

Health Department report

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Tuscarawas County Health Department 1992 Financial Statement

RECEIPTS:	1992
Beginning Balance 01/01/92	\$304,659.00
Dental	\$30,650.99
Speech	\$45,983.00
Patient Pay	\$82,917.16
Title XIX	\$256,416.35
Title XXIII	\$128,209.01
Grants	\$716,186.44
Insurance	\$26,612.81
Vital Statistics	\$39,773.80
Permits/Licenses	\$75,067.83
State Subsidy	\$22,395.22
Subdivisions	\$25,000.00
Health Levy	\$563,466.98
DUI	\$395.20
Title XX	\$4,558.00
Restaurant & Vending Licenses	\$41,090.00
Water System Permits & Evaluations	\$21,615.00
Water Samples	\$3,876.00
Mosquito Program	\$3,899.70
Solid Waste Program	\$44,200.00
Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps	\$10,345.00
Coordinated Community Care	\$32,463.50
Other	\$48,299.00
General Relief	\$2,558.01

Caring for county residents

By STEVE WERMUTH

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 1992 annual report from the Tuscarawas County Health Department. 1992 has been a year of change for the department.

We feel the changes we have made and are going to make will help to better serve you and your health care needs. As you review this report, it will become apparent that the health department is a very busy place.

With over 30,000 client visits to primary care, well child, prenatal and immunization clinics along with services to 480 food service operations, septic inspections, home health care, and alcohol and drug rehabilitation, we are constantly working to meet your needs.

Working as part of a team in delivering quality health care services is very important to the Tuscarawas County Health Department. Together with our two local hospitals and other health care providers, we are committed to offering the highest

quality, affordable health care for you and your family.

The Tuscarawas County Health Department is involved with several community projects and is active in a variety of committees whose focus is to serve the community.

A good example of our involvement is the Tuscarawas County SAFE KIDS Coalition. The local SAFE KIDS Coalition is a group of 30 local agencies whose purpose is to reduce the incidence of unintentional childhood injuries which is the leading killer of children 1-14

years of age.

The health department also developed a sludge committee to review current regulations and adopt new regulations in an effort to control the application of sludge in Tuscarawas County.

Throughout commitment to service and involvement in the community, the Tuscarawas County Health Department is working for you. Please take a moment to review this report.

Steve Wermuth is Tuscarawas County Health Commissioner.

Vital statistics

The Vital Statistics division of the Tuscarawas County Health Department maintains records of the births and deaths in Tuscarawas

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Total Receipts 1992: \$2,225,979.00
 Total Receipts and Balance: \$2,530,638.00

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries	\$1,324,924.29
Supplies	\$122,164.68
Contracts	\$288,998.73
Rent	\$6,560.00
Travel	\$53,765.73
PERS	\$173,770.45
Worker's Compensation	\$16,727.03
Other	\$146,963.33
Equipment	\$83,628.99
Remittance to State	\$37,527.93
Medicare Insurance	\$10,513.23
Hospital & Life Insurance	\$221,309.89
Unemployment	\$7,799.59
Capital Improvements	\$12,003.51
Total Expenditures 1992:	\$2,506,657.38
Ending Balance:	\$23,980.62

ON THE COVER: Mindi Sanders (L) takes her triplets, Danielle, Devin and Rebekah, to the Tuscarawas County Health Department to get their immunizations given by nurses Diane Rusznak (R) and Susan Straits. Story on Page 6.

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The attending physician or person in attendance at the time of birth files a certificate with the local registrar for each live birth occurring in the county. Funeral directors are responsible for filing certificates for deaths.

Certified copies of birth and death certificates are available at the state-mandated charge of \$7 each. Two dollars of this fee goes to the State Child Abuse Fund.

You may contact the vital statistics registrar during regular health department hours. Your health department issued 5,369 birth certificates in 1992. There were 685 births and 625 deaths in Tuscarawas County.

