

## Carried away

Jat & Taylor Ridenhour, Sept. 24, 2022

by Roxie Murphy, Maries County Advocate Staff Writer



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Taylor Gehlert and Jat Ridenhour's love story can be described as quirky, fun, exciting and without any dull moments — which he chalks up to her. This beautiful story could have had a very different ending if Jat's tenaciousness didn't eventually persuade Taylor to give him a chance.

**My feet are planted firmly on the ground...**

When Taylor first met Jat it wasn't love at first sight and she doesn't claim to know that he was the one.

"Quite the opposite in fact," Taylor said. "I knew who Jat was because my grandpa farmed his family's land."

It was a warm night in August 2017 when Taylor went with her friend Lauren to a river bottom party. They decided to attend the social gathering last minute and Taylor said she was having "the best time" when she first noticed Jat.

"I noticed this certain guy and I were always making awkward eye contact," Taylor said. "Every time I turned my head this guy was right behind me, to the side of me, and always within five feet from me. I finally had to ask who this guy was because it was starting to become creepy."

Creepy probably isn't a word one would want to be associated with by a love interest. Jat must have gotten the hint because he introduced himself. Then left shortly after.

"I remember telling Lauren on my way home how weird this Jat Ridenhour guy was," Taylor comments.

**I get carried away by the look, by the light in your eyes...**

With no face to the name, and the fact that Taylor's family is not local — originally from Belle but living in Wardsville, the chance meeting at a river bottom party could have been a one-off event.

But for Jat, there was something about Taylor.

"When I saw her for the first time at the river, I couldn't help but think to myself how pretty she was," Jat recalls. "She most definitely did not act interested in me, however, which was disappointing. When I left that night, I couldn't get her out of my head."

Jat, who was attending Belle High School at the time, was interested in Taylor. As it turns out, an interested man is a resourceful man — much to Taylor's dismay at first.

"A few days go by and somehow he got my number and started messaging me," Taylor said. "I was so annoyed by him I gave him the typical one-word replies and contemplated blocking him. I had no intention of dating anybody at that moment with me starting my first year of college. I thought Jat was just a boy with bad intentions. He quickly proved me wrong."

Weeks went by and Taylor kept "coincidentally running into Jat."

"I was running into Jat more frequently thanks to some mutual friends who were giving Jat my location," she said.

She thought he was just a young high school teenager, but the more frequent the meetings, the more she began to change her mind. About a month later, Jat asked Taylor on a date. She finally said yes, and on Sept. 16, 2017, she let Jat take her to the Belle

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**Battle of the Bulls.**  
 “He wanted to pick me up,” Taylor said. “I said no.”

Taylor was determined.  
 “Leading up to our first date, I was so nervous, I remember but excited to finally take her out on a date,” Jat said.

She met him at the event with her mom and by the end of the night considered it the best date ever.

**Before I even realize the ride I’m on, baby I’m long gone...**

“We had the best date and I left that night feeling giddy,” Taylor said.

“What I thought was funny though about this date was that she left me to sit by her mom and towards the end of the night we were together again,” he said. “Time went on and I was ready to make her my girlfriend officially. Although she made me wait longer than I had planned I was pretty confident that sooner than later we would be dating.”

She loved spending time with Jat, but she still wasn’t sure she wanted to date anyone — or that it wouldn’t be just a summer fling. After all, he had asked her out twice and she told him no.

“It was not because I didn’t like him, I just wasn’t convinced I was ready for a relationship,” she said. “He never saw the humor in getting rejected. I would tell him, ‘ask me in a few weeks, I may change my mind.’”

When Jack asked, for the third time, on Oct. 18, 2018, she finally said yes.

“Every time I was around him, I would get the butterflies and I knew I had to say yes this time,” she said. “I joke with him now that the only reason I said yes the third time was because I felt bad!”

**Nothing matters but being with you...**

Between Jat graduating from Belle High School and Taylor finishing nursing school, it would be three years and three months later before the couple became engaged.

“There was absolutely no question that Jat was all in with me from day one — and he let me know it too,” Taylor said.

While she may have been more reserved initially, she admits that they clicked instantly after they started dating and she knew then that he was the one.

