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A view of the interior of the ultra-modern Cadillac Evoq XLR.



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Arts, Culture & Film

Medical Care Facility Dream Cruise

by Diana Fleming

We hosted our first annual Dream Cruise, which was held in the front parking lot here at OCMCF. Thanks to Lori Fry and her car club the "North Oakland Bow Ties" for donating their time and bringing their wonderful classic cars for our show. The 1950's attire worn by staff added to the atmosphere and helped in making this event a success. Thanks also to Pearlean Lewis-Jones' son, Lavorice Lewis for arranging for us to have two concept cars here for our show.

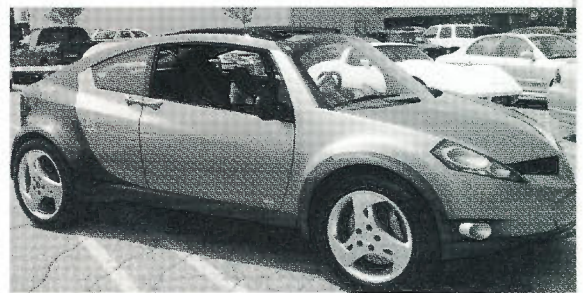
We saw the Pontiac Piranha that was developed for young people and young attitudes. It has a changeable instrument panel, a ragtop roof that opens partway like a curtain. It is highly customizable and allows for individuality. It has an angular exterior, with foldable and removable seats, which can double as beach chairs. (How cool is that?) A supercharged 2.2-liter, 4-cylinder engine provides 212 horsepower. (Va-roooooom!)

Second, we saw the Cadillac Evoq XLR (my personal favorite) It is a rear wheel drive two-seater with a retractable hardtop. The hardtop retracts into the back window and sail, then folds down under a deck lid that raises and closes over the hardtop unit.

This vehicle boasts strong performance with the supercharged version of the North star V8 engine. The all-steel body panels are a pewter color with a lot of

travel from light to dark values. Bronze glass windows emphasize the modern design appearance. A production version of the Evoq will be in showrooms for the late 2003 model year...for somewhere between \$70,000-\$80,000!

On the behalf of our residents and staff, we would like to thank Mr. Leavy for allowing his staff to bring two concept cars, on such a short notice, for our residents' pleasure. We also appreciate having Lavorice Lewis, Dwayne Loveless, and Mike Carden, demonstrate the concept cars for our residents and guests. We hope to do this again next year and it would be wonderful to have General Motors join us for our second annual "Dream Cruise." Their kindness brought sunshine to the young and old residents alike.



The Pontiac Piranha sports a look designed for the young and young at heart.

FROM WHENCE WE CAME

by Adam Hitch, Media and Communications

Educational Opportunities in Oakland County

Many of the jobs in Oakland County Government require a degree as a prerequisite. Consequently many employees have or are pursuing a degree at one of the county's higher learning institutions.

Oakland University started in 1957 when Alfred and Matilda Wilson donated \$2 million and their 1,500-acre estate to Michigan State University. It opened in Rochester Hills in 1959 as MSU-Oakland with 570 students. The name was changed to Oakland University in 1963 and was granted autonomy by the Michigan legislature in 1970. At present over 16,000

students are enrolled with 114 baccalaureate degree and 72 graduate and certificate programs offered.

Oakland County established Oakland Community College in June of 1964. It opened in 1965 with a then record community college enrollment of 3,860 students on 2 campuses. The annual enrollment now averages about 75,000 students. Classes are offered in 90 career fields at five campuses in Auburn Hills, Highland Lakes, Orchard Ridge, Royal Oak and Southfield.

Dean Russell E. Lawrence founded the Lawrence Technological University located in Southfield in 1932 as an independent non-profit institution of higher learning. The university currently offers 50 academic programs in associate, bachelors, masters and doctoral levels to an enrollment of nearly 5,000 students.

Located in Troy and Southfield, the University of Phoenix has been an accredited university since 1978. The two Michigan locations are among the 120 campuses and learning centers in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. The university started providing degree programs via the internet in 1989 with total enrollment now more than 72,000 students. Degree programs are offered in Business Management, Technology, Education, and Nursing.

The North Central Christian College opened in Rochester Hills in 1959. In 1961 the name was changed to Michigan Christian



College. It became Rochester College in 1997 "in order to more clearly portray the institution's nature as a liberal arts college in a Christian setting." The campus sits on 80 acres of land in the Rochester Hills area where 1,500 students take classes.

Serving as a business school with campuses in Troy and Novi for southeastern Michigan, Walsh College held its first ever class September 18, 1922 in the sixth floor of the capital theater building in downtown Detroit. The school eventually moved to Troy following the purchase of 20 acres of farmland in 1968. By 1970 bachelor degree classes were offered in Troy and five years later the college received accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the same year enrollment broke the 1,000 mark. The Novi campus opened in 1998 along with the launch of Walsh College MBA with 274 students. Online learning programs started in 2001.