The following data has been compiled from the original certificates of death:

Leading causes

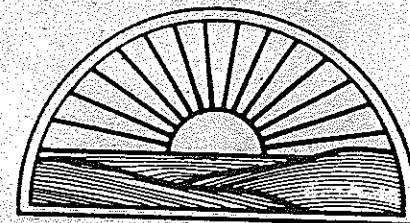
Heart and circulatory	320
Cancer	133
Respiratory	78
Cerebrovascular	38
Accidents	22
Highway	13
Home	6
Industrial	3



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Primary Health Care Center

	1991	1992
Examinations	2,909	3,213
.....	602	788
.....	4,942	4,720
.....	1,824	1,835
.....	5,964	6,501
.....	2,026	2,212
.....	344	401
.....	5,828	6,620
.....	442	466
.....	978	937
.....	4,723	5,077
.....	6,196	5,673
Health Day	1992	
.....	272	
.....	294	
.....	82	
.....	282	
.....	281	
.....	182	
.....	283	
.....	28	

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Department has information on disease, safety, wellness

Public health education traditionally has addressed high risk health behaviors contributing to disease and injury in the community.

Terri Hanes, health educator at the Tuscarawas County Health Department, views the role of health education as not only promoting wellness through awareness and education but also providing programs and services which will enable the community and individuals to make positive lifestyle choices.

"I get telephone calls every week," said Hanes, "and many of them are questions regarding how to prevent personal injury or illness. One person may call requesting information on HIV because they have a relative who has been recently diagnosed with AIDS, or it may be a concerned mother of a sexually active teen-ager who has questions regarding family planning. I try to address their concerns as fully as possible and that means being supportive of their situation as well as providing the facts."

The health education department also provides educational materials and curriculum resources to schools, groups and organizations and has recently updated its audiovisual library.

The audiovisuals can be utilized by schools

the Tuscarawas County SAFE KIDS Coalition of which the Tuscarawas County Health Department is the lead agency.

The agency coalition is comprised of about 30 agencies and organizations in the county, all dedicated to addressing the number one killer of children, unintentional injury.

"Traffic safety, fires and burns, drowning, choking/poisoning and farm safety are all areas addressed by the coalition. We are presently in the planning stages of a community bicycle helmet program," said Hanes. "We feel that promoting helmet usage among our children and their parents in Tuscarawas County should be a high priority area."

Some other community programs in which the health education department has been active are the Tuscarawas County HIV/AIDS Task Force, Tuscarawas County Traffic Safety Program and the Tuscarawas County Teen Pregnancy Task Force. The health department also has a car seat program which aids low income families in obtaining car seats.

"I take all requests I receive very seriously regardless of whether they're from a group, school

Elmer Ladrach

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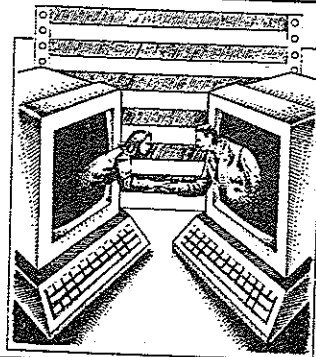
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and groups in the community. There is no fee for this service. Speakers also are available to present programs in the community on public health and wellness issues. Hanes has been pleased with the development of a new county task force,

or individual. If I don't have the information or answer available, I try to give a resource that will be helpful. I feel that is my purpose in being here. I enjoy my work and the people I come into contact with."

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W.I.C. program continues to grow

Women, Infants, Children Supplemental Program is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture whose purpose is to provide food and nutritional education to low income families.

Federal money is funneled through the Ohio Department of Health to the Tuscarawas County Health Department. In 1992, the county department received \$177,000 from the W.I.C. program to provide services to 2,500 families on a monthly basis.

Approximately 10 percent of the program's participants are in Tuscarawas County, with approximately 30 percent of those participants being women, 21 percent are children, and 49 percent are children.

The program wants all infants to receive a vitamin D-fortified milk or iron fortifier during the first 12 months of life. It's so important

for the infant's brain development," said Patricia Figuly, W.I.C. director.

