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The winners of our Bridal Guide Cover Photo Contest are Jennifer and Michael Chaffee of Corinth, Vermont. For submitting their photo online and receiving the most votes, they won a 2-night getaway to Jay Peak Resort, a prize worth over \$500. Their winning photo was taken by Kimberly Davis.



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Our Couples

We had dozens of entries in this year's cover photo contest. We chose eight entrants to interview for a behind-the-scenes peek into their courtship, wedding and the planning that went into their big day.

THE McDANIELS

Mikayla (LaMadeleine), 19, and **Seth**, 23, of Derby, Vermont
Started dating: November 2014
Engagement date: Christmas 2016
Wedding date: Aug. 12, 2017
Budget: \$4,000
of people invited / # attended: 170 / 150
Venue: Blue Horizons Shed in Derby
Bridal party: 8 bridesmaids and 8 groomsmen



Mikayla & Seth

THE DeWITTS

Jaimie (Perreault), 28, and **Zachary**, 27, of East Haven, Vermont
Started dating: 2012
Engagement date: Dec. 24, 2015
Wedding date: May 21, 2016 (legal marriage); May 20, 2017 (renewal of vows ceremony and wedding reception)
Budget: \$10,000
of people invited / # attended: 150+ / about 130
Venue: Burke Mountain Hotel
Bridal party: 4 bridesmaids and 3 groomsmen



Jaimie & Zachary

THE BENNETTS

Chelsea (Saben), 27, and **Herbie**, 30, of St. Johnsbury
Started dating: 2007
Engagement date: 2010
Wedding date: Aug. 5, 2017
Budget: \$5,000
of people invited / # attended: 100 / 85
Venue: Bennett Family Farm
Bridal party: 3 bridesmaids and 3 groomsmen



Chelsea & Herbie

THE RUDDYS

Ashley Ruth (Wheeler), 31, and **Patrick**, 34, the couple splits their time between Vermont and London
Started dating: November 2012
Engagement date: New Years Day 2016
Wedding date: July 22, 2017
Budget: \$35,000
of people invited / # attended: 215 / 176
Venue: Family property in Lyndonville
Bridal party: 2 maids of honor, 2 best men and four ushers



Ashley & Patrick

THE STEELES

Dajana (Alaupović), 48, and **Dennis**, 50, of Lyndonville, Vermont
Started dating: March 2016
Engagement date: February 2017
Wedding date: Aug. 19, 2017
Budget: \$10,000
of people invited / # attended: 150 / 125
Venue: Their property
Bridal party: 2 bridal attendants and 2 groom attendants



Dajana & Dennis

THE CHAFFEES

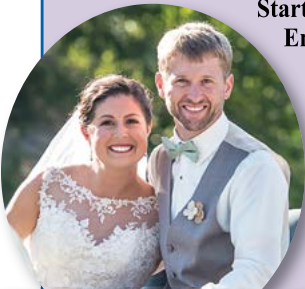
Jennifer (Noyes), 26, and **Michael**, 28, of Corinth, Vermont
Started dating: 2009
Engagement date: Christmas 2016
Wedding date: Sept. 30, 2017
Budget: Started at \$6,000, but it ballooned to \$16,000
of people invited / # attended: 220/210
Venue: Church in West Topsham (ceremony) and the Windy Hill Weddings in Corinth (reception)
Bridal party: 6 bridesmaids and 6 groomsmen, including the couple's 6-year-old son



Jennifer & Michael

THE ARMSTRONGS

Alicia (Rossman), 30, and **Erik**, 37, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont
Started dating: Jan. 17, 2014
Engagement date: Nov. 25, 2016
Wedding date: July 29, 2017
Budget: \$20,000
of people invited / # attended: 190 / 140
Venue: Alerin Barn in St. Johnsbury
Bridal party: 7 bridesmaids and 6 groomsmen



Alicia & Erik

THE KINGS

Miranda (Evans), 19, and **James**, 20, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont
Started dating: Aug. 5, 2012
Engagement date: Aug. 26, 2016
Wedding date: Aug. 5, 2017
Budget: \$2,000
of people invited / # attended: 100 / about 55
Venue: Barnet Congregational Church (ceremony) and the Lyndonville VFW (reception)
Bridal party: 3 bridesmaids and 3 groomsmen



Miranda & James

Quotes from the couples throughout this publication have been edited for length and clarity.

How They Met

THE CHAFFEES

I was 17, he was 19. We met at a friend's party. He said he lost his cell phone and asked if I could call it. He hadn't lost his phone! He just wanted my phone number. He was just really persistent and we started talking from there.

We met in February and started dating in March 2009. Then we had our older son in March of 2011 and our younger son in December of 2014.

It was just natural for us to be together without being married. We've never spent the night away from each other, except when Mike's gone on a hunting trip. But with the kids going to school, it bugged me that I didn't have their last name. We're planning on staying together forever, so he finally asked me.



Jennifer & Michael



THE STEELES

They met through an online dating site. After a few dates they realized they were in different places: he wanted a serious relationship, she wasn't ready yet. So they started dating other people but remained in touch as friends.

"When you're in your late 40s and dating, it's not really easy," Dajana said. "We both went to different dates and did our thing, but weren't finding what we were looking for."

After several months, Dajana realized she was also becoming ready for a commitment. One night he invited her to his new house. "We had a really nice dinner. So much so that we decided that we wanted to do a dinner again," she said. "That's how it started."

It didn't take long for Dennis to invite Dajana to move in with him. One morning she was making coffee and turned to find him watching her. "Just like that, in his bathrobe, he was like, 'Will you marry me?'" Right there in the kitchen in front of the coffee maker. He didn't even have a ring at the time. He said, 'I just had to ask you. This is what I want for the rest of my life - you here with me.' It made me cry."



Dajana & Dennis



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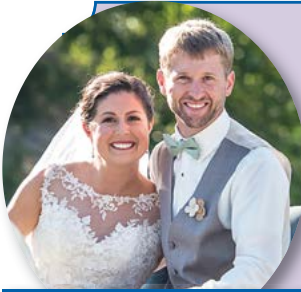
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A Chance Encounter



Alicia & Erik

THE ARMSTRONGS

While Erik’s family are well-established in the NEK, Alicia had a life and community on the seacoast of New Hampshire, when the two met. It was purely chance: she was house sitting for a friend when Erik, a mason, showed up to work on her friend’s patio. He doesn’t usually work on the seacoast, but was doing a



favor for a friend. She had dinner with him and they exchanged business cards, but she didn’t expect that they’d ever see each other again. “A couple months later, I texted him but he never responded,” Alicia remembered. “So I texted him again, still no response.” It turned out she was texting a land line, not a cell phone, so Erik never received the messages. When she sent him an email, he responded quickly. They started traveling the two-and-a-half hours to visit each other frequently. Over the following two years, they gradually moved closer to each other. Now they live together in St. Johnsbury.

Connected From The Start



Jaimie & Zachary

THE DeWITTS

He’s my brother’s best friend and I’m his sister’s best friend! His sister was my maid of honor and my brother was his best man.



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Premarital Counseling

Planning a wedding can entail hundreds of hours of preparing for a single day or weekend of festivities. But the divorce rate in this country would suggest that that care and consideration may not be similarly into planning for life *after* the wedding.