Two colleges not headquartered in the county but with degree completion centers are Siena Heights University and Baker College. With a center in Southfield, Siena Heights has been offering a liberal arts educational program since 1969. Baker College features an Auburn Hills campus that offers business degrees to over 25,000 students.

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Golf Course, Youth Camping and New Cabins Top Projects for 2004

A completely re-designed nine-hole golf course, a youth group camping area and new camping cabins are among the top projects for Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission in 2004.

Red Oaks Golf Course in Madison Heights will re-open in spring 2004 following a two-year closure due to a drain construction project. Designed by golf course architect Jerry Matthews, Red Oaks improvements include the addition of bunkers, berms three sets of tees, and larger greens on the nine-hole course. The project also includes a new 2,700 square-foot clubhouse.

Two covered picnic shelters, six platform tents and a restroom/shower building make up a youth group camping area at Independence Oaks County Park, near Clarkston. Groups of up to 150 will be able to hike a new trail and boardwalk to the Clinton River.

At Addison Oaks, north of Rochester, two new six-person cabins will be constructed as well as a group picnic shelter. The new cabins will make a total of six for the park.

Other projects for 2004 include an adventure (miniature) golf facility at Groveland Oaks near Holly, a shade pavilion at Red Oaks Waterpark, a new play lot at Waterford Oaks in Waterford Township and a design for paving the trail around Crooked Lake at Independence Oaks.

Among other golf course improvements will be parking lot curbing and expansion of asphalt cart paths at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills, and tees expansion at Lyon Oaks in Wixom.

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission has approved a 2004 budget of \$21.8 million for the 11-park, 6000-acre system which hosts 1.6 million visits annually. Of the amount, \$9.1 million comes from fees and charges and \$12.7 is derived from parks and recreation funds. (The owner of a \$150,000 market value home pays \$18.75 annually to maintain, improve and acquire parkland.)

Daily park entry fees will remain at \$5 per vehicle for Oakland County residents and rise to \$10 for non-residents. Annual permits

for County residents are discounted at \$28, while non-residents pay \$46.

For the second year a combined Oakland County Parks and Huron Clinton Metroparks pass valid at 19 locations is available for \$43.

Camping rates for County residents will be \$24 per site. Lyon Oaks, Glen Oaks, Springfield Oaks and White Lake Oaks Golf Course greens fees remain the same for 2004.

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission offers additional facilities and programs that range from nature education, boating, fishing and hiking to a refrigerated toboggan run, recreation on wheels, dozens of special events, and activities for the disabled.

For more information, call the Oakland County Parks at 888-OCPARKS (toll-free) or TTY: (248) 858-1684. Visit the parks website at www.co.oakland.mi.us.

What is a friend?

Barbara Martin is a 24-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, currently working in the Marine Division. Barbara Martin and Kathy Barrett-Hanners had been friends since the fifth grade. They were also neighbors in Berkley where Kathy provided "foster care" to many animals over the years of their friendship. Kathy passed away on July 12, 2003, but her memory and her kindness to animals lives on through the generous donation of Barbara, who gave a life-size Labrador statue to the Animal Shelter in memory of her friend. Being physically located in the same building as Animal Control,



Barbara, and many of the other employees in this building, find themselves taking home animals on a regular basis. They also help to insure that as many as possible of the animals that enter the shelter become adopted. Many become service dogs, doing a variety of duties for municipalities and organizations within Oakland County.

In spite of the many animals that are adopted within the county, the need is great for more people willing to adopt. If you would like to adopt an animal, please contact or visit the Animal Control Shelter at



1700 Brown Road
Auburn Hills, Michigan, USA, 48326
Phone: 248-391-4103

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Monday and Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

When he looks at himself in the mirror, Dan Young sees the past not the present or even the future. He sees himself at his past weight of 450 pounds.

Young suffers from Epstein-Barr Syndrome, commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. "Imagine going to the bar all night long, waking up the next morning completely exhausted but without a headache and imagine having that feeling for years, that is what I was feeling," he says.

Nine years ago it all started. Dan was exhausted all the time, and figured he needed to start relaxing more. A couple weeks later the exhaustion persisted so he went to the doctor who told him he had pneumonia. He kept feeling tired went to the doctor again and this time he was told he had mononucleosis. This was his diagnosis the rest of the year as the symptoms persisted.

Young switched doctors a couple times before going to Dr Mark Richter. All the blood tests showed mono, but a medical institute recommended Dan try a new test.

The test immediately showed Young had Epstein-Barr Syndrome. "This was half the battle, now at least I knew what was wrong," said Dan.

Together Dan and Dr Richter tried all the recommended treatments but nothing helped. He already had a healthy diet as a former body-builder ready to jump into competition. "I did not have energy but I looked good," he says.

