

# THE TELEGRAPH

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## A Message from the County Executive

# Thank You and Goodbye

Dear Employees,

This column is a tough one for me to write. Since it's my last message to all of you, there's so much I could say.

One thing people always say they like about me is that I'm not long winded and don't take up a lot of time saying what I have to say.

My press secretary, Suzie Mitchell, says I shoot from the hip, I just like to say that I tell it like it is. No fancy words, no dressed up sentences...just plain talk.

So today, I'm gonna do what I do best—be brief and to the point...

To all of you county employees who have given hundreds and hundreds of hours of work to this county—I thank you. Even though I may not know each and every one of you by name, I appreciate the work you have done. I have said and continue to believe, the reason this county

runs so well is because of the people who work here. The staff, from the entry level on up, is the highest quality group anyone could hope to work with. And for the rest of my life, I'll always be proud to know that you elected me as your leader for so many years.

During the past year many employees have offered their thanks and in September I was honored at a retirement gathering. I only wish I could honor all of you in the same fashion. I know I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for all of you.

I really admire and appreciate all of the hard work you have done and are still doing to bring needed services to our residents at a price they can afford.

Oakland County works because its employees make it work, and the quality of life is high because employees take pride



Dan Murphy

in their county. It is my hope you will retain this element of pride.

As I get ready to retire, I can only once again thank all of you for making my professional career in this county better than any one could have dreamed.

It was a pleasure and privilege serving with all of you and I wish you and your families a Happy Holiday season and many, many healthy years to come.

Sincerely,

Dan Murphy

## Credit Union to mark 40th Year

Oakland County Employees Credit Union began serving members in 1953. Nineteen Hundred Ninety Three will mark the 40th year for this \$50 million Credit Union. Forty years is a reason for celebration at the Credit Union and plans have already begun to mark the occasion. Credit Union President/CEO, Allan Kemp McMorris, plans to offer special programs on several financial products and also plans to help the membership celebrate by staging several special events. When the Credit Union opened its doors in 1953, 9 members had \$2,000 on deposit and the Credit Union offered only the simplest loan and savings programs. Oakland County Employees Credit Union began serving members in 1953. Nineteen Hundred Ninety Three will mark the occasion. Credit Union President/CEO, Allan Kemp McMorris, plans to offer special programs on several financial products and also plans to help the membership celebrate by staging several special events.

## Sheriff's Pistol Team State Champs



Top row, left to right:  
Jack Little  
John Ousnamer  
Paul Phillips  
Lawrence Miller  
David Mailloux

Bottom row, left to right:  
Sgt. Anthony Velat  
Ron Allcorn  
Milton Williams  
Terry Sanders  
Milton Soditch

Not in photo:  
Gary Boyer

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department Four-Man Pistol Team was the overall winner at the State Championship for 1992. The two-day competition was held in Taylor, Michigan on September 12 and 13, 1992. Officers on the winning team were Sergeant Tony Velat, Deputy John Ousnamer, Deputy Milt Williams, and Reserve Deputy Jack Little.

The competition requires officers to shoot

from distances of 21 to 150 feet while being timed. The match is sponsored by the Michigan Police Combat Pistol Association and is restricted to law enforcement personnel. While the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Pistol Team has always placed well in class, this is the first overall win in the four-man team event. Competition included teams from Detroit and Metro Toronto.

## I Couldn't Have Done It Without You

It's been almost six years since we collectively gave birth to the employee newsletter The Telegraph, and today I'm writing my last editor's column under Dan Murphy's direction.

I hope The Telegraph, under the new county leadership, will continue, because I believe it keeps us together as a unit, a kind of "working family".

I commend all County employees on your participation in making the newsletter a huge success. At first I worried that we wouldn't have enough information for a four-page newsletter. When it grew to 12 pages and the Budget Director told me to "cut it down" I knew we were successful. Everyone wanted to join in and have something in the publication.

You have done a wonderful job contributing articles and pictures to publish a first rate employee newsletter. It makes us all proud to know we can share in a project four times a year, that "officially" updates us on what's happening with our 3,300 colleagues.

I want to take this opportunity to thank so many of you for your steady contributions. I apologize in advance to anyone I have overlooked. Please know it is not intentional.

First and foremost, The Telegraph would never see the light of day without Jane

Oswalt. She is the person who assumes responsibility for so much of the paper. She watches for pictures, coordinates the student interns and works with the printer. Thank you so much, Jane. We all appreciate you.

A special thanks to:  
Student interns.... who contributed to the publication.

