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Helping men look their best for 50 years

Jill Fennema
Mister Cool's has been serving the men of Southwest Minnesota for over 50 years. Mister Cool's is a men's clothing store in downtown Marshall.

They carry a full line of both dress and casual clothing.

"From formal occasions such as weddings or prom to shorts and a polo shirt for the backyard, we can find something you'll love," said owner Brad Cool. "And we have the experience to help you find what you need."

Brad's father, Joe, opened Mister Cool's in 1973. He had been working at Ed's Toggery, another men's clothing store in Marshall, and decided to open his own store.

Brad worked in the store when he was growing up. After high school he left town for a couple years, but in 2000 he moved back to Marshall. He started working

with Joe full time and in 2005 they started the transition to making Brad the owner.

Brad explained that they have a lot of really great brands on hand at the store. They have suits and sport coats from Eisenberg, Renoir, Harmony, and Giorgio Fio-



Mister Cool's stocks many items besides clothing.



Brad Cool at his store in Marshall. Mister Cool's sells everything for the groom!

relli. Some of the brands they carry for dress pants and casual pants are Haggard, Enzo, and Savane. For jeans he sells Devil Dog, Lee, and Grand River.

"Devil Dog jeans are super comfortable," he added.

He carries dress and casual shirts by F/X Fusion, Modena, Van Heusen, Storm Creek, and &Collar. He is particularly fond of the &Collar brand.

"They have a great feel and are made from stain-free fabric," Brad said.

"Storm Creek makes some of the best quarter-zips and pullovers," he adds. "I own multiples and wear them all the time."

They carry both regular and big and tall sizes.

In addition to clothing, Brad sells shoes, outerwear, belts, wallets, and other accessories. Mister Cool's is one of the few places you can buy a tie clasp or tack. They also sell cuff links and suspend-



Shoes and accessories are also part of the inventory.



The perfect suit for the perfect day is just one of many things you will find at Mister Cool's in Marshall.

ers.

They have a great selection of gifts - everything from cologne to leather dress gloves and scarves.

If you are a groom looking forward to your big day, Mister Cool's has what you need.

Brad can help you rent or

buy a tuxedo or suit through Jim's Formal Wear. He has also worked with many couples over the years to help the men look great at their wedding.

"We have the selection and experience to help you find the look you want," Brad said.

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With many couples ringing in the new year with new engagements, the search for a perfect wedding venue begins. 5 Family Ranch is looking to help those newly engaged make their dream wedding a reality with their modern yet rustic event venue.

New to the scene, 5 Family Ranch opened its doors in August of 2023. "As a part of a large family, we frequently attend weddings, some of which have taken place in impressive event venues similar to 5 Family Ranch. These experiences left a lasting impression on us and sparked a desire to create a similar haven close to home that is built on values centered around families," said 5 Family Ranch General Manager Alison Fulton.

Located near Marshall, 5 Family Ranch offers a modern rustic barn which offers a unique wedding venue that can be tailor-made to fit your weddings needs. "Couples can take charge of the decorating process, whether opting for a do-it-yourself approach or hiring a decorator of their choice, this flexibility ensures that their celebration is not only unique, but also tailored to their specific needs," Fulton said. Couples are also able to choose their own layout for the reception using a user-friendly online application where they can visualize every detail.

What sets 5 Family Ranch apart from other facilities is its ability to transform to fit any party's needs. "We have versatile space options including offering seamless transitions between intimate small

group settings and spacious accommodations for larger gatherings," she said. An ala carte pricing feature makes planning your event affordable and sizeable for any budget. The venue offers a wide variety of services onsite. "We have a full-service bar with bartenders, we offer the set up of tables and chairs, provide water carafes and glasses on the tables and have staff to refill them, and we can flip the venue from ceremony to reception inside or out," she said.

Indoor or outdoor, the 5 Family Ranch can make your dream a reality. "For larger groups, our expansive outdoor spaces, including picturesque landscapes and spacious banquet areas effortlessly cater to the needs of grand events. Similarly, our indoor spaces feature warm lighting and comfortable seating to create an inviting atmosphere for all our guests," Fulton said. Fulton thrives on having a team that adapts to any situation regardless of the size of the party and pays meticulous attention to detail to create a personalized and memorable experience.