An article in a sporting magazine about a competitive mountain biker who experienced the same affliction carried the cure. Going on a high fat diet would recapture his energy. Though it would be a risk, the ex weightlifter made the decision to feel good instead of look good and started eating fatty foods.

The energy came back but as a result of the new diet his body weight increased to over 450 pounds. He now had to lose the weight while keeping his newly recovered energy. He tried everything. The Atkins Diet worked a little, but he needed more help and eventually opted for surgery. The surgery successfully shrunk his stomach and weight-

loss followed. A smaller stomach created smaller portions of food as the sensation of "full" came quicker.

Dan points out that there is irony in his tale. He always had a weight problem when he was young and eventually he decided to start taking better care of himself. He quit drinking and smoking and started to workout. When he started taking care of himself is when the problems started.

Doctors told him this is what happens when a person lives a high intensity lifestyle. Dan not only worked out on a regular basis, he owns his own business, participates in countless charities, heads a county employee's union, and runs political campaigns. This lifestyle combined with little sleep contributed to Epstein-Barr.

Now in the final stages of recovery and back to his job in maintenance, Dan has nothing but gratitude for his department and superiors. "My department is like a family where everyone rallies to help out another," said Dan. "Without them, an understanding boss, and the county benefits none of this would have been possible."

Oakland Youth Graduate from Drug Treatment Court

On Tuesday, June 10, 2003 Oakland County's family-focused juvenile drug court held its fourth graduation ceremony honoring four graduates of the program. Entitled OPTIONS - The Power to Choose, this program began in June 2001 with five participants, and is currently providing services to 24 youth and their families.

OPTIONS is a four-phase intervention program for juveniles who are repeat, non-violent offenders and who are having difficulty staying clean and sober. The program's key elements are: treating the family as well as the child, intense and frequent treatment, and a long-term commitment to program requirements by everyone involved.

The graduates of the OPTIONS program have successfully completed four phases, which include regular random drug

testing, weekly probation contacts, family appearances in court, participation in a 12-step program, and intensive outpatient therapy. They must also attend either school or work full-time, and must have completed youth community service hours. All participants receive incentives for their positive performance in the program, and sanctions in response to non-compliance with program requirements.

A mother of one graduate was overwhelmed by the program's impact on her family. "We now communicate," she exclaimed. When one prospective graduate was asked what he thought would have happened to him had he not been accepted into the program, he replied, "I would have gotten locked up." Another noted that he would be "dead or in jail." A third prospective graduate of

the program points out an additional drug court benefit. "I no longer blame my problems on other people," he insists. Dr. Pamela Howitt, Program Director, takes a larger view. "The OPTIONS program has proven to be one of the most exciting and successful programs in the court, with a recidivism rate of fourteen percent. We are delivering real value to the citizens of Oakland County."

Judge Edward Sosnick, Presiding Judge of the program adds, "Abuse of drugs by kids is a major problem in our nation, where too often traditional methods have not worked. The OPTIONS model is a new approach that can really change, even save lives. Our graduates learn that good choices result in positive consequences. We are very proud of our program and our graduates."

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◆ James Windell ◆

Circuit Court
Family Division

Conquering Postpartum Depression, a book examining a mood disorder originating after childbirth was co-authored by Oakland County's James Windell. Windell serves as a clinical psychologist with the Oakland County Circuit Court's Family Division where he works with delinquent and deviant children.

Windell keeps a very active writing career and started writing books in the late 1980s while a columnist for the Oakland Press. His editor pushed him to write but he wondered if he had anything to say. A deal was struck. He would write one chapter a month and if a new chapter was not on his editor's desk at the start of the month she would pressure him. He missed the first month but never again. Now he tries to write at least one book yearly.

The foundation for the postpartum depression book was formed over 10 years ago when Windell first met one of the collaborators, Deborah Greening. Five years later the idea for the book originated when Greening suggested Windell talk to Ronald Rosenberg a leading professional in the field of postpartum depression.

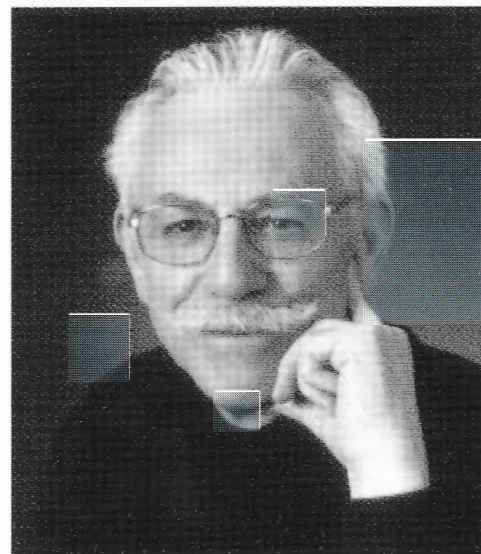
Windell heard him speak and the decision for the three of them to collaborate on a book was made.

