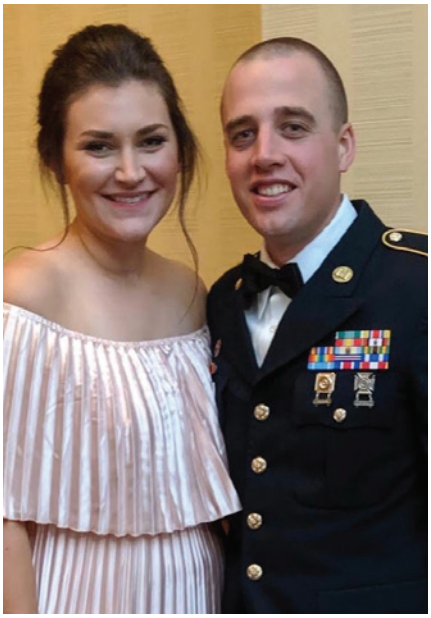
Travis *and* Haleigh

About Us

Our story starts in January 2014, three weeks after Travis returned home from Afghanistan. We first met for a cup of coffee, and before we knew it, we were spending all of our time together. That spring, we took our first trip together to Myrtle Beach and as they say, the rest is history! We moved in together shortly after, eventually marrying in September of 2018. Our foundation is built on trust, loyalty, honesty and food. Yes, that is right, we love food! When we aren't working, we love to be outside and explore new places. We love to vacation on cruises in the Caribbean where Haleigh lives out the best version of herself underneath an umbrella on the beach. In the winter months, we both love to ski, exploring places like Northern Michigan, New York and Canada. While these climates are polar opposite, we ultimately just love being outdoors and spending time making memories. When we start a family, we look forward to road tripping around the country, and visiting each state one day.

Haleigh works as a school counselor at a local high school where she can have the best of both worlds, working during the school year and having the ability to be a stay at home mom in the summer one day. Haleigh is very passionate about mental health and providing students with a safeplace to explore their feelings with a trusted adult. Travis has served part-time in the Army National Guard for 12 years. He loves wearing the uniform and serving our country. Full-time, Travis works in community corrections. He works with young men in his community and assists them in getting housing, employment and other resources they may be in need of. He is very passionate about helping others and loves the ability to be able to have a positive impact in their lives. His job affords him the ability to work from home most of the week.



More about us:

TRAVIS FAVORITES:

Ice Cream: Moose Tracks
Place To Visit: Michigan's Upper Peninsula
TV Show: The Office, Breaking Bad, ESPN's 30 for 30 series
Food: Tacos
Hobbies: Running, Gardening, Grilling/BBQing, competing in Triathlons
Candy: Reese's

HALEIGH FAVORITES:

Ice Cream: Cookie Mint from the ice cream shop at the front of our neighborhood
Place To Visit: Maine
TV Show: Dexter, Shameless, Yellowstone, The Office
Food: My dad's haluski, tater tots, let's be honest I haven't met much food I don't like…
Hobbies: sewing, flower gardening, and cooking
Candy: anything gummy and sour!

About Travis

by Haleigh

Travis is my best friend. I'm not sure what I did in life to deserve a person in my life like Travis, he is by far my biggest blessing. Travis is a safe place, he is kind, empathetic, hardworking and most of all the biggest goofball. Travis was born to be a dad, the dad that paints nails and has tea parties, and the dad that plays ball and coaches the sports team. Our nieces and nephews think he is the coolest person to ever walk the earth. He is a genuine friend to everyone. Everywhere we go we find someone he knows, because he makes the sincerest relationships with everyone he meets. He does everything 110% from work to his military career, to being a husband and one day a dad, he always leads with passion, and a heart to put others before himself.

Haleigh

by Travis

We met in 2014. I had just returned home from Afghanistan and was uncertain of what the future had in store. That was until I met the love of my life! Haleigh is charismatic, smart, strong, nurturing and funny. She is one of the most determined people that I know and when she sets her mind to something, there is no stopping her. She has devoted so much of her time to her students from the Boys and Girls Club to her job as a high school counselor. I cannot wait to see that same energy and devotion to our future children. Haleigh is the best cook, and I do not say that just because she is my wife. She is always whipping something new up in the kitchen, which does not disappoint. In her spare time, Haleigh can be found in her craft room, sewing something for fun, quilting a new blanket or making alterations to a friend's clothing. I know she will be a great mother and it would be my greatest honor to raise your child alongside her. I can say without a doubt that Haleigh is my best friend, and I cannot imagine having anyone else by my side as we embark on our journey of parenthood.