Staff is dedicated to providing a warm and welcoming service to help ease worries and provide a stress-free experience. "We work closely with couples starting from their initial tour, then we follow up with them throughout their wedding planning process. About a month before the wedding, we sit down and discuss all the final details to ensure a smooth wedding day," she said. On the wedding day,



5 Family Ranch also has outdoor space for your special day!



The banquet hall boasts an impressive 100 feet by 50 feet area.



This new wedding venue just opened last August.

staff will be working behind the scenes to ensure nothing is forgotten. "Our team works closely with your chosen DJ, wedding decorators, and coordinators throughout the day and evening, this collaborative effort ensures a harmonious and well-coordinated event," she said. If couples are unsure who to use for their wedding, 5 Family Ranch can help with that as well. "We offer a non-exclusive vendor list, allowing couples to choose caterers, DJ's, and other vendors according to their preferences

and budget," Fulton said.

The team at 5 Family Ranch hopes to help flawlessly execute each and every wedding. "Our dedicated team is committed to ensuring that your wedding day is seamless and unforgettable. From the moment of your first inquiry, we prioritize your needs and contribute to the success of your

celebration," she said. 2024 bookings are filling up, but Fulton and her team are looking forward to serving parties for years to come.

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Tips to help master your wedding guest list

Weddings are such momentous occasions that it's no wonder couples want to share their big days with as many people as possible. Though a wedding where all friends, family members and acquaintances are in attendance may be a dream scenario, reality often calls for a more carefully curated guest list.

Data from The Wedding Report indicates that the average cost of a wedding is slightly more than \$20,000, though that figure could be substantially higher, or even lower, depending on where couples tie the knot. Both The Wedding Report and The Knot report that a wedding venue and catering make up a significant percentage of the overall cost of a wedding, with some figures indicating that these expenses account for around 65 percent of the final price tag. The number of guests couples will host on their wedding day will affect which venue they book and how much food and beverages they'll need to satisfy guests. Couples who hope to stay within budget can consider these tips as they try to build a guest list that won't break the bank.

- Accept input. Parents may no longer foot the entire bill for their children's weddings, but couples who are accepting some financial help from parents must also accept Mom's and Dad's input regarding the guest list. Even if parents' desired guests do not ultimately make the cut, it's best to respect their wishes

and consider who they want to invite. Couples who are financing their own weddings without outside help need not feel beholden to invite anyone who does not meet their invitation criteria.

- Make a preliminary list without regard to budget. Couples can have fun making preliminary guest lists without considering their budgets. A preliminary list can serve as a solid starting point, and couples may even realize that their list is within budget. Once the preliminary lists have been created, couples can categorize guests (i.e., distant cousins, coworkers, etc.) and then work together to determine if any categories can be eliminated from the invitation list. For example, couples who may be going over budget with their guest lists can each agree to remove distant cousins from their prospective invitees.

- Seek advice. Many couples face difficult decisions regarding their wedding day guest lists, so it can be helpful to speak to a recently married friend or relative to see how they handled paring down their guest lists. Some might have done it by category, while others might have limited guest lists to local friends and family. When taking this approach, couples can speak to friends about how they approached handling people who were not on the final list of invitees.

- Throw a less formal party down the road. A less expensive backyard barbecue



within weeks of tying the knot can serve as a less costly alternative to a large wedding reception. Couples who take this approach can keep their wedding day guest lists to a minimum, but invite everyone they hope to see to a post-wedding day backyard barbecue or pot luck picnic so they can celebrate with everyone they love.

Curating a wedding day guest list is no small task. However, couples can try various approaches to keep a guest list more manageable and less expensive.

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Make a list of what's most important. Most couples will have to compromise in order to avoid taking on debt to finance their weddings.

How to build a wedding budget without breaking the bank

Wedding planning is a unique experience unlike any endeavor most couples will ever encounter. Much effort goes into planning a wedding, and that includes building a budget that ensures the big day will be fun without breaking the bank.

