

Eilands celebrate 50th anniversary

Curtis and Kathryn Eiland of Belton recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The celebration took place on March 2, 1996, at 1 p.m. with a pro-



gram and a dinner held at the Rockdale Full Gospel Chapel in Rockdale.

Hosts for the event were their children: Eva Denman and her husband, Johnny, of Belton; and Wesley Eiland and his wife, Joan, of Keller.

The Eilands exchanged wedding vows on March 2, 1946, in Eagle Lake with Bro. Otis Eiland officiating the ceremony.

Curtis was employed by Houston Lighting and Power Co. in Houston and retired after 42 years of service on March 1, 1984.

Kathryn has been happy being a homemaker for 50 years.

They have lived in Belton for two years and have two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Curtis and Kathryn Eiland

Garwood School celebrates Black History

On Feb. 14 the staff, students and guests of Garwood School celebrated the many and varied accomplishments of Black Americans in this country.

Those celebrated included Dr. Carter Woodson, the first person to promote the Black History movement; Barbara Jordan, elected to the U.S. Congress in the 1960s and helped define the Constitutional rights of every individual in this country; Dr. Martin Luther King, civil rights leader who had the dream of all races benefiting from the promises of this country to its citizens.

Also, Jackie Robertson, the first black baseball player signed to a major league contract; Harriet Tubman, who was called the "Moses of the Slaves" when she ran the "Underground Railroad"; Oprah Winfrey, national talk show host; and Rosa Parks, who fought against citizens having to ride in the back of the bus in the 1960s.

A special thanks goes to Mrs. N.J. Castle for her piano accompaniment for the student and teacher choir.

Also on display were items used in the early 1900s for ironing clothes, health and beauty items and food preparation.



Garwood School participants in Black History month celebration at Garwood School. They include Ester Fitzgerald, Janet Edwards, Mrs. N.J. Castle, Jessie Williams, Janine May Douglas, Robin Thomas and Jessie Banks.

Alleyton

By Rollin Baker - Chapter 12 - Old Friends Appear would never see you gain. I am indeed pleased!

She stared at him for a moment, as if wondering should recognize him or pass on by. Finally, after what Seth thought was too long a time, she did speak.

"Yes, it is nice to see you again Mr. Randolph," replied Karma, showing little emotion in her delightfully green eyes.

"This comment elated Seth since she remembered his name.

"I did notice that you left rather abruptly," she added. "However, in these tragic days, life seems to be cut up in little bits and pieces with no rhyme or reason."

"That's true, let's hope and pray that this conflict will be over soon," was Seth's reply. "Maybe the Yankees will give up soon. I anticipate hearing any day that General Lee will be marching down Pennsylvania Avenue with old Abe and his crowd huddled up somewhere in Maine or Vermont."

"But excuse me for changing the subject and being forward," pleaded Seth, "but now that I have found you again, it is possible that you are staying in this area?"

"Why yes," was Karma's answer. "My father is the commanding officer at Camp Webb. I came here to care for mother after completing my work at Stratford College."

"Oh yes, in Danville," said Seth dully as he attempted to recover from the shock of connecting Karma with Major Beacon.

"Are you alright?" asked Karma, looking anxiously at him. "You seem to have lost color in your face!"

"I am perfectly able, thank you," Seth smiled. "I have only just arrived - travel fatigue perhaps?"

"Well, Mr. Randolph," continued Karma, "I must continue my shopping tour. Perhaps we will meet again?"

"If I may again be bold, Miss Beacon," inquired Seth, "is it possible that I could call on you at Fort Webb or, if not, at least meet you for afternoon tea or coffee?"

"Out here," he added, "I am told, we are out of the parched brain belt. The hotel apparently gets a supply of tea, coffee, and even chocolate directly from importers at the Mexican border."

"Yes," smiled Karma, "I do enjoy a cup of hot tea. My mother made me one the first thing after I unpacked."

"But getting back to your inquiry," she continued, "again I am reluctant to be hospitable for I really have not been introduced to you formally."

"Nevertheless," she smiled, "please do come to the Fort some late afternoon. We can visit again but I really do need father's approval to become socially involved in these trying times."

"Your's is a fair statement," smiled Seth. "I'll pay my respects before long and, if you agree, I would like to meet your parents. The time will come when I can tell you more about myself and what a dedicated Virginian is doing so far from home."

Seth watched as the trim figure of Karma continued down the board walk. In these days and times, thought Seth, what a small please place Alleyton is becoming - and rapidly too!