That's where premarital counseling can be helpful. Ashley and Patrick Ruddy mentioned how beneficial it was for them to do premarital counseling with Pastor Jim Proctor of Lyndonville United Methodist Church. So we called Proctor to learn about the process.

"I can really only answer what people can expect from me," Proctor began. "There are all kinds of people doing all kinds of things and approach it differently."

He begins with the concept that a marriage takes work and he wants to prepare couples for that. "A lot of people don't anticipate that - they love each other, so of course all will be well," he said. "Most of what I do is ask questions on anything and everything."

He asks couples about things like what they believe love is, why they're getting married and why to this person, their families of origin, the traditions and practices that are important to them, finances, how they handle conflict, children, faith, and more.

"It's pretty much all on the table," Proctor said. "Our goal is to prepare them for a lifetime together by opening up plain lines of communication."

He said that often couples will have topics that they've already covered and feel comfortable with, but invariably there's at least one that catches them short and requires further exploration.

Proctor expects to spend at least 6 to 8 hours with a couple.

If either or both have already had a divorce or trauma, he'll dig deeper. "I always ask them, What did you contribute to the divorce?" Proctor said. "What did you learn from it that will be useful to you in entering this marriage? How has it impacted you in ways that might affect you in negative ways in this new marriage? Some people are pretty uncomfortable talking about this stuff, but this is life and we can't sweep it under the rug and pretend it didn't happen."

He also asks couples to consider what circumstances might cause them to seek a divorce.

"They're like - wait a minute! We're not thinking about that! We're getting married, we're going to spend the rest of our life together," Proctor said. "But we both know that there's a ton of marriages that don't make it to 'til death



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PASTOR JIM PROCTOR

Pastor Jim Proctor and his wife of 35 years, Caryl Proctor.



Pastor Jim Proctor's own wedding to his wife Caryl in 1983.

do us part. So it would be really good to know what's on your mind ... There's a reason why we put on our seat belts. We're not planning on getting into an accident, but accidents happen."

Ultimately, Proctor wants to help people understand that the most important of making a commitment to another person is not about why you love the person, but who you intend to be within the marriage. "It's the promise that I'm making to you about who I am."

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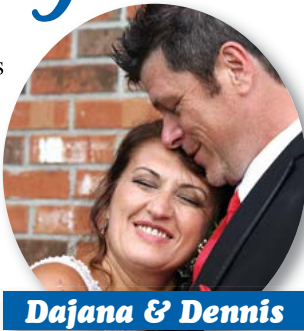
Knowing They're The One

THE STEELES

We could talk to each other about everything. And being friends I think is a big, big plus. I had no secrets with him.

He got interested in Bosnian culture and showed that he cares. He started to learn the language. He made me feel so comfortable, he always made me feel at home. That's part of Bosnian culture – that when somebody comes to your house, you make them feel at home.

Of course we were attracted to each other, but that doesn't mean anything when you're not mentally attracted to somebody.



Dajana & Dennis



Alicia & Erik

THE ARMSTRONGS

I was impressed by his dedication to his work and his relationship with family. He's just a very genuinely nice guy. And I really love his family, so that was a bonus – to be able to love your in-laws!

THE RUDDYS

Patrick – The family values were quite a shared thing between the two of us. We were friends first. And we've become lovers and a partnership. We're teammates. Ashley is the ying to my disorganized yang.

Ashley – As organized as I am, I can also be quite highly strung. And Patrick is quite relaxed and calm, and it brings me down in a healthy way. I knew pretty early on that Patrick was rare, in that everything about him was goodness. My dad is a good man and that's what I wanted for myself. I've always wanted to be a mother and that's what I want for my future children. I definitely made the right decision.



Ashley & Patrick

THE DeWITTS

We're best friends. We really knew each other well. We're respectful of each other and kind to each other, and just really try to do the best for each other.



Mikayla & Seth

THE KINGS

I just felt wrong if I was with anyone else. And he was becoming more of a man as time went on and I knew he wanted to change for the better of both of us.



Miranda & James

THE McDANIELS

Seth – I felt like she was the one and I had to have her.

Mikayla – He just got me, so we grew really strong together.



Jaimie & Zachary

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Advice As You Begin Planning

THE McDANIELS



Mikayla & Seth

Seth – I personally could have helped out a lot more than I had. It probably would have made it a little less stressful for her.

Mikayla – Don't yell at each other. It's not worth it. Talk through something instead of raising voices. Wedding planning can be stressful, but you don't want to take it out on the person you love the most. I did a few times and I very much regret it.

THE RUDDYS

Patrick – Make music at the event the biggest priority. And a lot of people can get overwhelmed by the occasion and forget to enjoy themselves. That's the most important thing.

Ashley – Take a hard look at your inner circle and don't veer too far from that in your guest list. To decide who fit that, I asked myself: who of my friends and family if they were coming to London would I invite to stay at my home? If they're going to stay in my guest room, they're in my inner circle. If I want to spend a day with them but not invite them to stay with me, they're not inner circle.



Ashley & Patrick



THE CHAFFEES

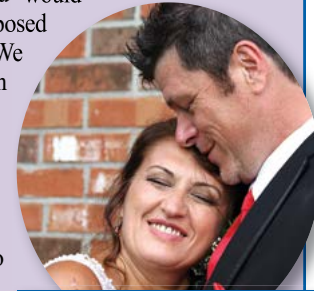
Jennifer – Get other people's opinions on things. I think it really helps having other people that were married. Mike and I are young and most of the friends in our wedding hadn't been married yet, so we couldn't ask them for advice. We went to a couple weddings this summer, so we really observed things to see how we wanted to do things.



Jennifer & Michael

THE STEELES

Dajana – Have a larger budget than you think because it always ends up more. It's expensive to have a wedding and everything costs so much - everything costs triple what you would think. Until you're exposed to it, you don't know. We had it all pretty much paid by the time the wedding was here. That's the best thing if you can, because then you don't stress about how you're going to pay for it and you can enjoy it more.



Dajana & Dennis

THE ARMSTRONGS

Erik – Have a time line to follow.

Alicia – People will have certain visions of your wedding. But remember it's your wedding and if there's something you really want or something you want to happen in a certain way, you should do it your way so you don't have regrets.



Alicia & Erik

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THE KINGS

James – Give yourself enough time to plan - about a year.

Miranda – I would say the same thing, but my definition of enough time would be at least six months.



Miranda & James

THE BENNETTS

Chelsea – I’ve been to and in weddings where the bride is just a hot mess all day long, stressed out and freaking out about it. You wasted your entire wedding day freaking out about things you have no control over! At the end of the day you need to be married. That’s the point. That’s the one thing you need to focus on.



Chelsea & Herbie

Let the other details come and go.

THE DeWITTS

Jaimie – Start early and make sure you know what you want your budget to be and know if anyone is going to be able to contribute, so you can figure out what’s important for you to have for vendors.



Jaimie & Zachary

Meet The DeWitts

Jaimie and Zachary DeWitt got married on the date they had long been planning, but it was their second wedding. Due to personal circumstances, they’d needed to have a simple civil ceremony one year earlier.

Having already learned that life as a couple could be both challenging and joyful, they wanted to make sure they had something to see them through both.

“We had my brother make us a memory chest. Every year now we write love letters to each other to open on the next anniversary date. And it also has a bottle of wine in there,” she explained.

