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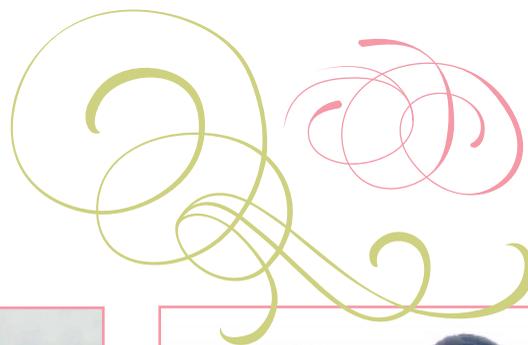
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# Streamline your wedding planning at BRIDAL SHOWCASE 2021

## Shows planned in Sturtevant and Kenosha

JULIE A. JACOB  
For Racine & Kenosha County Bride

Planning a wedding in 2021 or 2022? Then come to the Bridal Showcase 2021 to talk with vendors, get creative ideas for your special day, and take advantage of Bridal Showcase discounts.

To offer more options for couples, this year's Bridal Showcase will take place on two dates and two locations — Jan. 31 at Fountain Banquet Hall in Sturtevant and Feb. 21 at Madrigano Marina Shores in Kenosha.

Each event will feature about 50 vendors who can help you with every detail to create your dream wedding — venue, rings, music, flowers and more.

### Virtual option

The event is free, but due to the pandemic, attendees must register in advance for a timed entry and wear a mask while attending the showcase. There will also be a virtual option available on the Bridal Showcase website, [kenoshanews.com/exclusive/virtual-weddingshow](http://kenoshanews.com/exclusive/virtual-weddingshow).

### Vendors

Rasmussen Diamonds, a showcase sponsor, will be among the vendors. Brides- and grooms-to-be who attend the showcase will receive 10% off their wedding bands, said Kristin Widmar, Rasmussen's general manager.

She noted that classical styles for engagement rings are coming back into



File photo by Gregory Shaver for The Journal Times Megan Groth, left, and her sister, Katy Groth, right, looks for a wedding band for Katy's fiancé, Andrew Due, at the Herbert's Jewelers booth during the Southeast Wisconsin Bridal Showcase Jan. 26, 2020, at Fountain Banquet Hall.

style.

"The solitaire diamond ring with a plain band or just a small row of diamonds down the band are very popular for the engagement ring," Widmar said.

Couples are being creative with their wedding bands, however, she added.

"We are seeing unique shapes in the wedding bands, mixed metal colors, ring guards, where the engagement ring slips between two bands, crown shapes, and ballerina styles that are adorning the classic solitaire in a way that is very unique and personal," Widmar said.

Racine Country Club is another Showcase sponsor. Couples who attend the showcase will receive 25% off the

### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Bridal Showcase Racine

**WHEN:** Sunday, Jan. 31, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fountain Banquet Hall, 8505 Durand Ave., Sturtevant

**REGISTRATION LINK:** [Go.JournalTimes.com/Bride](http://Go.JournalTimes.com/Bride)

**WHAT:** Bridal Showcase Kenosha

**WHEN:** Sunday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Madrigano Marina Shores, 302 58th St., Kenosha

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venue rate, said Randy Ehlert, sales and marketing director for the Racine Country Club.

The Racine Country Club offers numerous venue options for weddings large and small, as well as ample room for social distancing, said Ehlert.

