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OF HIGH SCHOOL  
SWEETHEARTS WEAVE  
THEIR HERITAGE  
AND HOBBIES INTO  
PERSONAL  
CELEBRATIONS

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### *Ofelia Guevara and Josue Vazquez*

Though Ofelia Guevara, 31, and Josue Vazquez, 30, met close to home, their love for travel has taken them far and away.

Both Joliet residents, they met in art class as sophomores at Joliet Central High School, but didn't start dating until their senior year. Over the next decade of dating, they often planned trips for New Year's Eve, celebrating in destinations such as Miami and Puerto Rico. It was during a holiday trip to New Orleans in 2015 that Vazquez, a ramp supervisor with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Co. in Elwood, proposed to Guevara, a hairstylist at C'zar Salon Spa in Bolingbrook.

Both of their families are of Mexican heritage, so the couple had a traditional Mexican ceremony at St. Joseph's Church in Joliet, where they exchanged coins (called arras) and were draped with a rosary called a lasso. "It was one of my mom's favorite churches and I remember going there as a little girl,"

Guevara says. Next, they joined their 150 guests at Emerson Creek Pottery and Tea Room in Oswego, an idyllic venue surrounded by prairie and cornfields.

"We wanted as Mexican of a wedding as possible," Vazquez says, and from the mariachi band to the churro-flavored wedding cake, they truly delivered. "We wanted to stick to our roots," Guevara says.

Emerson Creek's barn was decorated with rustic details, such as delicate white papel picado banners and baby's breath tucked into clay cups that the couple purchased in Mexico. The adjacent wedding tent was pure vintage elegance, from the gold vases and lanterns to the dark floral arrangements studded with plum blooms, feathery greenery and succulents. For their sweetheart table, they rented a tufted vintage love-seat that made for myriad photo ops.

Vazquez and Guevara skipped a honeymoon since they had both traveled