“So it can either be opened each anniversary and we can share the bottle of wine and read each other’s love letters and put the new ones in, or we can open it in a hard time. If we were ever to go through a difficult time, we could open it and read our love letters to each other and remind ourselves of how much we care about each other.”



Jaimie & Zachary

The idea came to her from watching other couples do sand ceremonies at their weddings. “That’s a one-time thing, but I really wanted something that could collect memories throughout the years,” she said.

She also wanted her guests to be able to take home something that would last.

She found a succulent nursery in California that provided a bunch of baby succulents. She got some votive glasses, soil and pebbles. She ordered personalized stickers on Etsy with their names, wedding date, and the words “Let love grow.”

“Everyone got those to take home so they could plant them,” Jaimie said.

Old – The pearl earrings my mom wore to her wedding

Borrowed – My mom let me borrow her deceased mother’s diamond necklace

New – A second set of earrings to match the ones my mom gave me as my something old. I wore the new earrings in my



first set of piercings and the old earrings in my second set of piercings.

Blue – A pair of underwear with blue rhinestones

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Choosing The Wedding Date

After “Will you marry me?” the next obvious question is “When?”

THE DeWITTS

We had originally planned to have our wedding this year, but for personal reasons we had to do it a year sooner (in 2016). So we decided to have a small civil ceremony with our immediate family only, and we let them know that we were still planning to have our big wedding this year. We had the big wedding on the one-year anniversary of our “elopement.” It worked out fine.



Jaimie & Zachary



Jennifer & Michael

THE CHAFFEES

Mike’s family is really big into dirt track racing. Last year was the only year Mike didn’t race, and he’s going to race again this year. His uncle and cousin both race at the local speedway. So we got married the weekend after the last race. It couldn’t be during the race season because he races every Saturday night!

THE ARMSTRONGS

The date chose us! Erik’s sister posted something from the Alerin Barn on Facebook saying the date was available. I was like - let’s just go look at it. We showed up and it was just the perfect place. It was the middle of winter and freezing, and I was still crying. It was the most beautiful barn without even being decorated.



Alicia & Erik

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Meet The Armstrongs

Erik proposed to Alicia when they were out for a special five-course dinner in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, they had won at a silent auction.

“Erik went to culinary school and we both love cooking and eating delicious food,” Alicia said. “The chef came out with different dishes and our waitress was really nice. A guy was playing the piano and a guy was playing stand-up bass.”

They knew they’d be drinking that evening, so Alicia’s parents had dropped them off and picked them up. Erik had already gotten their permission to ask Alicia to marry him, so it was extra special to share the engagement with them right after it happened.

The couple wrote their own ceremony and had a friend marry them.

“We were really happy with it,” Alicia said. “I did a lot of research online and took ideas from different ceremonies that I liked. Erik and I wrote our vows that day before the ceremony, after the first look [photos].”

Old – Handkerchiefs and jewelry from my great-grandmother

New – My dress

Borrowed – Erik’s mom’s veil from her wedding

Blue – I love fishing and the seamstress who altered my dress added a little fish detail on the lower part of my back in blue

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The Keys To A Wedding Video

While a wedding photographer is a given, some local couples also opt to have videos made of their big day.

One local videography outfit is The Wedding Dudes in St. Johnsbury, run by Nate Somers and Mike Deterling.

“Being outside, shooting people having a good time is enjoyable,” said Deterling.

We asked the Dudes about what couples should know if they choose to do a wedding video.

“Ideally we like to have a rough list of what time things are going to take place throughout the day,” said Deterling. “We have wireless audio gear that we’re using throughout the day to make sure we get good audio for the ceremony and the reception and toasts.”

“Prior to the wedding date, we really stress with the bride and groom the importance of having a list of events, which they’re usually really good at giving to us. We usually talk to the wedding planner, if there is one,” added Somers. “As long as everybody stays in good communication and we have a rundown of events, we can do a good job.”

While many weddings are made up of a number of standard elements, the Dudes said it’s important for a videographer to know ahead of time about anything special or unusual that will happen so they can be prepared.

“We try to be unobtrusive during your wedding day,” said Deterling. “We try not to interrupt too much, and get nice shots while they’re enjoying their day. It’s just for them to be themselves and enjoy their wedding.”

After the wedding, the Dudes send a DVD to the couple with an initial draft of the footage. The couple can request edits - whether it’s a song, or a particular shot they want adjusted.

Another popular thing that videographers are offering is a bite-size version of the wedding video that is perfect for Facebook. “It’s usually less than three minutes long,” explained Deterling. “Almost every bride and groom now wants to have that, so they post it on social media.”

In order to find the right videographer for your wedding, the Dudes suggest meeting them in person and viewing their demos. Review the contract and make sure your comfortable with the terms and read online reviews.



A still from the video The Wedding Dudes made for Alicia and Erik Armstrong’s wedding. (Video still courtesy of The Wedding Dudes)



Miranda & James

Meet The Kings

James and Miranda met at the Kiwanis pool in 2012, when she was a high school freshman and he was a sophomore.

“I was interested in his best friend, and he was interested in my best friend. Then we ended up splitting apart from those people and ended up talking ourselves. It just went off from there,” said Miranda. “We heard all through-

out high school that we were the cutest couple.”

They’ve heard plenty of people say that they’re young to get married, but they were both ready to take the plunge.

“It’s not about what everybody else thinks, it’s what we want,” said James.

James proposed at the Caledonia County Fair, a place they enjoy going together every year.

“We went on the Ferris Wheel. When we got to the top, I asked her,” he said.

“I was waiting for him to pop the question, but I wasn’t expecting him to do it that day!” said Miranda.

- Old – My shoes
- New – My jewelry
- Borrowed – My dress
- Blue – My garter



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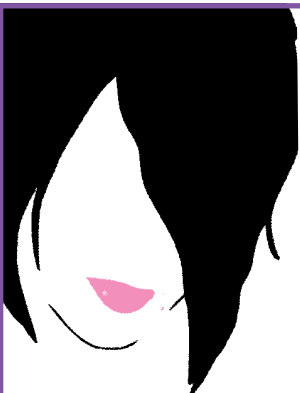
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Adventures In Budgeting

It's the big question for every couple: how much money will we spend on our wedding? Here are some of the factors that affected the bottom line for our couples.



Jaimie & Zachary

THE DeWITTS

Second-guessing decisions – I hired our photographer for a smaller package, so he wasn't there for as much time. He was so great that I wish I'd hired him for the full day.



Jennifer & Michael

THE CHAFFEES

Crafty friends – I paid for all our sunflowers at Four Corners Farm in Newbury, Vermont. Then my friend Savannah went to Walmart and got roses and baby's breath and burlap. She made all the bouquets and the flowers on the tables with that, and I only spent about \$200 on flowers.

Mounting costs – I think we would have stuck with our budget ... well, maybe we wouldn't have. Having that many people with food, it's expensive. When we thought we were going to do the tent and tables and chairs [rather than renting a venue], that would have been \$4,500 [of the original \$6,000 budget]. It's just expensive to get married.



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Meet The Bennetts

“We met in high school in 2005. We dated for a while then parted ways.”

When they got back together, they got serious and Chelsea became pregnant in March 2010. Herbie asked her to marry him in April 2010. But the wedding never happened. “In our heads we knew we were going to be together for the rest of our lives. But it was too much to do a wedding. I became a stay-at-home-mom, so doing a wedding on one income while raising a child made no sense.”

