

Bride-to-be gets 'all shook up' by Graceland marriage proposal

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When Rob Pascoe was considering locations to propose to his girlfriend, Heather Bopra, he knew it had to be "someplace special."

"I'm a fan of Elvis. She's a fan. We're not totally weird about it but we both like him a lot," said Rob, who chose the kitchen at Graceland to ask for her hand in marriage.

The two met at Specs Howard School of Broadcasting in 1999 when Rob was working as a student teacher and Heather was finishing up her degree. The two were reacquainted months later at a mutual friend's party and decided to make a lunch date. The rest, says Rob, is history. August will mark the second anniversary since they started dating so Rob decided it was time he put his thoughts of marriage into action.

"We had never seriously talked about marriage," said Heather. "I had been thinking about proposing for about six months," said Rob, 32.

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*Rob Pascoe
the groom*

With the help of his sister Maureen McGuire, Rob found the perfect ring. A solitaire in a Tiffany setting. "It's old school. Not modern," said Rob. And of the location — "It's someplace different. She had never been there so I thought why not."

The Farmington Hills resident and 1987 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School said the kitchen was an obvious choice. "It was Elvis' favorite room in the house. He loved to eat and was known for his fondness of southern cooking."

The weekend in Memphis started off on a bad note when Rob was running late after visiting Heather's parents. "We didn't end up leaving until Friday morning because he got back so late from my parents house," said Heather. "I was a little mad. I didn't know he was there to tell

my parents he was going to propose to me. A felt a little bad after I found that out."

Once they arrived in Memphis the tour at Graceland was at the top of their agenda. "You wear headphones during the tour to hear stories about each of the rooms in the house," said Rob. "After we passed through the dining room and into the kitchen I stopped her and told her there was something I wanted to ask her. The kitchen is one of the few rooms that you can actually walk totally into. Some of the rooms are roped off and you just stand at the edge and look in. After she took her headphones off I said, 'Will you marry me?'"

Rob said Heather started "bawling" immediately.

"We walked into the kitchen. I had my back to him. He told me he had a question for me and

then he said, 'Will you marry me?' Are you serious? I said, 'I was crying and he told me people probably thought I was a big Elvis' freak and that I was emotional about being there,' remembered Heather.

"I finally asked if I could get an answer and she said, 'Yes,'" added Rob, who said they telephoned their families once then got outside the Presley home.

The son of Sue Pascoe of Livonia, Rob is a sports reporter/writer for Metro Networks and director of customer relations for IBM Software of Plymouth. His fiancée, Heather, 24, does traffic reports for AAA Michigan and is originally from Carsonville. She is the daughter of Penny and Bill Bopra of Lake Port.

The pair now reside in Farmington Hills and are busy planning a wedding for the fall of 2002.

Since their return to Michigan, Rob said Heather has received a lot of attention from friends and family. "She's practically been on tour since we came home," said Rob.



All shook up: Rob Pascoe and his bride-to-be, Heather Bopra of Farmington Hills. He proposed to her in the kitchen at Graceland.

ENGAGEMENTS



BORG-MACIAG

Anne Luttrell Borg of Birmingham and Richard Borg of Oconomowoc, Wis., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Elaine, to David Maciag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maciag of Tenafly, N.J.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Michigan State University. She is the center director at Score Education Services in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is the regional director of recruiting for Chicago Consulting Partners Global in Chicago.

A summer 2002 wedding is planned in Chicago.

SHAW-KINAPKE

Rodger and Judi Shaw of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter Anne Marie to Dr. Donald Michael Kinapke, son of Gary and Mary Kinapke of Coldwater, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is working toward a master's degree in nursing at Madonna University. She is presently employed as an RN at Beaumont Hospital.

Her fiancé graduated from the University of Dayton in pre-medicine and from the University of Cincinnati Medical School. He is currently employed by Beaumont Hospital as an orthopedic surgery resident.

A September wedding is planned at the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake in Orchard Lake.



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60TH ANNIVERSARY



VAN DORPE 60TH

Betty Jean and Roger Van Dorpe of Farmington celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 2. They met through the Detroit News Hikers.

Their son, Paul, lives in Iowa City with his wife, Jill, and their three children Alexander, Rex and Darlene.

Meg Mallon golf outing Aug. 20 benefits Mercy

Mercy High School alumna and top-ranked LPGA player Meg Mallon will spend Monday, Aug. 20, at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon to host Mercy's annual golf outing fund-raiser.

Mallon has finished first in 13 LPGA tournaments and in 2000 she became one of the four players in LPGA history in a single season. This year she

recorded the tour's first hole-in-one of the new millennium during the first round of play at the YourLife Vitamins LPGA Classic.

Career begins

Twenty-one years ago, Mallon hit her first drive on the Mercy home golf course with the first Mercy golf team. Today, she continues to dedicate her time

to Mercy by hosting the 11th annual Mercy High Meg Mallon Golf Outing which includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, cocktails, dinner, prizes and fun. Cost of the entire day is \$250 per person.

Participants will also take a shot at a hole-in-one to win a one-carat diamond from Orin Jewelers, a Rolex watch from Karagosian & Sons Jewelers, or

a 2002 Mercury Mountaineer from Varsity Lincoln Mercury.

All proceeds from the outing help fund a strong and innovative information technology program at Mercy.

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