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SWORN in. Farmington Hills attorney Fred Harris was sworn in May 23 as a judge of the 47th District Court in Farmington. He assumes the bench alongside Judge Margaret Schaefer today.

The swearing-in ceremony took place in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium in Pontiac. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Patricia Boyle administered the judicial oath.

Harris, 58, is a retired Marine Corps lieutenant colonel and a former Wayne County assistant prosecutor. He fills the rest of Judge Michael Hand's fourth six-year term, which expires Jan. 1, 1991.

Hand, 70, retired April 30. A retirement party was held Wednesday at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills.

SHE'S tops. Kathryn Briggs, board member with the Livingston Oakland Counties Federal Credit Union in Farmington, will be recognized as Michigan's 1989 Credit Union Person of the Year at the 55th annual meeting and exposition of the Michigan Credit Union League June 8-10 in downtown Detroit.

2 area hospitals eye partnership

Plan would coordinate some hospital services

Farmington area getting own ambulance, 8A

By Emory Daniels
staff writer

Redford Community Hospital has put together an affiliation deal with Botsford General Hospital to replace a pact with Providence Hospital that was aborted last year.

The affiliation with Providence never could be completed as the board of Redford Community, based

in Redford Township, balked at agreement.

"When it came down to signing the final papers, there were just too many areas we couldn't agree on," said Marilyn Heidenbrand, Redford Township clerk, who has served as Redford Community Hospital board chairman for the past six years.

"There were just too many things we felt were not in the community's best interest."

The proposed affiliation with Farmington Hills-based Botsford is almost identical in terms with the one attempted last year with South-

field-based Providence, Heidenbrand said.

Last November's "transaction simply didn't come to fruition," said Robert Lable, president and chief executive officer of Redford Community Hospital.

Edward Hodges III, chairman of the Botsford board of directors, said: "An affiliation between the two institutions offers a splendid opportunity for the combined operation to perform a greater health service to the residents of our two service areas."

"I look forward with with anticipation to the opportunity for development of this combined operation, which will assure heightened quality care for our immediate and surrounding community."

"It bodes for a situation where everyone wins — especially the community."

THE SIGNING of a letter of intent to develop an affiliation agreement was announced by Lable jointly with Gerson Cooper, president and chief executive officer of Botsford hospital.

The potential affiliation would form a partnership between the two organizations and assure the expansion of health care services to the Redford community, Cooper and Lable said.

Both hospitals, within two miles of each other on Grand River, have long-standing histories of serving their communities.

Botsford and Redford Community share a number of similarities — including overlapping service areas and medical staffs and some similar programs.



Edward Hodges III
Botsford chairman

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SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Jimmy Crisp, 9, of Cub Scout Pack 182 of Farmington, salutes the American flag at the Veterans Memorial observance. His mom,

Barb, gives a Girl Scout salute, while other civilians put their hands over their hearts.

A time to remember

Fallen soldiers honored on Memorial Day

Parade kicks off observance, 1B

By Susan Buck
staff writer

The memory of two high school friends who died in Vietnam while serving in the Marine Corps during the mid-'60s sparked the recollection of Reserve Lt. Col. Leo Williams III. Williams, a Marine reserve who delivered the keynote address Monday at a memorial service at the Veterans Memorial on Grand River in Farmington, urged the audience to find a cause they believed in as a way to continue the goals and accomplishments of America's fallen soldiers.

"We can make them proud of us if we each decide on some cause that can make our neighborhoods, or this country, or this world a little better," said the Southfield resident.

"We each can make a difference if we believe strongly in something and work hard enough to make that something happen."

Quoting a speech by former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt,

Williams said: "Far better is their great deeds to live glorious triumphs, even though speckled with failures than to live in the dim, gray twilight and know neither victory nor defeat. The men we came here to honor today gave the ultimate sacrifice. Let us dedicate ourselves to make them proud of us."

WILLIAMS, A retired colonel of the Marine Corps, finds perspective in his remembrances of Memorial Day — which have evolved as he mated.