Betty Ramey and Phyllis Jose...in the Reference Library for the countless hours they spent proofreading and editing the copy.

David Van De Grift...for all of the newsletter's photos.

Word processing typists...for your cooperation.

Bob Forrest...for his layout expertise.

Division managers...for all of the time and effort you and your staff put into submitting articles and for being patient each time a new student intern called and wanting to know about your division for The Telegraph.

All of the secretaries...who gather information about their division, type it and send it over.

My budget analysts...who over the years have put up with my cost overruns on the publication.

Russ Martin...who helped bail me out with my budget analyst.



Suzan Mitchell

All of the "unsung heroes"...who let us delve into their private lives so we could share the compassion and empathy they have for others.

Rick Vaughn...in FM&O who would adjust the temperature in my office during deadline time when ever I had a hot flash.

Don Malinowski...in FM&O who would come up with the artist's renderings "yesterday".

Mail room personnel...who lugged the papers around distributing them.

Amateur photographers...who were out there snapping pictures to be used in the paper.

Contributing authors...who wrote articles throughout the years.

And last, but not least, to County Executive, Dan Murphy...who was 100 percent committed to an employee newsletter and issued directives to all employees to participate.

Thanks to you all for some wonderful times.

Sincerely

Suzan Singer Mitchell

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## Infant CPR Class Saves Child's Life

by Jody Fortin

I would like to let my fellow employees know what a great service the county Emergency Management Service Division (EMS) provides.

I had already completed the Adult CPR Course provided by EMS when I became a first-time parent. I enrolled in the EMS Infant and Child CPR Course in February of this year. I will always be grateful for the training I received there. Let me tell you why.

When my son Brock was five months old, I had to put my training into action. One day, just after he had eaten cereal, he was having a bottle when he coughed once, took a breath in, and began to choke. He was neither inhaling or exhaling. His face turned very red, his eyes fixated on mine, he began to kick, and I became quite alarmed. I stood, patted his back, and when he did not respond, I automatically reached for the phone to dial 911. Just as I started to dial I realized I knew the technique to help a choking infant. I sat down with him, checked his

airway and found it was clear. I extended my left leg, held his chin/head with my left hand, and turned him over onto my leg. With the heel of my right hand, I gave him three blows to the upper back. I then turned him back over, but to my dismay, he was still choking, turning an even deeper shade of red. I repeated the steps and on the second blow, a clump of cereal was dislodged. Needless to say, at that point, Brock started screaming and crying **AND BREATHING**, which was just about the sweetest sound I had ever heard.

I'm not sure how I would have reacted if I had not had the CPR training. I was taught what to do, how to do it, and most importantly, to remain calm. Thanks seems so little to say but a heartfelt thanks to the staff at EMS for providing the training I needed to help my son. Brock is now a year old and we are looking forward to the holidays. Everyone should take advantage of the CPR courses offered by EMS. Someone you love may need your help!

## Resident praises Medical Care Facility

Dear Mr. Murphy,

The main purpose for me writing is to express my good feelings concerning the Medical Care Facility next door.

My son, Stephen Hamblin, was admitted to the center October 6 this year, and this morning, my daughter, Anne Blanchard, was also admitted for the same reason -- Multiple Sclerosis. Steve is 36 and Anne is 40. Wanda, in admitting, has been so kind and helpful as have the whole staff -- nurses, aides, therapists, and kitchen staff. Everyone is so pleasant and efficient in what I feel is the most demanding job ever.

We entered the building in tears this morning, and Anne was actually smiling two hours later because the whole procedure was so efficient and smooth, even the visit from the doctor. My wife, Jean, and I are so thankful for the beautiful treatment our kids are receiving, we would like it on record.

Sincerely,

John Hamblin

# Oakland welcomes new judge

Adriann J. McCall

Appointed by Governor Engler, U.S. Attorney Denise Langford-Morris was sworn into the Oakland County Circuit Court on August 25, 1992. She is the first African-American judge to sit on the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Langford-Morris received both her Bachelor's degree in Sociology and her Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Wayne State University. She later worked in the Wayne County Probate Court as a children's protective service worker. There, she met several attorneys and judges who persuaded her to go to law school.

She then attended the University of Detroit Law School and after graduation in 1982, she became a practitioner on a part-time basis. In 1984, Langford-Morris worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office under L. Brooks Patterson. She then worked as a civil litigator for a law firm in Troy.

She later joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit, where she was assigned to

cases involving employment and housing discrimination and auto negligence, as well as several other civil cases.

