakland Liaison/Special Projects Coordinator. She has been a true asset to these three departments and never misses an opportunity to amaze them with her skills and talents.

## Scrapbooks by Pam Spotlight on...Pamela S. Tremble

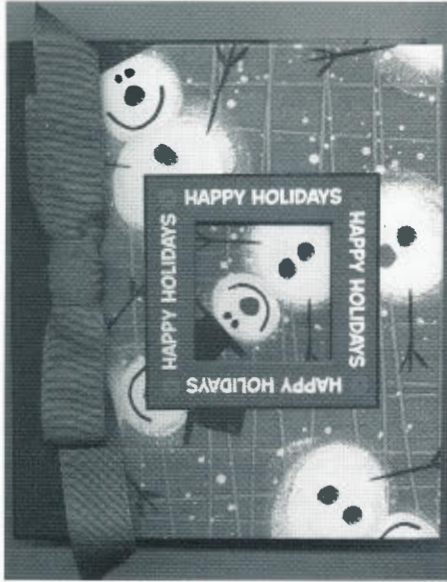
For those of you who are not lucky enough to know Pamela S. Tremble, let us introduce her to you. Pam joined our Executive Office staff three months ago as



Pam lives in Saginaw and though she drives that long stretch every day to work, she is always on time and often stays late to finish a project she is working on for one of her department directors.

In her personal life, Pam can be found either teaching a scrapbooking class, attending a show displaying her scrapbooks, or finding room in her home for her ever-increasing scrapping materials. It seems she has several never-ending projects, including albums being assembled for her family and friends. One album that touches her heart is the one she made for her eight-month-old cousin whose mother just passed away last Thanksgiving. The 40-page album celebrates her life in photos ~ little Jacob will be able to learn about his Mommy by looking through this treasured scrapbook.

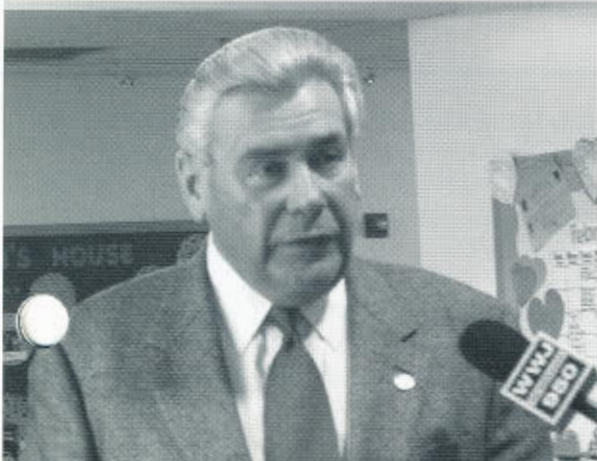
Her future projects will include sifting through miscellaneous family photos, a daunting task, to compile a family scrapbook that will prove priceless in years to come.



## Commissioner Donates Raise to Little Oaks Childcare Center

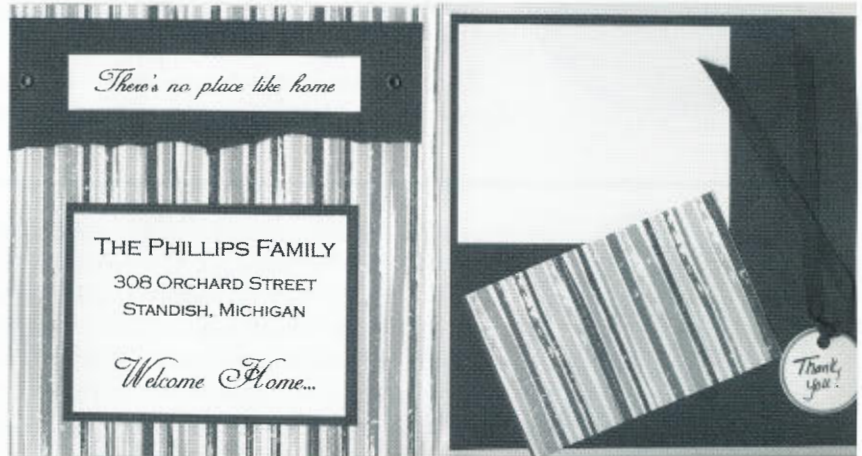
Oakland County Commissioner John Scott (R-Waterford) presented a check on February 11th for \$1200 to the Friends of Little Oaks Foundation. "I want this money to go into a special scholarship fund to assist our employees who may be on tight budgets with their childcare costs at Little Oaks," Scott said.

