

'Tis the season — the wedding season!

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The winter wedding uniting Taylor Heilers and Mitchell Patton was an elegant affair, complete with the traditional

delights of the season: Christmas trees, poinsettias, silver and gold — and a flash mob.

Yes! A flash mob (more on that later).

Their love story begins one evening in February 2017, with Taylor, a hard-working pharmacist, chilling out on the couch, watching *The Bachelorette* and swiping around on Bumble.

What is Bumble? It's an app — a mobile dating program — that allows women and men to be matched. With Bumble, women make the first move. In other words, when a man and a woman show mutual interest by 'swiping' left or right on each others' profiles (it's that easy), it's up to the woman to send the first message.

In this case, it must have been love-at-first-swipe, because Taylor and Mitchell met within a week of Taylor's first message. It was the first time Taylor had ever gone on a Bumble date.

"I didn't even really message many people," she tells, and she came to learn that Mitchell's Bumble profile had actually been created by work colleagues. "I just out-of-the-blue messaged him, and it just ended up working out perfectly," she nods.

That first date took place at a popular German restaurant in Evansville, the Gerst Haus. Taylor wasn't eating meat (it was the Lenten season), and as she explains it, Mitchell knew the restaurant served fried fish.

She says the whole thing felt "super natural," comfortable and relaxed.

"I definitely knew that I wanted to see him again, because he was super polite, like nothing felt forced," Taylor nods. "I remember texting my two best friends immediately after, and I was like, 'Oh my gosh! I just had a really good date with this guy!'"

Taylor is a Ferdinand native and the daughter of Patrick and Denise Heilers. Since second grade, she has been participating in dance and gymnastics. It's no secret that Forest Park's Dance Team is top-notch, with 20 State titles since 2003, including three in 2019 for POM, High Kick, and Hip Hop. The team is coached by Taylor's mom, Denise, and even throughout college, Taylor came home to help with dance as much as she could. Now that she's earned her PhD in pharmacy, and even though she's a full-time pharmacist in Evansville, Taylor still assists with coaching, attends practice at least once a week, and helps choreograph the team's routines.

In other words, she's busy.

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Taylor and Mitchell steal a moment together under the arch at Monastery Immaculate Conception after they exchanged vows.



Taylor and Mitchell share a kiss as newlyweds while the bridesmaids and groomsmen get silly on the steps of St. Ferdinand Christ the King Parish.