Langford-Morris serves on the board of directors for the Federal Bar Association, is secretary of the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County, and is a member of the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan. Recently, she was awarded the "Glass Ceiling Award" by the Pontiac Area Urban League for her accomplishments. In addition, she is a founder of the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, an Oakland County association of minority attorneys.

"I'm very pleased and honored to have the opportunity to serve in Oakland County. I want to be the best judge I can be and I hope to run a fair and objective courtroom, ensuring that all litigants and witnesses are treated fairly and courteously," said Langford-Morris.

She will serve out the rest of Judge Alice Gilbert's term which ends on December 31, 1994. Judge Gilbert resigned to run for Congress.

# 1992 United Way Campaign Concludes on Successful Note

Jeffrey C. Pardee, Campaign Chairman

The 1992 United Way Campaign for the County of Oakland has been concluded and I am pleased to report that our goal of \$80,000 was exceeded by \$560.

I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the employees of Oakland County and would like to acknowledge the following departments that achieved 100 percent participation: Auditing, Corporation Counsel, Reimbursement Division, Personnel Department, Veterans' Services, Economic Development, Community Development and the Law Library. I'd also like to recognize Joe Matkowski, Accounting Division, who was the top contributor during the campaign and Dan Murphy, County Executive, whose contribution allowed the county to surpass the goal of \$80,000.

Congratulations to all who participated and best wishes to those in our community who are the needy recipients of this heart-warming generosity.

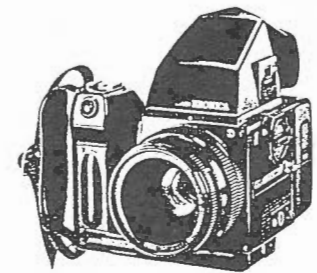
# Library designated U.S. Federal Documents Depository Library

In September of this year the Oakland County Library was designated a United States Federal Documents Depository Library. Briefly, this means that we can now order directly the many publications of the United States Government. For several years we shared Depository status with the Cranbrook Science Institute Library. We were limited there in the number and titles of the documents we could select. Being designated a Depository Library allows us freedom to choose additional documents that will be beneficial to the Libraries and to the other departments/divisions here at the County.

Thus far, in addition to adding publications to the Reference Library Collection, we have requested documents for the Law Library, Veterans' Administration, Economic Development and the Oakland/Pontiac Airport. The County will realize a tremendous savings

of money as these are documents currently purchased by those departments/divisions. The workload increase for the Reference Library staff has been quite notable, but has been offset by the ideal that residents of the United States are entitled to information published by their government. It is our expectation that we will be better able to serve the information needs of our library patrons as well as save much needed revenues for the county through this program.

As you are probably aware, the United States Government is one of the most prolific publishers in the world. Feel free to exercise your right to government information by calling or stopping in at the Reference Library. The staff will be happy to let you know what has been ordered and if you are interested in a particular government document we have not ordered please let us know.



# Photo contest upcoming

Employee photo show/contest photos must be submitted by February 1 to Cultural Affairs-EOB. The exhibit begins February 3 and runs through March 11. Photos will be judged — first, second, and third prizes and honorable mention. It is an open category and there is a \$1 entry fee. Photos can be black and white or color, but must be at least 8" x 10" in size, and mounted and framed, ready for hanging. Photos can be picked up on March 12. For more information, call Dave Van De Griff at 80538.

## Division Highlight

# Working together for children

by Adriann J. McCall

Since 1927, the Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Division of the Health Division (earlier called the Michigan Crippled Children Program) has been assisting families with disabled children. They are committed to providing services to children with handicaps or chronic health problems.

CSHCS, located in the Health Annex, has a staff of eight who help to create a home environment for families who come to the department for help. A family is first scheduled for a one hour visit where they are shown a video that helps familiarize them with the department and the staff. The video also provides step by step information on how the child will be enrolled in the program. About six weeks later, they are sent a letter of eligibility which lists the various professionals who are approved by the program to provide care, services, and supplies to the child.

The program is a locally based service system which makes it possible to enroll at any local health department in Michigan's 83 counties. Families of all income levels are able to receive the services; some are not charged at all, while others share the cost of their child's care through a client payment agreement.

CSHCS provides and pays for



Front row, left to right: Joanne Schager, Elaine Sinkule, Beverly Smith  
Back row, left to right: Shawn Galbraith, Dawn Darling, Denise Dimeck

specialized medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, which can cost from \$2,500 to \$15,000, leg braces, artificial limbs, and other supplies. In addition, the program offers case management to help families find the additional assistance they may need.

