ENGAGEMENTS

Holm-Dunlay

Richard and Patricia Holm of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Brian Keith Dunlay, son of Keith and Ruth Dunlay of Waterloo, Iowa.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jowa State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communication. She is employed by Favorite Nurses/Favorite Temps in Overland Park, Kansas, as an advertising and promotions manager.

Her flames is a graduate of lows State University with a bachelor's of business administration in finance degree. He is employed by General Services Administration in Kansas City, Mo., a federal government sgency, as a commercial real estate broker.



A November wedding is planned in St. Edward's Catholic Church in Waterloo, Iowa.

Hempton-Frederick

John and Gayle Blackstock of Bad Aze announce the engagement of their daughter. Dawn Ann Hempton, to Mark Edward Prederick, so no if Francia Frederick of Farmington Hills and the late Isabella Frederick. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as a teacher in the Farmington Public Schoola. Her fiance is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an account manager by Automotive Industries in Dearborn.
A December wedding is planned. John and Gayle Blackstock of



NEW VOICES

Richard Martin Press II was born June 8 to Stephen and Lori Press of Farmington Hills. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. Richard, who was named after his grandfather (Pape), joins his big brother, Stephen Todd, who is 19 months old.
The grandparents are Richard Martin and Lois Press of Wayne and Thomas and Theress Lally of Westland.



How to submit announcements

Local residents can send their River Ave. Farmington, Mich. engagement, wedding, anniversary or birth information along thith a photograph to The Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand

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concrete and asphalt.

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The Farmington Garden Club

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will pay tribute to the beautiful gardens and landscapes in the area by holding its 10th annual Good Neighbor Garden Contest.

If you have admired a garden in Farmington or Farmington Hills, or if you would like to enter your own garden, end entries to Dinanne Szabla, 20204 Thirteen Mills 18334 or call 626-6322.

Any type of garden or landscape is eligible for consideration. Entries should be submitted by Aug.

Winners will receive gift certifi-cates donated by English Gar-dens.

Results.

Law makes adoption searches easier

Recent changes in Michigan's adoption law have significantly affected the rights of adult adoption law have significantly affected the rights of adult adoption law have significantly affected the rights and read of the right and research and remains and the right and facilitate searches and reunitons with former family members. Birth families also have additional avenues to search and reunito with children they either voluntarily placed for adoption or had parental rights involuntarily terminated by a court.

"Everything is a little new right now and private agencies, probate courts and the Michigan Department of Social Services are all scurrying around to raske the necessary changes to comply with the law," said Sharon Vichcales, Child and Pamily Services of Michigan Inc. administrator. Unfortunately, few adult adoptees or their birth families know that the change was implemented January I."

The Central Adoption Registry.

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The Central Adoption Registry, administered by the Michigan Department of Social Services, is the main vehicle that facilitates

the sharing of identifying adoption information. Birth parents and adult siblings can submit a statement to the registry, consenting to or denying the release of identifying information. The statements will be forwarded to adoption agencies and courts upon request so they can determine whether or not identifying information may be released to an adult adoptee or an adult adoptee or an adult adoptee or an advantage of the state of

members, siblings or adoptices when there are no denials of consents on file for the individual. In addition, the new legislation:

8 Allows adult adoptices whose parents' rights were terminated prior to May 28, 1945, to obtain identifying information about their birth families, if there are no consents on file.

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Establishes a registry for birth

Extablishes a registry for birth siblings.

Expands the definition of non-identifying information (date, time and place of birth of the adoptee, medical, psychological and genetic information, age and act of siblings of the adoptee, and racial, thinic and religious background).

Identifying information includes the name of the child before placement in adoption, the name of each biological parent at the time of termination of parental rights, the most recent name and addresses of each biological parent and the names of biological siblings at the time of termination.

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Vichcales, whose agency houses more adoption records than any other private agency in Michigan,

said few funds have been allocated in the past to either publicize the opportunities adoptees have to locate information about their biological families or protection available to family members who don't want to be contacted. Likewise, no money has been appropriated to notify adult adoptees or birth families about new changer. in the law.

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A 1993 report by the Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies states that while courts, private agencies and DSS have been more aggressive in recent years about informing current clients of the possibility of future searches, "it is believed that many adoptees and biological parents from earlier years are not aware of the registry."

Child and Family Services has a special toll-free number — (800) 878-6587 — to answer questions about accessing adoption records. Adoptees and birth families want-information shout the ning more information about the availability of adoption records may also call the agency or DSS county office that handled their adoptive placement.



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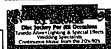


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