

# THE TELEGRAPH

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## A Message from the County Executive

### Budget constraints are upon us

Dear Employees,

As we move into the last quarter of 1992 and I approach retirement, it is natural that I reflect on many aspects of county life. From the thousands of times I've walked into the county offices to serve the public, to the hundreds of meetings I've had with people helping to solve their problems, county government has been my family.

We have shared the good times and weathered the storms together. Many of you I know personally, others not as well, but you have all played an important part in my life. I wish I could list each of you by name. I want you to know that I am keenly aware that this county would not be the fine operation it is without you.

Your dedication and determination far surpass any I have seen elsewhere. You take pride in your work and it shows.

Officials from other counties often ask me how we make Oakland County function as well as it does . . . I always give the credit to the employees because I know without you it simply would not work.

As we move toward the year's end, we face budget constraints and the potential for even more belt-tightening in 1993 and 1994. It is so important that we maintain a balanced budget and only substitute new programs for older, outdated programs instead of creating new ones.

It's important that we continue to adhere to sound accounting principles and watch our spending. The taxpayers of Oakland County cannot afford for us to make financial mistakes. They also cannot afford to pay for staff increases annually.

I am aware that holding the line on the budget is a tough task because everyone believes their division's program is the best, and the service they offer is needed. In most



Dan Murphy

cases that is true. However, we must be prudent and be able to admit when a program has run its course and needs to be retired. Most importantly, those people in leadership positions must be able to say "no" when necessary.

I am confident that you will carry this message into the next century, so your children can enjoy Oakland County and all its beauty at a price they can afford. Sincerely,  
Dan Murphy

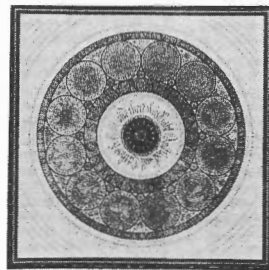
## International exhibit visits Galleria

by Adriann J. McCall

July's exhibit in the County Galleria featured over 70 displays of calligraphic art portraits done by artists from the USSR and the USA.

Entitled "Calligraphia USA/USSR", the display ran in conjunction with an international conference at Oakland University July 11-18. The exhibit was sponsored by MOSIAC, the 12th International Assembly of Lettering Artists, and made its first stop in the United States at the County Galleria.

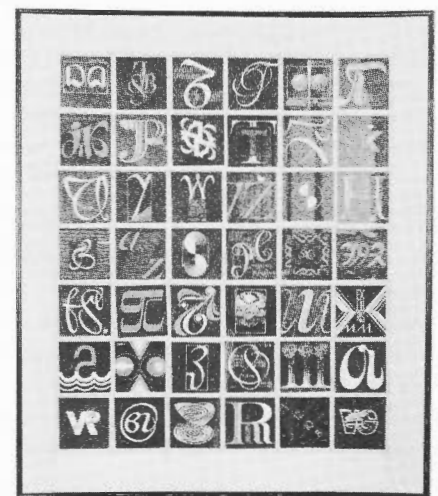
Dating back further than the 18th century, calligraphy is considered a beautiful cursive form of writing that is quickly becoming an art form featured in art galleries and museums around the world. While some still consider calligraphy just a



"Roundel of the Seasons" by Sheila Waters

hobby, others have made it an art form and have created businesses with it.

The International Typeface Corporation of New York City financed and arranged nearly 200 calligraphic works that have been traveling internationally for three years. The portraits displayed in the County Galleria were selected out of the 200 traveling displays for the American portion of the show.



"Composition" by Valery Gular  
(Photos by David Van de Griff)

## Editor's Column

# Children teach parents' lesson

Dear Readers,

We all tell our kids that "practice makes perfect", "to be tenacious", and "not to give up."

It's the kind of advice parents have been giving kids for generations. Sometimes I just find it a bit hard to follow.

As a mother of an "almost 10-year-old", like many parents, I welcome September. While summer's conclusion is a drag for many of us, it's the wonderful time of year when school starts and the phrase, "there's nothing to do," becomes outdated.

But as parents, we must remind ourselves that we shouldn't leave our children's education solely up to the teachers. We have to stay involved in our children's education so we stay involved with them.

Like everyone else reading this, when I get home at the end of the day, the last thing I want is to be confronted with homework, specifically — math

homework. I struggled with math as a child and still do. I'm finally learning not to panic the moment someone says "percent" in a sentence.

