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It is our 10th issue of Tennessee Valley Brides Magazine, and what a crazy 10th year it has been. 2020 has held some tough times and the wedding industry was hit hard. State regulations changed what we get to call a celebration and wedding, but the brides of 2020 chose to always see the bright side. I have loved seeing how weddings have evolved over the past few years, but this year brides were forced to have smaller crowds, wear masks, and even caterers had to improvise on how to serve guests at a reception. Even though extreme measures had to be taken, the beautiful photos in our local brides section don't show it. A few brides have gone into more detail about how they had to adjust plans for their special day; hopefully you can learn a thing or two if you are in the middle of planning your wedding.

Our cover bride, Hannah Stockton, created a dreamy wedding at her parents' home in February and we have pages full of her beautiful photos to share. Cake and drinks are always at the top of a bride's list to pick out for her reception, so we caught up with Tina Miller Parker of Bellaria Cakes by Tina, and Brent and Jade Kennamer from All Shook Up to find out the latest trends that they are serving up at receptions in the Tennessee Valley.

This issue has a great planning checklist for newly engaged couples, and a helpful guide that covers who pays for what when it comes to expenses, and so much more! This year's magazine is special for many reasons but seeing each edition get better than the last is something we hope for, and I think our team did just that this year!

I would like to say a special thank you to all of the beautiful brides in our 2020 local brides section that chose to share their wedding with us and you. From meeting new advertisers, planning and coordinating each story, and seeing everything come together, this year has been amazing even during a pandemic. Each local bride took the extra step to make their day unique and memorable. Brides-to-be, this is the perfect place to share your wedding with your friends, family and all the Tennessee Valley area so they can be inspired by your ideas and details.

I love meeting new brides, and I look forward to helping you share your special day with the Tennessee Valley.



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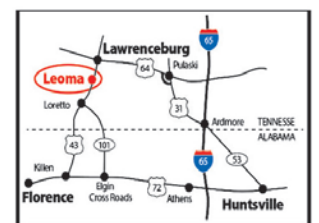
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STOCKTON FAMILY HOME, RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA

hannah stockton

carson hutchins

Hannah Kaye Stockton and Carson Judson Hutchins were married February 22, 2020 at 4:30 in the afternoon in a lovely outdoor ceremony held at the home of the bride's parents with Guy Estave officiating. The reception followed at the Stockton home.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Beth Stockton of Russellville. She is the granddaughter of the late Titus and Betty Stockton of Russellville, Kaye May Rogers of

Tuscumbia, and the late Jimmy May of Russellville.

Miss Stockton received a Bachelor of Science degree in speech pathology, RN, Master's in Nursing degree from the University of Tennessee and Lincoln Memorial University. She is currently employed as a psychiatric nurse practitioner at Helen Ross McNabb Center in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The groom is the son of Cindy Ikerd and Joe Hutchins of

Russellville. He is the grandson of the late Grover and Jeanette Hutchins and the late Bonnie and James Whitfield, all of Russellville.

Mr. Hutchins is a graduate of The University of Alabama with a Bachelor's in Business Administration degree. He is currently a Realtor at Realty Executives in Knoxville, Tennessee, and window specialist at Builder's First Source in Knoxville, Tennessee.



Maid of honor was Katie Hester, best friend of the bride, and matrons of honor were Rebekkah Dunford and Anna Grace Gentry, cousins of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ashley Lawhorn, Brittany Taylor, Jenna Segers, Lauren Flanagan, Shelby Ballard, Shelby Frame, Whitney Vincent, Shay Crawford, all friends of the bride, and Rachel Mitchell, sister of the groom.

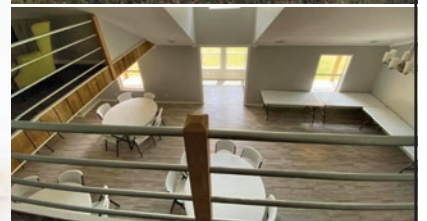


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Flower girls were Sadie Grace Gentry, cousin of the bride, and Amelia Mitchell, niece of the groom.

Best man was Trey Wooten, best friend and cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Kiefer Rea, Jake Ward, Brett Guzay, Jack Davis, Phil Moore, Patrick Dunford, all friends of the groom, and Scott Mitchell, brother-in-law of the groom. Ring bearer was Landon Dunford, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Lauren Boston. Floral designer was Carmalita Coan. Caterer was Jill Larkin of Jill's Sweet Memories. Ceremony music was provided by Karley Cornelius and Annette Harman, and The Groove Factor entertained guests at the reception. Other special helpers were Party Pros, Mullins Special Occasions, Counts Brothers, Smooth Carriage Services of Albany, Mississippi, Singing River Sweets, Home James Golf Cart Services.

The bride's dress and the bridesmaids dresses were from Bridals by Lori. Groom and groomsmen's attire was from Coats Clothing Co. and Samuel Windsor. Hair stylists were Tammy Hutcheson, Mallory Owen, and Taylor Atkinson, and make-up artist was Corey Nichols of Makeup by Corey. Photographer was April Warhurst and videographer was Awaken Films.

After a honeymoon in Bora Bora, French Polynesia, the couple is now residing in Knoxville, Tennessee.


"My husband and I met in first grade when his mom was my teacher. We were in the same grade and became very good friends. I moved to Tennessee after high school and later he moved to Tennessee. We got connected with each other again eight years after high school and decided to get married. After our wedding, we found out that Carson's grandfather was actually a groomsman in my grandfather's wedding! What a small world we live in!" – Hannah



"I love velvet and I love green, one of my favorite lines in my favorite movie, "Gone With the Wind," is when Scarlett says "they'll be pea green with envy" and I always LOVED her green velvet gown in that movie. I think green is an elegant color and it's a perfect winter color." – Hannah

"The only two things I knew I wanted before shopping for my wedding dress were that I wanted it to be made of tulle and have long sleeves. I love all of the detail of the diamonds and pearls in the mesh of the gown. I also loved the diamonds studded all around the end of my veil. My earrings were earrings I wore in high school in a pageant and that was the only jewelry I wanted." – Hannah





"When I met with my florist I told her I only wanted white and greenery. I felt like colors would take away from everything else. I searched a long time to find the right combination of flowers. I found what are called king proteas, and Carmelita certainly earned her money trying to hunt these down. I also knew I wanted anemones incorporated in everything as well as the boutonnières. I wanted thistle and eucalyptus from the beginning and Carmelita pulled it all off." – Hannah



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“There are many things that are special about my parents. My dad is stubborn and anyone who knows him, knows this and I was worried how he would respond to things and prices, lol, but he never said no to anything I asked for our wedding and that is part of what made the day so special. My mom is so talented and made so many things at our wedding from the table setting and napkin rings to the flower girls’ fur shawls. I think the main reason I waited longer than most of my friends to get married is because I would never settle for anything less than the type of marriage my parents have. Their marriage is special in how they’ve shown me what I deserve and how to make a marriage last.” – Hannah





"The cake I chose was one of the first cakes I saw when I was searching. I love abstract art and to me the way the colors ran together was simple but elegant. I have a tendency to like things that are different and this was it for me. The topper was something I thought about for a while, again, I like things different and I just couldn't find any kind of normal cake topper that I liked. So, I worked with this company online and gave them pictures of every detail of myself and Carson and every step of the way they showed me what they were doing and now it sits in our kitchen as a beautiful reminder of our special day. We also didn't do any kind of taste testing because we weren't in town to do so, so I just chose to have each layer different." – Hannah



"I wanted to be able to see the sky and stars so the clear tent was a must. It felt very open and that is what I wanted the everything that day." – Hannah



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GO OUT WITH A BANG!

by CECILIA BRUMLEY

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Amazing photo ops aside, the celebratory wedding exit is an age-old tradition. In fact, there are two opportunities to make a grand exit — after the ceremony during the post-“I do”s recessional, or at the end of the night when you’re leaving the reception. Want the best of both worlds? Make the ceremony exit into a fun moment, then organize a grand getaway for your event’s finale. Of all the joyful moments on a wedding day, none is quite as unabashedly happy as the bride and groom parading through the crowd of their loved ones as husband and wife. With the help of sparklers, bubbles, flower petals, and confetti, these amazing ceremony exits and reception send-off photos are picture perfect.



We love the unique ways modern couples are choosing to end their receptions. After all, pretty exits not only look like fun, but they often make for some pretty epic photos. If you're thinking about finishing your celebration with one, we've rounded up some of the best ideas to consider — everything from ribbon wands and massive sparklers to a bevy of balloons are all fair game. Want to ride off in style instead? You'll find vehicles for your motorized exit — but whether you go by land or by sea is entirely up to you. The one thing all of these exits have in common? They'll ensure that the party ends on a high note.

A couple of tips before we begin: First, always clear your wedding send-off idea with your venue. Second, we highly recommend coordinating with your planner to seamlessly pull off whatever exit idea you choose.

Have to keep the venue grounds clean? No worries, we've got you! Consider brightly colored ribbon wedding wands. Guests can wave them as you walk their way. Cheerful and colorful — without the mess.

Sparklers have pretty much become the new normal as far as wedding send-offs go. We can totally see why. They make for dreamy photos, guests love them, and they offer attainable opulence.



TNT Fireworks put on an amazing show to finalize Carson and Alex's special day.

Petals and confetti are always at the top of the list too. Beautiful photos and the fun atmosphere of being showered with beautiful colors are always a favorite.

All eyes are on you as you walk down the aisle, have your first dance, and cut into your wedding cake. So why should the last few minutes of your big day be any different? Go out with a bang! The end of the reception is a time to celebrate all the fun that's been had and that you're about to embark on the next chapter of your life as newlyweds. Signal that pivotal moment with an organized send-off outside your venue or a cool getaway car. Better yet? Consider both.



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Favorable favors

by CECILIA BRUMLEY

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Treating your guests to wedding favors is definitely not a requirement when it comes to your big day, but it's a nice way to say thanks to those who joined you in celebrating. That being said, there are some types of wedding favors that are guaranteed favorites (like cookies and other sweets), while some favors might run the risk of being left behind on your reception tables — probably not your end goal after spending

time and money to pick them out. To help you find ideas that everyone at your wedding will want to take home, we're sharing the best types of wedding favors that continue to knock it out of the park year after year.

Wedding vendors have seen it all, which makes them the perfect candidates to ask about the types of presents people actually want to take home at the end of the night.

If you're in the process of finalizing these wedding details, read on to see what wedding experts have seen, planned and experienced as they give us the scoop on what they'd love to receive as favors!

Treat guests to a taste of your favorite food by sending them home with jars of gourmet sauces, olive oils, preserves, or homemade jams. Whether you have your own secret recipe for the best apple butter in



Something to eat is always a treat for your special guests.

town or you're obsessed with the hot sauce from a local Mexican restaurant, guests will appreciate this personal (and yummy) sentiment. Package the goodies in decorative jars or bottles and top them off with custom labels for a pretty presentation.

One of the best ways to ensure that your guests don't leave empty-handed is to let them make their own favors. A build-your-own popcorn station is a fun option for guests of all ages and allows people to pick and choose based on their personal tastes, meaning there's something for everyone! Invest in decorative jars, bags, and metal scoops

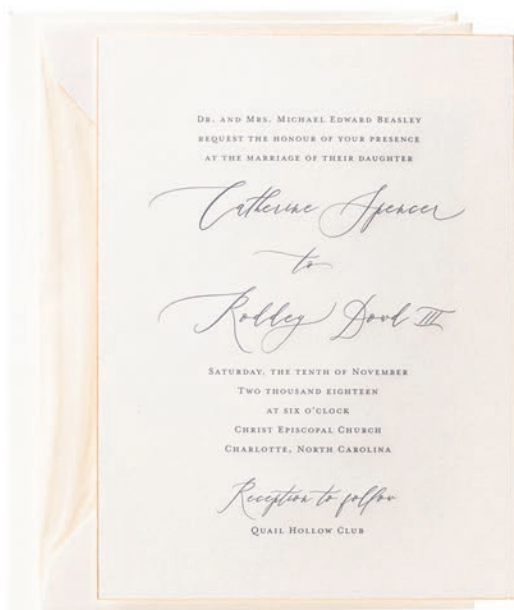
to add to the experience while tying into your wedding style. Candy stations and dessert tables are two popular alternatives to this idea.

Offer personalized koozies to go along with your signature cocktail and other refreshments on the big day. Not only will guests end up using them throughout the entire reception, but they can take them home at the end of the night and continue using them for years to come.

If koozies aren't your style, why not try customized glassware? Shot glasses are a go-to option, but we also love



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pint glasses, wine glasses (stemless ones are less fragile!), champagne flutes, or even ceramic mugs for coffee and tea lovers.

Edible favors are always a hit, and your guests won't be able to resist grabbing a cookie (or two) to take home at the end of the night. Ask your wedding cake baker to design custom cookies that you can give to everyone as a sweet treat. We love the idea of personalizing them with your names, color scheme, wedding date, and creative shapes.

Macarons started out as a trend, but they've since become one of the best types of wedding favors for classic couples or anyone getting married at an elegant venue. They're just as tasty as cake and cookies, but their Parisian vibe makes them feel infinitely fancier. You can find macarons in a ton of flavors and colors, and they can also be customized by adding your initials or other motif on top using edible ink.

Do you love to garden or are you inviting a lot of guests with green thumbs? Seed packets are the gifts that keep on giving! Garden-inspired items, like plantable paper confetti, bird seed ornaments, and packets of herb or wildflower seeds, are perfect types of wedding favors for eco-friendly couples. Personalized labels show that you put plenty of thought into the process.

Lavender, rosemary or sage, and sweet smells of honey and oatmeal are always a big hit. Handmade soaps have a seductive fragrance and feel great on the skin. These favors can be personalized to reflect your wedding style. Every single guest will want one (or maybe two – order a few extra just to be on the safe side).

As you can see the sky is the limit when it comes to wedding favors but these are some of the most favorable that have been seen at weddings here in the Tennessee Valley lately.



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It's All About the Cake



Dress Venue Cake

by CECILIA BRUMLEY
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As shocking as it sounds picking out a wedding cake is harder than you think and a top priority for most brides. Wedding cakes have taken their own role in weddings over the past few years. Cakes reflect the couple's personality; they tie all the main elements of the day together; and are normally center stage when you enter a reception.

Every guest will see a cake and get a quick opinion about it, and some will stick around the reception a little longer just to get a slice of the main attraction. Recently, I caught up with Tina Miller Parker, owner of Bellaria Cakes by Tina here in the Shoals. Tina owns her own legal practice in Florence and after being asked to make a cake for

a friend she found a new love, hobby and side hustle that is pleasing to the taste buds and the eye. Tina's cakes are custom to the dreams of the bride and groom. We wanted to hear more about her love for baking and what a bride and groom need to know before selecting one of the most important elements of their big day!

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👤 How did you get into baking and specializing in wedding cakes?

👤 Funny story. My sister-in-law, Stephanie, asked me in the spring of 2018 if I would be willing to attempt a custom cake for my nephew's high school graduation. It was pretty elaborate with two modeling chocolate toppers, a lion (Brooks High) and Aubie, the mascot of Auburn University, where he would be going to college. It took me forever to decorate it, but in the end, it turned out fairly well and was a big hit. After the party, I began getting requests for other birthday cakes, and in 2019, I decided to make it official. I am now licensed under Alabama's Cottage Food Law.


👤 Did you have any formal training in baking and cake decorating?


👤 No! I am completely self taught. As a lawyer, I'm a researcher by nature. I spent countless



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hours reading blogs from professional bakers, watching instructional YouTube videos, and perusing Pinterest for inspiration. I took a food safety class. And then I practiced until I felt confident enough in my skills to offer my products to the public.

 Do you ever see this as a full-time job for you or do you limit yourself each year?

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● What is the process you go through with a bride when they contact you and inquire about a wedding cake?

● I try and learn all I can about their wedding vision, their theme, venue, flowers, and colors. Sometimes a bride knows exactly what they want before they contact me, and others prefer that I guide them. Sometimes, the hardest decision for them is choosing what flavor(s) they want because as a from-scratch baker, my flavor list is virtually endless! Many of my clients will choose different flavors for each tier of the cake so their guests have options, but I would say that the majority of them prefer a traditional flavor like almond or vanilla white cake.

● What do you think is the latest trend in wedding cakes?

● In our area, most of my brides opt for a timeless white cake with my from-scratch buttercream and adorned with fresh flowers. But I also enjoy when brides want to color outside the lines. I have created wedding cakes with metallics, geodes, buttercream rosettes, edible lace, and various colors, including an all-black cake for a Halloween reception.

● What do you suggest to assist a couple in selecting a cake for their wedding day?



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👤 What size cake is the most popular?

