

Weddings & Engagements

Jeremy and Amber Dixon wed in Osgood

Jeremy and Amber Dixon of Osgood, were united in marriage on August 18, 2018. The couple chose the Osgood First Baptist Church with Pastor Steve Allen officiating.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Dixon

Little, Volz announce engagement

Blake Little and Brianna Volz are pleased to announce their engagement.

Blake is from Gaynorsville, Indiana. He is the son of Camilla Atchley. He graduated from South Dearborn High School in 2012 and is currently employed at Premier Ag in Greensburg.

Brianna, Osgood, is the daughter of Brian and Eva Volz. She graduated from Jac-Cen-Del High School in 2013 and is currently employed at Ag Production Enterprises in Greensburg.

A 2019 fall wedding is being planned.



Blake Little and Brianna Volz



Jacob Orr and Sierra Billman

Orr, Billman plan spring wedding

Jacob Orr and Sierra Billman are planning to be married on May 25, 2019. Carl and Bonnie Billman. Jacob is the son of Harley and Janet Orr.

Both Jacob and Sierra are from Osgood, and graduated from Jac-Cen-Del — Jacob in 2013 and Sierra in 2014. Sierra is a registered nurse at St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville. Jacob works as an engineer at Honda Manufacturing in Greensburg.

Sierra is the daughter of

Greensburg.

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Baker, Rowlette plan July wedding



Patrick Baker and Kayla Rowlette

Patrick Baker and Kayla Rowlette got engaged at their Alma Mater, Butler University, during the summer of 2018.

Patrick is a 2013 Milan High School graduate and the son of Michael and Stephanie Baker.

Kayla is a 2013 graduate of South Dearborn High School and is the daughter of Mark Rowlette and Patricia Stevens (Cleeter).

Patrick and Kayla work and live on the northside of Indianapolis with their dog, Moose. The happy couple will be married in July of 2019.

Brown, Negangard engaged

Ashley Brown was surprised when she went to get some family pictures taken recently. She said, "The photographer told me to take a photo with my daughter, Alexis, 7 and Kyle's daughter, Zoe, who is four."

Brown stated that they were almost finished with the photo session and as this last picture was being taken, Kyle Negangard, of

Osgood, said her name and she turned around. "I turned around to this wonderful surprise!" she exclaimed as she found Kyle on one knee asking for her hand in marriage. "He could not have picked a better time."

The couple plan to be married in May of 2020 with a beautiful outdoor wedding.



Kyle Negangard and Ashley Brown



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Brides Share Wedding Planning Wisdom

The average cost of a wedding in the US is \$33,391 according to The Knot 2017 Real Weddings Study. And that doesn't include the honeymoon. You may not have \$30,000 to spend, but that doesn't have to limit your ability to create your dream wedding.

Set a budget and start saving early. Determine what you can realistically spend on your wedding and start saving immediately.

Depending on the time of your wedding, open a Christmas or Vacation Club account. These savings accounts remove the temptation to withdraw funds early. Funds are dispersed only once during the year, but you can deposit funds as often as you like. Consider setting up an automatic deposit from your payroll to this account.

Determine where you will splurge and where you will thrift.

"Something that I really wanted to have was a cathedral-length veil. Every time I would talk about my wedding, that's the first thing that came to mind," recent bride, Sidney Steinhauer said. "And I know it's something small that people don't think about, but that was my big thing that I wanted to spend the money on."

While Steinhauer splurged on her veil, she saved in other areas.

"I thought about what people don't really look at or remember, like invitations and table decorations," she said.

She chose to spend less on invitations and gratefully accepted offers from friends to borrow decorations that would fit her theme.

Suzanne Brown planned her unique covered bridge wedding last spring. She chose to spend on the dress and save on all other aspects of the

wedding.

"Honestly the only thing I wanted to and did splurge on was my wedding dress. It was the most expensive item for the wedding," Brown said. "Everything else was as cheap as I could get it, including catering."

Manage the guest list. It is no surprise that the larger your guest list, the more expensive your wedding. Managing your guest list is not an easy task and can be even more complicated if you have a large family.

Steinhauer's mom offered her some great advice. If you haven't talked to someone in at least five years, consider leaving them off the list. If they are an acquaintance rather than a friend, perhaps you should reconsider. Avoid inviting someone out of fear of offending them.

"I've had people ask me 'Where's my invite?'" Steinhauer said. "You'll have that."

Utilize friends and family talents. Do you have friends or family who arrange flowers, bake cakes, create beautiful centerpieces, play music, or take photos? Ask if they are willing to help. Many will be honored you asked and may even offer their services at a discount or as your wedding gift.