I've come a long way since college -in part — thanks to my fourth grade son. Last year, when he had to learn multiplication tables — my job was to hold up the flash cards. They were in my house, in my car, in my purse. I even found them in my briefcase. I was destined to master those tables.

Midway through the lesson and bored to tears, not to mention sometimes embarrassed when I missed a problem, I decided to make a game out of math. (This was not easy.)

Myson and I created story problems for each other to solve. In the beginning it was fun . . . until I was stumped by a problem he gave me. And of course, the "tough" question came about ten minutes after I came home from work, when I was making dinner and trying to read the mail and notes from his teacher.



Suzan Mitchell

I was not in a good mood. The story problem was a clincher. It was then I responded with, "I've already been to school and I don't want to do anymore work."

My son's wide eyes filled with tears. He was crushed. I had shouted.

After I apologized for shouting, explained my tired mood, and said we would resume the story problem "game" later, my son turned to me — his eyes no longer tearful, his demeanor no longer sad and said,

"If you just practice Mom, one day you won't be afraid of numbers."

Out of the mouths of babes — a lesson comes back to haunt me.

Sincerely,  
Suzan Mitchell

## OLHSA offers home support services

Oakland County senior citizens, adults with physical difficulties or family members who need assistance with caregiving responsibilities can get help from the Home Support Services project. The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) operates this non-profit community service which provides: routine housecleaning; meal preparation; shopping; laundry; transportation; companionship; respite care; and personal care. The subsidized fee for these services (\$7.50 per hour plus .22 per mile when personal transportation or shopping is provided) is

the lowest of its kind in the county.

Home Support Services is available to persons living throughout Oakland County. OLHSA is a full-service, non-profit community action agency that has over 27 years experience assisting low-income, older adults; and persons with disabilities in Oakland and Livingston counties. OLHSA operates services and provides information about many other community resources needed by persons of all ages. For more information, contact Daisy Brazzell, Home Support Services Project Coordinator, at 334-2247 or call 858-5181.

### "For parents only"

A regular lunch hour discussion group for Oakland County employees who are parents and who would like to talk about raising children will debut on Thursday, September 17, 1992 at noon in the second floor conference room in the East Wing of the Courthouse.

The "For Parents Only" discussion group will be led by psychologists Rod Yeacker and Jim Windell from the Juvenile Court's Psychological Clinic.

Any Oakland County employee who has questions or concerns about parenting or discipline is invited to this program to talk with other parents.

There is no charge for this discussion hour, and participants are invited to bring their lunch.

For more information, call Rod Yeacker at 80090 or Jim Windell at 80086.

## Special thanks

Dear Editor:

My husband, Kevin, and I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the moral support shown to us with the gifts of money, clothes, linens, and toys after we lost our home in a fire. Our son, Jake, really appreciated the toys!

To all the people who work in Facilities Maintenance & Operations, Micrographics, Records Retention, County Clerk, Legal, Vital & Register of Deeds, and especially to Title Insurance employees, thank you all so much for your kindness.

Sincerely,  
Pam Keesling,  
Records Retention

## American Red Cross hosts blood drive

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, September 24 and 25, 1992 in the Courthouse Lobby, Ground Floor, 10:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Blood donor pledge cards will be available from attendance clerks. Play your part. Give someone another chance; give blood!

# Casual Day is a success!

Employees in the Executive Office Building raised \$465 for United Cerebral Palsy on June 19 by dressing casual for the day. The event, coordinated by Kathy Taylor and Jean Logan of Word Processing, received an overwhelming response from the building's employees. For a \$5 donation, employees came to work in blue jeans, tee shirts and tennis shoes. Department heads and division managers also participated — even Mr. Murphy! The Clerk's Office, Treasurer's Office, and Aviation & Transportation got into the spirit after seeing the promotional materials posted in the Executive Office Building.

"We didn't think of it this year, but next year we are going to ask permission for all County departments to participate," Kathy Taylor said. "This activity is a great morale booster for employees, and at the same time it contributes to a good cause.



*Kathy Taylor and Jean Logan, Casual Day Coordinators*

It would be great if we did something like this two or three times a year and donate the money to a different cause each time."

