



PATRICK SHAFER

OV EDUCATOR, ADMINISTRATOR & COMMUNITY EDUCATION DIRECTOR 1964 - 2001

IN 1964 PATRICK BEGAN HIS CAREER AT ORCHARD VIEW WORKING AS A TEACHER, COACH AND ADMINISTRATOR. IN 1969 HE WAS SELECTED AS ORCHARD VIEW'S & MUSKEGON COUNTY'S, 1ST COMMUNITY EDUCATION DIRECTOR, A POSITION HE SERVED IN FOR THE NEXT 32 YEARS.

PATRICK BELIEVED IN LIFE LONG LEARNING & UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP OV COMMUNITY ED DEVELOPED MANY NEW AND INNOVATIVE "FIRST" PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS/WANTS OF OUR COMMUNITY. PROGRAMS SUCH AS ADULT & YOUTH ENRICHMENT, SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM, ADULT HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION, GED PREP & TESTING, PRE-SCHOOL & CHILDCARE PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS, OV TRAVELERS, & THE BUSINESS & INDUSTRY PROGRAM TO NAME JUST A FEW.

PATRICK'S DESIRE TO GIVE OUR COMMUNITY A QUALITY PROGRAM EARNED HIM THE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY EDUCATION DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD IN 1976 AND THE ENTIRE PROGRAM THE NATIONAL OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD SHORTLY THEREAFTER. HE ALSO SERVED DURING HIS CAREER AS PRESIDENT OF MICHIGAN COMMUNITY EDUCATION, THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION ASSOC. & THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MICHIGAN ASSOC. FOR ADULT & COMMUNITY ED.