

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Benson-Jones

• Catherine Kosmowski of Grand Blanc and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jones of Both announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Catherine Benson, to Marc Richard Connelly Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones of Troy.

• The bride-elect is a graduate of Michigan State University.

• Her fiancé is a graduate of Troy Athens High School and Michigan State University.

• An August wedding is planned at the Michigan State University Chapel.



Difatta-Torlgian

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Difatta Sr. of Sterling Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Gerilyn, to Eric Torlgian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Torlgian of Farmington Hills.

The bride is a graduate of Oakland University. She is a project manager at Carlson Marketing Group in Troy.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and Marygrove College. He is a labor relations representative at Rouge Steel Co. in Dearborn.

An autumn wedding is planned in Southfield.



Submitting announcements

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If you have questions regarding your announcement, call Sue Wills in Birmingham at (248) 901-2560; Debbie Douglas in Rochester at (248) 651-7575, or Katie McManus in Farmington at (248) 477-5450. For a recorded message with information on submitting announcements, call (248) 901-4730 for The Eccentric and (313) 953-2065 for The Observer.

Schrader-Cushing

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Waite of Belton, Texas, and Mr. Roger Schrader of Wilson, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Marla Jo Schrader, to John Michael Cushing, son of Mrs. Anne M. Cushing of Rochester Hills and the late retired Lt. Col. John R. Cushing.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Killeen High School in Texas and Texas A&M University. She is a probation officer for the Bell County Juvenile Probation Department.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Rochester Adams High School and the U.S. Military Academy. He is an armor officer in the U.S. Army, serving with the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, at Fort Hood.



A July wedding is planned at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Killeen.

Otte-Szostak

Robert and Linda Otte of Southfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Ann, to Paul Scott Szostak, son of Paul and Alice Szostak of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Southfield High School and a 1995 graduate of Oakland Community College. She is a senior at Walsh College where she is studying accounting. She is employed as a teller by NBD.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Redford Union High School and a 1992 graduate of ITT in Troy. He is employed by Allied Building Service.

A September wedding is planned at Redford Presbyterian Church.



Winer-Bernstein

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Winer of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Michael Bernstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Bernstein of Troy.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and is attending Wayne State University. She is employed as a substitute teacher.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Arizona and is employed by General Motors.

A summer 1998 wedding is planned at Congregation Shir Tikvah in Troy.



Common Ground helps with personal or family problems

Common Ground, a non-profit organization based in Pontiac, has been serving people in Oakland County for more than 25 years.

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