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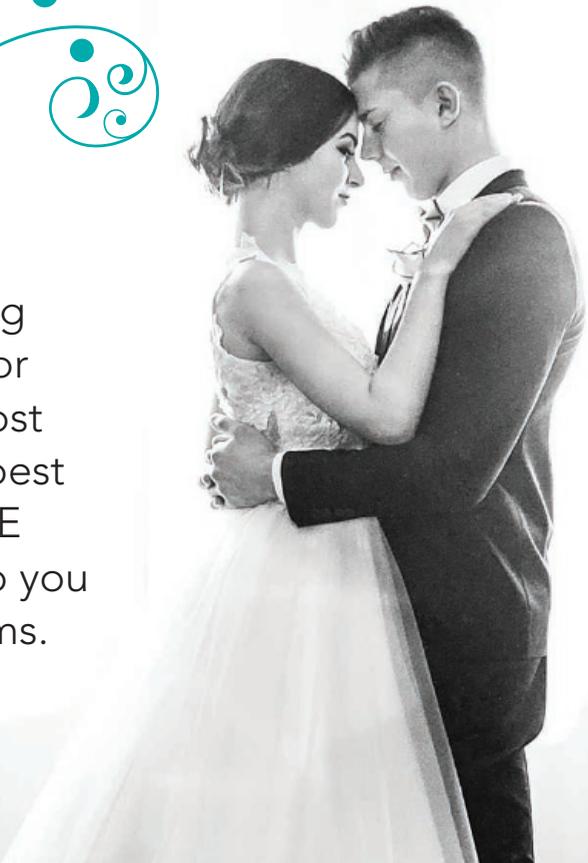
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**Sunday, February 21  
at Marina Shores**

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# Austin & Taylor

Sept. 26, 2020

Photos by Kelsey Barth



LOREEN I. MOHR  
*Racine & Kenosha County Bride*

**J**ust like many engaged couples in 2020, Taylor Shuman and Austin Grimm had to forego their planned wedding in Cancun, Mexico, and were married during a beautiful ceremony on Sept. 26, 2020, on Lake Sherwood in Nekoosa.

“We threw our original wedding plans out the door and planned a wedding in just five weeks – a very crazy and busy five weeks, but so worth it,” exclaimed Taylor.

Here is their story in her words:

**When and where was your wedding and reception (include city and state)?**

Nekoosa, Wis., on the lake where my parents, grandparents and family friends have lake homes. Austin and I spend many summers there.

**How did the two of you meet?**

In Spanish class my freshman year

of college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (his junior year).

**How did he propose?**

In our new home with flowers and candles scattered around.

**Who did most of the planning for the wedding?**

Me and my mother, Pam Shuman.

**How many attendants did you have?**

One. Austin’s father, Stephen Grimm, married us. We did not have a wedding party – too many friends to narrow it down. We love them all!

**How many guests? 90**

**What were your biggest challenges in planning the wedding?**

COVID-19. We had full intentions of getting married in Cancun, Mexico, in April 2021. However, COVID had another idea and threw a big wrench in our plans. With all the uncertainty that the pandemic brought our way, international travel was causing us



too much anxiety. We decided to cancel our destination wedding plans and get married as soon as possible (before COVID had a chance to get to work, and before the weather would change). We wanted to make sure we could get married outside to ensure the safety of everyone. We threw our original wedding plans out the door and planned a wedding in just five weeks (a very crazy and busy five weeks, but so worth it). We gave our guests so little notice so we were so fortunate the majority of them could still attend.



**In what areas did you splurge?**

The dress!

**What personal touches did you have in the ceremony and/or reception?**

Austin's father got ordained so he could marry us. My Papa gave a blessing at our ceremony. My cousin's daughter, Addie Beranis, and my now sister-in-law, Giuliana Grimm, were flower girls (so cute).

The night before our wedding all of our guests were invited to my Papa and Grandma Micky's house on the lake for dinner, a bonfire, fireworks and plenty to drink.

We had so much fun celebrating with everyone the day before "I do." We enjoyed a delicious taco bar and sat around the fire making s'mores for dessert. We had about 65 guests.

**What song did you have for your first dance?**

"Better Together" by Luke Combs.

**What was your cake like?**

Yummy! Oreo, Reese's and lemon raspberry.

**What was your favorite memory of the day?**

Reading our personal vows to each other and walking down the aisle.

**Tell us a little bit about your honeymoon.**

COVID-19 put a wrench in the honeymoon plan. Coming soon when times are better and travel is safe.