"We can pay for transportation, lodging in hotels, Ronald McDonald homes, and parking fees," said Elaine Sinkule, coordinator of CSHCS, "Some families have to travel far distances to receive the services their child needs and that can be very expensive for families, regardless of income level."

The program has several features which make it very service-oriented. Family-centered services help families adjust to being primary caretakers along with medical professionals. Community-based services help families learn how to care for their children in their homes. Coordinated-

care services help families to identify other agencies that can also provide assistance. Family assessment, case management, and program representation are features of the program that insure meeting family needs.

About 1,200 children are enrolled per year and an additional 750 get diagnostic evaluations. Premature children born with defects make up the majority of the children served by CSHCS.

In order to receive services, the individual must have a medical condition and be under 21 years of age. However, services are provided to adults over age 21 if they have Cystic Fibrosis or Hemophilia. Services are not provided for mental care needs, routine pediatric care, experimental care or accidents.

For more information on the services of Children's Special Health Care Services, call 858-5409.

## Athletic complex opens

Nearly fourteen years after the original plans were submitted, Children's Village dedicated its new outdoor Athletic Complex on June 12, 1992.

The complex, which was developed in three phases starting in the summer of 1989, was subsidized through a unique partnership of county government, corporate, group and individual contributions.

Boasting a 1/4 mile running track, covered pavilion, three sand volleyball pits, ten-unit fitness trail station, softball diamond, multi-purpose athletic field, playground equipment and picnic tables, benches and grills, the complex stands as a model for all other juvenile facilities.

Beginning with a \$50,000 appropriation from county government, the Children's Village Citizens Advisory Council raised an

additional \$80,000 in the past four years through annual fund raising projects such as The Autumn Adventure, a \$10,000 dinner raffle auction and the Spring Scramble Golf Outing.

The dedication ceremony was highlighted by guest speakers, Oakland County Executive, Daniel T. Murphy and Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, Larry Crake.

The twelve member Citizens Advisory Council was recognized by the County Executive Office with a Resolution and individual plaques, while the Board of Commissioners presented members with individual Proclamations.

In a fitting tribute to the newly dedicated "Children's Village Athletic Field", Children's Village youngsters released colorful balloons at the conclusion of the ceremony.

## Village hosts successful fundraiser

The fifth annual "Autumn Adventure" fundraiser was a resounding success. Approximately \$25,000 was generated through silent and live auctions as well as ticket sales revenue. \$13,000 in prize money was awarded, including a \$10,000 grand prize. Proceeds from the event have been earmarked to go toward continuing education opportunities for deserving Children's Village youngsters. The annual event is hosted by the Children's Village Citizen's Advisory Council.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY 1993

- Jan. 2-3 Christmas Tree Recycling at nine Oakland County parks, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Receive free Earth Fair entry and pine seedling coupon. Call 858-0906.
- Jan. 9 "Friendly Finches" nature program, Independence Oaks Nature Center, 8:30-10 a.m. Observe winter birds at the Nature Center feeding station. \$1/person. Pre-registration mandatory; call 625-6473.
- Jan. 9 "Family Affair Ski Tour," Independence Oaks County Park, noon-4 p.m. Ski lessons, demonstrations, and nature center visit. \$3/person. Call 625-0877.
- Jan. 9-10 Christmas Tree Recycling at nine Oakland County Parks, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Receive free Earth Fair entry and pine seedling coupon. Call 858-0906.
- Jan. 11, 13, 18 Mobile Cross-Country Skiing for Seniors. Site varies. 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-2:45 p.m. \$3 without ski rental, \$5 & 20 with ski rental. Call 858-0913.
- Jan. 16 Michigan Winter Special Olympics, Independence Oaks County Park. Call Nancy Joseph at 674-4924.
- Jan. 16 "Original Snowshoes" nature program, Independence Oaks Nature Center, 12:30 p.m. Go snowshoeing and look at animals with natural snowshoes, snow conditions permitting. Snowshoes provided. \$1/person. Pre-registration mandatory; call 625-6473.
- Jan. 16 & 23 Family and Friends Ski Night, Addison Oaks County Park, 5:30-9 p.m. Cross-country skiing on 1.5 mile lighted trail, ski lessons, ice skating, hay rides, and prize drawings. \$3/person. Call 858-0906 or 693-2432.
- Jan. 16, 23 & 31 "Observer and Eccentric Ski School" cross-country ski clinics (weather permitting) 9:30-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Addison Oaks (693-2432) and Independence Oaks (625-0877) County Parks. Pre-registration one week in advance required.
- Jan. 23 Crook Lake Ice Fishing Contest, Independence Oaks County Park, 9 a.m.-noon. All ages compete for awards: biggest fish, longest fish, most fish, etc. Call 858-0916.
- Jan. 23 "Skiing Under the Stars" nature program, Independence Oaks Nature Center, 7-9 p.m. Join the naturalists for this cross-country skiing evening and look at the stars. \$1/person. Pre-registration mandatory; call 625-6473.
- Jan. 24 The New Springfield Oaks Antiques Show and Sale, Springfield Oaks Activities Center. Dealers displaying antiques and collectibles, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Doors open at 7 a.m. for early bird shoppers. Free admission and parking. Call 623-9014 or 625-8133.
- Jan. 26 - Feb. 16 Oakland County Parks Photo Exhibit at First Center Office Plaza, Northwestern Highway, near Lahser Road in Southfield. Call 858-0906.
- Jan. 30 "Winterfest," Addison Oaks County Park, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Ski lessons, demonstrations, and ice fishing contest. \$3/person. Call 693-2432 or 858-0906.
- Jan. 30 "Sleepytime Tales" nature program, Independence Oaks Nature Center, 7-8:30 p.m. This storytime celebrates the wonder of the natural world. Geared toward families with children, ages 4-8. \$1/person. Pre-registration mandatory; call 625-6473.