Most couples planning a wedding have never tied the knot before, so it can be difficult to determine a reasonable amount to spend. It's easy to go overboard when planning a wedding, and couples may find their list of wants and, consequently, their expenses, growing as they get into the weeds of wedding planning. Though it might require some difficult decisions, couples can keep these tips in mind so they can build a wedding budget that won't land them in debt after saying, "I do."

- Determine funding. The days when a bride's parents would finance the wedding entirely on their own are largely a thing of the past. According to a recent WeddingWire Newlywed Report, parents now pay for 52 percent of wedding expenses. As couples begin establishing a wedding budget, it's imperative that they first determine who, if anyone, will be helping them finance the big day. Fifty-two percent of wedding expenses is a significant amount of money, but in that scenario, couples will still need to come up with roughly half of the money needed to fund their weddings. Couples without substantial savings may be forced to cut back in order to avoid beginning their life as a married couple in debt.

- Make a list of potential expenses. Location will be a significant factor when determining potential expenses. For example, a 2022 ValuePenguin analysis of data from The Wedding Report found that the average wedding in Massachusetts cost roughly \$30,500 in 2020,

while couples tying the knot in Arkansas spent around \$12,500 on their weddings. With such wild fluctuations, it's important that couples get an accurate estimate of how much it may cost them to get married in a given city. Couples who met in a city and still live in a city but grew up in a suburb might save a considerable sum by getting married in their hometowns. Compare and contrast prices in locales you're considering, and then build your budget accordingly. This can help you avoid sticker shock and going over budget. Notable expenses to budget include

the venue, attire (i.e., wedding dress and tuxedo rental), hairstyle and makeup, entertainment, photography, and transportation, among others.

- Make a list of what's most important. Most couples will have to compromise in order to avoid taking on debt to finance their weddings. An earnest discussion about what's most important to each person can ensure you both get what you want. Each person can make a list of their priorities, ranking them from most important to least important. Once lists are shared, couples can see where their priorities

converge and where they diverge. Any items that rank low on each person's list of priorities can be afforded less funding, while those that are high on each list can take up more of the budget, if necessary.

- Commit to a limit before spending a dime. Committing to a limit before spending a dime can help couples keep wedding costs more manage-

able. Once that number is defined, couples can then work within its parameters, which can make potentially difficult decisions a little easier by narrowing options at a time when options can seem endless.

A well-planned budget can be just what couples need to begin married life on strong financial footing.



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When I was planning my wedding I had a pretty strict budget to adhere to. So I made a list of the top things that were important to me. The areas that I wasn't willing to skimp on.

At the very top of that list was my dress. I wanted to feel like an absolute princess - and I did. But I also lucked out as the dress I fell in love with was discontinued, so I purchased the floor sample. A few alterations later and it was the perfect gown at a fraction of the price I would have paid, had I needed to order it.

The second thing I knew I didn't want to skimp on, was the food! We had The Glass House, which was a super delicious restaurant based out of Ihlen, cater (that really ages me, it's been gone for a while now). We went with a traditional menu with a choice of chicken or ham, garlic mashed potatoes, and green beans. While the food really was fantastic, it really wasn't any of my favorite food items. We sort of made food choices based on what would appeal to the masses.

If I had it my way, we would have had a full Italian buffet with lasagna and spaghetti, and garlic bread. Ok, that may have been a bit risky to eat while wearing a white ball gown. I may have needed a bib. A very large bib at that. But I feel like that happens a lot when making wedding plans - basing decisions and choices on popular demand instead of personal preference.

I am here to tell you that any and all wedding decisions should be made solely with you and your husband-to-be in mind. Your wedding should reflect your personal styles and personalities, regardless of what other people think or what is presently trendy. I went to a wedding a few years ago that reflected the bride and groom perfectly.

Everything was so beautiful, from the venue to the table decor, their attire. Their individual style was evident all through out the wedding and reception. And they topped it all off with a delicious unique meal. They hired a wood fired pizza truck to come to the reception and they kept the pizzas coming until they stopped

disappearing. It so awesome! And delicious to boot! And in lieu of the traditional wedding cake, they opted for a doughnut bar. So just remember, even if your meal ideas are not traditional wedding fare - that's ok! It's your big day, so whatever makes you and your fiancé happy!!