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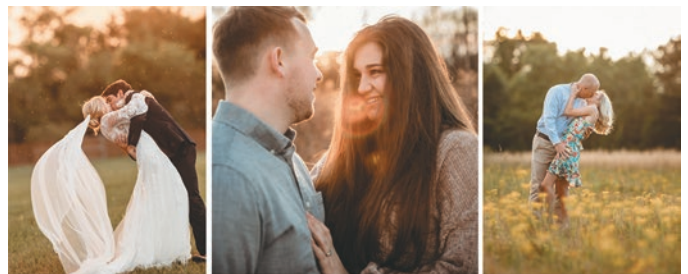


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by CECILIA BRUMLEY

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Wedding Planning Timeline



checklist

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- Pick a date
- Determine your budget
- Choose the style of your wedding
- Select your wedding party
- Book your photographer and schedule engagement photos
- Start compiling guest list
- Research venues for your ceremony and reception
- Create and order Save the Dates



- Mail Save the Dates
- Research florist
- Book ceremony and reception venues
- Book officiant
- Book desired vendors
- Purchase wedding dress and veil



- Research hotels near your venue and reserve a block of rooms for out-of-town guests
- Finalize guest list
- Choose bridesmaid attire and accessories
- Register for gifts
- Book florist



- Decide on wedding cake style and flavor
- Research hair and makeup, and book a trial run and wedding day appointment
- Meet with your officiant and plan ceremony
- Start planning honeymoon!
- Choose groom's and groomsmen attire
- Book transportation to and from venue
- Purchase wedding bands
- Book rehearsal dinner venue
- Research wedding invitation design



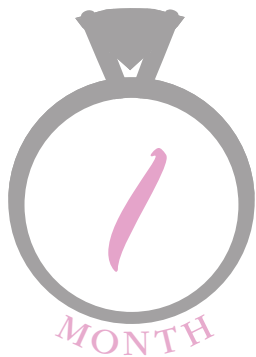
- Order wedding invitations
- Order wedding cake
- Block honeymoon flights and hotels
- Work with florist to decide on flowers
- Plan welcome bags for out-of-town guests
- Schedule dress fittings and alterations
- Decide on a playlist (include a do-not-play list) for your DJ or band



- Finalize timeline for ceremony and reception
- Order gifts for your bridal party, parents, and for each other
- Finalize reception menu with caterer
- Order menu cards
- Order rehearsal dinner invitations



- Mail invitations
- Develop system for organizing RSVPs
- Review ceremony details with officiant
- Decide on content for programs
- Apply for marriage license
- Finalize seating arrangements
- Create a schedule for your wedding day to distribute to vendors
- Order welcome bags



- Attend final dress fitting
- Pick up wedding rings
- Confirm honeymoon reservations and pack
- Check in with vendors to confirm details
- Pick up marriage license



- Make sure everything is laid out and packed for your wedding day. (Essentials include: wedding dress, rings, and marriage license)
- Deliver welcome bags to hotels
- Get mani/pedi
- Attend wedding rehearsal and dinner
- Get your beauty sleep. Don't stay up too late!



- Eat healthy, hearty breakfast
- Give best man wedding rings and officiant fee
- Take a deep breath and relax! It is time to enjoy the day you've spent so much time planning!

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Who pays for what?

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When "YES" is said, the word that follows it is normally "BUDGET."

Tradition is sometimes thrown out the window with changing times and brides and grooms being older when they get married. Financial responsibilities when it comes to planning and paying for the wedding sometimes get blurred and the question "Who pays for what?" can often come up. Here is a traditional guideline for who will pay the bill when it comes to your wedding vendors. There are no rules that say these must be followed, but knowing ahead of time will help you plan your budget.

Bride and Family

- Ceremony venue fees
- Bride's dress and accessories
- Floral arrangements for ceremony and reception
- Flowers for bridal party and flower girls
- Photographer and Videographer
- Ceremony musicians/soloist fees
- All reception venue and services except for DJ and Bar
- Groom's ring
- All stationery and day of paper goods (ceremony programs, menu cards, etc.)
- Transportation for bridal party and/or guests

Groom and Family

- Marriage license
- Ceremony officiant fee
- Brides bouquet and corsages for mothers and grandmothers
- Boutonnieres for groomsmen and fathers
- Honeymoon
- Rehearsal Dinner
- Reception DJ and Bar
- Brides Rings

Bridal Party

- Bridal Shower
- Bachelorette party
- Their own travel and attire expenses
- Bridal shower and bachelorette gifts

Groomsmen

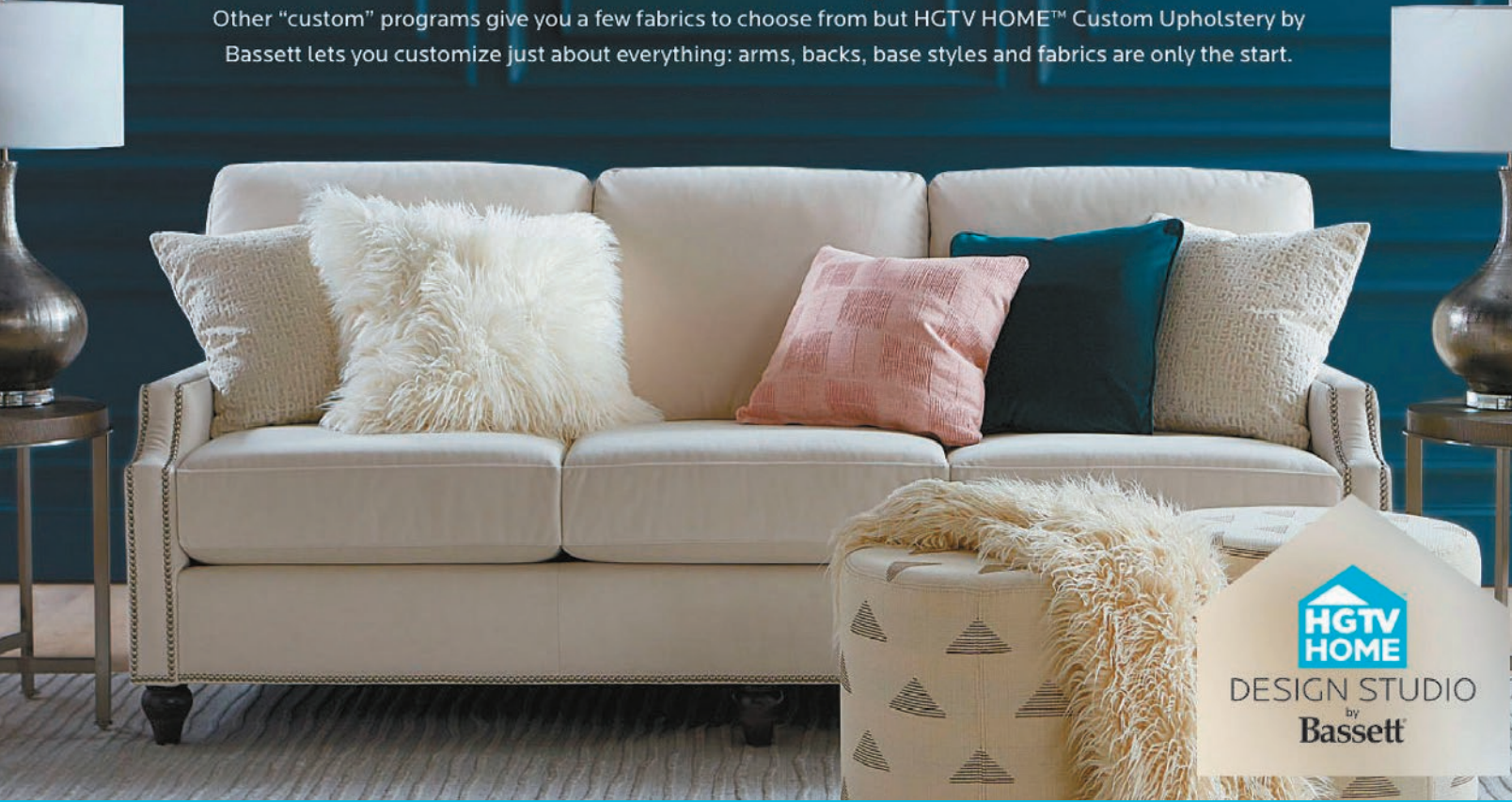
- Bachelor Party
- Their own travel and attire expenses
- Wedding gift for the couple

Attendants

- Their own travel and attire expenses

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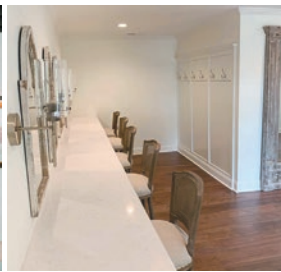
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Jenkins, Whitten

Gracie Jenkins and Davis Whitten were married August 29, 2020 at 5:30 in the afternoon at Graystone Quarry in Franklin, Tenn. with Greg Davis officiating. A reception followed at Graystone Quarry.

The bride is the daughter of Adam and Chasity Jenkins of Tusculum. She is the granddaughter of Wayne and Beverly Jenkins of Michie, Tenn. and Linda Felks of Florence.

The groom is the son of Rick and Rebecca East and the late Kenneth Whitten of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of Maxine Shelhamer and the late Ronald Shelhamer and Earl and Gail Evans, all of Muscle Shoals.

The bride chose an Alexandra Grecco gown from Dress Theory in Nashville, Tenn., along with a Sara Gabriel veil, Bella Belle shoes, a.b. Ellie earrings, and Twings and Honey hair pins.

Maid of honor was Hannah Jenkins, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kaitlyn Richardson, Kaitlyn Stepp, Keely Templeton, friends of the bride, and Meredith Jenkins, sister of the bride. Flower girl was Ainslee Shelhamer, cousin of the groom.

Best man was the groom's brother, Derrick East. Groomsmen were Brent Butler, Cameron Gautney, Ben Johnson, and Houston Calvert, all friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Madison Peters. Floral designer was Enchanted Florist in Nashville. Ceremony music was provided by violinist Lauren Conklin. Caterer for the reception was Catering and Events by Suzette. The wedding cake was made by Dessert Designs by Leland. Josh Hearing entertained guests at the reception. Hair stylist was Brittany Hart of Salon Mod in Florence and makeup artist was Amanda Gros of Nashville. Photographer was Sommer Hamilton of Saving Grace Photography and videographer was Bear Wallow Film Company.

For their honeymoon the couple stayed at the Sugar Beach Resort in St. Lucia. They are now residing in Madison.

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Hughes, Keeton







Our story:

Mark and I met in the fall of 2007. While at UNA, we would go on to play lead romantic interests on the stage for two shows (*The Diviners* and *Hamlet*). From that point, our lives would join and separate and cross for almost a decade. Finally in December of 2016, our paths crossed and the timing was perfect. We've been together since.

While dating, he knew I had a dream to start a small theatre company in Florence. In the summer of 2018, we saw that dream come true and started P3 Theatre Company. In May of 2019, our company was approaching its one year anniversary and we needed some new tech equipment. He reached out to our alma mater to see if they had any microphones that our company could borrow or buy. He scheduled a meeting with them on May 15th at 6:30pm. I knew it as nothing other than a theatre business meeting. He knew it as the meeting that would change our world. I had absolutely no idea he was planning to propose that evening. Mark has always told me he knew the way he wanted to propose, but he didn't know how to make it happen. He would add, It's how I envisioned proposing to you in college. I always thought it would be at Stephano's, the place we had our first date during *Hamlet* (which is another reason I had no idea it was happening). When we arrived at Norton Auditorium, I was in complete business mode. He said he was told we needed to meet the technical director on stage left of the theatre. These specific directions were given to make sure I would walk across the stage. As we walked the stage holding hands, he said, I bet the last time we were on this stage was during a show in college. I looked out into the audience and reflected on how sweet that thought was. But I was also very excited about new microphones for our company, so I quickly moved on. The very next moment the whole auditorium went black. I had absolutely no clue what was happening. A spot light came up on us. I turned and Mark Keeton was down on one knee asking, Chelsea Ann Hughes, will you marry me? I was so shocked that I kept repeating, Are you kidding me? He even had to ask me again, because I kept saying, You're kidding me! After his second proposal, I answered with a very proud, ABSOLUTELY! And just like that, I accepted my dream role.

Mark and I had chosen elopement long before Corona was a part of our daily vocabulary. We wanted to make sure our day was solely about us and our love. We both love travel, so incorporating it into our big day was easy. After solidifying that an elopement is what we wanted for our day, our next goal was to find a photographer. Lucky for us we had some talented friends in the business, Jessie and Ben Skipworth. Fun fact: Jessie actually photographed my sister Kate's wedding and Ben was our videographer AND officiant. We settled on our location on the Pacific Northwest Coast and stayed in a little bungalow in Crescent City, CA. This location gave us the opportunity to have our first look in the giant Redwoods of Cali and then took a drive up HWY 101 to the Oregon Coast for our ceremony at Secret Beach. As cliché as it might sound, it was the most magical day of our lives!

After our elopement, we headed to Alaska to chase the Northern Lights. We stayed in a tiny town outside of Fairbanks at a remote place called Borealis Basecamp. We slept in a small igloo (only 15 total on the property) with a see-through ceiling so you can view the lights from the comfort of your bed! Upon arrival, we found out that the owners were actually from Alabama. We never imagined when we asked what part of Alabama that they would say, Killen. What a small world! Basecamp was a once-in-lifetime kind of honeymoon with dog sledding, four wheeling in the snow, feeding reindeer, and some of the most delicious food! We hit the biggest jackpot with our elopement/ honeymoon.

Ceremony photos by Jessie and Ben Skipworth
Reception photos byt Abraham Rowe Photography



Even though we knew we wanted an intimate elopement, we also knew we wanted to throw an awesome reception to celebrate with the people we love most. One of our favorite holidays has always been Halloween. When we found out that Halloween 2020 fell on Saturday, we knew it was pretty much fate for our reception date. We love the city of Florence and are especially fond of the downtown area, so finding Pickett Place was a godsend. We were the first official booking under the new owners, The Burdines, at Pickett Place so they offered us a sweet package deal that included the venue, live music from Drum and Drummer, and photography from Abraham Rowe. It may go without saying, but we are a pretty nontraditional couple, so when our friends at Soul: Wingery and Records said they could cater a fry bar for us, we were sold! It was a huge hit at our wedding (and if you haven't tried Soul, go immediately and tell them The Keetons sent you)! Next on the list of non-traditional goodies was our beautiful black wedding cake by Bellaria Cakes by Tina. It was a delicious s'mores cake with layers of marshmallow icing, graham crackers, and Hershey's chocolate bars. Candid Memories Photo Booth served as our inside entertainment alongside our Trick-or-Treat candy table. The reception tables were decorated with beautiful floral arrangements by Flori (Susan Rowe) and vintage centerpieces collected by us.

Mark's applewood ring with opal inlay was found on Etsy. My opal engagement ring and wedding band was purchased at Billy Mitchell Jewelry of Moulton, AL. Mark's blue velvet jacket was found at Macy's online. His tailored pants were from Coats Family Clothing in downtown Florence. I found my beautiful Hayley Paige Swiss Dot gown at Ivory and Birch Bridal in Huntsville. We cannot recommend Coats and I&B enough!

For the evening, we were surrounded by our closest friends and family members, which included Mark's grandparents (Gail and Ed McIntyre), parents (Cindy and Ronnie Keeton), brother, sister-in-law, and nephew (David, Holly, and Isaac Keeton). My grandparents and aunt (Jim, Shirley, and Tammy Hughes), parents (Allen and Lisa Hughes), sisters (Kate Zills and Molly Hughes), and brother-in-law (Caleb Zills). We spent the rest of the night BOO-gying into the full moon night!

If you've ever wanted a 100% stress free day focused on just you and your husband, then hands down, ELOPE! Then come home and throw an epic reception! You won't regret it.

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Yarber, Payne







In 2018, Chelsea moved to Huntsville after accepting a job with a local nonprofit. One of Chelsea's good friends from her hometown, Tyler Mann, told her about a guy named Tyler Payne who just sold this couple a beautiful home. He suggested the two go out and become friends. Chelsea agreed to go on a date but she was very nervous!

On the first date, Tyler showed Chelsea the model home he designed named "The Tyler". The two enjoyed a leftover bottle of wine from the restaurant in the living room of this beautiful home and spent the remainder of the night sharing their personal goals and funny childhood stories with one another. Tyler and Chelsea still have this bottle of wine from their very first date alongside the wine bottles they shared on the night they got engaged. Chelsea was surprised at how quickly she was drawn to Tyler's kind heart, bright smile and bald head! She thought he was just the cutest! The two enjoyed many more dates together and later adopted two rescue beagles-Milo and Memphis who served as groomsmen on their big day.

Due to Hurricane Sally, Chelsea and Tyler had to move their beach wedding to Huntsville, Alabama just 5 days before their scheduled wedding date. Chelsea's sister, Courtney Thompson, found a venue online and was amazed that it was actually available on such a short notice. In only 24 hours, Chelsea and Tyler found a new venue and thankfully did not have to cancel their wedding. Chelsea has worked in nonprofit since she was 16 and decided to encourage guests to donate to the Hurricane Sally Relief Fund since she and Tyler had already received many gifts! The couple wanted to create something positive from their cancelled beach wedding and pay it forward. Chelsea and Tyler also donated their wedding cake to a local clean up crew assisting with roof repairs and damages.





Chelsea Lane Yarber and Tyler Stewart Payne were married September 26, 2020 at 6:00 in the evening at Wedding Chapel on the Mountain in Huntsville with David Howard officiating.

The bride is the daughter David and Emily Yarber. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Traney Yarber and Mr. and Mrs. James Goins.

The groom is the son of Pat Payne and Susan Gurley and Dan and Debbie Ledlow. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart.

The bride wore a white Allure gown from Promenade along with a veil handmade by her grandmother, Betty Goins, with stones from the bride's mother's veil. Her grandmother also made the bride's garter from lace from the bride's mother and groom's mother's dresses. She also wore earrings from Promenade and Badgley Mischa shoes from Shoetopia in Muscle Shoals.

Matron of honor was Courtney Yarber Thompson, sister of the bride, and maid of honor was Rebecca Long Hayes, Miss Alabama sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kellie Giles, Victoria Chittam, Julie Schlosser, and Sarai Bender. Flower girls were Anniston Kate Thompson and Victoria Chittams.