“I knew Taylor was the one for me shortly after we had started dating,” Jat said. “We became serious so fast and really hit it off instantly. I really knew she was the one when I looked at her not only as my girlfriend but my best friend.”

Although Jat knew it first, she wasn’t too far behind him.

“I couldn’t imagine my life without him in it,” Taylor said. “He was my safe space and my best friend and there was no way I could live this life without him in it.”

When Jat made up his mind to propose, he went all out, making sure Taylor had zero reasons to say anything but yes. Dec. 20, 2020, dawned chilly with a high of 51 and a low of 32 degrees — and Taylor was feeling slightly under the weather.

“I knew I wanted to take the next step with Taylor, but knew I had to get her parents’ permission before even looking at rings,” Jat said. “I asked her dad fist and with a smile on his face he said, ‘I wouldn’t want anyone else to marry her.’”

Taylor’s mom was the hard one. She and Taylor were also together, so Jat had limited windows of opportunity.

“The only time I could get Taylor away from her mom was while Taylor was in the shower,” he said. “I walked into Tricia’s room and she was in her pajamas getting ready to go to bed. Her mom was taken off guard because of the bizarre timing and she was literally almost a sleep.”

Tricia gave permission and they arranged to go ring shopping at Vandelict Jewelry in Jefferson City.

“I knew she wanted a halo,” he said, talking about the white gold band with a diamond halo around a blue stone.

“I got the one. It was a cushion cut with a halo. I couldn’t wait to get down on one knee and show it to her.”

**It might seem like an ordinary night...**

“I knew that Jat was taking me to a ‘special place’ later that day and I had to start getting ready,” Taylor said. “We had frequent conversations about becoming engaged so I had a feeling it would happen soon but didn’t know when.”

When she got in the truck and they were on their way, Taylor said noticed an almost immediate change in Jat.

“I was excited to see what adventure he was taking me on,” Taylor said. “We didn’t even make it off the gravel road and his demeanor started to shift. He started biting his lip and I could tell in his voice that he was nervous about something. Then he said ‘so when do you want to get engaged?’”

She started to become suspicious. Jat wasn’t good at keeping secrets.

“As we are driving out of town he comes to an abrupt stop and pulls into Bob’s Frozen Custard, a very popular date-night summer spot where we became daily customers and the workers would know our order before



we got to the window,” Taylor says.  
 She knew the restaurant was closed for the winter, but Jat convinced her they had reopened. She could feel him shaking as they walked up to the window to order.

“Seth, the owner, was there,” she said. “He hands me my ice cream and as I turn around, I see Jat on one knee, proposing.”

She began to cry and unlike the first few times he’d asked her out, she said yes immediately.

“I quickly said yes, without any doubts like there was when he asked me out years prior,” she said.

Then she received her second shock of the morning.

“Close family and friends appeared from behind bushes and from the building to

celebrate the most exciting moment in our lives,” Taylor said.

**But, darlin’, when you come around...**

All in, Taylor began wedding plans immediately, and the one thing she absolutely would not compromise on was the photographer — which meant the couple would have a long wait.

“I had been told that 2022 would be a busy year for the wedding industry since so many brides had to cancel their weddings in 2020 and 2021 and reschedule,” Taylor said. “I knew I had to book early to ensure I got the vendors I wanted. One person I was sure of was Toni Wieberg.”

Taylor had followed Wieberg on social See **Ridenhour**, Page 15



**THE FLOWER** Girls for the wedding were the groom’s cousin’s, Amanda and Ariel Moore.



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## Vienna couple has perfect day for beautiful wedding

Parker & Kaitlyn Hayes, Sept. 17, 2022

by Colin Willard, Maries County Advocate Staff Writer



**G**rowing up in a small town, Kaitlyn Neubert, 22, and Parker Hayes, 25, knew of each other long before their romance blossomed.

“Parker and I have known each other our whole lives,” Kaitlyn said. “We both went to the private school here in Vienna, as well as high school.”

Parker is two years older, but they spent some time around each other in high school. It was not until they both started working at the Vienna Quik Spot in 2017 that they began talking. Parker worked at the cash register, and Kaitlyn worked in the deli.

Kaitlyn said that even after they began working together, it took some time for them to become a couple.

