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Get creative with your wedding dessert

Consider cupcakes or cake centerpieces

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Kristin's Kitchen Bakery's (KKB) one-year anniversary is upon us. The quaint bakery in Wild Rose has accomplished so much in its first year including an expansion and a TV appearance on a local news segment, "Welcome to the Neighborhood," by Local 5 Live.

Engagement season is in full swing, and KKB's owner, Kristin Lambrecht, is ready to take on wedding clients for bridal showers, or the big day itself. For weddings in the past, Kristin has done cupcakes and single-tiered cakes. As a self-proclaimed "perfectionist," designing the cake is where Kristin's heart is. Kristin used her creativity to design a cake around the pre-picked topper.

"While I was still running my bakery out of my home, my friend had gotten married, and she had a very, very small reception. We just made a one-tier cake," Kristin recalled. "They were thrilled with it because she (the bride) showed me what the topper looked like! It's another important piece." Kristin took great pride in curating the cake to match the topper. A baker with a vision can make an event flow seamlessly.

You can always go with a traditional tiered cake, but cupcakes or a cake centerpiece can add so much flare to the decor. Cupcakes are fun and practical. You can pick an assortment of flavors to keep guests happy. Assorted centerpiece cakes can create a practical element to your decorations. "(With the centerpiece cake,) there is a purpose. People are going to eat it and then you're not stuck with it in your garage," Kristin remarked.

Some people love picking out themes for their wedding and take great care in designing their centerpieces. However, low-maintenance brides and grooms may not want to add more stress and hassle to the planning process. Cake centerpieces can provide a unique, delicious, and useful element to their wedding.

Kristin's Kitchen Bakery is located at 1151 Main St., Wild Rose. Kristin offers a wedding package that includes cake tasting. She also has displays available for rent. If you are interested in booking Kristin for your wedding you can reach her at, (920) 765-0799.



Kristin used her creativity to design a cake around the pre-picked topper.

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Assorted cupcakes could make your day sweet.

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our wedding dress will always hold a special place in your heart. Why not share that magic with other brides? Dreams Can Happen Prom & Bridal Closet helps you share that magic while supporting a good cause.

The effort to start a Special Needs Prom was led by Carol Fischbach who wanted everyone to have a chance at a special night. Prom is an important event in our youth, but when talking with her friends at Waushara Industries, they recalled feeling out of place at the regular prom. This sparked the idea to have a special night for those with disabilities.

Dreams Can Happen originally opened under the

name "The Prom Closet" as a donation-based source for girls to find their perfect prom dress. The closet started as a source for prom dresses at a reasonable cost - just provide a generous donation for the Special Needs Prom. The concept was a hit, and after a donation from Circle the Date out of Marshfield, along with other donors, their doors flooded with wedding dress donations, Carol decided to change the name to include the new addition.

The shop has grown tremendously since, almost tripling its dress selection since moving from Redgranite to Wild Rose two years ago. All dresses have been donated or found by Carol and volunteers.

A wide variety of formal wear is available for anyone in your wedding party - including suits,



Wedding dresses are available in all shapes and sizes for the bride-to-be.

children's dresses and suits, and Mother of the Bride dresses. Accessories, ties, veils, and shoes will top off your look.

Of course, with such a large dress selection, the bride-to-be will be able to find the dress of her dreams. You are sure to find a unique piece, as styles range from vintage to modern. Find your perfect fit, whether it be a long train, ball gown style, mermaid, and so much more.

The fitting room area has ample space for your wedding party, with extra seating for family members as you model the dresses.

If you are looking to try on a dress, suit, or any other form of formal wear the closet is open with limited hours. The shop is open Fridays from 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You are also able to call to make an appointment for your visit.

Donations are also always appreciated. Any type of formal wear is accepted into the closet. You can drop it off during the closet's business hours or schedule a drop-off time. They also do pick-ups and will travel for donations.

Throughout its 11 years, Dreams Can Happen remains a donation-based dress shop. Patrons are just asked to provide a donation, which goes towards holding the Special Needs Prom each year. This year's Special Needs Prom is set for Saturday, May 10 with a Kentucky Derby theme.



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Mother-of-the-Bride dresses are some of the most popular selections at Dreams Can Happen.



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How to manage *the menu* at your wedding reception



Wedding receptions are the culmination of a lot of planning. Though there may not be any insignificant decisions when planning the post-ceremony party, some choices will loom larger than others, including which foods will be served. When planning a wedding reception, couples can choose a venue that provides the food, such as a traditional reception center; otherwise, the reception may take place at an outdoor location or a venue that is not equipped to prepare and serve food. In the latter instances, couples will contract with an outside caterer. In both situations certain factors can help determine who to use for reception food services.

Planning

A traditional reception center/catering hall is likely a wise choice for couples who prefer simplicity in wedding day meal planning. These facilities are experts at addressing all of the components that go into a reception. Such venues offer access to a cocktail area and banquet room, and the facility likely has a staff of chefs at the ready to dish up meals. While many reception centers offer restaurant-quality offerings, scouting venues and sampling dishes will provide an idea of how foods taste and help couples narrow down their choices.

