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A Message from the County Executive

You could save a life with CPR

Dear Readers,

Summer is once again upon us and our thoughts turn to picnics, swimming, barbecues and other outdoor activities. It's certainly been a long winter and I'm sure we're all anxious to enjoy the summer months. However, it's important to remember that accidents and health problems tend to coincide with the warmer weather, and caution and safety preparation may help prevent some of those accidents.

As some of you may recall, Sue Dignard of the Health Division was picnicking at Addison Oaks Park three years ago when she saved a young man's life by administering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) to him. When he was pulled from the water, he was not breathing and his skin was discolored. Thanks to Sue, he is able to keep enjoying his life.

CPR classes only take a few hours

and the knowledge you gain may prepare you to help save a life in the future.

Between 100,000 and 200,000 lives are saved each year in the United States by people who perform CPR properly. That's an astounding number. Just think how many more lives could be saved if more people took the time to learn CPR?

By knowing CPR, you may be able to prevent death from several common causes: electric shock, heart attack, drowning, drug overdose and suffocation to name but a few.

In 1989, approximately 400 Oakland County employees were trained in CPR classes offered by EMS/Emergency Management. This year we hope to better that number.

EMS/Emergency Management has classes scheduled for June 14 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This is a perfect time for



Dan Murphy

people to sign up for a class and be trained or to attend a refresher course and get re-certified.

I wholeheartedly encourage each and every one of you to register for one of the CPR classes offered by EMS/Emergency Management. You can obtain a more complete schedule of their summer classes by calling EMS at 85300 or by stopping by.

Hopefully none of you will ever have to perform CPR. It's important to remember that someone's life may depend on it.

Here's hoping everyone has a happy, prosperous and safe summer.

Sincerely,
Dan Murphy

See Perceptions/ Perspectives in Galleria

"Cool" by Rhea Schaefer is just one of the many fine works displayed at the County Galleria's Perceptions/Perspectives exhibition. Stop by and see the artists' different perceptions and perspectives of their subjects. (Photo by David Van de Grift)



Employee photo show returns

Back by popular demand... it's the Oakland County Employee Photo Show.

The revived annual show will be held Feb. 3- March 14, 1991 and promises to be the talk of the complex.

Photos must be submitted by Feb. 1, 1991. All submissions must be new

work by County employees or their families and must be mounted and framed.

So get your zoom lenses, tripods and camera ready to take your best shot.

Anyone interested in serving on the Employee Photo Show Committee or for more information, call David Van de

Grift at 858-0538.

Photo Show Rules:

- black & white or color invited
- 8"x10" print (or larger) preferred
- nominal entry fee to be utilized for prizes
- judged by independent, professional judge

Editor's Column

Readership survey yields new columns

Suzan Singer

Dear Readers,

Thank you for your participation in the readership survey. We really learned a lot about what you want from **The Telegraph**. We're happy to report that some of your suggestions are being implemented in this issue.

For example, several of you asked for more articles from Cooperative Extension. If you look throughout the issue you'll find stories dealing with disposing of old paint, horticulture, volunteering and alcohol abuse.

We've also started a new, regular column called "**Division Highlights**". In each issue a certain division will be discussed. We'll delve into the division staff's responsibilities and ask a few employees to talk to us about their day. The Division that is highlighted is selected strictly at random unless we receive a number of requests from people asking for a certain division. Today the Auditing Division is highlighted.

Again we welcome your suggestions



to keep making **The Telegraph** yours.

Sincerely,
Suzan Singer

Unsung heroine volunteers for HAVEN

by Rae Higgins

You've seen her tending to the plants and flowers in the county buildings and on the grounds. But Sallyanne Morris, Horticultural Specialist with FM & O, sees the huge contrast between the serenity of working with nature and the horrible violence she sees as a volunteer for HAVEN.

HAVEN, which stands for Help Against Violent Encounters Now, is a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assaults.

HAVEN, which is confidentially located in Pontiac, offers programs for victims of sexual assaults and domestic violence as well as counseling for perpetrators and batterers. It offers police training, an informational speakers bureau and an outreach program to schools and colleges as well. It is the only organization of its kind in Oakland County.

