

Brickner seeks judge seat

Stuart H. Brickner, a West Bloomfield attorney, is one of 14 candidates seeking a seat on Oakland County's newly-expanded Circuit Court bench. The Michigan Legislature recently added three seats to the bench.

Brickner, 35, has made two previous attempts to join Oakland's Circuit Court.

In his early campaigning he has severely criticized judges for seeking the financial support of lawyers who handle cases before them. Charging the system is unfair and could be corrupt, he pledged he would not seek the financial backing of other attorneys and asked that other candidates also take the pledge.

Brickner is a member of the Michigan Supreme Court's "Fair" Committee, a group of judges and lawyers who are trying to draft a plan which would radically alter campaign financing for judicial elections.

In addition to serving on the "Fair" Committee, Brickner is a member of the Oakland County Bar Association,



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the American Trial Lawyers Association and serves on a panel of arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association.

A graduate of the Detroit College of Law, Brickner has practiced law in Oakland County for a decade.

Brickner is married and has two children, Cory, 10; and Melissa, 8.

Area road facelifts win commission OK

Eight projects in western Oakland County, four in northern Oakland County and two in southeastern Oakland County have been added to the road commission's 1978 construction program. Total cost is estimated at \$450,000.

"Each calls for pavement resurfacing, totalling 15 miles, which will help head off potholes next winter and reduce chances of spring break-up," said John T. Gnaou Jr., chairman of the Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners.

He said the projects were tentatively planned for the 1978 construction program, but have been moved up because funds budgeted for widening of Orchard Lake Road won't be needed until 1979.

"This does nothing to change the status or timing of the Orchard Lake project," said Gnaou. "Due to time required to complete the environmental analysis required to obtain federal aid for Orchard Lake, we simply can't get construction under way this year."

Gnaou said all of the resurfacing projects are on county primary roads, for

which the road commission pays the full cost. The fact that cost-sharing agreements, public hearings and complicated engineering won't be necessary for the projects was a factor in selecting them for addition to the 1978 program. "If usual circumstances prevail, we should be able to get all 14 projects completed before this winter," he said.

Resurfacing projects in the Observer & Eccentric readership area include:

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