Here are some great 'non-traditional' appetizers that would be a tasty, unique treat for your bridal shower!

Crab Wonton Cups

- 32 wonton wrappers
- Cooking spray
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 5 drops hot pepper sauce
- 1 cup lump crabmeat, drained
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1/4 cup finely chopped sweet red pepper
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Minced chives, optional

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°. Press wonton wrappers into miniature muffin cups coated with cooking spray. Spritz wrappers with cooking spray. Bake until lightly browned, 8-9 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, beat cream cheese, cream, egg, mustard, Worcestershire sauce and pepper sauce until smooth. Stir in crab, green onions and red pepper; spoon into wonton cups. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Bake until filling is heated through, 10-12 minutes. Serve warm. If desired, garnish with minced chives. Refrigerate leftovers.



Quick Focaccia Bread

- 1 loaf (1 pound) frozen bread dough, thawed
- 1/2 cup sliced pimiento-stuffed olives
- 1/2 cup shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese
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- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

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On an ungreased baking sheet, pat dough into a 12x6-in. rectangle. Build up edges slightly. Top with olives, cheeses and Italian seasoning; press gently into dough. Drizzle with oil.

Bake at 350° until cheese is melted and golden brown, 15-20 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing.

Cream Cheese Dainties

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup apricot spreadable fruit or seedless raspberry preserves

Instructions

In a large bowl, cream butter and cream cheese until light and fluffy. Gradually add flour to the creamed mixture and mix well. Divide dough into 4 portions; cover and refrigerate until easy to handle.

On a lightly floured surface, roll 1 portion of dough at a time into a 10x7-1/2-in. rectangle. Trim edges if necessary. Cut into 2-1/2-in. squares.

Place 1/4 teaspoon spreadable fruit or preserves near each end of 2 diagonal corners. Moisten the remaining 2 corners with water; fold over and press lightly.

Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° until corners are lightly browned, 12-15 minutes. Cool 2-3 minutes before removing to wire racks to cool.

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Marriage: a sacred covenant

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Modern weddings can be a spectacle for the senses. Sights, sounds, tastes, and smells all come into play as we celebrate two people coming together in the marriage covenant. Months and often years go into the planning of these events. In all the celebration occurring on a wedding day, amidst the joy and festivities, lies the heart of what is taking place: the sacred covenant of marriage. This solemn commitment, made before God and witnesses, embodies more than the visible union; it is a profound testimony of love and dedication that profoundly reminds us of God's love for us.

As we consider this love and the sacred bond of marriage, I want us to dwell on Song of Solomon 8:6-7.

*Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death,
jealousy is fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
the very flame of the Lord.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If a man offered for love
all the wealth of his house,
he would be utterly despised.*

This passage paints a vivid picture of love's fierce, encompassing nature. It is not merely an emotion but a powerful force that binds and protects, as enduring and unyielding as death itself. The imagery of love as a seal upon the arm symbolizes its strength and the protec-

tion it offers within the covenant of marriage. This love, likened to the fire of the LORD, is inextinguishable, highlighting the depth and resilience of the bond formed in the covenant of marriage.

Interestingly, the passage also touches on the value of love, suggesting that it cannot be acquired with wealth; its worth is immeasurable, a priceless gift from God. Such is the love pledged to one another in the coming together of a man and woman in the covenant of marriage. It is truly a treasure beyond compare, reflecting the divine love that God has bestowed upon his people.

Yet, Song of Solomon's portrayal of romantic love also serves a higher purpose, pointing us toward the ultimate expression of love in Jesus Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Marriage, in its essence, mirrors the sacrificial love and unbreakable bond between Christ and the Church. It is a reminder that true love within marriage transcends fleeting emotions, rooted instead in the sacrificial love demonstrated by Christ. This godly love endures through every season, sustained not by mere feelings but by the profound commitment to selflessly love and cherish one another as Christ loves the Church.