Preferences

Some receptions are multi-course events starting from the moment guests arrive and snack on hors d'oeuvres to the dessert display served as a final course. Others are low-key and may not have full sit-down service. If you prefer a cocktail atmosphere only, certain venues may make more sense than others. Identifying how much food to have and the type of service desired can help pinpoint caterers to interview.

Chef access

Having a specific chef or cuisine in mind may require separating the food from a venue. Reception centers likely will not allow couples to bring in their own food. Therefore, you will have to find a venue where outside food is possible. Then you can work with a favorite chef for catering services.



Location

Some couples prefer to combine their ceremony and reception at one spot. This may be at a beachside location or in a converted country barn. If this seems like a scenario you are considering, then the venue will take priority and you'll have to find an outside caterer to service the wedding.

Allergies

Food allergies and intolerances are on the minds of many nowadays. It is important to be mindful of food restrictions when speaking with caterers. Take careful inventory of work-arounds so that every guest at the wedding can be enjoy a safe, delicious meal.

The wedding reception menu is an important variable for engaged couples to consider. A host of factors may come into consideration as couples try to determine how to feed their guests come their wedding day

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How to create a *backup plan* for an outdoor wedding



wedding day is a magical and memorable day for a couple and their family members. Months or even years of planning may go into making a wedding day special.

For some, an outdoor wedding and celebration amid the beauty of nature is the ultimate setting in which to tie the knot. When Mother Nature is your decorator, the setting can be hard to match. Perhaps that's why 62 percent of couples opted for outdoor nuptials in 2023, according to The Knot 2023 Real Weddings Survey. However, there may be some extra work involved when exchanging vows outdoors, hosting a reception outside or both. That work includes having a contingency plan in place if the weather does not cooperate. Here's what couples should know about having a backup plan for their outdoor weddings.

Identify a second location. Couples who book outdoor receptions at catering halls can inquire how they handle inclement weather. Many will have a clause built into the agreement to move the party indoors in the event of bad weather. Others may enable the wedding to move to a different space for an added fee. Smaller, less formal weddings taking place at other locations may require a bit of ingenuity when looking for a backup space. Perhaps a friend has a large house where everyone can gather, or an employer may have a warehouse, loft or even a barn that can be transformed into unique venues at the last minute?

Choose outdoor spaces with covered areas. The wish might be to have blue skies overhead, but it's impossible to control the weather. So it's safe to select outdoor spaces that offer a measure of weather protection, such as a pavillion in a park or a



covered deck at a beachside locale. Such sites offer a little security without detracting from the ambiance.

Look into a tent rental. A tent is a great investment because it keeps everyone out of the elements rain or shine. Even on a lovely summer day, the blazing sun can make being outdoors uncomfortable. A tent is the solution. Couples should coordinate with a wedding planner or the venue itself to be sure that a tent is allowed on the grounds.

Think about event insurance. Special event insurance may protect against financial loss in the event that severe weather throws a wrench into outdoor wedding plans. Poor weather may make moving around the venue treacherous and might force a postponement. Liability and cancellation protection in an insurance policy helps couples avoid financial hardship.

Hire a wedding planner. The Knot suggests hiring a wedding planner or coordinator who can pivot to plan B in the event of bad weather. This helps take some of the stress off of the couple so they can enjoy the day.

Plan wardrobe and hair/makeup accordingly. Brides and bridesmaids can choose fabrics for dresses that will be comfortable and not become blown around or see-through due to rain and wind. The wedding party can ask hair stylists to create a wedding hairstyle that is somewhat weatherproof. Experienced makeup artists likely know some tricks to keep makeup looking flawless even when the weather isn't.

Outdoor weddings can be beautiful events, but it is important to have a backup plan in place in case weather doesn't cooperate.

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Couples who hire a professional photographer to capture their weddings may end up with anywhere from 400 to 600 images, with some photographers promising even more. Although it is likely that a wide array of shots will be taken, couples who do not want to leave things up to chance should sit down with their photo professionals and discuss the key shots they want to capture.

Once the big day has passed, there will be no opportunity to go back and arrange missed shots. This list of must-have photos can ensure that the wedding album has all the shots couples desire.

## Before the ceremony

- Wedding day outfits hanging in the wardrobe or placed over a chair
- Wedding invitation surrounded by bouquets
- Wedding rings side by side
- Outfit accessories, such as shoes, jewelry, a veil, and cuff links
- Bride and bridesmaids getting hair and makeup done
- Groom and groomsmen laughing and having fun
- Bride getting zipped up into her dress

- The processional with the newly hitched couple beaming
- Couple in the limo backseat

## Portraits

- Couple with bridesmaids and groomsmen
- Bride and maid/matron of honor
- Groom and best man
- Couple with each set of parents and siblings
- Couple with close family members

## At the reception

- Couple's first entrance
- Special signage, decorations or photos of the scenery
- Wedding cake details
- Toasts and speeches from key people
- First dance as a couple
- Father/daughter, mother/son dances, if applicable
- Couple mingling with guests
- Guests dancing and having fun
- Shots of the musicians or any special entertainers
- The cake cutting
- The couple's grand exit and wave goodbye

These are some of the customary images that couples will want to request. Photographers likely will cover most of them without prompting, but couples should be sure to point out any special photographs they'd like captured throughout the day.

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