Best man was Adam Stults, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Tyler Mann, Derek Hardt, Kevin Kelsey, Jordy Taylor, and Matt Owens. Ring bearers were Aaiden Ross Yarber, Everett Richardson, and James Peyton Schlosser.

Wedding director was Kim Jimmerson. Floral designer was Susan Rowe. Music for the ceremony was provided by violinist Susie Shortt and guitarist and vocalist Alen Barlow. Caterer was Bubba's Silver Spoon, who also made the wedding cake and groom's cake. DJ Billy Barsfield, Susie Shortt, and Alen Barlow entertained guests at the reception. The bride's mother made all the floral arrangements for the tables. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Madison Neal of WHNT News. Photographer was Abraham Rowe and videographer was Ace Eaton.

The couple is now residing in Athens. They are planning a honeymoon trip to Jamaica in 2021.

Photos by Abraham Rowe Photography











Harrison, Hall

Jess Harrison and Jake Hall were married December 12, 2020 at 3:30 in the afternoon at Bradford Farm and Venue with Austin Wither- spoon, brother-in-law of the bride, officiating. The bride and groom opted to do a traditional declaration of intent with "I do's" and also declare their commitment to one another with their own written vows. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Price and Cathe Harrison of Florence (bride's father not pictured due to Covid-19). She is the granddaughter of Joyce Coulter and Wayne Coulter of Muscle Shoals, Jane Harrison and Hap Harrison of Florence.

The groom is the son of Gina and Rick Duboise and Rick and Becky Hall. He is the grandson of Wilbert and Betty Salter, the late Helen Salter, and the late Ellen and Hayward Hall.

The bride chose a Justin Alexander gown along with a Lazaro skirt and veil from Bella Couture in Birmingham. She also wore Badgley Mischka shoes along with Harrison family keepsakes jewelry.

Maids of honor were Millie Harrison, sister of the bride, and Taylor Bruner, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Margaret Yoder (not present due to Covid-19), Whitney Hotsinpillar, Megan Hall, Katie Ringwall, Yasmeen Diaz, Rush Idris, Sage Jordan, and Alina Farah (not present due to Covid-19), all friends of the bride. The bride wanted each of her friends to wear what made them feel beautiful, so each dress was unique in color and style, but coordinated in the same color palette.

Best man was the groom's brother, Josh Hall. Groomsmen were Levi Hall, brother of the groom; Josh Hulsey, Hunter Rylee, Austin Curry, Thaddeus Rowell, Evan Wood, John McFadyen, Clay Bennett, and Jeff Hulsey (not present due to Covid-19), all friends of the groom.

Wedding day director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Heather Sherrill. Ceremony music was provided by Thomas Maternick's String Quartet. Caterer was April Davis at Southern Skillet Catering. The wedding and groom's cakes were made by Yummie's Bakery. The band "Established" entertained guests at the reception. Hair stylist was Aleesha Crowe and makeup artist was Savana Vinson. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Al Hammond of Awaken Films. Seth Stanfield at Fine Era Productions provided the rentals for the photobooth, sound, lights, etc.

Due to Covid-19, the couple spent their honeymoon renovating their home together. They are residing in Birmingham.

Photos by Create Portraiture



Horton, Roach





Mariah Lynette Horton of Red Bay and Bradley Parks Roach of Corinth, Miss. were married August 1, 2020 at Burns Bluff at High Falls, Albertville, Ala. The honorable David Tiffin, grandfather of the bride, officiated the 6:30 evening ceremony. The ceremony site was on the Lodge Lawn Arbor perched on the edge of a bluff overlooking the beautiful scenery. The cobblestone aisle for the bride was lined with white church pews leading to a timber frame arbor adorned with floral designs and a chandelier.

The reception that followed was in the unique and beautiful Charn (half church and half barn), located at Burns Bluff at High Falls. The Charn's design boasts of a 57 foot tall belfry tower soaring above the front door in which wedding bells were rung at the commencement of the ceremony. The grand hall of the Charn featured gorgeous crystal chandeliers and a brick double sided fireplace.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Horton of Red Bay. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Tiffin, Mr. Mike Oliver and the late Shirley Oliver, the late Mr. James Horton, all of Red Bay, and Ms. Kaye Horton, of Purvis, Miss.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Robertson, Mr. Bobby Roach and Ms. Myra Raitt, all of Corinth, Miss. He is the grandson of Mrs. Frankie Roach and the late Mr. Bobby Roach, Mrs. Vernell Parks and the late Mr. Earl Parks, and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, all of Corinth, Miss.

The bride was given in marriage and escorted by her father. She wore an elegant, royal-inspired Stella York wedding gown. Her gown was made of matte Mikado fabric. It was a ball-gown silhouette featuring a modern empire waist and open, square back. Fabric covered buttons ran down the length of the train. The bride's waist was accentuated with a belt designed in pearls and diamonds. The bride wore a cathedral length veil with appliques around the trim. She carried a bouquet with a beautiful mix of soft pinks and white featuring tuber roses, white ranunculus, o'hara garden roses and lisianthus collared with seeded and silver dollar eucalyptus. She had a piece of her mother's veil wrapped around her bouquet.

Maid of honor was Alyssa Horton, sister of the bride. Matron of honor was Kati Dye, college friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Caroline Horton, sister-in-law of the bride, Holly Stout and Jade Alexander, cousins of the bride, Laken Morehouse, friend of the bride, and Meredith Nicholson and Ashton Hensley, college friends of the bride. Flower girls were Ann Carver Horton, niece of the bride, Iva and Ada Robertson, nieces of the groom. Program attendants were Autumn Dotson and Sofia Tiffin, cousins of the bride. Ladies-in-waiting were Kieli Dotson and Victoria Tiffin, cousins of the bride.

Serving as best men were Hunter Mitchell and Dylan Adams, friends of the groom. Grooms-men were Bobby Roach, father of the groom, Sammy Robertson, step-father of the groom, Ryan Rowe, Bailey Quinn, Cameron Sigler, and Ryan Wolke, all military friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Rivers Robertson, nephew of the groom.

Bridal gown was purchased from Low's Bridal in Brinkley, Ark., and the bridesmaid dresses were from Madison Town & Country. String trio for live ceremony music performed by Strings, Etc. and DJ for the reception was Metropolitan Disc Jockey Service. Caterer was Bubba's Silver Spoon. Florist was Chase Sparks at Russellville Florist and Gifts. Wedding director was Carrie Dixon, Wedding Planning & Directing by Carrie. Photographers were Rob and Wynter Photography and videographer was Magnolia Tree Media. Hair and makeup artist was Lisa Nguyen. The wedding cake was made by Klarissa's Cupcakes.

A bridesmaid luncheon was hosted by Peggy Tiffin, grandmother of the bride and Lynette Horton, mother of the bride at the Glover House in Guntersville, Ala. A recipe shower was hosted by Beth Hammock, Beulah Tooley and Tracie Clark at the home of Beth Hammock.

Following their honeymoon to Sandals in St. Lucia, the couple now resides in Corinth, Miss.

Photos by Rob and Wynter Photography



*Malone,
Hiles*





Erica Channing Malone and Antonio Trevon Hiles were married September 12, 2020 at 3:00 in the afternoon at Grace Life Church of the Shoals in Muscle Shoals with Bro. Matt Fowler officiating. The reception followed in the Grace Life Church Fellowship Hall.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Malone of Cherokee and Mr. and Mrs. Eartis Bridges of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roy of Florence, the late Ms. Helen Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Malone of Cherokee.

The groom is the son of Ms. Sylvia Hiles of Shelbyville, Tenn. and Tony Hiles of Wartrace, Tenn. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitaker of Shelbyville, Tenn. and Ms. Gladys Hiles.

The bride chose a beautiful ballgown with pearl beading on the bodice with a flowing train and cathedral veil from Aisle and Veil in Atlanta, Ga.

Maid of honor was Sydney Malone, sister of the bride, and matron of honor was Mary Margaret McCarley, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Rebekah Malone, sister of the bride; Nia Hiles and Keauna Hiles, sisters of the groom; Hannah Underwood, Ebony King, Susannah Clotfelter, Sarah Belle Clotfelter, and Julia Hall, all friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Addison Freeman and Charis Clotfelter, friends of the bride, and Gracey Thomas, step-sister. Flower girls were Khloe Roy, Millie Thomas, Shaniyah Bonds, and Gracey Mangrum.

Best man was Bryce Clinton, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Rece Malone and Simeon Malone, brothers of the bride; Isaiah Clotfelter, Sam Taylor, Goodwin Murillo, Jacob Throneberry, Jonathan Toole, and Jacob Smith, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Carter Smith, friend of the couple.

Wedding directors were Amanda Sizemore and Jessica Foster. Floral designer was Cindy Harrison of Florals by Cindy. Ceremony music was provided by vocalists Tom Clay and Lyric Malone and pianist Karyn Jones. Caterer was Rhonda Burbank. The wedding cake was made by Lana Copeland of All About Cakes, and for the groom's table there were brownies and double doozies made by Kathy Underwood and homemade pecan pies made by Nina McCormick. Hair stylists were Abby Pilgrim and Faith Heyne and makeup artists were Sara Grace Simmons, Lee Lee Bridges, Amy Thomas, and Leah Tucker. Photographer was Parker Burbank. Other attendants were Meryn Wigintion and Saryn Wigintion.

For their honeymoon, the couple went to Rosemary Beach in Seacrest Beach, Fla. They are now residing in Tusculumbia.

Photos by Parker Burbank







Cottrell, Hayes

Hannah Cottrell and William Hayes were married May 23, 2020 at 6:00 in the evening at Toner Farm in Lexington with Ben Hayes, uncle of the groom, officiating. The bride, groom, and their son Brody did a ceremonial rope tie during the ceremony to represent the joining of their three lives. A backyard reception was held at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Keith and Lisa Cottrell of Lexington. She is the granddaughter of Joan Allen and the late James Allen of Lexington, and Royce and Sarah Cottrell of Athens.

The groom is the son of Dale and Tammy Hayes and Jennifer and Shane Swann. He is the grandson of Ronald and Nadine Hayes of Florence and John and Elba Lue Blackwell of Tusculum.

The bride chose her gown from the Something Blue Shoppe and wore a necklace borrowed from her grandmother, that was a gift from the bride's grandfather.

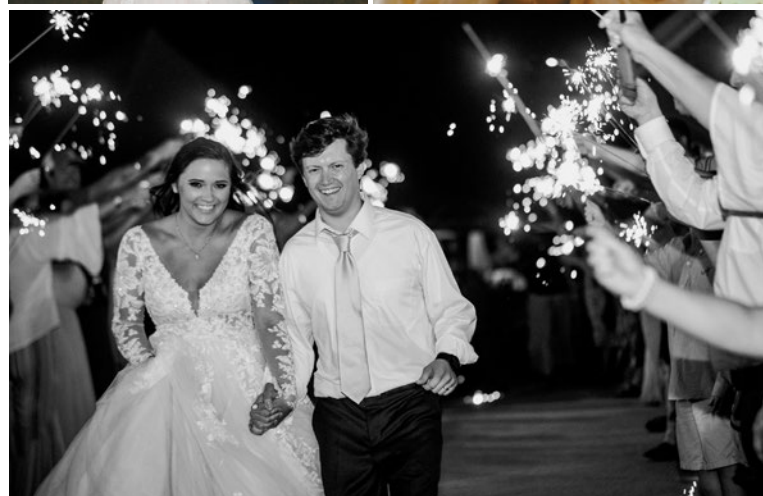
Maid of honor was Sydney Corum, friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Shea Eubank, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Brooke DeMoss, Bretta Cagle, Skylar Hammond, Mattie Hammond, Mattie Poss, Sarah Weems, Hannah Reese, Molly Hayes, and Madeline Hayes. Flower girl was Mckenna Toner, cousin of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Tyler Hayes. Groomsmen were Brody Shirley, Alex Cottrell, Kade Cottrell, Ben Beasley, Thomas Hester, Jacob Patterson, John-David Mitchell, Casey Jones, Whitt Wilkerson, and Clint Lewis. Ring bearer was Elijah Eubank, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Renita Toner. Floral designer was Mary Allison Lamb and Lori Goff of Any Blooming Thing. Caterer was Rick's BBQ. The wedding cake was made by Grace Pate, aunt of the groom, and the groom's cake was made by the groom's step-father, Shane Swann. Reception entertainment was provided by the band Garrett Browning and Flatland Revival. Hair stylist was Hunter Fielder of Society Salon and makeup artist was Corey Nichols. Photographer was Jenna Perry of Love + Bloom Photography and videographer was Al Hammond of Awaken Films. Special thanks to Ron and Renita Toner, Keith and Lisa Cottrell, Jamey and Melissa Hammond, and Kim Lamb.

For their honeymoon, the couple took a two week road trip out West, traveling to Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and Colorado. They are now residing in Killen.

Photos by Love + Bloom Photography



Corum, Haddock





We had originally planned to have a destination wedding in Mexico, but the border was shut down due to Covid-19. Instead we had a small ceremony in Florida with only immediate family and close friends with a small celebration afterwards at the beach house. We later had a reception at home to celebrate with family and friends who could not attend.

Kendyll Corum and Dylan Haddock were married June 14, 2020 at 6:30 in the evening in a beachside ceremony at Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. with Ken Delo officiating. A reception was held on July 12, 2020 at Blue Water Creek in Killen with family and friends.

The bride is the daughter of Curtis Corum, Jr. and Lawanda Corum. She is the granddaughter of Rose Gray and the late Gaylon Gray and Curtis Corum and the late Carolyn Corum, all of Lexington.

The groom is the son of Russell and Alicia Haddock and Nadine and Don Freson. He is the grandson of the late Buddy and Dot Haddock of Killen, and the late Sonny and Jeanie Underwood of Florence, N.Y.

The bride chose a Hayley Paige Edie gown.

Maid of honor was Sydney Corum, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Aubrey Fields, friend of the bride. Flower girl was Grayli Haddock, daughter of the bride and groom and Sailor Mitchell, cousin of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Russell Haddock. Groomsman was Nick Thomason, friend of the groom. Ring bearer was Jaxson Fields, friend of the groom and Silas Mitchell, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Ken and Heather Delo of Sunset Beach Weddings. Floral designer was Taylor's Touch Floral. The tent and rentals for the reception at Blue Water Creek were provided by Party Pro's of Florence. The reception was catered by Rick's BBQ, and the wedding cake was made by Julia Henderson. DJ's Sonya Cooper and Lavale Cooper provided the entertainment. Hair stylist and makeup artist for the ceremony was Destin Mobile Makeup Box. Photographer was Elles Photography Studios.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., and are now residing in Killen.

Photos by Elles Photography Studios



*Corum,
Thomason*





Sydney Corum and Nick Thomason were married November 22, 2020 in a fall microwedding attended by close family and friends in a beautiful outdoor setting at the Lodge at Bear River in Asheville, N.C.

The bride is the daughter of Junior and Lawanda Corum. The groom is the son of Donald and Jamie Thomason.

Matron of honor was Kendyll Haddock, sister of the bride. Flower girl was Grayli Haddock, niece of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Donald Thomason. Ring bearers were Chapin Dover, nephew of the groom, and Jaxton Sockwell.

Floral designer was Camalita Coan. The bride's gown was chosen from Diane's Formal Wear. The reception was held at The Lodge at Bear River following the ceremony. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Della Terra of Asheville, N.C. Photographer was Brittany Calden and videographer was First Choice Videos.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Asheville, N.C. and are now residing in Muscle Shoals.

Photos by Brittany Calden







Hollis, Smith

Hannah Bailey Hollis and Blake Evan Smith were married August 15, 2020 at 6:00 in the evening at Infinity Event Venue in Section, Ala. with Paul Smith, grandfather of the groom, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Stacy and Stephanie Hollis of Moulton. She is the granddaughter of Mikey Hutto and the late Joan Hutto of Courtland, and David and Shirley Hollis of Moulton.

The groom is the son of John Paul and Lori Smith of Gurley. He is the grandson of Paul and Margie Smith and Joyce Hall and the late Roy Hall, all of Huntsville.

The bride chose a Calla Blanche gown from Kathleen's Bridal.

Maid of honor was Caitlin Hollis, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Carley Peters, Maggie Appleton, Erin Masterson, Kylie Proctor-Terry, Katie Beth Wilkerson, Samantha Horne, and Sienna Berryman, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Libby Ray and Rachel Darnell.

Best man was the groom's father, John Paul Smith. Groomsmen were Jared Smith and Grant Smith, brothers of the groom; Jackson Richard, Preston Zeller, Clay Johnson, Tyler Milam, Will Mann, Logan Hicks, all friends of the groom. Junior groomsmen were Jackson Darnell. Ushers were Ashton Allen, Jace Hutto, and Braxton Peters. Ring bearers were Jentry Smith and Griffin Smith, nephews of the groom.

Wedding director was Rhonda Appleton. Floral designer was Thistle and Vine. Ceremony music was provided by harpist Olivia Hitt. Caterer was Talk of the South. Wedding cake was made by Jennifer Elders and the groom's table included a Baskin-Robbins ice cream bar and a donut wall. Reception entertainment was provided by Brad Minor of Audio Tech and a photo booth from Kathleen's Bridal. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Amber McCaig. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was BB Media.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo., Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. They are now residing in Gurley.

Photos by Create Portraiture



Davis, Clayton





April Davis and Kyle Clayton were married September 5, 2020 in a 6:00 evening ceremony held in the Treasured Forest at Bradford Farm and Venue with Rick Collier officiating. The reception followed in the Bradford Farm and Venue reception hall.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Melvin and Eleanor Leek and the late Jerry and Gisela Spencer, all of Henderson, Tenn.