“Parker took three months to ask me on a date,” she said.

“I don’t think I’ve ever been so nervous to ask anyone out,” Parker said.

In November 2017, he asked her to join him on his birthday for dinner at his favorite restaurant. That evening set the trend for the couple’s next few years of dating.

“We went to Fuji and walked around T.J. Maxx,” Kaitlyn said. “That seems to be our go-to date night activity, even now.”

### A SURPRISE PROPOSAL

The couple dated until their engagement on Oct. 12, 2020. It was not quite how Kaitlyn had imagined, but she said she is grateful Parker planned it the way he did.

“I always dreamed of being proposed to in a field or somewhere outside, just the two of us, and then coming home to surprise all of our family,” she said. “Parker had a different idea. He decided to propose in front of his whole family, which they all knew that he was doing.”

During a family photo shoot, Parker proposed with a ring from Helzberg Diamonds.

“Parker used the chance to have a photographer to his advantage,” Kaitlyn said. “I still feel bad to this day about making the pictures about us. I’m pretty sure it was his mom’s birthday gift from all of the siblings. But I am so grateful that he thought of having a photographer because I met one of my closest friends that day. Toni (Wieberg) did an amazing job capturing every detail, even the ugly crying face.”

Wieberg later took the photos at the couple’s wedding.

“She is an absolute rockstar,” Kaitlyn said about Wieberg. “She was so comforting the whole day, and I felt like I had my best friend with me until the very end of the night. She has given us so many amazing memories to look back on, and I cannot be more grateful to her and all she has done for Parker and I.”

Parker said he knew Kaitlyn was the one when he realized how enjoyable she made things he had never enjoyed before.

“It was during COVID, and she was home from Springfield,” he said. “She made me go on all these hikes with her, and if anyone knows me, they know that hiking is not something I enjoy. Somehow, she made every hike an absolute blast, and every day I looked forward to her hopefully

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media and fell in love with her work. The photographer had two open slots in September 2022. The couple knew one of those dates would be theirs, they just had to line it up with a venue.

"My mom, Jat and I toured one place before Red Oak Valley," she said. "I absolutely fell in love with (Red Oak). It was everything I was looking for and matched my theme, which was Country Chic."

Red Oak Valley was filled with the rustic charm, wood walls and elegant lighting that she was looking for and the amenities such as the farmhouse for the bride and groom, the Hen House for the ladies, and Hayloft for the groomsmen to get ready topped the cake. Having a date open that worked with the photographer sealed the deal — and the couple booked both vendors for Sept. 24, 2022."

"Shortly after we booked the Red Barn at Red Oak Valley we were told about another barn that would be built and finished right before our wedding date," Taylor said. "I took one look at the design of the new barn and knew without a doubt that the new barn (known as the White Barn) matched our theme perfectly."

The White Barn originated in Indiana and was restored on the property. It features dark wooden beams placed throughout, giving a modern rustic feeling that fit the couple's look.

"Once we switched barns, I adjusted my colors so that would they would complement the white and dark wood accents. My final color palette was blush and sage green with gold accents."

After the venue and photographer were booked, the 21-month countdown to the wedding day began.

However, Taylor began nursing work on the night shift and found that by the time she woke in the evenings, most places were closed.

"It became challenging for me to be productive," she said. "I came across Britany Schaffer with Bridal Boss and quickly reached out to her for assistance."

Schaffer is a wedding planner/day-of coordinator.

"I chose her highest package because I needed all the help I could get," Taylor said. "Brittany was my go-to girl. She assisted with the vendor booking budget creation and tracking (my parents were all for this one), day-of coordination, and most importantly a day-of time line."

Taylor knew what she wanted for her big day: a timeless, romantic, elegant feel. Space with soft lighting and intricate floral details. Candles incorporated throughout the venue.

"I wanted a romantic space that was an expression of us and our love for each other," she said.

Jat didn't have a vision of the wedding, only the woman who would be walking down the aisle, and gave her creative leeway.

"When it came to wedding planning, I had no vision at all," Jat said. "I let Taylor do everything and design it the way she wanted."

He wasn't thrilled that the main color was pink, but in the end, he would have the girl.

