



Welsh-Timm

Paula Welsh of Lubbock, Tex., and David Timm, formerly of Livonia, plan a late August wedding at Highland Baptist Church in Lubbock.

She is the daughter of Walton and Louise Moore of Canadian, Tex. He is the son of Harlan and Frances Timm of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Texas Technological University. She is employed as a field director at USAG Insurance Co.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He has a bachelor's degree and a doctorate degree from the University of Michigan. He is employed as a clinical pharmacy specialist at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Budnick-Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Budnick of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Elizabeth of Novi, to James Douglas Thomas of Warren, the son

of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas of Bourbonnais, Ill.

The couple plan a late August wedding at Northville Historical Church.

Probert-Myers

Susan Beatrice Myers of Garden City and Neal Walter Probert of Ypsilanti were recently married at Martha Mary Chapel at Greenfield Village. The Rev. Harvey Guthrie officiated.

She is the daughter of Charles and Margaret Myers of Garden City. He is the son of Walter and Jane Probert of Glendale, Wis.

The bride is a 1978 graduate of Garden City East High School and a 1981 graduate of Schoolcraft Community College, where she received an associate's degree. She also received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1985. She is employed as a teacher in Ann Arbor.

The groom is a 1977 graduate of Shorewood High School and a 1982 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, where he received a bachelor's degree in computer science. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co. as a research computer scientist.

They are living in Ann Arbor.



The ultimate gifts

Stuck for a gift idea for the bride and groom? How about a car phone? Or a fax machine? Or a maid service? According to a recent informal survey of bridal shops and services, more and more brides-to-be are listing these "ultimate" wedding presents.

These gift ideas and a number of wedding tips were uncovered recently by Molly Maid Inc., the nation's leading residential cleaning service.

The most wanted gifts were:

- Money — in the form of cash, savings bonds and stocks, preferably "blue chips."

- Crystal — exquisite new patterns by Waterford, Baccarat and Stueben, which are becoming the heirlooms of tomorrow.

- Maid service — for three-, six-, nine-month and one-year contracts. Brides are now listing maid service as the "ultimate" wedding gift idea. In fact, maid service is now being included on many of the more creative bridal registries.

- China — traditional patterns with golden or silver trims are setting bridal tables across the country.

- Furniture — in the contemporary mood, country French and the hot new "salsa" designs from the Southwest are becoming increasingly popular for the '90s.

- Diamonds — as always, are a "girl's best friend."

- Appliances — fax machines and car telephones are on the most-wanted list, for both bride and groom.

- Dream honeymoon trips — when the newlyweds sail off into the sunset off the coasts of France, Greece, Italy, Spain and Alaska.

The survey of bridal shops and services also provided tips for the big occasion.

These include:

- Bachelorette party — this celebration should be held two weeks prior to the wedding day so that you ensure "healthy" attendants.

- Cake cutting — usually cake cutting is done at the end of food service, and one often has to round-up guests who are then

involved in partying or who have left. Avoid this by cutting the cake at the beginning of the food service when all guests are seated, still excited with the happenings of the day when all eyes are focused on the bridal couple.

- Photographs — schedule photographs on the day of the wedding before the ceremony. Often photographers bring portable bland background screens for taking formal pictures, which then look as though they were taken anywhere. Be certain the photographer personalizes the background in some way pertinent to the wedding. Since the groom doesn't view the bride before the wedding, plan the photo session in two different shifts until the ceremony is completed.

- Buttoning the gown — If the bride is concerned about her newly manicured fingernails or is having a difficult time buttoning her gown, suggest a crochet hook

- Keep the garter — The bride should wear two garters so that she has one to toss and one to hold as a keepsake.

- Last-minute calls — to get an accurate count for the wedding dinner, telephone all those people who have not responded. This should be done two weeks prior to the wedding.

- Attendants duties — Ushers should usher, not stand around in groups before the wedding. Flower girls and ring bearers should be 4 to 6 years old. Younger children are precious but unpredictable.

- Bridal attendants — arrange celebrations in advance of the big day. Assist parents with duties, and if parties are large, a maid service is appropriate to help with preparations.

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Sumerton-Krochmalny

Kelly Lynn Sumerton of Garden City and Kevin Ronald Krochmalny of Dearborn Heights plan an August wedding at Mercy Center Chapel.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frederick Sumerton of Garden City. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Krochmalny of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a staff accountant at Ernst & Whinney in Detroit.

Her fiancé has a bachelor's degree from GMI Engineering of Management Institute. He is employed as a manufacturing engineer at Ford Motor Co.



Schwartz-Walter

Arthur and Dolores Schwartz of Farmington Hills celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 11 with their daughter and son-in-law, Jim and Pat Walter, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

Both couples renewed their wedding vows at St. Fabian Church, with family and friends in attendance. A brunch at the Boisford Inn followed the ceremony.