The groom is the son of Anthony and Melinda Clayton of Leighton. He is the grandson of Brown Mitchell and JoAnne Clayton-Mitchell of Muscle Shoals, the late Crl and Juanita Clayton of Central, Barbara Herring of Muscle Shoals, and the late Roman Ledlow.

The bride was escorted by her two sons, Clay Davis and Riley Davis. She wore a beautiful Essence gown in ivory lace and moscato tulle over a moscato dress with porcelain illusion from the Something Blue Shoppe.

Maid of honor was Emily Davis, daughter of the bride. Bridesmaids were Heather Sherrill and Lori Peden, friends of the bride, and Jaidah Riboldi, niece of the groom. Flower girl was Isabella Aday.

Best man was Ryan Logan. Groomsmen were Tyler Oaks, Timothy Shaw, and Zac Aday. Ring bearer was Easton Clayton, son of the bride and groom.

Floral designer was Bradford Farm. Caterer was Southern Skillet Catering and the wedding and groom's cakes were made by Wendy Weeks. Music for the ceremony was performed by vocalist Sabrina Aday and guitarist Riley Smith. Entertainment for the reception was provided by DJ Gus Spears with Universal Events and Oh Snap Photobooth. Hair stylist was Krystina Lovelady and makeup artist was Savana Vinson at Makeup by Savana. Photographer was Sommer Hamilton of Saving Grace Photography and videographer was Long Grass Studios.

For their honeymoon, the couple went to Hilton Head Resort in North Carolina. They are now residing in Muscle Shoals.





Perkins, Willis

Ashton Elizabeth Perkins and Jeffrey Collin Willis were married September 5, 2020 at 5:30 in the afternoon at Locust Hill in Tuscumbia with Pastor Mark Grigsby officiating. The reception followed at Locust Hill. The couple had originally planned their wedding for March 28, 2020 at Robert Trent Jones of the Shoals Golf Trail, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, they were legally married on March 28 in a friend's backyard and rescheduled the ceremony for September 5 at Locust Hill.

The bride is the daughter of Robert Perkins and Donna McCray, and step-daughter of Loie Robinson, all of Tuscaloosa. She is the granddaughter of Pat and Don Hoggle of Montgomery and the late Betty and Homer Perkins.

The groom is the son of Laura Norton and step-father Benjy Norton of Muscle Shoals, and Jeff Willis of Florence. He is the grandson of Melvin and Vickie Willis of Tuscumbia, Linda Willis of Russellville, and George Nemeth and the late Vera Lee Nemeth of Madison.

The bride wore a beautiful white satin off-shoulder gown from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle, along with Kate Sped Keds and a veil borrowed from the matron of honor.

Matron of honor was Katie Flannagin, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kellee Willis, sister-in-law and best friend of the bride, and Cheryl Scott, best friend of the bride. Flower girl was Rayleigh Granville, friend of the bride.

Best man was Sky Congleton, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Rashad Thompson, John Burton, Brandon Watkins, Michael Granville, all friends of the groom, and Jake Thompson, cousin of the groom. Ushers and honorary groomsmen were Stephen Able and Nic Ellison, both friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Colton Haney, friend of the groom.

Wedding director was Matthew Flannagin. The bride and family designed the floral arrangements and bouquets. Caterer was Jill's Sweet Memories, who also made the wedding cake. Music for the ceremony and the reception was provided by DJ Dustin Coan. Hair stylist was Jordan Grissom of Grissom Hair Company and makeup artist was Lauren Lindholm. Special helpers were Matthew Flannigan and Kelli Trotti. Photographer was Spencer Williams from Los Angeles, Calif., and videographer was Ace Eaton.

The couple had planned a cruise for their honeymoon, but due to COVID-19 they were unable to go, so instead they spent their money on a house!. They are now residing in Tuscumbia.

Photos by Spencer Williams





Jennifer Denise Stewart and Adam Christopher Borden were married November 14, 2020 in a 4:30 afternoon ceremony at Harmony Baptist Church with Barry Cater officiating. The reception followed at the church. Joining the bride on stage was a black and white photo of the bride in her wedding gown sketched with her grandfather and father as a special memorial.

The bride is the daughter of Caren Stewart of Moulton and the late Tommy Stewart of Hillsboro. She is the granddaughter of Winford and Barbara Stewart of Hillsboro, and Brenday Montgomery and the late Richard "Spooky" Montgomery of Moulton.

The groom is the son of Chris and Suzanne Borden of Tharptown. He is the grandson of Leon and Darlene Borden and Dean Fisher and the late Jean Fisher, all of Tharptown.

The bride chose a white Morilee A-line satin dress from Mary's Bridal in Moulton that featured lace appliques on the fitted bodice with a low v neckline that complimented the deep v back. The full ball gown skirt extended into a chapel length train accented with satin covered buttons along the center of the back. She also wore a cathedral length lace veil and carried a bouquet of white flowers. The bride also wore pink and purple Brooks tennis shoes, sapphire earrings (her birthstone) as her "something blue", and for her "something old" she carried a state fire marshal badge once worn by her grandfather.

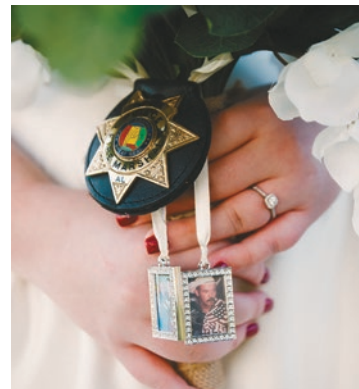
Maids of honor were Courtney Coan, sister of the bride, and Adriana Borden, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Brooklyn Williamson, Autumn Woods, Christy Breland, Ali Grace Shelton, all friends of the bride; Leah Borden, cousin of the groom; and Nicole Montgomery, cousin of the bride. Flower girls were Emilee Lansdell, cousin of the bride, Zeppelin Hughes and Iryln Marshall Marshall, friends of the bride.

Best man was Wesley Borden, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Gabe Compton, Chase White, Nick Campbell, Shane Laws, Trevor Laws, Tyler Fretwell, all friends of the groom; and Allen Garrison, cousin of the bride. Ushers were Mitchell Breland and Jonah Fisher. Ring bearers were Trace Marshall, friend of the bride; Uriah Fisher, cousin of the groom; and Eli Lansdell, cousin of the bride.

Wedding directors were Joyce Montgomery and Dawna McAfee. Floral designer was Joyce Montgomery. Morris Lentz provided piano music for the ceremony. The reception was catered by Hogwood BBQ of Franklin, Tenn. The wedding cake was made by Sherlene Coffey and Connie Clark made the groom's cake. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Julia Hale. Photographer was Valerie Marie Photography.

The couple departed the ceremony in a Lawrence County police car driven by Mitchell Breland. They honeymooned in Gatlinburg, Tenn. and are now residing in Moulton.

Photos by Valerie Marie Photography



Smith, Swinney





Caitlan Smith and Chase Swinney were married October 10, 2020 at 5:00 in the afternoon at Calvary Baptist Church with Bro. Wade Wallace officiating. The reception followed in the church reception hall.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Stephanie Mayfield and Tim and Debbie Smith, all of Russellville. She is the granddaughter of Linda Madden and the late Billy Madden, and Johnny and Patricia Smith.

The groom is the son of Ryan and Tina Swinney of Phil Campbell. He is the grandson of Bobby Jack and Nell Swinney, and Jill Williams and the late Steve Williams.

The bride chose a strapless lace fit and flare gown with subtle sequins throughout the lace with a sequined matching veil, purchased from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence.

Maid of honor were Anna Catherine Smith, sister of the bride, and Haley Crain, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Abby Swinney, sister of the groom; Lauren Reynolds Murray, Shelby Stephens, Emma Malone, and Megan Brockway, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Scarlett Pastuska and Ivy Mayfield, nieces of the bride, and Hannah Beth Robinson, cousin of the groom.

Best man was Trevor Allison, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Ben Stancil, Derek Sweeney, Trent Robinson, Daryl Randolph, all friends of the groom; and Hunter Smith, twin brother of the bride. Ring bearer was John Terry Robinson, cousin of the groom.

Wedding director was Cindy Coan. Floral designer was Chase Sparks of Russellville Florist and Gifts. Ceremony music was provided by Justin Coan and DJ Shea Madden entertained guests at the reception. Caterer was Jill's Sweet Memories. The wedding cake and groom's cake were made by The Mustard Seed Bakery. The couple's sweetheart table was decorated by Heather Willis. Lauren Mae Sturdivant served as the bride's attendant. Hair stylists were Susan Godsey of Kameo Salon and Bethany Mansell of Hello Gorgeous Salon, and makeup artists were Bethany Mansell and Brianna Robinson. Photographer was April Warhurst and videographer was Focal Point Productions.

The couple spent their honeymoon in a cabin at Hidden Mountain Resort in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. They are now residing in Russellville.

Photos by April Warhurst







Yambrek, Mason

Maggie Yambrek and Luke Mason were married December 5, 2020 at 3:00 in the afternoon at Bradford Farms with Stone Patterson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Tonja and Tracy Givens and Mike Yambrek. She is the granddaughter of Margaret Legg and the late Roger Legg of Decatur, Sandra and Ulice Givens of Moulton, Leo Yambrek and the late Betty Yambrek of Lakeland, Tenn., and the late Jimmy Stone of Decatur.

The groom is the son of Mark and Catrina Mason of Somerville. He is the grandson of Judy and Dwight Mason of Priceville and Farley and Ocie Madewell of Laceys Springs.

Maids of honor were Mallory Yambrek and Mamie Givens, sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Meghan Smith, cousin of the bride; Anna Catherine Law, Samantha Young, Katy Neill, friends of the bride; Bobbie Anne Mason and Hallee Mason, sisters of the groom. Flower girls were Lydia Young and Emory Hopkins, friends of the couple.

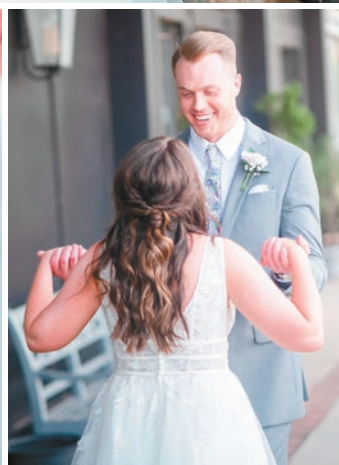
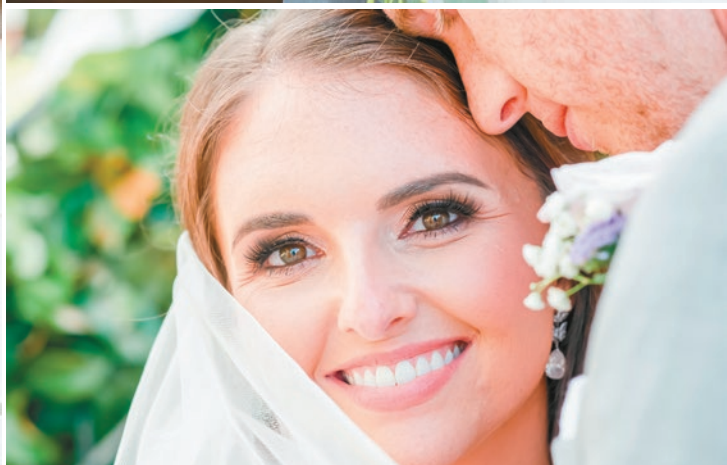
Best man was the groom's father, Mark Mason. Groomsmen were Brandon Mason, brother of the groom; Weston Hopkins, Justin Lane, Michael Buchanan, Michael Matthews, Kobi Mears, and Nathan Methvin, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Weston Satterthwaite, cousin of the groom.

Wedding directors were Cecilia Brumley and Heather Sherrill. Floral designer was Heather Sherrill. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Gus Spears. Caterer was Southern Skillet Catering. The wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Patrick Martin. Hair stylist was Samantha Young and makeup artists were Samantha Young and Lauren Lindholm. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture, and videographer was Justin Lawson with Long Grass Studios.

For their honeymoon, the couple took a trip to Wyoming. They are now residing in Somerville.

Photos by Create Portraiture







July 25th was not the original wedding date for us. We set our date for April 4, 2020 a week after we were engaged on March 29, 2019 and ended up having to change our date a month before the wedding because of the pandemic health orders. We provided masks for all of our guests at the wedding as we got married about a week after the statewide mask ordinance was issued.

Lauren Casiday and Luke Brackin were married Saturday, July 25, 2020 in a 6:00 evening ceremony held at Sheffield First United Methodist Church with Josh Meins officiating. The reception followed at George's 217.

The bride is the daughter of Christy Casiday and Brian Casiday, both of Sheffield. She is the granddaughter of the late Ray Wright of Harriman, Tenn. and Wynneska Wright from Dayton, Tenn., and the late Harvey and Ann Casiday of Sheffield.

The groom is the son of Donna Brackin of Moulton and the late Barry Brackin. He is the grandson of Delores Terry and the late Wilburn Terry of Courtland, and Devon and Betty Jo Brackin of Moulton.

The bride wore a white dress with lace details throughout. The dress and veil were purchased from Bella's Bridal & Formal in Hoover. She also wore a ring that served as her "something borrowed" and "something blue". It was her "Grans" ring - Gran passed away suddenly in February of 2020.

The bride had a bouquet charm with a photo of her late grandmother, Wynneska. The groom had a pew marker for his late father, Barry.

Maid of honor was Shannon Casiday and matron of honor was Erin Letson, both sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kendyl McDaniel, McCall Scofield, Ami Knight, Kayley Ward, Brittney Seal, and Christian Carpenter, all friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Natalie Letson and Faith Letson, nieces of the bride. Flower girls were Ellie Seal and Calah Spellmon.

Best man was Bobby Douglass, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Calvin Spellmon, Jr., Logan Morris, Stephen Quinn, Dakota Letson, Tanner Schell, Logan Heflin, and Drew Stutts, all friends of the groom. Junior groomsmen were Elijah Letson, nephew of the bride, and Eli Terry, nephew of the groom.

Day of Coordinator was Margie Keeling. Floral designer was Carl Casiday, uncle of the bride, of Lola's Gifts and Flowers. Ceremony music was provided by Will Lindsey and Thomas Martin, and Lavale and Sonya Cooper of C & C Music Entertainment entertained guests at the reception. The reception was catered by George's 217 and Wendy Weeks made the wedding cake and the groom's cake. Hair stylist was Ashley Watson and makeup artist was Corey Nichols. Photographer was Keelan Walker Photography and videographer was Ace Eaton Designs & Production.

The couple had planned to go to Jamaica for their honeymoon but had to postpone because of the pandemic. They spent a week in Gulf Shores instead and plan to go to Jamaica for their one year anniversary. They are now residing in Birmingham.

Photos by Keelan Walker Photography



*Tidwell,
Sharpston*





Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we had to make tons of changes to our wedding day. We decided to still get married on our original wedding date of May 9, 2020. We had to change the location and Dr. Lynn and Missy Ridgeway kindly offered their home because my dream was to be married by the river. Our ceremony consisted of Wes & I, attended by our immediate families. However, we had some family friends surprise us by showing up on their boats to watch our special day.

Once Covid-19 restrictions were lifted, we had a reception on August 7, 2020 at our original wedding location at Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge. This day we got to capture the pictures of our wedding party and celebrate with all of our other friends and family. My favorite part was the delicious food. Wes and I have spent every Valentine's Day at Waffle House. So we wanted to include our love of breakfast food at our reception. We served a breakfast buffet that included biscuits, bacon, sausage, hashbrowns, gravy, carved ham, and a waffle bar with a variety of toppings.

Madison Tidwell and Wesley Sharpston were married May 9, 2020 in a 6:00 evening lakeside ceremony held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Ridgeway on Wilson Lake with Bobby Isbell officiating. A reception was held on August 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge.

The bride is the daughter of Leon and Cindy Tidwell of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of Roy and Peggy Gieske of Leighton, Dora and Devaughn Ricketts of Tuscumbia, and the late Leon Tidwell, Sr. and the late Barbara Tidwell of Muscle Shoals.

The groom is the son of Waylon and Angel Sharpston of Tuscumbia. He is the grandson of Marilyn Higginbotham of Florence, Robert Sharpston of Florence, Mable Johnson of Tuscumbia, and the late Randy Higginbotham of Elgin.

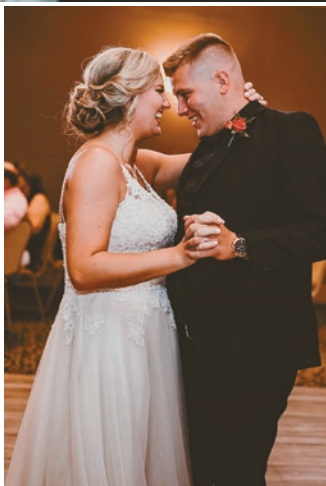
The bride chose a champagne color A-line gown by designer Kenneth Winston from the Ella Rosa Collection. It featured a beaded lace top, corset back, and tulle skirt.

Matrons of honor were Taylor Tidwell Wallace, twin sister of the bride, and Hannah Barnes Denton, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jessi Blackstock Tidwell, sister-in-law of the bride; Alyssa Sharpston, sister of the groom; Suzanne Simms, Taylor Haguewood, friends of the bride; and Kayla Isbell, cousin of the bride. The bridal party all wore black one shoulder gowns from Cherry Tree Lane.

Groomsmen were Trey Tidwell, brother of the bride; Jon Owens, Jake Pennington, Griffin Vinson, David Bruce, and Matthew Norris, all friends of the groom. The groomsmen all wore black suits from Coats Clothing Company.