The book they co-authored employed a unique approach regarding the affliction, which for the first time looks at the risk factors involved and creates a treatment plan focusing on medication and therapy. Early feedback includes a positive review in Publisher's Weekly and a pre-publication endorsement from the Yale Medical School.

Windell currently has three more books in the works ranging from a professional's book on how to treat high conflict divorce couples, a parenting book for fathers and a collaboration with cardiologists on health and lifestyle for middle age people.

Story ideas are becoming more numerous the more he is published. This has enabled him to work with co-authors. "They make writing a social affair with sounding boards for trouble shooting and ideas," says Windell.

On the distant horizon, Windell would like to co-write a book with his wife, who is a speech therapist, and possibly write a novel. "Other than all this I live a pretty uneventful life," he insists.



After earning his Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology at Oakland University, James Windell has been a consultant in various juvenile court systems, the State of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Social Services, daycare programs, hospitals, shelters for battered women and preschools.

Along with being a clinical psychologist in the Oakland County Juvenile Court's Psychological Clinic, he is a psychotherapist in a private psychological clinic in Bloomfield Hills.

In 1993, his skills training class for parents of delinquents was awarded the Outstanding Education Program Award by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

He has written a column for the Oakland Press titled "Coping with Kids," and contributes to Working Mother Magazine. Reviews of his work have appeared in the New York Times, Working Mother Magazine, Child Magazine and Parent's Digest.

In the past 13 years he has appeared on over 150 radio and television programs including CNN, The Company Show, Gerry Spence, and the Donahue Show.

Windell lives in Bloomfield Hills, is married and the father of two adult children.

All information was found at
www.jameswindell.com

Carla Spradlin



Recently elected to represent Oakland County on the Michigan Community Development Directors Association's Board of Directors, Carla Spradlin deserves Employee of the Month recognition. Her supervisor Karry Rieth says Carla approaches her job in providing guidance to local communities in the Community Development Block Grant Program with "panache and a savvy demeanor."

Carla became a planner in 2001; previously working in public information and special projects for the department. She helps 50 of the 61 local communities determine their eligibility for grant money. "I was totally surprised by the employee of the month honor. I was especially surprised that my co-workers were able to keep that secret as long as they did. I definitely work with many great people!"

Aside from planning, Carla is a master gardener through the MSU-Extension program with reading and working on her old cottage home near a lake as her other hobbies.

A county employee for the past 15 years, Betty Tuzinowski started working for the Health Division as a field nurse. She held this position for four years, the same amount of time she has held her current post in communicable diseases.

Fondly referred to as "Betty T" throughout the Health Division, it was her co-workers who nominated her for the Employee of the Month honor. "I want to thank my co-workers for nominating me, I work with a great bunch of people who work really well as a team," says Betty.

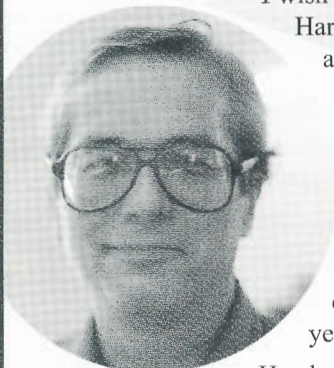
When not the doting grandmother to granddaughter Paige, whose pictures cover her desk, she soothes her mind quilting and reading, "I will admit it, I also consider watching television one of my hobbies."

Betty has been married to her husband Dan for the past 37 years and they have four children, three of which reside out west.

Betty Tuzinowski



Keith Harding



"I wish I had a hundred more like him," says supervisor Kurt Taylor when talking about Keith Harding. Harding has worked as a maintenance mechanic for the past 23 years, starting in 1980 and assigned to the second floor of the jail five years later.

Taylor says, "Keith has made many changes to the Jail equipment over the years that have made things more effective and efficient and saved valuable time for everyone." This hard work no doubt contributed to him receiving the "Citation for Professional Excellence" this year from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. He was the first person from his department to ever receive this honor.

Outside of work, Harding has an array of hobbies. He likes cooking and woodworking, especially making furniture. "I just had an interest in it and have been doing it for the past ten years."

He also enjoys fishing and collecting pictures and figurines from lighthouses.

A county employee since 1997, Deborah Thuesen has served in her current post as a health support specialist since November 2002.

Among her duties, she serves as a liaison between the Health Division and IT. "She maintains a positive attitude, and high energy in demanding work situations," says her supervisor Tom Fockler. "She also demonstrates excellence in quality and quantity of work."

Thuesen is also a full-time student at Cleary University where she is pursuing a bachelors degree in Business Administration, a pursuit motivated by a couple factors. She wants to show her daughter, Talia, not to wait to go back to school, but to stay until graduation.

Thuesen has her eyes set on acquiring a county job that requires a degree. By taking accelerated six-week classes, Deborah will have her degree in June of 2004.