In 2011 they bought a house and had their second

child in 2014. It finally made sense this year to get married.

“My best friend married us and she wrote our vows. She incorporated a lot of our lifestyle stuff into the vows, like joking about when milk prices are really low. The calf walked down the aisle during our ceremony - she said our growing love is like what the calf needs and you have to nurture and take care of it.”

Old – My engagement ring

New – I had in my head that I wanted a big gaudy necklace, so my mother found a gorgeous stone layered necklace

Borrowed – My boots

Blue – I had my daughter write our last name on a piece of paper and the seamstress who altered my dress embroidered her handwriting in blue on the inside of my dress



Chelsea & Herbie



THE STEELES

Phone a friend – A woman at work had all the decorations and I bought it from her. She never used it – she never ended up getting married. She was willing to help me out and I got it for a decent price.



Dajana & Dennis

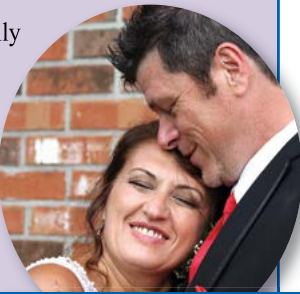


Alicia & Erik

THE ARMSTRONGS

Phone time – We tried to get the lowest cost for everything. I spent a lot of time on the phone. Erik and I are both big into not spending money frivolously. My mom did all the flowers, my family did the desserts.

Just looks expensive – Something that might have looked extravagant that wasn't super expensive was the horse and carriage at our wedding. I really like antique-looking things. A lot of people who do it are really expensive, but we found somebody local (Hayden Tanner) who has a carriage and Belgian horses.



Dajana & Dennis



There is also a little playacting that happens at Bosnian weddings between the bride and her new mother-in-law. "The mother-in-law gives the bride a glass of wine. And then the bride drinks it and throws it over her shoulder, and that's supposed to bring luck to the couple."

THE RUDDYS

We never said, "We have X amount to spend." We started calling around and getting quotes to get an idea of what the event we wanted would cost. Then things started ballooning from there.

Where she found savings – Rental chairs. "Between the ceremony and reception we needed 350 chairs. Chiavari Chairs are just stupid expensive. They are \$8 per chair versus the wooden chairs that we had that were \$3.75 a chair."



Ashley & Patrick

THE McDANIELS

Suggestion for savings – Do a potluck over having a caterer. It saves so much money! Family members are always willing to bake something. Especially ask people you're close to to make their special dish that they're good at and known for.

Where they splurged – We had a very pretty background, dangling lights from the ceiling down to the floor with tulle in front of the lights with a purple ribbon going around the outside, so when you turned it on it was really elegant.



Mikayla & Seth

THE KINGS

Cash management – We had a plan - we had a certain amount coming out of checks each week that we would put aside. Then each week we would get something different. So one week we put aside \$300 for the cake. And then if we didn't spend that much we pocketed the rest.

Willing to pay for tradition – I wanted to get married at the Barnet Congregational Church because that's where my great-grandparents and my parents got married. That was one thing I was willing to spend any amount of money on.



Miranda & James

THE BENNETTS

Priorities – We got the big things out of the way first: tents, tables and chairs. Then there was the cake, which I paid a lot for but that's what I wanted. Same with the DJ and photographer. I wanted to do the food myself, so we raised our own pig and then a friend of ours smoked it for us for a pig roast and we did a potluck. We've lived together for 10 years, so there wasn't anything I wanted for wedding gifts. On our invitations we said that instead of bringing a gift, bring food to share.



Chelsea & Herbie

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	Budgeted	Vendor Estimate	Actual		Budgeted	Vendor Estimate	Actual
Apparel				Photography/ Videography			
Bridal Gown				Formals			
Veil/Headpiece				Candids			
Alterations				Extra Prints			
Bride's Shoes				Photo Albums			
Bride's Hosiery				Videography			
Bride's Garter				Other			
Jewelry				Total Photography:			
Groom's Suit				Music			
Groom's Shoes				Ceremony Music			
Engagement Rings				Cocktail-Hour Music			
Wedding Rings				Reception Music			
Other				Sound System Rental			
Total Apparel:				Dance Floor Rental			
Flowers/Decorations				Other			
Bridal Bouquet				Total Music:			
Bridesmaid Bouquets				Favors & Gifts			
Boutonnieres				Hotel Gift Bags			
Corsages				Attendant Gifts			
Ceremony Flowers				Bride/Groom Gifts			
Flower Girl Buds				Gifts For Parents			
Ring Pillow				Gifts For Readers, Etc.			
Pew Decorations				Other			
Table Decorations				Total Gifts:			
Reception Decorations				Stationery			
Lighting				Save The Date Cards			
Candles				Invitations/RSVPs			
Balloons				Programs			
Other				Seating Place Cards			
Total Flowers:				Menu Cards			
Reception				Thank You Notes			
Venue Rental				Postage			
Table/Chair Rental				Guest Book			
Food				Reception Napkins			
Drinks				Calligraphy			
Linens				Other			
Cake				Total Stationery:			
Favors				Other Expenses			
Staff And Gratuities				Wedding Coordinator			
Other				Rehearsal Dinner			
Total Reception:				Engagement Party			
Ceremony				Showers			
Site Fee				Salon Appointments			
Officiant Fee				Stag/Hen Parties			
Other				Brunch			
Total Ceremony:				Hotel Rooms			
Transportation				Other			
Limousine Rental				Total Other Expenses:			
Out-Of-Towners				Grand Total:			
Parking							
Other							
Total Transportation:							

The Benefits Of Hiring A Wedding Coordinator

One of the benefits of booking your wedding at a resort like Jay Peak is that part of what you're paying for is a wedding coordinator who will help you to plan your wedding day.

We spoke with Jason Bertrand and Meg Loscomb at Jay Peak to get an idea of how that process rolls out (keeping in mind that every venue and every wedding coordinator is different.)

First thing to know: there's a difference between a wedding coordinator and a wedding planner. According to Bertrand, a coordinator is attached to a particular property; a planner can help you look at multiple properties and choose the one that's best for you.

"They say, I have a certain budget and I need certain things," Bertrand said. "We'll work with them in that process of helping them get ready for their wedding here at the resort."

When you make the initial phone call to a resort or other all-inclusive venue, you can expect to talk about venue fees and menu fees. The coordinator is likely to ask for a guesstimate of your head count so they can help you choose an appropriate space and better approximate the fees involved.

"It's very preliminary," said Bertrand of that first phone call. "Asking about our property, asking about what we have to offer."

The next step is visiting the venue to take a

tour of the property including accommodations and ceremony and reception sites. Jay Peak offers periodic on-site wedding expos (they call them "tastings") that include both food tastings and a meet-and-greet with their preferred vendors.

Speaking of vendors, the venue has established relationships with a variety of vendors whom they recommend. "Those are vendors we have personally selected that know our property and know our coordinators," Bertrand said. "We don't have to think twice about them showing up because we're always in constant communication with them."

At Jay Peak, the couple is required to book their own vendors, but their coordinator will help with drafting emails, etc. The coordinator can also help with writing a time line for the wedding day, narrowing the guest list, and other tasks.