The financial donation represents the raise Scott received as a County Commissioner. He also says he plans to contribute \$1200 on an annual basis to Little Oaks as long as he serves on the County Commission.



And if you think this is just a hobby, you're wrong! Pam has started her own business called "Scrapbooks by Pam." (Check out her web site: [www.ScrapbooksByPam.com](http://www.ScrapbooksByPam.com).) Her very first client was one of our own employees, Karla Richey, from PEDS. Pam has nearly \$4,000 in unused supplies, over 3,000 sheets of cardstock, patterned paper and specialty papers, and miles of fiber. When she has leftovers that she won't use, she swaps with friends from all over the country through an on-line scrapbook swap club. Pam finds it amazing to see the various supplies she has been able to obtain through the club that she has never seen before in Michigan.

Pam is a joy to be around and truly an asset to Oakland County government, and we are proud to have her on our staff!







Jim Tillman

“Totally caught off guard,” was Jim Tillman’s reaction when informed he was being honored as Employee of the Month. The 30-year veteran of FM&O, who is grounds keeper crew chief, takes great pride seeing the tangible results of his team’s efforts to keep County grounds and buildings in tip-top shape. His supervisor, Phil Goulding says, “Jim is a great employee who works well with his people and is a good leader.” In his off hours Jim, who resides in Waterford with his wife Sandy, also a Facilities employee, and their 16-year old daughter, enjoys boating and cross country skiing.



# EMPLOYEE of the

Carol Golob began working at Oakland County in 1986 as a part-time non-eligible (PTNE). Today she is a public health nurse spreading the word of good health and disease prevention countywide. She also devotes much of her time to emergency preparedness planning.



Carol J. Golob

Away from the office, Carol enjoys cross-country skiing, swimming and cooking. She is a recent graduate of the county’s Leadership Academy and currently attends graduate school at Oakland University where she is working to earn a master’s degree in Public Administration.

“Carol was part of the team that applied for a NACo Award in 2003 that won for developing and implementing a plan reflecting the need for public health awareness, preparedness and staff training in the area of bioterrorism,” said George Miller, manager of the Health Division.

Carol’s son, Jonathon, earned a National Institute of Health scholarship to the University of Washington where he’s pursuing a Ph.D. in stem cell research. Her daughter is a civil engineer who works in Ann Arbor. Carol and her husband, Michael, who is an attorney, live in Bloomfield Township.



Pat Owen

Pat Owen is likely the first voice you’ll hear when calling the Medical Care Facility. She’s the switchboard operator at the information desk, a job she’s been doing for the past three years full time and four years prior to that on a part time non-eligible basis. “I can’t believe they kept a secret,” Pat said referring to the surprise of being selected Employee of the Month. Pat loves the job because it gives her a chance to meet and talk with people. Cindy Davis, manager at MCF says Pat is “a great employee who is willing to do anything you ask of her without complaining.” In her spare time, Pat likes to golf with her girlfriends during the summer months and play cards with them in the winter. She and her husband, Robert, who have been married for 24 years, have a 33 year old son and 19 year old daughter.

Elaine Houser has spent nearly 15 years with the Health Division as a public health nurse. She visits homes and schools regularly promoting the concept of good health and talking about disease prevention. One of her special assignments recently has been emergency preparedness which she considers the most interesting and challenging part of her job.



Elaine F. Houser

“The best part of my job is teaching people about the importance of disease prevention,” said Elaine.

In her off-hours, Elaine likes to play golf and spend time with her three grandchildren (another is on the way).

“Elaine and her colleague Carol Golob did an outstanding job recently developing materials to prepare Public Health to respond to potential bioterrorism events,” said George Miller, manager of the Health Division.

