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FAVORITE NATIVE EXPERIENCES



Holly Whatley & Matthew Smith

April 21, 2018

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After a long day crafting coconut cakes, Charleston-based pastry chef Holly Whatley desperately needed an oil change before her evening trip to Greenville. A last-minute appointment near the Interstate led to a consultation with auto service manager Matthew Smith, and after a friendly chat (and a reduced rate on her oil change), Holly hopped in the car surprised Matthew hadn't asked her out. However, a Cupid-playing mechanic stopped her before she drove away, suggesting she leave her number for the shy manager. Later that evening, Matthew called requesting



a date, and two and a half years—and two adorable Brittany spaniels—later, he got down on one knee, pulling out a ring and a brand-new dog toy that read, “Say Yes, Mom!” The ceremony took place at Lindsey Plantation in Taylors, and included the couple’s dogs, Duncan and Dabo, who trotted down the aisle. As soon as the preacher said, “Amen,” Duncan let out a huge bark in approval. A former aspiring country singer, Holly wrote and recorded a song for her dad, which

Smooth Service:
Holly and Matthew’s pit-stop meeting led them all the way to the finish line. The couple tied the knot at the historic Lindsey Plantation in Taylors, South Carolina.

played during the father-daughter dance. The couple recently bought a home on five acres in Travelers Rest, where they now live with their happy pups. Holly is the general manager at Upcountry Provisions Bakery & Bistro, and Matthew is a business development company director at Dick Brooks Honda.

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Emily Henning & Mitch Niedrach

March 3, 2018

While it's rare for a news anchor to be caught unawares, Emily Henning had little idea she'd meet her main man during a girls' night out in downtown Greenville. Mitch Niedrach and his own group of friends happened to be sitting just down the bar, and breaking every rule of boys' night out, Mitch allowed Emily's winning smile to capture his attention. When it came time to part ways, Mitch asked Emily on a date, and the rest quickly became old news. A year and a half later found the couple cruising along Lake Greenwood's calm waters. Mitch cut the engine right in front of the state park, dropped to one knee, and underneath a perfect sunset sky, asked Emily to be his wife. The two were married at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greenville, and even a disastrous nor'easter didn't stop guests from attending the big day. Greg Foster created a captivating bouquet to complement Emily's Augusta Jones gown from The White Magnolia, and Couture Cakes crafted dessert. The newlyweds reside in Greenville; Emily is a traffic anchor for WSPA, and Mitch is an engineer.

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Ericka Henderson and Joseph Turner

May 20, 2017

We're all suckers for a good college romance, and the Joseph Turner and Ericka Henderson love tale is certainly no exception. The couple met during their freshman year at Furman University, and a first date at the iconic Florentine bell tower proved they made a perfect Paladin pair. Two years later, Joseph proposed at the same bell tower, with swing dancing and engagement ring included. While searching for the ideal venue, the two didn't consider any options other than Furman's Daniel Chapel to tie the knot. The ceremony was followed by a reception at The Cliffs at Mountain Park, and featured Katelyn Pinner floral, a Tessa Pinner cake, and the musical magic of The Maxx Band at East Coast Entertainment. The happy couple ended the evening with a stylish departure in a black vintage car. Ericka and Joseph continue to live in Greenville. She is a child-life specialist at Greenville Health System's Children's Hospital, and he is a project manager at Dan Ryan Builders.

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Amy Paige Riddle & AC Rizzo

April 7, 2018

Amidst the cacophony of espresso machines and taxi cabs, Furman grad Amy Paige Riddle and AC Rizzo first crossed paths on the Upper East Side of New York City. After a year and a half of laughs and learned loyalty, AC discreetly planned a storybook proposal in Amy's favorite spot in town. Well aware of her love for all things autumn, he proposed amidst Central Park's fiery tree-lined path showcased in the classic movie romances *When Harry Met Sally* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. The savvy couple tied the knot at Furman University's Daniel Chapel. Amy's dream of a chapel wedding followed by a Wyche Pavilion reception came true when she discovered both venues had one availability for the upcoming year on the exact same day. The uptown couple stayed true to their Big Apple roots with New York-themed reception décor. The two continue to reside in the city with plans to eventually move south. Amy works as the executive assistant at First Eagle Investment Management New York, and AC works as a dermatologist at Bruder Dermatology.

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