Sallyanne started volunteering when some friends asked her to donate some of her leaded, stained and fused glass to an art benefit for HAVEN. "That heightend my awareness and the need for help," Sallyanne said.

She started by picking up donations for the women and decided to get more involved. She went through HAVEN's training and has answered the Crisis Line for five years.

Sallyanne, 38, also co-facilitates seminars on topics like anger, stress



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reduction, domestic violence and sexual assault at Camp Gilman, a women's prison in Clarkston.

She explained that upon completion of each four week seminar, an inmate receives a certificate which could help her get paroled.

Sallyanne thinks volunteering for HAVEN is worthwhile. "I get a sense of filling a need the community has. It's an issue that I choose to put a lot of energy into. It's a hidden kind of problem for a lot of people," she said.

According to Sallyanne, HAVEN can house up to 60 women and children and is almost always full. "There is a segment of women who need the

support we offer," she said, "domestic violence and sexual abuse have no racial, economic or social barriers."

Sallyanne volunteers two days a week at HAVEN and feels overwhelmed sometimes. "There's so much violence," she said, "and progress seems to be very slow."

Sallyanne said volunteering is a good way to give to the community. "Even if it's by doing something you enjoy — it doesn't have to be a social issue."

Although the work tends to be negative, Sallyanne finds it to be rewarding. "There are some real success experiences. Some women have totally turned their lives around," she said.

Despite all the violence and fear Sallyanne sees, she is firmly committed. "I'd like to see the day when everyone has a violence free life," she said.

Because of her dedication, Sallyanne was one of 11 statewide volunteers recognized and awarded in Lansing by the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Governor Blanchard.

HAVEN is listed in the Yellow Pages under Domestic Abuse Information and Treatment Centers. You can reach the 24 hour Crisis Line at 334-1274. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation to HAVEN call the business line at 334-1284.

Calendar

June 5-26

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Photo Exhibit at Highland Township Library, on Livingston in Highland Township.

June 8-10

Team Tennis Challenge at Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex. Non-sanctioned. Call 858-5433.

June 9

"Michigan has 'Great' Lakes" nature program at Independence Oaks Nature Center, 7-9 p.m. This naturalist-guided evening canoe program features information about Michigan's great lakes and waterways. Bring own canoe or rent one for \$3. (Lifejackets must be worn.) Pre-registration required; call 625-6473.

June 9

"Take a Kid Fishing" Workshop at Independence Oaks County Park, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 5-19 accompanied by parent. Contests, prizes. Bring sack lunch. Sponsored by 4-H Youth Programs. Registration deadline is June 1. Call 858-0889.

June 15-17

9th Annual Senior Open at Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex. Sanctioned. Call 858-5433.

June 17

"Michael Deren" special presentation at the Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park, 2-3 p.m. Part of the "Flashback to Summer" event, a living history presentation brings to life the Michigan Lumbering Era as Michael Deren portrays a "shanty boy" character.

June 17

"Flashback to Summer" at Independence Oaks County Park. From noon-9:30 p.m., enjoy old-time summer games and activities, beginning with the 1800's and progressing through the present day. Fee \$4/vehicle for Oakland County residents (\$6/vehicle non-residents). Call 858-4945.

June 18

ports Camp begins at Waterford Oaks County Park. Week-long sessions for youth ages 8-14 includes sports, games, nature activities, swimming, fishing and a cookout. Call 858-0916 for details.

June 18

Swim lessons begin at Waterford Oaks and Red Oaks Waterparks. Two-week sessions continuing through August 10. For children and adults. Call Red Oaks at 585-6990 or Waterford Oaks at 858-0918.

June 18, 19 & 20

"Eco-explorers Investigate Insects" nature mini-class at Independence Oaks Nature Center, 1-3:30 p.m. Cost \$7/child/day. For children 6-8 years old. Pre-registration is required. Call 625-6473.