Elaine and her husband, John, who is vice president of a plastics manufacturing firm, live in Rochester. They have two children, one who is a teacher and the other a civil engineer.



Linda Muiter-Carmean

During the Spring and early Fall you can usually find Linda Muiter-Carmean tending to her baby – the Springfield Oaks Community Service Garden. Linda, a three-year veteran of Community Corrections, supervises the 20-40 Weekend Alternative for Misdemeanants (WAM) participants who help grow and harvest the vegetables in the seven-acre garden. “I really do enjoy all the people we work with,” says Linda. “They are just normal folks who made a mistake.” When the garden is not in operation, Linda handles the scheduling of personnel and worksites for WAM. Prior to joining Community Corrections, Linda operated a Bible store. Away from the job, Linda likes playing with her rottweiler and spending time with her husband of 17 years. Linda’s daughter is a nurse at New York University Hospital and her son works for Wells Fargo in Baltimore. Linda and her husband live in Ortonville. “To Linda the Community Service Garden is more than just a job, it’s her passion,” says Community Corrections Manager Barb Hankey.



# BYEES Month

her fiancé, whom she will marry in April on the Hawaiian Island of Kuai, love camping and recently bought a camper. Away from the office, Lauren who lives in Waterford, likes to occupy herself with gardening and taking care of her three dogs.



“She’s every manager’s dream,” says Diana Calvin, manager of Veterans’ Services’ about Lauren Hall. “Lauren is an absolutely phenomenal counselor who is loved by her clients,” says Calvin. Lauren has been a veteran’s counselor for the past six years who relishes being able to win a claim for a deserving veteran. Prior to her current job, Lauren spent 7½ years at MSU Extension while attending Oakland University. Lauren and



Lauren Hall

Craig Whetstone has been a mainstay in the Equalization Division for 31 years. As a real property appraiser one of his many responsibilities is to serve as assessor for Hazel Park and Brandon Township. He also assists West Bloomfield with assessing their commercial and industrial property. “Craig’s positive attitude and job ability is utilized to represent Oakland County communities where our relationships may be a little bit strained,” said Dave Hieber manager of the Equalization Division. Craig’s spare time pursuits include golf and being a family man, not too surprising since he still has four children living at home. “As you can see, my time is pretty much accounted for,” says Craig with a laugh. He and his wife of 24 years live in Clarkston.



Craig Whetstone

Deborah Goodman, account clerk at Children’s Village, loves the variety of things she gets to do at her job. “It’s nice not to have to sit there all day and do just one thing,” says Debby. Away from work Debby spends as much time as she possibly can with her two grandsons who just happen to live in Debby’s subdivision. “Debby is our resident mechanic who troubleshoots our copiers, faxes and other equipment,” says Fran Merio supervisor of Administrative Support Services. “Her willingness to help anyone endears her to all and results in my receiving numerous compliments about her good nature.”



Deborah Goodman

After nearly a quarter of a century on the job Karen Y. Carter-Gamble still enjoys dispensing quality care to the residents at the Medical Care Facility. As a nurse’s assistant, Karen tends to every need of residents with the exception of administering medications. “The best part of my job is the people I work with,” says Karen. Karen, who was born and raised in Tennessee, headed north in 1979 to seek employment in one of the auto plants, but instead landed a job at MCF for which she is eternally grateful. In her spare time, Karen enjoys bowling and fishing. She and her husband of two years and their four children live in Pontiac. “Karen does an excellent job of resident care,” says Cindy Davis, manager at MCF. “She is always smiling, helpful and very conscientious about the care she gives to residents.”



Karen Y. Carter-Gamble

As a supervisor in Environmental Health (EH) with the technology team, Mark Hansell and his crew are responsible for protecting the ground water and keeping it safe. A ten-year veteran of EH, Mark was promoted to supervisor in April 2003. When asked what he thought of being selected as Employee of the Month, Mark replied, “I was surprised. My initial reaction was who I should thank.” Although his two children, ages 1½ years and 6 months keep him and his wife busy, the Rochester Hills couple discovered a hobby three years ago they can do together. The hobby is the Canadian sport of curling. Mark’s wife, Suzanne, saw an ad in the newspaper for a curling clinic. They checked it out and signed up immediately. “Mark has been instrumental in development of a web-based data system for the Health Division called eHealth,” says George Miller, manager of the Health Division. “Mark is a competent supervisor who enjoys utilizing a team approach to address business obstacles and make the internal business process flow smoothly.”