"Both my father and my grandfather were World War veterans. They were devoted and loyal Americans who would not have considered missing a Memorial Day ceremony. As a result, as you would have guessed, Memorial Day has always been a special day in my life," said Williams.

Growing up in Norfolk, Va., Memorial Day — for Williams — meant soldiers, sailors and veterans in uniforms. As a child, it also meant ice cream at the end of the program. "I had no real appreciation for what it all meant," he said.

In 1968, he became a student at



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Farmington Mayor Richard Tupper was among the speakers at the Veterans Memorial observance.

the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

"By the end of the first year, I developed a deep and abiding appreciation."

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Support grows for altering Haggerty plan

Residents: Wellands report inaccurate, 4A

Residents oppose hearing format, 4A

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Farmington Hills officials are not alone in their preference for a new, less expensive, six-to-eight-lane boulevard, west of existing Haggerty Road, that curves easterly around the Black Spruce Bog, north of 14 Mile.

Officials from Novi, Wolverine Lake and West Bloomfield, Commerce and White Lake townships — members of the Haggerty Road connector policy committee — late last week endorsed the estimated \$72 million alternative for improving the north-south route.

"We're showing we agree with the environmental impact study and based on that, we feel that's the best basic alternative," Farmington Hills assistant city manager David Call said.

Known as 4A, the alternative calls for a new road and interchange about a half mile west of Haggerty Road. Taking the road east of the Black Spruce Bog would displace 28 residences and four businesses; 103 parcels would be bought for right-of-way.

THE POLICY committee's preference will be considered "as another factor" among many to be considered following a public hearing Wednesday, June 7, on an environmental impact study for the proposed Haggerty Road, said Philip Chisholm, Michigan Department of Transportation public hearings officer.

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DDA, landlords ready to launch promotion effort

By Casey Hans
staff writer

The Downtown Development Authority and at least three major landlords in downtown Farmington will co-sponsor a \$10,000, two-year package to promote the city's downtown business district.

The program will include several major events beginning in June. It will also include a regular downtown newsletter.

"Each one (event) is designed for a different purpose," said Wendy Strip Sittsamer, DDA executive director. "I think we all have to look at this as a long-term program."



Sandra Hermann
president of consulting firm

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Phase II of downtown project under way

By Casey Hans
staff writer

The second round of streetscape improvements in downtown Farmington is under way, as officials work to wrap up quality control problems from the project's first phase.

The Farmington Road corridor is the focus of the new construction, which includes sidewalk and curb replacement, pedestrian lighting and additional tree planting.

The entire \$1.4 million project, sponsored by Farmington's Downtown Development Authority, has five phases.

Budgeted at \$140,000, the second phase is scheduled to be finished by July 1. In the meantime, contractors must be off the job by 4 p.m. each day to avoid interfering with late afternoon traffic, said Wendy Strip Sittsamer, executive director of the Downtown Development Authority.

"We can't fix it so there will never be traffic jams during construction,"

she said. "We can only minimize any problems."

"I'm hopeful it will be fast and painless."

EVEN THOUGH the project is causing some traffic congestion, Strip Sittsamer said only one lane should be blocked at a time, and added that contractors will ensure pedestrians a way to walk through the project.

This phase is smaller, but similar in nature, to the first phase of the

project, which encompassed most of Grand River and other surrounding areas. The second phase will run along Farmington Road from State Street south to Alie Lema on the west and Orchard Street on the east.

The National Bank of Detroit is also coordinating with the city effort. NBD is having work done under the DDA contract and will reimburse the city for the portion done in front of their building.

Meanwhile, the DDA board is withholding between \$25,000, and

\$25,000 in payments to Farmington Hills-based Concord Cement, general contractor for the first phase of the project, because of numerous cracked sidewalks.

The board has directed city planner Christopher Wanczy to monitor the contractor's work, which will include either replacement slabs, saw cutting and repair, or pressure sealing cracks in some areas.

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