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just picking up some of the sand and releasing it into the wind during our vows but that backfired by the sand blowing straight into the faces of the guests in the first few rows. We couldn't help but laugh."

The backdrop was perfect for pictures and the day was absolutely beautiful.

Abby said they have family and friends from out of town that still comment on how beautiful their wedding was.

"They absolutely loved that we chose the location," she said. "Some of them had never been to Preparation Canyon but after our wedding many of them now make a regular visit."

The Koenigs family makes an effort to visit Preparation Canyon as often as they can.

"It has been important to us to share geographical and historical information about the area with our kids so that they learn to appreciate the remarkable destination they have right in their backyard," Abby said.

The family enjoys hiking the trail at the overlook and many of the other trails in the State Park area. The kids like to visit after controlled burns because they are fascinated by the black trees and charred grass.

A picnic on the overlook deck is something they try to do each fall so they can see the colors.

**Side Note: Hallie Baurichter and Josh Koenigs are cousins.*



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Local business owners tie the knot

By Jenna Comes

Sean Goslar and MaKayla Smith have been together for almost 10 years. Their dating anniversary is in February. They met while picturing and videoing cattle for Al Bruhn's cattle sale at his cow farm.

They got engaged on August 22, 2016. Sean put a t-shirt on Kinley (their daughter) that said, "Mommy will you marry my Daddy?"

MaKayla said it was interesting process to plan their wedding as there were many pieces to it. She noted it was a little of all emotions: easy, stressful and fun. It was simple wedding but had a western theme. The couple used several local small businesses.

The couple finally got married on Sept. 2, 2022 with the ceremony taking place at Al Bruhn's cabin.

"It was a perfect day," MaKayla said. "The weather was good and we were surrounded by all of our loved ones."

The officiant for the ceremony was Sean's uncle, Darren, which made things extra special for the couple. They had seven bridesmaids and seven groomsmen who took part in their special day.

The reception followed at the Mapleton Community Center.

"Honestly every part of the day was special and we had a great time," she said. The part that stood out the most on their big day was getting to enjoy it all with their kids (Kinley, Kinnick and Carson).

"There were several unforgettable moments but I would say just getting to finally be a part officially of the Goslar family was the best for me," MaKayla said.

The couple owns the Hawkeye Bar in Mapleton and Sean works full-time for the city of Mapleton.



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