Casual Day, co-sponsored by Levi-Strauss, Q95 FM, Mary Kay Cosmetics and Deloitte & Touche, raised a total of \$26,000 for the Metro Detroit area. The metro area ranked sixth in North America for raising the most money.

## Employees are encouraged to join auto race

All Oakland County employees 18 years or older who possess a valid driver's license can participate in the Oakland County Sheriff's and Southeastern Michigan Region Porche Club of America's (SMR/PCA) Charity Challenge Autocross on September 20.

The event, held at the North Office Building parking lot, will benefit the handicapped. For \$10, drivers can speed through the obstacle course as many times as they wish to try for the best time. Cars will undergo a safety inspection before being allowed to enter the competition. Inspections begin at 10 a.m. and the first car is scheduled to run the course at 11 a.m. The competition continues until 3 p.m. For more information, contact Gary Buchanan at 746-5045.

### Division Highlight

## Cooperative Extension employees put knowledge to work

by Adriann J. McCall

"Helping you put knowledge to work" is the primary mission of the Cooperative Extension Services Division.

Cooperative Extension uses information based on research at Michigan State University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide information to Oakland County residents.

"Our goal is to help residents and educate them at the same time by providing them with information about agriculture and horticulture, food and nutrition, home economics, and youth programs," said Wayne Nierman, the director of Cooperative Extension.

Staff in the department also organize educational programs and meetings that deal with everything from backyard ponds to canning vegetables. There is also a food and nutrition hotline, which answers questions on food, nutrition, wellness, food safety, canning, freezing, and drying.

Staff in the household and hazardous waste department of Cooperative Extension answer 400 to 500 calls a month from residents who are concerned about dumping hazardous wastes like paint, gasoline, and others.

Christopher Webster, the Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources agent, works with farmers providing them with information and research from MSU on crops, pesticide use, wildlife, and marketing and production. He also works with homeowners by providing them with natural resource information in areas of water and pond management.

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education program works with families who are on a low-income budget by providing information on low-cost food nutrition.

There is also a parent partnership program where trained volunteers go into the homes of families, providing support in parenting education.



*Gale Weisman (R), master gardener, answers resident's questions.*

The 4-H program in Cooperative Extension reaches youths through libraries, schools, clubs, and other organizations by providing programs that help to further educate and promote personal growth. Over 16 new 4-H clubs were organized this year, bringing the total number to 63.

The Cooperative Extension Services combines educational programming with a skilled staff who are there to work closely with residents to enhance the environment and strengthen family and community resources.

# Parks & Rec lists activities

## Parks continue to grow

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to announce it is now a 10-park system.

In July, the commission acquired a 672-acre parcel in Lyon Township in southwest Oakland County. The site features a Great Blue Heron nesting site with about 300 nests. The herons return to the wetlands to mate and hunt for food in nearby lakes and streams.

The newest Oakland County Park is bordered by I-96 on the south, Pontiac Trail to the north, Old Plank Road to the west, and is one-half mile west of Wixom Road.

Purchase of the property was made possible, in part, with a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant.

The acquisition helps the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission meet needs expressed by the residents of Oakland County. Preserving land for open spaces and recreational use was a concern expressed by these individuals in a survey last fall. This goal is important as Oakland County continues its pattern of rapid growth and development.

The park will be used as an environmental education resource and may be developed for activities like hiking, picnicking, and cross-country skiing.

## Parks are national award finalist

As a 1992 Gold Medal finalist, the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission is competing with the best of the best. The annual award is presented for excellence in parks and recreation administration.

The winner will be selected based on improvement, service, continuing development, extent of future programming, and degree of community involvement and acceptance.

The Oakland County Parks' competition includes park districts in Arizona, Minnesota, and Ohio. The winner will be announced in October at the National Recreation and Park Association Congress.

