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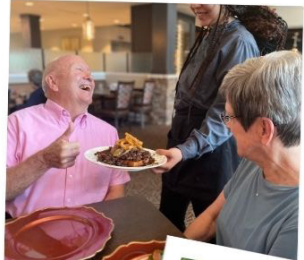


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9AM - 3PM

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- **Quiltshow** – UCC Church, 225 N. Broad
- **Balloon Art** Jessica Thode – on Main
- **CEC** – 504 Clark
- **Painting** Chuck Freitag – on Main
- **Portrait Cutting** Nancy Baisic – City Hall, 414 Main
- **Children's Activities** – on Main
- **Air Brush Tattoos** Kelen Panec – on Main
- **Powerpoints** Art at GR – on Main
- **Live Music** Adalyn Rose Budke (9-11:45), Beauty The Beat (11:45-3)
- **Eateries** drink and food specials

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- Roasted Vegetables with Pignoli Nuts

Makes 4 Servings
- 2

red bell peppers, seeds removed and sliced lengthwise
- 2

green peppers, seeds removed and sliced horizontally
- 2

large stalks celery, quartered lengthwise, then horizontally
- 8

cloves garlic, peeled, whole
- 2

shallots, peeled, whole



- 2

portobello mushroom caps, cut into quarters
- 7

tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/4

cup pignoli nuts

Preheat oven to 450 F. Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl and toss until well coated. Transfer to a sheet tray and spread vegetables into a single layer. Bake for about 30 minutes, or until

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Planting/Spraying: JD 8rw MaxMerge 2, Eco fold, TW, corn & bean; '11 JD 1760 wing fold, 12x30, precision, loaded, 1 owner, 15k acres; Friesen 2 box seed tender; Tye Series 5 drill, DDO, 15ft; 1600 gal SS tank on skid w/pump

Construction: Vermeer 1250 woodchipper; Detroit diesel generator, 3ph,480V, 550hrs; 9' 8" Sheeps foot w/rear wheels, newer pads; New KC 6ft grapple; HD pull type blade, all hyd adjustable 12ft ; Skid steer post auger; Future-32" & 44" root rake for CAT 305; Case 1550 dozer

Harvest: Brent 640 GW w/fenders; Brent 644 GW, lights & fenders; (2) Brent 544, 1 has fenders, Red; Brent 774 GC; Unverferth 530 GW; (2) Unverferth 630 GW w/fenders; '83 JD 7720 combine, 4400hrs; JD 925F PF, w/crary air reel; JD 443 CH; JD 216 PF; JD 643 CH, low pro, oil drive; C-IH 3412 CH, head height, row sense, Patriot crop weeper reel; EZ Trail 680, 30ft head cart; C-IH 1083 CH, 8 rw; EZ Trail head mover 20ft; '12 C-IH 3208 CH, 8x30 & head mover; JD 444 CH; JD 643 CH 6x30; EZ Trail 680 25ft head cart; Ficklin 600 bu GC; MF 850 combine 5400hrs; Tox-O-Wic dryer, LP; Kelderman 6rw corn reel; IH 843 4x30 CH; 7x12 Barge box on Case gear; Kory 250 bu, GW on Kory 6072 gear; EZ flow GW, 300 bu; NI 324 2 rw picker, 12 roll bed; JD 1065 head mover; Parker 225 GW; Westfield 10x41 J series auger; Westfield 13x71 w/SH; Westfield MK1051 W/SH; Westfield MK130-81 W SH; Peck 8x61 auger w/SH; Artsway 10x72 w/SH; EZ trail 510 grain cart

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Livestock Equipment: '08 Kuhn Knight 8124 spreader, 1 owner; 12 bale round bale trailer for semi tractor; NH 327 manure spreader; Houle 6 knife applicator; NH 308 side slinger; New 6ft LDR bkt, euro mts; Westendorf XTA-400 loader w/valve, 7ft bkt; Schuler 175BF feed wagon; JD 350 manure spreader; 6x14 BH livestock trailer; 8 place GN rnd bale trailer; Westendorf XTA 400 ldr. JD mts, quick tach; West Valley M862 42F bale hauler (new); (14) round bales, approx. 1300lb

