

## WEDDINGS &amp; ENGAGEMENTS

## BARKER-MCQUISTON

Dr. William D. Barker and Melanie A. McQuiston were married on June 6.

William is the son of Richard and Ruth Barker of Farmington Hills.

Melanie is the daughter of Phillip and Diane McQuiston of Farmington Hills.

They will make their home in Clinton Township.

their daughter Audra Kristine to Jeff Hartwig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Hartwig of Warren. The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor with bachelor of arts degree. She currently teaches English at Warren Woods Middle School.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor with a degree in business administration. He is a financial administrator at TransNav Technologies.

An August wedding is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

The couple will honeymoon in the Caribbean and make their home in Sterling Heights.

## Gardens range from a mid-19th century property to a contemporary landscape.

Tickets are available at the visitor's center on the day of the event for \$7; children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets will be purchased in advance at many locations including Maryland's Florists at 28915 Grand River, Vines Flower & Garden Shop at 30560 Grand River, Springbrook Gardens at 23814 Power Road, Schroeder's Flowers & Gifts at 29216 Orchard Lake Road, Steinkamp of Nurseries at 20815 Farmington Road, Farmington Florists at 23340 Farmington Road, and Hearts & Flowers at 33238 W. 12 Mile.

The Farmington Garden Club will host a neighborhood garden walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18.

It begins at the visitor's center in Heritage Park, west of Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads.

The tour will showcase six private gardens in the Farmington/Hills area. This year's theme is "Rhapsody of Flowers" and features garden designs including floral and architectural components to enhance the landscape. Color abounds in gardens from a mid-19th century-designed property to a contemporary landscape.

Garden-related items for sale will be at a special boutique located in the visitor's center in Heritage Park. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

## School music program gets excellence award

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Paul Barber  
—music coordinator

Little did Kay DeLuca and Larry Hutchinson know their idea for promoting the string music program in the Farmington Schools would six years later result in being recognized with the Excellence in Education award.

DeLuca has been teaching elementary instrument music in Farmington since 1986 with a particular focus on string instruments for the past several years.

She and her friend, Hutchinson, a bassist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, were talking about the string program while attending a music conference.

Hutchinson is a resident of Farmington Hills. Prior to joining the DSO, he was a professor of String Bass at Western Michigan University and has maintained an interest in music education.

In the spring of 1992, DeLuca and Hutchinson shared their idea of a special program for string instruments with Paul Barber, music coordinator for Farmington Schools.

Together they developed the concept into a proposal which included four student orchestras, guest coordinators and clinicians from the Detroit Symphony.

They presented their idea to the members of the music department who supported the proposal.

This past November, the six annual Days For Strings provided 450 young people with the opportunity to share their music and to work with members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The program in six years has grown over 50 percent. This program has been a partnership between the DSO and the Farmington Schools. Many of the professional musicians donate their time to work with the students.

In recognition of the program's success, Barber was invited to apply for acceptance into the Excellence in Education program presented by the Oakland Press, Oakland University and the Oakland Intermediate School District.

'We were very honored to receive word of being selected as a nominee,' Barber said.

Members of the music department attended a special awards



**Excellence award:** Larry Hutchinson, bassist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, displays the certificate of honor. He's with Kay DeLuca, Farmington Schools instrumental music teacher, and Paul Barber, Farmington Schools music coordinator.

banquet at Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester to receive an Excellence in Education certificate. Later, DeLuca and Barber were recognized by the Farmington Public Schools during their recent employee recognition program.

They along with others

received the star awards for being instrumental in forming the Day for Strings program. Hutchinson was in Europe with the DSO tour at the time of the recognition banquet but received the award on his return.

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## Group's July toy drive will brighten Christmas for kids with leukemia

Looking for a unique opportunity for community outreach? Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is hoping to make the holidays brighter this year for hundreds of families throughout Michigan coping with the effects of leukemia, lymphoma and related disorders.

To help raise the gifts needed, CLF is coordinating a Christmas in July toy drive.

CLF is asking civic groups, businesses and individuals around the state to participate in the Christmas in July toy drive and help keep the spirit of

holiday giving alive throughout the year.

The agency is hoping to gather more than 3,000 donated, new toys for the holiday toys program which provides gifts to patients and their family members. Thanks to the generosity of people in communities across the state, CLF provided gifts to 200 families in 49 Michigan counties last year.

'I thank you so much for the generous amount of money, effort and time that goes into this program,' said Denn Alderton of West Branch. Her 4-year-old daughter, Monica, was diagnosed with leukemia and her

family received holiday toys last Christmas. 'It is such a busy time of year for people to give of their time to help others. It is deeply appreciated.'

Donated toys are needed for all ages, infancy to adult. All must be new and not gift wrapped. Ideal toys include books, arts and crafts items, hand-held video games, videos, Walkmans, dolls, manicure kits, gift certificates, puzzles, playing cards and board games.

Groups or businesses interested in participating in the Christmas in July toy drive may call CLF at 1-800-825-2536 for more information.

## Program focus is good health

Some of the ongoing programs offered at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills include:

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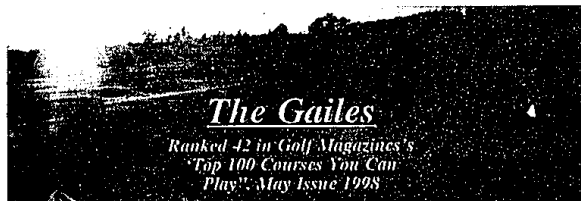
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