



Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Cody Schmotz

Megan Nicole Patterson marries Timothy Cody Schmotz on May 2

Megan Nicole Patterson and Timothy Cody Schmotz of Birmingham, Ala., exchanged wedding vows Saturday, May 2, at six o'clock in the evening at The Dyson House, home of the bride's grandparents, Raymond and Elizabeth Hurd, in Washington. Ronnie Lindsey of Washington served as the officiant.

The bride is the daughter of Julie Anne Patterson of Cumming. The bridegroom is the son of John and Gay Chambers of Panama City, Fla., and Tim Schmotz of Aztec, N. Mex.

Vows were spoken in front of the stately home beautifully decorated with bouquets of red Gerber daisies and greenery, white tulle bows and draping that extended across the front. Large Boston ferns graced the posts of the stairway.

Ben Schmotz of Cumming, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Usher-groomsmen were Jacob Cantrell of Knoxville, Tenn., Brett Liner, Greg Little and Shane Phillips, all of Cumming.

Kristian Moss of Atlanta was maid of honor. She wore a bright red strapless long dress and carried a large cluster of white Gerber daisies the stems of which were wrapped in white satin ribbon and fastened with pearls.

Bridesmaids were Leah Cantrell of Knoxville, Tenn.; Casey McGough of Athens; Samantha Schmotz of Cumming, sister-in-law of the bridegroom; and Madison Chambers of Panama City, Fla., sister of the bridegroom. Their gowns matched that of the honor attendant and their flowers were identical but in a smaller design.

The bride's sister, Jayden Patterson of Alpharetta, was the flower girl and wore a beautiful white dress with a gathered full skirt. Beading enhanced the bodice.

Given in marriage by her brother, Noah Drew Patterson of Athens, the bride was radiant in her white satin gown fashioned with beading on the bodice and an A-line skirt which extended to the train.

Her veil fell to elbow-length. She also wore a diamond tennis bracelet and diamond ring, borrowed from her grandmother, Mrs. Hurd.

Her bouquet of white Gerber daisies and tulips was accented with greenery.

The bride's mother chose a cream chiffon sleeveless dress adorned with beading on the bodice.

The bridegroom's mother wore a champagne satin off-the-shoulder shawl drape design that featured a lace bodice and satin skirt.

Reception

Raymond and Elizabeth Hurd entertained at a reception at the Washington-Wilkes Country Club in Washington.

The clubhouse was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

White linens covered the bride's table decorated with a vase of clear pebbles and white hydrangeas. Votive candles encircled the vase and red stones were scattered about the table for accent.

Guests enjoyed a delicious cocktail buffet.

Following the reception the couple left for a Royal Caribbean cruise to Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Haiti.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmotz are making

their home in Birmingham, Ala.

Rehearsal Dinner

John and Gay Chambers and Tim Schmotz were hosts at a rehearsal dinner honoring Megan Patterson and Cody Schmotz on Friday evening, May 1, at the Fitzpatrick Hotel in Washington.

For the occasion the bride-elect chose a white cotton sundress.

Tables were centered with candles banked with red daisies.

Kayleigh Dooley guest of honor at first birthday party

Kayleigh Nichole Dooley, daughter of Justin and Nichole Dooley of Rayle, was treated to a first birthday celebration on May 9 with her family and friends.

Kayleigh and her guests enjoyed hot dogs, chips, drinks and birthday cake before she opened her gifts.

On her actual birthday, May 5, Kayleigh and her immediate family celebrated with birthday cake at Poss-Umm Café in Rayle.

Cassidy Barnett honored at 'Ariel' birthday party

Cassidy Barnett, daughter of Jamie Barnett and Ginny Barnett, celebrated her third birthday on June 1 and was honored on several occasions.

Cassidy was treated to an Ariel theme birthday party Saturday, May 30, at the home of her mother. She and her friends enjoyed pony rides, compliments of Caroline and Nancy Leslie of Atlanta.

Joining Cassidy were her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Tanner and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bentley; great-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Ann Bentley, all of Washington; uncles, aunts and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Pearson, Delaney and Natalie, of Milledgeville, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Tanner and Brett of Washington; and friends, Mrs. Chris Hardy, Emily and Ethan, Mrs. Ashley Andrews and Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. John Moon, Samuel and Hannah Grace, Mrs. Jason Dyson, Maci and Lacey, Mr. and Mrs. Ames Barnett and Porter, Mrs. Chad Thornton and Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Berry, Kylie and Lindsey, Mrs. Jeff Driggers, Mrs. Gayle Roberson, Presley Blakey and Shawn Turner.