## Parks recycling holiday trees

Don't throw away your Christmas tree. Recycle it instead.

The Oakland County Parks will accept Christmas trees for recycling on January 2, 3, 9, and 10 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. There is no charge to participate.

New this year, roping and wreaths will be accepted (all metal materials must be removed). Plastic must be removed from trees at the drop-off site.

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

Each recycler will receive a coupon good for a free pine seedling and entry to the Independence Oaks Nature Center's annual Earth Fair on April 24, 1992.

For more information or specific locations of the parks, call 858-0906.

## Parks Continue to Grow

A survey conducted last fall indicated Oakland County residents want large tracts of land preserved for open space and recreational use.

The Parks and Recreation Commission filled that request in July with the purchase of 672 acres in Lyon Township.

Lyon Oaks features an ecologically important heron rookery. The site has an estimated 300 Great Blue Heron nests. Herons return to their wetlands each year to mate and to search for food.

Additionally, the property purchase fills another high public priority — preserving wildlife.

Lyon Oaks, the tenth Oakland County Park, is bordered by I-96, Pontiac Trail, and Old Plank roads. The park system now measures more than 5,000 acres.

There are no definite plans for Lyon Oaks. However, it may be used as an environmental education resource and for activities like hiking, picnicking, and cross-country skiing.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

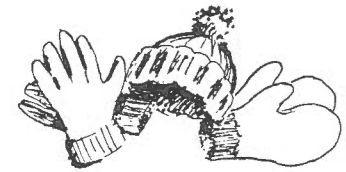
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- March 6 "In search of Springtails" nature program, Independence Oaks Nature Center, 1-2:30 p.m. Look for insects during a winter walk with a naturalist. Pre-registration mandatory; call 625-6473.
- March 9-30 Oakland County Parks Photo Exhibit at Oaktec Office Center, Hamlin Road, south of Squirrel Road in Auburn Hills. Call 858-0906.
- March 13 "Maples 'N' Ice Cream" nature program, Independence Oaks Nature Center, 1-3:30 p.m. Learn about maple sugaring and making tin can ice cream. \$1.50/person. Pre-registration mandatory; call 625-6473.

### Monthly Activities (Call for dates and times)

- OAKlowns Clown Alley meetings, Waterford Oaks Recreation Office, Waterford. Call 858-0916.
- Program for Individuals with Visual Impairments. Meets at Oakland County Easter Seals Building. Call 338-3030.
- Dances: Ballroom, Round, Square, and Clogging. Call 858-0913.



## Gloves, hats and mittens needed for homeless people

This holiday season the staff of the North Office Building is sharing the warmth by sponsoring a "Mitten Tree". They will be collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for children and adults until December 14, 1992. The collected items will be taken to local homeless shelters on December 21, 1992.

The entire Oakland County staff is encouraged to participate. All donations can be sent to the Cooperative Extension Service, second floor of the North Office Building. If you have any questions call Elaine Paradis at 858-0895.

### UNSUNG HERO

## He helps people cope with Cystic Fibrosis

by Adriann J. McCall

Perhaps you have seen bumperstickers and commercials asking you to kiss your child's forehead to taste salt. This simple test has been the indicator for many parents whose children have Cystic Fibrosis.

