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being here and helping them meet their growth needs for the future.

Much of his job is keeping businesses from looking elsewhere when they are ready to grow.

"We try to help with their plans for investment in the future," he said.

"I plan to be active in the chamber and businesses, let them know we're here and the city is interested in them," said Holmes, who has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan.

The 54-year-old works closely with the Farmington Hills Economic Development Corp., a commission that works to preserve the business health of both Farmington and the Hills.

The EDC provides guidance to the city council.

"We're pretty fortunate we have the businesses we do," Holmes said when discussing the hardships of the economy.

"I'm very positive about the opportunity here for continued growth," he said.

He also serves as a middle man for state and county job and corporation help services.

"I can let the people know which services are available to them," he said. "Businesses can take advantage of the services that are available, like employee training."

Holmes was recognized by Gov. John Engler in 1996 as Economic Developer of the Year; account executives across the state selected him as the best in his field.

Teri Arbenowske, assistant to the Hills city manager, is Holmes' boss.

She said the city hired Holmes because he has a "great deal of experience."

"We thought he'd be a perfect fit as a city liaison to the business community," she said.

She added that Holmes is very personable.

"He has a great deal of knowledge," she said. "He has a customer service, can-do attitude."

Holmes is married to Alotta, and they have two adult children.

When not working, he said, he enjoys gardening, yard work and watching and volunteering for hydroplane races. He is a chairman for the Detroit Gold Cup hydroplane races, and he especially admires vintage boats.

## Magistrate Brady seeks judgeship

James B. Brady, attorney and long-time resident of Farmington Hills, has announced his candidacy for the 47th District Court seat, which will open when Judge Fred Harris retires at the end of the year.

Brady is a familiar face at the courthouse, which is located at 10 Mile and Farmington Roads, because he's served as Magistrate for the past 16 years. He was initially appointed by the Honorable Margaret Schaeffer and has served under former Judge

Michael Hand and for the last 10 years, under Judges Harris and Marla Parker.

"I have been encouraged for a number of years by people throughout the city to run for judge of the 47th District Court at the earliest opportunity," Brady said. "I believe that such encouragement is a result of my years of 'on the job' experience that makes me uniquely qualified for this position. The response to my announcement has been overwhelming."

Brady added, "My involvement in other community activities and services over the course of the last two decades has added to a background which makes me an ideal judicial candidate."

Brady is a member of the Exchange Club and the Optimist Club, where he formerly sat on the Board of Directors. He is former two-term president of the Dunbar Oaks Homeowners Association and has held a position on that Board for the past 13 years.

He has also served with Farmington Families in Action, including two years as treasurer.

A coach in the Farmington Hills Hockey Association for the past seven years, he and his wife Diane have also coached baseball and softball through South Farmington Baseball for many years. Diane has also served SFBH as secretary since 1999.

Brady earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1975 and graduated from Wayne State Law School in 1978. His first job as an attorney was with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, under L. Brooks Patterson. He spent four years there before leaving for private practice.

Brady said he has appeared in state and federal courts all across the country and is currently employed at Young & Basile, an intellectual property firm in Troy.

Brady recently completed his final term as an appointee to the State Bar Character and Fitness Committee, the oversight committee that evaluates candidates for admission to the practice of law.

"During my career, I've run the gamut from prosecution to criminal defense, from juvenile court to wrongful death, and divorce to trademark and copyright law," said Brady. "As Magistrate, I have decided thousands of traffic cases, arraigned some of the area's most infamous criminals and presided over small claims court."

Despite the obvious differences in such cases, he added, there is a common element in handling each. "I must give every party their day in court, listen to what they have to say and thereafter rule in a fair manner consistent with the law."

Brady has been married to Diane for 24 years. They have three children, Annie, a freshman at MSU, Mary, a sophomore and member of the marching band at North Farmington High and Jimmy, an eighth grader at Dunkle Middle School.



James Brady

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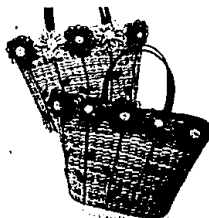
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The breakfast will feature pancakes, bacon, syrup, coffee, milk, tea and specially salads.

The fundraiser is sponsored by The Parents Club, Farmington Lodge Number 151 F.&A.M., and the Livonia-Westlawn Lodge Number 586 F.&A.M.

No reservations are required, and there are plenty of good seats. Cost is \$5.

## Enjoy FHS band concerts

Upcoming instrumental music events at Farmington High School include the following:

Festival of Echoes: Tuesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Club Shilavasee Jazz Concert: Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.

Sounds of Spring Concert: Wednesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.