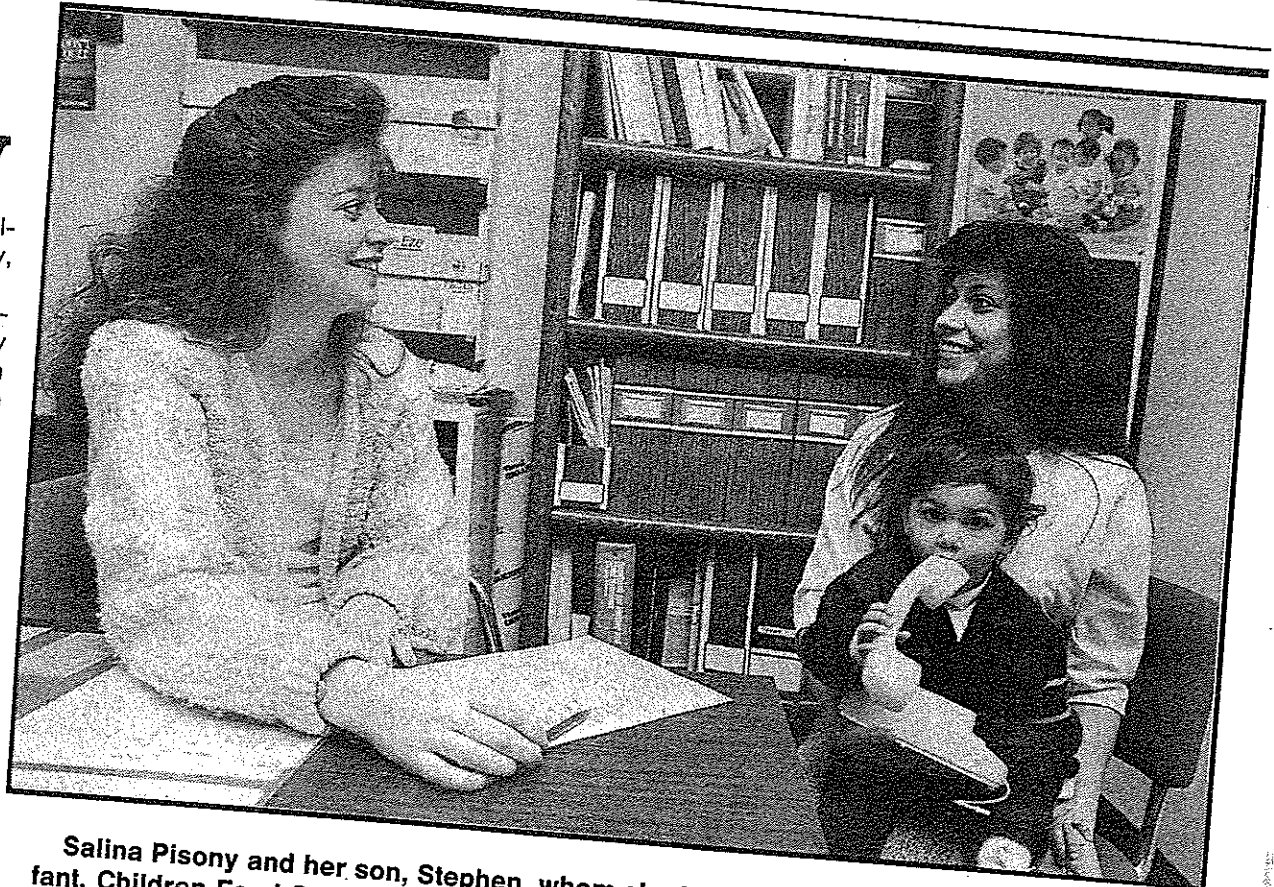
Participation in the W.I.C. program is determined by family income and number of people in the family. Participants receive food packages delivered by local dairies.

Food package can include milk, cheese, eggs, peanut butter, beans, juice, cereal and formula.

The W.I.C. staff provides nutritional counseling to help families understand the importance of good nutrition for their children and how to construct sound family menus.

A very special W.I.C. client is Stephen Pisony. Stephen's mother, Salina, was on W.I.C. when she was pregnant with Stephen and earlier when she

See NEXT page



Salina Pisony and her son, Stephen, whom she is holding, have found the Women, Infants, Children Food Supplement Program to be a great help especially since Stephen's blood disorder was discovered. Health Department dietician Therese Miller is shown with them.