Trucks/Trailers: '06 Volvo truck tractor, 720K, Cummins ISX 475, 10sp; '13 Wilson Pacesetter 43' hopper btm trailer, elec. tarp; '97 GMC Sonoma, gas, 4x4, 160K; '06, 6x10 BH dump trailer; '20 Timpte Super Hopper trailer, 43', 78" sides; Thunder Creek 900 gal, fuel trailer w/pump; '99 IH 9200 truck tractor, 649K; Merrit 42' hopper BTM, tarp, 22.5 tires; '13 F150, Reg cab, short box, 4x4, 44K; '14 F150, ext cab, short box, 4x4, 200K; '18 Freightliner Cascadia 125, DD15 engine, 10sp, 760K

Hay & Forage: C-IH MDQ3 disc mower, 9ft, 540 pto "new" ; Woods 3180 15' Batwing mower; Kodiak 15ft Batwing mower; JD CX15 Batwing mower; Ford 939 3pt rotary mower, 5ft; C-IH RB 464 rnd baler, 5100 bales; '12 Vermeer BP 8000 bale processor; JD 660 5 bar rake; 7' fast hitch sickle mower; Land Pride RCR 2584 rotary mower

Misc.: 5th wheel running gear, 16.5x16.1 tires; 5ft IH blade fast hitch ; '21 5x10 Aluma utility trailer w/ramp ; 18.4x38 duals; Heider 10 ton running gear; Brush Chief 1250, 5ft, 3pt rotary mower; 48' bin aeration floor w/8" unload auger & power sweep; misc. new lumber, roofing, decking, building materials, etc.; Expecting the pallet yard to be full

From Local Estate: MF 263 w/Westendorf loader, MFWD, 0344hrs; MF 6170 Dynashift, 2WD, 2607hrs; '74 IH 1466 black stripe, showing 4Khrs; Bush Hog SQ840 rotary mower; Bush hog 12815 Batwing mower; JD 455 mower, diesel, 60" 580hrs; Ditch Witch J20 trencher; Glencoe 14ft SF; King Kutter 2, 3pt tiller, 6ft, unused; Skid steer pallet forks; 6ft grapple bkt; 3-16 slat btm plow; King Kutter 3pt box blade, 6ft; NI 3pt broadcast spreader; 100 gal pickup fuel tank; Bradco C1825 skid steer auger; Kansas Klipper skid steer tree shear; Skid steer receiver hitch ; Landoll 9 shank disk chisel; Brillion spring tooth harrow; AC 12ft disk; Case 580 SK, TLB, ext hoe, 4x4

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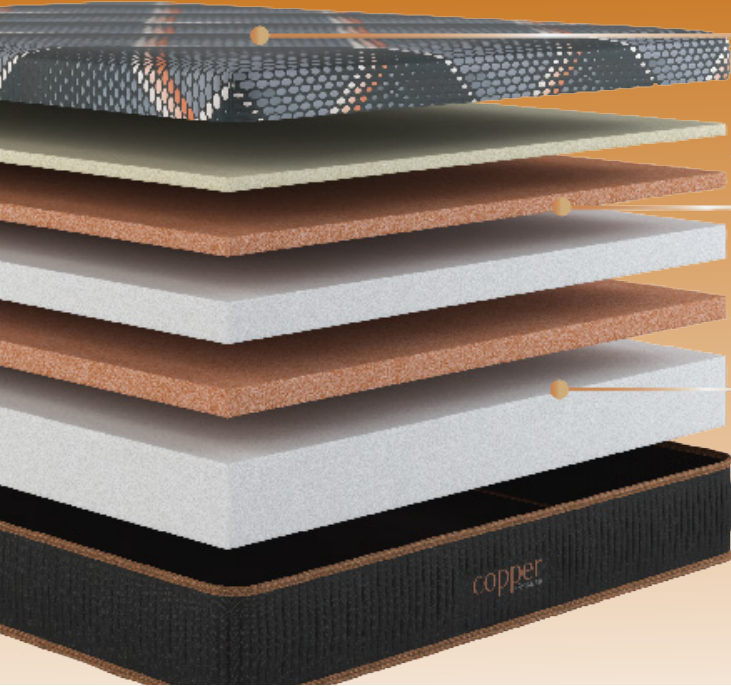


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After a wedding date is set, choosing a venue often is the next major decision couples must make in a long list of tasks leading up to the big day. A venue helps to dictate the tone, formality, energy, and aesthetic of a wedding day. Whether couples envision something upscale and formal or outdoorsy and casual, each venue offers distinct advantages.

Reviewing different venue types and their benefits can help couples find the best establishment for them.

