

Rickert-Chilardi

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rickert of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Pamela Jean to Michael Anthony Chilardi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lino Chilardi of Metamora, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Farmington High School and Ferris State College, employed as a dental hygienist in Lapeer. Her fiancé is a graduate of Dryden High School and Ferris State College employed with Lapeer Mushroom Farm in Inlay City.

A September wedding is planned in Orchard United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.



Heidt-Matthews



Ann Matthews and John A. Heidt were married by The Rev. Ronald Thurner in Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville Aug. 27. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Matthews of Plymouth. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heidt of Farmington Hills.

The bride's organza gown was trimmed with Venice and Cluny lace, fashioned with an empire waistline. She was attended by Diane Robinson, Lori Hutchinson, Madeline Maher and Karen Stemaerger, all clad in floor-length gowns of lavender chiffon.

Keith Schooley served as best man, with ushers John Donohue, Robin Sherban and Richard Ryder.

The bride holds an associate degree from Central Michigan University. She is a student at Madonna College, studying legal administration while employed as a legal secretary for the law firm of Crag and Heidt in Westland.

The bridegroom will graduate from University of Michigan in December.

The couple received guests in Glen Oaks Country Club before leaving on a wedding trip to Cape Cod, Mass. They will make their home in Farmington Hills.

Collins-Zubak

Charles Collins of Farmington Hills announces the engagement of his daughter Caroline Ann to Michael Zubak of Santa Monica, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Oakland Community College. Her fiancé is employed as an engineer.

A September wedding is planned.



m.m. memos
Margaret Miller

A life to be celebrated

I'm the lucky one among the legions of people who loved Sue McCallum. I'm the one who has a corner of space for tribute to a wonderful friend who lost a long battle with cancer earlier this month.

It's a temptation to use it all recounting memories. Remembering how Sue and I first met after our first-born daughters picked each other out of a kindergarten class. Remembering also the recent July evening when we and our husbands dined and talked and laughed together, four long-time friends realizing fully that one of us was not well but refusing to consider, even to ourselves, that this would be our last time together.

Sue's gift of music was used with joy for all to share; her gift of compassion was known to all acquainted with her. That included, incidentally, a few dozen homeless cats and dogs who somehow knew a soft touch and made their way to her home.

Even during her last bout with the illness, Sue was giving loving advice from her hospital bed to a young hospital employee who told her his friend had learned he had leukemia and couldn't handle the prospect of death.

That is why I can't lavish all my space on remembrance; I must use it too to express for myself and all her friends deep admiration for life so well lived. Sue just enjoyed living and being too much to give in to adversity.

And remembering the times between, the shared vacations, the shared joy of watching our children grow up, the shared affection and respect that close friendship brings. In recent years our busy lives became less parallel, but there was always the knowledge that Sue was at the end of a telephone line for some serious or fun talk.

SUE AND HER family decided near the end of her life they wanted no dirges. Not even a memorial service, but rather a chance for her friends to get together and remember.

So the gathering of those who loved her was not doleful. We were celebrating a life tremendously lived much more than we were mourning its being cut off far too soon. We agreed Sue would have loved it. Maybe she did.

AND THAT WAS true despite the fact of her breast cancer that resulted in mastectomy 17 years ago and the return of cancer after a long remission and then a short one.

Sue and her amazing husband, Neil, never complained, never despaired (at least not to anyone else), never stopped looking ahead with optimism, never gave less than the best of themselves to anyone who needed them.

Many have put into words their appreciation amid loss. A friend of mine who had known Sue just a little could say "What a lovely lady!" My daughter, who had loved her most of her young life, wrote to us "She was a remarkable and vibrant woman, and I thank God I knew her."

I do too.

Mayo-Peace

Agnes Peace of Northville and Robert Mayo of Farmington were married Sept. 4 in the library of Northville Presbyterian Church.

Lizanne Blake was her mother's matron of honor. Raymond Mayo acted as best man for his brother.

The couple will make their home in Farmington Hills.

Schacht-Bozgan

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Schacht of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Linda Elizabeth to William Wayne Bozgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Bozgan of Farmington, Hills.

The bride-to-be was graduated from Thurston High School and Michigan State University. She earned her master's degree at Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed with Ford Motor Co. and is a partner in Rainers and Associates Race Cars.

An October wedding is planned in Faith Lutheran Church.

Ancient shofar's call
Rosh Hashanah ritual

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, begins this year at sundown, Friday, Sept. 17, and ushers in the High Holy Days, the most solemn in the Jewish calendar.

at least a month ahead of the High Holy Days.

Sounding of the shofar is a call to repentance and has come to represent an unshakable faith in God's love.

Those expecting to hear the shofar sounded in synagogue this weekend will have to wait until Sunday, the second day of the holiday. The shofar, by tradition, is not blown on the Sabbath in Orthodox and Conservative congregations.

In Hebrew, Rosh Hashanah literally means, "Head of the Year." It always occurs on the first day of the Hebrew month of Tishri, the first month in the Jewish holiday.

"The restriction is not that of the shofar blowing itself, but the carrying of it," says Rabbi David Nelson of Southfield, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Oak Park.

This year, Jews all over the world will welcome the year 5743, which dates back to the Biblical creation of the universe.

The shofar, or ram's horn, is one of mankind's earliest musical instruments still in use.

The Days of Penitence, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, are kept as a period of reflection when Jews ponder their deeds and spiritual behavior of the past year. On Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, Jews ask forgiveness for their sins and make new resolutions for the approaching year.

Made from the processed curved horns of a ram, or even a wild goat, this ancient instrument has echoed the advent of Rosh Hashanah and as a clarion call to war.

Jews refrain from food, drink or merriment on Yom Kippur to preserve its sanctity and to commit themselves to meditation and prayer. They fast for 24 hours.

It takes only an hour to make a shofar that may last several lifetimes. Users of a shofar will never wear it out. The life of the horn is far longer than that of its owner or the house of worship he may serve.

The observance opens at sundown with the traditional Kol Nidre service on the eve of Yom Kippur. Plaintive melodies of repentance and atonement are chanted by the congregation's cantor.

The tradition of the ram's horn, so integral to Jewish ritual, is underscored by the fact that the shofar is mentioned 69 times in the Bible.

Special prayer books are used throughout the 10 days of the High Holy Days, and families gather close to share the most solemn days of the Jewish year.

They are a favorite memento of a trip to Israel.

In most area synagogues and temples, practicing the notes that must be sounded to usher in the new year begins

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