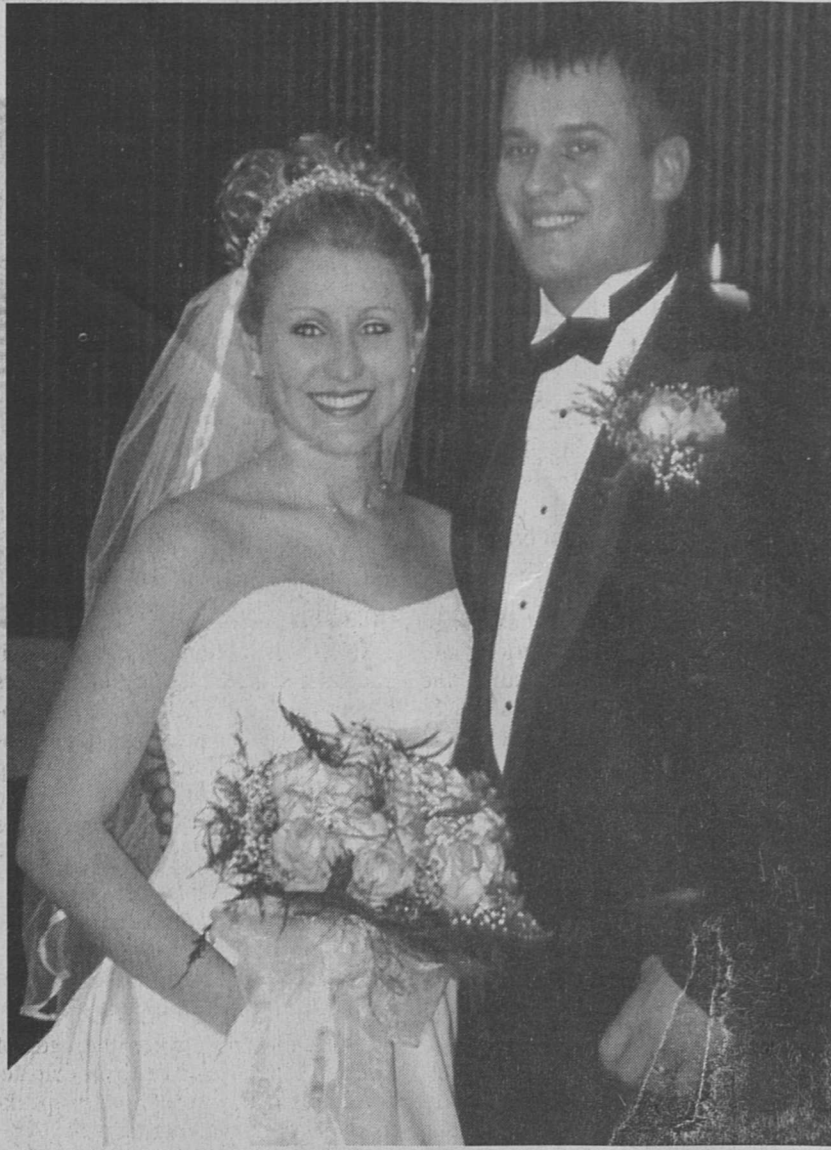


Barker, Boenisch wed Oct. 5 in Wharton



Mr. and Mrs. Brett Russell Boenisch

Jill Elizabeth Barker and Brett Russell Boenisch were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Saturday, October 5, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church of Wharton.

Rev. Paul Thomasson performed the lovely double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Tim and Pam Barker of Wharton. Jill's grandparents are Mrs. Patricia Frankum and the late Bruce Frankum and Mr. and Mrs. William Barker. Her great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Brown.

The groom is the son of Mark and Cynthia Boenisch of Garwood.

Brett's grandparents are Mr. Lawrence Boenisch and the late Emily Boenisch and the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Brehm.

The church was elegant with white attire and bows adorning the pews.

A beautiful flower arrangement was placed on the altar in loving memory of Mr. Bruce Frankum, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reeves, Mr. Raymond Buenger, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Brehm and Mrs. Emily Boenisch.

Music was provided by pianist Debbie Lemson. Soloist Jamie Kelly sang a special song for the bride and groom.

The bride, escorted by her father, Tim Barker, wore a white satin strapless Mori Lee gown with pearl beading edging the top of the bodice. The bodice had a satin lace-up back. The skirt fell into a chapel-length train edged with pearl beading while a pearl beaded tiara held her finger-tip satin-edged veil.

Jill carried a hand-tied bouquet of

cream roses with pink tips, fern and baby's breath.

