



“Yep, we’re pretty tight,” Sarah said. Sarah’s mom caught up in the moment took the note from her daughter. Thinking she had handed her a hanky, she set it aside. Following the ceremony, the note was retrieved and delivered, adding a memorable anecdote to this wedding story full of many avenues of love.

Longtime family friend and church pastor Nicholas Nilema, aka Father Nick, prior to the wedding had asked Sarah and Marcus to each write what they loved about the other.

“During our ceremony he surprised us by reading what we had written. It was a Father Nick’s perfect touch,” Sarah said.

The couple said their “I do’s,” became Mr. and Mr. Marcus Brown and made their way through their guests as Melissa Linder played “Wrapped Up In You;” and photographer Jessica Starr captured their happiness.

At the reception site, the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, K and M Caterers had a bounty of appetizers and libations ready and waiting as the 400 guests began to arrive.

Dinner was served at 5:30.

“Again everything was perfect,” Sarah said.

Kari Alfonse, the “K” of the catering duo, returned the compliment.

“I’ve dealt with a lot of really nice people, and the LaCoste Family is one of the nicest. Sarah’s mom, Sally, is an awesome planner,” said Kari.

Not much for cake, the newlyweds had 600 cake pops — resembling Tootsie Roll Pops — shipped from Raleigh, N.C.

“We served them in flower pots. My flower girls and cousins refilled all evening,” Sarah said.

And befitting the sweet celebration, Bruce’s Candy Kitchen created a huge candy bar, a hit with all ages.

No detail overlooked, one of Marcus’ mom’s friend made a little wedding cake to cut, as Sarah’s sister Sophie, who was the maid of honor, her dad, Kevin LaCoste, and best man, Marcus’ brother Kevin Brown offered toasts.

Dan Gastelum, from Southern California, volunteered to take care of all the music at the reception.

“Honestly I think he did more planning for our reception than I did. He was unreal. It was perfect too,” said Sarah.

The newlyweds’ first dance was Kenny Chesney’s “Me and You,” and the crowd was up and ready to party.

The bride and groom left for the Cannery Hotel before midnight, a happy Mr. and Mrs.

Rumor has it their guests partied on.

Two days later it was back to real life. Marcus started his senior year at the OSU where he, Sarah and Maisyn live with Grandma Pat (of the ‘Love you more’ note fame). No grass growing under the couple’s feet, a day after fall term ended, they were off again to honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Marcus graduates in June — stay tuned for the Brown family’s next adventure.

“Really everything was just so special about our wedding, but especially the way it brought all of us together. But then I’m biased! Yep!” adds the new Mrs. Brown.