### Parks & Recreation Events

- Sept. 12 **"Please Touch"** nature program at Independence Oaks Nature Center, 1-2:30 p.m. Pre-registration required. Call 625-6473.
- Sept. 13 **Regular camping season ends** at Groveland Oaks County Park. Weekends only through Sept. 27.
- Sept. 13 **Three-Women Scramble** at White Lake Oaks Golf Course, noon tee off. 18 holes. Cost: \$100/team (includes golf, one cart and \$40 for prize money pot). Prizes. Rain date Sept. 20. Call 698-2700.
- Sept. 15 & 17 **Senior Day Camp I** at Addison Oaks County Park, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 858-4945.
- Sept. 19 **"Back to Bones,"** Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park, 3 p.m. Birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals will be discussed by Steve Yauch of Science Discovery, Farmington. Cost: \$2/person or \$8/immediate family. Advance tickets available. Call 625-6473.
- Sept. 19 **Fall classes begin** at the Waterford Oaks Activity Center. Call 858-0913.
- Sept. 19 & 20 **Michigan Bicycle Motocross State Championship Races** in Muskegon, Michigan. Call 858-0915.
- Sept. 22 & 24 **Senior Day Camp II** at Addison Oaks County Park, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 858-4945.
- Sept. 27 **Weekend camping ends** at Groveland Oaks County Park.
- Sept. 27 **Fall Mountain Bike Race** at Addison Oaks County Park, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 858-0916.

## Parks welcome new commissioners

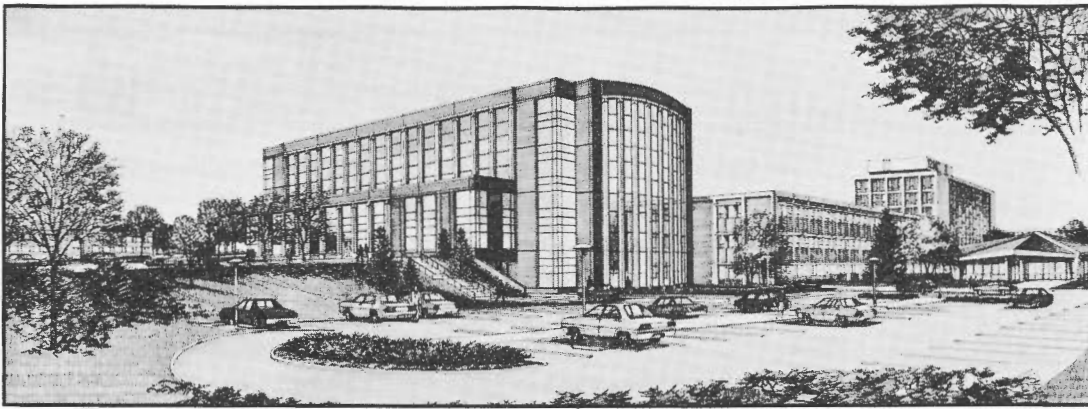
The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission has two new members. Lawrence Littman has replaced Richard Vogt, and Roy Rewold fills the commission seat vacated by Alice Tombouljan.

Littman will fill a one-year term. He is chairman of the Oakland County Road Commission. Rewold, former chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, will serve for three years.

## Parks garner grant for traveling music show

The Mobile Recreation Department, Parks and Recreation, received a \$2,000 grant from the Oakland County Cultural Council and the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs.

The grant helped finance the Traveling Music Show, which features local high school and college students who perform family-oriented musical shows.



View from the Commissioners' lot looking northeast

## Here's a view of the west wing expansion

Ground-breaking is slated to begin in February 1993 for the new West Wing Extension to the Courthouse Complex.

The new wing will include a reference library and a library for the blind and physically handicapped on the first floor. The law library will be on the second floor, while the offices of the Prosecuting Attorney will be on the third, fourth, and

fifth floors.

Because both the northwest parking lot and the Commissioners' parking lot will be unavailable due to construction of the West Wing, some improvements will be made to supplement parking during construction.

The east parking lot of the Courthouse will be expanded and new sidewalks

installed to make the parking area north of the North Office Building more accessible.

The building is being designed by Minoru Yamasaki & Associates, and the project is being managed for the County by Gregg Doty of the Facilities Engineering Division. The complete project is expected to take up to 20 months.

### September is Literacy Awareness Month



One of the projects co-sponsored by the County Library Board is the Oakland Literacy Council. The Council provides a free one-to-one basic reading/tutoring program to adults in Oakland County. In 1991, the Council served over 700 students, providing approximately 20,000 hours of volunteer tutorial services. Statistical data indicates there are over 138,000 functionally illiterate adults in Oakland County. While the work of the Council is progressing, there is still much to be done.

What can you do to celebrate LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH? You can contact the Council at 338-8840 and volunteer to become a tutor or an office volunteer. You could make a donation to the Council via the Oakland Literacy Friends organization. You can be a participant in the "Oakland County Readers' Walk-A-Thon", a 5K walk to be held on Saturday, September 26. If you know someone who cannot read, you can refer them to the Council for assistance.