**Any advice for other couples planning a wedding?**

Have fun! Don't stress about the little details too much.



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# Ryan & Becky

Oct. 10, 2020

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**B**ecky Stachow and Ryan Trower couldn't have asked for a more perfect fall day for their wedding on Oct. 10, 2020. After only four months of planning, the couple were married during an outdoor ceremony at Hawthorn Hollow in Somers.

Here's their story in Becky's words:  
**How did the two of you meet?**

We met a few years ago at Rothwell MMA in Kenosha. I joined their Kitfit class, and Ryan was already a member. We got to know each other through different group outings with our gym friends and we just clicked.

**How did he propose?**

In the summer, we came upon a nice weekend and I suggested we go hiking at Richard Bong State Recreation Area. Ryan thought that would be a great setting, so he hid the ring box in a binocular case in my backpack. When we were hiking, we stopped at a bench to look at a pretty meadow and he took out the ring and proposed. It was perfect!

**Who did most of the planning for the wedding?**

I did almost all of the planning, but I was on summer break as a teacher and Ryan was still working full time and

finishing up his MBA, so it just made sense.

**How many attendants did you have?**

We wanted a small wedding so we chose to have only a few attendants. We had five which included my 8-year-old son, Nolan, as the best man.

**How many guests?**

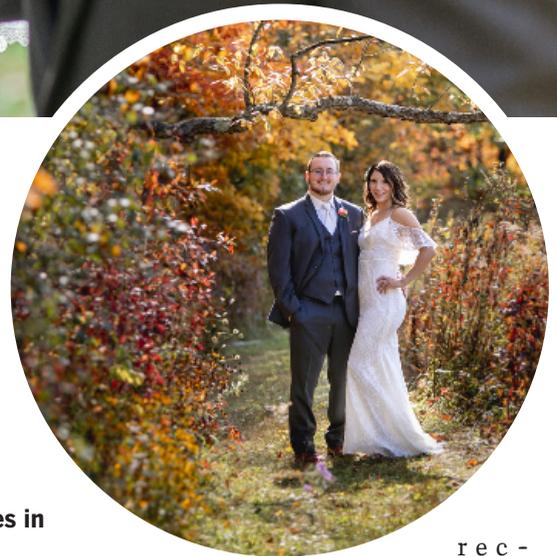
We had around 55 guests.

**What were your biggest challenges in planning the wedding?**

We had a lot of challenges in planning the wedding. We had a very short engagement, so we planned the wedding in only four months. Somehow we were able to lineup incredible vendors on the most popular wedding date in 2020. Another obvious challenge was COVID-19. We had no idea what was in the future for the pandemic, so we decided to have a very small wedding and made some changes to increase the safety of our guests.

**In what areas did you splurge?**

We splurged on flowers, food and photography. We had the most beautiful fresh flowers from Julie at Flowers at the Inn, which was the perfect romantic touch. The brunch was the main event at the reception at The Apis in Kenosha, so we splurged on food and drinks. We absolutely



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The Apis.

Their event coordinator, Alex, made the planning so much easier, the service was impeccable, and the food and drinks were even better than expected. We also booked an amazing local photographer, Shannon Z Photography.

**What did you do to save money?**

We were definitely very budget conscious and we kept almost all vendors local to Kenosha. The best way we saved money was keeping our guest list very small. I kept a huge spreadsheet with all costs and shopped around for sales on decor. My dress was inexpensive as well. We didn't need a DJ because we did not have dancing, so I made a playlist on Spotify and had some help from others to play the right songs at the right times.



**What personal touches did you have in the ceremony and/or reception?**

Ryan and I wrote our own vows and personalized the ceremony with our officiant, Paul Costanzo. Including my son in the ceremony was also very important to us. My dad walked me halfway down the aisle, and Nolan walked me the rest of the way. It was a very sweet moment and there were lots of happy tears. We also personalized some of our decor with items from Etsy. I made a lot of things myself, like our signs and labels for the hand sanitizer. The music was also personalized since I chose every song that was played. I made a few different playlists for different parts of the day. I worked really hard to make sure everything coordinated and created a certain aesthetic and romantic feel for the day.

