

TulsaPeople

REAL WEDDINGS

Recent weddings featuring local couples



Rachel McKisick and Hylton Purdum

OCT. 1, 2023



Growing up as friends, the couple didn't start dating until junior year at Oklahoma State University. After a year of dating Hylton decided to propose to Rachel after church one Sunday. Visiting their favorite places in Stillwater, Rachel remembers it as "the sweetest day filled with our favorite things."

After nine months of planning, the Tulsa-area natives recited their personally written vows in front of 175 people on a warm day with a slight breeze. The couple, who makes their home in Broken Arrow, describes the day as fun, welcoming and authentic.

Rachel appreciates Hylton's patience and his steadfast support. He loves her smile and how much she cares about others.

THE DETAILS

Photography: Modern Moments Photography **Bridal wear:** David's Bridal **Menswear:** Men's Wearhouse **Bridesmaid dresses:** Birdy Grey
Rehearsal dinner site: I Don't Care Bar and Grill **Ceremony and reception site:** The Lodge at Bridal Creek **Wedding cake:** Red Rooster Bistro
Caterer: Silver Dollar Catering **Music and lighting:** Complete Weddings and Events **Wedding planner:** Amy Wenham of Ann Louise Designs
Flowers: Ann Louise Designs **Hair and makeup:** Beauty for Ashes

Kylie Budd and Cody White

MAY 12, 2023



Kylie, a registered nurse for a local hospice company, and Cody, parts manager for Fowler Ford, met at a local watering hole over a game of corn hole. That chance encounter blossomed into a love story full of laughter, fun and adventure.

Cody proposed during a float trip celebrating Kylie's birthday. Ten months later, on a clear sunny day, 100 friends and family members gathered to celebrate this pair of Tulsans. The dreamy, boho and tasteful soiree featured shades of green, pops of color from florals and comfort in the way of Nike tennis shoes worn among the wedding party.

THE DETAILS

Photography: Madison Alexis Co. **Bridal wear:** Facchianos **Menswear:** Men's Wearhouse **Bridesmaid dresses:** Birdy Grey
Rehearsal dinner site: Bourbon Street Cafe **Ceremony and reception site:** Dream Point Ranch **Wedding cake:** Sweet Devotion Cakery
Caterer: Elote Cafe and Catering **Music:** DJ Connection **Invitations and programs:** Zazzle **Flowers:** Crooked Roots Design
Makeup: Drea Carreno **Hair:** Emma Gazaway

Amy Slanchik and Gabe Jouas

SEPT. 30, 2023

Gabe, born in Tulsa, met Amy during her first week of college at The University of Oklahoma. After building a friendship for nearly a decade, the couple started dating once they were both living in Tulsa. Over the years they've enjoyed traveling, golfing, being in nature and eating delicious meals prepared by Gabe.

After a proposal at the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland, the couple decided to plan a wedding in the Brittany region of France to honor Gabe's heritage and spend time with French relatives and close guests. Special touches were everywhere. Amy's grandfather used to say, "Ego te Amo," Latin for "I Love You." The phrase was sewn into Amy's dress. Gabe's grandmother sewed lace bags to hold Jordan almonds for each guest, which is a French tradition.

The power went out during dinner, providing some unexpected magic. While the room was already candlelit, guests found extra candles and placed them in empty wine bottles. A warm, romantic glow filled the 19th-century château. A battery-powered speaker played Eric Clapton's "Wonderful Tonight," prompting several couples to start dancing.



THE DETAILS

Photography: Méa Grenon, Méa Photography; below right, Juan Carlos Claros **Menswear:** Saks Fifth Avenue

Rehearsal dinner, ceremony and reception site: Château du Val in Brittany, France

Caterer and wedding cake: Château du Val **Music:** Saxophonist Jon Rebbeck **Invitations and programs:** Etsy **Flowers:** Laura Stevenin

Lighting and rentals: Arnaud Klein **Hair and makeup:** Hair and Makeup by Gabby, Gabby Gokool **Officiant:** James Dickson

Elise Moore and Stephen Gaulin

OCT. 15, 2022



This modern fairytale started like many others of the 21st century: online. A first date on Cherry Street grew into a relationship meant to last. After a year of dating, Stephen proposed at a park, which was followed by an engagement party with friends and family.

At their reception, the couple wanted a way to show their appreciation for their guests. A family friend made Elise and Stephen matching aprons and the couple served cake to everyone. It was the perfect way to visit with each of their guests as they handed out their dessert. At the fall wedding, other special details included a hot cider bar and s'mores stations.

THE DETAILS

Photography: JW Photography **Bridal wear:** Bella Rose **Bridesmaid dresses:** Baltic Born **Menswear:** Men's Wearhouse

Ceremony and reception site: Discoveryland Ranch **Bridal jewelry:** Moody's Jewelry **Wedding cake:** Sam's Club **Caterer:** Ludger's Catering

Flowers: Binding Blooms **Hair and makeup:** LG Luxury Beauty **Rentals:** ABCO Party Rentals