Christmas is our favorite time of year and Travis LOVES to decorate the outside of our house!

Our Home

We live in a small diverse neighborhood that is overflowing with kids. Our home is two stories, with a finished basement, and large backyard. Travis works from home and Haleigh has her summers off, so we like to hang out on our patio in the backyard, watch the dogs play and work on our fruit and vegetable garden. We look forward to the day where we can watch our children play outside and teach them the secrets to growing our garden.

We are only a few miles away from the mall, every restaurant imaginable, and lots of parks! Haleigh and the dogs love walking at the park. We live by one of the top zoos in the country, and love to visit several times a year.

Our Dogs: Cash and June are the sweetest! Cash is our 8-year-old black Labrador retriever, who is a gentle giant. June is our 2-year-old golden retriever, who shows her love in lots of kisses and wiggles. June loves to spread her toys over every inch of the house, play with the neighbor kids, and beg for treats at every opportunity. Cash attends school with Haleigh during the school year as the school Therapy Dog, and in the summers, he visits nursing homes.

Our Family & Friends

Our neighbor's kids are painting pumpkins in our backyard before trick-or-treating!

Our family is very important to us. Both of our parents live within 10 minutes of our house and we see them weekly. Haleigh has 2 sisters and 2 brothers. She has 8 nieces and nephews from the ages of 4-12 years old. Having so many nieces and nephews has been a blessing as we have gotten to watch them grow from being babies to smart and energetic kids. We spend a lot of time at their houses, going to their sporting events, recitals, and birthday parties. Travis has one younger brother who comes over once a week to hang out. Haleigh's dad is one of 9 kids and Travis' mom is one of 10 kids so you can imagine how large family events are. We are never short of weddings, showers, or family parties to attend.

Along with our family, we have great friends who we love to spend time with. We may be scattered all over the country but we get together as much as possible and make traveling a big part of our lives. One of our favorite things is our weekly hangouts with our 4 closest neighbors. We rotate houses each week, chat about life, watch football, have ping-pong tournaments, eat good food and watch the kids play. Our neighbors are like a second family to us, and we are blessed to have them.

Travis and friends started their relay run for Special Olympics from the UP of Michigan to Detroit

Haleigh with her niece

On a cruise with Haleigh's parents

Girls day with Haleigh's mom and sister

Haleigh and her siblings and in-laws

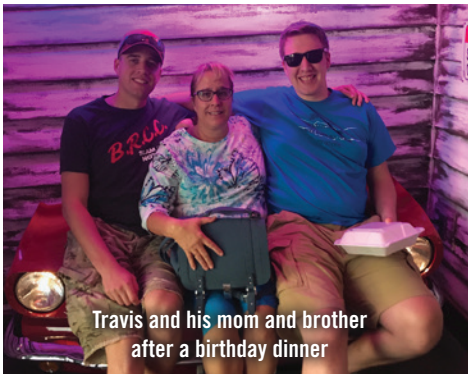
Annual family Christmas lights zoo trip

Football tailgate with friends

Cedar Point, Halloweekends with Haleigh's best friend

Haleigh at her friend's baby shower who just adopted a baby in October 2021!

Travis and our nieces and nephews after his triathlon


Travis and his mom and brother after a birthday dinner

Haleigh and her step mom on the golf course

Hello!

First and foremost, let us say thank you for spending some of your precious time looking at this profile. We can't imagine how daunting it must be looking at these profiles, but we are on this wild ride with you and hope that not for one second you feel alone. You must be going through every emotion right now, and all of them are valid. While we have not formally met yet, we hope you see a bit of who we are and what we love in this profile.

While we are not sure how or when our family will be blessed with a child, we are excited to be adoptive parents. No matter what race, religion, or culture you come from, we are excited to honor it and help our child grow up in a home that encourages their cultural identity. Whatever child comes into our home will have love, kindness, empathy, honesty, adventure and so much fun!

Sincerely,

Travis & Haleigh

Why Adoption

Adoption has always been a part of Haleigh's life, her grandpa and two cousins are adopted. Due to this she grew up knowing it was a normal and special part of her family. While we were dating, we remember having conversations about how adoption would fit into our lives. After years of infertility, we both realized that our passion towards adoption we had been discussing for years, was our best option to grow our family. It's always been a part of our family so we are excited to continue including adoption in our family history. We also have several close friends who have adopted, and are helping us through this journey!

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