**What song did you have for your first dance?**

“The Luckiest” by Ben Folds.

**Who did your cake and what was it like?**

The pastry chef at The Apis made our cake. It was a sesame pound cake with caramel sauce and it was just incredible. We wanted something simple so we went with a “naked cake” style with some fresh flowers.

**What was your favorite memory of the day?**

My favorite memory is the ceremony. It was very relaxed and personal, and we were able to take it all in and reflect in the moment with our closest family and friends.

**Tell us a little bit about your honeymoon.**

We just started planning our honeymoon. We aren’t comfortable with airplane travel quite yet, so we are planning a week in Door County this summer. We know we want something relaxing with some options for outdoor exploration.

**Any advice for other couples planning a wedding?**

Talk to each other and figure out what is important to you both and then craft your day around those things, even if it’s non-traditional or different from the opinions of people close to you. Spend the extra time planning the personalized details and getting organized. But don’t stress about things beyond your control. The day is about you and your spouse so as long as you get married, that’s most important.

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# Wedding COUNTDOWN

## 9-12 months before

- ❑ Select a date and time for your wedding.
- ❑ Arrange for parents to get together, possibly at an engagement party.
- ❑ Interview wedding planners if using one.
- ❑ Discuss budget with everyone who will contribute financially. Establish priorities, including honeymoon costs.
- ❑ Select your officiant and visit with him or her to discuss wedding arrangements.
- ❑ Narrow down ceremony and reception sites and book them. Tip: Know approximately how many guests you'll have before you book a hall.
- ❑ Select a catering service.
- ❑ Begin compiling guest list.

## 6-9 months before

- ❑ Book photographer and videographer.
- ❑ Book ceremony musicians and reception band or DJ.
- ❑ Select florist.
- ❑ Start considering items for registry.
- ❑ Choose members of wedding party.
- ❑ Shop for and order bridal gown and accessories.
- ❑ Select bridesmaids' dresses.
- ❑ Start researching honeymoon spots.
- ❑ Mail out save-the-date cards, especially for destination or holiday weddings.

## 4-6 months before

- ❑ Order wedding invitations, thank-you notes and personal stationery.
- ❑ Shop for the wedding cake.
- ❑ Reserve location of rehearsal dinner.
- ❑ Arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- ❑ Meet with a travel agent to plan your honeymoon. Make reservations; secure necessary travel documents.
- ❑ Reserve wedding-day transportation (to the church, from the church to the reception, and from the reception to where you'll spend your wedding night).
- ❑ Finish the guest list.

## 2-4 months before

- ❑ Select and order formal wear for men; schedule fittings.
- ❑ Finish addressing invitations.
- ❑ Meet with caterer to discuss plans.
- ❑ Complete honeymoon plans.
- ❑ Research requirements for marriage license.
- ❑ Select and order your wedding rings.
- ❑ Make appointments with hairstylist and makeup consultant for wedding day.
- ❑ Select gifts for attendants.
- ❑ Choose favors and guest book.
- ❑ Order the cake.
- ❑ Book a room for your wedding night.

## 4-8 weeks before

- ❑ Pick up wedding rings and arrange for engraving.
- ❑ Have final fitting of wedding gown.
- ❑ Have a run-through of bridal hair (with headpiece if applicable) and makeup.
- ❑ Make sure attendants have arranged fittings for bridesmaids' dresses, tuxedos and shoes.
- ❑ Plan menus for rehearsal dinner.
- ❑ Select gift for groom.
- ❑ Draw up seating plan for reception.
- ❑ Submit song lists to ceremony musicians and reception band or DJ.
- ❑ Finalize plans with all wedding vendors.
- ❑ Mail invitations, preferably 6-8 weeks before the wedding.
- ❑ Decide on insurance policies, gather name-change documents.