When not busy at work or school Thuesen is a full-time mom with a husband, Harold, a son Harold Jr, and 2 dogs and 3 cats.

Deborah Thuesen





Catherine Rasegan began her career at the county with the Prosecutor's Office in 1994 before transferring to Planning and Development in 1998. Working as a loan officer for the SBA-504 program she helps

local county businesses obtain federal funds for fixed asset financing.

"This current post is enjoyable because it creates a lot of contact with the community," says Catherine. Her supervisor Dan Hunter says, "Catherine is just a great person to have working with the PEDS team. She exudes professionalism, confidence, and enjoys her work as shown in the positive attitude she has much of the time."

When not busy at work Catherine and her husband Bret, who also works in Planning and Development, have traveled to distant locales such as Italy and France. But now they are busy fixing up an older home they bought in Rochester. "While Bret renovates, I watch" remarks Catherine alluding to the fact she is expecting the couple's first child in December.



Catherine Rasegan

Blackout Wedding



Johanna Checkley was happily doing the flowers eagerly anticipating her wedding the next day August 15, 2003 to Boykin Golden. At the same time the baker started baking Johanna's wedding cake.

Then the power went out, and people started to worry. The wedding and Johanna's happiness would not be denied though as people bonded together to keep the wedding on schedule though the cake could not be completed.

Especially helpful was the caterer, The night the power went out he invited everyone in the wedding party over, 15 people in all, to come up with a plan of attack.

The wedding would go on without a hitch. The flowers were stored in a bathtub full of ice to preserve them and the caterer's son drove from Kalamazoo to drop off gas for the generator.

Before she said, "I do" on Friday, Johanna had to get her hair done, made difficult without the assistance of a hairdresser. The bridal party persevered and gathered at a

friend's house that had power. A friend's dad would soon deliver a cake from Port Huron.

The wedding was held at the Lafayette Grande in Pontiac, without power.

The ceremony was supposed to be held on the chapel's fifth floor, but with the elevator not working everything was done on the 2nd and 3rd floor ballroom.

It was a magical event. As it got darker more candles were lit, totaling over 400 by the end of the night.

The generator was a major asset cooking the food early and later assisting the disc jockey.

The caterer again went beyond the call of duty, using flashlights to walk people to their cars after the reception.

The day was magical as everyone bonded together to give Mr. and Mrs. Golden a wedding full of memories if not electrical power!

BENEFITS

Q&A

Q How do I add/delete a dependent (spouse) from my health coverage?

A You may go online to print out the "Change Kit" (ocbenefits.com) for the forms that must be completed. All paperwork must be completed within 30 days from the date of the event.

Q My dependent child just turned 19 years old this year. Can she/he stay on my medical coverage?

A (See natural select book page 5) - To remain eligible, he must not have reached the end of the calendar year in which he turned 25, he/she must be unmarried, living at home (or temporary residence at school) and qualifies as a dependent for federal tax purposes.

Q My spouse lost his/her coverage through their company - can I add him/her on my coverage?

A Yes - you may add your spouse on your coverage within 30 days from the date of event. Complete a "membership and record change" form found on ocbenefits.com.

Q Do I have master medical under the Blue Preferred Plan (PPO), and if so what is covered?

A Yes, you have a \$100 (1 person) and \$200 (family) deductible for durable medical equipment (wheel chairs, hospital beds) and out patient mental health. Also applies to physical and speech therapy after your 60 days are used under your basic coverage. Your co-pay is 10% (25% for mental health).

Q If I am out of the country, will my insurance cover anything?

A You will have to pay for the service and submit it to your insurance when you return. Be sure to have an itemized bill with dates of service, services performed, diagnosis. The bill should be in US dollars if possible.

person to person

L. Brooks Patterson



A crisis often brings out the best in people. That was certainly the case on August 14 when the lights went out all over Oakland County and across about a third of the country.

Oakland County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated just moments after the outage occurred and remained staffed for the next three days. The EOC, led by our top-flight Emergency Response and Preparedness folks, immediately set in motion plans to assist any of our local communities which needed assistance.

The EOC was asked to assist North Oakland Medical Center in the evacuation of about 130 patients when the backup generator failed. The EOC was instrumental in locating fire and ambulance services that could transfer the patients to other hospitals in the area.

Oakland County's Department of Facilities Management had 50 employees working various shifts and overtime during the blackout maintaining and operating more than 40 county buildings, 16 of which are 24/7 operations.

During the blackout, Facilities Management personnel maintained and refueled 19 fixed base emergency electrical generators, restored power to all county facilities once primary electrical service was restored, assisted in obtaining and distributing bottled drinking water to all critical county facilities and hospitals and assisted in obtaining gasoline and diesel fuel for the Sheriff's Department, as well as other police agencies and fire departments.