Wedding director/coordinator was Kelli Whitehead Brown of Something to Celebrate. Floral designers were Cindy Harrison and Kelli Whitehead Brown. Caterer was Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge. The wedding cake was made by Tori Jones, and a waffle bar was set up for the groom's table. Reception entertainment was provided by Mark Rohling of Hey Mr. DJ. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Lauren Lindholm. Photographer was Jenna Perry of Love + Bloom Photography and videographer was Ace Eaton.

Due to the pandemic travel restrictions, the couple could not take the California to Mexico cruise that they had planned, so they instead spent a week in Gulf Shores. They are now residing in Tuscumbia.



Peppers, Cliff





Matney and Dru started dating on June 26, 2012 when Matney was a senior and Dru was a freshman in high school. They had always planned on getting married the summer after Dru graduated college, which would be in the summer of 2020. 2020 finally came and the couple intended on having their ceremony and reception at Highland Park Baptist Church, but due to Covid-19 they had to change the venue at the last minute just a month before the wedding. Invitations had already been sent out and the bride and groom really wanted to get married on their date as planned with all of their family and friends gathered. The bride was in her last semester at U.N.A. and had built a close relationship with her Innovation & Entrepreneurship professor Mitch Hamm and his wife Susan. The Hamms lived ten minutes from the original venue and had a stunning residence. The Hamms graciously let Matney and Dru get married in their beautiful backyard allowing them to have their wedding on their original date as planned.

Drusilla Grace Peppers and Matney Ryan Clift were married June 6, 2020 at 4:00 in the afternoon by Joshua Mosteller. The ceremony and the reception that followed were both held at the home of Mitch and Susan Hamm in Leighton.

The bride is the daughter of Jay and Dana Peppers of Lawrenceburg, Tenn. She is the granddaughter of Jimmie and Dianne Birdsong of Lester, Ala., and the late Bobby and Barbara Peppers of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

The groom is the son of Brian and Tina Clift of Lawrenceburg, Tenn. He is the grandson of Bud and Juanita Clift and the late Jim and Nathalee Perry, all of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

The bride wore a Mikaella Bridal gown from Kathleen's Bridal in Madison. Maid of honor was Jacey Peppers, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Laney Clift, sister of the groom. House party was Ann-Katherine Gobble, Gracee Curtis, Gracie Stanfield, Lauren Nuwayhid, Mackenzie Sanders, Maggie McKnight, Molly Kiel, and Rachel Hill. Flower girls were Ellen Hanbury, Elisabeth Hanbury, and Maisyn Kate Mitchell, all cousins of the bride.

Best man was Bryce Clift, brother of the groom. Groomsman was Luke Peppers, brother of the bride. Ushers were Dawson James and Grant James, cousins of the groom. Ring bearer was Pacey Gobble.

Wedding director was Katie Beech of Katie Jewell Co. Floral designer was Danielle Hardison of By Danielle Wedding Florals. Wedding music was provided by Will and Mae Beth Allison. Caterer was the Pie Factory and the wedding and groom's cakes were made by Donna Mitchell, aunt of the bride. Hair stylist was Gracee Curtis and makeup artist was Sydney Hallmark. Photographer was Laklin Messer of Laklin Brooke Photography. The bridal party got ready at the Gunrunner Hotel & Spa. The groom and groomsmen's suits were from Coats Clothing Company. Oriental rugs provided by Caravan Imports in Huntsville. The iced coffee bar and charcuterie table at the reception were provided by the bride's cousin, Hannah Hanbury. The tent was provided by Purcell's Tents & Events.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Panama City Beach, Fla., their favorite vacation spot. They are now residing in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Photos by Laklin Brooke Photography



*Rice,
Kennamer*





Jade Rice and Brent Kenamer were married August 31, 2020 at Bradford Farms.

The bride is the daughter of Pamela Rice of Ga. and Frank Swain of Texas. The groom is the son of Steve and Sharon Kenamer of Union Grove, Ala.

Brent and Jade are the owners of All Shook Up Bar and Beverage Catering. They reside in Huntsville.

Photos by Heather Bradford







Lanier, Ridgeway

Katie Lanier and Ben Ridgeway were married June 6, 2020 at 4:30 in the afternoon at Gaylord Springs in Nashville, Tenn. with Jim Lanier, uncle of the bride, officiating. The reception followed at the Gaylord Springs Clubhouse.

The bride is the daughter of Stephanie and Ken Pless of Tusculumbia and Jody and Tara Lanier of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of Kenny and Elaine Powers of Muscle Shoals and Charlene Lanier and the late Wayne Lanier of Killen.

The groom is the son of Paige and Bryan Rushing of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of David Johnson and the late Betty Johnson of Sheffield.

The bride chose a Lillian West design from The Something Blue Shoppe in Hartselle. Venice lace adorned the illusion of the off shoulder gown. It featured exposed boning and a tulle A-line skirt with a chapel length train.

Maid of honor was Kess Lanier, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Alison Brocato and Marlee Tigner, friends of the bride, and Payton Ledbetter and Laken Langston, sisters of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Alex Ridgeway. Groomsman was Jacob Williamson, friend of the groom.

Tanya Turner, friend of the bride's family, served as "day of" wedding director. Floral designer was Petals and Stem of Nolensville, Tenn. Preselected music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was provided by Terry Ballard with Gaylord Springs. The venue, Gaylord Springs at Gaylord Opryland, provided the catering. The wedding and groom's cakes were made by The Rolling Pin in Hendersonville, Tenn. Hair stylist was Ashley Cassell and Faith Ezzell was the makeup artist. Grooms and Groomsman suits were from Coats Clothing Company. Photographer was Juniper Weddings and videographer was Collin Pless.

A drive-thru bridal shower was given by the bride's family at The Buffle House in St. Florian. Katie's bridal luncheon took place at The Rock 310 in Sheffield.

The couple's planned honeymoon to a Sandal's Resort had to be postponed until 2021 due to the pandemic. They are residing in Tusculumbia.

Photos by Juniper Weddings







Daniel, Kidder

Mykell Daniel and Zachary Kidder were married October 24, 2020 in a 5:00 afternoon ceremony held at The Anderson Center with Rev. Gregory Daniel officiating. The bride's grandfather, who she's very close to, welcomed everyone. A reception followed at The Anderson Center.

The bride is the daughter of Gregory and Kelli Daniel of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Bobby and Judy Crosswhite and Margaret Daniel and the late Horace Daniel.

The groom is the son of Rodney and Ann Kidder of Crown Point, Ind. He is the grandson of Don and Wendy Kaminski and Charlotte Kidder and the late Rae Kidder.

The bride chose her gown and veil from The Something Blue Shoppe, with alterations by Urban Altered. She wanted to incorporate her mother's veil, so she added pieces of it to her veil.

Maid of honor were Keeley Osborne and Corrina Hall, best friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Rebecca Gans, Samantha King, Meghan Mitchell, friends of the bride, and Jill Kidder, sister of the groom. Flower girls were Kenslie Brown, family friend of the bride, and Macy Kidder, niece of the groom.

Best man was Clayton Grana, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jon Atwood, friend of the groom; Lucas Gans, friend of the bride; Kaden Daniel and Kai Daniel, brothers of the bride; and Allen Leigh, Jr., cousin of the groom. Ushers were Josh Leigh, Alex Leigh, Preston Kaminski, and Jackson Kaminski. Ring bearer was Lettie McMahan, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Terri Brown. Floral designer was Dugger's Florist in Athens. The bride's mother decorated the reception area. Music for the ceremony was provided by Kenneth Rogers. Caterer was Jill's Sweet Memories, who also made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Photographer was Matt and Jasmine Photography, and videographer was Bruce Granger Fractal Image.

The bride loves Disney so she incorporated it in subtle ways into the ceremony and reception: Beauty and the Beast themed music, cake topper, and the ring bearer carried a rose shaped ring box like Beauty and the Beast.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent a week in Captiva Island, Fla. in a beach cottage, and then a day at Magic Kingdom in Disney World. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Matt & Jaymie Photography



Putnam, Perkins





Hannah Marie Putnam and Christopher Harris Perkins were married November 14, 2020 at 4:00 in the afternoon at Camp Creek Weddings with Mr. George McGee officiating. The reception followed at Camp Creek.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Christy Putnam of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Gary and Connie Pounders and the late Arthur and Judy Putnam, all of Florence.

The groom is the son of Tim and Sherrie Perkins of Florence. He is the grandson of Don and Allene Perkins and Bob and Margaret Hendon, all of Florence.

The bride's gown was purchased from Bella's Bridal in Hoover.

Matron of honor was Hannah Phillips, lifelong friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jessica Coleman, Amelia Knight, and Christina Willett, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Eva Grace Berry and Elsa Claire Berry, cousins of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Tim Perkins. Grooms-men were Colter Irons, Dylan West, and Devan West, friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Jackson Pounders, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director was Kristi Sockwell. Floral designer was Carmalita Coan of Carmalita's Weddings and Floral Events. Caterer was Southern Skillet. The wedding cake and groom's cake was made by Heathers Cake Creations. The Crooked Oak Band entertained guests at the reception. Hair stylist was Kim Michele and makeup artist was Janae Bella Glam. Photographer was Rebekah Handley of Rebekah Photography and videographer was Steven Anderson. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy of Camp Creek Weddings and Events for all their help.

After a honeymoon in Key West, Fla., the couple is now residing in Florence.

Photos by Rebekah Photography



Clemons, Smith





Michaela Clemons and Andrew Smith were married July 18, 2020 at 6:30 in the evening at Bradford Farm and Venue with Miles Stutts officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Judy Clemons of Killen. She is the granddaughter of the late William Thomas and Pauline Clemons of Greenhill and the late Fred and Marcelene Mitchell of Tuscumbia.

The groom is the son of Edward and Karen Smith of Dacula, Ga. He is the grandson of Ken and Signa Yingling of Hampton, Ga. and the late Nate and Yuki Smith of Barnesville, Ga.

The bride chose a white lace gown with matching veil from The Something Blue Shoppe.

Maid of honor was Olivia DiChiara, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Abbey Moore, Annagail Holton, Lyndsey Young, Sara Taylor, Summer Cruz, and Ariel McManus, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Lizzie Hines, family friend of the bride, and Ella Partain, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Caleb Martin, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Colin Patterson, Will Zimmer, Peter Swanton, all friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Leah Phillips. Floral designer was Cindy Harrison of Florals By Cindy. Music for the ceremony and reception was provided by Universal Event & Production Services, along with a photo booth from Candid Memories Photo Booth. Caterer was Southern Skillet Catering and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Wendy Weeks. Hair stylist was Mellany Lancaster and makeup artist was Corey Nichols. Photographer was Amanda Chapman Photography and videographer was Ace Eaton Designs.

The couple had planned a honeymoon to St. Lucia, but were unable to go due to the pandemic. Instead they went to Savannah, Ga. and had an amazing time. They are now residing in Grayson, Ga.

Photos by Amanda Chapman Photography







Sanders, Tittle

Tennessee Girl - Alabama Boy

Morgan Sanders and Cody Tittle's first date was in downtown Florence, Alabama. After a two-year courtship and a New Year's Eve engagement in Nashville, Tennessee, the couple decided that they wanted to get married where their relationship began in Florence. In early February, the couple chose the beautiful historic home built in 1883, Pickett Place, in the downtown area and two weeks later the Covid 19 pandemic was a reality. With faith in God, prayer, and lots of family support, Morgan and Cody managed to maneuver through shutdowns and rapidly changing state guidelines to move forward with their nuptials. On September 12, 2020 in a 6:00 evening ceremony, with plenty of social distancing, on the gorgeous front lawn of Pickett Place. Brides talented aunt Daphene Cope designed the flowers and decorated the home and gardens for the special day. Brides cousin, Tiby Ferguson, an events coordinator, helped with all the wedding planning. We chose to use sentimental details throughout the wedding. Family heirlooms like my late grandfather's carpenter hammer as well as some of Cody's family's treasures. We wanted to pay tribute to our heritage, we incorporated family crystal and sterling silver that have been in or families for years for serving pieces at the reception.

Special childhood friend of the bride, Colby McAnally, officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Tittle of Florence, Alabama.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She chose to wear gown by Olia Zavozina, a Nashville based designer. The custom gown featured a unique neckline, fitted silhouette, and beaded embellishments. The bride carried a bouquet of garden roses, bleached fern, ruckus with white stock, dusty miller, jasmine plumulas and seeded eucalyptus wrapped in blush and dyed silk ribbon attached to the family prayer book, with a cameo of her late grandmother, and was designed by Teri Shackelford of Mansion and March Floral and Event Designs of Nashville. Mansion and March also designed the wedding parties' florals.

The maid of honor was Macy Sanders, sister of the bride, Matron of honor was Hallie Hoffmeyer, childhood friend. Bridesmaids were Abby Markus and Caroline Thomas, childhood friends, and Mckenzie Yarbrow and Blair Vasquez, college Sorority sisters.

Best man was Brandon Cole (Bubba) Tittle, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Jaye Dolan, William Lovelady and Taylor Thompson, childhood friends, and Jake Campbell and Conor (Goose) Rickard, college Fraternity Brothers. Ushers were Jackson Ferguson of Lawrenceburg Tennessee and Charlie Murphy, Columbia, Tennessee both cousins of the Bride.

Day of Wedding Directors were Alice Stofel of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee and Audrey Brown of Columbia, Tennessee. The reception included a lovely southern buffet and custom cake all by Jill Larkin of Jill's Sweet Memories. Drumb and Drumber with Billy Allen provided music for the ceremony and reception entertainment under a beautiful draped tent. Stationery and invitations were printed by Printers & Stationers, Inc. in Florence. Party rentals were from Party Pros, Florence. Hair stylist was Alei Stephens of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and make-up artist was Lea Thomason of Columbia, Tennessee. Photographer was Abraham Rowe of Florence.

After a honeymoon in Charleston, South Carolina, the couple is now residing in Florence.

Photos by Abraham Rowe Photography



*Peter,
Belue*





Madison Peter and Carmen Belue were married August 22, 2020 at 6:00 in the evening at The Owl's Landing with Bill Barlow, step-father of the bride, officiating. The reception followed at The Owl's Landing.

The bride is the daughter of Janet and Bill Barlow of Killen and Mike and Robin Peter of Ft. Myers, Fla. She is the granddaughter of Ray and Brenda Gresham.

The groom is the son of Greg and Michelle Belue of Rogersville. He is the grandson of Dearl and Linda Belue.

Maid of honor was Sydney Suggs, cousin and friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Erin Thacker, Alli Belue, Becca Parker, Emma Kate Johnson, all friends of the bride; Bethany Belue, sister-in-law of the bride; Hannah Menard, step-sister of the bride; Emily Harper and Lexi Siniard, cousins of the bride. Flower girls were Molly Ann Johnson, Charlee Hererra, and Jolee Hererra.

Best man was the groom's father, Greg Belue. Groomsmen were Lane Belue and Chase Belue, brothers of the groom; Ethan Belue, Jackson Parker, John Trousdale, Will Thacker, all friends of the groom; and Michael Peter, brother-in-law of the groom. Ring bearers were Bensen Shook, Ridge Shook, and Turner Shook, cousins of the groom.

Wedding coordinator was Stacy Suggs and floral designer was Nip and Tuck Florist. Caterer was Amy's Cakes, who also made the wedding cake. The groom's cake was made by Jill's Sweet Memories. Reception entertainment was provided by Andrew Willaimson of Sutherland Sight & Sound. The bride's attire was purchased from The Something Blue Shoppe. Hair stylists were Becca Belue and Alisha Johnson, and makeup artist was Savannah Vinson. Photographer was Whitney Mobley of Whitney Blake Photography and videographer was John Haggard.

After a honeymoon in Brentwood, Tenn., the couple is now residing in Killen.

Photos by Whitney Blake Photography





Howard, Luna

Shelby and Matthew Luna were married June 6, 2020 at 5:00 in the afternoon at Owl's Landing in Killen with Ben Luna, brother of the groom, officiating. The reception followed at Owl's Landing.

The bride is the daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann Grigsby of Ardmore. She is the granddaughter of John and Eleanore Grigsby of W. Va. and the late Jean Nix of Leighton.

The groom is the son of Pam Prince of Florence, and Mona Steele and the late James "Buddy" Luna of Lawrenceburg, Tenn. He is the grandson of Charles and Beatrice Prince of Waynesboro, Tenn.

The bride chose a gown from Promenade in Tuscumbia, with alterations by Lisa Curtis.

Maid of honor was Trista Davis, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Rebecca Randolph, Candi Hall, Maggie Beech, all friends of the bride, and Hannah Thomas, cousin of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Kyle Staggs. Groomsmen were Wes Sherrill, David Borden, Vince Lyle, all friends of the groom, and Taylor Luna, cousin of the groom.

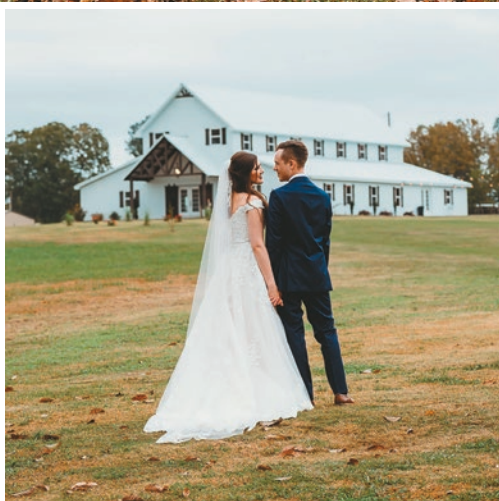
Wedding director was Kim Nix, aunt of the bride, and Mary Ann Grigsby, mother of the bride. Floral designer was Kim Nix. Music for the ceremony and the reception was provided by DJ Nate Slaughter. Caterer was Las Vias Mexicana of Decatur. The wedding cake was made by Cupcake Highway and the groom's cake was made by Stacy Oliver and Cyndi Holden. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Ashley Watson of Parlor 217. Photographer was Amanda Chapman Photography. Special thanks to other helpers: Susan Riley, Sharon Heath, Dawn and Johnny Nix.