T-R/Jon Conklin

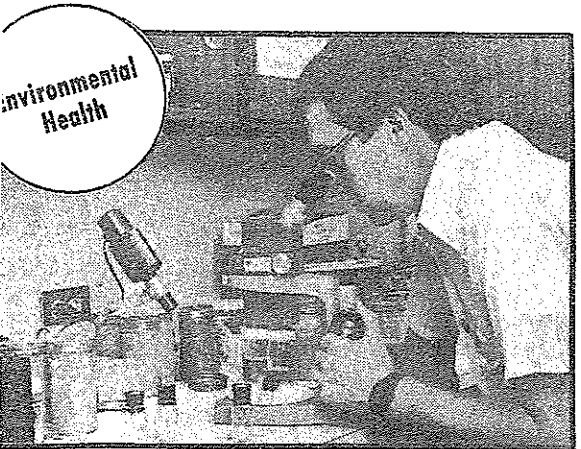
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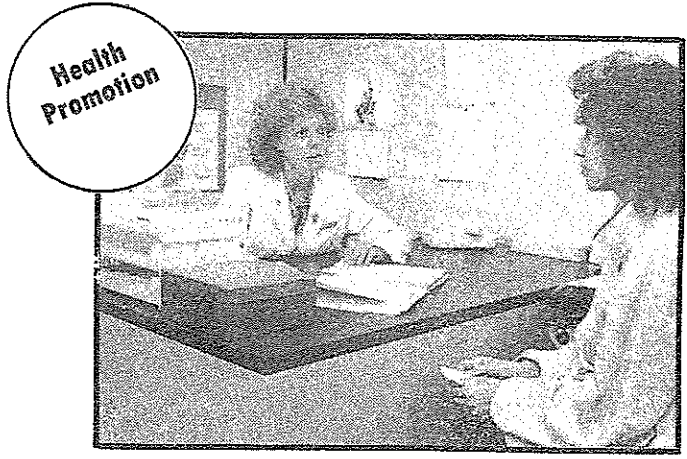
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... The Key

No matter who you are or what you do, your health is the key to your success.



The Tuscarawas County Health Department performs a wide range of services to assure the environmental health of Tuscarawas County. These include designing sewage disposal system, locating and testing water wells, investigating nuisance conditions, and making sure food operations, camps, schools, pools, and other public areas are as safe and clean as possible for your family.



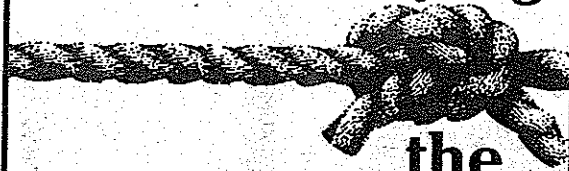
The Tuscarawas County Health Department's Primary Health Care Clinic provides immunizations, adult and child examinations, dental services, prenatal and post-partum services, W.I.C., and family planning to its clients. These are just a few of the many services available to all county residents at the Health Department. Many of these services are also available at the satellite clinics located in Uhrichsville, Newcomerstown and Sugarcreek.

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Alcohol and Addiction Center views alcohol and chemical dependency as major health problems. As with any disease, chemical dependency affects not only the individual, but the family. The Alcohol and Addiction Center services include individual and group counseling, family counseling consultation, alcohol abuse therapy and a Family Insight alcohol abuse program recorded a high discharge rate for its clients.

Personal
Care



The list of services provided by the Health Department includes Vital Statistics, Home Health Care, School Nursing, Health Education. Last year, the Home Health nurses provided almost 9,762 visits to area patients.

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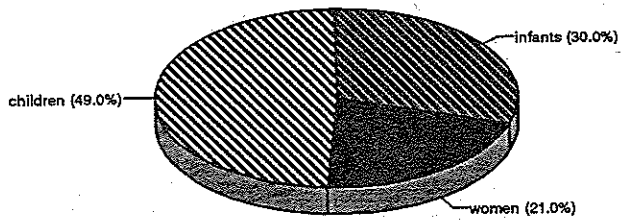
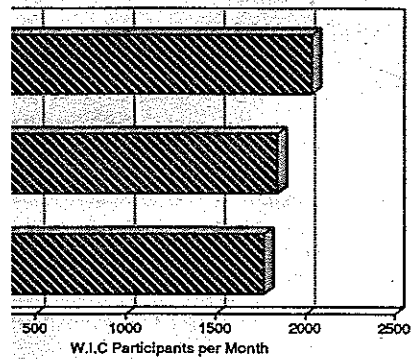
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unt with Stephen's older brother,

east fed both boys but had to dis-
rursing Stephen at the age of 3
en he was diagnosed as having a
tal blood disorder, hemophagocy-
sticytosis.

Stephen looks, plays, and eats like a
althy 19-month-old boy, he requires
py treatments every three weeks to
His parents are praying that the Na-
stry will find a compatible bone mar-

Participation in the WIC Program



row donor for their son as soon as possible since
neither they nor Eric is a suitable match.