Finally, take time to enjoy reading. It is a skill too many of us take for granted.

### Eight from Health Division serve double duty

by Adriann J. McCall

Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, would be proud of the eight women in the Health Division who have dual roles as nurses in the military and as coordinators, supervisors, and nurses in Oakland County.



(L to R) Lt. Col. Ann Collins, 1st Lt. Mary Redmond, Lt. Col. Peggy Conrad, Maj. Monica Vincent, Maj. Sharon Hinkins, Capt. Maria Weaver, 1st Lt. Annette Skalski, Capt. Lynn McDaniels

The eight women are all in the reserve units of the military. Lynn McDaniels, a Captain in the U.S. Air Force Reserve 45th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, is the Administrative Assistant in the Personal and Preventative Health Services Department of the Health Division in Oakland County. Her mission in the Air Force is air transport of the wounded to rear area hospitals following initial stabilization.

The other seven nurses, while on duty in the Michigan Air National Guard, U.S. Army and Reserves, and the U.S. Air Force Reserves, serve as nurses who staff full-service hospitals in assigned areas, staff second echelon medical hospitals, which are the first contact areas for the wounded from the battlefield, and staff air transports of wounded individuals.

Although none of them were called to serve in the Gulf War, they must serve one weekend of active duty every month at their base and serve a two-week active duty assignment during the year.

"I'm based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemens, while the other women are from other bases in the tri-county area," said Lynn McDaniels.

Their dual roles as nurses in the county and in the military show their dedication to the nursing profession and their dedication to helping those in need, whether it be in the air or in a clinic.

# Captain dedicates time to kids

by Adriann J. McCall

His charming personality and down-to-earth attitude, along with his outstanding leadership skills, have won this man much recognition in Oakland County.

He was formally named the first black captain in the history of the County's Sheriff's Department by Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy in February at an Oakland County black history month program.

But many may not know of his strong dedication to young people.

As the supervisor of jail operations at the Sheriff's Department, Captain Henry C. Wallace is an unsung hero not only to us, but to countless numbers of children.

Wallace first began working with children in 1955 at Pontiac State Hospital, now Clinton Valley Center. As a nursing supervisor, he organized baseball and basketball games, picnics, and other indoor and outdoor activities.

He also joined "Big Brothers" and mentored several ten and eleven-year-old boys for more than 25 years.

Now, as a member of the Society of Afro-American Police, Wallace puts on an annual picnic for underprivileged kids. He is also an associate member of the Michigan Association for Leadership Development (MALD), an organization that works with young, inner-city black boys. With this organization, Wallace took seven boys to

see Oakland County's boot camp, a work-release program that completes a county jail sentence.

Captain Wallace also is a member of the 761st Battalion and Allied Veterans



*Captain Wallace & Commissioner Price*

Association, an organization that works in the community with children, donating Easter baskets, scholarships, and providing activities for underprivileged youth.

In addition, Wallace does several "Just Say No" presentations to students at various high schools and universities in the area.

"I love to speak to kids. It's important to

let them know about drugs, drug tests, and teen pregnancy. I let them know that I'm there to help them, and what the consequences will be if they don't heed my message," Wallace said.

"It's important to have mentors,"

Wallace added, "There have been many people who have mentored me in my life. One of them is serving his 51st year in law enforcement right here in Oakland County — Sheriff John Nichols. The other is my minister at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, and the other was the first black chief of police in Pontiac, Reginald Turner."

Recently, Captain Wallace spoke to a group of children at Baldwin Center in Pontiac where he met his new mentee, 11-year-old Batisha.

"Her enthusiasm struck me right away, and when she told me that she wanted to be a teacher, I decided to follow her and be her mentor," Wallace said.

He also plans to let Batisha run his office. She'll get an opportunity to be in charge of jail operations for a whole day, in addition to many other activities that Captain Wallace will plan for them.

If he could, Captain Wallace would be a mentor to all children, but since that's not possible, he does the best he can, by touching the lives of children wherever he goes, whenever he can.

## Court's achievements are recognized

The National Association for Court Management (NACM) is awarding the "1992 Justice Achievement Award" to the Oakland County Probate Court. The award recognizes the Court's newly revised and implemented policy and program which standardizes attorney fee schedules, payment procedures, and processing methods.