The Oakland County Health Division played a prominent role in making sure citizens had all the information they needed to get through the crisis. The health team kept citizens, through the media, informed on a variety of health related issues such as proper procedures for boiling water, hand washing, and dish washing. Health also brought in extra staff to answer calls that came into the phone bank that was established. Twenty to 25 members from Environmental Health fanned out to Oakland County restaurants to make sure food and kitchen utensils were being handled in a safe and proper manner.

Another of the many bright spots for Oakland County in the blackout of 2003 was the "hams". More than 80 ham radio volunteers were dispatched to 5 local police departments and one hospital which had lost communications. The "hams" also relayed vital information back to the Emergency

Operations Center concerning critical needs in the various communities. The EOC also coordinated with the National Guard for the use of a 5,000 gallon water tanker so area hospitals could flush their toilets.

The County's Information Technology staff was fully prepared to meet the crisis. The computer rooms' banks of batteries, which are normally used to maintain a steady flow of power during minor interruptions, instantly took over to sustain the multitude of computers, communications systems, servers, emergency lighting and air conditioning equipment.

Thanks to IT's great preparedness, Oakland County did not lose 911 service, especially at a time when it was needed most.

Not knowing initially whether the blackout was caused by a criminal act or some other reason, the Sheriff's Department moved swiftly to activate its Special Response Team and Aviation Unit in order to ensure a rapid response to any problem area of the county.

Once the problem was determined to be mechanical in nature, the Aviation Unit switched its focus from safeguarding the county's industrial infrastructure to assisting officers on the street in deterring potential troublemakers who might take advantage of the power outage to loot homes or businesses.

At one time or another during the blackout, virtually every member of my executive team manned their respective posts in the EOC. Management and Budget staff did quick work in crunching the numbers to assess the financial impact on Oakland County from the power outage. In fact Oakland County was one of the first areas impacted by the blackout to report its economic damage estimates.

The blackout of 2003 is now history, but it did bring to light just how well prepared Oakland County was to deal with the crisis. The citizens of Oakland County should be very pleased with the performance turned in by the men and women of Oakland County government. I know I am. I thank all of you for a job well done.

Mancino's Pizza & Grinders

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out of the LUNCHBOX

Old Country Buffet

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248-338-9050

Many employees who work in the county complex take Pontiac Lake Road everyday. Along the path is one of the best places to eat lunch in the county.

Mancino's Pizza & Grinders fills a person's stomach with good hearty food. The grinder is a sandwich of Everest proportions, loaded with meats and cheeses sure to ruin any diet. They are served in three sizes; seven inches for the hungry, fourteen inches for the super hungry, and three feet for parties or the really crazy. The prices range from \$5 for seven inches, \$9 for fourteen inches and \$40 for three feet.

Mancino's also offers a variety of pizzas but their signature pizza is the loaded Mancino's Pride which consists of pepperoni, sausage, ham, onions, mushrooms, green peppers, and black olives. Licking your lips yet? Bring a friend and be filled up for \$12.99.

Eat in or order takeout, whatever you do your hunger will be satisfied!

Six dollars is all it takes to fill up during the county lunch hour. Old Country Buffet is exactly what the name implies, a buffet. The choices range from American to Italian, pasta to hot dogs with salad as an appetizer.

For those unfamiliar to Old Country Buffet, it is a collection of buffet tables in the middle of a large dining room without waiters or waitresses. As you walk into the restaurant with a hungry appetite you first encounter the cash register. After paying the six dollars for lunch and a beverage, you will see seven buffet lines all waiting to satisfy your hunger. Take all you want, because it's all you can eat.

After the salad and main course, the desert table beckons with chocolate, vanilla, or both if you like. Once this decision has been made next comes the choice of toppings; sprinkles, whipped cream, and more chocolate. One thing is for certain: if you leave Old Country Buffet hungry it will be your own fault.

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

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.

from the desk of

Desiree Stanfield

Oakland County residents are asked to take a "green approach" to disposal of Christmas Trees.

The Oakland County Parks will accept Christmas trees at 10 locations from December 26, 2003 - January 10, 2004. Trees will be accepted 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., seven days. There is no charge to participate.

Drop-off, self-serve sites include Addison Oaks near Oxford; Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills; Groveland Oaks near Holly; Independence Oaks near Clarkston; Lyon Oaks in Lyon Township; Orion Oaks in Orion Township; Red Oaks in Madison Heights; Springfield Oaks in Davisburg; Waterford Oaks in Waterford; and White Lake Oaks near Pontiac.

Additionally, holiday trees will be recycled at Independence Oaks and Orion Oaks only through January 31, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., seven days.

Recyclers are asked to remove all decoration, metal, string, plastic, etc. from trees. Commercial lot trees will not be accepted.

For more information, call (248) 858-0906. Visit the Oakland County Parks website at www.co.oakland.mi.us for park maps.

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Mr. Smith has lots of pound coins, ten boxes in all.

Each box contains 100 pound coins, but one box contains coins which are counterfeit and are slightly lighter, 1/16 of an ounce lighter to be exact.