"I let her do her thing because I didn't want to disappoint her," Jat said.

Taylor decided hiring help was the fast, most effective way to get them where they needed to be.

"In order to execute my vision, I decided to hire a wedding designer instead of trying to create it myself," she said.

Her coordinator reached out to a wedding designer, Ab&Co. Taylor shared Pinterest pictures of her fairytale wedding and Abbie Clonts made it real.

"Abbie took a huge responsibility off of me and my family's hands.

**Ivory, lace, floral appliques...yes, please**

Due to the long wait to the big day, Taylor hired vendors before choosing a gown. In January 2022, eight months before the big day, she went to Breeze Bridal in Columbia to pick the perfect dress.

"On the drive up, I described to my friends and family what I was looking for," Taylor said. "Lace and sparkle, I told them."

Pulling up in front of the wedding boutique, Taylor caught sight of the dress in the window.

"It was exactly what I was looking for," she said. "An A-line stunner with ivory lace, floral appliques intricately placed throughout the gown. The skirt of the dress was pure sparkle leaving me speechless as I tried it on. The cascading train was a fan favorite by many. The dress is romantic and glamorous and fit the overall vision I had in my mind."

She was narrowed down the selection between two dresses, but the second dress didn't make her feel the same giddiness as the one in the window.

"Tears fled my eyes as I said yes to the dress and I knew it would leave Jat speechless when he saw it for the first time," Taylor said. "Wedding dress shopping was truly the most magical experience."

As they were leaving the boutique, Tricia

saw the workers placing the same gown back on the mannequin in the window.

"I think my mom had fallen in love with my gown more than I had and quickly pleaded her case to the worker as to why a different gown should be on display. "The dress was still on display five months after we had purchased it. I joked with mom that she hadn't pleaded her case very well."

**Same old stars, the same old moon up high...**

The day of the wedding finally dawned. "After what seemed like years of waiting, Sept. 24, 2022, was finally here and it was the day I got married to my best friend," Taylor said.

She was calm when she woke, with the sun shining through the windows, showing what would be a perfect day.

Her wedding planner had the day's itinerary mapped out in 15-minute intervals, starting with the ladies reporting at 8 a.m. to the Bridal Suite to begin getting ready. Her ladies and her mom stayed by her side while the wedding coordinator handled everything.

"My job was to soak it all in and enjoy myself as I prepared for the biggest, most exciting day of my life," she said.

It had been 24-hours since the couple cut off communication with each other. Rather than a first look they exchanged letters.

"We wanted our first time seeing each other to be when I was walking down the aisle," she said. "I cried as I read his letter out loud for the videographer who was recording me to use as a voice over on our wedding video."

She later noted that a funny moment for her was reading Jat's letter — hand-written in both black and green ink. A vendor had informed her that he was writing the letter to her in his truck before he gave it to her. She said it was just like Jat to wait until the last minute.

For Jat, their wedding was nothing but excitement.

"I really wasn't nervous, but I just wanted to make sure Taylor had everything she dreamed of and that things ran smoothly," he said. "I couldn't wait for her to officially become my wife."

He had slept in late in the morning and when he woke, he immediately called his groomsmen to make sure everyone was on time.

"That is the last thing I wanted was for the groomsmen or me to be late," Jat said.

He wasn't taking any chances. After the pictures were taken, he hung out with his groomsmen to wait for his bride.

**But when I see you standin' at your door...**

At 4 p.m., Jat was waiting for his bride in the White Barn as *A Thousand Years* played and Taylor stepped through the entry way framed with stained glass windows in wooden doors.

"When the stained glass, wood doors opened, I saw Jat for the first time and everything around me became a blur," Taylor said. "I had my eyes on Jat and nothing else mattered to me at that moment. All my nerves had eased as I saw my future standing at the end of the aisle, waiting for me."

Jat had set aside his blue jeans and ball cap for a full tuxedo.

"I was speechless," Taylor said. "Seeing Jat in a tux was a different look than I had ever seen before."

She hadn't given him any hints about her dress.

"When I saw Taylor walking down the aisle I was shocked," Jat said. "I had no idea

what to expect when it came to dress, but when I saw her I was speechless. At that moment, the nerves were gone and I was just ready to spend the rest of my life with her."