Cassidy also celebrated on her birthday with her friends at the home of her sitters, Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Roberson. Enjoying cake and ice cream with Cassidy were Kaylee and Lathan Roberson, Maura Jackson and Chase Chafin.

Cassidy was treated by her father to a special trip to Chuck E Cheese the night of her birthday. Celebrating with Cassidy were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Blake Ware.



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Rodney and Maria Holloway honored at baby shower May 30

Rodney and Maria Holloway of Yew Gardens, N.Y., were honored at a baby shower Saturday, May 30, at the home of Gene and Cheryl Edwards on Courtground Road.

Hostesses for the celebration were Kaci Johnson of Augusta, Megan Kennedy and Jade Kennedy of Washington.

Mrs. Holloway was presented a corsage of white daisies tied with blue ribbon.

The party table was centered with a diaper cake accented in blue ribbon that also spelled the initials of

the baby-to-be, "LMH".

Punch was enjoyed with delicious party foods.

Approximately 30 family members and close friends attended. Out-of-town guests included his aunt, Margie Greene of Atlanta, and her daughter, Paula Painter of Marietta; Kathy Foster of Sparta and Shea Lindsey of Union Point.

Following the shower Gene and Cheryl Edwards hosted a family cookout in honor of the Holloways' weekend visit.

Allison Land and John Echols to marry in Aug. 15 ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Standard of Washington announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Land, to John Echols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Echols, also of Washington.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moon of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Standard of Tignall, and the late Imogene Paschall of Washington.

She graduated from Athens Technical College in 2006 as a Certified EMT-Basic and is employed at Internal Medicine and Nephrology Associates in Washington.

Mr. Echols is the grandson of William Higginbotham and the late Lillie Holloway Higginbotham of Washington and Mrs. Jean Echols and the late William M. Echols of Tignall.

He is a 2003 graduate of Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School and is employed by Rayle Electric Membership Corporation

Allison Land
John Echols

of Washington.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, August 15, at 4 p.m. at Rehoboth Baptist Church in Washington.

Audra Chapman, Justin Armour entertained at couple's shower

Audra Chapman and Justin Armour were honored at a couple's shower at the home of Jason and Mary Katherine Dyson on Doster Road Saturday evening, May 23. Co-hosts with the Dysons were Will and Amy Long and John and Karmen Moon.

For the festivities Miss Chapman wore a multi-colored tank top over white capris. She was presented a corsage of orange Alstroemeria lilies and Mr. Armour was presented a matching boutonniere.

Guests gathered around the pool and dined on pork loins, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, sweet tea and Red Velvet Cake.

Because of inclement weather, they moved inside where the couple opened their gifts.

The couple was presented a monetary gift by their hosts.

Special guests attending included the bride-elect's mother, Stephanie Chapman; the prospective bridegroom's parents, Tracy and Denise

Armour; Ethan Armour and Taylor Echols; also Jason Chapman of Athens and Taylor Goldman of Tifton.

Kariss Easler feted at lingerie shower Saturday, May 29

June bride-elect Kariss Easler of Evans was feted at a lingerie shower Saturday, May 29, at the home of Ann Morrison in Evans. Sabrina Carter, also of Evans, co-hosted the occasion with Mrs. Morrison.

Miss Easler, bride-elect of Blake Winfrey, wore a black and white sundress.

Fresh flowers were used in decorating throughout the home.

Guests were beautifully served a delicious dinner that included pork tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, pasta salad and sauteed vegetables.

The hostesses presented the bride-elect a white peignoir set.

Twenty-five guests attended.



Pictured at the Brown reunion are (left to right) Louise Brown Smith, Benjamin Smith in the arms of his grandfather, Graham Smith, and Reba Brown Pounds.