Remember that your wedding is just that...your wedding. Don't feel pressured to make it anything but what you and your fiancé desire. Surround yourself with those who will honor your plans. Support from friends and family who can help you stick to your budget, honor your values, and offer creative ideas will be invaluable.

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The Dress

Buying a dress that fits off the rack will significantly reduce the cost. Consider browsing dresses in the prom section to find a beautiful dress for a fraction of the price.

The Wedding Party

Save your wedding party some money by selecting a dress and suit your bridesmaids and groomsmen can realistically wear again. Having a piece that won't get pushed to the back of the closet never to be worn again will be better than any gift.

The Vendors

Request quotes from your vendors early. Many vendors will offer early bird discounts if you book them far enough in advance. Get quotes in writing for anything you think you may want. If rates go up, many vendors will honor the original quote even though a 30-day expiration is stated.

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Hauser, Ramage announce engagement

Christa Ann Hauser and David Anthony Ramage, both of Evansville, are happy to announce their engagement.

Christa is the daughter of Connie Hauser and the late Bob Hauser of Osgood. She is a 2009 graduate of Jac-Cen-Del Jr. Sr. High School and a 2013 graduate of Purdue University. Her maternal grandparents are Sharon and Roger Linkmeyer and the late James Biddle of Napoleon. Her paternal grandparents are Bob and Clara Smith of Holton and

the late Roabert Hauser of Lawrenceburg.

David is the son of Jack Ramage and Wanda David of Evansville. He is a 2008 graduate of Central High School. His maternal grandparents are Charlene and Tony Thomas. His paternal grandparents are Shirley and Richard Ramage.

The couple are planning to be married at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at the New Harmony Inn in New Harmony, Indiana.



Christa Hauser and David Ramage

Mozingo, Canada wed in Tennessee



Mr. and Mrs. David Canada

Connie Mozingo and David Ray Canada Jr. were married January 31, 2019 in LaVergne Tennessee at the LaVergne Freewill Baptist Church.

The couple was both born at the Decatur County Memorial Hospital in Greensburg.

They were married during the Polar Vortex on David's 44th birthday. They are both very active in their church, LaVergne Freewill Baptist Church. "We love serving our Lord and Saviour," they noted.

The couple is planning a honeymoon to the Smoky Mountains this spring.



Did you know?

A first dance song at the wedding reception often sets the tone for the upcoming festivities and can exemplify just how newlyweds feel about each other. Couples may agonize over which song to choose, but there are many different resources available that can help couples narrow down their options. Spotify, the popular streaming music service, has compiled a list of the most popular wedding songs, based on global respondents. Their top pick was "Perfect," by Ed Sheeran, a song that many might suspect was composed with wedding dances in mind. Sheeran's "Thinking Out Loud," Etta James' "At Last," John Legend's "All of Me," and Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling in Love" filled out the remaining top five spots on Spotify's list.

Schoettmer, Eaton plan June wedding

Alex Schoettmer and Hannah Eaton, Batesville, were engaged December 8, 2017. The wedding is planned for June 8, 2019.

Alex graduated from Jac-Cen-Del in 2014 and works

at Bandy Carroll Heilige Advertising in Louisville, KY.

Hannah graduated from Jac-Cen-Del in 2016 and is in nursing school at Indiana University Southeast.



Alex Schoettmer and Hannah Eaton

How to handle rain on your wedding day

Brides and grooms fear the prospects of rainy wedding days. But even couples who have contended with everything from a few drops to an all-out deluge on their wedding days look back fondly on the ceremonies and receptions. In fact, how couples handle any precipitation can affect how happy the festivities may be.

- Have a rainy day game plan. Rain affects outdoor weddings more than any other type of ceremony or reception. If the goal is to exchange vows outdoors, work with the venue to make this possible with a tent or gazebo.

- Invest in golf umbrellas. Couples who live in notoriously damp climates can purchase golf umbrellas, which tend to be larger than the average umbrella, and keep them stationed in decorated stands to ease transitions between wedding sites and keep everyone as dry as possible.

- Wear waterproof cosmetics. Women in the bridal party, including the bride, can ask their makeup artists to use durable, waterproof

products. This can help salvage beautifully composed looks should some drops begin to fall.

- Know vendors' rain policies. Some live musicians will not play in damp weather. Florists may need to make accommodations for arrangements blowing in the wind.

- Move past it quickly. It is okay to get upset if the weather turns for the worse. But don't dwell on it. Guests will sense negative energy, and couples should set the tone of sticking it through despite a little adversity — which can be a good lesson for the marriage as well.

- Embrace the rain. While a couple probably won't wish for rain, there are some benefits to overcast skies, say the wedding professionals at Brides magazine. Flowers are less likely to wilt in rainy conditions. In the absence of bright sunlight, outdoor photographs can really pop.

