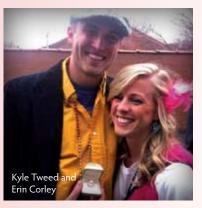
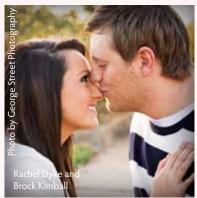
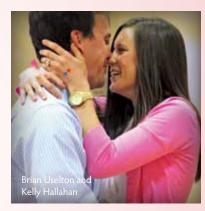




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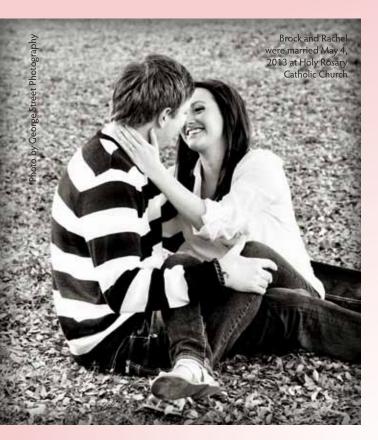
Katy couples are looking for new and exciting ways to pop the question. From dinner dates at a local restaurant to preplanned trips to different states, these Katy couples put thought into their engagements, and we've decided to let them tell it in their own words.

Engagement Date: February 9, 2013
Wedding Date: February 28, 2014

Mardi Gras Bliss

Summer of 2011, I planned to meet up with friends to go to the Mardi Gras parade in St. Louis, MO. One of my friends came in to town and brought her college friend, Kyle. Upon meeting Kyle, there was a mutual connection. We dated for a little over a year before moving to Katy.

We continued dating and eventually started to discuss our plans for a future together. In February of this year, we traveled back to St. Louis for the Mardi Gras celebration. The morning of the parade, we went to a friend's house to begin our festivities. I thought Kyle was acting strange, but I just went along with it. He pulled me outside to the courtyard, got down on one knee, and said, "I want to spend the rest of my life with you. Will you marry me?" Little did I know, our close family and friends were ready with video cameras and began cheering and clapping. It is truly a chance meeting and a blessing for both of us. Needless to say, our wedding date is set for February 28, 2014, which is Mardi Gras eve in St. Louis, MO.



Rachel Dyke and Brock Kimball Engagement Date: August 12, 2012

Wedding Date: May 4, 2013

August Romance

Brock and I both knew very early on that we each had found "the one," so it was no surprise when he proposed after only four months of dating. Every Sunday, we would cook a decent sized breakfast and spend the morning in our PJs. But, on August 12, 2012 the day started on a slightly different note.

Brock asked me to stay in bed while he cooked breakfast for me, and I obliged, of course. When I was finally allowed into the dining room, he had the entire table set up with every type of breakfast food you could imagine. I took my place in my usual spot and grabbed a steaming pancake right from the top of the stack, but as I went to smear it with butter I realized our butter dish was missing. Brock immediately got up from the table, went into the kitchen, and returned with our butter dish. To my complete surprise, when I opened the dish, the butter had been replaced with a gorgeous Vera Wang diamond ring. Brock got down on one knee, told me all the reasons why he wanted to be with me for the rest of his life, and then asked to marry me, and I screamed, "Yes!"

Kelly Hallahan and Brian Uselton Engagement Date: February 14, 2013 Wedding Date: November 15, 2013

Valentine's Surprise

As a first-grade teacher, I knew my Valentine's Day would be full of sugared up first-graders, fun crafts, and sweet Valentine's cards to pass out. At 3:15 in the afternoon I was called down to pick my students up early from art class in the gym instead of the art room. I thought it was a little odd, but figured it was because they had too much energy for the art room that day. I walked into the gym and saw school namesakes Ray and Jamie Wolman, principal Kelly Ricks, fellow first-grade teacher Erin Long, and all of the firstgraders sitting on the gym floor while my class was holding a big sign that said, "Miss Hallahan, we love you!" If that wasn't special enough, one of my other students was standing at the top of the stairs holding a sign that said "Will you..." I was slightly confused, but as I turned to face the stage, out came Brian holding a sign that said, "Marry me?" I froze right there in my tracks, and the tears just started flowing. Brian walked up to me, got down on one knee, and asked again if I would marry him. I replied with a "Yes!"

After all the excitement, I learned that Brian had been exchanging emails with my principal in an effort to make the day unforgettable. I was so very happy that he chose to propose to me at my job especially since he knows my job is extremely important to me. It was definitely a total shock because I thought Valentine's Day would be too cliché for Brian, but he fooled me.