The rest of the evening was a blur, remembered in moments of emotion:

— Taylor gifted Jat with a handkerchief embroidered with her handwriting (in pink of course) that said "Love you always, T," before the wedding. He used to wipe his eyes during the ceremony.

— Being alone together for two minutes after they said "I do."

— Jat's letter in half-black and half-green ink.

— Jat forgot Taylor rented a pink convertible for pictures.

— Taylor's first look with her dad, telling him she isn't his baby girl anymore.

— Their surprise at seeing the reception area for the first time, completed by Abbie and modeled after Taylor's description of her perfect reception.

They danced to George Strait's *Carried Away*. Followed by a father/daughter dance to *I Loved Her First* by Heartland and a mother/son dance to *The Man You Have Become* by No Limitz.

"Looking back its so funny to me that we planned this big day for a year-and-a-half but when the day finally came it seemed like it lasted for only five minutes," Taylor said. "I hate how fast the day went by."

**Nothing's ordinary anymore...**

They were set to fly out to their honeymoon the following Monday morning. Taylor describes a funny moment when Jat asked her the night before they left for their honeymoon — what was the name of the country they were going to?

"He truly was just along for the ride," she said. "I love planning vacations and I was so excited to plan our honeymoon. Jat didn't care where we went so, of course, I chose the beach."

She Googled top-rated beaches in the world and Turks and Caicos came up in the top three.

"I ultimately chose Turks and Caicos because of the white sand beaches and turquoise water. We left the Monday after our wedding and stayed until the following Sunday."

The all-inclusive resort was the best and they spent every day relaxing on the beach and soaking in the quality-time together.

"Halfway into our honeymoon we were sent a preview of our wedding day from our videographer," Taylor said. "That was a special moment between us."

**Like a feather flying high...**

Five months after the wedding with time to reflect, Taylor says she would make some changes if she could do the whole thing over.

"It would be a smaller, intimate ceremony and then a big reception," she said. "I thought of that idea after the invitations went out and it was too late to change it."

Still, a big dream wedding with everything she wanted and only one minor hiccup —

"I misplacing my lipstick is the only chaotic story I can think of," she said. "I call that a win in my book if that was if that was the only thing that went wrong on a wedding day."

The couple is renting a house from Jat's grandmother, Janie, and plan to begin building on their property in Freeburg soon. She is a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital and Jat is a union electrician.

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asking to go on another."

Kaitlyn said she knew a little earlier.

"I knew Parker was the one because when I was deciding where I wanted to go to college, he never told me that he wanted me to stay in Vienna," she said. "He always pushed me to do bigger and better things, which ultimately resulted in me moving away from him. He never made me feel bad about it or made the decision hard."

### WEDDING PLANNING

Kaitlyn said that once the couple made their engagement, they did not rush the wedding-planning process. They were still in college, and she said she wanted to wait until they had both graduated to get married.

"I planned for the season after we both graduated college," she said. "The exact date did not really matter to us. I just knew I did not want a winter or fall wedding."

They made it just under the seasonal deadline when they got married a few days before the start of fall on Sept. 17, 2022.

Indecision struck Kaitlyn when it came to picking the colors. Her dilemma: pink or sage green. She kept going back and forth in the time leading up to the wedding.

"I really drove my mom crazy," she said. "My dad was the one that sat me down and really talked to me about the colors and overall theme of the wedding. He is a very thorough thinker, and he and I can really design things in our heads. We sat down in my parent's kitchen for two hours and drew out the entire wedding. After that, I knew exactly what I wanted, and we got right to work."

Parker did not face the same sort of dilemmas when it came to planning the colors and theme of the wedding.

"It's just not something I really thought about," he said. "I knew Kaitlyn was going to go above and beyond planning it, and she did. All I cared about was everyone having a good time and being with our family and friends."

When the wedding day arrived, it did not have an overall theme.

"I'm more of an 'I like what I like' kind of person," Kaitlyn said. "I wanted my wedding to not be a 'country' wedding, but I also did not want over-the-top glam. I worked with the decorator and pretty much had a little bit of everything thrown together. It just looked so good."