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"When a neighbor is in your front garden, inattention is the true politeness." — Chinese Proverb

MILITARY NEWS

Gunnery Sgt. Roy Montoya

...son of Pete and Sarah Urdiales of Eagle Lake, was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer II on Feb. 1. He is currently stationed at Quantico, Va.

Navy Airman Samuel Rubio

...son of Samuel G. and Lucille Y. Rubio of Lissie, recently received the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal while serving with Strike Fighter Squadron 22, based at Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif.

Rubio was awarded the medal for his outstanding performance as plane captain. Displaying superb management skills and leadership, he trained and qualified five people as plane captains in less than three months.

Rubio's exceptional technical expertise and quality control training procedures earned him a grade of outstanding on a recent audit.

Displaying superior knowledge and initiative, Rubio went above and beyond his regular duties to complete projects and improve his unit's readiness. Rubio's hard work and dedica-

tion assisted his command to successfully meet all goals and missions.

The 1991 graduate of East Bernard High School joined the Navy in Feb. 1993.

Airman Richard L. Thomas Jr.

...son of Sidney and Beverly Smith, and Richard L. Thomas Sr., all of Eagle Lake, has successfully completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, and is now attending Technical Training School to become one of the world's finest Air Force Security Specialists. He is scheduled to graduate April 19, 1996.

Maternal grandparents are Leroy Johnson Sr. of Eagle Lake and the late Christine Jackson Johnson, and Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas Jackson of Philadelphia, Penn. Paternal grandparents are Clarence and Betty Stevenson of Eagle Lake.

Richard "Rick" Thomas Jr. is a 1994 graduate of Rice High School.

Special thanks to Rick's recruiter Technical Sgt. Rocky Spikes.

Crimestoppers

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and our police force fight crime. Just how much Crimestoppers is able to do financially depends on your attendance at the dance and auction.

Crimestoppers is also a way you can fight crime and remain anonymous if you wish.

Nothing makes the Crimestoppers Board happier than to pay for a tip that leads to the arrest and indictment of someone who has committed a criminal offense in our city. We need you to use this tool to help our police department in its fight against those who choose a life of crime.

Manpower is limited due to lack of city funds but you can be "eyes" and "ears" and help our officers through Crimestoppers.

Our police force has grown into an outstanding, dedicated, respected force throughout the area in just a short time under the leadership of Police Chief Keith Webb.

Webb has assembled a group of dedicated, hard-working, well-trained young people, both regular and reserve officers.

These officers are sending a strong message that the City of Eagle Lake has "zero tolerance" for those who commit crimes in our city.

Show the department you appreciate the dedication and effort it has expended thus far in its fight against crime and that you support its plans for

the future by attending Saturday night's dance.

Working together we can join McGuff and take a "bite out of crime" in our city.

You want the service of a top notch police department, right? What are you willing to do to keep it?

See you Saturday, Lynda Appelt, Crimestoppers President

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Stancik, Argo exchange wedding vows

First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake was the setting for the beautiful candlelight, holiday ceremony which united Darlene Marie Stancik and Jeffrey Dean Argo in marriage.

Reverend David Mann performed the ceremony, which took place on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at 5 p.m.

Darlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stancik of Eagle Lake. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lee "Mitt" Matthews and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ludwig Stancik.

Darlene is a 1986 honor graduate of Rice High School and a 1990 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Currently, Darlene is employed as an Investigator III with the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in Austin.

Jeff is the son of Ms. Wanda Marie Argo of Angleton and Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Argo of Eagle Lake. He is the grandson of Ms. Mabel Langham of Caddo, Okla., Mr. W.L. Langham of Calera, Okla., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Argo.

Jeff is a 1984 graduate of Rice High School and a 1989 graduate of the Wharton County Junior College Police Academy. Currently, Jeff is employed with Johnny's Sport Shop in Eagle Lake. He also serves as a Reserve Deputy with the Colorado County Sheriff's Department.

White lights illuminated the walkway to the front doors of the church, which were adorned with lighted, green wreaths, accented with gold bows, gold stars and white doves.

The foyer of the church held the couple's registration book and wedding programs. Miss Kim Walker of Houston registered guests and handed out programs.

A large white lattice-style candle, a special gift from the groom's father and step-mother, was the eye-catching centerpiece of the foyer table.

The door from the foyer to the sanctuary was marked with a gold tinted pole, accented with white calligraphy.

The center aisle of the sanctuary was candlelighted with gold hurricane lamps. The light poles were accented with Christmas greenery, white doves and gold bows.

The church altar held two gold candelabra and was centered with a gold arch. The arch and candelabra carried out the decorative theme of Christmas greenery, white lights, gold stars, white doves and gold bows.