The couple had to cancel their honeymoon due to Covid-19, but are planning a trip to Ireland in 2021. They are currently residing in Leighton.

Photos by Amanda Chapman Photography



Hean, Dyky



Caroline Hean and Igor Dyky were married November 7, 2020 at 4:00 in the afternoon at Bradford Farm and Venue with James Gray officiating. The reception was also held at Bradford Farm following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of George and Maryjane Hean of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Kay Stegall of Tusculum, the late Dannie Small Hean of Tusculum, and the late George Hean, Sr. of Florence.

The groom is the son of Valentyna and Darryl Roth of Loretto, Tenn. and Genadiy Dyky of Ukraine. He is the grandson of the late Anna and Leonid Gura and Lidiya Dyky and the late Anatoliy Dyky, all of Ukraine.

The bride wore a gown by Essense of Australia from Brides by Glitz in Nashville, Tenn., along with a veil from her grandmother.

Maid of honor was Katherine Earnst, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lauren Goins, Megan Roberts, and Alyssa Burton, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Mila Clanton, cousin of the groom; Lily Wade, cousin of the bride; Kay Stegall, grandmother of the bride; and Anna Gura, grandmother of the groom (passed away just before the wedding, picture on Kay's basket).

Best man was Trevor Gibbons, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Hayden Zills, Andrew Steen, and Scott Griffin, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Levi Clanton, cousin of the groom, and Hudson Gray, cousin of the bride.

Wedding director/coordinator was Cecilia Brumley and floral designer was Bradford Farm and Venue. Caterer was Blue Coast Burritos and the wedding cake was made by the groom's mother, Valentyna Roth. Music for the ceremony and reception was provided by Sullivan Productions. Hair stylist was Hannah Phillips and makeup artist was Chloe Moothart of Pretty by COCO. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Nick Foster of Renaissance Film Productions.

The couple is planning a honeymoon in Europe in 2021. They are now residing in Nashville, Tenn.





McGuire, Conder





In July 2018, Meg was spending the summer before starting graduate school working at Steel City Pops in Tuscaloosa, AL. One evening while she was snipping away at popsicle wrappers, one gentleman in particular caught her eye. His name was Preston, and he proved to be quite the loyal customer that summer. A little over a year later, the couple got engaged.

Like so many engaged couples in 2020, the future Conders had to reassess what their big day was going to look like as the entire world was put on pause. As the date drew closer, the couple's vendors, families, and friends rallied together to make The Conder Wedding happen with the guests' safety in mind.

June 20th brought a day filled with so much thanksgiving and celebration. Meg had kept a journal of letters to Preston since their engagement that included a letter she had written to her future husband six months before meeting him. Preston was given this journal right before the couple's "first look."

The ceremony site was nestled in a forest of towering pine trees, filled with the musical stylings of country recording artist and Muscle Shoals local, Rachel Wammack. Meg's bouquet featured pheasant feathers in honor of her late grandfather.

Kruz and Paizlee Davenport, the couple's ring bearer and flower girl, could not be there for the wedding. The siblings have a rare disease called Schimke Immuno-Osseous Dysplasia (SIOD). The Davenport Family was in Palo Alto, California where Paizlee received her father's donated kidney. While Meg and Preston missed them dearly, they were so excited for what this life-changing transplant meant for Paizlee's future. They encouraged guests to consider making a donation to the Kruz'n' For A Kure Foundation in their honor.

The couple and their guests danced the night away, and the two drove off in the back of a vintage blue convertible under the colorful explosions of a surprise firework display. It took an entire village to pull this wedding off in light of the unprecedented circumstances, and Preston and Meg cannot express their gratitude enough to those that made their big day so special. There's no question - The Shoals knows how to throw a party!

The wedding date was set for June 20, 2020. As a Shoals native, Meg wanted to utilize as many local vendors as possible. They were as follows:

- Venue: Bradford Farm and Venue
- Photography: Katie Jewell Co.
- Makeup: Corey Allen Nichols (Makeup by Corey)
- Gown, veil, bridesmaid dresses, and tuxedos: Cherry Tree Lane Bridal and Formal
- Hair: Kenzie Thomas Hair
- Lash Extensions: Pretty by Coco
- Flowers: Stephanie Crow & Friends
- Food: Southern Skillet Catering
- Bride's Cake: Bellaria Wedding Cakes by Tina
- Groom's Cake: Yummies Bakery and Deli
- Videography: Blake Hudson
- Music: Rachel Wammack
- Fireworks: Alexander McDonald
- Officials: Brett Pitman and Neil Reynolds
- Invitations and Programs: SAS Printing

Photos by Katie Jewell Co.



Lovelace, Berrens

Mary Lindsay Lovelace and David Joseph Berrens, III were married May 23, 2020 in a 3:00 afternoon ceremony held at the Buffler House in St. Florian with Father John O'Donnell of St. Michael's Catholic Church officiating. The reception was held at Bradford Farm and Venue on July 11.

The bride is the daughter of Scott and Amy Lovelace of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Mary Ann Brown and the late Patrick Brown of Lexington and the late Doyal and Maxine Lovelace of Tuscumbia.

The groom is the son of Joe and Deona Berrens of Florence. He is the grandson of Frances Richardson and the late Billy Richardson and the late David and Jackie Berrens, all of Florence.

The bride wore a beautiful white satin gown from Cherry Tree Lane with a matching veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses with her grandmother's locket attached.

Matron of honor was Lori-Anna Byrd, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Darby Berrens, sister of the groom; Abby Ambrose, cousin of the bride; Megan McDonald, Darby Rainey, Bailee Gist, Maddy McNabb, Brooke Smith, and Emma Gresham, all friends of the bride. Flower girl was Caroline Byrd, niece of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Joe Berrens. Groomsmen were Luke Ambrose, cousin of the bride; Bradley McMurtrey and Blake Peters, cousins of the groom; Tyler Pigg, Cody Pigg, Henry Harrison, Mitchell Lovell, and Jason Arnold, all friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Terri Brown of Kiss the Bride. Floral designer was Will and Dee's Florist - groom's grandparents. Bridal bouquet was made of garden roses, ranunculus, and freesia. The reception was catered by Southern Skillet. The wedding cake was made by Amy's Cakes and the groom's cake was made by Regina Carmack of Sugar Time Bakery. Gus Spears of Universal Event and Production Services provided entertainment at the reception. Hair stylists were Kyla Warden and Nisha Morris from Textur and makeup artist was DeAnna Putman from Textur. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was David Montgomery. Thanks to Sarah and Madeline Cox for helping with the ceremony at the Buffler House. Special thank you to the bride's cousin, Harold, and Deborah Kimbrough for providing the getaway car and the fireworks for the exit.

The couple plan to take their honeymoon on their one year anniversary - a stay at La Toc, Sandals all-inclusive in St. Lucia. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Create Portraiture





Woodruff, Jacobs

The bride was honored with a drive-by bridal shower 2 May 2020. Due to COVID-19, the original 15 May 2020 wedding date was rescheduled for late summer. However, Justin received a job offer that would require us to relocate prior to the rescheduled wedding date. We decided to have our wedding ceremony now and a wedding reception on our one-year anniversary to ensure the safety of our guests.

15 May 2020 was a gorgeous day. We could not have asked for a sunnier day. Our guests remained in their cars to keep social distance during the pandemic. My mother, Dorothy Woodruff, escorted me to "The Prayer" by Donnie McClurkin. It was just Justin and I at the altar with the Officiant, Pastor Damon Betts. We wanted everyone to see and feel the purest love and happiness we have for one another; and everyone witnessed the love and deep smiles Justin and I shared. Following the ceremony, Justin and I walked past each car to thank all our guests for sharing with us.

The advice I would give future brides is to form a vision instead of just picking colors and decorating the day in those colors. Create the atmosphere and mood of your relationship and how you want your guests to feel. This gives guests more to talk about than just the dress and hors d'oeuvres.

Jhauncey Omega Olivia Woodruff and Justin Charles Jacobs were married 5:00 pm Friday, 15 May 2020 at the home of the groom's aunt and uncle, Reginald and Wilda Jacobs in Toney, AL with Pastor Damon Betts officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Woodruff of Decatur and the late Rev. John Ralph Woodruff, Sr. She is the granddaughter of the late Richard and Cleo Moore and the late John Henry and Mamie Woodruff, all of Decatur, AL and the late Joseph and Mary Moore, of Denver, CO.

The groom is the son of Charles and Deborah Jacobs of Athens, AL. He is the grandson of the late Arthur and Mary Jacobs of Toney, AL and the late Luther and Mary Davis of Tanner, AL.

The bride chose a Bariano Medusa white lace strapless maxi dress in elegant white lace over a nude satin lining, shaping the breathtaking gown with a strapless, sweetheart neckline. Accented with a plunging nude mesh inset, the curve-hugging maxi skirt flowed from a fitted waist down to a mermaid hem with flourishing sheer mesh godets and a small train with a bonus tulle full maxi skirt. The bride wore a gold and fresh water pearl necklace and earring set with a pearl floral wedding comb. The bride was bejeweled with a Badgley Mischka Hayden champagne satin rhinestone ankle strap heels.

Maid of honor was Ms. Jeanine Woodruff, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ms. Teaka Shoulders and Ms. Caressa Sullivan, friends of the bride; Mrs. Janessa Woodruff and Mrs. Okera Peoples, sister-in-laws of the bride; and Ms. Bethany Peoples, cousin of the groom. Flower girls were Miss Peyton Peoples, Miss Mila Woodruff and Miss Marley Woodruff, nieces of the bride and groom.

Best man was Mr. Demetrius Peoples, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Mr. Jordan Frazer and Mr. Orin "Tre" Odom, friends of the groom; Mr. Bradley McWilliams, cousin of the groom. Mr. Ishmael Woodruff and Mr. Ramsey Woodruff, brothers of the bride. Ring bearer was Mr. Kenyan Jacobs, son of the groom.

Floral design by Jeanine Woodruff and Jhauncey Woodruff. Ceremony music by Antonio Woodruff. The bride did her own hair and makeup. Photography by James Jacobs. Videography by Demetrius Peoples. The wedding ceremony was broadcast live on Facebook Live. Other special helpers were Reginald and Wilda Jacobs.

The couple's honeymoon is postponed due to COVID-19. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs now reside in Kalamazoo, MI.

Photos by James Jacobs





Hammond, Gibson

Sally Elizabeth Hammond and Ethan Lee Gibson were married June 20, 2020 at 4:30 in the afternoon at Lexington First Baptist Church with Bro. Jeff Cruse officiating. The reception was held at The Anderson Center in Anderson following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Lance and Tammy Hammond of Anderson. She is the granddaughter of Glenda and Ted Kenner of Anderson and the late Othell and Morris Hammond of Lexington.

The groom is the son of Valerie Gibson of Lexington and Shane and Heather Woodward of Killen. He is the grandson of Timothy and Carolyn Gibson of Lexington and Mike and Sue Woodward of St. Florian.

Per the bride: *"I had the privilege of wearing my great-grandmother's favorite gold bracelet. Ethan gave me a Ronaldo bracelet to match. My matron of honor let me wear the earrings she wore in her wedding for mine. Each detail of my dress was simple, but elegant. It had buttons all the way up the back and it had just enough poof to make me feel like a princess."*

Maid of honor was Melia Hines and matron of honor was Candace Dill, best friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kayla Michael, Madison Thornton, Abbie Gray, and Autumn Scott, all friends of the bride, and Piper Hammond, sister-in-law of the bride. Flower girls were Olivia Rossiter, cousin of the bride, and Hannah Woodward, sister of the groom.

Best men were Owen Corum and Dylan Sparks, both friends of the groom. Groomsmen were David Johnston, Garrett Hines, and Benji Letsinger, friends of the groom, Jake Hammond and Jesse Hammond, brothers of the bride. Ring bearer was Cooper Woodward, brother of the groom, and Bible bearer was Wyatt Hammond, nephew of the bride.

Floral designer was Mimi's Decor & More. Caterer was Beverly Scott and the wedding cake was made by Carson's Confections. Music for the ceremony was provided by Karen Cantrell and Megan Haller, and DJ Kato Henry entertained guests at the reception. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Monica Aday. Photographer was Amanda Stutts of Be Still Photography. Special thanks to the ladies at First Baptist Church who helped serve and were ready for any need. Lance Hammond, Hammond Custom Woodworking made all the centerpieces and cake display.

The couple spent their wedding night in Anniston before continuing on to Perdido Beach, Fla. where they spent their week-long honeymoon. They are now residing in Lexington.

Photos by Amanda Stutts





*Steien,
Neeley*



Lindsay Kathryn Steien and Spencer Blake Neeley were married October 16, 2020 at 6:30 in the evening at Grace Life Church of the Shoals with Bro. Matt Fowler officiating. The reception was held at Doublehead Resort following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Marlaina Steien of Muscle Shoals. She is the granddaughter of the late E.D. "Pete" and Jeanette Steien and the late Keith and Shirley Gladney.

The groom is the son of Dennis and Teresa Neeley of Scottsboro. He is the grandson of the late Rachel and Annie Hastings and the late Ed and Frances Neeley.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful white satin Justin Alexander gown from The Something Blue Shoppe.

Bridesmaids were Laura Stockton and Leah Holden, sisters of the bride; Addy Beth Stockton, niece of the bride; Katelyn Phillips, Kayla Turner, and Emily Steles, friends of the bride. Flower girl was Halie Ladner, friend of the bride.

Groomsmen were Taylor Stockton, nephew of the bride; Brandon Wilhelm, Steven Lusk, Austin Wright, Kevin Lusk, and Dustin Stewart, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was John David Holden, nephew of the bride.

Floral designer was Dawn Garrison. Music for the ceremony was provided by Jason Briley, pianist, and soloist Tom Clay. Caterer was Darlene Nuss Catering. The wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Elizabeth Cozart. Reception entertainment was provided by DJ Katie Pyle and decorator Bonnie Bauer. Photographer was Hannah Briggs.

After a honeymoon trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo., the couple is now residing in Scottsboro.

Bridal Portraits by Kayla Turner, Wedding Day Photos by Hannah Briggs





Pigg, Horton

Covid-19 and Hurricane Delta could not put a damper on the wedding day of Justin and Charlee. A year and a half of planning all came to a halt in the days leading up to their special day. The ceremony was planned for Pleasant View Farm, an outdoor venue located in their hometown. Unfortunately, due to impending Hurricane Delta that was expected to make land-fall on wedding day, the couple made the difficult decision to relocate the ceremony three days before to Cornerstone Church in Collinwood, Tenn. The couple are extremely grateful for the generosity and support they were shown from the members of Cornerstone for allowing them to use their beautiful church. Despite the obstacles faced, Charlee and Justin's wedding day was one of a storybook fairytale. The most perfect day surrounded by friends and family who mean so much to the couple.

Charlee Amber Pigg and Justin Dale Horton were married October 10, 2020 at 4:30 in the afternoon at Cornerstone Church with Junior Overstreet officiating. The reception followed at the church.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Sonya Pigg of Cypress Inn, Tenn. She is the granddaughter of Johnnie and Glenda Holt and Margaret Pigg of Collinwood, Tenn. and Johnny Pigg of Florence, Ala.

The groom is the son of Jessica and Bart Littrell of Cypress Inn, Tenn. and Jeff and Amy Horton of Florence, Ala. He is the grandson of Dennis and Judy Thompson, Sam and Becky Horton, and Rhonda Donovan, all of Collinwood, Tenn.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a stunning mermaid style gown with a detailed bodice of lace and beading attached to a flowing tulle skirt by Kittychen Couture and a chapel length veil trimmed with lace from Moden Brides located in Huntsville, Ala. She completed her look by wearing her mother's earrings from her wedding day. Attached to her beautiful bouquet of sand roses, blue thistle, ranunculus, and dusty miller were two handkerchiefs given to her as special keepsakes from the groom's great-grandmother and her own great-grandmother.

Maid of honor was Shelby Wilbanks, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miranda Goats, Martha Kristin Woodside, Kaylee Smith, Selby Risner, all friends of the bride, and Braydee Pigg, sister of the bride. Flower girls were Ada Holt, Remi Robertson, and Teagan Vickery, all cousins of the bride.

Best man was Austin Holt, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Seth Hicks and Tanner Weaver, friends of the groom; Mac Holt, friend and cousin of the bride; Tanner Sanderson, cousin of the groom; and Jace Horton, brother of the groom. Ring bearer was Ty Rich, family friend of the bride and groom.

Wedding director/coordinators were Lillie Ruth Brewer and Christie Littrell. Floral designer was Christie Littrell. Ceremony music was provided by Jason Rich. Caterer for the reception was Pat's Cafe and Catering Co. of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Tori Jones at Revival Bake Shop. Hair stylists were Jaydee Blackburn and Valerie Crews at Jaydee's, and makeup artist was Sydney Hallmark at Styled by Sydney. Photographer was Rebecca Elkins at Rebecca Lynn Photography and videographer was Tyler Martin at Nelsons Studio. Special thanks to Cherry Tree Lane in Florence for completing the bridal party look.