Lin White, Facility Maintenance and Operations, has a 15-year-old son who has Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Since he and his family joined the Detroit Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Lin has been an avid supporter of children with CF.

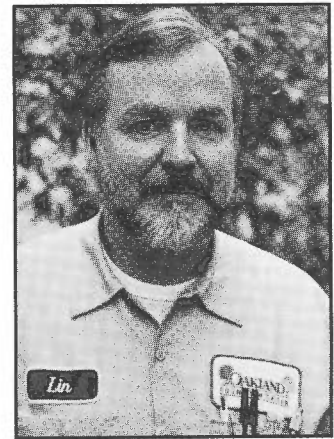
One in every 2,000 children are born with Cystic Fibrosis each year. It is a genetic disease that affects the respiratory system and can often be misdiagnosed as pneumonia or chronic bronchitis. Most children with Cystic Fibrosis have a 50 percent chance of reaching age 21.

"We live day to day," said White, "and each day is special for us." Both White and his wife are carriers of the CF gene and lost their first child to CF when he was five days old.

When Jason was four, the family attended their first party for the Detroit Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and realized they could become more involved. He and his wife began organizing Easter, Halloween, and Christmas parties, where they made all of the decorations themselves. One year, Lin drew huge Smurf pictures as prizes for the children, and another year, he was Santa and built a sleigh. Unfortunately, they had to stop gathering the children together for the parties because of a contagious disease that kills children with CF.

However, on a larger scale, Lin has had Jason enrolled in two Cystic Fibrosis research programs. "Jason feels good knowing that he may be able to help another child with CF stay alive by being part of a research program," said White.

In addition to his work with the CF Foundation, White owns a bicycle shop where he and Jason sell and repair



Lin White

bikes. He also installs carpeting on the weekends. Each day, he comes home from work, prepares dinner, and cleans the house before his wife comes home. "I have a lot of energy, and I try to share it with Jason," said White.

Lin White is not only a hero to all of the children that he has drawn Smurf pictures for, but also to those children and their parents who are battling Cystic Fibrosis and other diseases. While working to help find a cure for CF, Lin White has also been a model of courage for his son and has encouraged others to be heroes for their children.

# Employees make news

## New Employees

Welcome to the following new employees:

**Edwon Brown**, Treasurer's Dept., as a Personal Property Tax Collector.

**Rosemarie Bully**, Circuit Court, as Judge Denise Langford-Morris' Court Clerk I.

**Kelly Collins**, Circuit Court Administrator's Office as a student.

**Twyla Cypret**, Children's Village, as a Youth Specialist I.

**Lauryn Eriksen**, Children's Village, as a Youth Specialist I.

**Aimee Frye**, Children's Village, as a Youth Specialist I.

**Kelley Green**, FM&O Admin., was hired as a co-op student.

**Pat Kenealy** Radio Communications, as a Radio Technician.

**Ann Malayang**, Circuit Court, as Judge Denise Langford-Morris' Research Attorney.

**Laurie Niewiadomski**, Children's Village, as a Youth Specialist I.

**Brad Pierce**, Children's Village, as a Youth Specialist I.

**Lisa Saylor**, FM&O Admin., as a co-op student.

**Jerry Seawright**, Children's Village, as a Youth Specialist I.

**Susan Speck**, Children's Village, as a Youth Specialist I.

**Jan Stepanski**, Circuit Court, as Judge Denise Langford-Morris' Judicial Secretary.

**Susan Young**, Circuit Court, as Judge Denise Langford-Morris' Court Clerk II.

**Wendy Zuzelski**, FM&O, Admin., as a Student Engineer.

## Marriages

Congratulations to the following:

**Nicole Chapman**, Clerk/Register of Deeds, Vital Statistics Unit, and Aaron Bain on May 9, 1992.

**Barbara Erickson**, Treasurer's Dept., and Bob Erickson on October 17, 1992.

**Gary Gould**, Parks & Rec., and Michelle Curmi, on September 26, 1992.

**Jeff Phelps**, Payroll, and Shawn Moore on May 30, 1992.

**Karla Roberts**, Circuit Court Assignment Clerk's Office, and Steve Early on August 15, 1992.

**Laura Simpkins**, Clerk/Register of Deeds, and Brett Thierbach on August 7, 1992.

## Births

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

A daughter, Emily, born to **Brenda Chen**, Computer Services, and her

husband, Ted, on October 3, 1992.