The Oakland County Probate Court has been chosen for the second consecutive year by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to receive their "Outstanding Education Program" and "The Kendall I. Lingle Community Resources Award."

The "Outstanding Education Program" award is presented by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Association to the organization having an outstanding education program treating the needs of juvenile and family court children.

The Probate Court's Youth Assistance Program developed a creative, aggressive package of parenting programs that has reached large numbers of parents in Oakland County. The package consists of two components. "Listening Partners" is a family communication course presented to parents and youth who are of middle school age. The program enhances family communication skills by equipping parents and their children with effective communications techniques. The techniques enable the family to interact effectively during the stress of adolescence.

## Medical Care Facility to host mini-carnival

The Oakland County Medical Care Facility will be holding its first Facility Mini-Carnival on Sunday, September 13, 1992. The Carnival will run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the front parking lot of the Medical Care Facility.

This event, which replaces our annual facility picnic, is a fundraiser for the Activity Department to pay for various resident programs. The mini-carnival will have entertainment, games, a dunk tank (with surprise dignitaries for dunking), and food and beverages for sale.

Volunteers are needed for selling and running the games. Families and children of County employees are encouraged to participate in the fun. For further information, please contact Liz Kellogg or Pearlean Lewis at 858-1415.

# Employees make news

## Promotions

Congratulations to the following:

**Maryann Clark**, Probate Court, was promoted to an Assistant Deputy Probate Register position.

**Debbie Colgan**, Probate Court, has been promoted to Deputy Probate Register I.

**Joan Connelly**, Probate Court, has been appointed to the position of Case Management Coordinator in the Estates, Mental Health, Adoption and Guardianship Services Division.

**Mark Connor**, FM&O Maintenance Unit, was promoted from Maintenance Supervisor II to General Maintenance Supervisor on May 16, 1992.

**Rich Cook** was promoted to Maintenance Mechanic I in the Sewer Maintenance Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division.

**Al Cooley** was promoted to Maintenance Mechanic I in the Sewer Maintenance Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division.

**Sharon Cullen**, Probate Court, was promoted from Clerk I to Typist II, and she will transfer from the file room to the Mental Health Office.

**Bill Davis** was promoted to Maintenance Mechanic II in the Sewer Maintenance Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division.

**Don Drussel**, FM&O Custodial Unit, was promoted from Mobile Unit Custodial Worker to Maintenance Laborer in the Maintenance Unit on May 16, 1992.

**Mary Gaedt** was promoted to Sewage Treatment Plant Operator Supervisor I in the Sewage Treatment Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division.

**Donald Hock** was promoted to Sewage Treatment Plant Operator Supervisor I in the Sewage Treatment Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division.

**Mark Inglebee** was promoted to Maintenance Mechanic II in the Sewer Maintenance Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division.

**Valerie Jefferson**, Probate Court, will cross-train as a Typist II in the Estates Division.

**Kelli LaBarge**, Probate Court, was promoted to the position of Assistant Deputy Probate Register.

**Sue Persinger**, FM&O Telephone Unit, was promoted from Clerk II to Switchboard Operator on May 30, 1992.

**Sandy Quello**, Probate Court, was promoted to the position of Deputy Probate Register I.

**Bill Roche** was promoted to Maintenance Mechanic I in the Metering Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division.

**Randee Schneider**, Probate Court, was promoted to the position of Deputy Probate Register I.

**Lillian Sharrard**, Probate Court, was promoted to Deputy II and will replace Joan Connolly in the Mental Health Office.

**Richard Shoemaker** was promoted to Maintenance Mechanic I in the Sewer Maintenance Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division.

**Kurt Taylor**, FM&O Maintenance Unit, was promoted from Skilled Maintenance Mechanic II to Maintenance Supervisor I on July 11, 1992.

**Sam Turner** was promoted to Maintenance Mechanic I in the Sewer Maintenance Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division.

## Transfers

**Charlene Bain**, Treasurer's Office, transferred from the Register of Deeds Office in June 1992.

**Kathy Dobbins**, Treasurer's Office, transferred from Central Services in May 1992.

**Sgt. Joe Lambourn**, Sheriff's Department, transferred to Parks & Recreation as the new head of security.

**Mary May**, Circuit Court Reporter, transferred from Judge Robert C. Anderson's Court to Judge Jessica Cooper's Court on May 18, 1992.

