

Retirement will prompt a new career

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"Human beings are a composite of all their experiences," he said. "You have to take every opportunity to make your life rich. We must feel good about ourselves and other human beings."

FREEDMAN TELLS of a number of experiences. Before coming to Farmington, Freedman worked for several years

as a junior high school teacher in Roseville, then spent a stint as a furniture salesman and store manager. Varying careers were not new to the Detroit native, who worked his way through college as a salesman and bricklayer, in ditches or up on steel beams — wherever the job directed him.

But teaching was his true love, and he returned to his education roots, beginning again in Farmington in 1960.

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HIS FIRST years with the district as an elementary teacher were spent forming the base for what is now the music program.

"In those days, you taught in the boiler room, or hallways — wherever you could," he said.

He was involved in other areas of education as well. Despite his influence on such Farmington programs

as bilingual, science, reading, gifted and talented, telecommunications and others, Freedman said none was a pet project.

"You can't hang your life or career on one program. Everything rolls together... for the success."

Part of Freedman's success included his emphasis in elementary education while in Farmington. He was a director, then an assistant su-

perintendent in that area.

During the past year, he took a fledgling Personnel Department, where he was moved when the new administration came into place, and molded it so his replacement can easily fill his shoes.

BUT FREEDMAN believes he owes much of his success to his wife, Marilyn, whom he met when he was 14. In the days when he never left

home without his trumpet.

"We've been together ever since," he said. "My dear wife has to be the greatest person in the world — she's a gem."

Others in his family are equally important in his life, including his two daughters and their families.

THE COMMUNITY also holds a special spot in Freedman's heart. Besides serving as past president of the Rotary Club of Farmington, he has also served on Founders Day Festival committees, with the Farmington Goodfellows and on several other committees.

He is an active public speaker, having made presentations at a variety of state conferences in Michigan, Indiana and Iowa and several national and county conferences on a variety of educational topics.

The local Rotary club previously honored Freedman with the national Paul Harris Fellow Award, which he proudly displays on his wall.

His commitment to community involvement is a reflection of the dedication he has felt to education over the years.

"I've always thought of my job as a seven-day-a-week job, and actually, it never really is a job."

Farmington DDA director chosen

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"WENDY HAS that energy level," said Robert Deadman, DDA secretary and city manager. "She's been

in a hard-driving job and met many members of the community."

"Her enthusiasm is contagious," board member Ron Ogelsby added.

"And I think that's what this town needs."

A three-member executive committee of the DDA board, including Deadman, president Harry Wingerter, and board member E. Gregory Hahler, were involved in the initial selection process, narrowing the pile of applicants to the seven who were interviewed.

The committee then chose three finalists, who were interviewed by the full DDA board May 4.

OTHER FINALISTS included Shirley Barney, who formerly worked with the city of Ferndale in downtown rejuvenation efforts; and Dorothy Webster, a former newspaper publisher, historian and community activist from Alpena.

Strip Sittsamer said she is looking forward to the new challenge.

"I'm thrilled!" she said, "and am really looking forward to meeting all the constituents."

Although she said it would be premature to voice any expectations, her first order of business will be to get to know the downtown merchants and others involved with the DDA.

BOARD MEMBERS discussed the candidates' qualifications and attributes following the Monday interviews. All determined that someone with "strong people skills" was a must, and that they must have the ability to deal with a variety of personalities.

"If it's going to have long-term success, we need someone to bring a varied constituency together," Deadman added.

Strip Sittsamer called herself a "pinch-hitter" during her interview. I've always had to do more than one thing at once," she said. "I can see there's a long road ahead — I bring the skills."

She called Farmington "a charm-

ing area" and said, "I believe you could capitalize on that."

Strip Sittsamer was raised in Ohio in a family of retailers. She holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree in public administration from the American University.

Besides her current fund-raising position and time with the Pittsburgh City Council, Strip Sittsamer worked for the American University as a special events program assistant.

Senior high paper honored

Farmington High School's student publication, Blue and White, was recently awarded a first place in the American Scholastic Press Association's Annual Review. It is the first such award in the paper's history.

All newspapers entered received either a first, second or third place. Evaluations were based on six categories, with Farmington scoring 900 out of a possible 1,000 points. Detailed categories and scores included:

- content coverage, 355 out of 400 points,
- page design, 150 out of 175,

- general plan, a perfect 175 points,
- arts and advertising, 105 out of 120,
- editing, 70 out of 75, and
- creativity, 45 out of 55.

This year's Blue and White staff consists of seniors Jim Peris, Cory Major, Chris Inch, Mari Griffiore, Julie Gerulis, Rhonda Furman and editor Rob DeForge. Juniors include Lisa Skovron, Karen Kienfel, Lisa Girbach, Chris Cahill and Mike April. The staff advisor is Betty Martin.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, May 19, 1987 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lewis Schulman Center, 32500 Shiawassee, the Board of Education of Farmington Public Schools will hold a Public Hearing on the levying in 1987 of an additional proposed millage rate of 3.11 mills (over the base tax rate) for operating purposes pursuant to Act 5, Public Acts of Michigan, 1982.

The maximum additional proposed millage rate would increase revenues for operating purposes from ad valorem property tax levies in 1987 otherwise permitted by Act 5, Public Acts of Michigan, 1982, by approximately 10.57%.

Presently, the Farmington Board of Education is authorized to levy 33.79 mills for operating purposes. The recommendation for the 1987-88 levy is 32.5 mills, 1.29 mills less than the authorized millage. The amounts actually levied during the past several years are listed:

	Operation Millage	Debt Levied	Total Millage
1985-86 ...	32.50	1.50	34.00
1986-87 ...	32.50	1.30	33.80
1987-88 (proposed)	32.50	1.30	33.80

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and discuss the levy of an additional millage rate. Not less than seven (7) days following the Public Hearing, the Board of Education may approve all or any portion of the proposed additional millage rate. The Board of Education has proposed this millage in recognition of the responsibility to maintain and sustain an effective educational program for the community.

JANICE ROLNICK,
Secretary Board of Education

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