Dr. Carl E. Krill, director of hematology-oncology at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, has seen only two other cases of lymphohistiocytosis, and both children have died.

In fact, of the 120 documented cases worldwide, there may be as few as four survivors who were lucky enough to receive a bone marrow transplant from a sibling.

Although chemotherapy is useful in keeping Stephen's overactive histocyte under control now, it is usually ineffective after the age of 2½ years.

Salina said she is grateful to the W.I.C. program for the money it has saved her family. W.I.C. has promised to forward all letters of support or questions concerning Stephen to the Pisony family.

Readers who would like additional information concerning the W.I.C. program including eligibility should contact the Tuscarawas County Health Department at 343-5555 and ask for the W.I.C. Office.

Grants help fund services

Grants are an important part of the funding mechanism for the Tuscarawas County Health Department.

During 1992, the department received and managed 11 grants totaling over \$716,186. In turn, by careful management and innovative planning, these grants were able to generate another \$200,000 worth of income. This, in itself, represents over 41 percent of the total health department's budget.

The major source of funding for our grants is the Ohio Department of Health. These funds flow through the ODH from both state and federal revenues. Generally, grants are awarded for a specific period of time — usually not more than one year. A project's life is until its goals and objectives are reached or until it is terminated. Some projects by their nature are continuous. Allowable costs are all

expenses necessary to make program a success. Grants are generally, but not automatically, renewable each year. They must be applied for annually.

In addition to the major programmatic grants received by the Tuscarawas County Health Department such as Child and Family Health Services (CFHS), Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Alcohol Treatment, and Family Planning, we also have been awarded smaller special project grants. These include mini grants for women's and men's health days and a special infant car seat purchase program.

We realize the importance of grant dollars to offset the amount of local tax dollars required to provide services and are continually looking for and making application for additional dollars.

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Nursing division offers variety of services

Tuscarawas County Health Department offers quality health care for a nominal cost. A review of health department usage begins to reveal how our / to reach out is expanding annually. Last year 2 people utilized the clinic services of the health tment.

Year the picture becomes more complex as the tment has responded to the pressure and demand er basic health care needs to our citizens. These sts have been created by rising costs associated preventive and primary health care. To meet this ange, the nursing division offers a variety of serv-o the citizens of Tuscarawas County.

Primary health care clinics:

- Family practice
- Family planning
- Natal and post partum
- Obstetrics acute care/well child care
- Perinatal clinic
- Vaccination clinics

Specialty clinics:

- Men's Health Day
- Women's Health Day

An actual vaccine cost \$987.24. The childhood ser-or three babies would be an enormous burden on ily budget. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sanders appreciate preventive health services they can receive the health department to assist them with raising riplets.

Annual immunizations are one of the many services he Sanders family can get at the health depart- Rebekah, Danielle and Devin, who are featured cover, are among the children that receive their

all students entering 7th-grade to have a second dose of MMR vaccine. This is a vaccine containing measles, mumps and rubella immunizations and initially is given at 15 months of age. The health department will be offering clinics at the county schools to better facilitate the administering of this vaccine to students.

Hepatitis B vaccine

Hepatitis B is passed from one person to another through contact with blood or body fluids. It can be prevented by receiving a series of three shots. In 1993, the Nursing Division will begin to provide the Hepatitis B vaccine series to infants born after Oct. 1, 1992, and those infants that have already began this series and need to complete it.

Ideally, an infant receives the first shot in the hospital soon after birth. A second dose is given at 1 to 2 months of age and a third dose between 6 and 18 months. The series may also be given at 2, 4, and 6 months with other childhood immunizations.

Flu shots

In addition to childhood immunizations, 398 flu shots were given in 1992. The target population for flu vaccine includes people over age 65 and those with chronic health problems. In 1992, more vaccine was available to offer protection to more people.

A minimal fee is charged to help defray the cost of administration of all shots given by the health department. No one is ever denied service because of inability to pay. Appointments can be made by calling the health department at 343-5555.

Other clinic services include TB skin testing, blood pressure screening, and pregnancy tests.

Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps

The purpose of the Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh) is to locate children who are either medically handicapped or are at risk of becoming handicapped. Public health nurses coordinate referrals for diagnosis and subsequent treatment for this program. They also function as case managers for children with special needs, their families and the multiple service providers involved in their care.