While Bertrand said that they suggest booking your venue a year to 18 months in advance, Loscomb told us that they can pull an event together in as little as a month when necessary.

On the day of the event, the coordinator will be present to see the couple through the festivities.

"We're behind the scenes making sure all the vendors are arriving and setting up okay, making sure the food is on track," Bertrand said. "If they



A bride rides the chairlift at Jay Peak Resort on her wedding day. (Photo courtesy of Jay Peak Resort)

have an outdoor wedding, we're keeping an eye on the hourly forecast and preparing the backup location if need be."

"We might be with the bride fluffing her dress

and making her feel special," Bertrand continued. "When she walks down the aisle, that's where we duck into the shadows."



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Getting The Shot

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Alicia & Erik



THE ARMSTRONGS

We did a first look before the ceremony - I'm not a superstitious person. We really wanted a lot of family photos, so we scheduled in time to do that. Our photographer helped us with scheduling stuff to make sure we got in all the pictures we wanted.

THE RUDDYS

We didn't want to spend the day taking photographs. We told the photographer that was the goal. I had done a spreadsheet of who we needed to get photos of. Because Patrick has such a large family, at the hotel before his family even got transported to the wedding site we did a photo session with one of the photographers with his family. So we got those out of the way before they even came to the ceremony. We did the same with my family. And we did my photo session before the ceremony as well. So after the ceremony, as everyone was walking [down the hill from the ceremony to the reception], we snuck away for 20 minutes and did the rest of the photos.



Ashley & Patrick



Meet The Ruddys

It was completely unlikely that Ashley and Patrick would meet. They were from different continents, both traveling to New York City for a quick weekend.

"We randomly sat next to each other at a restaurant for lunch," said Ashley.

"I saw this attractive lady next to me and I needed to come up with something so I asked, 'Where is good to go shopping around here?'" said Patrick.

"It's a terrible line," laughed Ashley. "But I can't say it wasn't successful." That was in November 2012.

The British man and the Vermont woman spent the weekend hanging out together in New York, but neither had any thought that it would turn into anything.

"I honestly thought I would never see him again," Ashley said. "I had no interest in a long distance relationship."

Six months later, she got a message from Patrick. "You're going to think this is slightly crazy, but since I met you in November I try to go out on dates with other girls and all I can think of is you," he said. "I know this sounds crazy, but would you entertain seeing me again?"

Ashley turned him down for months, until one week when she'd had a terrible week at work and needed a distraction. "I was like, fine, where can we meet?"

Their second "date" was a long weekend in Miami. Then they met in France for a ski trip with friends.

"That's when I knew," Ashley said. "It was such a rom-com night. We were in the middle of a snowstorm in Chamonix. We were both in tears, crying about how could we ever make this work?"

For the next couple years they had a trans-Atlantic courtship, seeing each other about once every five weeks and racking up a plane load of frequent flier miles.

"Marriage was a theme of our relationship quite early on because of the nature of the relationship," Ashley said. "If one of us was going to have to uproot our life to see if this was going to work, we had to be honest that the reason that's happening is because we're checking to see if this could be marriage."

During his time in Lyndonville, Patrick began to fall in love with Vermont. "Both my parents are Irish and I saw a lot of similarities in the Vermont and Irish way. I can't put my finger on it, but it's the people."

Finally, it was time to take the next step: living together. Ashley's job is more portable, so she moved to London.

That's when they knew: "This is not just a vacation thing, it's sustainable," said Patrick.

For Patrick, asking Ashley's parents for permission to become engaged was a big deal. "I think usually those conversations are a fait accompli. But this was like, I understand this isn't an ideal situation for you, as her parents, given the distance we live. But this is how I see it working in the future, and reassuring them that they and Vermont would remain an important part of our lives."

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THE BENNETTS

My husband wanted to milk the cows the day of our wedding regardless. I told him if I got there before him, he'd have to walk down the aisle with my parents!

So we did all the photos after. We just had everyone go and eat so we could do the pictures. By the time we got there, everyone had just finished going through the line and was just sitting down to eat, so we grabbed our food.



Chelsea & Herbie

Meet The McDaniels

“We got my uncle to get one of those day passes where he could marry us. He made up our vows and a unique ceremony. He put both of us into it. My husband is a gamer and I’m a country girl, so he made Seth vow to put aside the games and actually come outside with me!” Mikayla said.

The McDaniels have heard some surprise over how young they are to get married. But they’d already been living together for a year before getting married and are confident in their choices.

“Our family can’t say much because a lot of them are 10 years or 12 years apart!” Miranda joked.

Old – My great grandmother’s brooch and her side purse

Borrowed and Blue – My sister’s blue sparkly shoes

New – My wedding dress

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Ashley & Patrick

THE RUDDYS

We really wanted children at the wedding. We did a whole children's area and had chaperones that I hired under a separate children's tent. The caterer did box dinners for them. They got to play lawn games and stuff during speeches they would find boring.



Mikayla & Seth

THE McDANIELS

We had bubbles and crayons on the table, and a play area outside with a little bounce house. There was a lot of space for kids to run around and they were also on the dance floor. It made the day!



Chelsea & Herbie

THE BENNETTS

My daughter wanted to be the flower girl, so we had to get married while she was still young enough. Then my son, who was two-and-a-half at the time, and he was also going to be a flower girl like his sister. He thought if this is what my sister is doing, this is

what I'm supposed to be doing too.

We had an adult-only reception after 9 p.m. I can't get out of kid-mode as long as there are kids around, so in order to sit back and have fun, the kids had to go!

THE DeWITTS

I told people kids were fine, but that I didn't have any children's activities planned. A lot of people didn't bring their children because they wanted a night out for themselves.



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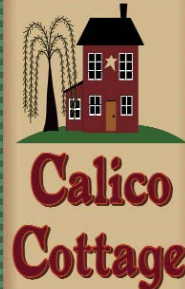
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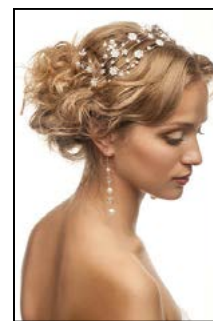
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THE CHAFFEES

Children were integral to the Chaffees wedding: their 3-year-old son Braxton was the ring bearer and their 6-year-old son Cameron was a groomsman. But when it came time to walk down the aisle, Braxton was having none of it.

“He would not let me put him down,” Jennifer said. “I had to walk down the aisle carrying him! During the vows I was holding him. But it was fine. I figured if I put him down he was going to scream, so this was probably the easiest way.”

In addition to their own sons, the couple has numerous nieces and nephews. “We had a little table set up - the kids table - for coloring and stuff like that. But they ended up running around outside. I don’t think any of them colored! There were tons of fields and they just ran around and played. There wasn’t one argument all night, they played so well.”