As anyone who has been married for any period of time knows, the path of marriage is not without challenges. No union is perfect; it joins two imperfect beings, each needing grace. In these moments of imperfection and difficulty, the true essence of your covenant is tested

and strengthened. Drawing from the well of God's sacrificial love for us, married couples are called to be patient, forgiving, and enduring.

When faced with trials, this sacrificial, unwavering love will endure. This kind of love can weather any storm, and it finds its model in the cross of Christ. Here, in the shadow of the cross, we see the strength to love unconditionally, forgive generously, and hold fast to our covenant.

In a culture that often celebrates the self above all, the call to put another first—to sacrifice, to love as Christ loves—is indeed countercultural. Yet, this divine model of love promises to sustain and enrich marriage through both joyous peaks and challenging valleys.

When difficult times come in marriage, and they will, remember that the strength of your covenant lies not in your perfection. In these situations, embrace grace, forgive, and prioritize the spouse's well-being above your own. Let the gospel's transforming power be the bedrock of your marriage, guiding you to love not just in word but in action and truth.

In conclusion, the marriage covenant reminds us of God's unquenchable love for his covenant people. His love refuses to let go. His love forgives, heals, and restores. By modeling our relationships on this divine love, we build a foundation for marriage and love that is a witness to the immeasurable grace shown to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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How do I love thee?

We asked 2nd graders in Edgerton how to show someone that you love them. Here are their beautiful, and sometimes humorous, responses!

You can show love by hugging, kissing, helping, and getting food from the store, giving medesen, and caring for me when I am sick, and making a cake for my birthday. That is how my mom loves me. My dad shows love by growing food for me.
Evan Boverhof
Free Christian

If some one falls you can help them up. You can make them have courage. You can cheer them up and do something fun that they Love to do and say thank you.
Kya Hulstein
Southwest Christian

I can Show love by giving them money. And caring for another like if someone is injured I can help by telling jokes or cheering up. I can do something for people. And when I am home I can clean for my mother and fother so I can get a rewerd.
Anthony Sanchez
Southwest Christian

I could show love to someone by if they need help carrying groceries or opening the door. I could also cheer people on and write notes to people that are lonely.
Adam Schelhaas
Southwest Christian

I can show kindness by helping athers. Like getting their groceries, spending time with them, giving them a meal, and helping them. I can help people in my class who need help. Showing love and obeying my parents and helping my teacher too.
Ellyse Van Dyke
Southwest Christian

I can show kindness and love to others. By helping someone in need. I also can donate food or water to homeless I can also play with someone When they are lonely. I can also help my grampa clene his driveway. I can show the fuit of the spirit to people and read the Bible.
Hudson Van Dyke
Southwest Christian

We can show kindness always. We can clean up even when we aren't told to make it clean. If someone needs help we can help them. We can help our moms and dads clean the house. We can help cook lunch and set the table
Jay Kruisselbrink
Southwest Christian

I can pray, give money, read the Bible to people. I can give food and water. And give toys like Stuffedies and rubber ducks. and a ipad. I can give them clothes a a coat.
Kyli Van Stelten
Southwest Christian

I can show kindness by praying for them, Loving, listening to them. By giving money and giving snacks. Helping them up telling the truth. Being patient with them and doing it to others. Faithfulness to them being gentle with others and having self-control so they don't get mad.
Malcolm Vander Pol
Southwest Christian

By being kind to others and by showing kindness to my friends.

You can do something nice to others. You can invite them over to your house. You can say I will help a old person get into the car. I can play with oneanother. When someone is hurt I can help them up. I can show kindness to my family.
Maybri Prins
Southwest Christian

I can show Love by praying for people in the hospital and people on the roads. I can give food to the foodsenter. When someone falls down I can help them up. If a friend is felling sad I can cheer them up.
Nevaeh Ossefoort
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Give your parents or Grandparents a gift and say you do not need to give me any gifts, it is fine.
Noah Wynja
Southwest Christian

If they are poor. and if they don't have a home. I can ask my dad to get some wood and his tools and make the people who donot have a home. me and my dad to buid a house and they can live in it. And we can give them some food, fruits, vegetables, meat, and water. You can give them some care
Scarlett Van Essen
Southwest Christian