BCMh-sponsored specialty clinics are held at the health department on a regular basis. Physicians from Canton and Akron come to the health department to see children who are scheduled for appointments. These specialty areas include orthopedics, cardiology, neurology and otological. In 1992, two public health nurses carried a caseload of 176 children.

Schools

Two public health nurses made a total of 284 visits to schools in Tuscarawas County. Services provided include immunization record monitoring, vision screening, scoliosis screening, puberty classes and communicable disease control assistance.

Early intervention

There is a heightened interest in early identification of children who are established or at risk for developmental delay. Early intervention is a program developed to provide a family-centered, community-based system of coordinated care for children with special needs from birth to 3 years of age.

The Tuscarawas County Health Department, through support from grant dollars, provides the leadership for this program which is called Tuscarawas County Fami-

In 1992, 6,620 immunizations were administered at the county health department. These shots were given at the immunization clinic or at a well child check visit. Locations included the clinics at Uhrichsville, Newcomerstown and creek and the health department clinic.

2 - New law increased protection

Aug. 1, 1992, a new law went into effect requiring

County agency provides care to patients in their homes

Tuscarawas County Home Health Agency is the home care agency in the county. We have documented nursing history which dates back to 1920 when Tuscarawas County Health Department first opened. In 1966, we became a Medicare licensed agency which allowed our agency to serve patients needing skilled care in their home. Yearly surveys by the Ohio Department of Health assure that the agency is maintaining a quality standard of care.

Skilled services are provided under the direct order of the patient's physician, but requests for service can be made by a social worker, family member or friend of the patient. We then contact the physician to determine need for service. If necessary, we make a home visit to determine skilled service requirements.

Skilled services shorten the patient's hospital stay, allowing the patient to remain in home for certain periods of skilled care instead of going to a nursing home

Tuscarawas County Health Department Dental Clinic provides clients with affordable dental care. Both preventive and restorative dental services are available.

In 1992, a Dental Sealant Grant provided money for a school site dental health program. Two dental assistants visited county schools and applied dental sealant to the teeth of 100 children. The dental office at the health department scheduled 2,100 people in 1992.

obtained by calling (216) 364-KIDS (364-5437).

As the services continue to expand, the costs associated with providing these services creates a need to secure additional funds. To date, these needs have been met by securing grants in aid, additional state support and local funding. As funding pressures increase, the need to seek additional support from local sources may be one strategy to sustain the level of service being requested.

and relieve the family of financial responsibility if the patient can be at home instead of institutionalized, since Medicare, Medicaid and many private insurance providers now cover part, if not all, of the cost of having a skilled nurse or therapist in the home.

Also, Medicare, Medicaid and some insurance will pay for a trained home health aide to help with personal care, such as bathing, shaving, shampooing and dressing, when a skilled nurse or therapist is also seeing the patient. Skilled visits made to person in Tuscarawas County in 1992 are as follows:

- Home health nurse - 1,175
- Physical therapy - 738
- Home health aide - 2,539

In addition to skilled services, the home health department also coordinates programs such as Passport, a medical program for Medicaid eligible persons over the age of 60, to supply them with personal and/or homemak-

er care necessary to maintain them in their homes, and Coordinated Community Care which also supplies personal and/or homemaker care to elderly persons and is not based solely on financial need but has a point eligibility system.

Both of these programs are case managed through Region 9, Area on Aging in Byesville, and it is the case manager who determines what services we provide to these clients. Total visits made for these programs are as follows:

- Coordinated Community Care aides - 1,161
- Coordinated Community Care nurses - 77
- Passport aides - 3,860
- Passport nurses - 212

The need for skilled in-home care will continue to grow as our population grows older, inpatient hospital cuts are made and the Tuscarawas County Home Health Agency continues to provide quality in-home services.

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Division deals with pests and pollution

summer and into the fall, Tuscarawas County Health Department conducted a mosquito abatement program. Unsanitary conditions are a major concern. Mosquito abatement programs conducted by the Environmental Division, Health Department, Municipality or Government must sign up to participate in this program. In 1992, 29 municipalities and government entities signed up to participate. Tuscarawas County, the Health Department, the abatement program in two phases — mosquito abatement and identification of mosquito abatement. Mosquito trapping involves dry ice/light trap in an bucket. In early morning, the bucket is examined and the mosquitoes are put on dry ice for transport to Columbus for identification. Identification is important to determine whether the mosquito is a known vector of disease that could harm man. Diseases like encephalitis, malaria — or if the mosquito is a pest mosquito.

private water program is to insure that the residents of Tuscarawas County have safe drinking water.