Mark Hansell



# BENEFITS

## Q & A

**Q** What's new on Employee Self Service?

**A** You may now update your dependent/beneficiaries' Personal information online. Just click on the HR Self-Service Center on Oaksourc. This would be a very convenient way to add the social security number for your newborn once you receive it. This is important information we need that employees sometimes forget since they often do not yet have it when they add the child to their coverage.

**Q** Can I add or delete a dependent/beneficiary?

**A** No. You can make corrections to existing dependent/beneficiaries only. To add or delete a dependent/beneficiary, use a Membership and Record Change form. Click on the HR Services tab at the top of the Oaksourc page and click the Benefits & Retirement link. The link to the form is at the right side of the page.

**Q** Where do I find reimbursement forms for the Health Care and Dependent Care Reimbursement Accounts?

**A** From Oaksourc, click on the HR Services tab and then click the Benefits & Retirement link (this can be accessed from home at [www.ocbenefits.com](http://www.ocbenefits.com)). On the left of the page select the hire date that applies to you. In the center of the page click on the link of the form you want to print.

**Q** Where can I find the employee contribution amount for the Medical, Dental and Vision plans?

**A** From Oaksourc, click on the HR Services tab and then click the Benefits & Retirement link (this can be accessed from home at [www.ocbenefits.com](http://www.ocbenefits.com)). On the left of the page, select the hire date that applies to you. In the center of the page near the top click on Employee Contributions.

# PERSON TO PERSON

## L. Brooks Patterson

Oakland County lost a true pioneer recently when Daniel T. Murphy passed away at a hospice in Tucson, AZ at the age of 81. Dan was my predecessor as County Executive and no doubt some of you were here during his tenure from 1974-1992.

Back in August 1974 the citizens of Oakland County voted to create the first unified form of county government in Michigan history. Dan was elected the first county executive in the state. It fell upon his shoulders to define the role of this new position which he did with utmost style and grace. Dan charted a course and carved out a path through this new wilderness that gave meaning and dimension to the role of county executive.

Dan Murphy left a proud legacy. He helped establish the Big Four, comprising the Oakland and Wayne County Executives, Mayor of the City of Detroit and the Chairman of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners. His leadership spawned the Oakland County Parks System and created the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Dan also established the 911 emergency telephone system and the tornado warning sirens.

All of us owe Dan Murphy a debt of gratitude for his great service to the citizens of Oakland County and his inspired stewardship, which set this county on a path to greatness. He will be missed.



*Brooks*

## Quilt Raffle

The Friend of the Court office has been involved with the March of Dimes since 1989. They have consistently been among the top fundraising departments.

In addition to doing the annual WalkAmerica, the entire office participates in year-round fundraising activities including quarterly lunches and "white elephant" raffles with menu items and prizes donated by staff, handmade Quilt raffle, children's art auction, bottle/can returnable drive, "paczki for preemees" sale on Fat Tuesday, used book sales, "dump your pocket change" jars and the M.O.D tennis shoes.

This year's walk is April 30th in Lapeer and May 1st in Troy. The Friend of the Court office is truly focused on the best interests of all children.

*Beverly Hagerman shown at left with her March of Dimes commemorative quilt.*



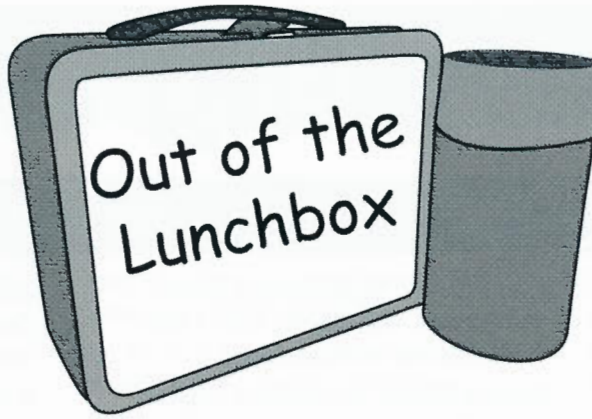
*Single irish chain square machine pieced by Janis Warren. Houses machine pieced; hand quilted by Claudia Martello*





The following restaurants have supported the Yolklund County Executive Easter Egg Hunt by providing gift certificates for their establishments. We encourage employees to patronize these restaurants to demonstrate our appreciation for their support!