Unable to travel to their original honeymoon destination due to Covid-19 restrictions, the couple travelled to Branson, Mo. for an impromptu honeymoon. Deep in the Ozarks, the couple enjoyed horseback riding through the mountains and enjoying some much needed relaxation. The couple plan to celebrate their one-year anniversary in Oahu, Hawaii as originally planned.

Photos by Rebecca Lynn Photography



Elkins, Stamps

Having a wedding during a pandemic was a challenge, but I think with any wedding it's important to be flexible and remember the most important thing is love. Love for your groom, your family, and friends. No matter what is going on in life, you are marrying the love of your life and that's the most important thing about the day!

Autumn Elkins and Sawyer Stamps were married November 21, 2020 in a 3:00 afternoon ceremony held at Camp Creek Weddings in Killen with Harrison Chastain officiating. The reception followed at Camp Creek.

The bride is the daughter of Andy and Lisa Elkins of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Steve and Paula Elkins and Gwyn Jones and the late Ricky Jones, all of Florence.

The groom is the son of Randall and Darlene Stamps of Florence. He is the grandson of Danny and Paulette Abernathy and Faye Stamps and the late Clayburn Stamps, all of Florence.

The bride was escorted by her father. She chose a white lace gown with matching cathedral length veil from Mary's Bridal.

Maid of honor was Aleah Elkins, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Laura Johnson, Harley Parker, Kaylee Windsor, Kaitlin Davis, Mariah Belue, all friends of the bride, and Gracie Holden, cousin of the groom. Flower girls were Serenity Elkins, Ka'Shari Elkins, and Ka'Nyla Elkins, all sisters of the bride.

The groom's father, Randall Stamps, served as his son's best man. Groomsmen were Raleigh Stamps, brother of the groom; William Elkins, brother of the bride; Ben Qualls, Temon Brown, Eoin Broadfoot, and Markus Johnson, all friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Colton Elkins and Kingston Elkins, brothers of the bride.

Wedding director was Sarah Atkins, family friend, and floral designer was Paula Elkins, grandmother of the bride. Ceremony music was provided by Nathan Johnson. The wedding cake was made by Yummies Bakery and the groom's cake was made by Publix. Servers were Amy Windsor, Angela Haddock, and Niki Adrian. Photographer was Kirstin Bynum of Southmere Photography.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Canyon Lake, Texas, and are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Southmere Photography





Hinkle, Alexander



Getting married in a Pandemic is extra stressful. We had been planning a wedding and reception for over a year and then all the sudden all of our plans were flushed away. We made the decision two weeks before our planned date to at least postpone our reception for later in the year. Due to Covid, we decided to "elope" in Cloudland Canyon, Ga. Finding a last minute location was not easy, several parks were still closed and didn't have an answer for when they would be open. Thankful for pinterest and our last minute photographer (Mae) we decided on Cloudland Canyon. Though we had never been there, the place looked amazing and perfect for a wedding and it was. It wasn't what we had planned or expected, but we were beyond happy and in love. We had our ceremony on a beautiful overlook, looking into the canyon. We hiked miles, yes in my dress but in Chacos. We chased waterfalls and got very wet and muddy. Ethan even ripped a huge hole in his pants which made for great laughs. It is for sure a day we will never forget and the happiest day of our lives (so far).

We were able to have our reception later in the year at our original venue, The Ledges, masks and all. The great part about postponing our reception was that we were able to take online dance lessons and had a fun coordinated dance for our first dance. I think everyone, including us, was shocked. What we loved most about our reception was that we were able to premier our wedding video at dinner. So it was almost like they were there with us, in Cloudland. Our videographer was able to insert an old voicemail from my dad at the end with some words I wish I could have told him. I don't think there was a dry eye in the room. Another great memory was the anniversary dance, which is where each married couple stands up, then you see who has been married the longest and ask their advice. Ethan's grandparents had celebrated their 60th anniversary that year and won, by a long shot of course. His grandparents had their first dance together... EVER! It was so nice to share that moment with them and hear their words of wisdom.



Athena Hinkle and Ethan Alexander were married May 20, 2020 at 9:00 in the morning in a beautiful outdoor ceremony at Cloudland Canyon in Ga. with Bobbie Docher officiating. The reception was held at The Ledges in Huntsville on September 6, 2020.



The bride is the daughter of Gina Barnette of Decatur and the late Kenneth Hinkle of Athens. She is the granddaughter of the late Samuel and Nava Hinkle of Athens and the late Apolonia and Florentino Salada, Sr. of the Philippines.



The groom is the son of Monica Strait of Florence and Michael Alexander of Florence. He is the grandson of Mary and Owen Lewis of Florence and the late Billy Joe and Mary Alexander.

The bride chose a dress from David's Bridal for the wedding and a dress from Cherry Tree Lane for the reception, with shoes from Freebird by Steve.

Matron of honor was Bobbie Docher, best friend of the bride. Best man was the groom's brother, Austen Alexander.



The reception was catered by the venue, The Ledges. The wedding cake was made by Tina Parker of Bellaria Wedding Cakes. The entertainment at the reception was provided by Kenny Halmark. Hair stylist for the wedding was Bobby pinning by Brittney of Chattanooga, Tenn., and for the reception was Alani Brown of Florence. Make up artists were Michaela Pierard of Chattanooga, Tenn. for the wedding and Alani Brown of Florence for the reception. Wedding day photographer was Mae Grace Photography of Ga., and reception photographer was Ashton Willis of Beloved Imagery. Videographer was KD Docher Films. A huge thank you to Marilyn Ligon, cousin of the bride, for making the reception absolutely perfect.



The couple had to cancel their planned honeymoon to Puerto Rico, and are planning to take the trip on their one year anniversary. They are now residing in Stone Mountain, Ga.

Wedding photos by Mae Grace Photography and reception photos by Beloved Imagery



Evans, Bailey

Jayci Evans and Justin Bailey were married September 26, 2020 at 5:30 in the afternoon at Bradford Farm and Venue with Kevin Sullivan officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Robbi Evans. She is the granddaughter of Linda Smithson and the late Milton Smithson and Shirley Evans and the late Charles Evans, and the great-granddaughter of Christine Dengle.

The groom is the son of JW Butch Bailey and the late Patricia Beasley Bailey, and nephew of special aunt Linda Kay Beasley. He is the grandson of the late Jack and EmmiLou Bailey and the late Kenny Mack and Pauline Beasley.

Maid of honor was Whitney Alexander, friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Alli Thigpen, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Shelby Smithson and Ryleigh Smithson, cousins of the bride; Lacey Ray, Jerra Burden, Brandi Reno, Terri Brown-Crowe, all friends of the bride; and Lani Twilley, niece of the groom. Junior bride was Jolee Isbell, daughter of the bride. Flower girl was Gracelyn Twilley, great-niece of the groom.

Best man was the groom's brother, Wayland Bailey. Groomsmen were Kenny Bailey and Kevin Bailey, brothers of the groom; Brenden Bailey, nephew of the groom; Josh Thompson, Chris Windom, Tyler Tidmore, Jacob Twilley, all friends of the groom; Jacob Thigpen, brother-in-law of the bride; and Hunter Thigpen, nephew of the bride. Ring bearer was Sawyer Thigpen, nephew of the bride.

Wedding director/coordinators were Heather Bradford and Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Heather Sherrill. Providing music for the ceremony and the reception was Fine Era Productions, along with Southern Boys Band, who played at the reception. Caterer was Southern Skillet Catering and Dixie Delights made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Laren Lindholm. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Al Hammond of Awaken Films.

After a honeymoon at Sandals Regency La Toc in Castries, St. Lucia, the couple is now residing in Cullman.

Photos by Create Portraiture



Horton, Henson



Madelynn Horton and Dustin Henson were married May 23, 2020 in a 6:00 evening ceremony held at Brick Haven Venue in Cullman with Jack Mann officiating. The reception followed at Brick Haven.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Tammy Horton of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Roger and Melba Eddie and Mary Ann Horton and the late Billy Horton, all of Florence.

The groom is the son of Cassidy and Dana Henson of Killen. He is the grandson of Johnny and Gail Faulkner of Florence and Wayne and Sue Henson of Killen.

Maid of honor was Emily Horton, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kayla Henson, Emma Roberson, Brittany Watkins, Laken Butler, Abby Mattox, Kenzie Burks, Audry Anerton, and Lindsey Poole. Flower girls were Cora Beth Horton and Evie Behel.

Best man was the groom's father, Cassidy Henson. Groomsmen were Alex Moody, Jonathan Moody, Payne Correll, Ridge Mattox, Clay Holliday, Evan Hamner, Reese Lambert, and Colin Chamblin. Ring bearer was Creed Behel.

Wedding director and floral designer was Dawn Pettus. Music for the ceremony and reception was provided by 2 Wolves DJ Service. The reception was catered by Mangia Italian Restaurant, and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Nissi Clingan. Hair stylist was Kailey Purcell and makeup artist was Abby Mattox. Photographer was Gena Plaxco and videographer was Johnny Smith.

The couple traveled to Hilton Head, S.C. for their honeymoon. They are now residing in Florence.

Photos by Gena Plaxco



Adams, Thigpen

Taylor Adison Adams and Tyler Charles Thigpen were married July 25, 2020 at 5:00 in the afternoon at Camp Creek Weddings in Killen with Pat Driskell officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Rocky and Anna O'Dell and the late Amos C. Adams, Jr., all of Rogersville. She is the granddaughter of Betty Adams and the late Amos C. Adams, Sr. and Shirley Smith and the late Robert J. Smith, all of Rogersville.

The groom is the son of Terry and Mona Thigpen of Killen. He is the grandson of Charles and Ruby Thigpen of Killen, the late Reeder Beavers, and the late Connie Jackson.

The bride's gown was purchased from Kathleen's Bridal in Madison.

Maid of honor was Carly O'Dell, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sarah Adams, sister of the bride; Hannah Thigpen, sister of the groom; Rachel Rigsby, Leanna Davis, Valerie Lacey, and Blake Hill, all friends of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, Terry Thigpen. Groomsmen were Trey Adams and Austin Adams, brothers of the bride; Jesse Creekmore, Adam Butler, and Isaac Joiner, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Rhen Thigpen, son of the bride and groom.

Wedding director was Denise Ells. Floral designer was Shirley Green. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Donnie Gibson of Sound Made EZ. Caterer was Jill's Sweet Memories. The wedding cake was made by Bridgette Newton of Mimmi B's Delights and the groom's cake was made by Jill's Sweet Memories. Hair stylists were Rachael Patterson and Molly Flippo of Parlor 217 and makeup artist was Stephanie Cosby. Photographer was Poppy Seed Photography and videographer was Next Stage Media.

The couple is now residing in Rogersville.

Photos by Poppy Seed Photography





Hammond, Hicks



Samantha and Nate met while pursuing their master's in vocal performance from the University of Memphis. Having both performed throughout their lives, they wanted to bring a them of performance to their wedding. This was traced in the playbill style programs, bridal party bows, and even a custom built theatre marquee. The reception kept the theme alive with a theatre inspired concession stand. It was the performance of a lifetime for the couple to share the spotlight as husband and wife.

Samantha Lee Hammond and Nathanael Curtis Hicks were married August 14, 2020 in a 7:00 evening ceremony at The Anderson Center in Anderson with Ali Chambers, Pastor of Mosaic Church in Memphis, Tenn., officiating. The reception followed at The Anderson Center.

The bride is the daughter of Sherry Hammond and the late Steve Hammond of Lexington. She is the granddaughter of Sandra Faires of Lexington, David Cox of Tampa, Fla., and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond of Lexington.

The groom is the son of Richard and Jane Hicks of Winter Garden, Fla. He is the grandson of Sue Sanger and the late Bill Sanger of Fargo, N.D., and the late Forrest and Amy Thompson of Orlando, Fla.

Maid of honor was Maeleigh Caroline Hammond and matron of honor was Madeline Hammond Fowler, sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jordan Ellis Crow, Elizabeth Brock, Brooke Jacobsen Funk, all friends of the bride; Amy Hicks and Sarah Hicks, sisters-in-law of the bride. Flower girl was Sadie Fowler, niece of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Richie Hicks. Groomsmen were Matt Henson, Justin Kessler, Kendon Hughes, Aaron Redburn, Bryce Funk, all friends of the groom, and Evan Hammond, brother-in-law of the groom. Ring bearer was Trip Fowler, nephew of the bride.

Wedding director and floral designer was Mickey Beavers. Music coordinated by Evan Hammond and performed by Will Carpenter. The wedding cake and the groom's cake were made by Ginger Head Cake Pops. The couple sang themselves for their "first song". Guestbook attendant was Maymie Fowler, niece of the bride. Makeup artist was Madeline Hammond Fowler. Photographer was Amanda Chapman Photography and videographer was Al Hammond with Awaken Films.

The couple is now residing in Madison.

Photos by Amanda Chapman Photography





Rhoads, Butler

We both knew that this was the one that God had made for us very early on in the relationship. While I knew about a month into our relationship, Jerett took a few more months. We were able to experience a lot of life in the beginning of our relationship. We both lost family members, I was in graduate school, and I moved further away in order to change jobs, in addition to a global pandemic that changed countless plans that we had made. When the pandemic began, I was hopeful that it would be over soon. We all know now that this wasn't the case. Before our engagement, I entered a contest to win a wedding gown from Vow'D Weddings, the new bridal brand of the Altar'd State brand. I was shocked to be selected as one of 25 winners on my birthday. Little did I know that Jerett and I would be engaged two weeks later. The events of 2020 altered many of our wedding plans. We weren't able to have an engagement party due to restrictions. We selected bridal party attire on Amazon due to international shipping and production delays. We watched as friends changed and postponed their wedding plans and wondered if we would have to do the same. I feel as if we planned five different weddings in 2020, and yet we knew that the only thing that mattered was that we became husband and wife. We had drive-by wedding showers, small bachelor and bachelorette parties at home, and registered for wedding gifts exclusively online. But on the day of our wedding, we knew we had finally made it. We had to reschedule our original reception plans and we had to cut our guest list by a lot. We streamed our wedding online and offered to-go boxes of wedding treats. Was our wedding the wedding I had dreamed of and planned since I was a little girl? No. Yet, it was absolutely the best day of my life. That's because it didn't matter that things had not gone according to our plans. It didn't matter that guests wore masks or that our ceremony location smelled of sanitizer and eucalyptus. It didn't matter that many friends and family watched our wedding online. What mattered was that we had each other. What mattered was that we were just as married that day as we would have been if there hadn't been a pandemic and all our plans had come to fruition. While a beautiful wedding and perfect details are wonderful things, what truly matters is the love that you share for each other. We spent a lot of our time before our wedding preparing ourselves for marriage. It was time that we wouldn't have had if there wasn't a pandemic going on. So while I don't recommend wedding planning or getting married during a pandemic, we were blessed to be married beside our closest loved ones. We had the time to prepare our hearts for marriage. We have each other, and that's all we truly needed on our wedding day.

Madison Anleigh Rhoads and Jerett Dewayne Butler were married October 10, 2020 at 4:00 in the afternoon at The Chapel in Sheffield with Bryant Newell, close friend of the bride and groom, officiating. A full reception will occur at a later date.

The bride is the daughter of Kelly Killen Rhoads of Lexington and Rodney and Lorianne Rhoads of Davie, Fla. She is the granddaughter of the late Brenda Kelly of Greenhill, Neil Killen of Lexington, the late Manuel Nazario of Florence, the late Minnie Bacon Bowman of Reading, Pa., and the late Bill Rhoads of Reading, Pa.

The groom is the son of Barry and Rita Butler of Haleyville. He is the grandson of Freddie and Carolyn Butler of Haleyville, Betty Gray Harris and the late Hardy Harris of Oak Grove.

The bride chose her gown, veil and belt from The Something Blue Shoppe. Her departure dress was from Vow'D Weddings, and her earrings were from Mary's Bridal in Moulton.

Matron of honor was Jessica Smith, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Caroline Walker, Anna Beahm, Catherine Martin, Grace Johnston, Danielle Stokes, and Alyssa Turner, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Lois Martin and Willow Smith, cousins of the bride.

Best man was Jared Fannin, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Barry Butler, father of the groom; Bryant Newell, Ryan Donaldson, Matt Fannin, all friends of the groom; and Matt Aycock, cousin of the groom. Ring bearers were John Michael Ozbirn and Brantley Ozbirn, cousins of the groom.

Wedding director was Katrina McConnell. Floral designer was Bonnie Stokes. For the wedding cake, the couple selected a tiered cookie cake of chocolate chip cookies and buttercream icing made by Stratton Abbey Cupcakery and Cakes, with a topper custom made by Kanani Miller. The groom's cake was a red velvet cake made by the groom's aunt, Teresa Butler. Other special helpers were Bonnie Stokes, Robin Hollander, Amy Stratton, Katrina McConnell, Teresa Butler, and other family and friends of the couple. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Georgia Plummer. Photographer was Rebekah Handley and videographer was Slightly Gigantic Media.

The couple plans to honeymoon at a later date due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. They are currently residing in Haleyville.

Photos by Rebekah Photography





Mead, McDonald

Carson Mead and Alex McDonald were married August 14, 2020 at Bradford Farm in Town Creek with Bill Williams officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm.

The bride is the daughter of Eric and Robin Mead of Powhatan, Va. She is the granddaughter of Joan Barnes of Richmond, Va., Martha Mead and the late Henry Mead of Richmond, Va., and Bob and Rebecca Cox of Powhatan, Va.

The groom is the son of Susan Westmoreland and Jimmy and Charlotte McDonald. He is the grandson of Sara Westmoreland and the late Charles Westmoreland of Florence.

