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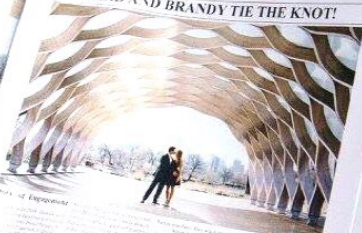


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Story of Engagement

SONOMA -- In 2014, Brandy and Chad packed up their lives and moved across the country from Chicago, Illinois to San Francisco, California. The year was filled with adventure: there were road trips, new friends, new jobs, and a lot of plane rides home. One short year later, the two realized that as much as they enjoyed California, their hearts were still in the Midwest. Once the couple finalized their plans to head back to Chicago, their friends and family started looking at their calendars, hoping to visit San Francisco before the move.

As luck would have it, the same weekend worked out for Brandy's sister and a few of Chad's friends to make the trip. This thrilled Brandy, and she immediately took to planning an action-packed visit, with

Saturday being a trip to wine country. (That's right, folks! Only Brandy would be able to pull off planning her very own engagement.) On Saturday, April 25th, everyone met for mimosas at the couple's Nob Hill apartment. From there, a limo picked up the ten friends, and they headed to Sonoma. Their first stop was a picturesque vineyard called Ram's Gate.

"A few days before the trip, when I was sharing with my friend Kristin the plans for the weekend, she told me it sounded like an engagement was coming," Brandy shared with *The Chandy Times*. "I told her there was no way it was happening, because my sister's fiancé wasn't able to make the trip. I was simply positive that my sister would be kept in the loop if an engagement was on the way, and I was equally certain she'd make sure

James was there. Boy was I wrong!"

When the group arrived at Ram's Gate, Chad asked Brandy if she wanted to go for a walk by the pond. "I pulled her aside the second we got there," Chad shared with us. "I knew I had to! I was sure if we sat down and started a wine tasting, it would be difficult to convince her to leave our friends to go for a walk."

When the couple found themselves surrounded by vines, next to the pond, Chad got down on one knee. "His hand was shaking, and he tried to put the ring on the wrong finger," Brandy laughed. "He told me he loved me and wanted to spend the rest of his life with me. I think I just kept saying thank you."

After soaking up the moment, a woman led Brandy and Chad to a private tasting room. When they walked into the room, their friends

were waiting. "We're engaged," the couple screamed. Brandy's sister burst into tears. A very special part of the engagement weekend was that Sara did not know anything was happening. When she started crying, Brandy started crying.

"When we were sharing the story with our friends, Chad told me he didn't think I said yes. After mulling that over, I told him I wasn't even sure if he asked me to marry him! We spent the rest of the day laughing about that," Brandy joked. The rest of the day was spent touring different vineyards, drinking champagne that Chad's friend brought all the way from France, laughing, smiling, and celebrating the best day ever with some of their very closest friends. The couple reported it to be the perfect day!

Program of Events

Seating of the Mothers

Bonnie Wortinger, escorted by her husband, Charles Wortinger
Vickie Wales, escorted by her son, Chad Wales

Processional

Brooke Stingelin and Ryan Black
Jessica Saltzman and Scott Black
Jenna Sandstead and Alex Black
Ashley and Brian Marentette, with their son Graham (ring bearer)
Christine O'Hara and Craig Birch
Kristin Henney and Alex Smith
Sara Wortinger and Dave Yen

Bride's Processional

Please rise as the bride enters with her father



Opening Words

Reverend Dave Yen

Declaration of Intent

Giving of the Bride

Reading

Jim Wales ~ Blessing of the Hands

Exchange of Vows

Exchange of the Rings

Declaration of Marriage

Recessional



RECEPTION DETAILS



5:30 p.m.
Cocktail Hour

6:00 p.m.
Reception Begins

6:15 p.m.
Bride and Groom Intro

6:30 p.m.
Dinner

7:00 p.m.
Speeches:
Father of the Bride
Maid of Honor
Best Man

7:30 p.m.
Dances:
Bride/Groom
Father/Daughter
Mother/Son

10:30 p.m.
S'mores

11:00 p.m.
Bus Transportation Provided
(free overnight parking)

The Wedding Party

THE GROOMSMEN:



KALAMAZOO -- **Craig Birch** and Chad met while at Western Michigan University. They were both members of the Sigma Chi fraternity, working toward Aviation degrees. With Craig on the bottom bunk and Chad on the top bunk, the two roommates were pilots by day and raging party hosts at night. After graduation, Craig moved to Arizona and Chad moved to Chicago, but the two remained close friends. Chad was honored to stand by Craig when he married Kellie in 2013. Craig and Kellie live in Atlanta Georgia with their son, Brantley. Craig enjoys the finer things in life, like low taxes and peaches.