- Applebee's, 2553 Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford
- Boodles Restaurant, 935 W. 11 Mile Road, Madison Hts
- Brandy's Post Inn, 1727 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills
- Cass Lake Roadhouse, 4000 Cass Elizabeth Lake, Waterford
- Duggan's Irish Pub, 31501 Woodward, Royal Oak
- Heroes Restaurant, 998 W. Huron, Waterford
- Klancy's of White Lake, 9595 Highland Road, White Lake
- Leo's Coney Island, 6527 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield
- Lucky's Irish Pub, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac
- Mexico Lindo, 6225 Highland Road, Waterford
- Moose Preserve, 43034 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
- Ocean City Restaurant, 35 S. Telegraph Road, Pontiac
- Panera Bread, 6710 Clayton Road, Richmond Hts
- Pasquale's, 31555 Woodward, Royal Oak
- Red Lobster, 479 Telegraph Road, Waterford
- Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water Street, Rochester
- Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak
- Starbucks Coffee, 5129 Highland Road, Waterford
- Stir Crazy, 4248 Baldwin, Auburn Hills
- Wing Lauk, 5665 Dixie Highway, Waterford



**Oakland County Courthouse  
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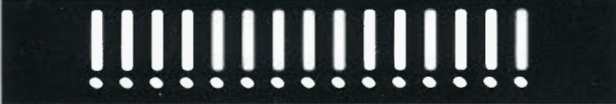
Common complaints when it comes to lunchtime eateries around the County offices focus on how far it is to get to, or how slow the service is on a limited lunch hour. The solution - don't leave campus!

The Oakland Room in the basement of the courthouse serves hot meals, including breakfast, deli sandwiches and salads, pastries and desserts. The prices are reasonable and service is fast. Deli sandwiches and salads are available in the morning so you can pick something up and take it back to your office. They have low carb selections available also. I like their wrapped sandwiches in pita bread for a quick meal that I can take back to the office. Hamburgers, fries and grilled items are available also. Breakfast is served from 7:30 until 11:00.

It's a convenient place to get a bite to eat, sit down, and relax for a few minutes away from the office, but not too far. It does get busy for lunch when court is in session, but much of the time it is quiet and quick.

These reviews are neither an endorsement of any particular restaurant, nor an endorsement of one restaurant over another. They are informational only. The Telegraph would be happy to receive the names of other restaurants for possible review. The County is not responsible for the quality of food or service provided by any of the restaurants reviewed.

**Do you have a favorite lunch spot that is off the beaten track? Let us know!**



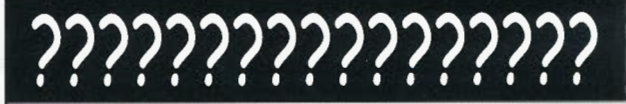
**Last issues puzzle question and answer:**

Blindfolded, you are drawing socks from a drawer, one at a time. The drawer contains 12 red socks, 11 white socks, 10 black socks, and 9 blue socks. How many socks must you draw to be sure you have all of at least one of the colors?

**Answer:**  
Answer: 39

Worst case scenario is drawing 11 red, 10 white, 9 black and 8 blue. On the next draw you would have one of each color.

The winning entry belongs to Mike McMahon, Drain Commissioner's Office.



**This issues puzzle:**

A number consisting of three different digits is subtracted from a number made up of the same digits in reverse order.

The result consists of the same three digits in yet another order. What are the three numbers?

To answer, call Mike Zack at (248) 858-0457, or email at [zackm@co.oakland.mi.us](mailto:zackm@co.oakland.mi.us).