June 19

Public Meeting at Glen Oaks Golf Course, 7-8:30 p.m. Information on two Parks and Recreation millage issues on the August 7 ballot. Oakland County Parks facilities and activities are made possible through millage funds supported by Oakland County residents. Call 858-0906 to R.S.V.P.

June 21

"Waterways Know-How" nature mini-class at Independence Oaks Nature Center, 7-9 p.m. For those 13 and over. Cost: \$3/person. Pre-registration is required. Call 625-6473.

June 21 & 22

16th Annual Oakland County Junior Golf Invitational. At Springfield Oaks Golf Course on June 21 and White Lake Oaks Golf Course on June 22. 36 hole tournament for youth 12-19 years old; 18 hole tournament for those 11 and under. Cost: \$25 for 12-19 years old; \$20 for 11 years and under. Call 698-2700 or 265-2540 for details.

June 21-24

9th Annual Junior Firecracker Tennis Tournament at Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex. Sanctioned. Call 858-5433.

June 23

"Wheelchair Daze" at Independence Oaks County Park, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sponsored by Wright and Filippis. For information, call 853-1892.

June 26-July 17

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Photo Exhibit at Oakland YWCA, on Crooks Road, Clawson.

June 29-July 1

11th Annual Adult Tennis Classic at Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex. Sanctioned. Call 858-5433.

July 2

Fireworks display at Addison Oaks County Park. Park entry fee: \$5/vehicle after 5 p.m. Call 693-2432 for details.

July 6-8

Recreational Player Tennis Tournament #2 at Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex. Unsanctioned. Call 858-5433.

July 7

"Stone Soup" special presentation at the Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park, 7-8 p.m. Cost: \$2/person; \$8/family. Pre-registration is required. Call 625-6473.

July 8

Mobile Recreation presents "A Yankee Doodle Medley" at the Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park, 7-7:45 p.m. Park entry fee. Call 858-0916 for details.

July 10

"Tuning Your Tot Into Summer" nature program, 10-11:45 a.m. at Independence Oaks Nature Center. Cost: \$2/tot. Pre-registration is required. Call 625-6473.

July 13-15

Waterford Oaks Mixed Doubles Tennis Championships at Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex. Unsanctioned. Call 858-5433.

July 14

"Legends, Yarns & Tales II" nature program at Independence Oaks Nature Center, 7-9 p.m. Cost: \$1/person. Pre-registration is required. Call 625-6473.

July 14 & 15

"Hot Air Balloon Festival" at Springfield Oaks Activities Center from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Fifth annual event includes games for children, pony rides, antique show/folk art fair, car show, clowns, balloon flight competition. Two evening balloon launches planned. \$2 parking fee; pay-as-you-go. Call 625-8133 for details.

July 15

"Michigan Fat Tire Biathlon" at Addison Oaks County Park, 7-10 a.m. Combination of 10-mile bike race and two 2½ mile foot races. For registration/information call Lew Kidder, 662-4226.

July 17-August 8

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Photo Exhibit at Huntington Woods Public Library, on Scotia Street, Huntington Woods.

Calendar

July 19

County Employee "Walk Michigan" at the Oakland County Service Center. Join a one-mile walk between 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.; register across from Commissioners Auditorium on event day. Walkers are eligible to win an all-expense paid trip to Mackinac Island for the annual Labor Day Bridge Walk. Call 858-0916 for more information.

July 19-22

11th Annual Junior Tennis Classic at Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex. Sanctioned. Call 858-5433.

July 21 & 22

National BMX Races, Waterford Oaks BMX Track, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 1,500 participants compete in 50 age/skill classes of BMX (bicycle motocross) races. Call 858-0915 for more information.

July 24

"Lovely Lavender" nature mini-class at Independence Oaks Nature Center, 7-9 p.m. For those 13 and over. Cost: \$7/person. Pre-registration is required. Call 625-6473.

July 25

"Christmas in July" Party at Waterford Oaks Activity Center, 1-5 p.m. Anticipating a successful park awareness effort, mix, mingle, and label postcards reminding friends to vote. Call 858-0916 for details.

July 27-29

10th Annual Senior Tennis Classic at Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex. Sanctioned. Call 858-5433.