While in charge of recruitment for the Sigma Chi fraternity, Chad met prospective brother, and huge nerd, **Alex Smith**. The fraternity needed someone to set up their wireless Internet, and knowing Alex was just the man for the job, Chad gave Alex a bid. Alex was quick to

set up a wireless router and increase the fraternity's bandwidth. Alex and Chad enjoyed discussing politics, religion, economics and the meaning of life. (Craig Birch would occasionally join the conversation by shouting, "taxes," "guns," or "George Bush".) Alex currently lives in Seattle with his fiancée, Helen. Alex is a Business Analyst for Hexcel Corporation. His job has taken him to Spain, China, Germany and London. He remains a huge Nerd.

Chad and **Dave Yen** met freshmen year of high school. Chad was new to the public schools and trying to make friends. He asked Dave, the cute Asian boy on the bus, if he'd like to ride his new moped. Dave thought this was weird, but he felt bad for Chad. Chad sat on the front and steered, while Dave sat on the back and held Chad's hips for dear life. The two have been best friends since. Throughout high school, Dave and Chad were in-

separable, often throwing parties at their parents' houses and TPing the neighbors' houses. After college, Chad and Dave took a two-week trip to China to visit Dave's brother. This is when Chad developed his love for Asian food and culture. Fast-forward a few years to when Dave helped Chad get a job at Salesforce, in San Francisco. (It should be noted that Dave bribed the hiring manager with cookies his wife, Tricia, made.) Always on the hunt for the most delicious Xiao Long Bao, Dave, Tricia, Brandy and Chad (one big happy "Framily") enjoyed weekend trips to Shanghai Dumpling, Sonoma, and Dolores Park. Dave currently works for a company he founded, RoomBlocker.com.

"The Black Boys" (**Alex, Scott, and Ryan Black**) are Chad's cousins. The four grew up together, spending weekends at Portage Lake with their families, riding in "Uncle Mike's boat". As a beer connois-

seur, it only makes sense that Alex works as a beer distributor. After a few brews, he has been known to bring down the house with his whistling serenades. Buying car parts, Ryan works in procurement. Ryan is the father of a handsome toddler, Brenden. As an aspiring writer, Scott is pursuing his Masters in English. Scottie can beat anyone in a poetry slam! The Black Boys have been known to cut a rug with their dance moves, so be on the lookout tonight!

Chad and **Brian Marentette** have been brothers for almost three years now. Both only having sisters prior to Brian marrying Chad's sister, Ashley, the two have enjoyed every minute of brotherhood, often indulging in fine scotch and cigars. Brian, Ashley, and their ring-bearing son, Graham, live three blocks away from Chad and Brandy in Chicago. They spend at least part of almost every weekend together.

MEET THE BRIDESMAIDS



Sara Wortinger

Born three years after her sister, Sara came into this world to become Brandy's partner in crime, shoulder to cry on, and best friend. As partners in crime, the girls watered their mom's favorite tree with a gallon of milk, hoping to make its limbs strong like bones. R.I.P. Tree. Sara provided a shoulder to cry on when the girls were grounded for calling 9-1-1 during a routine game of house. Who knew the cops would show up? Going to college together and both joining Zeta only made their stories sillier and friendship stronger. It's college where the girls became best friends. "I thank God every day for choosing Sara to be my little sissy." Brandy shared. "She's my past and my future. She's my voice of reason and rock. She's an extension of myself."



Kristin Henney

One of Brandy's favorite memories is going with Kristin to meet her now husband, Jason. "He has a great family," was Kristin's signature line. Truer words have never been spoken. Brandy is grateful for the entire Henney family.



Ashley Marentette

Ashley was one of Brandy's first friends at Indiana University. From white water rafting to education classes, the two shared endless college memories. Brandy is thrilled to now call Ashley her sister.



