

# Around Town

By Bob Ruggiero



Local residents Vince and Helvi Larson's son Brian exchanged wedding vows with Mara Dorsch at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Winston-Salem in early October. Bride Mara grew up in Winston-Salem and attended St. Leo's school. Brian attended Western Carolina University and North Carolina State University and is employed at Ruocchia Industrial Design as an operation manager. Mara

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Diane Donovan left for Mexico City recently to visit her granddaughter and one year-old great-grandson who Diane had never seen. Granddaughter Eireann Harper is married to Jonas Cuaron, a filmmaker who is presently filming in Mexico. Jonas' father is the well-known European film director, Alphonso Cuaron who recently directed the movie *Children*

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This good advice came to Around Town from resident Paulette Murphy. A lady from Kilgore, Texas had an accident and totaled her car. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydroplane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but stunned at the sudden occurrence. When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened, he told her something that every driver should know: never drive in the rain with your cruise control on. She thought she was being cautious by

graduated from North Carolina State, obtained her masters degree in public health at George Washington University in Washington D.C. and is employed at the North Carolina State Department of Public Health. The couple took a honeymoon cruise from New England up the St. Lawrence Seaway to Quebec, Canada. Brian and Mara are presently residing in Raleigh.

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*of Men* and the third episode in the Harry Potter series. Diane had some "catching up" time with great-grandson Camilo and family. They recently returned from filming in Europe and upon finishing work in Mexico, they plan to return to Europe where Jonas is writing a script that his dad Alphonso Cuaron will direct.

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setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe, consistent speed in the rain. When there is more water than the tire tread can handle, the hydraulic pressure of the water overcomes the weight of the vehicle and lifts the vehicle off the road. In effect you are no longer driving through the water, you are airborne. All car manufacturers could follow the lead of Toyota by adding a safety feature in their vehicles. The Toyota Sienna will not allow you to set the cruise control when the windshield wipers are on.



**Rock N' Roll** – A number of residents out and about on Sunday morning, January 18 observed this scene after a wayward vehicle paid an unscheduled visit to the traffic island on Oakleaf Drive at the intersection of Salter Path Road. The rock was later rolled back into place.

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Pat and Art Chambers of Beechwood Drive have had an exciting time of it the past few weeks. On January 16, they marked their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a dinner with friends at the Country Club of the Crystal Coast. Several weeks before, they enjoyed a reunion visit with their nephew, Larry Chalk and his wife Judy. They had not seen the Chalks, who make their home in Haven Beach,

N. J. in 12 years. To make the reunion at the Chambers' PKS home even more enjoyable their niece Janet Neckyfarow and her husband Steve came down from Chocowinity to join the party. Pat is at the right in the accompanying photo with her niece Janet next to her. The Chalks occupy the center of the photo and Janet's husband Steve completes the picture at left.