



Magnificent location

THE KATRINA GODWIN AND JIM COULTER WEDDING

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They started out as friends, but after Jim Coulter and Katrina Godwin began dating a year later, friendship blossomed into love.

Eventually, it became time to plan a wedding, and the couple took a road trip to determine where they wanted to have their beach ceremony.

The Eugene couple had never been to Cannon Beach, but once they turned off the highway and headed into town, they knew that's where they wanted to be married.

"It's a location we both fell in love with," Jim said. "There's a real homey vibe with the little shops. The beach is magnificent."

"We knew right away that it was the right location," Katrina said.

Katrina had a specific goal: "I wanted to get married on the sand."

It was a request that the Surfsand Resort could accommodate. Other resorts elsewhere offered the couple only inside venues overlooking the beach. But the Surfsand provides several wedding locations, including an outside

area at the ocean's edge.

Katrina found flowers at Basketcase. Three kinds of cupcakes — chocolate cake with chocolate filling, white with lemon filling and white with raspberry filling — were prepared by Cakes by Jae. "They were amazing," Katrina said.

About 100 guests descended on Cannon Beach from Eugene, Boston, Denver and San Diego for the Aug. 14, 2016, wedding. Many had never visited the town before.

"They were completely amazed at the scenery," Jim said.

Although it had rained the day before, the sun rose on the wedding day, and it remained dry. >>