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Hagan and Leah Pemberton’s Wedding

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Anticipation:

Hagan and Leah sent out save the date’s and invitations for their wedding. For their Save the Date, they had a simple postcard type letter with a couple of their engagement pictures and the date of their wedding in big letters. They sent out the Save the Date soon after they got engaged. About a month and a half before the wedding, they sent out their invitations. They had a small wedding of mostly family and close friend. The ceremony was smaller, and they invited more friends to the reception. On the invitation they stated the time of the ceremony and the reception.

Arrival Atmosphere:

The arrival was pretty simple. They had their wedding in a small town so if you got lost you probably would find yourself at the wedding after a couple turns. They had a large sign for where everyone was encouraged to park and many decorations outside that allowed for easy recognition. I arrived earlier than most guest because I was a close family friend. I got to witness their first look and watch them take pictures before the actual ceremony. As the guest began to arrive, they played music. Most women were escorted to their seats. As part of the atmosphere they had white double doors set up outside for everyone to enter through as they arrived. The seating was the traditional wedding seating where the bride’s family sits on the left and the groom’s family sits on the right. They had flowers and candles lit on every row at the ceremony.

At the reception, they stayed on the same property which allowed for easy transportation. They used a red barn to house the food and the wedding cakes. In front of the red barn hey had lights hung and a d.j. to the right and an open bar to the left. They created an open area between the barn and the tables to serve as the dance floor.

Activity:

As I just mentioned they had a live d.j. playing at the reception. The open bar was also a hit and got people out on the dance floor after a long tiring day. As usual at the reception a few family members and close friends gave speeches. After all the speeches were made everyone began to eat. They had catering from a restaurant they went to a lot while they were dating. They also had a bench that they had everyone sign for them to put on their back porch of their house. The kids were amused with glow sticks and the adults with the alcohol. They had an old screen door with the screen taken out set up for their photo booth. They also created a snapchat filter to allow people to enjoy the excitement and experience with them through social media.

Appetite:

They had catering from one of their favorite restaurants. The food was brought fresh during the ceremony and was set up in a safe location so that it would not be bothered by children running around or the weather. They had a wine and beer bar open to everyone. The bartenders were friend of the groom. They did not have to hire anyone to half host and serve at their wedding because it was mostly family and close friends.

Amenities:

They had custom cups made for everyone to enjoy and take home with them. They had the colors of the wedding and the date and their names. They served all the beer in these cups so by the end of the night many adults had well over 4 cups of their own. Their photo booth was set up through the whole night with props and signs to add commemoration. The brides maids also received all matching robes and the groomsmen all received a similar gift from the groom. They had a bathroom located both at the ceremony and the reception that was easily accessible and very clean.

Summary:

This wedding was a traditional southern styled wedding. It was set outside in a small town with a red barn and southern cooked food for catering. This seemed very natural to me since I have grown up in the south but attending other weddings that have been set up and planned out completely differently makes me think differently. My aunts wedding a few years back was still very traditional and southern, but they had a variety of different foods and their wedding was inside which eliminated the threat of weather. Wedding are set up all based off of personal preference which allows for expression of self for everyone to see and experience.