To the Couple,

Congratulations on your decision to get married! At the time of application, you received your marriage license. However, the license may not be used prior to the effective date, which is 6:00 am on the second calendar date after issuance. You have **six (6) months from the effective date** in which to use the marriage license before it expires. You **must be married in the county where your license was purchased**. Replacement licenses may be obtained during the six (6) month period the original license is valid for a $10.00 fee. Prior to your marriage, take the marriage license and the “Memo to the Minister” to your clergy. The minister will complete all information and give the completed marriage license to you after the ceremony.

Best wishes for a successful life together!

Sincerely,

Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of the Circuit Court