If there is more than one correct response, the winning entry will be chosen by a drawing.

**Enjoy the scenic beauty of Waterford Oaks County Park. Trails Coordinator Marge Gatliff will lead lunch hour walks on Fridays July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Meet at noon in the parking lot near the administration building at 2800 Watkins Lake Road. You can also register to Walk Michigan/Walk Oakland for a chance to win a trip to Mackinac Island. July is Parks & Recreation Month. Call Gatliff at 248.858.4611.**



# kudos coming & going

## marriages

Gary Nigro, Civil Engineer, Construction Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office, married Elora McConeghy on 2/5/05.

## births

Steve Stuart, GIS/IT Support Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office, and wife, Kara, welcomed baby girl, Sydney Hope, on 2/22/05.

Steven David, Walled Lake STP, (Drain Commissioner's Office) and wife, Katherine, welcomed baby girl, Madison Elise on 1/25/05.

Karen Montreuil, Equalization, became a new grandmother on 2/13/05

## fond farewells

Mary Gaedt, Sewage Treatment Supervisor I, Walled Lake STP, Drain Commissioners Office, left County service on 1/18/05.

## retirements

Shawn Gamble, retired from the Inspection Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office, on 2/18/05 after 12 years of service.

Lydia C. White retired from Treasurer's Office on 3/28/05 after a 27-year career at Oakland County.

John Kretsch, Information Technology – Tech Systems & Networking, retired on 1/28/05

Lawrence Senkowski retired on 1/28/05 from Management & Budget/Equalization

Mary Jo Leutheuser, in Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs - Marketing & Communication, after 38 years. April 1, 2005. Was employed as an office assistant II

## new hires

David Kolasz, Maintenance Laborer, Sewer Drain Maintenance Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office, 3/1/05

Stephen Mason, Maintenance Laborer, Sewer Drain Maintenance Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office, 3/1/05

Michael Godoshian, Maintenance Laborer, Pump Maintenance Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office, 3/7/05

Michael Noder, Sewage Treatment Supervisor II, Walled Lake STP, Drain Commissioner's Office, 2/28/05

George Nassan, hired 1/31/05 as a General Maintenance Mechanic, FM&O

Michael Chiasson, hired 2/7/05 as a Skilled Maintenance Mechanic III-Electrician, FM&O

Gale Glisson was hired as an office assistant on 2/11/05 in Information Technology – Application Services Division

Kary Goisdzinski was hired as an application analyst programmer on 1/19/05 in Information Technology – Internal Services Division

Angelina Cummins hired as clerk on 12/6/04 for Judge Hallmark

Kyle Wilkes, Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs - Marketing & Communication, as a PTNE - technical assistant. January 2005

Jay Hood was hired on 2/7/05 in Aviation & Transportation

Jesica Neff, Circuit Court – Judge Daniel Patrick O'Brien's office, was hired as court clerk on 1/3/05

Paul Klenczar, Circuit Court – Judge Daniel Patrick O'Brien's office, was hired as court clerk on 2/22/05

Lisa Corbelli was hired in a student position in Circuit Court - Case Management Office on 3/9/05

Darlene Mulanix was hired into the Health Division's Office of Substance Abuse Services

Susan Butler was hired into the Health Division's Office of Substance Abuse Services

Jaime Baum was hired into the Health Division's Community Health Promotion and Intervention Services unit.

Kimberely McCabe was hired into the Health Division's Community Health Promotion and Intervention Services unit.

Kathy Takeshita was hired into the Health Division's Community Health Promotion and Intervention Services unit.

Sheila Jodway was hired into the Health Division's Community Health Promotion and Intervention Services unit.

Brittany Curtis was hired into the Health Division's Central Support unit.

Shaneka Pierce was hired into the Health Division's Central Support unit.

Sasha Fitzpatrick was hired into the Health Division's Personal and Preventative Health Services unit.

Natalie Gaslorowski was hired into the Health Division's Personal and Preventative Health Services unit.

Tomica Smith was hired into the Health Division's Environmental Health Services unit.

Rafiah Purches was hired into the Health Division's Medical Services Unit.