Brown family members gather for 11th annual reunion June 6

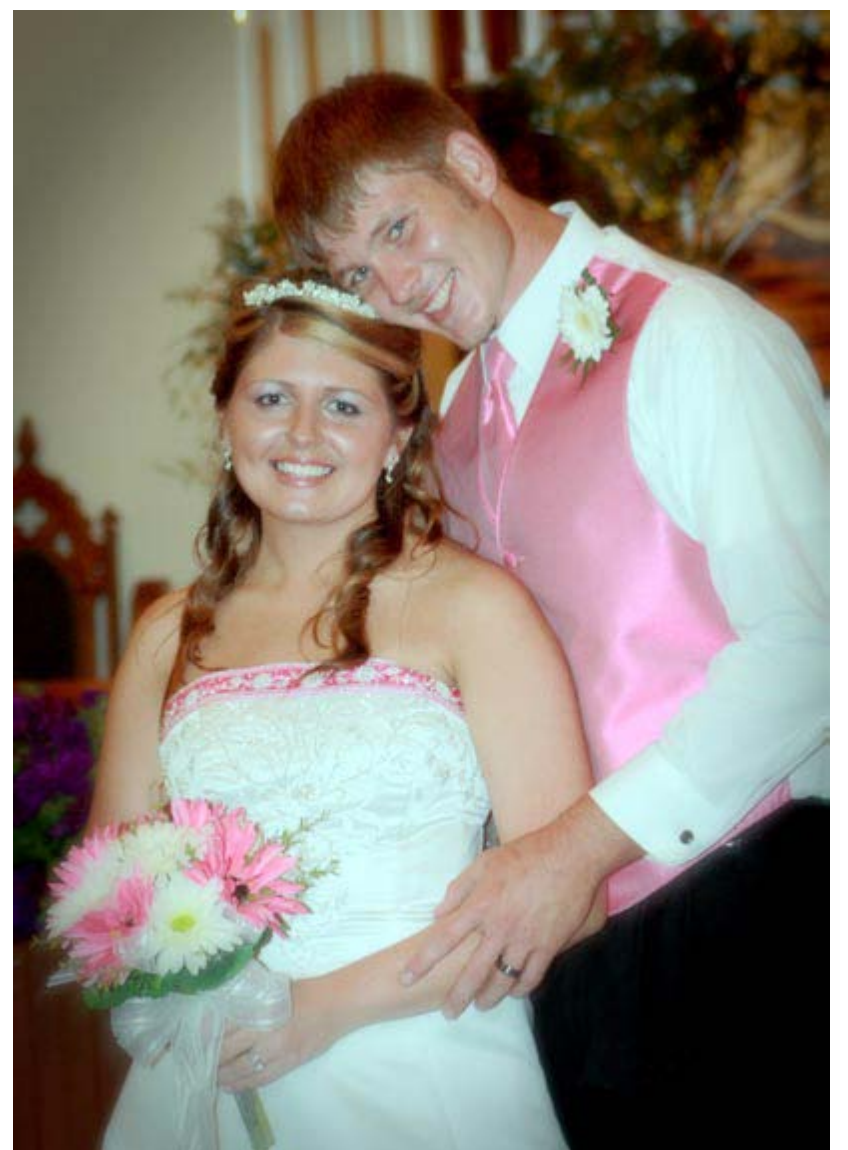
Graham and Glenda Smith hosted the 11th annual Brown family reunion at their country home, Pearl Oaks, on the Lexington Road Saturday, June 6.

Oak leaf hydrangeas and daisies were used in decorating for the reunion that also included a bountiful covered dish dinner. The family enjoyed the day reminiscing, sharing old pictures and making new ones.

Pearl Oaks is the childhood home of Louise Brown Smith of Tignall and Reba Brown Pounds of Thomson, both of whom were present for the celebration.

Present in addition to the hosts, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Pounds were

Marshall, Beth and Benjamin Smith, Mike and Kathy Fitzpatrick and Bruce McClearen of Snellville; Adam and Keighley Smith of Stone Mountain, Morgan Smith of Hiawasse, Harry and Anita Kattagat and Pam Partridge of Grovetown, Mitchell, Joanne, Matthew and Corey Patton of Appling, Peggy Murdock and Henry Pounds of Thomson, David and Angie Bryant of Louisville, Shannon Woods of Augusta, Richard Kimsey of Chapin, S.C., Lindsey Strother of Athens, Charles and Elizabeth Smith of Sandtown, Edith Lindsey, Hannah and Ben Strother and David and Louise McClearen of Washington.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nicholas Wells

Bridgett Elizabeth Berry weds Joseph Nicholas Wells May 16

Bridgett Elizabeth Berry of Washington became the bride of Joseph Nicholas Wells of Lincolnton in a double-ring ceremony Saturday, May 16, at six o'clock in the evening at Phillips Mill Baptist Church in Washington. Rev. Donnie Berry of Rayle officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Chuck and Julie Berry of Washington.

