

Tomasi-Bolak

Mrs. Jill Tomasi of Westland announces the engagement of her daughter Jamie Marie to Robert Alan Bolak, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bolak of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Novi High School and a senior at Central Michigan University majoring in commercial art. Her fiancé is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Central Michigan University, employed as a media consultant with Atlantic Morris Broadcasting in Ocean City, N.J.

A wedding date has not been set.



Cone-Beck

Col. and Mrs. Charles L. Cone of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Sheryl Ann to Brian Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Beck of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Her fiancé is employed by BASE Corporation as a technical service representative.

An April wedding is planned.



Eiswerth-Kowalski

Shelli Ann Kowalski and David Eiswerth were married in First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kowalski of Royal Oak and Mr. and Mrs. John Fern of Commerce Township. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Eiswerth of Farmington Hills.



Lim-Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Lim of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Marie, to John H. Rogers III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rogers Jr. of Wilmington, Del.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Farmington High School and University of Michigan, and took her master's degree from Brown University. Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Delaware and holds a master's degree from University of Virginia.

Both she and her fiancé are instructors and Ph.D. candidates in economics at University of Virginia. He will complete his doctorate this summer and begin employment as a professor at University of Kentucky. She will receive her doctorate next year.

A June wedding is planned.



Geropsychiatric

New services program opens for senior adults

The new Geropsychiatric Services Program of Botsford General Hospital is an acute care psychiatric center designed to meet the special psychological and medical needs of older adults. It's headed by Sandra Plummer.

She has 13 years of experience working with the elderly population in hospitals, community mental health, nursing homes and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging. She is on the gerontology faculty of Mercy College and Madonna College and is the president of the Board of Directors of Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Association, Detroit Metropolitan Chapter.

Plummer heads the 25-bed Geropsychiatric Services unit, a program which offers inpatient treatment for mental health problems of patients 55 years old and over.

The new program, launched in December, provides a short-term setting for the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of acute psychiatric ailments of older people. Common problems among patients include depression, confusion, withdrawal, delusions or psychosis. Some patients may also have accompanying medical illnesses.

Plummer said the program's philosophy is to respect the rights and dignity of older adults.

TREATMENTS INCLUDE individual, group, and family therapies, diagnostic and evaluation services, educational programs, activities therapies and psychopharmacology.

The goal of the program is to provide comprehensive, inpatient treatment for age-specific disorders. "This is unlike many other general mental health services offered to older adults. The new unit is the only one of its kind in Oakland County," Plummer said.

The unit also boasts Dr. Bruce Sack as its clinical director.

Sack obtained his medical degree from Wayne State University, School of Medicine and is president and medical director of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services, Inc.

When asked of his approach to treatment, Sack said, "Individualized treatment plans are developed to restore patients to their maximum level of functioning and to reintegrate them within the community as quickly as possible. Our geriatric clinical staff uses different types of treatment so that we can meet the special needs of each patient."

The therapeutic team serving the older people consists of highly skilled, experienced geriatric specialists. In addition to psychiatrists, there are psychologists, psychiatric social workers, occupational and activity therapists and a 24-hour psychiatric nursing staff.

Patients receiving care are referred to the facility by physicians, clergy or health agencies. They are admitted to the program by licensed psychiatrists. The length of stay ranges from a few days to approximately three weeks. The program's facility is an attractive environment with comfortable rooms, kitchen, dining and recreational areas.

GEROPSYCHIATRIC Services program is covered entirely or in part by most insurance plans, including Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Champus, HMO's Medicare, Medicaid and other third-party health insurance companies. The staff is trained to assist families in making financial arrangements.

For more information about the programs or community outreach services, contact Plummer at 471-8723.

Art and Flowers to fill the center

The Farmington Community Center's house and grounds will come alive with "Art and Flowers" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14. It is expected to be the largest variety of art work ever on sale in Farmington or Farmington Hills.

The indoor-outdoor event will display art works from 30 members of the Farmington Artist Club and flowers from area dealers and florists.

Large tents will be set up to add to the festive atmosphere of the show. Admission to the house and grounds is free.