Indoor venues

Indoor reception venues, which can run the gamut from grand ballrooms to modern art galleries to classy hotels, tend to be the gold standard for couples who want to embrace tradition. Arguably the biggest perk of an indoor venue is peace of mind that the weather will not affect the event. Climate-controlled spaces will keep guests comfortable and happy. Indoor spaces also are designed for sound and adequate lighting, with polished reception centers often having

lighting and sound systems built in to the room. Indoor venues also come with key features that make hosting weddings more seamless, such as high-end kitchens, adequate restrooms and dedicated wedding suites.

Outdoor venues

Couples who prefer a romantic and organic feel to the wedding may opt for outdoor venues. Botanical gardens, vineyards, beaches, and parks provide natural backdrops that cannot be replicated in an indoor space. Individuals

can save money on decor and possibly some floral arrangements when they let nature do the heavy lifting in terms of decorative aspects. Outdoor settings also can be less restrictive, enabling guests to spread out. Plus, couples can incorporate interesting additions like fireworks or lawn games into the festivities at outdoor venues.

Rural venues

Rural retreats offer a getaway experience for couples and their guests. Spots like mountain retreats, estates and farmhouses encourage everyone to disconnect and focus fully on the wedding and union between the couple. Rural spots tend to be relaxed, quiet and secluded. Combining a rural barn reception with an outdoor ceremony can create a cozy and intimate vibe.

Urban venues

Some couples thrive in the excitement of city living and want their weddings to reflect the same energy. Urban spots tend to be close to major air-

ports and public transportation, making it easier for guests to attend. With an abundance of hotels nearby, guests traveling from far away will have options for their overnight stays, too. City venues include rooftops, lofts, bars, or boutique hotels, each of which can feel modern and fast-paced. Also, an added benefit to urban ven-

ues is that being so close to the action facilitates after-party planning. Once the reception ends, guests can easily transition to late-night eateries or bars for more fun.

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The wedding tradition in which couples do not see each other on their wedding day prior to the ceremony has endured. This tradition stems from the era of arranged marriages, when couples were separated to prevent the couple from calling off the wedding if either party was found unattractive or unworthy. Some also felt it was simply bad luck to

see each other beforehand. Modern couples may not be as superstitious, but still appreciate the element of surprise that waiting to see one's future spouse allows at the ceremony.

In spite of the endurance of that tradition, many couples now opt for a first look. A first look is a private, scheduled moment before the wedding

ceremony when the couple sees one another fully dressed for the first time, says the wedding authority The Knot. It can be a time to pause and reflect during a busy day. Couples can share emotions, reduce nervous feelings and even grab a few portraits before guests arrive. The Knot 2023 Real Weddings Study found that 56 percent of all couples who wed that year decided to go with a first look. However, other couples may be on the fence. Here are some reasons to say, “I do” to this evolving tradition, and some reasons why some couples adhere to the more traditional approach.

Pros

The first look can certainly ease pre-wedding nerves. The first look also can be a grounding moment for both people, helping to release any emotions and tears before the ceremony. Since the wedding will be a whirlwind of activity, this quiet moment enables the couple to spend a few uninterrupted minutes together before having to shake hands,

hug, pose for photos, and field whatever else comes their way. If the couple wants some intimate photos of just themselves, the first look also can afford them that option.

Cons

The first look certainly will break with the tradition of seeing one another at the altar. Mentioning the idea to parents or other family members may leave the couple facing



opposition or it may create some animosity or unease. There's also something extra special about turning to see one's partner for the first time at the ceremony, surrounded by the collective love of family and friends. A first look will require the couple to get ready a little earlier to build in extra time for this private moment. If schedules already are jam-packed, this could cause a

bit of added stress. There's also the extra pressure of sharing emotions on camera if a photographer will be present. If tears are shed, then make-up touch-ups could be necessary, further delaying the ceremony.

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Weddings are milestone moments for couples and their families. Weddings symbolize starting a new life as a couple, but also mark a great time to honor familial roots and traditions. Many couples aspire to honor certain family members in their weddings, and especially their parents.

The following are various ways couples can honor their parents and incorporate them into their wedding day.