The bride chose her gown from Six Pence RVA.

Maids of honor were Madisen Powell and Christian Carpenter, friends of the bride, and matron of honor was Lauren Mead, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridesmaids were Katie Wilson, Sydney Hicks, Gracie Whitten, friends of the bride; Krista McMullin, cousin of the bride; Rachel McDonald, sister of the groom; and Madison Johnson, cousin of the groom.

Best men were Pryce Holcombe and Jack Singletary, friends of the groom. Groomsmen were Jacob Seal, Mason Castile, Lane Oliver, Dylan Green, Thomas Samanlego, Brandon Butler, Chase Azbelt, Dustin Gean, all friends of the groom; and Parker Mead, brother of the bride.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumly. Floral designer was Heather Sherrill. Ceremony music was provided by Andrew Williamson. Southern Skillet catered the reception with Nothing Bundt Cakes making the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Shawn Ayers of Halo Hair Downtown. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Awaken Films.

The couple is now residing in Rogersville.

Photos by Create Portraiture



*Richard,
Vest*

Madison Richard and John Wesley Vest were married September 12, 2020 in a 6:00 evening ceremony at Bradford Farm and Venue with Daren McNish, the groom's step-father, officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm and Venue.

The bride is the daughter of Sylina and Tim Sandlin of Moulton and the late Mark Richard. She is the granddaughter of Janice Palmer and the late Ervin Palmer and Harold and Sarah Richard, all of Moulton.

The groom is the son of Kim and Daren McNish of Decatur, and Tommy and Sheila Vest of Centerville, Tenn. He is the grandson of Katherine McWilliams and the late Hardison McWilliams of Decatur, and Celia Vest and the late John Harold Vest of Harselle.

The bride wore a beautifully ornate Allure gown in ivory. The dress was adorned with textural appliques, scalloped hem, an illusion back, and buttons that ran down the spine to the end of the beautifully detailed chapel length train.

Maid of honor was Holly Richard, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Monica Parker, friend of the bride; Chloe Palmer, Kayla Taylor, cousins of the bride; and Emily Sandlin, step-sister of the bride. Flower girls were Miya Maze and Reagan Goodwin.

Best man was the groom's twin brother, James Wade Vest. Groomsmen were Josh McNish, brother of the groom; Wheeler Lovelady, Curtis Brown, and Nathan Johnson, friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Alex McNish, nephew of the groom.

Wedding directors/coordinators were Cecilia Brumley and Heather Sherrill. Floral designer was Bradford Farm and Venue. Sullivan Productions provided music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception. Caterer was Southern Skillet Catering and the wedding cake and groom's cake were made by Dixie Delights. Also catering drinks was All Shook Up Bar and Beverage Catering. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Laren Lindholm. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Sullivan Productions.

The couple enjoyed a beautiful seven day honeymoon at Sandals Royal Caribbean in Montego Bay, Jamaica. They are now residing in Moulton.

Photos by Create Portraiture





Cagle, Grissom

Brittany Cagle and Garrett Grissom were married October 31, 2020 at 3:00 in the afternoon at Bradford Farm and Venue with Bro. Justin Smith officiating. The reception followed at Bradford Farm with a beautiful Halloween full moon that night.

The bride is the daughter of Lisa and Barry Allen of Jasper and Joey Cagle of Castleberry. She is the granddaughter of the late Cheryl Boshell, Michael and Jackie Aaron of Sumiton, Nita Cagle and the late Tommy Cagle of Jasper, and Midge and Gerald Garrett of Castleberry.

The groom is the son of Melanie and Derrick Graham of Town Creek and Kenric and Bonnie Grissom of Town Creek. He is the grandson of Ronnie and Nancy Blankenship of Town Creek, Jim Hamm and the late Rebecca Hamm of Sheffield, and the late Glen Grissom.

The bride wore an off white long sleeve dress with a sheer lace neckline and sleeves that was very flowy and elegant with lace details on the bottom. The bodice was also lace with a plunging back. She wore her hair half up and half down with the half up twisted and braided and the half down curled along with flower pins down the braid and a flower crown. She also wore blue Vans tennis shoes that she custom made that said "Going Grissom" on the heels.

Maid of honor was Sarah Beth Ganey, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Alex Darty, Sarah Yasaka, Aletheia Sanders, Victoria Schrimsher, Erikalynn Lockhart, friends of the bride; Bailey McDaniel, cousin of the bride; Riley Claire Grissom and Emily Maldonado, sisters of the groom. Flower girls were Kalynn McDaniel, cousin of the bride, and Molly Jane Allen, niece of the bride.

Best man was Kaleb Wilkins, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Hunter Rutherford, Micah Foust, Landon Smith, Hunter Parrish, Jacob Franks, all friends of the groom; Aiden Smith and Cade Smith, cousins of the groom; and Lane Grissom, brother of the groom. Ring bearer was Mack Allen, nephew of the bride.

Wedding director was Cecilia Brumley. Floral designer was Heather Sherrill at Bradford Farm. Gus Spears of Universal Event and Production Services provided music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception. The wedding cake was made by Makenzie Holley, and the groom's mother and grandmother made pies for the groom's table. Hair stylist was Niccole McDaniel, aunt of the bride, and makeup artist was McKay Smith, friend of the bride. Photographer was Heather Sherrill of Create Portraiture and videographer was Cape Sandlin of Capable Creations.

The couple took a honeymoon to Gatlinburg, Tenn. and Asheville, N.C., and are now residing in Russellville.

Photos by Create Portraiture



Hester, Ward

Abby Hester and Jake Ward were married September 26, 2020 at 6:30 in the evening in a beautiful outdoor ceremony held at Hurricane Creek Lodge with Jacob Wallace officiating. The reception followed at the Lodge.

The bride is the daughter of Richie and Amy Hester of Belgreen. She is the granddaughter of Harold and Kathy Coats of Vina and the late John B. and Grace Hester of Belgreen.

The groom is the son of David and Tracy Ward of Russellville. He is the grandson of Daniel and Anita Williams and the late James and Gladys Ward, all of Russellville.

The bride chose a beautiful white lace gown from Kay's Kreations in Tupelo, Miss.

Maid of honor was Layla Hester, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Maggie Adams and Asia Hester, sisters of the bride, and Baylie Sims, friend of the bride. Flower girl was Campbell Wright, niece.

Best man was the groom's father, David Ward. Groomsmen were Judd Ward, Jaret Ward, and Dee Harvey, brothers of the groom. Ring bearer was Keegan Strickland, cousin.

Wedding director was Channing Wright. Floral designer was Felicia Renfro of Muscle Shoals Florist. Pianist Tommy Malcolm Quinn provided music for the ceremony, and Michael and Greg Green entertained guests at the reception. Caterer was Ruth Manor Catering of Fulton, Miss. April Young of Belmont, Miss. made the wedding cake and Samantha Montgomery of Russellville made the groom's cake. Hair stylist was Meagan Holloway and makeup artist was Abby Kikta. Photographer was Sommer Hamilton of Saving Grace Photography. Special thanks to Channing Wright and Gena Childers, who planned almost everything and did a fabulous job.

The couple is now residing in Russellville, Ala. *Jake proposed on Bow Bridge in NYC in December, 2019. Even with Covid-19, we were able to keep our original date. The wedding was honestly a dream come true. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank everyone who made our big day so special. After an eventful year (to say the least), we will be welcoming a baby boy into our lives in January, 2021.*

Photos by Saving Grace Photography





Baker, McDuff

Whitney Leighann Baker and Barkley Wheeler McDuff were married October 24, 2020 in a 4:00 afternoon ceremony held at Ava's Place with Dwayne McDuff officiating. The reception followed at Ava's Place.

The bride is the daughter of Charles A. Baker of Rogersville, Marie Kelsoe of Littleville, and Lisa Tittle of Lexington. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Margaret Baker of Rogersville.

The groom is the son of Wayne McDuff and Melanie McDuff of Killen. He is the grandson of Bob and Stella McDuff of Florence.

The bride chose a beautiful white gown from The Something Blue Shoppe.

Matron of honor was Savannah Butler, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Shaunna Ball and Kristy Chandler, sisters of the bride; Baylee Newton, Makenzie Moore, Danya Snead, Shelby Replogle, friends of the bride; and Claudia Thigpen, sister-in-law of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Aubrey Horton, cousin of the groom. Flower girls were Ruby Horton, cousin of the groom, and Audrey Replogle, friend of the bride.

Best man was Tyler Hunsburger, best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Micah Horton and Cody Horton, cousins of the groom; Wade McNutt, Eric Yarbrough, Michael Harbin, Drew Cottrell, friends of the groom; and Nathan Thigpen, brother-in-law of the groom. Ring bearers Kade McGee, friend of the couple, and Corbin Glover, cousin of the groom.

Floral designer was Mimi's Decor. Ceremony music and reception entertainment was provided by Sweet Tree Productions. The wedding cake was made by Cindy's Sweet Pleasures and the groom's cake was made by Melanie McDuff. Hair stylist was Susan and Shawn of Halon Salon and makeup artist was Lindsey Robinson of Halo Salon. Photographer was Jenna Perry of Love + Bloom and videographer was John Haggard.

After a honeymoon in Panama City Beach, Fla., the couple is now residing in Killen.

Photos by Love + Bloom Studio



Kasi Nicole South and Rhett Gannon Morrison were married August 8, 2020 at 6:00 in the evening at Tuscumbia Depot and Roundhouse with Chad Holder officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Phillip and Nikki South of Florence. She is the granddaughter of the late Rufus and Marcella South of Waterloo, Ted and Renee McGill of Athens, and Gale Jones and the late Hugh Jones of Athens.

The groom is the son of Mike and Holly Morrison of Muscle Shoals. He is the grandson of Joe and Brenda Morrison of Cherokee, and Patsy Waldrep and the late Larry Waldrep of Muscle Shoals.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a gown of lace and silk with ivory beading from The Something Blue Shoppe, with a matching lace cathedral length veil. She also wore a pearl bracelet made from pearls from her mother's wedding dress, and lace was used from her mother's wedding dress to make the garter and was used around her bouquet.

Maid of honor was Lakin Yerbey, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kaylee Colburn, Kendra Hanback, Morgan Jones, Kelsey Vaughan, all friends of the bride; Hollie South, sister-in-law of the bride; and Claire Morrison, sister-in-law of the groom. Flower girl was Lilly Williamson.

Best man the groom's father, Mike Morrison. Groomsmen were Alex Morrison and Braden Morrison, brothers of the groom; Wesley South, brother of the bride; Evan McFall, Parker Smith, and Alan Balentine, all friends of the groom. Usher was Jackson South and ring bearer was Jase South, both cousins of the bride.

Wedding director was Annie South, cousin of the bride. Floral designer was Cindy Harrison with Florals by Cindy. Music for the ceremony and entertainment for the reception was provided by Gus and Mary Anne Spears with Universal Event and Production Services. A photo booth was provided by Candid Memories. The reception, held at Tuscumbia Depot and Roundhouse following the ceremony, was catered by Jill's Sweet Memories. Wendy Weeks made the wedding cake and groom's cake. Hair stylists were Kenzie Thomas Pope and Hannah Phillips, and makeup artist was Kenzie Thomas Pope. The groom and groomsmen all wore custom suits from Jos. A. Banks and the bridesmaids wore gowns from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence. Photographer was Joseph Romans Photography and videographer was Bruce Carson with QF2 Films. The arbor used during the ceremony was handmade by the bride's father.

For their honeymoon, the couple spent a week in Orange Beach, Ala. They are now residing in Muscle Shoals with their dog, Jax.



Photos by Joseph Romans Photography



Killen, Cornelius

Maggie Killen and Aaron Cornelius married November 14, 2020 at 2:00 in the afternoon at The Old Oak in Peppertown in Lexington, AL officiated by Alex Bayes. The reception was held at the home of the bride's grandparents, Ronald and Jean Killen, in Lexington following the wedding ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Chris and Jodi Killen and Patrick and Melissa Bunnell, all of Lexington. She is the granddaughter of Ronald and Jean Killen and Carl and Patricia Holden, and the great-granddaughter of Betty Holden, all of Lexington.

The groom is the son of Eric and PJ Cornelius of Rogersville and Donald and Laura Stewart of Lexington. He is the grandson of Thomas and Barbara Cornelius of Rogersville and Ann Taylor of Florence.

The bride chose her gown, veil and bridal jewelry from Cherry Tree Lane in Florence. For the departure, she wore a matching Vince Camuto set from Dillard's.

The maid of honor was Kristen Walker, cousin and best friend of the bride, and matron of honor was Alex May, best friend of the bride. The following bridesmaids were Bailey White, Addie Brackin, Ali Gray, Carly Bowling, Abby McWilliams, Lindsay Ware, Becca Sneed, and Anna King, all friends of the bride; along with Taylor Cornelius Cosby, sister of the groom. The lovely flower girl was Adalyn Crosby, niece of the groom.

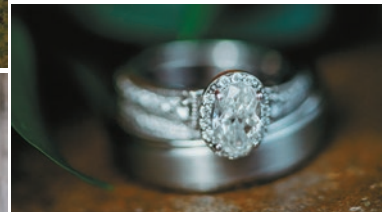
The best man was Tydus Stewart, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Eric Cornelius, father of the groom; Donald Stewart, step-father of the groom; Zach Stewart, Caid Cornelius, Cannon Cornelius, and Casen Cornelius, all cousins of the groom; Michael Cosby, brother-in-law of the groom; John Killen, brother of the bride; and Wyatt Walker, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Bennett Cosby, nephew of the bride.

The wedding director was Kim Walker. Floral designers were Jean Killen and Mandy Cottrell. Caterer and cake maker was Kim Walker & Company. Reception entertainment was provided by Patrick Campbell. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Sydney Hallmark. The wedding photographer was Mac Brown Photography and videographer was Billingsley Photography. Other reception helpers were Tammy Duncan and Emily Duncan.

The couple exited the reception in the bride's grandparents' 1957 turquoise and white Chevrolet. Her grandparents left their wedding in this exact car when they married in 1965.

For their honeymoon, the couple stayed in a treehouse cabin in the mountains of Blue Ridge, GA. They are now residing in Lexington, AL.





Ledlow, Murks

Kim Ledlow and Josh Murks were married September 27, 2020 in a 6:00 evening ceremony at Ava's Place with Darrin English officiating. The reception followed at Ava's Place.

The bride is the daughter of Dallan Ledlow and Kathy Ledlow of Lexington. She is the granddaughter of the late H.G. and Frances Crow of Decatur, and the late H.J. and Olean Ledlow of Lexington.

The groom is the son of David Murks and Brenda Massey of Florence. He is the grandson of the late Buster and Pearl Murks of Florence, and Patricia Clark of Florence.

The bride chose an ivory satin Justin Alexander gown from Cherry Tree Lane, along with Badgley Mischka shoes and jewelry from Shop Moss in Huntsville. For the reception she wore a Jenny Yoo dress with bridal Keds.

Maid of honor was Terra Argraves and bridesmaid was Misty McGee, both lifelong best friends of the bride.

Best man was the groom's father, David Murks. Groomsman was Kyle Peck, cousin of the groom.

Wedding director was Terri Brown. Floral designer was Cindy Harrison. Chad Burdine provided music for the ceremony and Drumb & Drumber entertained guests at the reception. Caterer was Jill's Sweet Memories, who also made the wedding cake. Instead of a groom's cake, there was a dessert table with the groom's personal selections. Hair stylist and makeup artist was Tiffany Powell of Parlor 217. Photographer was Tara Parker. Special thanks to Kevin Adams for providing transportation after the reception; Doug and Sandy Peck and Betty Richardson, mixologist; and Julianna Brewer at PSI.

The couple had a combined, drive-thru bridal shower hosted by both families.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's family at The Gathering Place at the Watson house.

The couple enjoyed a magical trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. for their honeymoon. They are now residing in Florence with their dog, Wellington.

Photos by Tara Parker





Stovall, Mattox



Abby Stovall and Ridge Mattox were married September 12, 2020 at 6:00 in the evening at Camp Creek in Killen with Van Vansandt officiating. The reception followed at Camp Creek.

The bride is the daughter of Harry and Deanna Stovall of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Judy Kennedy and the late Charles Kennedy, and Hazel Stovall and the late Harry Stovall, Sr.

The groom is the son of Jamie and Sherri Mattox of Loretto, Tenn. He is the grandson of Louise Aldridge and Jerry Paul and Patsy Mattox.

Matron of honor was Ashley Stovall Darracott, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Hannah Dison and Haley Dison, cousins of the bride; Madelynn Horton Henson, Emma Roberson, Darby Pettus, Kenzie Brown Burks, and Brittany Adkinson Watkins, all friends of the bride. Flower girls were Alexis Martin and Matilyne Martin, special friends of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Chance Mattox. Groomsmen were Dustin Henson and Nathan Methvin, friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Cruz Turner and Blaine Vansandt, friends of the groom.

Wedding director was Dawn Pettus and floral designers were Dawn Pettus and Mott Willis. Music for the ceremony was provided by Jacob Duncan. Caterer was Dawn Pettus. The wedding cake was made by Mollie Parker and the groom's cake was made by Angela Turner. Also helping out where needed was Zach Darracott. Photographer was Whitney Blake, and videographer was Ace Eaton.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo., and are now residing in Loretto, Tenn.

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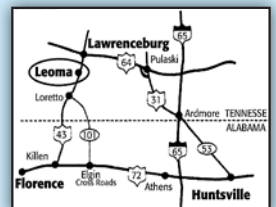
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