## 2-4 weeks before

- ❑ Have your final dress fitting.
- ❑ Make sure the name on your photo ID and/or passport will match your honeymoon plane tickets/reservations.
- ❑ Provide caterer with final head count.
- ❑ Finalize seating arrangements and finish place cards for the reception.
- ❑ Provide wedding party with rehearsal/wedding day schedule.

- ❑ Make arrangements for gift transport from reception.
- ❑ Make arrangements for post wedding-day gown and bouquet preservation. Tip: Are there special friends or family members you want in your photographs? Send them a formal letter asking them to remain at the church after the wedding.

## 1 week before

- ❑ Delegate wedding day responsibilities to reliable individuals.
- ❑ Finalize rehearsal and rehearsal dinner arrangements; confirm attendance of all invited.
- ❑ Pack overnight bag for wedding night.
- ❑ Confirm all honeymoon details. Pack for the honeymoon.
- ❑ Double-check details with all vendors.
- ❑ Attend bachelor/bachelorette parties.

## 1-2 days before

- ❑ Get a massage, manicure and pedicure.
- ❑ Pull together gown, veil, shoes, stockings and a last-minute emergency kit (aspirin, makeup, safety pins, mints).
- ❑ Attend rehearsal and review all details with your participants.
- ❑ Enjoy rehearsal dinner with family and friends; present wedding party and parents with thank-you gifts.
- ❑ Place fees due on the wedding day in envelopes.
- ❑ Get a good night's sleep.

## The big day

- ❑ Eat a healthy breakfast.
- ❑ Have hair and makeup done.
- ❑ Take marriage license and rings to ceremony site.
- ❑ Have dry snacks and bottled water available in dressing area.

## Congratulations!

- ❑ Relax and enjoy your day.



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## HOW TO GET A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN RACINE COUNTY

To apply for a marriage license in Racine County, call 262-636-3482 to make an appointment. The Racine County Clerk's office is on the first floor of the courthouse, 730 Wisconsin Ave. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To apply at Burlington City Hall, 300 N. Pine St. call 262-342-1161 for an appointment. City Hall Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Apply two weeks before your wedding. If you apply on a Monday, your license will be available the following Monday. Once the license is issued it must be used within 30 days.

Those applying need to bring valid photo ID, proof of residence, a certified birth certificate, social security number, wedding date, county and municipality of ceremony and name, address and phone number of the person performing the ceremony. For those previously married they must show proof of how the marriage ended.

A marriage license costs \$100 in Racine County, cash only.



## Guidelines for wedding, engagement announcements

### The Journal Times

Wedding and engagement announcements are published in The Journal Times every Sunday with a color or black and white photo for a fee. Wedding forms should be submitted within three months of the wedding date. Engagements should be submitted at least four weeks before the wedding date.

The deadline for announcements is 10 p.m. Sunday for publication the following Sunday, as space permits. Announcements can be submitted online by going to [journaltimes.com/forms](http://journaltimes.com/forms). Forms can also be printed from the website and they are available at The Journal Times, 212 Fourth St., Racine. For more information, call 262-631-1725.

### Kenosha News

Wedding and engagement announcements are published in the Kenosha News on Sundays for a fee. Wedding announcements should be submitted as soon as possible after the wedding to ensure timely publication. Engagement announcements should be submitted no later than four weeks before the wedding date.

To submit an announcement, go to [kenoshanews.com/forms/announcements](http://kenoshanews.com/forms/announcements). The deadline is noon Wednesday for announcements to appear the following Sunday. However, they will be published only as space permits and may be held, even if submitted prior to the deadline. For more information, call 262-656-6321.

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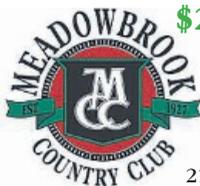
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LOREEN I. MOHR  
*Racine & Kenosha County Bride*

**I**t was an exciting beginning to a new year when Melvin Harris proposed to Trisha Scott on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2016. She said "Yes" and the couple were married during an Aug. 22, 2020, ceremony at their home in Caledonia.