Ledges, encircling the organ and piano on either side of the altar, sparkled with Christmas greenery and white lights.

Live, white poinsettias were placed throughout the foyer and sanctuary in loving honor of the grandparents of the couple. The poinsettias were later transferred to the Knights of Columbus Hall to carry out the decorative theme for the reception.

Mrs. Alice Schmidt provided beautiful organ music for the occasion. Prior to the ceremony, she played a variety of favorite wedding and Christmas selections. Per special request of the couple, Mrs. Schmidt played Christmas medleys of favorite Christmas hymns including "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "O Holy Night."

Prior to the ceremony, a special musical selection, "Let It Be Me," was beautifully sung by Miss Rachel Williams of San Angelo, the bride's Maid of Honor.

As the parents of the couple lit the parents' candles and the mothers were seated, Brian Davis of Missouri City sang "Wind Beneath My Wings."

The brides' attendant entered the sanctuary as Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary" was played. Wagner's "Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin" heralded the bride's entrance and procession.

As the couple lit their unity candle, Brian Davis sang "I Cross My Heart." Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, Darlene chose a white organza and Alencon lace gown designed by Mori Lee. The handbeaded Alencon lace bodice featured a Sabrina neckline and long fitted sheer lace sleeves. The plunging vee back was accented with a bow.

From the dropped Boujee waistline fell a full, graceful organ skirt trimmed with scalloped Alencon lace sweeping into a circular cathedral length train.

To accent her gown, Darlene chose a halo headpiece of white roses and pearls. From a beaded pouf of tulle fell a tulle veil of elbow length.

She carried a bouquet of white roses, English ivy and Christmas greenery tied with a golden bow. Her bouquet lay atop a family heirloom Bible covered in satin and lace. The Bible was given to the bride's great-grandfather, John Young Matthews, by his first wife, Eder Colquest, in 1898.

The Bible was carried by the bride's mother, Joyce Matthews Stancik, on April 12, 1959, when she married Melvin Joe Stancik.

Christi Pysen also carried the Bible on March 20, 1993, when she married Darrell Milton Stancik, the bride's brother.

Carrying out the age-old tradition, the family Bible, signifying good influences from her past, was "something old." Signifying an entirely new life ahead, her wedding gown was "something new." Representing the hope that loyal friendship continues, a beautiful handkerchief was "something borrowed" from a very dear friend and "Austin Mom", Maren Bridges.

Darlene's garter was "something blue", representing constancy and loyalty.

Before the ceremony, her father placed an English sixpence from the year of her birth in her shoe, symbolizing future wealth and prosperity.

Miss Rachel Williams of San Angelo served as Darlene's Maid of Honor.

Bridesmaids included Miss Stephanie Carter and Mrs. Lisa Harper Rose of Eagle Lake, and Mrs. Christi Pysen Stancik of Richwood.

The bridal attendants were gowned alike in shimmering hunter green taffeta. The dresses were accented with modified sweetheart necklines. The three-quarter length fitted sleeves came to a point at the elbows and the fitted Princess waistlines fell to full tea-length skirts. The attendants wore matching shoes.

Each lady carried a single calla lily, accented with gold-touched Christmas greenery and wrapped in gold ribbon.

Miss Jenna Cook of Eagle Lake served as Flower Girl and was gowned identically to the bridesmaids. Jenna carried the white basket which Darlene carried in the wedding of her cousin, Mrs. Carolyn Horst Bartsch, on January 6, 1973. The basket was tied with a white tulle bow and held white rose petals, which Jenna scattered as she proceeded down the aisle.

Members of the Houseparty included Miss Brenda Argo of Angleton, Mrs. Dede Argo of La Porte; Mrs. Joanna Bowen, Mrs. Mary Kay Cook and Mrs. Kelly Walker, all of Eagle Lake; Miss Kim Walker of Houston; and Mrs. Sharon Weghoff of Columbus.

Miss Leslie Matthews of Eagle Lake, another member of the Houseparty, was unable to attend due to illness and hospitalization, but was with us in spirit.

Each Houseparty member wore a small Christmas wreath corsage, tied with gold, featuring a white dove and tied with gold-trimmed white ribbon.

Jeff was attired in a black tuxedo with long tails. He wore a white bow tie and vest. His boutonniere consisted of two white roses accented with gold-touched Christmas greenery.

Serving as Jeff's Best Man was Curtis Rose of Eagle Lake.

Groomsmen included Wayne Bowen of Eagle Lake, Craig Guthman of Lissie and Darrell Stancik of Richwood.

Ring Bearers were Blaine Argo of La Porte and Clayton Bowen of Eagle Lake.

