

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Orrell-Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Orrell of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Lynn, to Frank Louis Smith, son of Mrs. Floasia Domine of Farmington and the late Vance Smith.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Mary's College with a bachelor of business administration degree and is employed as an assistant branch manager at NBD.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington High School and is a self-employed contractor with Towns and Country Garage Doors.



An October wedding is planned in Our Lady of Orchard Lake.

Di Ponio-Mattson

Katie Sue Mattson and Anthony James Di Ponio were married May 28 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ewen, Mich., by the Rev. Frances Dobrzanski. She is the daughter of Bonnie and Brian Mattson of Ewen, Mich., and he is the son of Catherine and Tony Di Ponio of Redford.

The bride is a graduate of Ewen Trout Creek High School and Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is employed by BBDO-Detroit advertising agency.

The groom is a graduate of St. Agatha High School and Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in construction management. He is employed by Allied Trades Construction.

Jeanine Mattson served as her sister's maid of honor with bridesmaids Angela Fish, Tracy Niemi, Janet Fogdiano, Jennifer Johnson and Gretchen Cipriano.

Peter Pagutz served as best man with groomsmen brother of the



groom John Di Ponio, Dino Grossi, Robert Iafate, brother of the bride Timothy Mattson and Jason Tonti.

Ronald Cipriano, Steven Scheib and Robert Clark served as ushers.

The couple received guests at Paul's Supper Club in Silver City. They are making their home in Farmington.

Group invites inspirational speaker

Gloria Wyatt will be the speaker at Women's Aglow Fellowship, Farmington Chapter, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, in the Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile. Born and raised in Alabama, Wyatt is currently living in Michigan. She is active with the

Northwest Detroit Aglow Chapter and served on the board and as a prayer chairperson.

She gives encouragement and comfort with understanding and a tone of hope to others.

The public is invited to attend.

Tarbet-Leigh

Steven and Nancy Tarbet of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa Marie, to Brian Keith Leigh, son of Susann Leigh of White Lake and Leon Leigh of Clarkston.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Center for Creative Studies and is employed by Kelman of Farmington Hills as a graphic designer.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed by Pontiac Oakland Airport.



at Bay Pointe Golf Club of West Bloomfield.

An October wedding is planned

Fodale-Collins

Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Fodale of Commerce Township, formerly of Southfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Irene, to Michael David Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Collins of Brighton.

The bride-to-be is employed by Home Protection One Corp. of Farmington Hills as the operations manager.

Her fiancé is employed by Fentid Concrete Co.

An October wedding is planned.



O'Connor-Schemanske

Willard and Ruth Abend of Lakeland, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Elaine O'Connor of Farmington Hills, to Raymond Charles Schemanske, son of Raymond and Christine Schemanske of Grass Lake.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Deloitte & Touche in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is the owner of Chelsea Bike & Sports Ltd. in Chelsea.



A September wedding is planned in St. John Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills.

Homick-Diaz

Joseph and Barbara Homick of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheri Noreen, to Tyrone Alfred Diaz, son of Alfredo and Beverly Diaz of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is employed at Ameritech Cellular in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights. He is employed by Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

An October wedding is planned in St. Michael Church, Livonia.



Model from page 11A

Oaks Mall. Nelson met or rather was "discovered" by promoter Rock Mangus from R.E.M. Productions and his modeling ambitions were ignited. Mangus also told him about the state Talent America contest, which Nelson won earlier this year and opened the door to the national competition.

"I talked to an agent from (John Robert) Powers (Modeling Agency) and he said I have the clean-cut look," Nelson said. "He knows of agencies from Japan and Europe looking for my look."

Unfortunately, for Nelson,

some of the top modeling agencies in the U.S. are focusing on the grunge look this year.

You might think posing in front of cameras would be boring for an energetic teen. But that's not true for Nelson. "It's like an adrenalin rush and it makes you feel good about it. I hope to get into acting."

Even at his tender age, others have started their modeling careers much younger.

"All of his life I heard, 'You should put him in modeling,'" his mother, Pamela Nelson, said.

But she believed that the time wasn't right, because he had other interests, like baseball.

"I knew what getting involved in theater could entail and I felt he was more sports-oriented," she added.

Before the modeling idea began to blossom recently, Nelson wanted to go into law enforcement, specifically with the F.B.I. Accounting was also intriguing to him and the profession his father, Greg, chose. His brother, Mike, is involved in entertaining, too. He's a drummer in a band in the process of forming.

Nelson said it's important to him to keep his recent title win in perspective.

"I don't like talking about it," said Nelson, who plays varsity golf and was his team's co-captain last year.

"I don't want people to think I'm bragging, because I don't like people like that. If I ever get far, I want to always say: 'You have to remember where you came from.'"

"I want to stay the person I am," he added. "I don't want people to judge me differently."

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