## ADD campaign gets lots of help in Oakland

; The Mothers Against Drunk Driv-ing holiday red ribbon campaign has made a difference in its first five years, law enforcement officials said.

said.
"I think we've seen attitudes changing," Michigan State Police Capt. Robert Bellaire said.
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""I think many people in our commonity — who really can't be identified — have been spared." Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair said.

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Still drunk whomager, rise.
The nearly 3,600 drunk driving cases prosecuted in 1990 represented an increase of more than 30 percent from the previous year, O'Hair aaid.

There were 730 drunk driving fa-talities in Michigan last year, ac-cording to state police statistics. There were also 23,114 alcohol-relat-edinjuries. Nationwide, nearly 62 percent of all New Year's traffic fatalities were alcohol-related.

MADD's ANNUAL PROMOTION asks drivers to tie a red ribbon to their left car door or side view mirror throughout the holidays. It represents a piedge not to drink and drive, MADD officials said, as well as a regulater to others.

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Government and business officials pledged to support MADD's efforts at a campaign kick-off Monday at the For Theater, Detroil.
In a separate kick-off in Lansing Monday, Therse McNeil, executive director of Oakland County MADD,

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The new address is 1383 S. Woodward, Suite 14. The phone number is 253-1700. NEW, TOUGHER DRUNK driv-ing laws are scheduled to go into ef-fect Jan. 1. With a new 840-bed coun-ty Jail hiready open, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said there will

accompanied Gov. John Engler at a press conference on the Capital steps and a motorized parade to the Kel-logg Center at Michigan State Uni-versity.

versity.

"Last year we (Oakland County) distributed more than \$8 miles of red ribbon," said McNell, who lost both parents, a grandmother and brother in an alcobol-related accident on Christmas Day, 1986. "This year we hope to do much better."

be more than enough space for those convicted. "To those who drink and drive, let me say there will be space," Ficano

said.

County property in Westland will
also be dedicated to the victims of
drunk drivers, assistant county executive Dale Juresin said.

The property is near the Merri-

Perhaps the most compelling argument against drunk driving was provided by Harold Gant of Belleville. Gant and his wife, Joyce, who suffered major injuries after being struck head on by a drunk driver in March 1990. Gant suffered broken ribs and partial loss of the use of one hand as a result of the crash. His wife suffered a broken neck, requiring three months of traction and many more months of therapy.

In September, Oakland MADD moved from Orion Township to Bloomfield Hills. "We wanted to be more centralized," explained McNell. WITH THE help of MADD, we prosecuted the other driver," Gant sald. "But today he's back out on the street."

Added Joyce Gant: "I do not ap-preciate that someone could take my life in his hands like that and still

ilfe in his hands like that and still show no remore."
Red ribbons are being distributed nationwide. The campaign runs through Jan. I. Ribbons are available at the MADD office in Bloomfield Hills. They are also available at • Birmingham: The Fred Lavery Co.

Co.

• Farmington Hills: Bill Cook
Automotive Group, Bob Saks Motor
Mall; Sunshine Acura and Town &

Red ribbons are available at the new MADD office, 1383 S. Woodward, Suite 13, Bloomfield Hills as well as at a number of car dealerships in Oakland County.

Country Dodge.

• Rochester: Bill Fox Chevrolet,
Bill Fox Jeep Eagle, Meadowbrook
Dodge: Pat Moran Olds & GMC, and
Shelton Pontiac Bulck.

• Rochester Hills: Crissman Lincoln-Mercury and Hundington Ford.

• Southfield: Avis Ford, Glasman Oldsmobile Saab Hyundal, Art
Moran Pontlac-GMC, Page Toyota
and Joe Panlan Chevrolet.

Chevrolet.

At Oakland University, the Gamma Phi Beta national sorority will distribute red ribbons next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Oakland Center on campus as well as on Dec. 2, 3 and 5.

Oakland County reporter Pat Murphy contributed to this story.

## Australia travelogue on tap

"Travelogue to Australia," featur-ing Ken Lawrence, will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Communi-

rioge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Featured will be rare aspects of the land down under including scenes of the Sydney Opera House, the Blue Mountains, Green Island, the Barrier Reef, the Outback and portions of the Coral Sea.

Tickets will be available only at the Smith Theatre. General admis-sion is \$5 and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Additional information is available at 471-7667, or 471-

The Orchard Ridge Campus is lo-cated at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills.



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