Jessica Saltzman

From creative footwear, to synchronized swimming, to utility closets, Brandy and Jessica have been thick as thieves since they paid \$175 rent. Brandy is thankful for this potluck roommate and truly loves her.



Christine O'Hara

From across the hall to across the country, Brandy and Christine have remained the closest of friends since they joined ZTA. No matter how far between visits, the two always catch up with Sweet Mandy B's.



Jenna Sandstead

Brandy and Jenna have Kristen Lizer McKinlay to thank for their friendship. On Mom's night, Brandy met Harry Potter-loving "Baby Jenna." These two teachers have been inseparable since.



Brooke Stingelin

B2 (Brooke) and B1 (Brandy) have been friends since they met during Bid Week. Whether it was sharing bunk beds, IDs, or Cubs tickets, the two have giggled their way from Lake Griffy drives to Chicago.

Wedded Bliss

THE LOVE THAT INSPIRES THE COUPLE

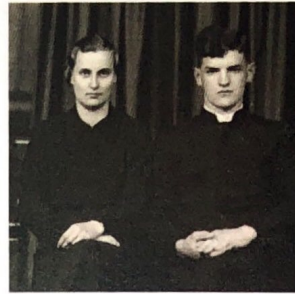
i carry your heart with me
e.e. cummings

i carry your heart with me
 (i carry it in my heart)
 i am never without it
 (anywhere i go you go, my dear;
 and whatever is done by only me
 is your doing, my darling)

i fear no fate
 (for you are my fate, my sweet)
 i want no world
 (for beautiful you are my world, my true)
 and it's you are whatever
 a moon has always meant
 and whatever a sun
 will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret
 nobody knows
 (here is the root of the root
 and the bud of the bud
 and the sky of the sky
 of a tree called life;
 which grows higher
 than the soul can hope
 or mind can hide)
 and this is the wonder
 that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart
 (i carry it in my heart)



Alta and Ralph



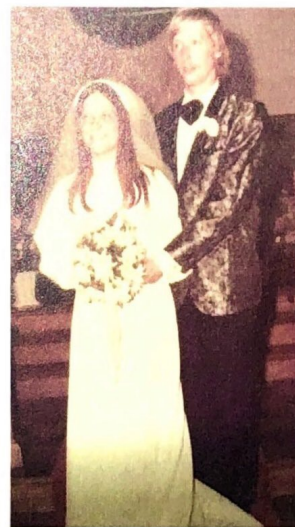
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Mary and Bill



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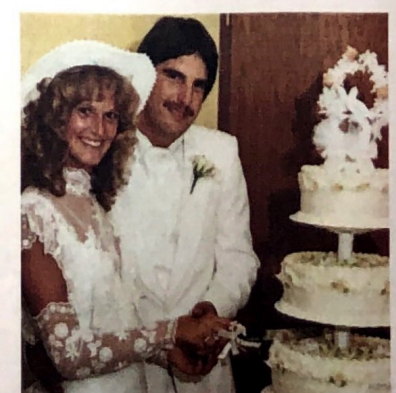
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LAST MINUTE GIFT IDEAS FOR THE COUPLE

Wish List Registry

CHICAGO -- Do you find buying gifts off a couple's registry impersonal? We've all been there! We're here to help. The editors from Chandy Times met with Chad and Brandy to help make your last-minute gift-buying conundrum a little more personal.