A special touch to her bouquet was something old and borrowed, a handkerchief which belonged to her "Paw-Paw," Frankum.

To carry out the tradition, she had a new, shiny penny in her shoe and wore a blue garter under her gown.

Attending Jill as maid of honor was Andrea Rod of Pierce, a friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Shelley and Kaylyn Boenisch of Garwood, sisters of the groom; and Abby Shubach of Pierce and Jamie Kelly of San Marcos, friends of the bride.

Bailey Popp of El Campo, cousin of the groom, attended as flower girl.

Bridal attendants wore "new apple" strapless, two-piece gowns of satin adorned with rhinestone buttons. Each wore earrings and a necklace to compliment their dresses, a gift from the bride.

Bailey, the little flower girl, wore a cap-sleeved white satin gown with pearl beading above the empire waist and bodice.

Bridesmaids carried hand-tied bouquets of pink-tipped cream roses, fern, baby's breath and a favorite flower of the bride's, white daisies.

The flower girl carried a white basket which held various shades of pink rose petals.

Mark Boenisch of Garwood, the groom's dad, served as best man.

Groomsmen were Jason Barker of Wharton, brother of the bride; Russell Seiba of Kingsville, cousin of the

groom; Klay Korenek of Garwood, friend of the groom; and Kyle Lesak of San Marcos, friend of both the bride and groom.

Jarett Barker of Wharton, brother of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Ushers for the wedding were Cody Thompson and Hank Cranek of Garwood, Klint Korenek and Justin Schneider of San Marcos, Eric Gerberman of College Station and Michael Sherrill of Wharton.

Following the ceremony, a reception, dinner and dance were held at Crescent Hall. Decorations were coordinated by Donna Stewart.

Many friends and relatives of the bride and groom were on hand to help. The grand march was led by the groom's great aunt and uncle, Marilyn and Frank Popp.

Members of the houseparty were Ryan Miller, Laura Wind, Kathy Mican, Sarah Sabrula, Lacey Priem, Tawny Barker, Nena Boettcher, Kath-ylee Witwiski, Kim Barton, Kristen

Nelson, Jessalyn Labay, Lauren Caldwell, Kerry Felcman, Micah Powell and Bonnie Stolle.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents Friday evening, Oct. 4, at Hinze's Barbecue in Wharton. A meal of chicken fried steak, rice with gravy, corn and salad was served.

A table of assorted desserts and the festive decoration for the evening were provided by special relatives, Aunt Marilyn and Uncle Frank Popp, Shari Popp and Sharla, Porky, Trey and Jake Popp.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Wharton High School and currently attending Southwest Texas State University where she is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Rice High School, a 2002 graduate of Wharton County Junior College and currently attending Southwest Texas State University.

The newlyweds now reside in San Marcos.

USPRA to conduct student essay contest

The U.S. Rice Producers Association (USPRA) invites students in grades four through 12 in the states of Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas to enter their essay contest.

Each winner will receive a check for \$100 and his or her classroom or computer lab will receive a check for \$500.

To enter, write an essay up to 300 words that tells "How rice farming in my state affects me, the environment, my community or the world."

Check our website at www.rice.com/contests/ for further information on the subject and rules for entering the contest.

By participating, entrants agree to be bound by the official rules and judges' decisions.

The essay must be neatly printed or typed. Include your name, grade, teacher's name, school, school address and school phone number and send either by email to rice_essay@aol.com or mail to U.S. Rice Producers Association Essay Contest, 2900 Wilcrest Drive, Suite 180, Houston, TX 77042.

Entries must be received by Jan. 10, 2003.

Winners will be selected based on the content of the essay and will be notified by Feb. 14, 2003.

We encourage all students in the rice growing states to enter!

The USPRA, representing rice farmers in Mississippi, Missouri, Texas, California, Louisiana, and Arkansas, is the only organization solely representing the views of U.S. rice farmers.

More items to catch your eye...



Diane and Eliot Tucker invite you to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon with them at the I.V. Duncan Ranch. If your bid is the top one, you will be able to enjoy an afternoon of fun and food. *Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas*



Bob and Betty Wilcox are pictured with this set of six hand painted plates and a salad bowl they have donated to the Auction.

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Again this year, Deborah and Tom Reed and Vickie and Tom Kelley are offering their unique dinner. The Robert Burns, Multi-course Scottish Gourmet dinner with poetry, music and dancing, will be served for guests at the Reed home.

Photo Courtesy of Deborah Reed



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**Saturday, October 26, 2002
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Pioneer Student Center
Wharton Campus**

Entertainment by

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Ticket holders must be present to win.

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