The bridegroom is the son of Gary and Mary Ann Wells of Lincolnton.

The altar was decorated with arch candelabra, ferns and potted petunias. The couple participated in the sand ceremony where they poured two different colors of sand together to signify becoming one.

Lexi Stone of Washington, cousin of the bride, tended the guest register.

A program of pre-recorded music was provided by Mike Fortson of Washington.

Mr. Wells was his son's best man. Usher-groomsmen were Josh Wells, Kelly Wells, Todd Wells and Gene Wells, brothers of the bridegroom; also Jordan McCombs and Tyson Cunningham, all of Lincolnton, and the bride's brother, Brandon Berry of Washington.

Mindi Burton of Tignall and Libby Fortson of Washington served as maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Erin Berry, sister-in-law of the bride, Allison Stone and Ashley West, cousins of the bride, and Jessica Fisher of Washington; Whitney Kirkland of Lincolnton and Katlyn Hagan of Dearing.

Each attendant wore a strapless knee-length gown designed with an accenting ribbon under the bustline in a princess effect. While all the gowns were in the same style, each was a different color that was mirrored in the ribbon around the single white Gerber daisy each one carried.

Katie Stone of Washington, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl. Her gown was a miniature design of the bridal gown. She carried a basket tied with pink bows and filled with miniature pink and white Gerber daisies.

Cory Bedsole of Washington, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.

The bride was escorted by her father who also carried the couple's daughter, Aleksandra Julianne. After the ceremony, Aleksandra exited with her parents.

The bride was lovely in a white gown fashioned with a fuchsia banding that continued from the front bodice around to the back and trailed down the back of the gown. The slightly flared skirt fell from the fitted dropped waist.

Her shoulder-length veil dotted with rhinestones fell from her pearl and rhinestone headpiece.

Pearl drop earrings completed her attire.

She carried a bouquet of white and fuchsia Gerber daisies.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Berry chose a strapless knee-length dress fashioned with a black bodice over a blue floral print skirt.

Mrs. Wells, the bridegroom's mother, wore a two-piece black dress with peach floral detailing.

They were presented corsages of

white Gerber daisies.

Also seated in places of honor were the bride's grandparents, Bob and Betty West of Washington, and great-grandmother, Ruby Arnold of Rayle.

Reception

Following the ceremony the couple and guests were entertained by the bride's parents at a reception-barbecue at the Washington-Wilkes Country Club.

As guests arrived, they signed the mat surrounding the couple's engagement picture.

The clubhouse was festively decorated with colorful paper lanterns hanging from the ceiling and large Paper Mache Gerber daisies on the walls. Potted petunias and ferns added to the decorations.

White cloths with turquoise table runners and vases of Gerber daisies enhanced the tables.

The bride's table, covered in white, featured four satellite cakes, each in a different size and displayed on separate stands from the largest layer on the short base to the smallest that was displayed on the tallest stand. Each was wrapped with a different color ribbon. Gerber daisies topped three of the cakes and the fourth and smallest was topped with a silver "W." Cake was served by Tricia Stone of Washington, aunt of the bride.

The bridegroom's table showcased five different flavors of cheese-cake.

As a wedding gift to the couple, Jason Callaway of Washington cooked and prepared a delicious dinner of barbecue, potato salad and coleslaw.

Thomas and Florine Norman of Washington also assisted in serving.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells are making their home in Grovetown.

Rehearsal Dinner

Gary and Mary Ann Wells were hosts at a rehearsal dinner honoring Brooke Berry and Joseph Wells at the home of Chuck and Julie Berry on Friday evening.

The bride-elect wore a gray and white striped halter dress.

Ferns and petunias decorated the large tent where guests gathered for a dinner of barbecued chicken, corn-on-the-cob, macaroni and cheese, baked beans and dessert of pound cake and brownies.

Guests included the wedding party, family and friends.

Internet crimes program planned for Tea & Learn

GBI Agent Tony Williamson of Thomson will be the guest speaker at the Wills Memorial Hospital Tea and Learn Thursday, June 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the hospital café.

Agent Williamson will speak on internet crimes and will include topics of cyber-stalking, fraud and identity theft, scams, drug trafficking and crimes against children.

To register for this event or to get more information, call Pat Niemann at 706-678-9272.