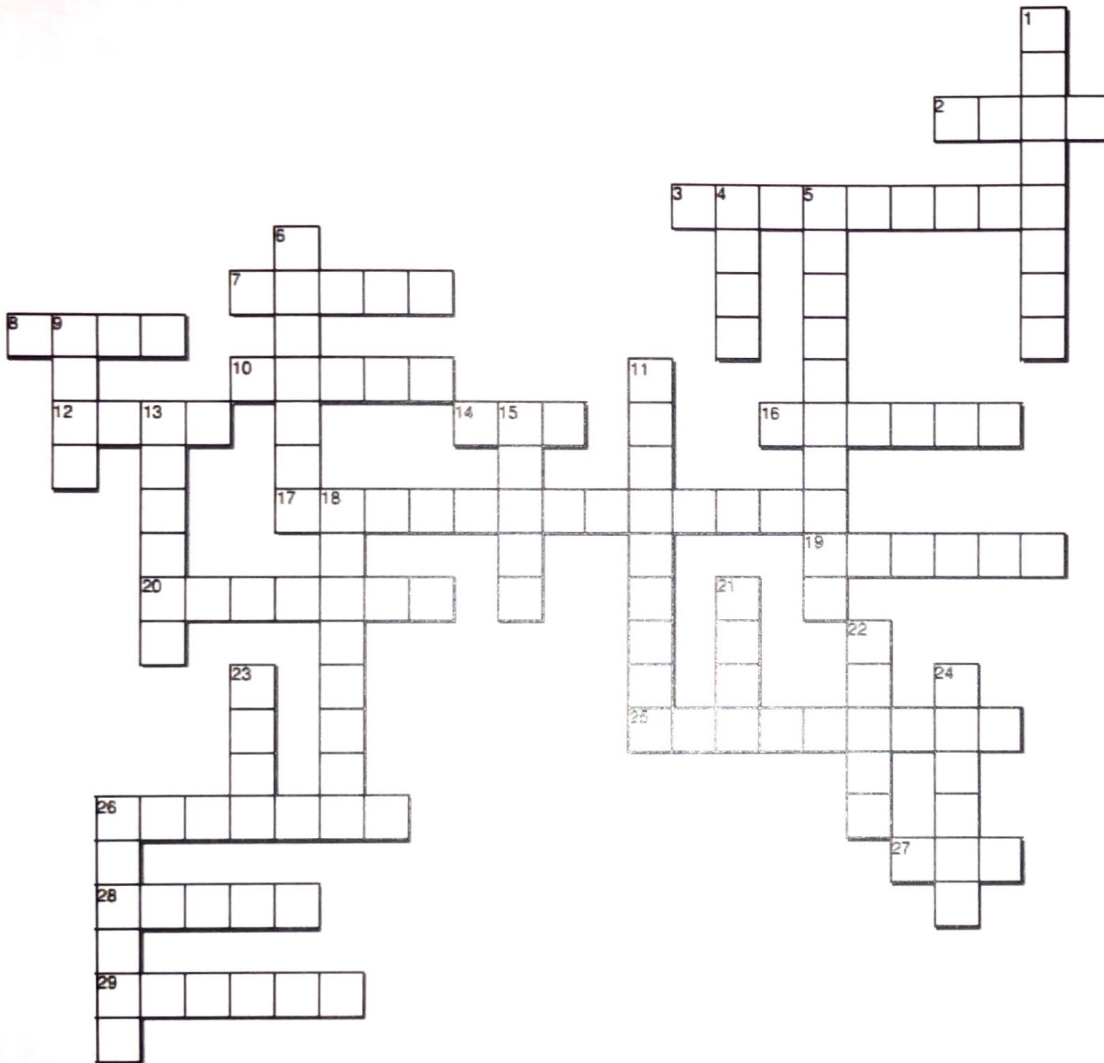
Chad would like a Cirrus SR22, just like he flew in college. He would prefer the shade slate grey, but he isn't picky. "It would be nice to be able to get away on the weekends," shared Chad. We can't argue with him there! He is also requesting the high altitude package, with supplemental oxygen. Safety first, folks! Lastly, because the couple hopes to fly in style, Chad has asked us to add to the wish list an XM Satellite Radio and matching his and hers Bose headsets.

Chad would also like to own a sailboat to go sailing on Lake Michigan and a speedboat with a pair of Jet Skis. But knowing Chicago weather, we think a snowmobile might just do the trick.

Brandy, however, wants something slightly more practical. Located on the south side of Martha's Vineyard, near the area's best beaches, sits a quaint, 12-acre island. The island rings in at the bargain price of \$9,500,000. What a steal! This five-bedroom property will be the perfect weekend escape. Friends and family are invited to relax on the 1,300 square feet oceanfront beach or bask in the sun at nearby Squibnocket Beach.

Recognizing that islands go fast these days, Brandy said she would be happy to settle for a vineyard in Sonoma or a palace in London. Brandy says, "You can't put a price on happiness, and sometimes you have to Treat Yo Self."