Don't let rain on a wedding day become a drag. With preparation and perspective, couples can handle rainy wedding days.

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High school sweethearts announce engagement

Caleb Huntington, son of Greg and Karen Huntington and Rebekah and Chuck Gunter of Versailles, and Courtney McGuire, daughter of Grant and Joni McGuire of Versailles have announced their engagement.

Caleb and Courtney are graduates of South Ripley High School where they were high school sweethearts.

Caleb is currently pursuing a career in Occupational Therapy Assisting and Courtney is going back to school for Physical Therapy Assisting.



Caleb Huntington and Courtney McGuire



Morgan Widener and Caleb Vinup

Widener, Vinup plan fall wedding

The engagement of Morgan Widener and Caleb Vinup is being announced by the couples' parents, Monica and Eric Widener and Ameia Schwagmeier and Jeremy Vinup, all of Milan.

Morgan and Caleb are 2016 graduates of Milan

High School. Morgan is a retail manager at Wal-Mart and Caleb works for Widener drywall and plastering.

The high school sweethearts are planning an October 19, 2019 wedding at the Dearborn Country Club.

Trowbridge, Kinne exchange nuptials

Becky Trowbridge of Versailles, and Adam Kinne of St. John, were united in marriage on October 1, 2018 at the Indy Hostel, Indianapolis with Joseph Broman officiating.

Bridesmaids were: Megan Webb, Ally Conner, and Lauren Wesley.

Groomsmen were: Matt Hoover-Kinne, Jon Kinne, and Adam Flint. The ushers were John Trowbridge and Matt Prowant.

Bryan and Terri Trowbridge of Versailles are the parents of the bride. Deanna and the late Ron Trowbridge of Versailles are the grandparents of the bride. The groom's parents are Mark and Sue Kinne of St. John.



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kinne

Get schooled on wedding terminology

Couples about to embark on their wedding journeys will likely learn a thing or two about party planning once their engagements are over and they are newly married. Wedding planning can seem overwhelming and a tad confusing at times, but a crash course in wedding terminology can help couples make more informed choices along the way.

- Blusher: A short, single-layer veil that covers the bride's face before the ceremony.

- Boutonniere: A single flower bud worn by the men in the bridal party.

- Canapés: Bite-sized appetizers served during the cocktail hour of a reception.

- Civil ceremony: A marriage ceremony conducted by a council official or justice of the peace at a municipal location rather than in a house of worship.

- Cocktail hour: Typically an hour-long interlude between the wedding ceremony and the main dinner of the reception. Guests have time to arrive and mingle before being seated.

- Corkage fee: A fee some establishments charge to allow guests to bring their own wine.

- Dais: A podium or platform raised from the floor

where the bride and groom are seated.

- Deposit: A percentage of the total cost of service given to a vendor to secure a date for their services.

- Dragées: Round, small edible balls of sugar that appear on wedding cakes.

- Escort (seating) cards: Printed cards that direct reception guests to their seats.

- Fondant: A sweet, pliable product used to decoratively cover layered cakes. It can be used in lieu of straight buttercream.

- Handle wrap: Ribbon or fabric that wraps around the stems of a bouquet the bride

and wedding party carries.

- Maid/matron of honor: The title given to the woman who assists the bride and stands closest to her at the altar. "Maids" are those who are unmarried, while "matrons" are women who are.

- Master of ceremonies: An individual who will work with the DJ or band to announce the various components of the wedding reception.

- Nosegay: A small bouquet or flower arrangement typically given to the mothers of the bride and groom before the ceremony.

- Processional/Reces-

sional: Musical pieces that mark the entrance and exit from the wedding ceremony.

- Receiving line: A line of the key people in the wedding who welcome and greet guests.

- Stationery: All of the paper products used at the wedding, including invitations, programs and enclosures.

- Tablescape: A word that describes the multiple components of centerpiece designs.

Learning some basic wedding terminology can simplify wedding planning.



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Mathes, Salyer united in marriage

Aaron and Sara (Mathes) Salyer were united in marriage on October 20, 2018 in Versailles.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Beth Mathes of Versailles. The groom is the son of Chris and Jenny Salyer.

Pastor Doug Norman officiated the wedding. Photography was by Rachel Wright.



Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Salyer

Wedding registry tips

Building a wedding registry is a task unlike any other couples may encounter during their lifetimes. Wedding registries are invaluable resources that provide engaged couples’ loved ones with gift suggestions. In spite of that value, couples may find it daunting and even a little uncomfortable to build their wedding registries.

Building a wedding registry can feel like walking a tightrope. Couples likely won’t want to ask for too much or for gifts that are too expensive, but a poorly built registry can be a major inconvenience for guests. The following tips can help couples build adequate registries that benefit them without asking too much of their guests.

