

## McCutchen, Braswell wed in ceremony at Fort Chadbourne

Ashley Jordan McCutchen and Blake Reese Braswell were married Saturday evening, October 13, 2012, at Fort Chadbourne in Coke County. Dave Jackson, cousin of the bride, performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Melinda McCutchen of Bronte. The groom is the son of Blane and Kim Braswell of Ballinger. The bride is the granddaughter of the late Cliff and Mary Barrett of Bronte, the late Jeff Randall McCutchen of Mertzon and the late Lois Walls Gray of Grand Prairie. She is the niece of Rev. Harry and Meredith Jackson of McKinney, Texas. Grandparents of the groom are Mike and Velva Hartman of Fredericksburg and Dennie and Sharon Braswell of Bronte.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her sister, Morgan McCutchen of Avoca, Texas, as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Leah Fipps of Lake Jackson, Texas, Kasie Skinner and Alicia Corrales, both of San Angelo, and Monica Allen of Bronte. Each young lady wore a gown in the bride's chosen color of lapis (dark purple).

Sherman Griffin, cousin of the groom of San Angelo, served as Best Man.

Groomsmen were Justin Frazee of San Angelo, Riley Coalson, cousin of the groom of Bronte, and brothers of the groom, Case and Mason Braswell of Ballinger.

Savannah Hartman, cousin of the groom, was the flower girl. Sawyer Hartman, cousin of the groom, served as ring-bearer. They are the children of Kirby and Misty Hartman of San Angelo.

The wedding ceremony was held on the porch of the officers quarters. The guests were seated to guitar instrumentals of "Here Comes the Sun", "Wish You Were Here", "Your Song", and "Lean on Me". The wedding attendants entered to a guitar instrumental of "Going to California". Sawyer led Reese and Ashley's Scottie "Shiner Bock Braswell", followed by Savannah to the guitar melody of "Blackbird".

As Tom Petty's "Here Comes My Girl" played, the bride and her father arrived at the ceremony in a horse-drawn carriage. Her ivory lace gown had a sweep train, sweetheart bodice and a side drape with subtle ruching. She carried a bouquet of silk handmade flowers made by the groom's aunt,

Charlotte Freeman Lee. The bouquet was adorned with jewelry, which had belonged to her maternal grandmother and great-grandmothers, Mrs. Mary Barrett, Mrs. Jessie Lee and Mrs. Carrie Barrett. She walked through vintage columns and up an aisle lined with white pumpkins.

Following the ceremony, a dinner and dance was held on the porch of the barracks building. Burlap, lace and vintage glass were used to decorate both the officers quarters and the barracks. Guests enjoyed a catered meal from Joe Allen's and dancing under the stars to Brad Williams and the Kindred Spirits.

A beautiful night-long lightning display assisted the hundreds of strung lights covering the dining area and dance floor. Included in the decorations were the groom's great-grandmother's (Vonda Freeman) vintage bottle collection and a sign made from the gate at the groom's great-grandfather's (Lynn Freeman) barn. The bride's cake was created by Karla Badgett Clark. The groom's cake came from Sophie's Choice Bakery in Fredericksburg. The dining tables each had beautiful burlap table runners adorned with vintage lace and made by the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Velva Hartman. Assisting the groom's mother and great-aunts with the decorations were Connie Badgett Adams and Camille Badgett Denton, both of Ballinger.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner on Friday evening catered by Crusty's Wood-Fired Pizza. Melba Vernor, great-aunt of the groom,



Mr. and Mrs. Reese Braswell

created a beautiful and delicious dessert table for the event. The bride's uncle, Rev. Harry Jackson, coordinated the rehearsal.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of Bronte High School and Angelo State University. Ashley is employed as a commercial processor at Lipsey-Currie Insurance in San Angelo. Reese is a loan officer at First National Bank in Bronte.

Following a cruise to the Bahamas, the couple is making their home in Bronte.

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