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Judicial, county races offer hottest contests

Goldman battles Moffitt

By ALICE COLLINS

Barbara Kukes Goldman and incumbent Lillian Moffitt are seeking the seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners from the 15th District. The district includes southern Bloomfield Township, northwest Southfield, northeast Farmington Hills and the villages of Franklin and Bingham Farms.

Democratic official Barbara Kukes Goldman has been campaigning door-to-door throughout the 15th District since July in an all-out effort to unseat Republican Lillian Moffitt, a member of the county board for the past eight years.

Ms. Goldman says "It's the first real challenge Lillian Moffitt's ever had" during that time.

Ms. Moffitt, vice chairwoman of the board for the last four years, says her experience "plus my ability to get things done, clearly demonstrates I have kept my commitment to the voters and will continue to do so in the future."

Ms. Goldman has a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Michigan and is the regional director of the Oakland County Democratic Party.



BARBARA KUKES GOLDMAN



LILLIAN MOFFITT

Ms. Moffitt has a bachelor's degree in commerce from DePaul University and serves on the finance, personnel and public services committees of the Board of Commissioners. She is past chairwoman of the Republican caucus.

Both live in Bloomfield Township. THE TWO candidates were asked what county budget cuts they would recommend if the Tiesch tax-limitation amendment is adopted by Michigan voters on Nov. 4.

Ms. Moffitt said all non-mandated services would have to be "evaluated very carefully in order to determine what ones we would continue to provide." Among those discretionary services are some of the medical testing programs and the EMS life support program. "That's not saying those are the ones I'd cut."

Ms. Moffitt said she would be against "wholesale layoffs" of personnel, but would favor continuing the freeze on refilling vacancies when they occur. (The current freeze is an informal one.) "Other areas we would look at," added Ms. Moffitt, "would be the abolishment of the independent boards and committees like the drain office and the County Road Commission and place them under the county executive. But this would need enabling legislation."

IN RESPONSE to the Tiesch passage question, Ms. Goldman said she would recommend "doing away with some of the management at the county level." "There's too much management, too much duplication of services, such as the county executive's private police

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Incumbent magistrate challenged

By MARY GNIEWEK

Incumbent Margaret G. Schaeffer will square off against local attorney Jack G. Burwell Nov. 4 in the race for 47th District Court judge serving Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Schaeffer, 60, was elected to her first term in 1975 after a 25-year career in general civil law practices in Detroit. Just prior to taking the bench, she was a member of the Michigan Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, appointed by Gov. Milliken.

In 1979, she served as president of the Oakland County District Judges Association. Currently, she is serving a two-year term on the board of directors of the Michigan Metro Girl Scouts Council.

"The court took a little getting used to," admitted Mrs. Schaeffer in an interview this week.

She found the transition from two years of reviewing a appeal of workers' compensation cases to the high volume work of the court a real challenge.

"It's good to serve the community where I live," said Mrs. Schaeffer, a Farmington Hills resident for 28 years. She serves on committees for the Michigan District Judges Association, studying legislation and problem areas in the courts, and for the Oakland County Bar Association, probing practices and procedures of the courts in Oakland County.



JACK BURWELL



MARGARET SCHAEFFER

Mrs. Schaeffer was recently appointed by Michigan Supreme Court Justice James L. Ryan to the Michigan Judicial Institute board to plan judicial education programs geared to improving that administration.

THE PROBLEM with Farmington's district court is that there are only two judges serving the two-city community, Mrs. Schaeffer says.

"High volume of work is a problem. I hear 25 to 50 arraignments in one morning," she said.

The court has civil jurisdiction to \$10,000. Besides the locally generated caseload, Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac can remand cases under \$10,000 back to district courts for local jurisdiction.

The more pleasant part of the job is the power to marry people," Mrs.

Schaeffer said. "There's at least two weddings a week here."

"She feels qualified for another term on the basis of her experience. "I hope I've served the community well," she said.

During her tenure, the court instituted a volunteer probation department, in which students get school credit for working as probation officers.

Another high point she cites is the year-old district court building, a remodeled school on 10 Mile between Power and Farmington.

"Attorneys tell us it's one of the best facilities they have going."

JACK BURWELL, 50, is seeking his first bid for a district court seat this year.

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Brodhead forges ahead in fourth-term bid

By MARY GNIEWEK

U.S. Congressman William M. Brodhead, D-Detroit, is running for re-election as 17th District representative against Detroit Republican challenger L. Patterson.

Brodhead, 39, will complete his third two-year term in January. Prior to joining the Washington legislative corps, Brodhead served two terms as state representative from the 2nd District (Detroit).

The 17th District includes Detroit west of Greenfield Road, Bedford Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, and Lathrup Village.

