

Barnhill, Gertson wed September 28 in Iago

Emily Jane Barnhill of Wharton and Kristoffer James Gertson were married at 4:30 p.m. on September 28, 2002 at Iago Federated Church in Iago, Texas.

Mickey Reynolds officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Jimmie and Genra Barnhill of Wharton. Grandparents are Joyce Barnhill and the late Lawrence Barnhill.

Kristoffer is the son of Taylor and Enola Carroll of Wharton and the late Jim Gertson.

His grandparents are Ben and Mackie Pavlu of Garwood.

The church was decorated with large floral arrangements of roses in the bride's colors of red, pale yellow, burnt orange, white and lavender. Swag made of tulle and greenery lights hung above the altar. Two candelabras swirls on both sides and large tulle bows with ribbon and greenery decorated each side.

Flowers for the wedding were in loving memory of James "Jim" Gertson, father of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. James Gertson.; Lawrence Barnhill and Kyle Fink.

Music was provided by Ross King

and Christie Hamilton.

Selections included "Walk With Me", "I Will Be There", and "In This Very Room".

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a tulle gown with spaghetti straps and Swarski crystal bodice. The back was accented with tiny bows and fell into a long train.

She wore a tierra and gloves and carried a bouquet of roses in her favorite colors with streamers of ribbon.

Attending the bride as Matron of Honor was Laure Harrell of Conroe, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer and Nicole Krenok of Garwood, cousins of the groom; Cindy Gertson of Wharton, sister of the groom; and Leigh Ann Joines Cardwell of Pearland, friend of the bride.

The attendants wore platinum ball gowns, each with a floral embroidered halter top. Each carried a bouquet of different color roses.

The Flowergirl was Emily Wilkins and Ringbearer was Matthew Wilkins.

Serving as best man was Justin Rogers of Eagle Lake, best friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Bill Barnhill of

Wharton, brother of the bride; Jerrod Harrell of Conroe, brother-in-law of the bride, Chance Carroll of Pearland, step-brother of the groom; and Chad Fucik of Garwood, friend of the groom.

Ushers were Jeff Cerny of El Campo, friend of the groom, and Troy Gilliar of Houston, friend of the bride and groom.

The reception, dinner and dance were held at The Richmond House in Richmond. The old plantation home featured antique furniture throughout with beautiful gardens.

Members of the houseparty were Teri Barnhill, Cindy Quinney, Jamie Gilliar and Sunny Gertson.

After a honeymoon trip to El Dorado Royal, in the Rivera Maya, Mexico, the couple now reside in Wharton.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Wharton High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas A&M. She is employed at Newgulf Elementary School teaching fifth grade English.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Rice High School and a 2000 college graduate.

He is employed as an environmental engineer in Clear Lake.

Parties/Showers

Emily Jane Barnhill bride-elect of Kristoffer James Gertson was honored with a shower June 29 at Caney Creek Lodge. Hosting the occasion were Melissa and Vickie Jetlina, Laura Ramirez, and Jimma shanks.

Decorations included roses in the bride's favorite color. Refreshments included sandwiches, ham, dip, salad, cake and punch.

Special guest was Dorothy Lambert, Emily's aunt, from Livingston. A family scrapbook was given to Emily by her great-aunt, Lyla Beth King.

A Couple's Shower was held Sept. 7 at Broyles Lake in Eagle Lake. Hosts and hostesses were J.P. and Beverly Krenok, Cindy and Darrell Quinney, Robert and Donna Woolard, Don and Charlene Leopold, Billy and Becky Moulder, Darrell and Gail Gertson,

Diane Shifflet, and Andy and Susan Gertson.

The party was set in a Hawaiian theme. Fajitas and ribs were served.

Emily and Kristoffer were presented with outdoor furniture.

Guests skied, swam, played horseshoes and spent the time together visiting.

Sept. 14, a Couple's Shower was held at Bill and Teri Barnhill's home. Hosts were the Barnhills, Laure and Jerrod Harrell and Leigh and Shawn Cardwell.