Jennifer & Michael

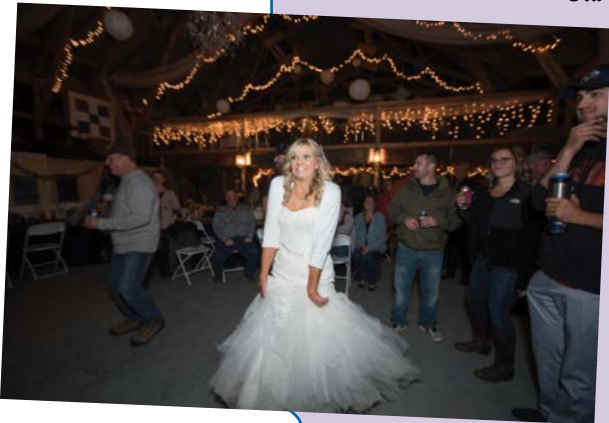
Meet The Chaffees

Jennifer and Michael had been together since 2009 and had two kids together before finally getting married in September of 2017.

So after all that time, why change their status now?

“The kids started school and it bugged me that I didn’t have their last name,” Jennifer said. “We were planning on staying together forever.”

They originally planned to get married in 2018, but Jennifer realized that she wouldn’t start planning without a deadline, so they moved it up a year. “We said, let’s just do it and get it out of the way!”



Old – I asked my grandmother to borrow her pearls. She had a set of pearls that my grandfather had given her, and he’s passed away now. I wore those and they were a blueish/gray, so they matched the girls’ dresses. My grandmother ended up giving them to me, so they weren’t borrowed.

New – My dress and garter

Borrowed – My hair extensions!

Blue – I had on blue underwear.

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Ashley & Patrick

THE RUDDYS

Ashley had a dress made in London by an Irish designer, in honor of her new home. "I was thrilled. It was so comfortable!" she said.

The men in the wedding party wore traditional morning suits - for us Americans, that means tails! "They own their own," Ashley said, since this style of dress is traditional in London.

THE McDANIELS

"We went to a few different shops in Burlington and came back to Needleman's [in Newport]," said Mikayla. "When you start crying you know it's the dress!"

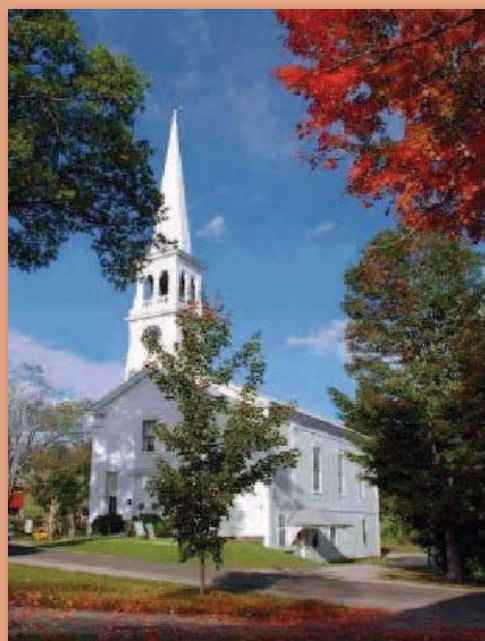
The men in the bridal party had their own clothes or purchased their own online. "We just ordered the color shirts we wanted them to have. It was dress shirt with dress pants and dress shoes and a tie."



Mikayla & Seth



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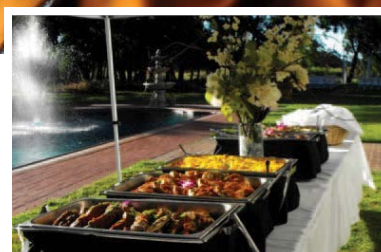
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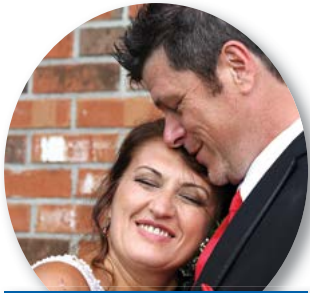
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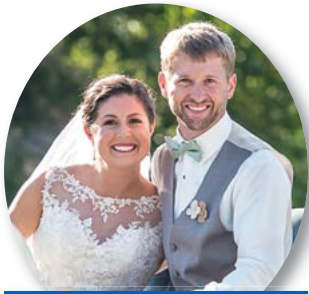


Dajana & Dennis

THE STEELES

Dajana ordered her dress online - it stood out to her immediately because of the top. "The dress made an impact on our photographer, too," she said. But she was so excited about the top of the dress that she didn't pay as much attention to the bottom of the dress. "The rest of the dress is not me, and in the pictures was not as great," she said. "I wished I'd spent more time thinking what it's going to look like in the pictures. I should have thought about how the material was going to be in the pictures. Then I realized why people use certain dresses - now I know why they have those tight ones that you tie in the back."

The men in the bridal party got their wedding wear from Needleman's.



Alicia & Erik

THE ARMSTRONGS

The woman who helped me was amazing. She wouldn't let me have more than four dresses at a time. You couldn't like more than four, or you had to make a decision before she'd bring another dress in! The men in the bridal party got their pants, green shifts, ties and bow ties at JCPenney.

THE DeWITTS

The bustle on my dress was a pain. They had to draw out a diagram and everything! My mom videotaped it because it took the people in the dress shop at least seven to ten minutes just to bustle it. The bridal party (men and women) got their clothing at Exquisite Bridal in St. Johnsbury.



Jaimie & Zachary

THE KINGS

My best friend had a wedding dress that she had never worn and she gave it to me. When I tried the dress on, I was 10 weeks pregnant and everything fit. I was barely showing and it was still kind of loose fitting, so I figured it would be perfect when we got married. And then a little bit before the wedding I tried on the dress and I could barely fit into it. I was 26 or 27 weeks pregnant and it's lucky we got married when we did!



Miranda & James

THE BENNETTS

I'm a painfully simple person and I think that was the hardest part about finding my dress. Everything is over the top. I told the men what color pants and shirts I wanted. They all ended up finding pants that they could wear to work.



Jennifer & Michael

THE CHAFFEES

I didn't want to spend a lot on the dress, but when I looked at the tag I didn't see the decimal point. I thought it said \$125, but it was \$1250! The men got their clothing at The Party Store in Woodsville, New Hampshire.



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Best Laid Plans vs. Overlooked Details

Planning a wedding takes time and energy. Here are some of the highs and lows our couples went through in that process.

THE McDANIELS



Mikayla & Seth

Where did you spend time that you didn't need to? Designing the tables. We redid our tables so many times - it just wasted time, because you're just going to change it when you get there.

Where did you wish you'd spent more time? Setting

up was stressful. We had a day and a half. I probably would have wished for at least for two to two-and-a-half days. That way we could have set it all up and made sure all the little details were done.



THE DeWITTS

Counting heads – I really over thought the head count for the buffet. It's important to give the best head count that you can, but I talked to the coordinator at Burke and she eventually told me not to worry so much as long as it wasn't a LOT different. I think I worried about that more than anything.

Leave time to correct mistakes – We had some problems with clothing, like one of the groomsmen didn't try his stuff on in when he got it, and the coat was much too small. Leave enough time to make sure that all the clothing parts are right.



Jaimie & Zachary



Jennifer & Michael

THE CHAFFEES

Things are going to go wrong – One thing I would tell any bride is things are going to go wrong, but nobody is going to notice it but me. We were taking pictures with the horse and buggy before we got announced and the garter wouldn't stay on. I handed it to the photographer and I thought she put it in her photo bag, but she put it on the buggy. So when it came time to do the garter toss, we didn't have it. My friend Savannah ended up making a burlap garter for me so I had something to toss. And we got announced wrong! We were announced as Mr. and Mrs. Eric Chaffee, which is Mike's brother's name. Little things go wrong. But this is the only day that we're ever going to have together to celebrate this, so none of that matters. It was fine.

