

Moffitt expected to serve as vice chair Chamber from page A1

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The Oakland County Board of Commissioners GOP Caucus nominated veteran Commissioner David L. Moffitt to its No. 2 spot at its Dec. 3 organizational caucus.

Moffitt, 48, (R-Farmington Hills) will almost certainly be confirmed as vice chairman of the board at the Jan. 10 meeting of the commission, where the GOP holds 17-7 partisan advantage. He received 11 votes while the current commissioner vice chairwoman Fran Amos (R-

Waterford) received 6. "Other than to stand in for the chair, there's never really been a set of responsibilities assigned to the vice chair," Moffitt said Wednesday. "I hope to bring substance to the role and reinvent it."

He's polling other commissioners to get some ideas, but has already seen some gaps he could fill as vice chair. The first - coordination of communications - is probably the closest to his heart, as Moffitt has long campaigned to get more information out to the public about the commission's work.

"We're printing a full color newsletter for the first time in the county's history," he said. "This is a first step, but I think someone should oversee our communications with constituents."

While the county does have staff members who take responsibility for communications, Moffitt believes having a commissioner take direct oversight could be an added benefit.

"I feel real involvement of a commissioner could enhance commissioners' service to one another and their service to the community," he said.

Moffitt also noted his cooperative and friendly relationship with the commission's new leader.

Board chairman Thomas A. Law (R-West Bloomfield) said, "David and I work well together. His experience and willingness to help anyone, Republican or Democrat, to work out the fine details of a resolution, just for the sake of keeping the board's business moving, is appreciated by everyone."

Moffitt, a single parent of two boys, ages 11 and 10, has been a practicing attorney for more than 22 years, currently maintaining a full-time law practice.



FILE PHOTO
David Moffitt

annual Expo to October.

While it's going to be a busy couple of months, Flaharty may be out of the office quite a bit. In December, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. But she's quick to add her doctors have said the disease is treatable and curable.

A round of chemotherapy will begin soon, followed by radiation treatments.

"I'm as upbeat today as I was the end of November, before I knew I had it," she said.

She found out in an odd way, after having a few health problems late last year. Flaharty came down with a cold that just wouldn't go away and noticed three swollen nodes on her neck. Her doctor thought the two might be related and gave her an antibiotic.

Over the following weekend, she developed a lump the size of an orange. Flaharty spent the next week in the hospital, having tests and biopsies. Doctors found a three-inch tumor in the center of her chest.

"I only worked five days in December, and I don't think anyone knew it," she laughed. "We didn't miss a beat."

Since news of her illness started traveling, Flaharty has been overwhelmed by the support she's received from the commu-



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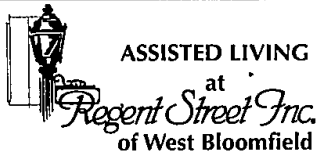
Leadership: Ara Topouzian and Carleigh Flaharty in a festive mood.

nity. But the most heart-warming outcome has been getting to know more about her paternal grandmother, who died of lymphoma before Flaharty was born.

There are parallels in their related diseases and in the fact that her grandmother died in December, the same month Flaharty was diagnosed. While she keeps a journal through her illness, her father has started a journal about her grandmother's life.

In typical fashion, Flaharty intends to work as much as she can, even through treatments if she's feeling well enough. "I'm staying positive," she said.

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These programs are designed to prepare youth for a broad range of employment and continuing education opportunities. They are offered under the guidance of certified instructors, counselors and cooperative education coordinators. The curriculum is technologically

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If a program is offered at OTC-SW and at the home high school, students are asked to enroll in the home high school for the first year and then transfer to OTC-SW for the advanced program during the second year.

Transportation is provided to OTC-SW. Listed below are the programs being offered this year, their location and their prerequisites. Please refer to your course description book for a complete listing of courses.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

PROGRAM	LOCATION	PREREQUISITE
Marketing I	FHS-HHS-NFHS	NONE
Marketing & Store Operations	FHS-HHS-NFHS	NONE
Medical Skills (Science Credit)***	FHS-HHS-NFHS	NONE
Word Processing	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Keyboarding/Word Processing
Computer Applications	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Word Processing
Desktop Publishing	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Word Processing or Computer App.
Automotive Technology***	FHS-HHS-NFHS-OTC-SW	Auto Mechanics or Auto Care
Material Engineering	FHS-NFHS	NONE
Construction Systems	FHS	NONE
(CAD) Architecture***	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Technical Drafting or TECH Draft & Design
(CAD) Engineering***	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Technical Drafting or TECH Draft & Design
Visual Imaging Technology (Printing)*	FHS	Publications/Proc. or Communications Technology 1
Visual Imaging	OTC-SW	NONE
(CAD) Drafting Engineering	OTC-SW	NONE
Computer Repair and Networking Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Heavy Equipment and Trucking Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Marketing	OTC-SW	NONE
Collision Repair Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Business Services Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Health Sciences/Medical	OTC-SW	NONE
Floral	OTC-SW	NONE
AgriScience	OTC-SW	NONE
Culinary Arts/Hospitality	OTC-SW	NONE
AgriScience Greenhouse/Landscape	OTC-SW	NONE
Welding and Fabrication Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Manufacturing Technology	OTC-SW	NONE

*First year of course must be taken at home high school, if offered.

**Prerequisites may differ depending on course offerings at each building.

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COURSE	PREREQUISITE	GRADE
Child Development/Parenting	NONE	10-12
Childhood Education Seminar (NFHS)	Child Development	11-12
Fashion Design	NONE	9-12
Teen Issues	NONE	9-10
Family Sociology	NONE	11-12
Nutrition	NONE	9-12
Housing/Interior Design	NONE	10-12
Personal Finance	NONE	11-12
On Your Own	NONE	12

For Specific Information about the above programs, you may call the Guidance Office at the respective building: Farmington High School (489-3447), Harrison High School (489-3504) and North Farmington High School (489-3551). In keeping with the Farmington Board of Education policy on non-discrimination, students have equal access to all technical and life management programs regardless of race, religion, handicap, color, sex, or national origin. In addition, the lack of English language shall not be a barrier to admission or participation. For general information about these programs, contact Terry Klenczar, Director,

Applied Technology & Career Development, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington (489-3580). Inquiries concerning equal opportunities on the basis of sex should be directed to Susan Zurvalac, Title IX Coordinator, 32500 Shiawassee, Farmington (489-3585). Questions concerning equal opportunities for the challenged should be directed to Lynne Noles, Section 504 Coordinator at 33000 Thomas, Farmington (489-3388). Inquiries concerning discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin may be directed to Larry Lobert, Title VI Coordinator, 32500 Shiawassee, Farmington, MI (489-3387).