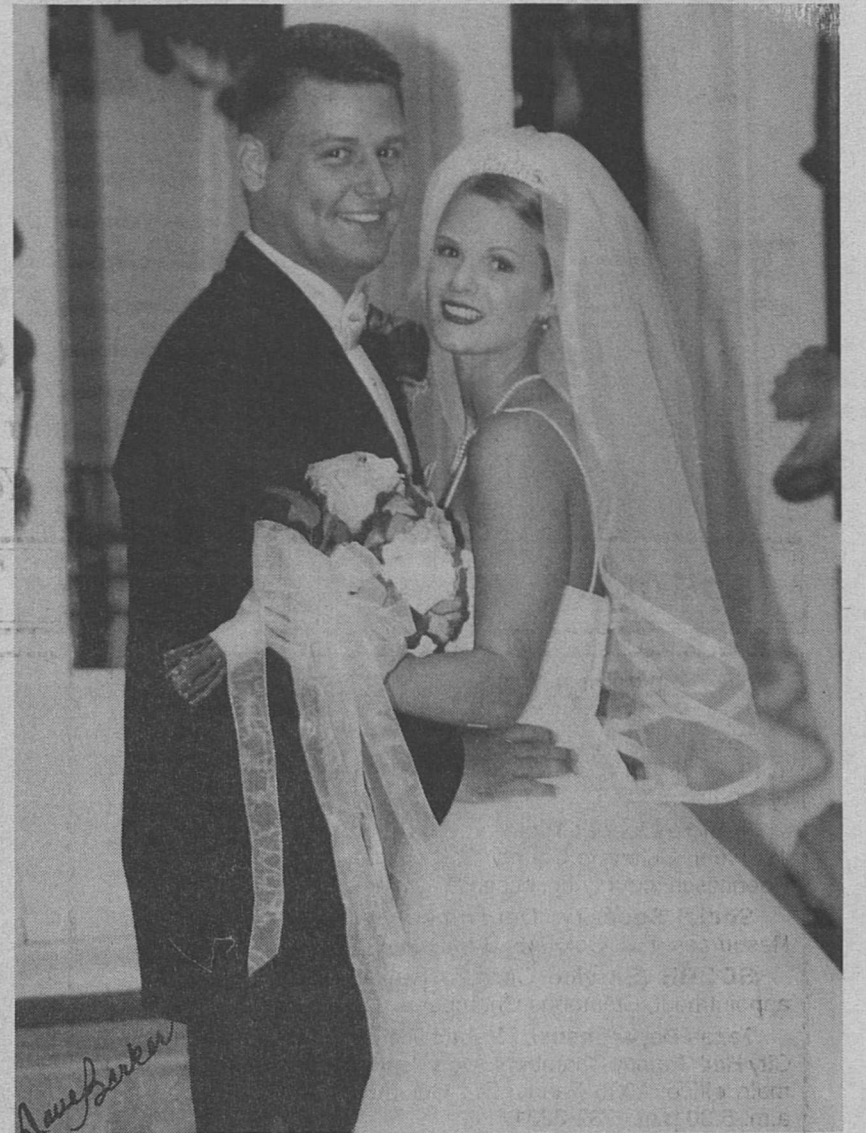
Hamburgers and hotdogs were served.

A shower was held at Iago Federated Church Sept. 15. Hostesses were Vickie Reynolds, Rebecca Klima, Theresa Guess, Delores Hill, Sheryl Tabor, Jean Shaw, Martha Lynn Peikert, Betty Brod, Stephanie Kucera, Renee Cazazos, Zane Hobizal, Wendy Foshier and Peg Lay.

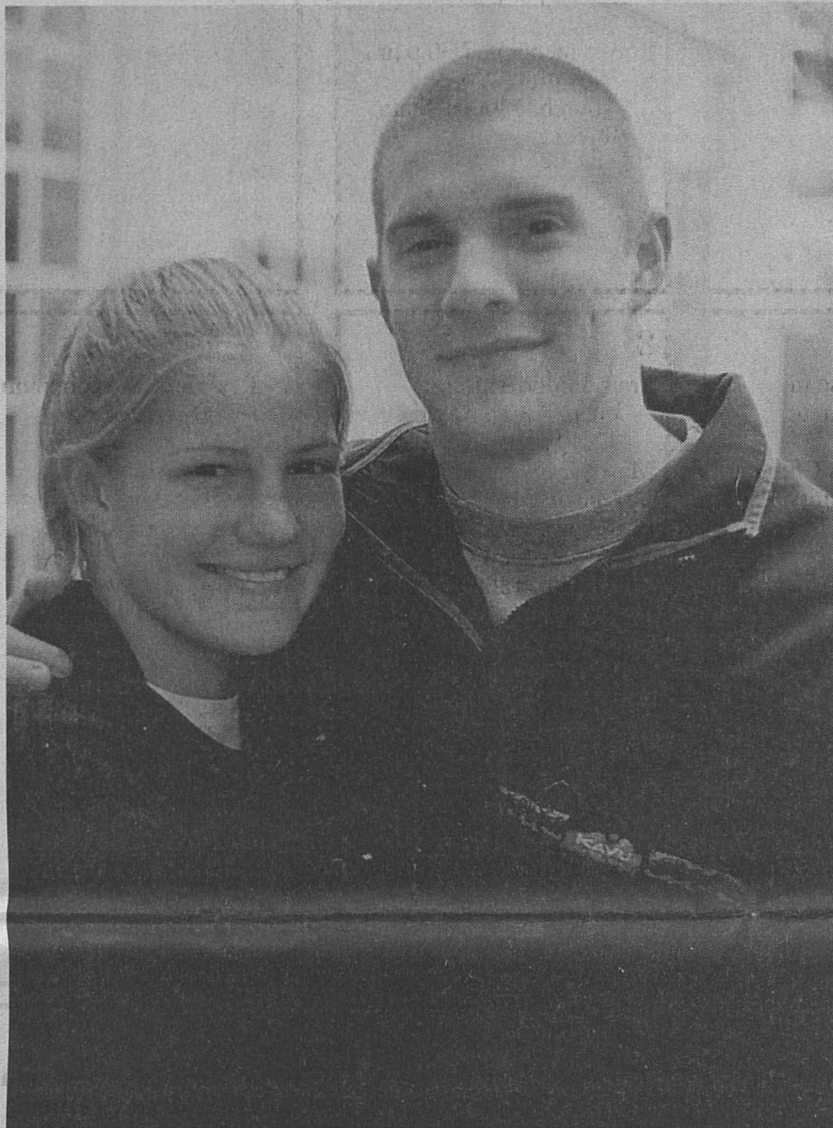
Cake and punch were served. As a special gift, the bride-elect was presented with an afghan made by her late great-grandmother. The afghan was kept by Wilma Barnhill King to give to Emily for her wedding.

