

ENGAGEMENTS

Calabro-Smith

August and Eleanor Calabro of Detroit announce the engagement of their daughter, Camille E. to Keith D. Smith, the son of Gerald and Marjo Smith of Livonia. The bride-to-be is employed by EDS in Southfield. Her fiancé owns a cleaning company in Livonia. A December wedding is planned in the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.



Vargovick-Beck

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Vargovick of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie, to James Francis Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Beck of Ocean Ridge, Fla. The bride-to-be is a 1981 graduate of Mercy High School and a 1985 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed by Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn as an assistant head nurse in the psychiatric unit. Her fiancé is employed by Ford Motor Co. as a product design and development engineer. A fall wedding is planned in St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.



Heard-Edwards

Daniel and Paula Heard of Howell, formerly of Farmington Hills, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy Susan, to Nicholas Barry Edwards, the son of Barry and Coreto Edwards of Bristol, England, and Maria Thompson of Bournemouth, England. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Oakland University in Rochester with a bachelor's degree in music and musical theater, with a minor in dance. She is employed by Waldenwoods Resort in Hartland, that's the Danain in Brighton and the Magestic Golf Course in Howell. She also teaches private voice lessons and sings with the church choir at Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Her fiancé is a graduate of Fairfield Grammar Higher Education



Garden club roots are 20 years old

The Farmington Hills Branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association was just a "seed" an idea born in 1975, and was planted by two energetic young women, Toni Armstrong and Triah Bell. Their dream quietly became a reality as six young women each invited four friends to join them in the formation of this active branch.

And when they were approached by the Farmington Nursing Home to help the patients plant a garden that would give purpose to their days, they again responded with enthusiasm. As the new multi-acre park was proposed for Farmington Hills, the Farmington Hills Branch again volunteered its services and financial support to the newly constructed Heritage Park. Donations have also been made to the Farmington Hills Library to purchase books relating to gardening and scholarship money is sent annually to both Michigan State and Higgins Lake for their summer programs.

With the membership of 30 women, and a waiting list of many more, the Farmington Hills Branch set roots that would continue to grow and flourish through the years.

Joined by the bonds of friendship and a love for gardening, the club began with modest goals. Because the membership consisted of young mothers with preschool and elementary age children, free time was an unknown luxury. Thus, their first projects had to be quite simple and non-time consuming . . . or so they thought.

Always civic minded, they began by planting and maintaining a flower garden at the Farmington Hills City Hall and continued with a vegetable and flower garden at the Sarah Fisher Home for homeless children.

Each year the group adopted a family for the holidays and added to their holiday cheer with food, clothing and gifts.

When the city decided to build a road through their garden at Sarah Fisher, other projects took root. Soon the Farmington Community Center (now The Longacre House) and the Warner Mansion gardens were added to their

already busy schedules. Although a great deal of their time is spent working in the Farmington area, they have also responded to the needs of other communities. Wreaths were made for Cobo Hall to benefit the Children's Hospital and table settings were done for the fall teas at Cranbrook.

Harned-Zenas

Jan Petersen of Bloomfield Township and Gary and Joan Harned of Tennessee announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori M., to David A. Zenas, the son of Stanley and Carol Zenas of Farmington Hills. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. She is employed by the Ford Motor Co. as a product design engineer in the plastics division. Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of science degree in environmental science. He received his master of science degree in industrial hygiene from Wayne State University. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co. as a plant



engineer at Dearborn Engine and Fuel Plant. A September wedding is planned in the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

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Moms of twins host sale

Do moms of twins have two of everything? Yes. That's why the Farmington Area Mothers of Twins Club is sponsoring a semi-annual Whale of a Sale from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 21000 Middlebelt Road between Grand River and Nine Mile roads. The public is welcome. Only cash will be accepted. Clothes from infant to adult sizes will be available along with toys, equipment for nursery and outdoors, craft tables, household goods and more. Organizers promise that everything will be reasonably priced. For more information about the club and meeting times call 489-0950.

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Group needs pets, owners to volunteer

Pet-a-Pet Club, Inc. desperately needs volunteers for a program at St. Vincent Sarah Fisher Home in Farmington Hills.

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