The problem lies in the fact that they all look identical, the only way to tell them apart is to weigh them.

How many weighings are required to determine which box contains the counterfeit ones?

To answer, call Mike at 858-0457 or email at zackm@co.oakland.mi.us

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

kudos coming & going

new hires



Elbert F.D. Pritchett, Jr., Aviation & Transportation, was hired as an airport maintenance mechanic I on April 21, 2003.

Harvey Mesler, Aviation % Transportation, was hired as an airport maintenance mechanic I on June 30, 2003.

Beverly Carter, DP Equipment Operator, was hired on March 31, 2003 in the TSN Division of Information Technology.

John Hoppesch, Programmer, was hired on June 23, 2003 in the Clemis Division of Information Technology.

Justin Tryles, customer service technician, was hired full-time on July 21, 2003 in the Administration Division of Information Technology.

Tammi Shepherd, user support specialist, was hired on August 1st, 2003 in the DISC Division of Information Technology.

Laura Miller was hired general helper, Custodial.

Daniel Jacobson was hired general helper, Custodial.

Jody Caldwell was hired civil engineer III, Drain Commissioner's Office.

Suzanne Piddington, was hired civil engineer III, Drain Commissioner's Office.

Richard Craine II, was hired general helper, Drain Commissioner's Office.

Anthony Campaign, was hired general helper, Drain Commissioner's Office.

Shelly Diehl was hired engineering aide, Drain Commissioner's Office.

Phillip Dunny was hired groundskeeper II.

Lance Cottrell was hired maintenance laborer,

Lance Cottrell was hired maintenance laborer, Drain Commissioner's Office.

Jada Thomason was hired student, GIS/IT unit, Drain Commissioner's Office.

Israel Brown was rehired, GIS/CAD technician I, Drain Commissioner's Office.

Attorney Suzanne Hollyer has been appointed as Oakland County Friend of the Court on June 24, 2003.

Marriages

Jon Oesch, water maintenance unit, married Amber Pollina on June 14, 2003.

births



Dale Boadway, Drain Commissioner's Office, welcomed Cody on May 29, 2003.

Sherri Gee, Drain Commissioner's Office, welcomed Sophie Lydia on May 12, 2003.

Allen Cooley, Drain Commissioner's Office welcomed Isabell on August 15, 2003.

fond farewells



Leland Needham, stp operator II, Drain Commissioner's Office, retired on March 28, 2003.

Ron Wintland, sewage treatment supervisor II, retired March 27, 2003.

James Porter, special projects engineer, retired March 28, 2003.

Lindsay Dees, student engineer, Drain Commissioner's Office on August 20, 2003.

Joseph Slocum, seasonal laborer, Drain Commissioner's Office on August 14, 2003.

James Kennedy, seasonal laborer, Drain Commissioner's Office on June 13, 2003.

promotions



Mark Danowski was promoted to engineering systems coordinator, Drain Commissioner's Office on February 22, 2003.

Melissa Shabdue was promoted to office assistant II, Drain Commissioner's Office on May 17, 2003.

Mary Gaedt was promoted to sewage treatment supervisor II on April 5, 2003.

Tom Cherro was promoted to construction inspector II, Drain Commissioner's Office on March 22, 2003.

Wayne Harbin was promoted to water maintenance supervisor I on July 12, 2003.

Robert Shumate was promoted to pump maintenance mechanic II on July 26, 2003.

Kell Rice was promoted to pump mechanic on August 9, 2003.

Joseph Nowry was promoted to maintenance mechanic I on August 9, 2003.

Elmer Dunny was promoted to maintenance mechanic I on August 9, 2003.

Mark Davis was promoted to engineering systems coordinator on August 9, 2003.

Holly Polakowski was promoted to drain operations clerk on August 9, 2003.

Captain Douglas Eader was promoted to major/deputy chief of state over corrections on August 23, 2003.

Captain Damon Shields was promoted to major/deputy chief of state over law enforcement on August 23, 2003.

Lieutenant Douglas Molinar was promoted to captain on August 23, 2003.

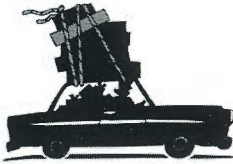
Lieutenant Mark Newman was promoted to captain on August 23, 2003.

Berlin Batey, Aviation & Transportation, promoted to Airport Maintenance Mechanic II on June 14, 2003.

celebrations life events

transfers

Richard Craine, III transferred from Drain to Maintenance on June 14, 2003.



Tammy Lilly-Farren, transferred to Parks and Recreation on July 12, 2003.

Deborah Desnoyers transferred to drain administration clerk/receptionist on June 28, 2003.

Daniel H. Fettes transferred to Veteran's Services from the VFW in Detroit.

Pamela Rush transferred to account clerk I, Drain Commissioner's Office on August 9, 2003.

