

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Deering-Walmsley

Annmarie and David Deering of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Marie, to William Allen Walmsley, son of Patricia Walmsley of Syracuse, N.Y. and the late Cleve Walmsley.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Farmington High School and Michigan State University.

She is employed as an account manager at Rittal Corporation.

Her fiancé attended Morrisville College and graduated from Western Michigan University.

He is employed as a technical account manager at Workhorse Custom Chassis.

A May wedding is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.



Del Carmen-Sullivan

Brigid Sullivan and Jeff Del Carmen were married July 13, 2002 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Detroit.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Barbara Sullivan of Farmington Hills. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton and a master's degree in education from Loyola University in Chicago. She is employed as a special education teacher.

The groom is the son of Jaime and Evelyn Del Carmen of St. Louis, Mo. He is a graduate of the University of Dayton and employed as a district sales manager for Abbott Laboratories.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Nevis, West Indies and make their home in Ann Arbor.

Your schedule should fit a higher purpose

The car was loaded, the house given one more security check and, easing our way out of our subdivision, we were on our way to the scenic west side of Michigan for a few weeks away from the heavy traffic and busy life. The beaches beckoned and visions of relaxing times together danced in our heads.

Then, about 15 minutes into our getaway, we discovered we'd forgotten our portable cassette tape player, standard equipment to enable us to enjoy our favorite Christian recording artists during this planned period to renew our strength and recharge our spiritual batteries. There was nothing to do but turn around and return for it.

Fifteen minutes later, we were again headed out of our driveway, tape player on board, en route to our favorite vacation place, but wondering why we had slipped up in loading for the trip. This was the first time we'd had to return for equipment in all of our times away.

Thirty minutes later, a long backup of traffic ahead signaled the reason.

A serious multi-vehicle accident, injuring people and damaging, among other things, a motor home and truck, had happened at about the time and place we would have been had we not returned for the recorder. We gave thanks for the delay that may have saved us from serious injuries or even death.

While standing in line at an express checkout in a food store, I noticed the line had stopped moving. A woman in front of me had picked up a product that hadn't been priced, so the fast line was at a standstill until the price could be checked, a delay that at one time might have irritated me. I've since learned that even this kind of delay can be part of a divine design so I look for adventures that may develop from it.

During a brief conversation with the express line stopper, I learned she was going through a tough time and struggling with depression. This gave me an opportunity to tell her of



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God's love and share some faith-building counsel. Soon the proper price for her purchase was found and she was on her way, but the checkout woman, having heard our conversation, told me of difficulties in her life that allowed me to bring hope to another person who needed to know God cares.

While still in my teens, I became intrigued by a Bible verse that guarantees good can come out of every experience in life: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those

who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Think how acceptance of this promise would change our attitudes in times of delay or other distractions that threaten to slow or halt our plans for the day.

We're living in a hurried and harried world; a world of honking horns, angry words, and violent reactions to all things that interfere with personal agendas.

An angry shopper beat up another who had checked out one too many items in an express line. Road rage has caused accidents ranging from fender benders to life-threatening crashes when one driver didn't conform to another's idea of highway courtesy.

Family fights have developed over disputes that should have been settled with patience and understanding by people

looking for the best in those they love.

When people apologize for keeping me waiting, I often say, "No problem! I'm right on schedule!"

This may not be true of a plan I had at the beginning of the day nor even one that developed over time.

Instead, the schedule I have in mind is one that fulfills God's highest purpose for my life.

When this is true, we will not be shaken by events that throw our plans off course, knowing that even our delays are by His design.

The Rev. Roger Campbell is an Independence Township resident and author of more than 20 books. His radio program, Higher Ground, is heard at 8:55 a.m. Sundays on WUFL-AM (1030). He can also be heard at 6:10 a.m. Monday through Friday on WMPG-AM (1230).

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YOUNG LEADERS

Farmington High School juniors John Buck, Alison Kelly, Katelyn Johnson and Stephanie Peterson, recently attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. Erin Deroo will attend the conference in December.

CLARENCEVILLE ART EXHIBIT

Clarenceville students and their art teachers have provided a colorful and dazzling art exhibit to be displayed 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday now through Dec. 20 at Oakland Lakes.

The Clarenceville exhibit is part of a rotating art display

featuring a new Oakland County district each month. The display features and under-water theme.

Oakland Schools central office is located at 2100 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford.

ST. MARY'S HONOR ROLL

The following Farmington/Farmington Hills residents were named to the honor roll at St. Mary's Preparatory School in Orchard Lake:

Jonathan Castine, Charles Andette, George Gopalan, Jacob Guminik, Christopher Jones, Ryan Larson, Ted Lawrence, Kyle Miller, Matthew Reje and Thomas Whiting.

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