

## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

## Kohler-Westerman

Donna Westerman and Scott Kohler were married March 11 in The Little Wedding Chapel, Farmington Hills, by the Rev. Earl Johnson. She is the daughter of Mrs. Beverly J. Westerman of Farmington Hills and he is the son of Alice Kohler of Farmington Hills and Richard Dauphinas of Ellettsville, N.C.

The newlyweds are making their home in Redford.



## Berrie-Birecki

Albert and Karen Berrie of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Jo, to Dennis Birecki, son of Kenneth and Carol Birecki of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration. She is enrolled in the doctor of veterinary medicine program at Michigan State University and will graduate in May 1997.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a student at Schoolcraft College, where he is working on his business degree. He is employed with A.R. Kramer Flooring of Livonia in sales.



A June 1997 wedding is planned.

## Manoff-Schauer

Thomas and Lorraine Manoff of Brentwood, Tenn., formerly of Bloomfield Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherri Lynn, to Jeffrey Paul Schauer, son of Robert and Carol Schauer of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Miami of Ohio University and received her master's degree from Xavier University. She is employed by Cincinnati Public Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Dayton and is employed by Standard Textile as a sales consultant.

An August wedding is planned in Nashville, Tenn.



## Veterans plan reunion tour

World War II veterans of the European theater of operations are scheduled to leave New York May 16 for a reunion tour to celebrate the 50th anniversary of

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## ANNIVERSARIES

Marvel and Dolores Bandt of Farmington Hills celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 21, 1995.

A surprise party given by their four children was held at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Guests included immediate family and close friends.

When asked for the secret of their successful marriage, Marvel and Dolores agreed that consideration, communication and patience are the key factors.

To stay fit, Marvel runs four miles every day and Dolores uses a stationary bike. Among their hobbies are gardening and home canning.



Marvel and Dolores Bandt

How to submit  
announcements

Local engagement, wedding, anniversary and birth announcements run in the Thursday issue of the Farmington Observer.

Local residents can send their engagement, wedding, anniversary or birth information along with a photograph to The Farmington Observer, 32411 Grand River Ave. Farmington, Mich. 48335.

Preprinted forms that outline the information needed for your engagement or wedding announcement are available at the Farmington office. If questions, call (810) 477-5450.

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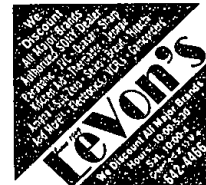
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## FOR WOMEN ONLY

Ladies, are you glad to be a woman? In these days of "unisex" everything, do you still take time to rejoice in being feminine? The Bible says, "male and female He created them." Unfortunately, many women today are trying to be more like men, as though there was something shameful about being a woman!

God made women unique from men in a number of ways. Physically, women tend to be lighter, more graceful and more agile, allowing them the flexibility and precision to do things which men would find difficult. The female body also gives women the special opportunity to be part of the life process - to feel a human life form and grow within them. At the delivery of a baby, a mother sees for the first time a person that she has already nurtured for many months and whose life has been totally dependent upon her during that time. Men can never truly understand this experience.

Materially, women tend to use the right side of the brain more than men do, allowing them to be more verbally-oriented and often quite creative. They are also very capable at managing many things at once. Proverbs 31:10-31 describes the noble wife, the busy talent and activities she undertakes in taking care of the family and household needs, managing and contributing to family finances, caring for the needy, offering wisdom to her family, teaching her children, and growing in character and spirituality. She displays talent in a variety of areas and balances them all well. Studies have shown that men are generally more single-focused and would have a hard time doing the same range of activities listed here.

Women have a special opportunity to shape the mind and values of their children. The Bible over and over makes reference to the quality known as maternal love. Women's unique bond with their children, their emotional awareness and their sensitivity to their needs give them a strong responsibility for the welfare of their family (1 Kings 3:16-27), as well as an exceptional moral and social influence upon their children (1 Tim. 3:14-16; Prov. 1:7). The Bible also has examples of women who, because of their womanhood, had a unique opportunity to serve God. For instance, because Esther married the King of Persia, she was able to use her influence to save all the Jews in the Empire from death. And Mary was chosen to be Jesus' only biological parent!

Indeed, God has granted women many special abilities and opportunities. Ladies, you have cause to rejoice in the uniqueness of being a woman!

If we can help you learn more about God's Word, please contact the Farmington Hills Church of Christ, 35800 W. Eleven Mile Rd., (between Redford & Eureka) (810) 477-6533 or worship with us Sundays at 11 a.m.

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