This can be seen in many of the activities conducted by this department. Sanitarians from this department engaged in 249 water inspections in 1992, up from 202 in 1991. These inspections ranged from simple consultations regarding well locations to investigating an oil-like substance in drinking water.

Seven-hundred-and-four bacteriological samples were taken, 70 percent of which came back safe. This department also collected 102 chemical samples which were analyzed for six common water parameters, up from 76 in 1991. In addition 97 water program consultations with residents were conducted.

Sewage disposal

Activity in the sewage disposal program increased in 1992. There were 343 sewage disposal site evaluations performed. Site evaluations are performed before an installation permit is issued for a disposal system.

charge point.

A total of 198 sewage disposal systems were installed in Tuscarawas County in 1992. Of this total, 80 percent (158) were for new construction and 20 percent (40) were replacements of existing systems. Fifty-seven percent (113) were off-lot systems and 43 percent were on-lot systems.

There were 365 sewage disposal inspections and 234 consultations regarding systems. A total of 160 existing systems were inspected prior to property transfers at the request of buyers, realtors and lending institutions.

Nuisances

A nuisance condition is usually something that is annoying, unpleasant or obnoxious to the public. Nuisance conditions usually are directly related to the health, welfare or general comfort of the person filing the complaint.

Some complaints received do not fall under the jurisdiction of the health department because

Alcohol, addiction center is effective

The Alcohol and Addiction Center has shown a high degree of effectiveness. In addition to being certified by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction services, the program holds a facility certification from the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

This designates our center as one that is qualified to treat the full range of chemical dependency disease. Our counselors also are licensed to treat mental and emotional disorders.

Mission

The mission of the alcohol and addiction center is to safely detoxify the individual via outpatient physician supervision or by referral to inpatient detoxification/rehabilitation services.

Our philosophy is that chemical dependency is a primary disorder that must be treated first in order to apply other treatments for additional problems. The depen-

diction center are prevention and educational programs. It is led by the only Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant in two counties.

Goals include distributing information and presenting programs to area organizations and schools. Presentations are available in the areas of drug addiction, alcohol dependency, co-dependency and prevention, intervention or treatment concerns. The center also conducts the Substance Abuse Intervention Diversion program. This outpatient activity is for individuals under 21 years old who are convicted of alcohol-related offenses.

Additional programs include the Teen-age Institute and Talking With Your Students About Alcohol. Prevention and intervention activities save future treatment costs and misery. The agen-

types or activities: 1.) lar-
 surveillance, 2.) larviciding
 3.) adulticiding. Larvae sur-
 vance helps identify where
 snails will be a problem.
 Each year, sanitarians con-
 duct 19 such inspections in
 the county. Last year, 192 hours
 of spraying were conducted
 in the county, up from 105
 in 1991.

Program

One would ask many resi-
 dents, "What is the scope of the
 water program conducted by
 the health department?" Most
 would say that the health
 department is responsible for
 issuing well permits. This
 is true. This department has
 recently issued 267 permits for
 new or altering existing wells,
 up from 220 in 1991. What
 is the extent of the health
 department's involvement
 in the water program? So far,
 the scope of the

Site evaluations determine if
 a sewage disposal can be in-
 stalled on a particular property
 and, if a system can be in-
 stalled, to determine what kind
 of system is needed.

Factors taken into considera-
 tion are soil type, soil permea-
 bility, slope and the size of the
 lot in question. There are some
 lots that cannot be used.

Sewage disposal systems can
 be divided into two broad cat-
 egories of on-lot systems and
 off-lot systems. On-lot systems
 are those where the sewage ef-
 fluent is soaked away on the
 property by the use of leaching
 lines or leach wells.

Off-lot systems are used
 when there is not suitable soil
 or adequate room for on-lot sys-
 tems. The off-lot systems can
 be either an aerobic tank and sur-
 face filter or a septic tank and
 subsurface sand filler, both of
 which have a discharge to a
 stream or other approved dis-

posal. It does not affect the health or safety of
 the occupant or neighbors. Ex-
 amples are back yards cluttered
 with automobile parts, chil-
 dren's toys or lumber piles.

Nuisance complaints can be
 recognized as an indication of
 personal problems, community
 problems, a lack of services or
 functions affecting man in his
 environment.

