

JOSH & RACHEL

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US ...

JOSH

RACHEL

Our Jobs

Route Salesman

Insurance Representative

Our Education

High School

Bachelor's Degree in
General Business

Some of Our Favorite Things

Family Activity

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Spending Time
Outdoors

Playing Games

Dessert

Dessert

Apple Pie

Anything Chocolate!

Hobby

Hobby

Fishing

Kayaking on the River

Memory With a Child

Memory With a Child

Practicing Baseball
With My Boys

Sleepovers With My
Niece & Nephew

Vacation Spot

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Gulf Shores, Alabama

Cancun, Mexico

Children

Jake (19), Sy (17)

Relationship

Legally Married



We are so thankful you are taking the time to get to know us through our profile. Although Josh has two older sons from a previous marriage, we are very excited to grow our family and give Rachel her first baby. We know this is a tough decision and hope that in learning about us, you will feel that we are the best choice for you and your baby!

OUR LEISURE TIME

We really enjoy being outdoors and living on a farm definitely gives us that opportunity. It's very neat to be able to go out and see the new calves being born and then watch them as they grow. We also really like to go to the river and go kayaking or just hang out with family or friends there. Rachel loves to be in the water whether it is the river, pool or occasionally the beach! We both share a love of travel so we try to go on at least two vacations a year doing things like exploring national parks or just relaxing somewhere beautiful. Living in Missouri, we are near a lot of rivers, lakes and just beautiful places to hike and explore, so we often take a quick weekend trip to see some of those.

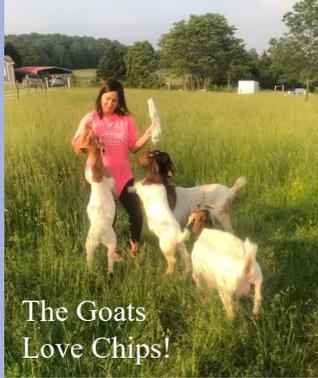
On the other spectrum, we do really enjoy just relaxing inside and binge watching a TV series together. We seem to go through phases with everything from Fixer Upper or most recently we've gotten really into true crime shows. We always make it a priority to have dinner together each night and usually take turns throughout the week on who makes dinner. When it is nice out we often are out on the deck grilling. We can't wait to have a little one to share our lives with and teach them the things we love and learn what they will love to do as well!



Beach Trip

OUR HOUSE & NEIGHBORHOOD

Missouri - We live on a farm in a rural area in southern Missouri where you won't hear traffic, but instead the sound of farm animals. We have about 120 acres and our land has mostly open fields where you can run and play but also some woods for a quick adventure. We look forward to filling up the yard with play houses, slides and swing sets.



The Goats
Love Chips!

Inside our three-bedroom home, we have an open floor plan where we can cook and still socialize and watch a child play. We spend most of our time in this area whether it be eating or watching a TV show together. To us, our home is a place our child will always feel comfortable and where we can form lasting memories as a family.

We live about 15 minutes from town, which is where we both work. There you can find all the fun activities- a movie theater, bowling alley, skating, parks and plenty of dining options. We also have several friends that have very young children which means our child will have plenty of friends for play-dates.

Our area is very close to so many unique outdoor amenities. We live about 5 minutes away from a river where we often go on float trips or can just go spend an afternoon letting our little one splash around and catch craw-dads or little fish in a net. There are also lakes and many neat child friendly trails that you can easily go to for a weekend adventure.



Our Home

OUR EXTENDED FAMILIES

We consider ourselves very family oriented and are happy to live near both our immediate and some extended family. Josh has two sons- Jake (19) and Sy (17) who we usually see a few times a week. Sy is very involved in baseball so in the spring we are often going to baseball games to watch him play. Jake has followed after Josh and loves farming so he comes over quite a bit to work with Josh and they really enjoy that quality time together. Jake and Sy are excited to take on the role of being big brothers! Josh's parents live just down the hill from us so we get to see them multiple times each week.



With Sy & Jake



Christmas
With Family

All of Rachel's immediate and extended family live within 15 minutes of us so we get to spend a lot of time with them as well. Her parents, grandparents and aunt and uncle all live on the same road so it makes it very convenient to visit them! We both love being Aunt Rachel and Uncle Josh to her niece and nephew who are thrilled to have a new cousin! They will all spend many summer days together at their Nana and Papa's house swimming and playing.



Rachel's Family

OUR FAMILY TRADITIONS

We have several family traditions that are a part of our lives. On a weekly basis we start the week out with going to church on Sunday morning followed by a lunch in town with Rachel's family. Sunday afternoons we usually spend having some family time to relax or occasionally do a fun day. Another weekly tradition is that on Friday nights after work we go to Rachel's grandparents' house for a home cooked meal with all of her family and visit and play games.

Although Josh was never a big holiday person, he is slowly getting sucked into Rachel's passion of celebrating them to the max! We always have dinner with Jake and Sy and Josh's parents on each of our birthdays to celebrate and make them special. Christmas is always fun with gift exchanges and meals with all sides of the family.

