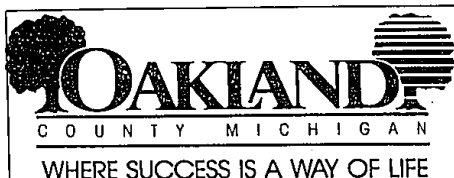


Oakland County slogan flaunts success

Oakland County is being billed as the place where "Success is a Way of Life." The slogan, coupled with a contemporary logo design, is the new official trademark for Oakland County's Economic Development Group.

Oakland County Executive offices. The green and black logo features two oak trees — one traditional and solid green, the other a more modern design similar to graphics used to denote high technology.



the basis for the slogan and logo development. Oakland County Economic Development Group bases the claim on several factors:

statewide testing. Residents support 14 colleges and universities, 73 private and parochial schools, 34 public libraries and four vocational training centers.

- Average buying power — Oakland County's household average buying income ranks third among U.S. counties with more than one million residents.

- Manufacturing — 2,400 of the county's 25,000 businesses are manufacturing companies. These rank 19th among 3,000 U.S. counties in value of manufacturing shipments.

- Population — With more than one million residents, it's population exceeds Utah, New Mexico, Delaware, Rhode Island or North Dakota.

- Office space — There has been more office space built in Oakland since 1960 than any other county within 200 miles. About 7.5 million square feet of office space is either under construction or planned.

- Education — Students of county districts rank near the top in annual

THE OAKLAND County Economic Development Group was formed in April 1984 to stimulate economic growth and employment in the county. It works on business retention, expansion and attraction.

The department provides businesses both in and out of Oakland County with site and building search, market demog-

graphics, business start-up information, economic trends, job training, tax abatement information and assistance

with local, state and federal agencies. Oakland County's emergence as an economically prosperous community is

Summer's harbinger: highway bids

Heading into a busy summer of construction and improvements to state roads and airports, Michigan Department of Transportation will take bids on 48 projects.

Estimated at \$45 million, the projects will provide improvements on everything from county bridges to nearly 100 miles of railroad track. 20 projects call for construction at 14 publicly owned airports.

Bids will be taken at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, in Lansing Civic Center.

Oakland County work includes:

- construction of left turn lanes and crossovers on M-1 (Woodward Ave.) south of Pontiac to Oak Street in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, October 1985;

- resurfacing six-tenths of one mile of M-150 in Rochester, July 1985;

- resurfacing from Squirrel Road into the Oakland University campus in Auburn Hills, July 1985;

- regrading, resurfacing and landscaping one mile of Wilcox Road at North and South Burns, November 1985, Oakland County Road Commission project;

- construction on Wilcox Road from Grand River Ave. north to Pontiac Trail, November 1985, Oakland County Road Commission project;

- removal of existing bridge and construction of bridge to carry Lahser over the River Rouge, November 1985, Oakland County Road Commission project;

- alteration of watermain on Kenilworth Ave. in Royal Oak and Huntington Woods, April 1986;

- Oakland Pontiac Airport — grooving one runway, June, 1985, installation of special runway and taxiway lighting and signs, August 1985, and repair runway, June 1985.

Line forming for circuit court seat

Ask Gov. James J. Blanchard about the big Oakland County judicial appointment he will make soon, and he'll roll his eyes toward heaven.

"It's a no-win situation," said Blanchard, who must appoint a replacement for Circuit Judge George LaPlata of West Bloomfield. LaPlata was to take his oath of office last Friday as a federal district judge for eastern Michigan through an appointment from President Ronald Reagan.

"My sense is that I'll have every Democratic lawyer in Oakland County applying for it," Blanchard said in an interview. Altogether, 21 lawyers have applied for the post.

Circuit court handles felony criminal cases, divorces and major civil suits.

"I haven't even seen the list of applicants," said the governor. He said a State Bar Association screening com-

mittee would interview applicants and give them ratings.

Blanchard was asked specifically about attorney Thomas Giles Kavanagh Jr. of Troy and George Googalan of Birmingham. Kavanagh ran twice for the post. Googalan, a former Oakland County Democratic chairman, is rumored to be front-runner for the appointment.

"Both of them were among my early campaign supporters for Congress," said Blanchard, a Pleasant Ridge resident who represented the 18th Congressional District from 1975 to 1982.

"Whatever I do, I'm going to have one happy person and 99 disappointed ones. Democratic lawyers rarely get a chance to be circuit judges in Oakland County except by appointment. "I wish I had four or five appointments to make."

County honors cops at ceremony

A "National Police Week Awards Day Ceremony" will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Oakland County Commissioners' Auditorium in the county complex.

Presented by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, the program is open to the public. Keynote speaker is Oakland County Circuit Judge Gene Schnezl.

"Officer of the Year" awards will be presented to two department members. Letters of commendation and other awards will go to selected members of the department and several residents for outstanding service.

The program will conclude with a memorial salute and the playing of taps in honor of officers who have given their lives in service. Refreshments will be served.

OCC looks at excellence

As part of Oakland Community College's "Quest for Excellence" campaign, a presentation on "Excellence at Two-Year Colleges" will be presented at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Smith Performing Arts Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Judith Eaton, chairwoman of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. The speaker is president of the Community College of Philadelphia and was chief executive of Clark Community College in Las Vegas, Nev.

She taught in the history department at OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus and was dean at Highland Lakes Campus before leaving to become vice president at Johnson County Community College in Kansas.

A reception honoring Eaton will follow the program. To attend the reception, call 471-7512 or 471-7510.

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