- **Processional walk:** The processional walk is a tradition in which the father of the bride walks her down the aisle. However, many couples now opt to modify this tradition to have both parents or even a step-parent or another special parental figure walk the bride down the aisle. This helps recognize the many people who may have contributed to the bride's upbringing.
- **Rose ceremony:** Couples can hand a single rose to their mothers and grandmothers during a moment in the ceremony. This emotional gesture showcases love in front of all the guests, helping these special women feel recognized.
- **Vow exchange:** Officiants may include a special "parents' vow" in the ceremony where parents can stand and support the couple in their new marriage. In a religious ceremony, parents may be able to symbolically renew their vows as they support their children.
- **Wearable history:** Honoring parents may come



- down to wearing a special memento during the celebration. A bride can choose to wear her mother's wedding gown, or to sew a piece of it into her own dress. Dad's favorite blue shirt can be worn or sewn into the lining of a gown or suit. Veils, shoes, jewelry, watches, and other heirlooms also can connect the couple to the family and the generations who came before.
- **Special speeches:** Although it's customary for the maid of honor and best man to speak at the wedding reception, couples can honor their parents by asking them to offer some words of advice and support.

- **A legacy table:** Showcasing a visual family tree of sorts at the reception through framed wedding photos of the couple's parents and grandparents is a great conversation starter and a touching tribute.
- **Musical tributes:** The "first" dances are traditional options to put the spotlight on parents, but having the band or DJ play parents' own wedding songs can be a wonderful and heartfelt surprise. If any other songs are particularly meaningful to parents, those can be included in the ones played during the ceremony or reception.
- **Handwritten note:** Couples can write a short and meaningful letter to

their parents, which can be opened the day after when parents may not be as preoccupied or emotional as they are on the day of the ceremony. Couples can be as cre-

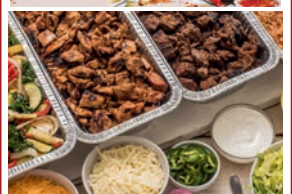
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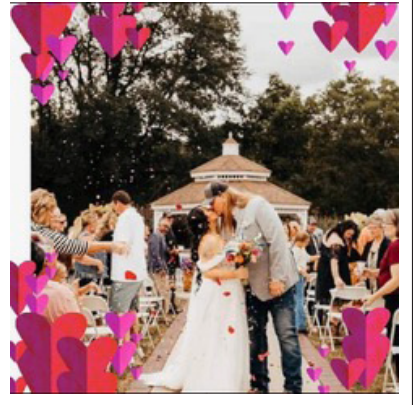
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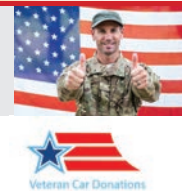
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What parents can do to avoid overscheduling students

The start of a new school year presents a fresh opportunity for students. Parents know that the start of a new school year also means a return to the hustle and bustle that many households with school-aged children have grown accustomed to. When that hectic period begins, parents may wonder if their children are overscheduled and, if so, what effect that might be having on their performance in the classroom?

A 2024 study published in the journal Economics of Education Review found that modern students could be dealing with a host of adverse consequences due to what's piled onto their plates during the school year. According to the study, the amount of homework students are assigned coupled with the abundance of extracurriculars students now participate in is not helping them to build



their academic skills but is harming their mental health by increasing feelings of anxiety, anger and depression. Choosing where to draw the line regarding students' schedules is not an exact science. But parents can consider a number of strategies as they seek to avoid overscheduling their kids in the coming school year.

- Take an age-based ap-

proach. While parents may feel structured activities can benefit kids of all ages, some childhood development experts note that organized activities may not be as beneficial to younger children as they are to older kids. Andie Stallman, a clinical and developmental health and psychology specialist and the childhood and play expert at Imagination Playground, notes that

childhood development professionals suggest that organized activities prior to age six and seven are not developmentally appropriate. Stallman notes at this age kids should be encouraged to discover their own interests through self-directed play and exploration. Kids can still engage in organized activities at this age, but the focus should be on fun and socialization more than building skills and improving performance. As kids advance through elementary school, parents can talk to them about organized extracurricular activities and which ones, if any, they want to participate in.

- Keep a running dialogue about the schedule. Parents understandably don't want kids to quit, but it's also important that kids are encouraged to let Mom and Dad know if they feel they have too much on their plate. The American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry recommends parents encourage kids to be open about their schedules, especially if they feel overwhelmed by their obligations, and let them know that it's alright and healthy to take a break. The AACAP also urges parents to talk to kids about their thoughts and feelings when children repeatedly resist an activity.

