

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Hagendorf

ShIPLEY, Hagendorf Exchange Vows

Rachel Leigh Shipley and Garrett Wayne Hagendorf were married by Chaplin Larry Todd during a sunset ceremony at Kali-Kate in Buda on Saturday, March 28, 2009.

The bride is the daughter of David and Carla Shipley of New Braunfels. She is the granddaughter of Dorothy Mercer and the late Dr. Jim Mercer, also of New Braunfels, and the late Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Shipley of New Braunfels.

The groom is the son of the Henry Hagendorf of Houston, and Forest and Tricia English of Eagle Lake. He is the grandson of Willard and Irene Hagendorf of Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. David Hengst of Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. William English of Corpus Christi.

Serving as Maids of Honor were college and sorority friends Brandy Distefano McDonald, Elizabeth de Soccaraz-Hughes, Tiffany Fluitt and Amy Milligan Laird. The bride's Honorary Attendants were Hollie Parker Reininger and Lindsay Parker Land.

The groom was accompanied by "Four Good Men": Will English, brother of the groom, Adam Shipley, the bride's brother, Bradley Borth, college friend and former football teammate and Brandon Mathis, a close childhood friend.

Assisting with seating and programs were the groom's brother, Hutch Hagendorf and the groom's sister Haley Hagendorf, both of Houston. Special readings were provided by the bride's grandfather, Carl Berry of Ohio and her Uncle, David Berry of La Specia, Italy.

The bride was radiant in a vintage inspired gown of white Godarvi Dupioni silk designed by Sottero-Midgley. The gown was embellished with hand sewn pearls, platinum accents and Swarovski crystals.

The full A-line skirt was draped with crystal pleated silk organza tiers creating a cascading effect, giving way to a chapel length

Keep Kids Reading To Prevent 'Summer Slide'

Summer is a time for kids to relax, but all that free time can have a serious downside. Children suffer learning losses over the summer simply by being out of school, an effect known as the "summer slide."

These losses can create even wider gaps between more and less proficient readers. And the challenge of maintaining skills gets greater after age eight when, studies show, reading frequency drops dramatically and continues to decline through the teen years.

But kids can combat the "summer slide" by reading four or more age-appropriate books each summer. Research indicates kids who do so fare better on reading-comprehension tests when they return to school than those who read one or no books.

Best of all, summer reading is inexpensive. Five books cost the same as a tank of gas, or you can get them free at the library.

"Encouraging a love of reading is one of the easiest things parents can do to keep kids ahead of the curve, and it's a perfect, low-cost summer activity," said Francie Alexander, Chief Academic Officer of Scholastic, "You can take books anywhere: on car rides or airplanes, or if you're not traveling this summer, take a trip through books!"

* Get Started and Carded: Just like planning a vacation is part of the fun, get kids thinking about books to read over the summer. Visit the library and get a library card, as kids like "official" documents with their names on them.

* Start a Series - Bet You Can't Read Just One: If you match the right child to the right book in

a series, the reading habit will grow. Teachers, librarians or booksellers can advise you on the best series.

* Books to Go: Audio books are great for getting kids to experience more books through listening. They also make car trips more bearable and "are we there yet?" is heard less often.

* Start a Summer Book Collection: Just like collecting rocks or seashells, collect books with summer themes. Put them in a fun box or container and take them out to celebrate summer.

* Tech It Up: Look for reading opportunities when your child is using the computer. Find books tied to Web sites, such as "The 39 Clues," or visit Scholastic's Summer Challenge site to read and earn points.

Scholastic, together with The National Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University and Save the Children, is launching the Scholastic Summer Challenge, a free Web site that gets kids excited about summer reading. Kids can visit www.scholastic.com/summer to join the Challenge and other kids to record their minutes spent reading, earn points for their team, play games and read for a cause, with donations going to Save the Children's U.S. programs.

Parents can explore the site to get advice from education experts, and find summer book lists and articles in English and Spanish.

Check out these great books to get kids reading this summer:

- Ages 5-7
- * "Funny Farm" by Mark Teague
- * "Too Many Toys" by David Shannon

* "Go, Go America" by Dan Yaccarino

Ages 8-10

- * "The 39 Clues" series by various authors
- * "Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls" series by Meg Cabot
- * "Goosebumps Horrorland" series by R.L. Stine

- Young Adults**
- * "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins
 - * "The Season" by Sarah McLean
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Three Suits Filed In District Court

Three suits were filed in Colorado County District in the past week.

On June 8, James Schoellmann filed suit against First Preston Management Inc.

The dispute involves a foreclosure of property in Garwood and a subsequent attempt by Schoellmann to repurchase the property.

A separate suit was filed on June 8 by Carl L. Burns against Stuart Whitfield Hastedt. The dispute involves a promissory note for \$182,423. The suit claims the payments on the note are in default.

On June 8, Dorothy Robinson filed suit against Brookshire Brothers Ltd. Robinson claimed she was injured when she slipped and fell on the floor at the company's store in Eagle Lake on Nov. 8, 2007.

Divorce Filed
Kerronda S. Johnson v. Ulab Johnson III, June 4.

train. The bride wore her great grandmother's necklace of filigree platinum, rose gold, diamonds and peridot.

Silver charms with sentimental value were sewn into the gown's petticoat with blue satin ribbons. Rachel carried a hand-tied bouquet featuring heirloom fuschia and sunset-orange roses with hydrangea. The bouquet's stems were adorned with antique ribbon and brooches as were the bride's fuschia satin shoes. The Maids of Honor wore strapless silk taffeta in deep fuschia and carried miniature versions of the bride's bouquet with spring green accents.

Rachel, a native of New Braunfels, graduated from Texas State University where she double majored in Communication Studies and Public Relations. She is currently a professional representative for Abbott Laboratories and is the owner of ROC Pilates in Houston.

Garrett graduated from Texas State University with a degree in finance and was a letterman on the football team. While earning his MBA he was a linebacker for the Austin Knights Arena Football team.

He is currently Vice President of Commercial Lending for Bank of Houston.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and are making Houston their home.

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