Ushers included Mike Argo of La Porte; Billy Cook, Vance Corman and Michael Eberhardt of Palestine. All the gentlemen were attired in black tuxedos with long tails. They wore bow ties and cummerbunds in iridescent hunter green, along with boutonniere of white rose buds and gold-touched Christmas greenery.

Blaine carried a heart-shaped pillow topped with a white cover, crocheted several years ago, in anticipation of his very special occasion, by Mrs. Felton Matthews of Weimar, great-aunt of the bride.

Clayton carried a round pillow topped with a white doily, created and tatted especially for the occasion by Mrs. Helen Craig of Eagle Lake, friend of the couple.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Joyce Stancik chose to wear a street-length dress of teal chiffon topped with a tullesty jacket in shades of teal, mauve and cranberry. Her corsage of white roses and gold-touched Christmas greenery was tied with a gold bow.

For her son's wedding, Mrs. Marie Argo chose to wear a street-length dress of hunter green. Her corsage was also of white roses and gold-touched Christmas greenery, tied with a gold bow.

A reception immediately followed the ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Eagle Lake. The registration table, located at the entrance to the hall, was topped with a white tablecloth and accented with gold lame.

Gold baskets, filled with bird seed, were placed on the table, as well as an arrangement of fresh white roses and baby's breath. The arrangement was brought from a bridal luncheon given earlier in the day.

Opposite the registration table was a Christmas tree decorated with spun glass heart ornaments, sparkling gold beads and gold bows, lit with white lights.

Guests helped themselves to snacks and punch from a table covered in white and accented with gold lame. The table centerpiece was a candlelight arrangement of Christmas green-



Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Dean Argo

The bride received many beautiful gifts including many pieces of her chosen china and stainless.

Hostesses for the shower were Carolyn Baird, Virginia Bauer, Rita Bowen, Betty Brown, Kathy Fudge, Maxine Griffith, Margo Harrison, Vicki Powers and Lois Raabe.

Their gift to Darlene was a crystal ice bucket.

A Christmas decoration/Coffee was given for Darlene on Saturday, Dec. 2, 1995, in the home of Beverly Taylor in Eagle Lake, festively decorated for the holiday season.

Hostesses were Donna, Wayne and Clayton Bowen, Stephanie Causey and Craig Guthman, Denise and Billy Cook, Mary Kay, Robby Jenna and Taylor Cook, Pat and Bob Cook and Sharon and T. Webb.

Their gift to the couple was a card table and chairs.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 1995, was the evening for a "Honey-Do" shower and supper to honor Darlene and Jeff. The shower was held at the home of Lisa and Curtis Rose.

The bride was presented with a corsage of sunflowers.

Homemade chili was served as guests visited in the back yard, which held tables decorated with red gingham tablecloths, miniature hay bales and sunflower arrangements.

A cake, which carried out the sunflower theme, was served for dessert.

After supper, the party moved inside, where many gifts were received that will help Jeff complete all those tasks on Darlene's "Honey-Do" list.

Special guests included the bride's parents, Melvin and Joyce Stancik, and the groom's father and step-mother, Verlin and Gloria Argo.

Hostesses for the occasion were Lesley Matthews, Lisa and Curtis Rose, Ida Ruth and James Rose, Susan and J.J. Schmidt, Alice and Johnnie Schmidt and Christie and Darrell Stancik.

Their gift to the couple was a microwave/utility cart.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, 1995, a miscellaneous shower was given for Darlene in the beautiful home of Virginia Bauer in Eagle Lake.

The bride and her mother, Mrs. Joyce Stancik, were presented with corsages of white carnations tied with hunter green ribbon. A very special surprise was made by Mrs. Marie Argo, mother of the groom. A fire in the fireplace provided a warm, cozy atmosphere on a cool, drizzly day.

Guests enjoyed delicious refreshments including cinnamon rolls, fruit punch and coffee, served from a beautifully set table centered with an arrangement of fresh white carnations and greenery.

Guests enjoyed a variety of finger foods and "liquid libation" throughout the calm, relaxing evening.

Hostesses were Stephanie Causey, Lisa Rose and Christi Stancik.

On the morning of the wedding, Dec. 16, 1995, a bridal luncheon was given in honor of Darlene by Mrs. Dorothy Kohlfelt at the Farris 1912.

Special guests were the bride's mother-in-law, Mrs. Marie Argo.

The luncheon table was decorated with two arrangements of white roses and baby's breath, which was transferred to the Knights of Columbus Hall to decorate the registration table at the wedding reception.

Guests enjoyed a variety of soups, salads and various meat and vegetable dishes. Guests ended the lunch with the creamy dessert of their choice.

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