Here's their story in Trisha's words:

**How did the two of you meet?**

Previous work place.

**How did he propose?**

On New Year's Eve at midnight right after the countdown.

**Who did most of the planning for the wedding?**

I did with my sister, Katie Thomas.

**How many attendants did you have?**

Eight.

**How many guests? 25**

**What were your biggest challenges in planning the wedding?**

Changing the wedding date three times due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**In what areas did you splurge?**

Decorations.

**What did you do to save money?**

We made all the bouquets, boutonnieres, corsages and centerpieces.



# Melvin & Trisha

Aug. 22, 2020



**What personal touches did you have in the ceremony and/or reception?**

We jumped the broom after the ceremony.

**What song did you have for your first dance?**

“Is It Any Wonder” by Durand Jones & The Indications.

**Who did your cake and what was it like?**

The groom’s niece, Nwoye Green.

**What was your favorite memory of the day?**

Marrying my best friend and having close family and friends there with us.

**Tell us a little bit about your honeymoon.**

Due to COVID-19 we weren’t able to travel but we did go up north and see the seven waterfall loop in Wisconsin.

**Any advice for other couples planning a wedding?**

After you pick your wedding date it is good to start planning right away. Write down any ideas that you have.



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*Racine & Kenosha County Bride*

**A**lison Schneider and Mitch Braver said their small and intimate wedding was “perfect” because the most important people were there. The Sept. 19, 2020, ceremony took place in their backyard in Kenosha.

Here’s their story in Alley’s words:

**How did the two of you meet?**

My coworker set us up.

**How did he propose?**

I was being snoopy and found the ring.

**Who did most of the planning for the wedding?**

I did most of the planning.

**How many attendants did you have?**

We had two attendants. My brother stood by my side and his best friend stood up at his side.

**How many guests?**

There were 15 guests.

**What were your biggest challenges in planning the wedding?**

Having to completely change our plans due to COVID-19 was so hard and stressful, but it turned out perfectly despite everything.

**In what areas did you splurge?**

The item I splurged the most on was my dress.

**What did you do to save money?**

I saved a lot of money by doing all the decorations myself.

**What personal touches did you have in the ceremony and/or reception?**

My mother-in-law passed away seven years ago and we saved a special seat for her right up front.

**What song did you have for your first dance?**

“I’ll Be There For You” by Maisie Peters.

**Who did your cake and what was it like?**

Kim Andrysiak made our cake. It was fun-fetti flavored, covered in white with gold leaves and pearls.

**What was your favorite memory of the day?**

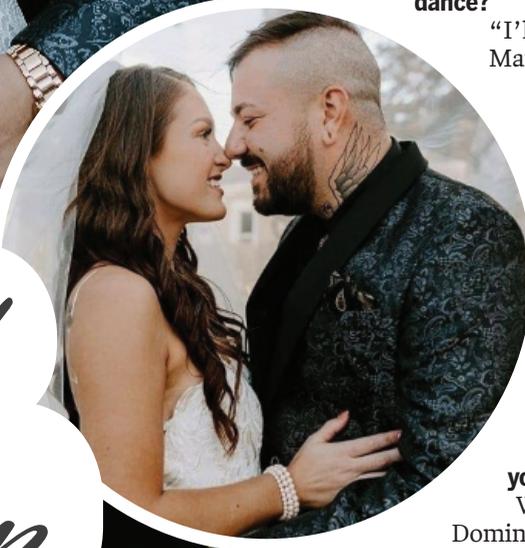
Our first dance was my most cherished moment.

**Tell us a little bit about your honeymoon.**

We are planning to go to the Dominican Republic in February.

**Any advice for other couples planning a wedding?**

I’m glad we decided to do our wedding small and intimate. The most important people were there. And it took a lot of stress away and saved us tons of money.



# Mitch & Alison

Sept. 19, 2020



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