Brodhead maintains homes in Washington and Detroit and has an office at Grand River and Telegraph.

"The office is on the outskirts of the

city to be accessible to my constituents."

In Congress, Brodhead is co-chairman of the 99-member Congressional Auto Task Force, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Budget Committee.

"The auto task force examines federal law with respect to making industry more productive and competitive," he explained in a telephone interview from Washington this week.

Brodhead spearheaded a campaign last spring to force Japanese exporters to pay higher import tariffs on small trucks so that foreign car prices would be more competitive with American car prices.

The result of that drive was the initiation of the auto task force to push for legislative changes in tax-

ation, trade and regulation.

AS A MEMBER of the House Ways and Means Committee, Brodhead has been involved in legislation regarding the adoption of retarded and handicapped children.

"I feel we have a special obligation to those children. They are among the most unfortunate, most vulnerable and needy of society," he said.

The Ways and Means Committee also has jurisdiction over tax legislation and Social Security reform.

"We have made efforts to make the taxes simpler, more fair, and to improve Social Security benefits," he added.

Brodhead was appointed to four task forces of the House Budget Committee

last year. They are defense and international affairs, tax expenditures and policy, state and local governments, and regulations and spending limitations.

Brodhead says he spends between 80 percent and 90 percent of his time in Washington, but also spends one work day every two weeks in the district.

"I can talk to constituents and they can talk to me," he said. "It's an important part of the job."

Brodhead graduated from Wayne State University in 1965 and received a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1967. He was in general law practice until his election to the state House of Representatives in 1971.

IF HE'S RE-ELECTED, Brodhead's priorities in the coming term will be

auto industry recovery and welfare reform.

"The welfare system has become enormously expensive but it's not improving peoples lives," he said. "It has to become more ambitious in terms of helping people find jobs and make better contributions to society."

"The normal work of keeping in touch with constituents, a continuing effort, is also a priority."

Brodhead's opponent, L. Patterson, wasn't available for an interview.

Patterson, 25, of Detroit, lists no current occupation in the Civic Searchlight and Oakland Citizens League voters guide. According to the guide, Patterson is a member of the American Republic Association and attended Wayne State University.



WILLIAM BRODHEAD

Hall of Fame honors awaiting woman baseball professional

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

The Women's All-American Baseball League seemingly had everything the men's major leagues possessed — with the exception of baseball bubble gum cards.

It was an ironic oversight considering the founder of the league was Phil Wrigley, the chewing gum manufacturer.

But the women players had their own away and home uniforms, coaches imported from the men's major leagues and spring training in Florida and Havana, Cuba.

Jayne Bittner of Livonia was part of the league in its heyday, 1947-56.

Next week, Ms. Bittner will become the first woman inducted into the Lebon chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in recognition for her years as a pitcher with the women's league.

She was a 20-year-old who had participated in high school basketball and sandlot baseball when she and her family traveled from her hometown of Lebon to Allentown to try out for the league in 1947.

Ms. Bittner, who now works for the Farmington Public School system as a bus driver, was among 150 young women trying out for a place in the league. She was among the eight chosen.

"Ten days later I was in Havana,

Cuba for spring training. It was as fast as that," she said.

BACK HOME in Lebon she was accustomed to being the best woman player on the team. In spring training she faced for the first time other women who were as good or better than she.

"I knew I would have to work if I was going to make it," she said.

"But I guess they saw my potential and kept me."

Their spring training was conducted in a Cuba under the rule of Zaldyvar Batista. On May Day, devoted to politi-

cial demonstrations in honor of the dictator, the women were kept confined in their hotel because trouble was anticipated.

"We had a little balcony off our rooms, and that day we lowered baskets on ropes to little boys below who put fruit in the baskets. That's how we got our food that day. They wouldn't let us out," she said.

When she started pitching for the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Daistes, the game resembled softball more than baseball.

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City manager requests 'yes' for charter change

City Manager Robert Deadman strongly urges Farmington voters to approve a city charter proposal Nov. 4 which would delay the city's annual budget process to coincide better with Farmington Hills' budget timetable.

"It would delay the city manager's budget recommendations to city council from the first Monday in April to the last Monday in April. The council's action would be delayed from the third Monday in May to the first Monday in June," Deadman said.

The purpose of juggling the calendar dates is to bring Farmington's budget

process in closer alignment with neighboring Farmington Hills.

"The two cities fund \$2 million in joint programs," Deadman said. "Farmington Hills has a later timetable. That makes it tough to bring the two city councils together for discussion at budget time."

Deadman said budget estimates would be more accurate if voters approve the charter change.

The Farmington City Council also recommends a "yes" vote on the charter proposal.

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