

An elegant wedding on a budget

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"Alexis and Logan sitting in a tree, K-I-S-S-I-N-G!"

While there is no actual proof the above ditty was chanted about Alexis Holbrook and Logan Withers during their childhood romance, it's a pretty safe bet some of their friends teased them with it.

After all, they fell in love for the first time as fourth graders. Well, maybe not first love but definitely first crush.

These things are generally not destined to last, so as with most fourth grade romances, they eventually quit "going" together. Of course, it's another safe bet that they didn't actually go anywhere since the only wheels they would have had at that age would be on their bicycles.

They met when Alexis's family moved from Missouri to Petersburg, Illinois, where Logan and his family resided, and after that first blush of romance, the two remained friends.

In seventh grade, they were with their group of friends and happened into an antique store. Logan bought Alexis a ring she admired. They didn't realize it at the time, but this small gesture could have foretold their future.

Alas, kids must go where their parents take them, so when the Withers family moved to Spencer County, Indiana, Logan became a Hoosier.

Their families stayed in touch, and the two saw each other on occasion, but they dated other people and went on with their lives.

That was until Alexis's mother, Nicole Kelso, got sick. Not just sick, but seriously ill.

By this point both had graduated from high school, and Alexis was in college while Logan had started his career and already owned a home.

Alexis needed a strong shoulder to lean on; Logan offered her two.

It didn't take long before he also offered her his heart. They reconnected, and the love they felt as children reignited!

Eventually a long distance relationship no longer worked, and Alexis moved to Indiana and began her career in child care.

The next part will be no surprise to anyone who has already looked at the photos.

Logan asked Alexis to marry him, and she said yes. They set the date for Saturday, June 20, 2026.

Both are practical and didn't want to break the bank by planning an elaborate wedding. Still, they wanted it to be elegant and a day they would remember and treasure for the rest of their lives.

Very early on Alexis, her mom and her bridesmaids decided to take a trip to Springfield to look at wedding gowns. "I had no intention of buying one, I just wanted to see what was out there," she recalls.

They walked into a shop where the proprietor was zipping up another customer. She took one look at Alexis, abandoned her customer and said she had the perfect gown for this soon-to-be bride.

It was love at first sight, much like it had been for a couple of fourth graders many years earlier, but this time it was the dress she fell in love with!

She called Logan right away, and together they decided she should have the wedding gown of her dreams.

That started the wedding planning in earnest. She wanted her bridesmaids attired in a rich royal blue but decided to let each choose the style that best suited them.

Alexis spent a special day with each one individually to let them select their heart's desire.

The gents were a different story. Logan and his groomsmen are all pretty laid back, so rather than renting tuxedos or suits they opted for blush colored vests over black shirts, with the groom selecting a black vest and white shirt.

The couple decided to get married at Larkin Baptist Church in Rockport with Brandy Zanger as their officiant. The bonus? The church also provided space for a reception following the nuptials.

Rather than having the wedding catered, family members prepared a feast, complete with barbecue, mashed potatoes laced with shrimp and other delicacies more reminiscent of a southern celebration.

The guests raved about the food and enjoyed an evening of dancing and celebration.

They originally planned to host a wiener roast with friends around a campfire in the backyard later in the evening, but a full day had the bride opting for a quick



trip to McDonald's while the groom relaxed in his easy chair.

Today Alexis and Logan are happily settled in to their rural Spencer County home and even happier the wedding didn't break the bank.

Oh, one final note. That ring Logan bought for his seventh grade buddy and former amore? He had it remade into Alexis's wedding ring.

That's what you call practical and romantic!