It was a perfect mix of rustic, elegant and vintage. The bridesmaids wore black, the hall was all greens and neutral colors, while the bouquets for me and the girls held all the color."

Wild Thorn Floral and Design in St. James made the floral arrangements. Rented items came from Grace & Lace Wedding & Event Rentals in Freeburg.

Kaitlyn said that by May 2022, she had it all figured out.

"That summer, I did almost no wedding planning and was so relaxed," she said. "Even the day felt easy. Of course, I had a day-of coordinator that helped make everything flow smoothly. It was so nice not to worry about everything. I overprepared everyone way in advance. Everyone got a detailed itinerary. Deacon Brooks got a binder. My mom got a Powerpoint."

"I let Kaitlyn take care of it all," Parker said. "Once she starts making Powerpoints, I know that I should just let her do it."

### THE PERFECT DRESS

Once the time came to walk down the aisle, Kaitlyn did so in a dress she described as "perfect."

"Growing up, I was obsessed with my Aunt Susan's train on her wedding dress," she said. "I would stare at her wedding photo, and I just knew I wanted one just like it. I wanted the longest train I could get and the longest veil that went with it."

Kaitlyn's search for the longest train and longest veil on the market took her to several dress sellers, but she did not find the perfect dress until she visited Breeze Boutique in Columbia during a sample sale.

"My mom picked it out, and we both cried as soon as I stepped out," she said. "It was such a special moment. I could not have asked for a better experience."

The Hair Boutique in Freeburg did Kaitlyn's hair to go along with her perfect dress.

### WALKING DOWN THE AISLE

Kaitlyn said she does not remember thinking about anything specific as she walked down the aisle at Visitation Catholic Church in Vienna.

"I was just so happy," she said. "It was so special to be in that moment, and I just wanted to soak every second in."

Parker said his thought as he watched his bride approach was that "it's about

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dang time.”  
Kaitlyn said choosing the music was one of the most important parts of the wedding planning process.

“We both love music and had such a fun time picking it all out,” she said.

During the ceremony, a piano and violin duo from the St. Louis-based company Gold Standard Musicians played songs the couple had selected. They chose arrangements of “Can’t Help Falling in Love” by Elvis Presley for the beginning of the ceremony procession, “Just the Way You Are” by Bruno Mars for the procession of bridesmaids and “Speechless” by Dan + Shay for the aisle walk.

During the reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Vienna, a DJ from Night Moves Entertainment played more selected songs. Kaitlyn and her father danced to “My Little Girl” by Tim McGraw. Parker and his mother danced to “You’ll Be in My Heart” by Phil Collins.

“(I want to give) a huge shout out to our DJ, who absolutely killed it,” Kaitlyn said. “I might be partial, but I have never been to a wedding where so many different people of all ages could come together and enjoy being on a dance floor like we did. I never wanted the reception to end.”

Argyle Catering prepared the meal, which included pork loin with red wine sauce, fried chicken, green beans, broccoli, salad and rolls.

The bakery Grandma’s Cookie Jar made the cake, cupcakes and other snacks.

“Our cake was amazing,” Kaitlyn said. “It was just a vanilla cake, but we spiced it up with buttercream frosting and a strawberry jam in between layers. We had a variety of different fresh fruits and a powdered sugar garnish on the cake. I had dreamed of this wedding cake since I got engaged, and Kim absolutely knocked it out of the park. It could not have been better. I almost cried when I saw everything together and had to cut into it. I made sure that Parker and I only had the smallest bite. We have it saved in our freezer and will be eating some on every anniversary for many years to come.”

Local baker Vienna House Sweets supplied cookies, and they were gone fast.

“They were gone before we even got into the reception hall, so I don’t have any photos of them,” Kaitlyn said. “I am thinking the bartenders made a pretty big dent in the snack area...”

#### MEMORIES AND THE FUTURE

Now that the wedding is in the past, the couple relives it through Wieberg’s photos, videographer Kensie Darst’s recordings and their own memories. Each of their favorite wedding memories bookended the day.