Sanitarians at the Tuscara-
 was County Health Department
 received and investigated 117
 nuisance complaints in 1992.
 Our records indicate that 110 of
 the complaints were abated or
 solved to the satisfaction of the
 department.

Agency must be placed in re-
 mission and then underlying
 medical or psychological
 conditions can be treated.

Our counselors maintain a
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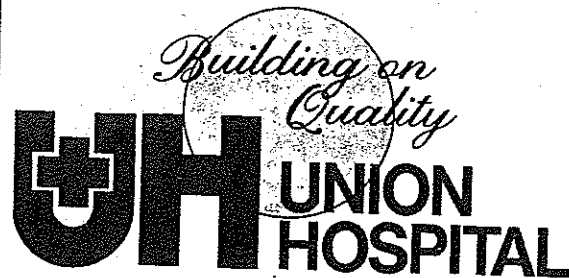
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Mosquito abatement involves three types of activities: 1.) larva surveillance, 2.) larviciding and 3.) adulticiding. Larvae surveillance helps identify where mosquitoes will be a problem.

This year, sanitarians conducted 19 such inspections in the county. Last year, 192 hours of spraying were conducted across the county, up from 105 in 1991.

Water program

If one would ask many residents, "What is the scope of the private water program conducted by the health department?" most would say that the health department is responsible for issuing well permits. This is true. This department last year issued 267 permits for drilling new or altering existing wells, up from 220 in 1991.

But is this the extent of the health department's involvement in the water program?

Not so far. The scope of the

Site evaluations determines if a sewage disposal can be installed on a particular property and, if a system can be installed, to determine what kind of system is needed.

Factors taken into consideration are soil type, soil permeability, slope and the size of the lot in question. There are some lots that cannot be used.

Sewage disposal systems can be divided into two broad categories of on-lot systems and off-lot systems. On-lot systems are those where the sewage effluent is soaked away on the property by the use of leaching lines or leach wells.

Off-lot systems are used when there is not suitable soil or adequate room for on-lot systems. The off-lot systems can be either an aerobic tank and surface filter or a septic tank and subsurface sand filter, both of which have a discharge to a stream or other approved dis-

posed for a disposal system. The complaint received is not a public health problem. It does not affect the health or safety of the occupant or neighbors. Examples are back yards cluttered with automobile parts, children's toys or lumber piles.

Nuisance complaints can be recognized as an indication of personal problems, community problems, a lack of services or functions affecting man in his environment.

Sanitarians at the Tuscarawas County Health Department received and investigated 117 nuisance complaints in 1992. Our records indicate that 110 of the complaints were abated or solved to the satisfaction of the department.

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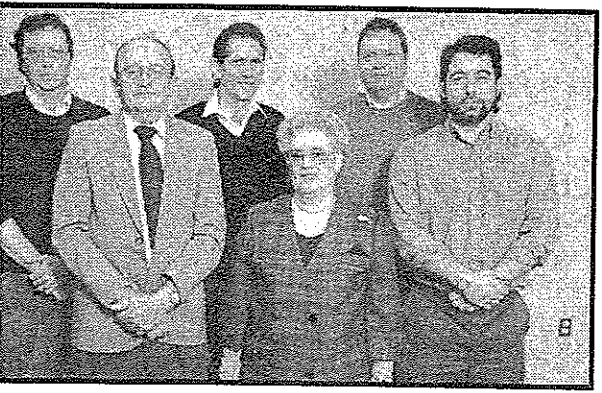
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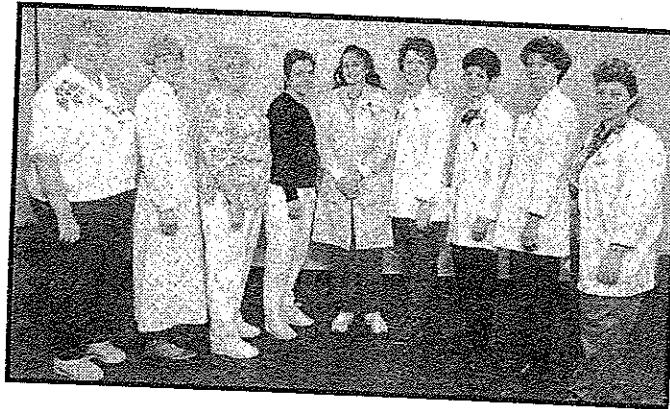


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