- Register with more than one store. It’s important to register with more than one store. Doing so makes things as convenient as possible for guests and increases the chances they will be able to shop at stores they’re familiar with. Unless your guest list is predominantly local, try to register with at least one national chain so guests who live in different regions can shop for gifts in-person if they prefer to do so.
- Make a large list. Some couples are hesitant to make large wedding registries, feeling that doing so gives the impression that they’re asking for too much. But large registries simply give guests more options to choose from. Many industry insiders advise registering for two to three gifts per guest. That might seem like a lot, but guests will appreciate having all of those options.
- Don’t hesitate to include expensive items on your registry. Couples also may be hesitant to include especially expensive items



on their wedding registries. However, the couples’ parents and other close relatives may be honored to purchase more expensive items, so couples should not feel embarrassed to include them on their lists. It’s also important to note that many retailers, after couples’ wedding days have come and gone, discount registry items that weren’t purchased. So even if no one purchases the more expensive items, including them on a registry may significantly reduce their cost for couples who want to buy such items themselves after tying the knot.

- Vary the prices of items on the list. In addition to including more expensive items on the registry, make

sure to include moderately priced and inexpensive items. This gives guests more options and ensures guests who might be spending a lot to travel to and from the wedding can still purchase gifts without digging too much deeper into their pockets.

- Periodically update the registries. Periodically update your registries to remove items you have already received and to add items if many of the less expensive ones have already been purchased. This also makes things more convenient for guests.

Building a wedding registry is a unique task that couples can embrace as their wedding day draws near.



Did you know?

Should a person hear that a couple “tied the knot,” it’s immediately known that they got married. But just when and where does the term “tying the knot” come from? The phrase “tying the knot” is steeped in tradition, though the origins of the phrase remain open for debate. One origin story states that tying the knot can be traced back to the Roman empire, when brides wore girdles that were tied in knots, and the groom had to eventually untie those knots to consummate the marriage. Tying the knot also may be traced to the custom of handfasting. The marriage contract was established between a bride and a groom by joining their hands together and tying them. Although accounts vary as to whether the hands were tied only during the ceremony or later, this is believed to be an ancient Renaissance or Celtic tradition. Others speculate that the phrase traces its origins to Hindu weddings in which brides and grooms tied a necklace of flowers as part of wedding tradition. Yet another theory suggests that the phrase can be traced back to the knotted string that supported beds prior to the use of metal springs. Therefore, in order to make a marriage bed, couples first needed to tie the knot. Knots also represent a difficult-to-break bond, which is why they have long been associated with marriage. In one unity tradition, couples may braid or knot together three strands, with one representing the bride, one symbolizing the groom and the third representing God as they join together in faith. Similarly, the phrase “getting hitched” is associated with knot-tying as well. The saying implies that two people are being tied together just like a horse is tied, or hitched, to a wagon.

Wedding dress fitting guide

Because fashion preferences were once ornate and dependent on precise fits, ready-to-wear clothing really did not become widely available until the early 20th century. Such attire is now available in just about any retail store.

Because ready-to-wear clothing is so readily available, the average person may be unfamiliar with custom-made or tailored items. In fact, a couples’ wedding may be the only instance in their lives when they require the services of a seamstress or tailor.

Fittings are a part of wedding planning, and here’s how brides-to-be can navigate the process of finding and being fitted for a dress.

- Try on sample gowns.

The first step is to make your rounds to various gown shops and try on the samples they have available. Most sample sizes will not be the size you wear every day, so expect them to be ill-fitting. Do not be discouraged. Once a gown is chosen, the dress shop will take your measurements and order the gown according to the manufacturer’s sizing guide. Again, this can be shocking, since the size will likely be larger than what you wear in street clothes.

- Schedule the first fitting. The first fitting should be anywhere from eight to 12 weeks before the wedding date. This is the time it takes to complete most standard alterations. Complex customizations can take even longer. Brides should also budget a minimum of \$500 for alterations, which may or may not be included in the price of the dress.
- Bring shoes and undergarments. Remember to bring along the exact shoes and undergarments you will wear with your gown. A

change in shoes or bra/corset can result in the alterations fitting poorly the next time. Bring these items along to all subsequent fittings.

- Speak up. Martha Stewart Weddings suggests speaking up at fittings if anything is uncomfortable or needs tweaking. Seamstresses are masters at their crafts, but only if they understand the desires of the bride.
- Check the details. The second fitting is designed to check that all issues from the first fitting have been addressed, the gown is comfortable and you can move freely. At the last fitting, ask the maid of honor to come along so that she understands how to bustle or help you handle complicated straps or closures.

Open communication with a seamstress and bridal shop can ensure brides-to-be get a dress that fits like a glove.

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