

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

MCCARTHY-DONOVAN

Jack and Catherine McCarthy of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Buff Louise, to Thomas Donovan, son of Ed and Kay Donovan of Leesburg, Fla. (formerly of St. Clair Shores.)

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hillsdale College and the University of Michigan. She is a managed care specialist with Health Alliance Plan.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and DePaul University. He owns Music-Go-Round in the Novi Town Center.

An October wedding is planned.



ABODEEY-KOPISTANSKY

George and Dunia Abodeey of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria, to Lev Kopistansky, son of Victor and Olga (Kopistansky) Kopin of Farmington Hills.

An August wedding is planned in St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Livonia.



RENAUD-HARRISON

David and Mary Renaud of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter,

Rebecca Helen, to James Jay Harrison, son of Jo A. Harrison of Sandusky, Michigan and the late Dr. Philip Harrison.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and Siena Heights College with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology. She is employed as a 911/Police dispatcher for Ann Arbor Police.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Sandusky High School and Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is employed as a police officer for the Canton Township police department.

A September wedding is planned in St. Mary of Redford Catholic Church.

New age artist set to play at Borders

New age pianist Kerri Sherwood will perform a free concert at Borders Books and Music Cafe in Farmington Hills on Thursday, July 30, from 8-10 p.m. Sherwood's latest CD is "This Part of the Journey," an instrumental work of solo piano recordings.

Sherwood has four solo piano releases featuring contemporary, melodic, emotional music.



Campers: Carolyn Ketchum flanked by Farmington Hills campers Ben Jones (left) and Alex Jones (right) at the MDA Summer Camp.

You can be an MDA camp sponsor

For more than 40 years, the Muscular Dystrophy Association has built bridges and knocked down barriers for children with neuromuscular disease by providing an unforgettable summer camp experience.

The camps provide local kids ages 6 to 21 with activities geared to their special needs.

Last year, MDA sponsored 83 camp sessions for more than

4,000 kids at 72 camps in 41 states and Puerto Rico, including Camp Cavell in Lexington, Michigan.

The camps are staffed by health professionals who volunteer their services. Each camper also has his own volunteer counselor, usually a high school or college student. Counselors often continue their friendship with campers.

By becoming an MDA camp sponsor, your organization can provide a local youth with many special memories. The cost for sending one child to camp for a week is \$400. Your involvement will also be saluted in the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethon.

For more information, contact the Muscular Dystrophy Association at 3300 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ 85718.

Tips to curb pup's chewing

How do you keep a puppy from chewing any human part it can reach? We have a 12-week-old puppy that is drawing blood from chewing us with those sharp needle teeth.

Yes, those needle teeth are awful. Marbles has given me a few battle wounds from his needle teeth. In trying to teach him not to grab or chew our hands or other body parts, we don't use his name saying "no." That's because at this stage in life, this is the word they hear most. Think about how you would feel if you heard your name constantly being used with negative words like "no."

One of the things to avoid when playing with your pup is not to wave your hands in his face. That's just asking him to grab. Have a toy in your hand when you are playing with him. If you run, or children are running, that is asking for a sharp-tooth grab. The trick is to play calmly and quietly. That way the pup doesn't get overexcited.

Marbles thinks sport shoes are the greatest. Those laces move when you're walking and are irresistible. When Marbles grabs our shoelaces, I try to distract him. But sometimes he is undistractable. Then I pick him up and put him in a time-out room or crate.

Make sure you never leave shoes out in puppy patrol sight. Also never give your pup an old shoe. Puppies cannot tell the difference between old and new shoes.

Can you give some information on canine

distemper? How does a dog get it and what are the symptoms?

Canine distemper is a highly contagious and often fatal virus that affects a dog's respiratory, gastrointestinal and nervous systems. It's an airborne virus but it also can infect a dog through contact with an infected dog - raccoons can also have canine distemper - animal feces or urine. Symptoms are coughing, sneezing, nose and eye discharges, fever, depression, vomiting, diarrhea, lack of appetite and seizures.

The best way to prevent your puppy or adult dog from getting canine distemper is to have him vaccinated. This is the only effective control. Puppies can start the puppy series of vaccinations which include distemper as early as 6-weeks-old. Puppies receive the series three times every three weeks, followed by annual boosters for the rest of a dog's life. Do not stop giving an older dog its annual boosters. It's very important for all ages of dogs to receive these boosters.

Bev Cornell is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and former veterinary aide. She can answer your questions in care of Ask Bristol, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington MI 48335.



Amateur shooters can enter photos

The International Library of Photography will award \$100,000 in prizes this year in the International Open Amateur Photography contest.

Photographers from the Farmington area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of 1,000 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Aug. 31. The contest is open to everyone, and there is no entry fee.

"Any photographer, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," said Jeffrey Bryan, contest director. "Photographers from the Farmington area have successfully competed in past competition." Every photograph entered also has a chance to be published in full color.

To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: people, animals, nature, action, humor, portraiture, or other.

The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted) no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photos cannot be returned.

Photos should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 350-9001, 10043 Red Run Blvd., Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by Aug. 31.

The International Library of Photography is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of amateur photographers to the public's attention.

Circle Aug. 1 for MD funfest

The 3rd annual Jana Newton Muscular Dystrophy Funfest is planned Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Motor City Harley Davidson on Grand River between Farmington and Drake roads.

The event is from noon to 5 p.m. There will be food, games, contests, raffles, a dunk tank, moonwalk, and a remote radio broadcast from Oldies 104.3 WOMC.

Everyone is invited to join the fight against muscular dystrophy and have fun at the same time.

NEW VOICES

FERLO TWINS

Don and Laura Fergle of Farmington Hills announce the birth of their twin sons, Matthew Albert (8 lbs. 4 oz.) and Daniel James (4 lbs. 4 oz.) at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. The boys were born on May 14. Grandparents are Albert and Nancy Beni of Bloomfield Hills and Don and Evelyn Fergle of Grand Blanc.

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