I can show LOVE to them by cheering people up. I can show JOY by trying to not get angry fast. I can show PEACE by trying not to get in a fight. I can show GOODNESS by helping my mom. I can show FAITHFULNESS by keeping promes.
Sela Prouty
Southwest Christian

I can play with others at any place and at any time. We can share with others that have nothing. If someone is lonely I can play with them. Love one another always and be kind to one another also. Show them the fruit of the spirit. If their lonely play with them or sit with them on the bus.
Caiden Feist
Southwest Christian

By saying that someone is good at something. Help old people get there groceries. If one of your siblings fell down hug them. If your grandma and grandpa came over you could play with them. I could give my Mom and Dad a picture of them getting married for a gift.
Emersyn Rozeboom
Southwest Christian

I can say nice work and say can you show me how you did that? And I can give them some flowers. I can play a game with them and say your the best player in this game. I can help people carry groceries. Say you are kind and sweet.
Cambrie Bork
Southwest Christian

If someone has a dance competition you can say you got this! If your mom is sick you can say you can rest, I will do the dishes. If your friend fell then you can give them a hug and help them up. If you whant to play with your friend but grandma is on her way you can spend your time with your grandma and your friend. If it is winter you can give someone a gift.
Palmer Meksavanh
Southwest Christian

I can help my mom take out the garbage and when she is sick I can empty out the dishwasher for her. I can spend time with my grandparents by cuddling with them. I can give some fruit and flowers to some homeless people. I can say great Job or nice work to someone. I can hug my dad.
Winnie Swyter
Southwest Christian

Through words I can say you did a good job. service I can do the dishes, clean, rake the leaves, and dump out the trash. touch I can give my sisters a hug. Spending time when grama and grampa come I can draw a picture and play a game. Gifts, I give someone who is sick and a friend a card.
Ellie Van't Hof
Southwest Christian

Through words my friends played soccer and I encourage them. My grandma came over and I was spending time with her by playing a game. Gifts I gave flowers to my mom. I could gave my brother a hug when he won the basketball game.
Porter Van Dyke
Southwest Christian

I can help my grandma carry groceries if she does not have more hands. I can help my mother wash the dishes. I can watch a movie with my famliy. When a friend is hurt I can hug them. I can give my mom a picture of me and my mom.
Willia Veldkamp
Southwest Christian

Play a game with a friend at recess. Do a chore for mom and dad

when they are sick. Tell a friend at basketball, great job! Give some money to a person in need.
Job Masselink
Southwest Christian

I can show somebody I love them by spending time with my grandma and grandpa by playing a game with them. I can encourage someone like my brothers and sister. I can also show love by doing chores for them. I also can show love by giveing someone a gift it they are hurt.
John Ekkle
Southwest Christian

I can do dishes for my mom and Dad. If I want to play video games all day I can skip the games and spend time with my Grandpa and Grandma. If my friend Porter is doing a good job I can encourage him.

Kylen Bos
Southwest Christian

I can go up to someone and say you are a good person. I can help someone by bringing them food. I can help someone by give them a hug. I can give someone flowers to show I appreciate them.
Levi Van Dam
Southwest Christian

By giving someone a gift that they would like. Doing dishes or laundry for your parents or grandparents. And to encourage someone if they did a good job. Or you could help someone if they get hurt or sick. You could give a hug to someone you could give people money if they are poor.
Annika Forness
Southwest Christian
I can say "good job" to my friend if he or she does a good job.

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I can do the dishes, make them food, get them a drink if they are sick. I can hug them if I love them. Play a game with someone to spend time. Or I could get them a gift.

Mason Van Hofwegen
Southwest Christian

I could do the dishes every day after school. I could help my mom with chore. I could help mom make dinner.

Kinsey Kuehl
Southwest Christian

I could help my mom make chocolate chip cookies for my dad. I could read to my brother. I can help mom do the laundry. I could buy my grandma flowers.

Jadence Full
Southwest Christian

Give them hugs. Do nice things for them. Spend time together.

Landon Landhuis
Edgerton Public School

I show love by giving hugs and kiss. Petting my cats. Respect teachers. Saying thank you. By not being mad at family.

