

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Bentley-Lee

Mrs. James Bentley of Rochester Hills announces the engagement of her daughter, Karen Lynn, to Matthew David Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Lee of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lutheran High Northwest and is attending Oakland Community College. She is employed by Bordino Nursery Ltd. in Rochester Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and is attending the University of Michigan. He is employed by Bodman, Longley & Dahling L.L.D. in Troy.

An August wedding is planned at St. John Lutheran Church in Rochester.



Jahn-Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jahn of Walled Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Patrick Eric Miller, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Miller of Evansville, Ind.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Walled Lake Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Evansville Harrison High School and Purdue University. He is attending Harvard University Business School.

An August wedding is planned



at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

Ruff-Houpt

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ruff of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl, to Brett Houpt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Houpt of Dundee.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by Comerica Bank.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by Kallen Construction Co. and is pursuing a master of finance degree at Walsh College.

A July ceremony is planned at St. Thomas More Church.



Submitting announcements

Residents of the Birmingham-Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Southfield areas should send their engagement, wedding, anniversary or birth information, with or without photograph, to: Attn Brides, The Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

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Rochester Hills 48307. Residents of the Farmington area should send information to The Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington 48335.

If you have questions, 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.

Lucey-Halbert

Kristin Elizabeth Halbert of Loomis, Calif., became the bride of First Lt. Craig Robert Lucey during a June 21 ceremony at St. Theresia of Avila Catholic Church in Auburn, Calif. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Halbert of Loomis, Calif. The groom is the son of Douglas Lucey and Diane Lucey of Rochester Hills.

The bride is a graduate of DeLore High School and Colorado State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Adams High School and the United States Air Force Academy. He is a navigator for the U.S. Air Force.

Following the wedding there was a reception at Granite Lake at Lakeview Hills in Loomis, after which the couple left for a



trip to Disney World. Mr. and Mrs. Lucey are making their home in North Carolina.

Malnutrition leads to other problems

Malnutrition in older adults is a serious problem. According to a report written for the United States Department of Health and Human Services and published in Aging Alert by the Michigan Center for Aging Policy and Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan, up to 50 percent of all older persons' health problems are probably related to inadequate nutrition.

Malnutrition results in decreased immunity, delayed healing, decreased muscle strength, compromised response to medications and confusion. Low body weight and unintentional weight loss are highly correlated with disease and death.

The report continues by stating that older people, living alone, suffer more from malnutrition as do those experiencing problems with activities of daily living such as shopping and cooking. Loss of one's natural teeth contributes to malnutrition.

Medications often compromise the ability to eat and absorb necessary vitamins and minerals. The report states that between 34-50 percent of people who live in nursing homes are malnourished. Up to 34 percent of the people admitted to nursing homes are malnourished. People admitted to long-term-care facilities, from hospitals, are more likely to be malnourished than those who come from their own homes.

Interestingly enough, the report claims that special diets, usually prescribed by physicians, are a contributing factor to malnutrition. Seniors enjoy their food less and therefore consume fewer calories.

Q. I was adopted as a young child and I have just found out that my birth mother died of Huntington's Disease. I am 62 and in good health but I am worried about my children and grandchildren. Where can I get information about this disease?

A. From what I have learned, Huntington's is a chronic progressive neurological disease. It is hereditary. Onset of the disease usually occurs between 35 to 45 years of age. The disease affects movement and intellect and often manifests itself in emotional disturbances. A child of a parent with Huntington's has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the illness. As of today, there is no cure but there are several drugs which can help.

The Huntington's Disease Society of America-Southeast Michigan Chapter is in Mt. Clemens. It offers information and education and has support group services. It can be reached at (810) 465-7650.

On Aging columnist Renee Mahler is a gerontologist and a former member of the Michigan State Commission on Services to the Aging.

To leave a message for Mahler, from a touch-tone phone, call (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1809.

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RENEE MAHLER

BIRTHS

Natalie Anne Hansen

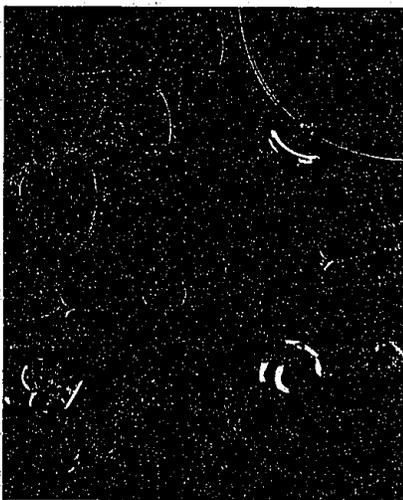
Mark and Julie Hansen of Auburn Hills announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Anne Hansen, on Dec. 28, 1997, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Grandparents are Gary and Anne Mahnke of Linden and Richard and Marian Hansen of Royal Oak.



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