A luncheon was held Sept. 21 at Pat-A-Cake. Hostesses were Marlou Sims, Carolyn Sebastian, Katheleen Cline, Jennie Banker and Sarah Wilkins.

The bride-elect was given a pewter salad bowl.



Mr. and Mrs. Kristoffer James Gertson



Grigar, Potts announce engagement

Janet and J.J. Grigar III of Lockhart, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenna Kate "Katie" to Jon Matthew Potts, son of Beth and Jim Potts of Springdale, Arkansas.

Katie is a 1999 graduate of Lockhart High School and a senior at the University of Arkansas, majoring in marketing management.

Matt is a 1995 graduate of Springdale High School, majored in communications at the University of Arkansas and is currently employed by Lewis & Clark Outfitters in Springdale.

The couple will exchange vows on December 14, 2002 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, at the Bell Gable Chapel.

After a honeymoon, the couple will reside in Fayetteville.

Grandparents of Katie are Angeline Grigar of East Bernard and Eunice and Fred Frnka of Eagle Lake.

Highlights

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opening of deer season this year. Hunting continues through Jan. 5 in the North Zone, and for two weeks longer in the South Zone.

The Parks and Wildlife Department said that though deer census figures are not yet in, this year's deer population is considered better than last year. That number is somewhere around 3.5 million deer.

Tourists still traveling

Even with the terrorist attacks, the sputtering economy and a drop in tourist sending nationally, folks are still coming to Texas just for the fun of it.

Statistics compiled by the Department of Economic Development show that leisure trips to Texas in 2001 were up by 8% compared with 2000. That is five points higher than the national average.

Texas also passed Florida to become the second-most visited state with 6.9% of the market share of all U.S. leisure travel. California remains the top destination with 11.8% of all tourist travel.

High-lites

The deadline for accepting applications for the Family Land Heritage Program has been extended to Nov. 15, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture. The program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years. For more information, check the agency's web site at www.agr.state.tx.us.

With \$36.6 million in funding from last year's Proposition 8, a bond package approved by Texas voters, major repairs are scheduled soon for Caprock Canyons, Goliad, Indian Lodge (at Davis Mountains State Park), Mustang Island and Tyler State Parks.

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national. Projects must show measurable results.

If you know of an innovative, environmental project that meets the criteria, the agency encourages you to go to www.teeq.org to apply online or contact the TCEQ at 512-239-3150 or cleantx@teeq.state.tx.us.

The application deadline is Nov. 8, 2002.

Winners will be honored at a ban-

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"If you can't attend one of the dinner performances, then this extra feature offers a great opportunity for you to view the work of the talented individuals who make up the cast and crew. This added performance gives everyone in the area a chance to appreciate the culture offered by a dramatic performance," said Director Vicki Powers.

Treatments help soothe arthritic knees

Arthritic knees are a concern for many Americans, causing discomfort and limiting movement.

Dr. John Cianca, an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, said several lubricating solutions are now available and have been used to treat osteoarthritis, or arthritis of the knees. Osteoarthritis is a chronic, progressive disease of the joint that involves the breakdown of cartilage. The disease affects nearly everyone by age 70, but can be caused by other factors such as overuse or occupational injuries, poor joint alignment, sports injuries or family history.

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