

County high-tech strategy nets award

Automation Alley, the marketing plan devised by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson to catapult Oakland County into the national spotlight, has been selected to receive a 1999 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The award will be presented during NACo's annual awards reception which will be held July 18 in St. Louis.

"It is very gratifying to receive this kind of national recognition because it makes all the hours of hard work invested in launching the Automation Alley project

worthwhile," Patterson said. "The members of the Oakland County team and our partners in the private sector who expended their time and effort on this project should be very proud of what they've accomplished."

Patterson, who unveiled Automation Alley in his 1998 State of the County Address, hopes the strategy to market Oakland County's high-tech business cluster, which is situated in the proximity of I-75 and I-696 freeways, will help attract highly skilled talent and cutting edge companies to the area.

Patterson said he believes that

someday Automation Alley will be able to compete with the nation's other economic powerhouses like California's Silicon Valley and Boston's Route 128. A recent statistical survey found that Automation Alley enjoys a lower unemployment rate, lower housing prices, lower cost of living and higher per capita income than either Silicon Valley or Route 128.

Automation Alley was formed around a nucleus of 45 high-tech companies; but since the launch of the project in November 1998, four new members have been added which include the Oak-

land Press, Lawrence Technological University, Florig Instruments and Excel Technical Solutions. In addition, 16 other new candidates are waiting to be approved for membership in the consortium.

The marketing focus is currently on overhauling the Automation Alley website and developing a CD-Rom that will be available in five languages: English, Spanish, French, German and Japanese.

For further information, please contact Bob Dustman, the county's media and communications officer, at (248) 858-1048.

Oakland schools offers book

The Oakland Schools Communications Office offers a new publication, *28 Reasons To Move To Oakland County: A Guide To Public Schools For Families Relocating To Oakland County, Michigan*.

Included in the publication is an alphabetical listing of the 28 school districts with the geographical areas served by each district, the web address, the mission statement, a contact person, enrollment information, and general information about the community and district. *28 Reasons To Move To Oakland County* is available for \$3 per book for quantities up to 50, and a reduced rate of \$2 each for 50

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OBITUARIES

ANNA KLARICH

Memorial services for Anna Klarich, 97, of Farmington Hills, will be scheduled at a later date. Anna Klarich was born March 29, 1902, in Slovenia and died July 8 in Farmington Hills.

She is survived by daughters, Delores Klarich and Mae (Arthur) Lanski of Farmington; grandchildren, Todd (Melinda) Lanski and Tracy (Aneston) Tritchonis; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeast Michigan or Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington.

WILBUR E. JULET

Services for Wilbur E. "Bud" Juliet, 73, of Farmington, were held July 14 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Burial took place at St. Hedwig in Dearborn.

Mr. Juliet was born March 22, 1926, and died July 10 at Bortz on Green Lake.

He is survived by wife, Dorothy; sons, Douglas, David (Diane), Timothy (Michelle), Jonathan (Lynne) and Charles; daughter, Lynne (David) Davies; brother, Kenneth (Joan) Juliet; sisters, June Madden and Dorothy (Robert) Bennett; sister-in-law, Eleanor Aderholdt; and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

JOSEPH A. HEYMAN

Services for Joseph Anthony Heyman, 77, were held July 13, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Heyman was born Aug. 30, 1921, and died July 9 at Providence Hospital.

He is survived by wife, Lucy; and brother, Vincent (Irene).

Memorial contributions can be made to Elks Major Projects, 30898 10 Mile, Farmington 48336.

Arrangements made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Cooper school plans reunion

The annual Cooper School reunion is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at the picnic pavilion on Hines Drive at Ann Arbor Trail, across from historic Nankin Mills, Cooper historian Ruth Dale said.

Everyone who ever went to the school is invited to attend. Many former Cooper students still live in local communities of Westland, Livonia, Garden City, Canton, Redford and Plymouth, among others.

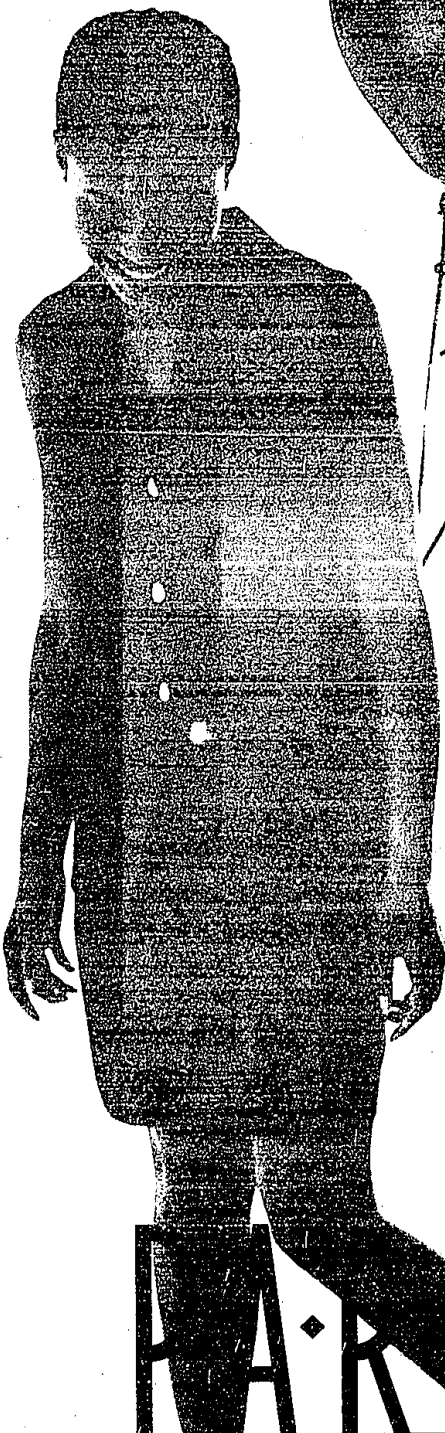
"They need to bring their own food and beverages, picnic supplies and chairs," Dale said. "I would encourage them to bring their Cooper school memorabilia to share with their fellow classmates."

For more information, call reunion organizers Gayle Bates Crawford at (248) 474-3787 or Neil Coffin at (734) 427-3905.

Dale noted that a Cooper school history book, "Tracing Our Roots: Cooper School Past and Present," will be on sale at the reunion for \$6. She estimated that nearly 90 copies were sold at last year's reunion.

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