

Gremban-Harden

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gremban of Ypsilanti announce the engagement of their daughter Susan to Gary M. Harden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morgan of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, employed as a staff accountant with Price Waterhouse Co. Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne State University, employed as manager of auditing with Lair-Moncher in Birmingham.

A September wedding is planned.



Foot-Morris

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Foot of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon Kay to Daniel Joseph Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore C. Morris of Lake Leland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School and Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington High School employed with Michigan Tronching.

An August wedding is planned.



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Trombley-Gross

Janet K. Gross and Donald H. Trombley were married in Cathedral of the Plains in Victoria, Kan. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Gross of Victoria, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Trombley of Farmington Hills.

The bride wore a gown of silk organza and imported re-embroidered Alençon lace over bridal linen trimmed with seed pearls. A diamond pendant, a gift from the groom, accented the Queen Anne neckline.

She was attended by Mollie Murphy, Elaine Echols, Sandra Drilling, and Ann Rauch.

Greg Echols served as best man with groomsmen Paul Gross, Bob Gross and Michael Gross.

The bride is a graduate of St. Mary College in Indiana and earned her masters degree from University of Detroit.

She is employed as a financial analyst with Harris Corp., Melbourne, Fla. The groom is a graduate of University of Michigan and earned his masters degree at University of Detroit. He is also employed as a financial analyst



with Harris Corp.

The couple received guests in Fanchon Supper Club, in Hays, Kan. before leaving on a wedding trip to Hawaii.

They will make their home in Satellite Beach, Fla.

LaFountain-Sudkamp

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome LaFountain of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Heidi Anne to Robert Anthony Sudkamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sudkamp of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Farmington High School, employed with All State Insurance. Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Michigan employed as an engineer for Hewlett-Packard.

An October wedding is planned in St. Fabian Catholic Church.



Meteor showers to light up sky

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This month's highlights include one of the best meteor showers of the year and a rare grouping of three planets in the evening sky.

The moon will be in conjunction with three planets - Venus, Jupiter and Saturn - in the beginning of the month. On Aug. 2, the three-day-old crescent moon will be two degrees north (right) of Venus. This planet will be our brightest "evening star" for the remainder of the year.

Two nights later the moon is in conjunction with Jupiter and Saturn. Jupiter, the brighter of the two planets, will be four degrees south of (below) the moon. Saturn will be three degrees south of the moon.

Watch the motion of Venus, Jupiter and Saturn from one night to the next. These three planets will form a triangle later this month.

First quarter moon is on Aug. 7.

Aug. 12. Expect to see about 50 meteors (shooting stars) each hour. Meteors should be visible a day before and after the peak date.

The Perseid shower is so named because the meteors appear to radiate from the constellation Perseus, which is rising in the northeast around midnight. A telescope isn't needed to observe meteors, and the best time to see them is after midnight.

This year's Perseid shower could be extra spectacular. A meteor shower occurs when the earth passes through a swarm of debris orbiting the sun. We see the objects as streaks of light as they burn

up in our atmosphere because of friction. These swarms are associated with comets that have either disintegrated or carry the debris along with them. The comet associated with the Perseids is called Comet Swift-Temple and was last seen in 1862.

According to some predictions, this long-term comet is due for a return visit, perhaps as soon as this September. If this is the case, an excellent Perseid shower should occur.

However, the predicted return of Comet Swift-Temple could be way off. The outer planets of the solar system might perturb the orbit of a comet, making any return prediction more of an educated guess.

More bad news: The moon is full on Aug. 15, so its brightness will lighten the sky, making it difficult to see the fainter members of the Perseid shower.

Seven days later, on Aug. 22, the moon is at last quarter.

On the morning of the 23rd, Mars, which rises 2½ hours before the sun, is six degrees south of the first magnitude star Pollux, in Gemini, in the east. The bright star above Pollux is Castor, the other member of the twins.

The stunning triangle of planets will be visible in the west-southwest sky about 45 minutes after sunset on Aug. 25.

Officially, Venus is two degrees south of Saturn. Two nights later it will have moved noticeably closer to Jupiter and will be one degree south of that planet. By the 31st the three planets will form a rough line stretching toward Spica, a first magnitude star in Virgo.

Also on Aug. 31, the waxing crescent moon will enter the picture, being three degrees north of Saturn.

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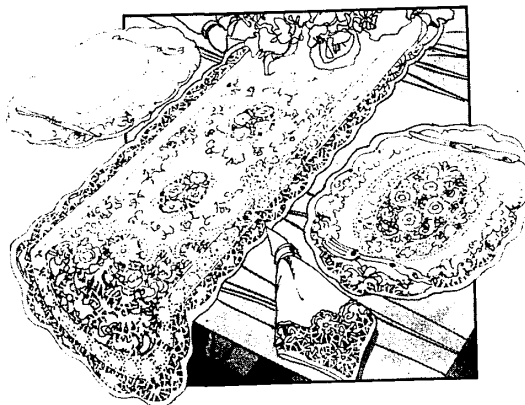
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