At 4 p.m. the outdoor displays will be taken down and moved to the inside of the center where a reception will begin at 5 p.m. Hosted by the Volunteer Guild of Farmington Community Center, the reception will include the art displays, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment.

Admission to the reception is \$8 a person or \$15 for a couple. The art

works will remain for sale until 9 p.m.

For reception tickets, call the center at 477-8404.

The Farmington Community Center is a non profit organization that enhances the community by offering cultural events, classes and programs.

Goods and services to go up for auction

Farmington-Farmington Hills Welcome Wagon Club will host a charity auction at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 in Farmington Community Center. Items for auction will include goods and handiworks donated by members and local merchants, and a variety of services offered by the membership such as child care, special occasion baking and house-

hold tasks.

Auction co-chairman, Barbara Roth, said all profits from the event will be donated to the Bone Marrow Testing Fund for Todd Solider and Farmington Community Center.

The medical fund has been set up for Todd Solider, a 13-year-old Dunkle School student who suffers

from aplastic anemia, a life-threatening blood disease. Donations to the fund will pay for bone marrow testing of prospective volunteer donors, to aid in the search for a matched donor.

The community center was selected as a recipient because of its value to the community, dependent on private contributions to continue its

programs and classes in cultural and applied arts for local residents.

Area newcomers who are prospective Welcome Wagon members are invited to attend the auction. There is no admission charge but reservations should be made with either of the co-chairmen, Roth at 553-4326 or Ginny Spencer, 478-5859.

Free skin cancer clinic set at Health-O-Rama

Free examinations to check for skin cancer will be part of Farmington Hills Health-O-Rama Wednesday, April 13.

To promote the early detection and proper treatment of skin cancer, Farmington Hills dermatologist Jon Blum will do the skin cancer exami-

nations. These examinations will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Mercy Conference Center, 11 Mile east of Middlebelt.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer. Dermatologists are medical doctors who specialize in

the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of skin problems. Anyone attending the Farmington Hills Health-O-Rama can receive a free, painless examination for possible skin cancer, and also free color brochures that discuss the recognition and prevention of skin cancer, sun-

burn, wrinkles and premature aging of the skin.

This will be the fourth year Dr. Blum is offering the free skin cancer examinations at the Mercy Center Health-O-Rama. Most Health-O-Rama sites in other areas do not offer skin cancer screening.

Seniors get low fare for spring air travel

Southwest Airlines has lowered its fares for seniors, 65 years or older, to as low as \$15 until May 14, announced Donald G. Valentine, vice president of marketing.

"Southwest has developed a relationship with the seniors community over the last two years, promoting low fares for this important and growing market segment, which has discretionary time and money for air travel," said Valentine.

"We are making these fares avail-

able now so senior travelers will be able to visit their children and grandchildren and take their own spring break, or a minivacation to one of Southwest's leisure destinations such as New Orleans, Los Angeles, San Diego, Albuquerque, Las Vegas or San Francisco.

"Because the senior fares are so affordable, we think our senior trav-

elers will be able to take several quick, short trips to different destinations," he said.

Southwest's senior fares, ranging \$15-\$39, depending on destination, are the lowest in the nation. Other airlines offer special senior rates, but Southwest's are the least restricted and there are no penalties.

no lifetime membership fees, no keeping track of bonus miles, no pass card to keep up with, and no advance purchase requirements.

Reservation is required. Fares are good for departures from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and all day Saturday. Proof of age is required at airport check-in.

Free use of video offered by hospital

"How can I tell if I'm hooked?" is the title of a new video program that can be borrowed at no cost from Brighton Hospital, which specializes in preventing and treating alcohol and other drug abuse.

According to national surveys, one of every four students is affected.

"How Can I Tell If I'm Hooked?" is a two-part filmstrip on videocassette that helps young people recognize the signs of addiction and better understand how it can be treated. A guide for parents and teachers is included.

This program and 20 other videos

and films on substance abuse are available for loan as a free community service of Brighton Hospital. For additional information and to schedule their use, contact the community relations department on weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 227-1211, ext. 276.

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