## transfers

Anne Modeleski transferred from Judge Daniel Patrick O'Brien's office to Circuit Court records clerk in the Case Management office on 3/23/05

Cathy Holland transferred from Circuit Court Case Management office to Jury Office on 3/23/05



# celebrations life events

## promotions

Ronnie Spencer, to Maintenance Mechanic I, Water Maintenance Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office, 2/19/05

Heather Zink, to Meter Mechanic I, Water Maintenance Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office, 2/19/05

Timothy Artes, to Maintenance Laborer, Water Maintenance Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office, 3/5/05

James T. Polocki, to Deputy II, Sherriff's Department, 3/5/05

Kevin D. Thomas, to Deputy II, Sherriff's Department, 3/5/05

Ryan Robinson, to Engineering Tech, Survey Crew, Drain Commissioner's Office, 10/30/04

Phillip Landin, to Pump Maintenance, Mechanic II, Pump Maintenance Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office 1/22/05

Ed Thick, to Sewer Maintenance Supervisor I. Sewer Drain Maintenance Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office 1/22/05

Keith Carr, Maintenance Laborer, transferred to FM&O from Materials Management on 2/5/05

Sandy Middleton to central employee records coordinator on 1/8/05

Jose Tavar, Jr., to sergeant on 1/1/05 in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department

Jonathan Elges, to deputy II on 1/1/05 in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department

Eric Heemsoth, to deputy II on 1/1/05 in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department

Matthew Howe, to deputy II on 1/1/05 in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department

Jeffrey Iafate, to deputy II on 1/1/05 in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department

Jennifer Miles, to deputy II on 1/1/05 in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department

Eric Rymarz, to deputy II on 1/1/05 in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department

Mark Weston, to deputy II on 1/1/05 in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department

Gloria Logan, to telephone communication technician on 2/5/05 in Information Technology – Internal Services Division

Joe Rosell, to financial analyst II on 2/7/05 in Fiscal Services

Tracy Jones, Equalization, to chief of real and personal property on 2/5/05

Barbara McDermott, Management & Budget/Equalization, to appraiser III on 3/6/05

Jennifer Farris, Management & Budget/Equalization, to appraiser trainee in Personal Property on 3/14/05

Maureen Donohue Krauss, to deputy director, Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs. Feb. 7, 2005

Barb Reznick, of Circuit Court – Judge Daniel Patrick O'Brien's office, to court reporter on 1/3/05

Annette Agazio, Circuit Court – Judge Daniel Patrick O'Brien's office, to judicial secretary on 1/3/05

Spencer Ballard, Heath Division, to public health sanitarian

Monique Liedel, Heath Division, to public health sanitarian

Rebekah Singleton, Heath Division, to public health sanitarian

## kudos

Donald Houston, construction inspector II, Soil Erosion Unit, Drain Commissioner's Office, received Bachelor of Science from Rochester College on 12/18/04

Oakland County Parks won six awards at the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Winter Conference in February. Derenda Howard received the Innovation Programming Award; Paul Bailey won the Community Service Individual Award; James Colvin also earned the Community Service Individual Award; Michigan Geocaching Organization received the Community Service Award as did the Oakland Astronomy Club and the WWAM Program.

Marge Gatliff has been elected co-chair for newly formed Trails, Greenways and Blueways Professional Committee with the Michigan Recreation and Park Association.

Dan Stencil, Parks & Recreation, is the newly elected President of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association for 2005.

Lannie Williams, Information Technology – Tech Systems & Networking, earned his BBA in CIS/Cisco Networking from Davenport University in December 2004.

Jeffery Schmidt, Management & Budget/Equalization, passed level 2 assessor's exam

Jennifer Farris, Management & Budget/Equalization, passed level 1 assessor's exam

Amanda Marshal, Management & Budget/Equalization, passed level 1 assessor's exam

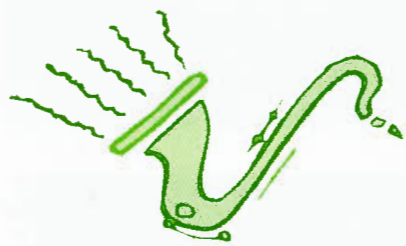
Kari Melkonian & Angie Cummins, Judge Linda Hallmark's clerks, were praised in a letter from a citizen who wrote: "It has been a pleasure working with your staff .... Both of your clerks are hard working and very pleasurable young ladies."