Avery Roskamp
Edgerton Public School

I show my family love and dog and cat. I gives hugs cat kisses.

Kenzie Jager
Edgerton Public School

You can smile at them. You can say I love your shirt. Show respect. Don't be a bully. Listen when your teacher is talking. Show your pet's that you love them. Be honest. Don't punch or other things like that. Don't pull hair. Don't hurt people.

Kynslee Kounkel
Edgerton Public School

By being kind. I show my family love by giving hugs and kisses. I show my friends love by giving them hugs.

Avia Johnson
Edgerton Public School

I show my Family by open the door. I show love is giving them a Hag. I play nins.

Morgan Koedam
Edgerton Public School

You can give someone a hug. You can give someone a kiss. A smile. You can give Love.

Lincoln Brands
Edgerton Public School

You can give a smile or a hug or do a nice thing and you can give them a gift and say I love you.

Iker Medina
Edgerton Public School

Hugs and Kisses Show Love. And I Show love by Saying I Love you.

Nathaniel Talsma
Edgerton Public School

I show my family love by giving hugs and kisses. I show love when I show respect. I show love when I be a good friend.

Tatum Huisken
Edgerton Public School

I can show that I Love my whole Family Love and spread kind even at school and every Day.

Anderson Revolorio
Edgerton Public School

I show love to my family by saying thank you you welcom. I show

respect to my frinds and show kind to everybody i always help mom and dad.

Leonardo Rodriguez Guevara
Edgerton Public School

I show my family Love is giving them love pictures and giving hugs. That's how I show my family love.

Silas Rylaarsdam
Edgerton Public School

By taken carr of them. Been niest to them. Taken good carr of them. Taken good carr of them like pets.

Alejandro Puente
Edgerton Public School

You can show someone you love them by getting them something like flowers, concert tickets and other things too. You can also give hugs. You can also say I love you to them too.

Nora Muder
Edgerton Public School

Buy picing up your stuf. Give them hugs and kisses. Help them do the dishes. Show Kindness to them.

Jace Zwart
Edgerton Public School

You can give them flower. You can Give hugs. You can listen and respect others. You can help others. You can help of clean dishes.

Ruby Brown
Edgerton Public School

You can show them respect. You can give them the opportunity to win at soccer. You can show your mom and dad love and respect.

Jayco Lopez Ramos
Edgerton Public School

I show my family I love them by helping my mom clean. I show my friends I love them by playing with them.

Kynlee Niz Chavez
Edgerton Public School

I show my family I love them I give my mom and dad gifts and a hug and kisses. I'm helpful and clean the house. I'm kind to my friends brother and sisters.

Kaitlynn Colvin
Edgerton Public School

I showy family I Love Them I snuggle with my parents every day. I showy friens I Love them I play with them every day. I ate with them every day. I show my pets I Love them I rub their bacs and they like it so much and I play with them. I Love them so much.

Zasil Medina
Edgerton Public School

I show my family I love them by Kisses, hugs, and be helpful. I show my friends I love them by Be kind, helpful, smile. I show my pets I love them by peting them, peting their tummy.

Thalya Sas
Edgerton Public School

I show my mom I Love her when I snuggle with her. Ans I show my dad I Love him when I ride my four-wheeler with him. I show my friends I love them by playing with them. I show my pets I love them by feeding them.

Olivia Bleyenbug
Edgerton Public School

I show my pets I love them by

peting then and scratching them by the chin. I show my family I love them by hugging them and helping them. I show my friends I love them by hugging them and smiling.

Amber Sluis
Edgerton Public School

I show my family I Love them I give hugs to my mom. I show my friends I Love them by playing with them at recess.

Eduardo Cazares
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AN APRON TO REMEMBER

Jill Fennema

Mom's apron is a story in and of itself. Who doesn't remember their mother or grandmother wearing an apron around the house, especially in the kitchen or the garden? Often they were full size aprons - big and wide and made with pockets to hold a hanky or some candy.

Many people consider grandma's apron to be a dear heirloom - even if they don't use an apron themselves. Others, myself included, would love to own some of my grandmother's old aprons, but I have quite a collection of my own that I wear frequently. An apron really does help preserve your clothing and when you are busy cooking and cleaning, an apron is a great place to wipe your hands!