One tradition that is unique is that growing up on the first day of school each year Rachel's parents would fix root beer floats (or Dr. Pepper floats) and talk about how the day went. This is one tradition we plan on keeping alive with our child.

RACHEL ABOUT JOSH:

One of the things that I have loved about Josh since we first met is his easy going goofy personality. He has a way of making me forget about the stresses of everyday life just by his little quirks. One thing I admire about Josh is his dedication to being the best dad possible to his boys. He does everything in his power to help them out and better their futures. He would drop anything to be there to help them- whether it's them calling late at night with car trouble or just being there to support them playing sports. He really is my best friend and I just love having him there to do life with and talk to!

JOSH ABOUT RACHEL:

One of my favorite things about Rachel is how outspoken she is. I love that she will tell me how it is and I never have to wonder what she is thinking. She is also very fun to be around and always has something witty to say. I have really admired how she has taken on the role of being a step-mom to my boys. She has always come with me to ball games to watch them play since we started dating and has really embraced our family coming together. She is very organized and a planner and I am very spontaneous so we really help balance each other out.



Easter Morning



Our Goofy Nephew



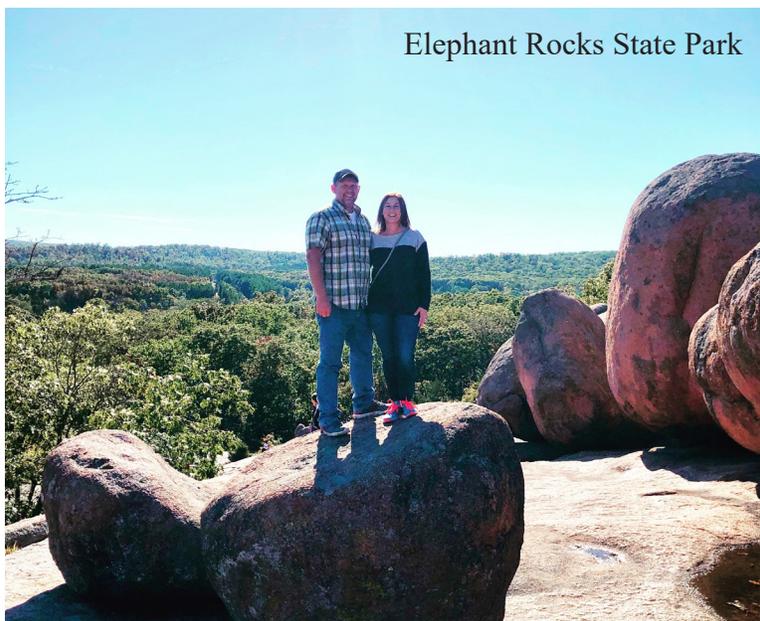
At the Rodeo



Our Wedding Day
With the Boys



Ziplining
Adventure



Elephant Rocks State Park



Swimming With Sting Rays

FROM US TO YOU ...

We are so thankful you are taking the time to consider us to raise your precious little one. We hope that our photos and video have given you some insight into our day to day lives, but want you to know that our future baby will be the greatest joy to us. We can't imagine the immense thought that has went into this decision for you, but we know that your selfless love will give this child a future of happiness and constant love. Not only are we excited to have a little one to love, we have a whole host of family and friends who cannot wait to welcome them with open arms.



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We have been married about three and a half years and have known since before we got married that we wanted to have a child together. Josh has two sons from a previous marriage who are 17 and 19, but he is excited to experience raising a child with Rachel. Adoption has been something we have talked about since the very beginning. We really felt like our hearts always pulled us towards adoption but we did decide to try to conceive naturally. After a couple years of trying, we received test results that showed how slim our chances would be. We decided that it was time we follow our hearts and pursue growing our family through adoption. We can't wait to be able to raise a child together and welcome them into our lives!

We are planning on talking to our child about his or her adoption from a very young age, and we want them to know that the adoption was wonderful because it is the way our family came together. We want them to know about their birth mother and family because that family is an important part of who they are, and it always will be. We want the best for this child, and would love to be able to send you photos and letters along the way so you know your child is happy and cared for. We would also be happy to keep in contact through texts, emails and phone calls, to let you know how they are doing. We will always be honest with our child about how their birth mother loves them so much they allowed us to be their parents. We know at a certain age they will likely want to reach out to you and ask questions and once they are to the age where we believe they can make that decision we would of course allow that. We always want to do what is in our child's best interest.

Our life together will be everything you could hope for your child. We will give them unconditional love, the ability to choose their own path and the support to achieve their dreams. We will be the type of parents that teach them all the sports and academics they want and allow them to choose which direction they want to go. We live in southern Missouri where we own a farm which gives us plenty of land to be able to explore and share with our child. We believe living on our farm will help to teach this child responsibility and work ethic as well as being able to enjoy the sunshine and outdoors. We can't wait to go to school events, games, or whatever they choose to be a part of. We also love to travel and can't wait to share that passion with our new addition!

We hope that you consider us to be a part of your future.

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