John Almstadt, manager of Work Force Development for the Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs. Honored as a Diversity Champion by the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency at a breakfast on April 11, 2005.

Principal Planner Larry Falardeau and Senior Planner Nina Misuraca Ignaczak, Planning & Economic Development Services, Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs. Recognized by the Village of Beverly Hills for their environmental stewardship and meticulous mapping work of the Rouge River corridor which helps to understand the importance of urban nature preserves in the overall river corridor. Feb. 17, 2005

Desiree Sanders, Health Division, received a Merit Award Scholarship from the University of Michigan's School of Social Work.





# Toot Thy Horn

## OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS



### New Stuff

#### Relocation of historic barn

A significant piece of Oakland County history will be preserved thanks to state grant funds and the combined efforts of the Oakland County Parks, the Road Commission for Oakland County, Springfield Township, and a real estate investment company, RBI 33 LLC. The Ellis barn, constructed in 1883 and one of Michigan's largest, will be relocated to Springfield Oaks County Park. Features include an indoor riding arena, 11 box stalls, tack rooms, an office, horse exercise room and mechanical exercise ring. Former major league baseball players and partners in RBI 33 LLC, Kirk Gibson and Tim Birtsas, donated the barn to Oakland County Parks. The parks system worked with the road commission to secure a \$600,000 Michigan Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement Program grant to fund the project.



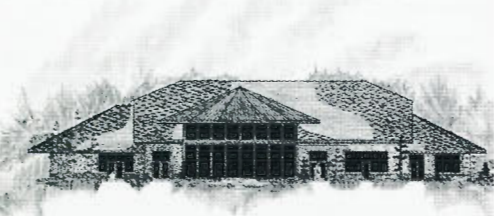
#### Addition of the River Trail

At Independence Oaks, a 2.1-mile River Trail will be created to connect to other sections of the trail system in the 1,088-acre park. The River Trail will include 1,200 feet of boardwalk and a 40-foot bridge. The new trail will link Camp Wilderness, a youth group camping area, with other parts of the park. The project was awarded a \$219,000 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Grant. Independence Oaks is a popular destination for walking, biking and blading.



#### New clubhouse at White Lake Oaks

The construction of a new clubhouse at White Lake Oaks is among the park system's top projects in 2005. The new structure will replace the clubhouse originally built in 1929. The new facility will include a pro shop, club room, garden patio and banquet dining area.



### Overview

The nationally-renowned Oakland County Parks provides all the people of Oakland County with a wide variety of year-round recreation opportunities.

Activities range from mountain biking, swimming and camping to high-tech tobogganing, cross-country skiing and nature study.

Established in 1966, the 6,000-acre Oakland County Parks system features 11 parks and golf courses. Additional facilities include two waterparks, two nature centers, The Fridge, Michigan's only refrigerated toboggan run, campgrounds, special events, adaptive and senior recreation.

Appointed by the County Board of Commissioners, the 10-member Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for a parks system that provides unique and specialized facilities and programs to complement those offered by local agencies.

A one-quarter millage, renewed every 10 years by Oakland County residents, helps to maintain, improve and acquire parks and recreation areas. The annual cost to the owner of a \$150,000 home is \$18.75.

Call 888.OCPARKS, TTY 248.858.1684, or visit [www.co.oakland.mi.us/parksrec](http://www.co.oakland.mi.us/parksrec).

### Spotlight

- WWaves of fun are waiting at two waterparks. Red Oaks and Waterford Oaks Waterparks are now accepting reservations for group outings. Visit [www.splashfun.com](http://www.splashfun.com) to view a video, amenities, fees and print discount coupons.
- Oakland County employees receive discounts of \$2 off waterpark tickets and \$5 off the annual vehicle permit. Call 888.OCPARKS for details.
- Camp close to home at Addison Oaks and Groveland Oaks County Parks. Both offer four and six-person cabins with electricity.



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