July 28

"Beetlemania" nature program at Independence Oaks Nature Center, 1-2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call 625-6473.

July 29

"Talons and Beaks" special presentation at the Cohn Amphitheater Independence Oaks County Park, 7-8 p.m. Cost: \$2/person; \$8/family. Pre-registration is required. Call 625-6473.

July 30-August 4

Oakland County 4-H Fair at Springfield Oaks County Park. Fair includes exhibits, livestock, demolition derby, carnival rides, daily entertainment, and more. Call 625-8133.

Employees make news

Births

Teri Hedge of Community Health and her husband, **Jim**, of Environmental Health, are the proud parents of a baby girl. Katie Marie was born on January 20, 1990 and weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Bennie Ellout, of Parks and Recreation and his wife are parents of a girl, Kiara Chantel, born March 1, 1990, weighing in at 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

New Employees

Pat Francis joined Risk Management and Safety on January 2, 1990 and is assisting with Worker's Compensation processing.

Leaving

Joanne Riharb, Health Division Laboratory, has been accepted to medical school at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She will begin her studies in the fall of 1990 and plans to go into family practice when finished. Joanne is a Medical Technologist with the Health Division Laboratory and has been an Oakland County employee since June, 1987.

Topical Audio Tapes in Library

If you want to spend your driving time learning management techniques, stop by the Reference Library in the EOB and check out a tape. Some of the titles include: Advanced Executive Leadership Skills (#15), Assertiveness for Career and Personal Success (#17), Communication Skills for Secretaries (#3), Computer Fundamentals for Managers (#1), Creative Problem Solving (#2), Effective Time Management (#12), Excellence in the Organization (#26), Finance and Accounting for the Non-Financial Managers (#10), Guide for Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants (#4), How to Be a Successful Public Speaker (#23), How to Be an Effective Middle Manager (#13), How to Be an Effective Supervisor (#6), Leading Meetings (#16), Listen and Be Listened To (#18), Microcomputer Literacy Program for Executives, Managers & Professionals (#9A & #9B), The Postive Manager (#24), Presentation by Objective (#20), The Psychology of Achievement (#28), Setting and Achieving Personal Goals (#19), Speed-Reading Self-Taught (#21), Strategic Planning (#8), Success System for Getting Television Coverage (#22), Successful Delegation (#11).



Mary McNaughton, pictured above with a patient, retired May 14 from the Medical Care Facility after 33 years. (Photo by David Van de Grift)



Kathi Rugenstein and Paula Anderson, Sheriff's Department dispatchers, helped deliver a baby over the phone in early April. (Photo by David Van de Grift)

Special delivery for dispatchers

by Rae Higgins

It's safe to say we all think babies are special...the ones delivered by doctors, the ones delivered by midwives and especially the ones delivered over the phone by dispatchers from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Shortly before 11 p.m. on April 9, a call came into dispatchers Kathi Rugenstein, 31, and Paula Anderson, 24. The man on the line told them his wife was in labor. The midwife they hired had not yet arrived at their home.

Kathi asked him how close his wife's contractions were and he replied he could see the infant's head.

"It was kind of hard to explain over the phone. I didn't know how much he knew," Kathi said.

At that point, Kathi told him to support the baby's head and to continue coaching his wife.

In the meantime, Paula and Kathi tried to reach the fire department, but the line was busy. Luckily, they reached an ambulance service and dispatched a unit to the couple's Highland Township home.

The baby boy was born minutes later, and both Paula and Kathi were nervous when the father said he thought the umbilical cord was around his son's neck. "Paula was a nurse so I gave the phone to her," Kathi said.

As Paula told the father to put the infant on the mother's stomach, Kathi dialed the fire department directly, this time getting a response.

The man then told Paula the baby looked blue and she asked him if the baby was breathing.

He said his son was not breathing and Paula gave him instructions on how to clear the baby's passageways.

The infant coughed and began to cry loudly. "I was relieved when the baby started crying," Paula said, "I was really concerned and it's hard to explain without being there."

"I was really excited and tears came to my eyes. I heard the tape of the phone call again and I felt chills," Kathi added.