Michael Olds transferred to engineering aide, Drain Commissioner's Office on July 26, 2003.

HIDDEN TALENTS IV: Oakland County Employee Art Exhibition

November 24, 2003 through January 9, 2004

Reception and Presentation of Awards will be

Wednesday, December 3, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

The Oakland County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson and the Office of Arts, Culture & Film proudly present the annual Employee Art Exhibition, *Hidden Talents IV*, displayed at the Oakland County Galleria. It features works of art created by past and present employees of Oakland County, and their families. Juror, Lisa Konikow, the Arts Director for the *Arts, Beats & Eats* Festival, will honor four artists with awards. The People's Choice will be presented at the conclusion of the exhibition on January 9, 2004.

Medical Care Facility "Prom Night"

On the night of Friday, June 20th the Medical Care Facility was transformed into a tropical paradise complete with palm trees, a volcano and a flamingo.

Magic? No just great decorating as residents, guests and staff of the Medical Care Facility participated in the third annual prom, "A Hawaiian Luau."

This year's royalty were Mary Eatmon, a resident since 2002, and Jack Copenhagen, a resident since April. They presided over this year's prom with a joyous hand.

The crowd included County Executive L. Brooks Patterson featuring his Hawaiian print shirt while welcoming the residents and guests. "I danced into the wee hours of the morning and can not wait to go to prom next year."

The physical transformation of the MCF was the work of the Activities

Department who put countless hours into decorating. The result was "the largest crowd we have had yet", said Pearlean Lewis-Jones Activities Director.

Lewis also said, "We would like to thank the many generous County employees who supported our popcorn sales and 50/50 raffles which provided us with the funds to make this year's event a huge success. I would also like to thank the staff of the Medical Care Facility and the Prom Planning Committee for working so well together to make this a memorable event for our residents and their families".

Thanks to Janet Ogden of Fiscal Services for the large flamingo and Nancy Falardeau, Payroll, for her very colorful parrot and Kathy McLernon, Fiscal Services, for her paper mache' sun.



Mr. Patterson and Jackie Mills in full Hawaiian attire.

Thanks also goes to Ann Holberg and the entire HDS Food Service staff for the outstanding job and excellent food. Highlights of the buffet included dolphin-shaped bananas and tropical bird-like cantaloupes.

Toot Thy Horn

Arts, Culture & Film

new stuff ■

Brown Bag Lectures

October 16, 2003

"Does Poetry Really Matter; The Growing Literary Scene in the Detroit Area"

M.L. Liebler, Poet

November 20, 2003

"Portrait Demonstration: The Creative Process"

Robert Maniscalco, Artist, Gallery Owner & Advocate

December 18, 2003

"Cranbrook: Oakland's Masterpiece of American Design"

Mark Coir, Director, Cranbrook Archives

January 15, 2003

Sedric Sawyer, Film Maker & Owner of Small Screen Productions

February 19, 2004

"After Whistler"

Sue, DIA Speakers Bureau

Hidden Talents IV: Oakland County Employees Art Exhibition

All Oakland County employees, retirees, and their families are invited to submit original artworks pertaining to any subject in any medium. Three (3) works maximum per entrant will be considered. Artwork must have been completed after 2001. Works by artists under age 18 will be accepted in a special category. Entries must be hand-delivered to the Office of Arts, Culture & Film on November 18th and 19th between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Entry forms are available at the Oakland County office of Arts, Culture & Film in the Executive Office Building, 34 East, 2nd Floor. Please call or email any questions to: Kristie Everett-Zamora, Director (248) 858-0415 or zamorak@co.oakland.mi.us; Kelly Sleva, Secretary (248) 858-4020 or slevak@co.oakland.mi.us.

■ spot light

A senior at Oakland University, Lindsey Newell has been the department's intern since October of 2002.



This May she will graduate with two bachelors' degrees in Art History, with honors, and History.

After her internship is completed, Lindsey would like to work in the museum field and later travel to Greece, Ireland, and Australia.

"I always wanted to work with artifacts. I even started off wanting to be an archeologist."

She would like to become a museum curator, where she will have full authority over exhibitions. Employment at one of the more prestigious auction houses in the United States is also a possibility.

Leading the charge to promote the quality of life in Oakland County is the Office of Arts, Culture and Film.

The office small in size, only two people, but large in scope "serves to enhance, strengthen and promote the arts and cultural life in Oakland County through advocacy, promotion, funding and programming initiatives."

It achieves these goals through a variety of means.

They sponsor the Oakland County Galleria at the Executive Office Building, which showcases art and artists throughout the county.

They also organize the Brown Bag Lecture Series. County employees are encouraged to attend the lectures held during the county lunch hour at IT.

The department also administers the Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs' Regional Regranting Program. The program in effect since 1986 gives grants money to non-profit organizations in Oakland County to support high quality arts and cultural programs.

For more information on the Office of Arts, Culture and Film visit www.artsoakland.com.