

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



BLUM-PERCHA
Rosie and Jon Blum of Farmington Hills, and Barb and Bob

Percha of Plymouth announce the engagement of their children, Michael Robert to Nanette Ellen.

Michael earned his bachelor of science degree in computer engineering from the University of Michigan, and his juris doctor law degree from Stanford University. He will be working in intellectual property law for Fenwick and West in Silicon Valley.

Nanette earned her bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Michigan State University and is a CPA licensing software for Oracle in Redwood Shores, Calif.

An August wedding is planned at the Dearborn Inn.



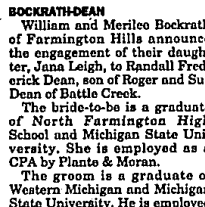
BLUM-COOPER
Rosie and Jon Blum of Farmington Hills, and Lynn and Barry Cooper of Dallas, Texas

announce the engagement of their children, Steven Scott to Stephanie Gayle.

Steven earned his bachelor of arts in French from the University of Michigan and his master of business administration from the University of Chicago. He will be working for Sears in corporate strategy at their Chicago headquarters.

Stephanie earned her bachelor of arts in political science from Yale and her juris doctor from the University of Chicago. She will be working for Jenner and Block in Chicago practicing employment and labor law.

An August wedding is planned in Dallas, Texas.



BOCKRATH-DEAN
William and Marilee Bockrath of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Jana Leigh, to Randall Frederick Dean, son of Roger and Sue Dean of Battle Creek.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Michigan State University. She is employed as a CPA by Plante & Moran.

The groom is a graduate of Western Michigan and Michigan State University. He is employed by MSU as director of MBA admissions.

A summer wedding is planned



at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills.

engagement of their daughter, Bridget Anne, to Paul Bohn, son of Mrs. Homer Bohn of Beverly Hills and the late Homer Bohn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and Marquette University. She is a flight attendant with Northwest Airlines, and is co-owner of Bosco Designs in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Pioneer High School, U-M, and University of Oregon Law School. He is an environmental attorney for Fausone, Taylor & Bohn.

A November wedding is planned.



BOSCO-BOHN
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bosco Jr. of Orchard Lake announce the

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winner, they included Jeannine Shearer, sponsored by Advanced Coin; Dorothy Vencelov, sponsored by HAP; Anna Wiczorkowski, sponsored by her grandchildren; Melanie Lee, sponsored by Primis Healthcare Systems; Laren Coulson, sponsored by McFall Funeral Home; and Betty Nanni, sponsored by Gods Angels Among Us Christian ministry.

Ruthie Cowan, Miss Michigan Classic 1998-99, wore her tiara and sash for the last time over a purple sequined evening gown. The color of royalty was also carried over in the other reigning queen in attendance - Miss Michigan Laura Welling, who wore a two-piece purple business suit.

"We are proud of our ladies," said pageant organizer Sharon Lee. "They contribute a lot to our world in various areas of expertise."

Ruthie Cowan, who placed in the top 10 nationally in the American Classic competition, wowed the crowd with her piano playing and singing in a husky voice reminiscent of Sophie Tucker.

Judges for the afternoon based the scores on interview 30 percent; stage presence 15 percent; talent 30 percent; platform 15 percent; and stage question 10 percent.

Wes Fuelling, decked out in a tuxedo, was the master of ceremonies.

In the talent competition, Jeannine Shearer sang a spoof

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she wrote called "Make the Lines Go Away" to the tune of "Make the World Go Away" in a humorous look at aging. Dorothy Vencelov clogged to the Peanut Polka.

Peg Gill, later crowned queen, sang a medley of songs dressed as a cleaning woman in a Carol Burnett style performance. Anna Wiczorkowski sang a soulful rendition of "You Made Me Love You."

Melanie Lee, dressed in a black flapper dress with a red feather boa, sang "I Wanna Be Bad." Laren Coulson sang "Without a Song" opera style. And Betty Nanni did a clever mime routine that was well received by the audience.

In her final words to the audience, Ruthie Cowan said she "enjoyed the comradeship of the ladies and acquired a good friend in Miss Missouri Classic. We've been corresponding back and forth."

Jeannine Shearer was the second runner-up. Betty Nanni was first runner-up.

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