A daughter, Kathryn Ann, born to **Kathy Kelley** of Computer Services, and her husband, Russell, on October 14, 1992.

A daughter, Kathleen Marissa, born to **Judi Lockhart**, Reimbursement, and her husband, Doug, on September 27, 1992.

A son, Jacob Alexander, born to **Dave Malkin**, Children's Village, and his wife, Lynn, on September 18, 1992.

A daughter, Chelsea Elizabeth, born to **Larry Mitchell**, Clerk/Register of Deeds, and his wife, **Annie**, Community Mental Health Center, on October 21, 1992.

A daughter, Shelby Marie, born to **Michelle Kase**, Circuit Court Assignment Clerk's Office, and her husband, Sam, on July 29, 1992.

A son, Nicholas Eric, born to **Theresa Schultz**, Clerk/Register of Deeds, on August 8, 1992.

A son, Lucas Harold, born to **Greg White**, FM&O Maintenance, on August 17, 1992.

## Transfers

**Tracey Coburn**, Accounting Accounts Payable, to Payroll.

**Sam Cowell**, Water and Sewer, to FM&O Maintenance as a Maintenance Laborer.

**Lynne Derocher**, Community Mental Health, as assistant to CHM Accountant.

**Shelia Garin**, Circuit Court, to Judge Robert C. Anderson's office as a research attorney.

**Nancy Kunzart**, Circuit Court Administrator's Office, to Judge Sosnick's office as a Court Clerk I.

**Robyn Oesch**, Budget, to Reimbursement.

**Karen Widajewski**, Accounting, to Community Mental Health as an Accountant.

## Leaving

**Barb Cole**, Accounting/Payroll, left Payroll.

**Michele Schrader**, Circuit Court, left her position as Court Clerk I for Judge Sosnick.

## Promotions

Congratulations to the following:

**Jim Beauchamp**, Computer Services, to Programmer Analyst I.

**Bob Curtis**, FM&O Maintenance Unit, to Maintenance Supervisor II.

**Barbara Devaney**, Computer Services, to Application Analyst Programmer I.

**John Gijonaj**, FM&O Custodial Unit, to Custodial Worker II.

**Dan Kelly**, FM&O Custodial Unit, to

Custodial Worker II.

**Marina Lupyran**, Computer Services, to Programmer Analyst Trainee.

**Brian Mason**, Computer Services, to Programmer Analyst I.

**Larry McCullough**, FM&O Custodial Unit, to Custodial Worker Supervisor II.

**Jackie Nyovich**, Computer Services, to Project Supervisor of Application Development.

**Harshika Patel**, Computer Services, to Programmer Analyst II.

**Tom Stidham**, FM&O Maintenance Unit, to Skilled Maintenance Mechanic II.

**Don Wood**, FM&O Maintenance Unit, to Skilled Maintenance Mechanic II.

**Francis Zak**, Computer Services, to Programmer Analyst I.

## Retirements

**Richard "Dick" Elliott**, Clerk/Register of Deeds, retired on October 30, 1992. Dick began his career with Oakland County on February 24, 1969, as Deputy Clerk/Register of Deeds. For the last 24 years, Dick has been Deputy to Clerk/Register Lynn D. Allen. He assisted Lynn Allen in creating an efficient office and has served Oakland County well.



Richard "Dick" Elliott



Mr. Murphy presents 20 year service award plaque to Dorothy Rosenberg

# More employees make news

## Kudos

Congratulations to the following employees:

In 1982, the office of the County Executive and the Personnel Department developed the first in-house Retirement & Service Award Program in recognition of employees who had made a career of public service. The 10th Annual Retirement & Service Award Program was held the afternoon of June 24, 1992 at the Deer Lake Racquet Club. Approximately 170 people were welcomed to the 1992 program by C. Vincent Luzi, Director of Personnel. County Executive Dan Murphy congratulated all award recipients and along with Joe Joachim, Deputy Executive, presented gold watches to those employees who had completed 25 years of service with Oakland County. Receiving gold watches were: **Roy Lake, Marcella Ruffner, Margart Wilson**-Accounting; **Carl Anderson**-Animal Control; **Peter Balzerini**-Children's Village; **Janet Stickley, Pamela Vanderlist**-Clerk/Register of Deeds; **David Henig**-Community Mental Health; **Fred Vetter**-Computer Services; **Cora Vanitvelt**-County Executive Administration; The **Honorable Robert Shipper**-52/3 District Court; **Gregory Davis**-Drain Commissioner; **Lawrence Capaldi**-Equalization; **Donald Malinowski**-Facilities Engineering; **Alan Veen**-Facilities Maintenance & Operations; **James Rothschild, Mary Lee Young**-Health; **Philip Dondero**-Planning; **Patricia Peck**-Probate Court; **Mary Ann Henderson**-Public Works; **Major Carl Matheny, William Wiles, Ronald Winkler**-Sheriff; and **William Watson**-Water & Sewage Operations. Not in attendance at the program but receiving gold watches this year were The **Honorable Robert Templin, Jr.**-Circuit Court; The **Honorable Eugene Moore**-Probate Court; **Dan MacLennan**-Drain Commissioners and **Joseph O'Connor**-Probate Court.