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THE RUDDYS

What she would do differently – We hosted the Sunday brunch at Burke Mountain, where the guests were staying. I gave them an accurate head count of everyone who RSVP'd and only a third of the people showed up. People were hung over or got on the road early. The day after a huge boozy night, they had lots of reasons not to go and I was on the hook for \$19 a head. I still would have done it, but I would have given Burke a third less.



Ashley & Patrick



Chelsea & Herbie

THE BENNETTS

Big worry over small details – It was the small details that I worried about - my hair and nails. But at the end of the day I just needed to be married, that's all I cared about.

THE ARMSTRONGS

Pay the experts – I designed the invitations on my computer and because I did them myself I spent way too much time on them. If I were to go back, I'd pay the extra money to get them done online. But I really like how they came out!



Alicia & Erik

Post-wedding blues – I wish someone had told me that was a thing! It was all done so quickly and it was like - Oh man, it's over! That's it? You look back on it and you're like, I didn't say hi to this person or do that. There were definitely some post-wedding blues.

THE KINGS

Best-laid plans – Originally the Kings had an agreement with a caterer who would include the use of his apple orchard in the cost. But as they got close to the date, he stopped returning messages. At the last minute, James' mother stepped in and offered to do the food and the couple were able to use the VFW Hall in Lyndonville. "The reception was last minute - we weren't even sure we were going to have a reception because it was so last minute," said Miranda. "I contacted the VFW and didn't really have time to go in and look at it. We really didn't have any choice to do it anywhere else."



Miranda & James



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The fun and stress of planning a wedding

What was the most fun part of planning your wedding? What was most stressful?

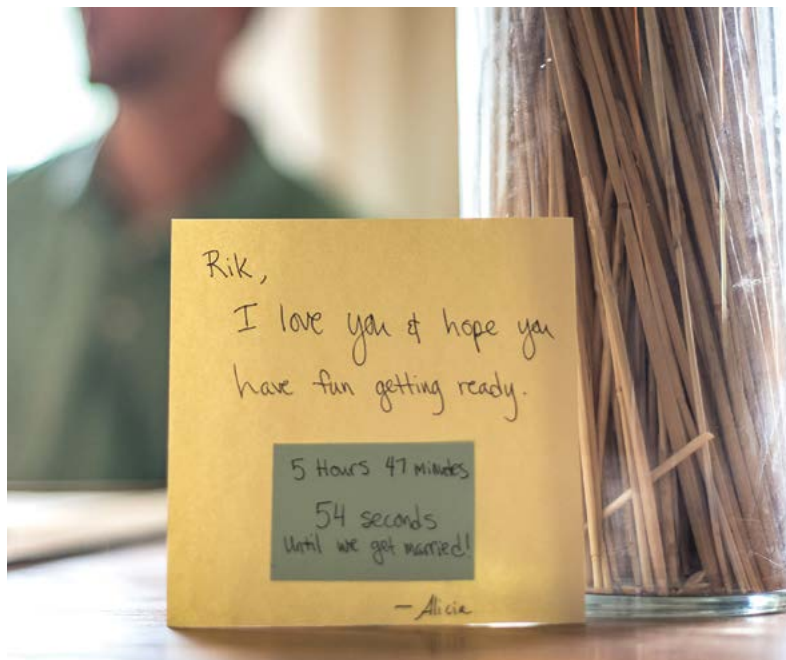
THE RUDDYS

Most fun – The most fun was strategizing how to incorporate English traditions into an American wedding. We had Patrick's nine nieces and nephews – in England flower girls and ring bearers they call them bridesmaids. So we had the little girls running around saying they were bridesmaids. Having the men in traditional morning suit added a lot of English sophistication to the event. But they're also walking away with my cousin's Vermont maple syrup. Putting together that English garden party with an American flair was really fun.

Stressful – I became the holiday planner for all the people traveling internationally. I didn't just say, "Here are your two days of events." I had day trips scheduled around Vermont and to Montreal and Maine and Martha's Vineyard. I wanted to make sure everyone coming to see the Northeast Kingdom had a real, amazing New England experience.



Ashley & Patrick



THE ARMSTRONGS

Most fun – Sharing special moments with Rick and my mom and sister.

Stressful – Deciding on the guest list. The reality is that we couldn't invite everyone that we wanted to invite. He has such a huge family. There were people we both wanted to be there that we just couldn't because of the capacity of the place.



Alicia & Erik



Jaimie & Zachary

THE DeWITTS

Most fun – Tasting all the different flavors we could choose from - all the different cupcake flavors and a tasting for the buffet at Burke Mountain Hotel.

Most stressful – Making sure we got all the contracts in place and we were within the budget and got everything done on time. Even though we planned ahead, it's still stressful to make sure we had all the details in place.

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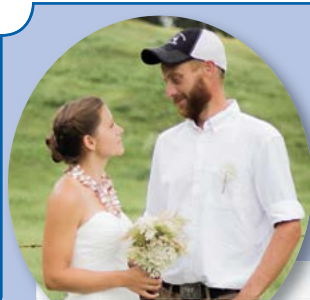
THE CHAFFEES

Most fun – Getting to spend time with the people - I liked having extra time with my bridesmaids, doing things like dress shopping. I loved doing that stuff. It was really fun!

Stressful – Having kids, it's harder. I work from home, so they're always with me. Trying to find the time to do all the stuff I needed to do was hard.



Jennifer & Michael



Chelsea & Herbie

THE BENNETTS

It was ALL exciting because we'd waited so long to do it! I said all along that there was no reason to get stressed out about it.



THE McDANIELS

Most fun – Trying to figure out the songs. I like the emotion we went through together.

Stressful – I had such a little time to do it. We were going to wait until March, then we decided to bump it up to this year.



Mikayla & Seth

THE KINGS

Most fun – Getting the outfits. It didn't really feel real until we got the clothes.

Most stressful – Knowing who would come or not. People didn't really RSVP on the invitations we sent out. We were prepared for between 75 and 100 people and about 60 showed up.



Miranda & James

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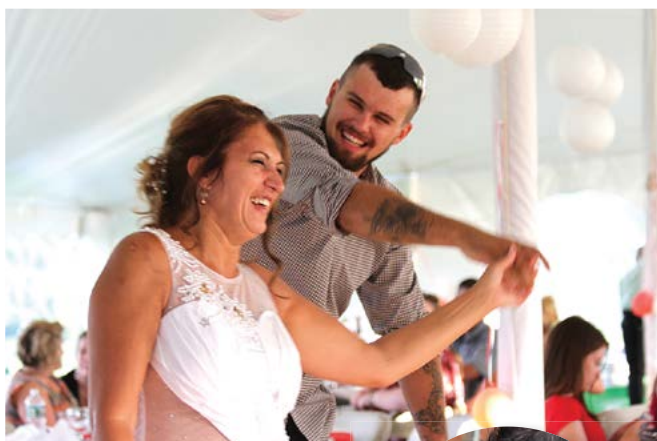
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THE STEELES

Dajana - My boys were next to me and bringing me down [the aisle] and I saw my husband. The way he was looking at me, that was priceless. I didn't see nothing else at the time. There was people around me, I didn't see them. I only felt my boys next to me and I saw my husband-to-be in front of me.