But not all aprons were so functional - some were de-

signed for beauty. That was especially true of the half apron that was given to friends who would serve as waitresses at the wedding reception.

Now days, wedding receptions are usually catered affairs, with professional wait staff. And the traditional church fellowship hall reception is a thing of the past as well - now folks typically rent a large venue like a barn or community hall for their reception. They also usually have a dance after the reception, which was not always a common tradition either.

But back in the day of our parents and grandparents, weddings were more traditional and less expensive. One way to save money was to have the family or a family friend prepare the food and friends of the bride often served as waitresses.

These waitresses were given

a gift on the night of rehearsal - a beautiful half apron. They were typically made of satin or lace and decorated with bows or ribbons. They were often white, but sometimes matched the colors the bridesmaids wore.

If you look at the photos, you will see that these aprons were more decorative than functional, as they would not have kept much mess off your regular clothing with their sheer fabric. They also would not have held up to much of a washing as the ribbons and lace were quite delicate.

Being asked to waitress at a wedding was quite an honor and many ladies kept their special aprons over the years and these heirlooms are tucked away in boxes and baskets in closets. The collection pictured here belonged to Rose Van Nieuwenhuyzen's daughters.



Reception aprons were often homemade out of lace.



Brinley and Blaire Talsma model waitress aprons from the past.

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Love essays, cont.

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I Love to bake with my mom. I Love to play with my dad. I Love to help my grandma. I Love to play with Emma. I Love to play with my friend Kynlee on the monkey bars. I Love to play with my cats. I Love to feed my cats. I Love to run with my cats. I Love to play with my dogs. I Love to feed my dogs. I Love to run with my dogs. I Love to walk with my cats. I Love to play with my baby cousins. I Love my teacher so much.

Aniya Celada
Edgerton Public School

I play with my pets. I help with my baby brother. I always be nice to others. I help people, give people gifts, spend time together, and give your friend a hug if there sad. Give your mom and dad a hug be helpful to your friends.

Emma Van Peurse
Edgerton Public School

I show my family I love them. I like to help my mom bake. I like to help Dad to watch my brother. I help papa with money. I show my Friends I love them I like to help Amber when she is hurt. I like to help Thalya because when she falls. I go help her up.

Oliver Sumption

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I show my family that I love them by watching TV with them. I show my pet that I Love them by getting them food and water. I show my friends I Love them by playing with them.

Berkley Wilbur
Edgerton Public School

I show my pets I love them by I give them kisses. I show my friends I love them by me and my friend use to go on the trampoline. I show my family I love them by giving them hugs and kisses.

Jace Jackson
Edgerton Public School

I would give them chocolates and roses.

Corbin Knobloch
Edgerton Public School

I can give someone a hug. They really like that. I could also be

nice to someone. People like it when your nice. You can be nice to your friend. My friend's name is Kynslee. She is my best freind. There are lots of ways you can show people you love them!

Danielle Ward
Edgerton Public School

1. Helping them.
2. Spending time with them.
3. Make them a present.
4. Give them cookies.

Jaxon Schoep
Edgerton Public School

You show someone that you love them by giving them, a hug, showing affection and giving them some detail on any special day. Even if it is not a special day.

Gregorio Rosales
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1. Hug them and say I Love you.
 2. Kiss them and say I love you.
- Elyse Beukema
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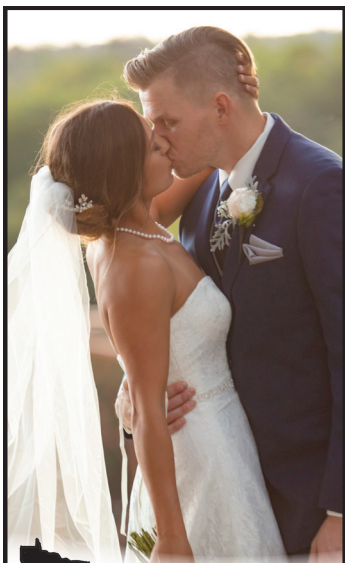
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