

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



Shaevaly of Bloomfield Hills announce the engagement of their children, Mario Konikow and Thomas Lyle Shaevaly.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Chicago Kent College of Law in Chicago, Ill. She serves as general counsel to Detroit Public Television (WTVS-Channel 66.)

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan Law School. He is a vice president of Comerica Bank where he serves as legal counsel to the Institutional Trust Department.

An October wedding is planned.



MARTINDALE-BARRETT

Colleen and John Pirkio of Farmington and Harry and Lynn Martindale of Hillman

announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine May, to Shawn Patrick Barrett. He is the son of Dennis and Jeanette Barrett of Clinton Township.

A 1991 graduate of Farmington High School, the bride-to-be works as a home manager for Alternative Service Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Chippewa Valley High School and a 1992 graduate of Oakland University. He works for Oakland County Children's Village.

An August 2001 wedding is planned at the Sterling Inn.



PANTALEO-AXE

Rick and Nancy Pantaleo announce the engagement of

their daughter, Michelle, of Farmington Hills, to Andrew Axe of Kalamazoo.

The groom-to-be is the son of

Jacqueline Axe of Kalamazoo and Fred Axe of San Mateo, Calif.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor of social work degree from Western Michigan University and earned a master of social work degree from the University of Michigan. She is employed as a school social worker and also with child and adolescent mental health.

Her fiancé earned a degree from WMU and plans to study for an MBA. He is a buyer for Tektronix, a test and measurement equipment company in Portland, Ore.

A September 2001 wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.



William and Joan Hofess

50TH ANNIVERSARY

William and Joan Hofess of Farmington Hills celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family at the home of their oldest son and daughter-in-law, Rick and JoLynn Hofess, of Brighton.

They were married on June 30, 1951, at St. Mary's Church in Royal Oak. The couple has five children and 10 grandchildren.

Hills block party to cap Founders Festival

Residents throughout Farmington Hills will be taking the spirit of the Farmington Founders Festival back to their own neighborhoods on Sunday, July 22, with a block party.

The Founders Festival spreads a citywide message of community spirit and unity," said City Manager Steve Brock. "We're encouraging residents to take this message back home by hosting a neighborhood celebration."

The Farmington Hills Council of Homeowners' Associations, in conjunction with the city of Farmington Hills, is supporting the event.

Each neighborhood will host its own block party, with the time and location to be decided by individual neighborhood associations.

"The theme of this year's Founders Festival is 'A Celebration of Community Heritage,'" said Mayor Nancy Bates. "What better way to celebrate our community heritage than with our own neighbors?"

For more information about the block party, residents should contact their neighborhood association.

If you are unsure who to contact in your neighborhood, call the city manager's office at 473-9500 or the city clerk's office at 473-9561.

Gymnasts in the family: Brother, sister compete in International Sokol Festival

Farmington Hills sister and brother Taylor and Kolby Cortis participated in the recent International Sokol Festival.

Taylor, daughter of Robert and Buffy Cortis, is a first place gold medal winner in gymnastics competition. She competed in the international gymnastics

competition and exhibition held at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn.

Her brother Kolby and cousin

Anthony Cortis wore Czechoslovak ethnic costumes and participated in the Grand Parade and Kroy costume competition.

Sokol Detroit is one of the area's oldest civic organizations founded in 1876. The American Sokol Organizations' 20th National Slet (Olympic Style

Athletic and Ethnic Dancing Competitions & Exhibition of Native Costumes).

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With careful use of my rubber scraper, I managed to contain the glop. Almost. Then suddenly, after 40 or 50 strokes, what had first resembled alien slime began to look like something that might taste pretty good. The batter was smooth and swirled gracefully as I stirred. I got that warm feeling in the center of my chest, the proud sense of accomplishment.

The sense that never lasts long.

Next step: Pour the batter into two loaf pans.

I had just one, but Katie said I could use it twice. So I loaded up the pan, set it in the oven and sat down to wait.

When I opened the oven door an hour later, I knew right away something was wrong. The loaf had risen high above the pan and looked a little singed on top. The knife blade came out covered with batter. I may not be a sous-chef, but I know when something's not quite done. Give it another 30 minutes, I thought.

Half an hour later, the top was more singed and the inside was-

n't much more cooked. A failure, without question. But I had one more shot at this, and I was determined.

The second loaf wasn't good, but it wasn't awful, either. What it lacked in aesthetic appeal, it made up for in breaking the curse. I had finally tamed Amish Friendship Bread, or at least tried hard enough that I was willing to let it go.

I've come up with any number of reasons for my angst-ridden struggle. To one of my dearest friends, I said, "This would prob-

ably have worked out better if my kitchen hadn't been the galley of the S.S. Minnow."

"Or maybe if Gilligan hadn't been doing the cooking?" he shot back.

One last note in this sad and sorry saga: Another of our office mates (whose name is withheld to protect her identity) nervously

took some Amish Friendship Bread starter, with deep reservations. After a few days, she reported the bag had somehow moved off the kitchen counter and broken open, spilling into the sink.

Which, I think, was the only safe and reasonable thing for it to do.

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