2 named to judicial posts

Gov. John Engler has made two judicial appointments in Oakland County. Judge Wendy Lynn Potts has been appointed to the Sixth Circuit Court to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Francis X. O'Brien.

Oakland County Circuit Court referee Linda Saoud Hallmark also has been appointed to the county Probate Court to fill the vacancy left by Potts.

"Wendy Potts has performed admirably as a judge of probate court," Engler said. He cited her trial experience and her leadership in a variety of bar organizations, as well as her judicial experience, as giving her the tools necessary to serve on the circuit court.

Potts, a Birmingham resident married to husband David, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her juris doctor degree from Wayne State University Law School in 1977.

She has served as a law clerk in the court of appeals and later worked for the firm of Clark Hill PLC. In February 1997, Potts was appointed to probate court.

Potts belongs to State Bar of Michigan, the American Bar Association, the Oakland County Bar Association, the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan and the Federalist Society.

She also is a board member of Family Focus, an ex-officio member of the 21st Century Courts Committee, and a member of the Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence.

The appointment extends through Jan.1, 1999. Potts will have to run for election in November 1998 in order to serve for the balance of the term, which expires Dec. 31, 2000.

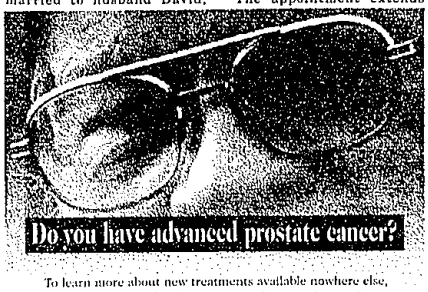
Hallmark, a Bloomfield Hills resident married to attorney Robert Hallmark, will serve until Jan.1, 1999. She will have to run for election in 1998 in order to serve for the balance of the term to Dec. 31, 2000.

"Linda Hallmark's. . .work as a referee has primarily involved the resolution of family law disputes, making her ideally suited to the new family court as a member of the probate bench," Engler said.

Hallmark received her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1973 and her juris doctor degree from Wayne State University Law School in 1977. After graduation she joined the firm of May & May P.C. before becoming a referee.

She is a member of the state bar, the Federal Bar Association, the Oakland County Bar Association, the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan and the Women Bar Association for the Oakland County region.

Hallmark is an advisory board member of the Arab American & Chaldean Council.



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OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Dec. 14.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Birmingham rejects 'road grab': Birmingham city commissioners have thumbed their noses at what they consider a "road grab" by Gov. John M. Engler. Like many other communities, the city is opposed to a to turning jurisdiction of some local roads over to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

CLARKSTON

New bank proposed: Concerned about the recent closing of the downtown branch of the National Bank of Detroit, a group of Clarkston entrepreneurs are making plans to open a new, local bank. The entrepreneurs plan to open a bank that will focus on local needs. They hope to open with two branches in June 1998.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Drilling vote slated: After tabling a vote to permit the drilling of wells for gas and oil in the Haggerty and Nine Mile area, the Farmington Hills City Council is again expected to consider the measure at tomorrow's regular meeting. West Bay Exploration has a state permit to drill, but they do not yet have city approval. Neighbors are concerned that hydrogen sulfide unearthed in the drilling could cause problems. Officials insist residents need not worry.

LAKE ORION

School bond pending: Lake Orion school officials are gearing up for a millage bond vote, tentatively set for March 16. The cost to individual property owners is yet to be determined, but officials a consid..ring a $22 million bond issue for debt retirement. The money would be used for a new elementary school and other improvements, officials said.

OXFORD

EMS looking for help: The Oxford Emergency Safety Authority is looking for a few good professionals. Spokesperson Ron Roop said the authority is looking for people with architectural and engineering skills to help with preliminary plans for a new fire and police facility.

SOUTHFIELD

Demolition funds sought: The Southfield Downtown Development authority is seeking as much as $1 million to demolish two long-vacant buildings in the Eight Mile and Greenfield area. The authority wants to tear down the old Specs Howard Building and the Southfield Office Plaza.

TROY

Council may rethink term limits: The Troy City Council members are considering five questions to put before voters in April, including a proposal to rescind term limits approved by voters in 1994. Under current restrictions, council members can not serve more than three 3-year terms, and the mayor can not serve more than two 3-year terms.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

'Taste' earlier this year: In hope of boosting attendance, organizers of this year's "Taste of West Bloomfield" have rescheduled the annual food fest from its customary time in April, as part of Michigan Week, to Feb.8. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the popular event that features food dishes from area restaurants, with the proceeds going to charity.

— Compiled by staff reporter Pat Murphy

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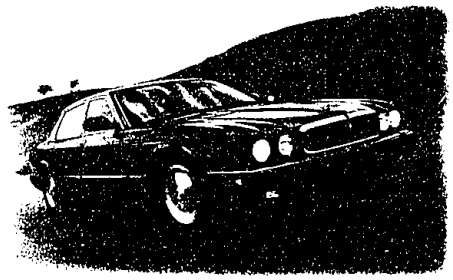

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