Moments after little Nicholas Edward was born, the midwife and the fire department arrived.

Paula, who has been with the county for 10 months, explained that she and Kathi were excited. "We weren't panicky, we kept our cool and did our best," she said.

The couple, according to Kathi, was strong. "It was a group effort. We just stood by for moral support. The dad did a great job," she said.

Kathi, a four-year county employee, said she has never had to give birthing instructions over the telephone before.

"It's definitely been the most rewarding experience I've had. Most of the things we deal with are so negative," she said.

Pat Coates, who is Paula and Kathi's supervisor, is quite proud of their work. "Any recognition they get," she said, "is well deserved."

Upcoming Employee Events...

Walk-in Cholesterol & Blood Pressure Screenings

No appointment necessary!

Who: All Oakland County employees and family members age 19 and over

Cost: \$7.00

Where: Classroom, Health Division Annex, Oakland County Service Center

When: Mondays, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Contact Person: Karin Karlstrom at 858-1107

Stress Reduction Workshop

For: Oakland County employees and family members 19 and over

Cost: Free

Place: Health Annex classroom, Oakland County complex

Time: Promptly 4:00-5:30 p.m.

*One hour of the one and a half hour session is free work release time contingent upon **perfect** attendance.

Preregistration is mandatory, attendance is limited.

To register, contact
858-1394

5th Annual Las Vegas Wild Weekend

When: Friday, Nov. 9 - Monday, Nov. 12 (Veterans Day)

Where: Fabulous Tropicana Hotel & Casino on the Strip

Price: \$339.90 includes 3 nights, 4 days hotel, airfare & all luggage transfer and transportation to and from hotel to airport.

Pay Schedule:

June \$100.00

August 5 \$100.00

October 1 \$139.90

Please Call:

Bob Davis 858-0524

Gloria Davis 858-1023 or

home 338-0878

Garden hotline answers questions about insects and plants

by Cooperative Extension

So, you've started a garden. What do you do when insects invade your veggies or roses? How do you identify and control plant disease? The answers to these questions and more can be found at your Cooperative Extension Service Garden Hotline and Clinic.

Expert Master Gardeners staff the Hotline and can answer a variety of questions on plant disease, insect control, and lawn and turf problems.

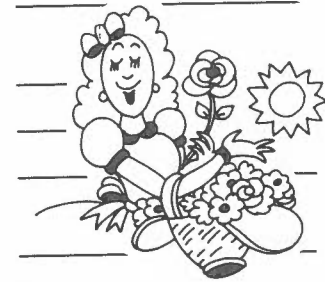
"We like to tell people we're Master Gardeners, not God," says Mary Bauer, who helps staff the Hotline. But, even if these Master Gardeners can't answer a particular question or solve a

certain problem, they can usually find someone who can. Supporting the Extension Horticulture Department are specialists at Michigan State University and across the state.

People are encouraged to bring samples of plants and insects in question to the clinic for identification and/or diagnosis. The Master Gardeners also answer a number of questions over the phone.

Often gardeners are directed to a number of bulletins published by Cooperative Extension Service to help find answers.

Located in the North Office Building, the clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Hotline number is 858-0902 and can be reached during those hours.

So don't be daunted by insects, weeds and disease. Extension Master Gardeners stand ready to help you produce a better garden.

Co-op Extension gears up for summer

Spring has finally arrived! And the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service offers a number of programs and services to benefit county residents young and old in their spring endeavors, including the Garden Hotline, 4-H projects and the gypsy moth suppression effort.

The Extension office Garden Hotline and Clinic extended its hours April 2 in anticipation of the growing season. Trained staff advisors assist callers and visitors with a wide range of plant and insect problems.

"You name it, they ask it," said Judy Freed, horticulture staff secretary. Everything from identifying insects to diagnosing plant diseases is handled by the clinic's experts.

Located in the North Office Building, the clinic's new hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Hotline number is 858-0902 and can be reached during those hours. Non-technical inquiries can be directed to the Horticulture Department during normal business hours.

