

Silver named probate judge

The first woman probate judge in Oakland County has a reputation for technical expertise.

Sandra G. Silver of Birmingham was appointed last week by Gov. James J. Blanchard, on whose 1974 congressional campaign she worked. She will be sworn in at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, in the Board of Commissioners auditorium in Pontiac.

"She has been heavily involved in Probate Court and has been a public administrator," said a legal colleague, county commissioner John Rowland, D-Pontiac.

"She has done a lot of probate work. She has great technical expertise, and she'll do an excellent job as judge," Rowland said.



Sandra G. Silver
judge-designate

SILVER REPLACES John J. O'Brien, 58, who lost his post and resigned earlier this year after a federal conviction for giving false credit information. O'Brien had been re-elected in 1986.

The term of her appointment runs

Meet OCC hopefuls twice

Voters will have two opportunities this week to meet 13 candidates for the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees.

• 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, in Dunckel Junior High, 32000 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills — sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

• 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, in Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarten — sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Birmingham-Bloomfield.

Two posts on the OCC board are open for six-year terms in the election June 13. Trustees are unpaid. The two-year college has 28,000 students, a \$40 million operating budget and five campuses.

"I'M DEEPLY grateful to the governor for giving me this fine opportunity to serve the people of Oakland County and the state of Michigan," said Silver, of the Bloomfield Hills law firm of Silver, Roth & Silver.



TWO PRIMARIES — Democratic and Republican voters will see primary contests on Aug. 2.

Donna Trivax, 31, a Birmingham attorney, will seek the Democratic nomination for county clerk. A multi-lingual trial attorney, she has a practice in Southfield and 13 years of Democratic Party activity.

Philip R. Marcuse of Huntington Woods has filed for the same post, assuring a primary contest.

"The fact that two of us are contesting the nomination shows that Lyan Allen is the weak gazelle in the Republican herd," quipped Trivax. Allen, long-time county clerk, has filed for re-election and has no Republican opposition.

Drain Commissioner George W. Kuhn faces a challenge in the Republican primary from William N. Eckstein, a former drain employee who lives in Troy.

The big GOP race, of course, will be the three-way battle to succeed Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson. All three announced candidates have filed: Jack McDonald, county commissioner, from Farmington Hills; Richard Thompson, Patterson's chief assistant for 16 years; and Jeffrey Leib, former West Bloomfield Township trustee.

NO CANDIDATE? — Democrats still have fielded no candidate for Oakland County executive. Deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Darlene Berent, executive director of the Oakland Democratic Par-

ty, declined to reveal who might run but promised a candidate by Tuesday.

The county building last week was rife with rumors:

• The Democratic rumor was the Republican Daniel T. Murphy, executive since the post was created in 1974, would withdraw Tuesday in favor of an unnamed successor, probably deputy executive Patrick Nowak.

Replied Nowak: "Yeah, I'm going to go into the clerk's office with a big briefcase, announce I'm going to file, open the briefcase, take out a file and a nut, and file the nut down."

In sum: Nowak denied the rumor. • The Republican rumor was that Democrats would concede the post.

Democrats once thought they had recruited former parks director R. Eric Reickel to move back from Wayne County and run, but Reickel finally decided against it. But Democrats have made a point of filling their entire ticket.

Meanwhile, Murphy has filed for a place on the Aug. 2 ballot.

DEM'S TICKET — Democrats still don't have a sheriff candidate, but the rest of the ticket is filling out.

Besides the Trivax-Marcuse primary, Douglas E. Kathy of Southfield has filed for drain commissioner. If the name is familiar, it's because he is the son of Gene Kathy, now Gov. James Blanchard's commissioner of financial institutions

and the 1974 Democratic candidate against Murphy.

Berent said Steve Allen, an attorney with the sheriff's department, would file for treasurer.

Barry Kraemer, an Oak Park public safety officer, said last week he would run for prosecutor.

Most Republican incumbents have filed for re-election: C. Hugh Dohany for treasurer, John Nichols for sheriff, Murphy for executive, and Allen for clerk-register.

REP CHALLENGED — Many candidates wait until deadline day to file against incumbents, but an exception is Shelly A. Stasson, an attorney from West Bloomfield.

She has filed against incumbent state Rep. David Hongmann, R-West Bloomfield, assuring at least one legislative primary in the county this year.

State senators aren't up for re-election until 1990.

Pocket pagers hit in new Senate bill

A bill passed by the Michigan Senate would strengthen the hands of school boards in the war on drugs.

"The bill puts into law the right of school districts to prohibit student use of pocket pagers," said its sponsor, Sen. William Faust, D-Westland. Pocket pagers are believed to be used by youthful drug dealers in their operations.

"The American Civil Liberties Union threatened to take 'em to court

because the power wasn't in law," Faust said.

He added that cases in Detroit and to a lesser extent in the Van Buren district of western Wayne County provided the impetus to the bill.

"Today, they (school officials) confiscate pagers. So far, they have not been taken to court," Faust said after last week's Senate vote.

The bill was passed 36-0 and sent to the House.

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