Larry Crane, Board of Commissioners Chairperson, presented a plaque for 40 years of dedicated County service to **Dan Murphy**.

Directors and Division Managers presented plaques to recent retirees and employees who have been a part of county service for 20 years or more. **Don Lumsden**, Accounting, received a plaque for 35 years of service. **Ruby Garcia**-Facilities Maintenance & Operations;

**Gail Warfield**, Probate Court; **Paul Jumisco**, Water & Sewage Operations, received plaques for 30 years of service. Other employees with 30 years but not in attendance were: **Delores Conaway**, Prosecuting Attorney; **Larry Howe**, and **Henry Roehl** both of Facilities Maintenance & Operations.

**Joyce Allen**, Community Developer at the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA), received the "Edward P. Revis Distinguished Service Award" at the Michigan Community Action Agency Association (MCAAA) headquarters in Lansing on September 30, 1992, for her assistance with people in the community who are without food, shelter or clothing. The award, sponsored by MCAAA, is given annually to outstanding employees in Michigan for their work in community action agencies such as OLHSA.

For the third consecutive year, the **Oakland County Bar Association** was the championship winner in the County Employees Co-Ed Softball League.

**Yasmina Bouraoui**, Public Health Educator in the Health Division, spent three months this summer leading a group of college students on a work project in Senegal. After a three-day orientation in New York City, home base of the project sponsor, Operation Crossroads Africa, the group flew to Africa. The group project was to build a livestock feed bank. Working with African counterparts, they also managed to build understanding of diverse cultures.

Oakland County Sixth Circuit Court **Judge David F. Breck** has been appointed to the State Judicial Council for a four-year term by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael F. Cavanagh. The State Judicial Council acts as the employer of over 7,000 employees of the Judicial Branch of state government who serve in the Circuit, Records, District or Probate Courts.

OLHSA Executive Director **Robert Conaway** recognized employees who had been with the agency for ten years. They are: **Michael Brown, Linda Frazier, Helen Fust, Linda Holland, Helen Rollins, Mike Smith, Kathy Taylor, and Marie Weir**.

**Barbara A. Consilio**, Oakland County Probate Court Administrator, has been elected to a two-year term as President of the Michigan Association of Probate and Juvenile Court Administrators.

**Judith K. Cunningham**, Court Administrator, has been elected President of the Michigan Association of Circuit Court Administrators. This organization is comprised of court managers whose purpose is to facilitate the administrative functions of courts throughout the state. For the past two years, she has been the group's Vice President.

**Barbara Hickey**, BSN, RN, is the 1992 recipient of the Michigan Nurses Association Community Health Staff Nurse Award. She received the award at a luncheon on October 6, 1992 during the Michigan Nurses Association annual convention.

**Tom Lepping** recently demonstrated professional competency by successfully completing the Certified Arborist examinations administered through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and the Michigan Chapter of the ISA. The ISA is a scientific and educational organization devoted to the dissemination of information on the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

**Mark J. Mayberry**, Clerk I for the Honorable David F. Breck, has been selected to represent the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law National Moot Court Team.

Oakland Circuit Court **Judge Fred M. Mester** has received a Centennial Award from Central Michigan University. CMU is celebrating 100 years of education this year by honoring those individuals who have made an impact on the University, their chosen professions, and society.

**Jeffrey C. Pardee**, Budget Manager of Oakland County, has been elected to the Michigan Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MMFOA) Board of Directors for a two-year term. **James VanLeuven**, Deputy County Treasurer for Tax Administration, was elected MMFOA President for 1993. MMFOA is the Michigan Chapter of the Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada, a professional organization dedicated to the furtherance of public financial management and financial reporting.

**Carl Pardon**, Manager of Veterans' Services Division, was re-elected Secretary of the National Association of County Veterans' Service Officers at the annual conference held in June at Omaha, Nebraska.