Oakland County children in grades 3-7 can learn about aquarium life through 4-H Aquatic Science workshops and clubs. Kids will enjoy learning how to successfully raise tropical fish and to

identify different breeds. Aquatic Science projects will culminate in a trip to Sea World in Aurora, Ohio on May 19. Parents can learn how to start an Aquatic Science club and about other fun 4-H projects and activities in their areas by calling the 4-H office at 858-0889.

Some other 4-H activities planned in the next few months are:

A fishing workshop sponsored in part by the state Department of Natural Resources will be held June 9 at Independence Oaks for 4-H'ers 5-19

years old.

Registration for the Pheasant Program begins in May and the program starts in June. 4-H'ers will receive up to 35 pheasant chicks to raise for 12 weeks. The pheasants will then be released by October 15, 1990.

A Natural Resources Camp will be held July 22-28 at the Drayton Plains Resource Center and is open to youths ages 13-15. Natural Resources Leader Training will be held July 20-22. Leader applications are due July 1. Contact the Oakland County 4-H office for details.



Spring has sprung! Marianne Roughley and Rae Higgins from Public Information chat with Ruth Palmer, Joan Denis and Joyce Harbison from Personnel on a sunny day.

Americans lack alcohol education

by John Larsen, Program Analyst
Substance Abuse Control
Oakland County Health Division

America is a drinking society. More than six out of 10 adults in this country use alcohol occasionally. Every American at some time or another is called upon to make decisions about alcohol (i.e., whether or not to drink, how much, for what reason, is my drinking a problem?,) etc.

Add to this situation the fact that, until recently, we have not been very serious in educating young people about alcohol and its effects, and you have the makings of a social problem.

What information about alcohol does the average adult draw upon to make his decisions about alcohol use? I went through grade school, high school and eight years of college without ever receiving a basic alcohol education class. I've never yet had to make important life decisions based on what I learned in my advanced algebra class, but I and all my fellow citizens have made decisions about alcohol.

On what do we base these decisions?

The style of drinking that develops in a drinking society that doesn't formally educate its members about alcohol is called "non-thinking drinking," or "follow-the-crowd drinking." Your decisions are formed more by the group you happen to be drinking with than by factual information about alcohol.

Moreover, a general social attitude that there's not much you need to know about alcohol tends to evolve. In years of doing alcohol assessments, I encountered many people who, for example, were very careful about knowing and following dosage directions when taking over-the-counter drugs, but were casually unconcerned when taking a dose of alcohol, a far more powerful and dangerous drug.

The lack of a firm educational base of alcohol information makes the

average American that much more gullible to misinformation about alcohol. Myths, folklore, and misleading commercial "facts" on alcohol are rampant. That's because salesmen love gullible consumers.

Because beliefs generate behavior, dangerous (careless, uninformed or misinformed) beliefs about alcohol create dangerous alcohol habits. A recent study of junior high school students showed that a questionnaire on beliefs about alcohol could be a strong predictor of future problem drinking.

The questionnaire measured how strongly students believed that alcohol could aid them in such ways as helping them relax, be sexier, think better, enjoy social gatherings more, or perform better socially or athletically. A year later these same students, now eighth and ninth graders, reported on their drinking habits. Analysis showed that problem drinking was significantly related to how teens answered the questionnaire a year earlier. Those who believed alcohol improves social or physical performance were much more at risk as drinkers.

Where do these dangerous beliefs come from? Look through a few magazines or check TV commercials to see the message presented by alcohol advertising.

If you've never been exposed to an alcohol education class, or never read a book on what everyone should know about alcohol, but still feel adequately informed, you're part of the problem I'm talking about.



National Laboratory Week observed

During the week of April 8-14, 1990, the Oakland County Health Division Laboratory celebrated National Laboratory Week. This annual event recognizes contributions made to the health care field by laboratories.

The OCHD Laboratory is a multi-faceted unit, providing many services for residents of Oakland County. The Laboratory's Water Testing Service works in conjunction with Environmental Health, testing water for the presence of potentially dangerous bacteria. The Laboratory is also an integral part of the Health Division's Clinic, diagnosing specimens for the detection of sexually transmitted diseases, such as gonorrhea and syphilis.

