“BRINGING UP BATES” THIRD DAUGHTER ALYSSA AND HUSBAND JOHN WEBSTER ANNOUNCE THEY ARE EXPECTING THEIR FIRST CHILD

HAPPY NEWS FOLLOWS RECENT HEALTHY BIRTH OF THE FIRST BATES GRANDCHILD

UP’S NEW ORIGINAL REALITY SERIES “BRINGING UP BATES,” WITH THE BATES FAMILY AND THEIR 19 CHILDREN, WILL PREMIERE EXCLUSIVELY ON JAN. 1

ATLANTA – November 19, 2014 – Upcoming UP Original Series “Bringing Up Bates” stars Alyssa (20) and her husband John Webster (25), son of recently re-elected U.S. Representative Daniel Webster (R-Fla.) and wife Sandra, today announced that they are expecting their first child and the Bates family’s second grandchild. This news follows the Oct. 29th healthy birth of Bradley Gilvin Bates, the family’s first grandchild and first child for eldest son Zach Bates (25) and his wife Whitney. Alyssa and John’s baby is due April 2015. The 13-episode UP Original Series “Bringing Up Bates,” a brand-new reality series that takes a fresh look at an uncommon, ultra-conservative American family with 19 children and larger-than-life personalities, will make its world television premiere on UP at 9 p.m. EST on New Year’s Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015.

Alyssa and John married six months ago on May 24, 2014 at Salem Baptist Church in Knoxville, TN. The wedding and the whole supersized Bates family were recently featured on the ABC late-night news program “Nightline.” The newlyweds now live in Clermont, FL, where his family lives. John works as a technician at the family’s air conditioning business with his brothers. Before moving over 625 miles from home and the world she grew up in, Alyssa was the Bates family chief shopper and ‘chef,’ as well as tax secretary for her father’s tree service business.
In addition to all the Bates family fun in TN, the series will check in with Alyssa and John regularly in FL to see how she is managing with things like morning sickness, missing her family and starting her own home and traditions.

Alyssa and John said, "We are overwhelmed with excitement to be expecting. We can’t wait to welcome our precious little baby into the world. Our child is going to be spoiled with so many aunts and uncles."

“We are thrilled to learn that we have another grand baby on the way!!,” said grandparents Gil and Kelly Jo Bates. “Our cup is overflowing with blessings! We can hardly wait to welcome this little one into the world!”

Led by devoted father Gil (49) and his loving wife Kelly Jo (47), the Bates do everything in bulk while staying true to their values and rules for the family – which means everyone has chores, little to no TV, only dresses for girls (though pajamas are worn in private), strictly side-hugs until marriage (except for front hugs on special occasions), and more. With a grand total of 19 children ranging in age from 2 to 25, they are the definition of a “big, happy family.” But lately – as viewers will see – their simple rural lifestyle in Tennessee is in a flurry of transitions and is continually challenged by the modern world.

The upcoming UP Original Series will explore new, ever-changing family dynamics as the Bates celebrate the birth of the 1st grandchild, Bradley Gilvin Bates, with son Zach (25) and his wife Whitney; foster the courtship of Michaella (24) and Brandon Keilen by allowing him to share an extended visit with the family during the holiday season; support Erin (23) and her husband Chad Paine as they face a health issue that challenges their hope of starting a family; check in on newlywed Alyssa (20) as she finds her way in Florida with new husband, John Webster, the son of recently re-elected U.S. Representative Daniel Webster (R-Fla.) and prepare for the birth of her first child; encourage Tori (18) to bring order to the family schedule and step up to meet the challenges of child training as her parents have become more lax in their later years. To support his supersized family, Gil runs a tree service, and relies on sons Lawson (22), Nathan (21), and Trace (17) to help him. Meanwhile, Kelly Jo navigates all the meals, laundry, home schooling, cut knees, birthdays and more as the holidays approach. With the next generation of Bates couples building lives outside their parents’ nest and responsibilities shifting to the younger kids – who may not be ready to handle the pressure – this abundant family will have bigger drama, bigger challenges and bigger life events to celebrate in the UP Original Series *Bringing Up Bates.*

UP presents *Bringing Up Bates,* an UP Entertainment production in association with Figure 8 Films. Executive Producers are Bill Hayes, Kirk Streb and Matthew Hightower. Supervising Producer is Jen Stocks. Senior Production Manager is Kami Winningham. Series Producer is Mary Wilcher. Post Producer is Tori Holder.

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