## Murphy, Spreen load up for debates

By Kathy Parrish stoff writer

Voters should get plenty of chances to weigh candidates for Oakland County's top office.

With the campaign season just under way, at least three debates are planned between Oakland County Executive Dadiel Murphy and his challenger Sheriff Johannes F. Spreen.

Facing off for the first time at noon Sept. 25 at an Oakland County Chamber of Commerce meeting in Roma's of Bloomfield, they also will debate at noon Oct. 16 before the South Oakland County chambers of commerce. There is no spot yet for the meeting with chamber representatives from Berkery, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Madison Heights, Oak Park and Royal Oak.

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Also planned is a brunch and debate at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oet. 21 in Ada Shalom, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Sponsoring the event is the Bar-risters' Unit of Brail Brith.

sald Jane Smith, Murphy's campaign

sand Jone Simin, Surphy campaign manager.

"Basically without overdoing any-hing, we have no problem with debat-ing the sheriff. We have not turned down any opportunities, but don't want to do U once a week."

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Kay Penner, Spreen's campaign
manager, welcomes opportunities forface to face talks between the candidates.

"I think it's good government when
candidates are seen togother a lot during a campaign," explained the former
executive director of Oakland County's
Democratle Party.

"People will get to see them both
and make informed choices when they
vote."

THE DEBATES will give equal footing to the two officeholders, whose campaigns are far apart in financial backing.

On the campaign trail since his birth day-party kickoff Aug. 9, Murphy's backers have been pleased to find very solid 'oldir support.' 'Contributions are always something you fight clation.



Johannes F. Spreen Debetes help inform voters

for — especially in a presidential year," said Smith, who was deputy di-rector of the Oakland County Bar Asso-clation.



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"But we're getting lots of support from all different quarters of the coun-

WHILE CAMPAIGNING, the incumbent intends to stress his experience as county executive. He also will talk about strides the county has made in the area of economic development.

"He's going to run on his record as a ood administrator and fiscally respon-

"It's a matter of getting the message to people that the county is sound."

Spreen, who went into the campaign with \$1,400 left over from his last race, reported just over \$5,500.

Of that, \$5,000 was donated to the Democrat by the United Auto Workers (UAW). Another \$500 came infrom a longtume friend in Gary, Iod.

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There's no way we can compete with Dan Murphy's fund-raising," said priced fund-raisers anyone can afford.

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"John Spreen is a gentleman, and will conduct himself as a gentleman," said Penner.
"They are both officeholders," said Smith.

"All candidates have their differences, but I expect the debates to be very gentlemanly and just stating the facts."

## Improvement loans available

There is good news for more Oakland County familles who want to take ad-vantage of the county's 3-percent home-improvement loans.

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In certain cases, large families with incomes as high as \$32,500 may be elligible for loans under the program's updated income limits.
The county was recently notified that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development raised the income limits for families living in southeast Michigan who are seeking loans to improve their homes.

"These expanded limits make it possible for many more people to take advantage of low interest loans to make repairs to their homes that they may not have been able to do before," Murnot have been able to do before, "Murnot have been able to do before," Murnot have been able to do before, "Murnot have been able to do before," Murnot have been able to do before, "Murnot have been able to do before," Murnot have been able to do before the home in rented amount whenever the home is rented variety of repairs including roots, side with the company of the beautiful to the company of the loan amount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety of real to a mount whenever the home is rented variety.

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The Home Improvement Program offers three types of loans; installment, deferred or a combination of the two. The installment loan is repaid with 3-percent-interest fixed monthly pay-ments. A homeowner may take up to 20 years to repay the loan if necessary. The deferred loan is interest free.

Income limits range from \$18,200 for a family of one to \$32,500 for a family of eight.

People interested in the program should contact the Oakland County Community Development office at 858-0493.

## Municipal league hears governor

Michigan Gov, James J. Blanchard Journalist Neal R. Pierce on the convention opening luncheon of the 68th annual convention of Michigan Municipal Excellence."

Senatorial nominees Sen. Carl M. League at noon Wednesday in the Dearborn Hyatt Regency Hotel.

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