Laboratory staff performs blood tests for clients in the T.B. Control program and assists Epidemiology in diagnosing salmonella and shigella infections.

Laboratory staff also service the Medical Care Facility, Oakland County Jail, Medical Examiner and Children's Village by performing test analyses on blood samples and other body fluids to aid physicians in diagnosing and treating disease.

The Medical Technologists employed in the Laboratory have extensive training in their field, with Bachelor of Science degrees and certification with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, a professional organization promoting high standards in the field of laboratory medicine.

Deadline Dates

The deadlines for submitting articles, reminders, etc. for *The Telegraph* are:

- July 31 for the Sept. issue
- October 31 for the Dec. issue

Please forward any submissions to:

The Telegraph
c/o Public Information
E.O.B.



The Auditing Division attracted the spotlight for our first Division Highlights column. Auditing employees (L to R) are James Fitzpatrick, Ron Polley, Jane Mullkoff, Robert Lloyd, Richard McGraw, Yvette Thrush, Barb Sargent and Bruce Karmann.

Divison Highlights — Auditing

by Rae Higgins

Many of you who responded to the reader survey said you would like to read stories that explain what the different county divisions and departments do and how they function. In this premiere column, the spotlight is on the Auditing Division.

This division is independent of all others and reports directly to Mr. Murphy.

The auditing staff makes sure that records of all revenues coming into the county and all expenditures going out are documented. It is also the staff's job to be sure all accounts adhere to the generally accepted auditing standards and processes.

According to the book *Oakland County Government*, every county division is audited a minimum of

once every three years and some high volume divisions, such as Accounting, are audited more frequently to ensure accuracy.

The division is divided into two units: 1) county and special audits and 2) employment and training act.

The county and special audits unit routinely audits all county departments, including Children's Village, the board of commissioners, the circuit and district courts, etc.

The employment and training act unit audits each sub agency that gets funding from the county's employment and training prime sponsor program. It makes special audits for this program wherever necessary or requested.

If you have any questions about the Auditing Division, call Ron Polley, Manager of Auditing, at 858-0995.

Parks & Recreation promotes ballot

All Oakland County employees and guests are invited to attend a slide presentation on the two upcoming parks and recreation ballot propositions.

The half hour presentations will include color, narrated slides, park passes and gifts.

You can select from two dates and times: Tuesday, July 10 or Wednesday, July 18 at 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on each date.

Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish and join us in the County Commissioners Conference Room (Committee Room B) for fun and entertainment.

On August 7, you and all Oakland County voters will be asked to renew the ¼ mill for parks and recreation and approve a one-time one year only ½ mill to develop Orion Oaks County Park.

The slide presentation will explain what the millage can accomplish in the future and the plans for Orion Oaks.

A third meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 19 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

If you have questions, call Jackie McParlane or Janet Pung at 858-0906.

Paper recycling program wins award

We are very pleased and proud to announce that the Oakland County Paper Recycling Program has won an award for "Protecting the Natural World in Oakland County." The award was presented by Kerry Kammer on behalf of the Oakland Parks Foundation and the East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC).

County Executive Daniel T. Murphy complimented the Facilities Maintenance and Operations Division for its award and noted that the County has been working to address environmental concerns. Mr. Murphy said, "In a small way the County is setting an example and upholding an obligation to the public with this program."

Since the start of the program in the Public Works Building in November, 1988, Oakland County employees have recycled a total of 275,925 lbs. of office paper. This represents over 1,000 cubic yards of waste diverted from landfills, 2,345 pulp trees, and the equivalent energy in 3,035 gallons of gasoline saved through the combined efforts of County employees.

Every three weeks a semi-truck load of computer and white office paper goes off to the broker. In March, 1990, 34,138 lbs. of paper was recycled. This represents 290 trees and 375 gallons of gasoline.

All County employees participating in the program are to be commended for their support. Every piece of paper recycled counts. We all share in the recognition of a job well done this award represents. Congratulations to all!



Daniel T. Murphy
County Executive