Dajana & Dennis

THE KINGS

James - The vows. They had a lot of meaning to them, and opening up in front of everybody is kind of a big step.

Miranda - My dad handing me to Jimmy. That definitely was my favorite - the fact that I wasn't really my father's anymore. It was like my dad giving me to start a new chapter of my life.



Miranda & James



THE RUDDYS

Patrick - Ashley did a bit of a surprise. Four of her friends from Lyndon Institute got up and sang an a capella version of "Make You Feel My Love."

Ashley - My dad is one of four boys and my grandmother is the most important person in my life. Patrick is really lighthearted and when we were taking photos with the four brothers, he suggested a photo. We lifted her up horizontally and held her up like a trophy for a photograph. It was so special to me. To have such a funny, fun moment with my uncles, my new husband, and Grammy Ruth meant the world to me.



Ashley & Patrick

THE ARMSTRONGS

Alicia - There was a point in our ceremony for all of our friends and family to say "We will" to say that they will support us through our marriage and be there for us. I think that's important because life isn't easy in general. That was a really special moment because we were facing them and they were saying that they support us.



Alicia & Erik

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THE DeWITTS

Jaimie – Having everyone there, especially people you haven’t seen in a while. It’s hard to get everyone together.



Jaimie & Zachary

THE BENNETTS

I get choked up thinking about our vows. We’re not romantic people - I don’t get flowers, we don’t go on fancy dates. To just stand there have this romantic moment in front of a lot of people, that was my favorite moment. I’ll never forget that.



Chelsea & Herbie

THE McDANIELS

Seth – When the doors opened and she started walking down the aisle. Just how beautiful she looked and the dress I’d never seen her in.

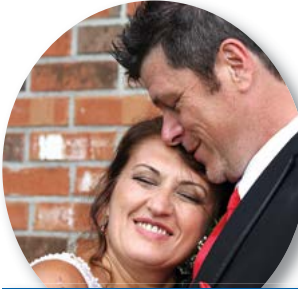
Mikayla – When we said “I do,” because I married the man of my dreams!



Mikayla & Seth

Open Bar or Cash Bar

Alcohol can have a major impact on the budget. Here is how each of our couples chose to deal with it.



Dajana & Dennis

THE STEELES

We bought a bottle of red wine and white wine for each table, plus we had the table set up for the Bosnian schnapps. That was free, then anything else people would bring their own.



THE RUDDYS

We were at a private venue and we didn’t want liquor laws saying we had to shut the bar off. So I bought all of the liquor and we did it all ourselves. I have girlfriends whose parents spent \$10,000 on the wedding bar. I spent \$4,000 on all the booze and the soft drinks and all of that. No one ran out of a drink. You could have anything you wanted.

THE KINGS

We didn’t have any alcohol.

THE ARMSTRONGS

We did a cash bar and my dad gave drink tickets to certain people in the wedding party and some family members. With 145 people, I didn’t want my dad to be responsible for that.

THE McDANIELS

We did it BYOB. Everybody brought their own drinks and we had punch and the soda for the kids. Make sure you put it on the invitation and everybody will bring their own.

THE CHAFFEES

We did BYOB for insurance reasons at the venue. If we supplied the alcohol, we would have been liable and would have had to get extra insurance.

THE DeWITTS

We had a cash bar. It’s a real budget breaker for people and I don’t really drink myself, so I didn’t think it was a big deal to have a cash bar.

THE BENNETTS

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Tips To Keep Yourself Organized

Planning a big event is an organizational task as much as a creative one. Here's how some of our couples kept themselves on track, including websites and apps they found useful.

THE McDANIELS

Mikayla found a Facebook group where people sell the things they used at their own wedding - tablecloths, centerpieces, even dresses. "That's how I did my wedding so cheap ... You can buy them super cheap because they're just trying to get rid of things, so you don't have to buy them full price," she said. "You can find some really awesome stuff on these cheap sites. You can put a lot of questions on it if you need help, and brides-to-be or brides-who-have-already-gotten-married comment to try to help people."

She also used Google frequently. "You can find a lot of cheap things as long as you go through a lot of websites," Mikayla said. "Make sure you order everything three to four months in advance, so that if something is wrong you have time to replace it."

THE DeWITTS

I used The Knot for their calendar because it has a task list. You can cross out the tasks that don't apply to you, so it's a nice reminder list in case there was anything I might have forgotten.



For our invitations, instead of RSVPs I listed a call-back number and it was easy to keep track that way. I used my cell phone so they could either text or call me, and I also made a Facebook group to track it. I could use that to send out reminders.

THE BENNETTS

I'm a wicked Post-It notes person. They were everywhere!

THE RUDDYS

The most important tool was a shared Dropbox file that all pertinent parties had access to in real time: my mom and dad, a wedding planner. Patrick could log in himself and see anything he needed to see. I had different tabs for budget, guest list, RSVPs. Everything was on an Excel sheet that people could see in real time. More than anything is super helpful for me as the ringleader to always have the information at my fingertips.

THE STEELES

We had a couple lists, and we would just get on the phone. He'll do one call for a tent and I'll do another one for a DJ, and then we would check it off the list when it was done.

THE KINGS

I had a planner and a binder. I started from the top and said, if we want to get married in August, we have this many months to plan. So I divvied it all up so we wouldn't stress too much all at once.

THE CHAFFEES

I looked on Pinterest for ideas and ordered gifts on Etsy. Etsy has beautiful things on it as far as personalized gifts. I got our guest book there - it's wooden to be hung on the wall with a tree and each person is a leaf.



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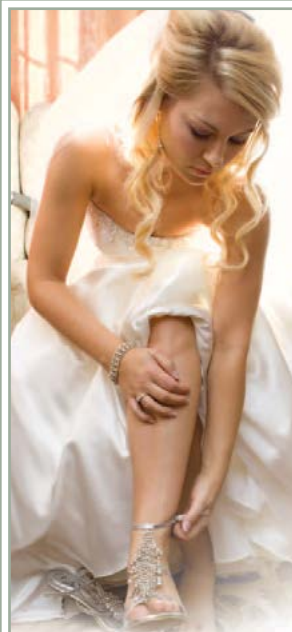


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Little Miss Cupcake of St. Johnsbury
- HAIR**
Amy Bona at Shear Sensations in Lyndonville
- HORSE AND BUGGY**
Dalton Thayer at Lily Pond Farm in Piermont, New Hampshire
Hayden Tanner of St. Johnsbury
- DJ**
AJ Gillis in West Topsham
Music Madness by Gordon Brown in Orleans
DJ Stevie B of NEK Entertainment
Mike LaBounty of Lyndonville
DJ Loud (Dylan Tester) of Derby
DJ Rousseau of St. Johnsbury - "We had a hiccup during our reception when the fire alarms went off and we had to evacuate the building. He brought some wireless speakers outside and we danced on the sidewalk at the Burke Mountain Hotel!"
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THE McDANIELS

We didn't use any vendors – we used all family.
Food – potluck, with a friend cooking chickens the couple purchased for the main course
Photography - gift from a friend
Cake – made by a family member
Flowers – they ordered fake flowers online, then spray painted them to the colors they wanted. "Everything came out great! Our colors were very bright and vibrant."

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