- Learn to spot the warning signs of an overscheduled child. Children do not want to disappoint their parents, so even those encouraged to share their thoughts about their activities and schedules may hesitate to speak up if they feel overwhelmed. With that in mind, parents can learn to spot the early warning signs that a child may be overwhelmed, which the AACAP notes include:

- Making excuses or refusing to go to the activity
- Feeling over-tired or not having enough time to sleep
- Exhibiting problems with organization or struggling to meet deadlines
- Declining school grades
- Unexplained physical symptoms, such as headaches or stomach aches
- Increased anxiety

It can be difficult for parents to avoid overscheduling kids. But it's important that parents remember the value of free time for youngsters. More information about striking a balance when it comes to kids' schedules can be found at aacap.org.

Free fun for kids at the Iowa State Fair

DES MOINES, IA -- From corn dogs and cotton candy to Giant Slide rides and baby animals, there's no shortage of fun for kids at the Iowa State Fair! But, did you know the Fair is also a giant classroom? Kids can get up close with farm animals, discover where their food comes from, try hands-on activities and learn how Iowa's farmers grow the food that feeds our families. With something new to discover around every corner, learning at the Fair is anything but boring!

1. Blue Ribbon Kids Club – Kids under 10 can join the Blue Ribbon Kids' Club, with weekday activities at 10 a.m. on the Fun Forest Stage and special Saturday meet-and-greets at the same location. It's the perfect way to add a little extra fun to your Fair day! Check out the list of events at iowastatefair.org. NOTE for 2026: Kids' Club members must be registered before August 1, 2026. Sign up TODAY at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/visit/kid-friendly-activities/kids-club>.

2. Little Hands on the Farm - Located near the Animal Learning Center, the interactive Andringa Family Foundation Little Hands on the Farm ag adventure lets kids "work" their way through a swine barn, garden, grain bin, apple orchard, chicken coop, tractor shed, cattle barn, sheep barn and dairy barn. Their reward? A visit to the Little Hands' grocery store to pick out a fruit, granola bar or ice cream treat!

3. Baby Animals - Just south of Little Hands on the Farm, the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center is bursting with baby animals and unforgettable moments. Watch baby goats bounce, ducklings splash or even catch a live birth. Meet real Iowa farmers at the daily Farmer Chat, where you can ask questions and hear what life is like on the farm.

4. ShenaniGuns! Comedy – Check out the antics of the Wild West with slapstick antics at the ShenaniGuns! Comedy Wild West Show just north of Little Hands on the Farm. The quartet of cut-up cowboys fires off a laugh-a-minute load of funny one-liners, silly sight gags and crack-up cornball comedy. They'll have Wild West comedy for the whole family.

5. The All-Iowa Classroom – With a variety of classes for kids ages 5 and up, learn how to make bath bomb and bubble bath mak-

ing, body spray and lip gloss, and perfume, or learn floral design with your own set of freshly harvested blooms. Ages vary per class. Buy your tickets now for these fun learning experiences at iowastatefair.org.

6. Free Entertainment for Kids – Bring the whole crew to the Fun Forest Stage, sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union, for a lineup of free entertainment! Catch live shows by Brad Weston and The Rubber Chicken Show with Greg Frisbee!, Plus, keep an eye out for strolling acts like Bandaloni the one-man band, Hillbilly Bob and The AMirrorCAN Men.

7. Hands On Barn Experiences -Explore Cattle Corner, Horse Haven, Pig Place, and Sheep Stop-interactive exhibits where kids learn about Iowa's livestock up close. Then, stroll through the Avenue of Breeds (next to the Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building), where more than 70 unique animals show off Iowa's incredible agricultural diversity. Sponsored by Iowa Bankers Association and WHO The Big Show.

8. Pick A Vegetable - The Garden, sponsored by Corteva Agriscience and located north of Little Hands on the Farm, is blooming with hands-on learning. Kids can explore garden beds, learn how veggies grow in Iowa soil and even pick produce that helps feed local families through the Iowa Food Bank. Don't miss the composting exhibit to learn about sustainability in action.

9. Fun for the Whole Family - Watch thrilling events at Elwell Family Park, where high-energy entertainment like truck and tractor pulls, charros performances, figure 8 races and the demolition derby take center stage. Plus, check out the FREE Iowa Utilities Lineman Rodeo on Friday, August 21, at 8 a.m. Some events are free, and tickets for special events are available at iowastatefair.org at a discount prior to the Fair.

From barnyard fun to cooking classes, baby animals to gardens, the Iowa State Fair has something for every young explorer. Join us August 13-23 in Des Moines, Iowa, for kid-friendly events, family contests and memory-making moments you won't forget. Visit www.iowastatefair.org/visit/kid-friendly-activities for a full list of kid friendly fun at the 2026 Fair!



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