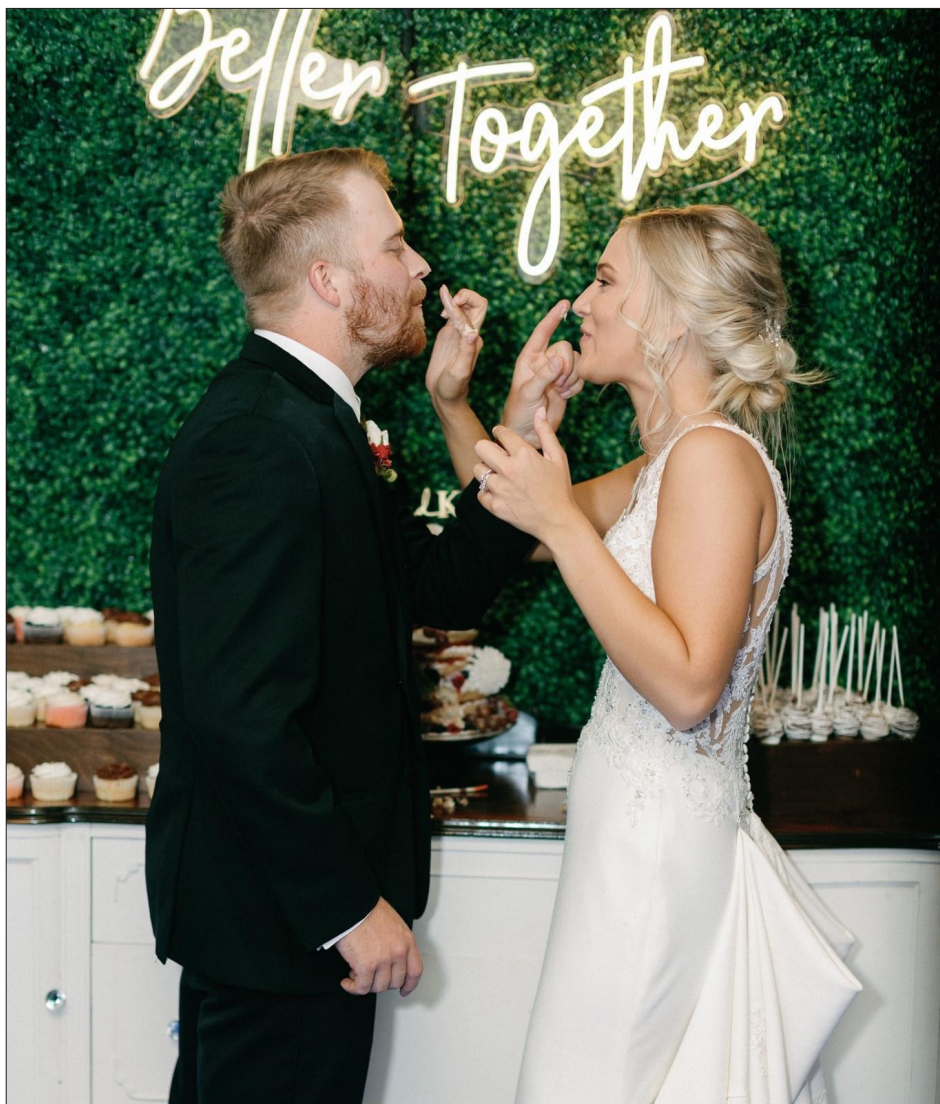
“The highlight of my day was when we walked into the hall and all of the people we loved were there for us,” Parker said. “The first dance was a close second; our DJ made Kaitlyn’s dreams come true when he approved cold sparks for our first dance.”

Kaitlyn chose a moment from the end of the night.

“Parker and I were able to be the last ones to walk out of the hall,” she said. “It was so special to be able to look at the space where one of the best nights of our lives was just held and know that from that moment, it was me and him, even if there was trash everywhere and I had to go help clean up early the next morning.”

Looking back, Kaitlyn and Parker both said they would not change a thing about their wedding day. Unfortunately, a family emergency postponed their honeymoon, but Kaitlyn said they hope to someday take their trip to hike in some of Arkansas’ state parks.

Kaitlyn and Parker live in Vienna, where they have bought a house. Kaitlyn works as a marketing specialist for the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Parker works as a social studies teacher and baseball coach at New Bloomfield High School. They are expecting their first child, a daughter, in May.



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