**Gaia Piir**, Circuit Court Assignment Clerk, transferred to a full-time position with the Treasurer's Office on May 15, 1992.

**Kathy Rivers**, Clerk/Register of Deeds, Grantor/Grantee Unit, transferred to the Clerk's Tract Index Unit.

**Tom Seaman**, Parks & Recreation, transferred to the Sheriff's Department. He was the former head of security.

## New Employees

Welcome to the following new employees:

**Leon Bell**, Drain Commissioner's Office, was hired on May 16, 1992.

**Kevin Bruske** joined the Eight Mile Water Department, Water & Sewage Operations Division, on May 12, 1992.

**Ernestine Buckner**, FM&O Custodial Unit, joined as a General Helper on May 18, 1992.

**Guy Compton**, Sewer Maintenance Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division, was hired on May 28, 1992.

**Bernard Gaulier**, Ph.D., Senior Psychologist, Probate Court, began his employment with the Court Clinic on July 27, 1992.

**Ellen Halsey**, Alimony, was hired on July 27, 1992.

**Jennifer Hedberg**, Circuit Court, was hired as Judge Edward Sosnick's new Court Clerk I on Jun 2, 1992.

**Vivian Hester**, FM&O Heating Unit, was hired as a Boiler Operator on May 18, 1992.

**Mike Keenan** joined the Eight Mile Water Department, Water & Sewage Operations Division on April 20, 1992.

The Honorable **Denise Langford-Morris** has joined the Oakland County Circuit Court bench. Judge Langford-Morris previously worked for Oakland County as an Assistant Prosecutor for Judge Andrews, and most recently, she was on the staff of the U.S. Attorney's Office. She replaces Judge Alice Gilbert.

**Chris LaFave** joined the Sewer Maintenance Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division, on April 6, 1992.

**Gary McReynolds**, FM&O Maintenance Unit, joined as a Skill Maintenance Mechanic I - Painter on June 22, 1992.

**Tracy Milewski** joined the Eight Mile Water Department, Water & Sewage Operations Division, on April 6, 1992.

**David Quinn** joined the Sewer Maintenance Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division, on April 20, 1992.

**Shirley Rand**, Probate Court, was hired as a Juvenile Court Referee I to work in the Juvenile Intake Department. She began on April 6, 1992.

**Jere Shockey**, FM&O Maintenance, was hired on May 18, 1992, as a Telephone Communications Tech.

**Robert Shumate**, Sewer Maintenance Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division, was hired June 1, 1992.

**Darryl Wallace**, Circuit Court, joined the investigator team of Pre-Trial Services on May 11, 1992.

**Henry Warner** joined the Eight Mile Water Department, Water & Sewage Operations Division, on April 23, 1992.

**Laura Wilson**, Clerk/Register of Deeds, was hired to work in the Grantor/Grantee Unit on July 20, 1992.

Newly hired General Helpers in Dietary of Medical Care Facility include the following: **Francine Hamby, Lisa Sealy, Christine Bowman, Bille Vader and Mike Deheen.**

# More employees make news

## Kudos

Congratulations to the following employees:

Effective July 1992, the following Sewage Treatment Staff members received Michigan Department of Natural Resources Sewage Treatment Plant Certifications:

**Mary Gaedt**, A License; **Tom Moore**, B License; **Rick Wiley**, C License; **Connie Perkins**, **Todd Crimmins**, **Karen Peruske**, **June Henderson**, and **Ed Stamper**, D License.

**Russ Bratton**, **Ed Cameron**, and **Lou Tiernan** of the Pump Maintenance Unit, Water & Sewage Operations Division, successfully completed all requirements for their D-4 Certification through the Michigan Department of Public Health.

**Gail Gettleson's**, Circuit Court Administrator's Office, mouth-watering Salmon and English Muffin recipe won her first place in a baking contest and a trip to Thailand.

**Candy Garbacz**, Parks & Recreation, recently received the President's Award from the Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education. Candy teaches classes on herbs, plants, and the outdoors at Independence Oaks Nature Center.

**Carolyn Hammac** and **Estella Butler**, Medical Care Facility, completed their studies in Dietetic Assistance courses.

**Dennis Jones**, Worker's Compensation Specialist in Risk Management and Safety, has been awarded the Associate in Management (AIM) designation and diploma by the Insurance Institute of America for successfully completing three national examinations on management topics.

