

**WEDDINGS**

**SPANISH CLUB TAKES TRIP**



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Barker

**Melissa Gilbreath  
weds Jeffrey Barker**

Melissa Dawn Gilbreath and Jeffrey David Barker both of Whitehouse were united in marriage on Oct. 27, 2007, in a beautiful outdoor ceremony at the Castle on the Lake in Jacksonville.

The ceremony was performed by Judge James Morris.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father Tom Gilbreath.

She wore a beaded veil with a white a-line, double spaghetti strap, long chiffon dress, with a beaded empire waist. She carried a white and green bouquet of orchids and tiger lilies.

Melissa is the daughter of Tom and Loraine Gilbreath of Tyler. She is the granddaughter of Claudette Mckinney of Tyler, Richard Mckinney and Jo Stenbridge of Gassville, Ark., and Tom and Betty Gilbreath of College Station.

The bride is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School. She attended Texas A&M University and Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology.

She is employed by TAGCO Construction. Jeff is the son of Laurie Barker of Whitehouse and

Stephen Barker of Hill Top Lakes. He is the grandson of Carl and Shirley Schaffer of Diamondhead, Miss., and Carol Jean Barker of Athens.

The groom is a graduate of Groesbeck High School, and attended University of Mary-Hardin Baylor and McLennan Community College. He is employed in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at ETMC.

Attending the bride was the Matron of honor Amber Payne. Her bridesmaids were Meghan Gilbreath, Meredith Gilbreath, and Samantha Geertz. Attending the groom was his best man Matthew Barker.

His groomsmen were Jeff Schaffer, Hank Wilson and Robert Barker. The flower girls were Triniti Barker and Rylan Clakley.

The ring bearer was Payton Troyer. A reception followed at the Castle with music by Boogie Butt Productions.

The wedding cake was created by Designs by D'Anne.

These special moments were captured by Sue Morton Photography. After the honeymoon to Puerto Rico, the couple resides in Whitehouse.



Mrs. Todd Straley

**Crystal Estep weds  
Todd Straley Dec. 1**

Crystal Estep and Todd Straley, both of Tyler, married Dec. 1, 2007, at First United Methodist Church of Bullard. Dr. Randy Fitzgerald officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the granddaughter of Sue Hornbuckle of Bullard and the daughter of Cindy Guinn of Waxahachie.

She is a graduate of Bullard High School, attended Texas A&M University and attends Tyler Junior College School of Nursing. She is employed by D & K Transportation, Tyler.

The groom is the son of Glenda Straley, Nederland.

He is a graduate of Nederland High School and attended Lamar University, Beaumont. He is employed as a journeyman and plumber.

Melissa Kiser served as maid of honor.

J.B. Rigney served as best man.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her brothers, Taylor Adam Guinn and Jordan Alexander Guinn, of Waxahachie.

Flower girl was Olivia Thompson, Bullard. Ring bearer was Jaydan Straley, Nederland. Program attendant was Bonnie Sheppard of Quinlan.

Ushers were Jake Browning, Lewisville; Nic Garner, Tyler; Jeff Laepple, Tyler; and Chris McDonald, Polaris, Calif.

Organist was Dr. Marjorie Studdard and pianist was Carolyn Rawlings, both of Bullard. Soloist was Cindy Guinn of Waxahachie.

A reception followed at the church.

Following a wedding trip to Canyon Lake, the couple will live in Tyler.



After lunch, Lara Buysman, a BHS student, took pictures of the group in front of the restaurant before they boarded the buses to return to Bullard High School.

Students boarded buses to go on a Spanish Club field trip Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The 54 club members were headed to a presentation of "Las Aventuras de Don Quixote" by the National Theater for Arts & Education, LLC.

When the students and their sponsors, Mrs. Hammock, Miss Wilson and Mrs. Reed, arrived at the Carthage Middle School auditorium, the energized performers in costume greeted them at the door.

Then cast members escorted the group to their seats for the show.

The professional repertory theater group dramatized the high-

lights of the first modern novel, "Don Quixote" by Miguel de Cervantes.

Using creative techniques on stage, the actors and actresses dialogued in Spanish, then replayed the scene in English.

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