The **Oakland County Medical Care Facility** won the NACo Award for Resident Activities. The award was presented to **Elizabeth Kellogg**, Activities Coordinator; **Pearlean Lewis**, Assistant Coordinator, and **James A. Eddy**, Administrator, at the July 23, 1992 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

**Oakland County Employees Credit Union** has reached a milestone in its growth. Recently, the assets in the Credit Union peaked at over \$50 million for the first time since it opened its doors in 1953.

**Michelle Pilarski**, Circuit Court Administrator's Office, completed her undergraduate studies at Oakland University.

**Susan Stott**, Circuit Court Administrator's Office, completed her undergraduate studies at Oakland University.

The Oakland County Probate Court named **Paul Scobie** as the 1992 Employee of the year.

Chief Probate Judge Barry M. Grant stated, "Paul Scobie exemplifies the personal and professional commitment to clients, volunteers, and community for which this court aspires. He is an excellent representative of this court and deserving of this honor."

Mr. Scobie has been employed with the court since 1986. He is a Child Welfare Worker with the Youth Assistance Unit of the Court's Field Service Division. He is assigned to the Oak Park Youth Assistance program.

## Leaving

The Honorable **Alice L. Gilbert** resigned to pursue other interests after 16 years of service on the Circuit Court Bench.



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## Retirements

**Lucy Hamm**, Alimony, retired after 33 years of service on June 22, 1992.

**Larry Howe**, FM&O, retired as a Skill Maintenance Mechanic III after 30 years and 9 months of service on May 14, 1992.

**Leola Kinard** retired from Building Safety on August 14 after 16 years of service.

**Ralph Moore**, FM&O, retired as a General Maintenance Supervisor after 30 years and 4 months on May 22, 1992. Ralph and his wife, Sandy, relocated to Lakeland, Florida.

## Births

Congratulations to the following on the birth of their new family member:

A son, David, 7 lbs., 4 oz., 19" long, born to **Kathren Alonzi**, Probate Court, and her husband, **David**, on May 11, 1992.

A daughter, Margaret Jillian, 8 lbs., 8 oz., born to **Jill Koney Daly**, Probate Court, and her husband, **Mike**, on April 12, 1992.

A daughter, Annie Therese, 9 lbs., 1/2 oz., 20 1/2" long, born to **Don Drussel**, FM&O, Maintenance, and his wife, **Annette**, on June 5, 1992.

A son, Brent, 6 lbs., 5 oz., born to **Lynn Goodman**, Alimony, and her husband, **Richard**, on July 15, 1992.

A daughter, Emily Michelle, 7 lbs., 11 oz., 19" long, born to **Michael Hand**, Probate Court, and his wife, **Kim**, on May 29, 1992.

A son, Jake Mitchell Evans, 8 lbs., 7 oz., 20 1/2" long, born to **Kelly Hickey**, Probate Court, on July 14, 1992.

A son, Alexander Robert, 9 lbs., 4 oz., born to **Tonya Jakubic**, Clerk/Register of Deeds, and her husband, **Michael**, on June 7, 1992.

A son, Zachary, 9 lbs., 1 oz, born to **Steve Liles**, FM&O, Maintenance, on June 3, 1992.

A daughter, Cara Michelle, 7 1/2 lbs., 15 long, born to **Bob Proudfoot**, Probate Court, and his wife, **Cindy**, on July 9, 1992.

A son, Kenneth Michael, born to **Susan Walsh**, Circuit Court, and her husband, **John**, on March 30, 1992.

## Marriages

Congratulations to the following:

**Karen A. Bartholomew**, Probate Court, and Honorable **Brian W. MacKenzie**, 52-1 District Court, were married on June 13, 1992.

**Connie Davenport**, Medical Care Facility, married **Robert Ulmer** on June 27, 1992.

**Jennifer French**, Risk Management and Safety, married **Tom DeCovich** on May 30, 1992.

**Dianna Gardner**, Drain Office, married **Ken Holloway** on June 6, 1992.

**Chris Grzeskowiak**, Clerk/Register of Deeds, married **Eric Maloney** on June 11, 1992.

**Connie Haner**, Cooperative Extension Service, married **Brian Lyke** on May 2, 1992.

**Julie Sweik**, Risk Management and Safety, married **Carl Knaus** on August 1, 1992.