Puzzle Time



Across

2. What is the first name of the reverend marrying the couple?
3. Brandy _____.
7. What is the name of Chad's favorite cat?
8. In what social activity did Chad partake during college?
10. What light beer was Chad's college choice?
12. Wang of wedding wear.
14. At what school does Brandy currently teach?
16. In what city did the couple get engaged?
17. In what California city did the couple live? (2 Words)
19. What is the name of the couple's favorite nephew?
20. Where did the couple share their first kiss? (2 Words)
25. What is Chad's hometown? (2 words)
26. What is Chad's longest lasting Chad Fad?
27. What is their favorite color of wine?
28. Divider of wedding guests.
29. At what school did Chad receive his Masters in Business Information Technology?

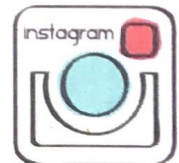
Down

1. 1148 W. _____.
4. _____ bar.
5. Brandy is working toward earning a Masters in Educational _____.
6. What is the name of the couple's favorite Chicago pizza place?
9. Letters on a wedding invitation.
11. At I.U., what was the preferred vodka choice?
13. _____ Bullock. (Bride's Dress)
15. What month did the couple get engaged?
18. In what did Chad receive his undergraduate degree?
21. Wilson of 'Wedding Crashers'.
22. What Zodiac sign do Brandy and Chad share?
23. Groomsmen socks.
24. What is Brandy's hometown?
26. Summer _____.



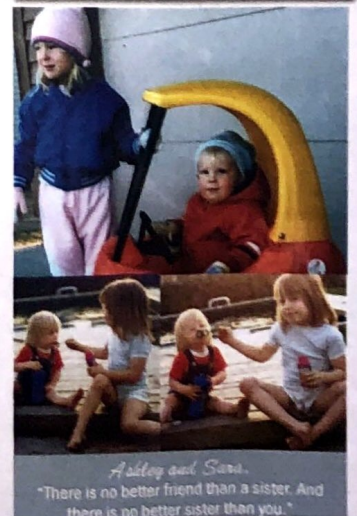
Contact Sue Luther Events and Liquor Cabinet for your bartending needs.

Oh Snap!



During our wedding, please use:

#summerchandy



Asley and Sara.
"There is no better friend than a sister. And there is no better sister than you."

That's Life



“DEAR LUCY”

Dear Lucy:

I am writing to you in hope of finding out more about a mystery I encountered while on the “L” Wednesday. I was commuting to work at approximately 8:50AM when I overheard a gaggle of fellow train riders buzzing about a notorious Chicagoland food critic who will be featured on Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations. Though I tried my hardest to catch his name, it was to no avail. Please help!

-Bewildered Brown Line Rider

Dear Bewildered:

Let me start by saying you are not alone in asking about this esteemed food critic, as I have received many e-mails about this momentous event. This coming Friday, Chicago’s very own @eats_by_chad will be receiving a visit from Anthony Bourdain. @eats_by_chad will be showing Bourdain Little Goat, Girl and the Goat, and Duck Duck Goat. @eats_by_chad says, “I can’t wait to introduce Anthony to my favorite dish, the sweet potato perogies. Made with mushrooms, capers, and apple, the complex flavors work perfectly together.”



eats_by_chad FOLLOWING

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ROUND BARN

10983 Hills Rd.
Baroda, MI 49101

The weekend ambience at Round Barn is hopping! With live outdoor music, you will be in the company of hundreds of other winos enjoying the tunes. Lawn chairs and sun umbrellas/tents are encouraged. Step inside the expansive, round, tasting room. Your tasting fee will include five samples, a souvenir glass, and a discount on purchases. You can also take a stroll through the vineyard or check out the barn for beers. While not required, reservations are recommended.

DABLON

111 W. Shawnee Rd.
Baroda, MI 49101

Are you looking for an upscale winery in Southwest Michigan? Look no further. Dablon Winery boasts a 2,400 square foot tasting room, overlooking 30 sprawling acres of vineyards. Catch some rays on patio, where you can listen to local acoustic artists, or cozy up by the fireplace indoors at the granite bar and enjoy the lighting of chandeliers. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 4-6pm, all wines by the glass are \$2 off. Dablon is the perfect place to host your next book club or shower.

GRAVITY

10220 Lauer Rd.
Baroda, MI 49101

Take in all nature has to offer by visiting Gravity Winery. Located near beautiful vineyards and a pond, Gravity is known for their wine and chocolate pairings (for reds) and cheese (for white). After the welcoming employees expertly guide your selections (recommended: a wine flight or delicious strawberry cider), sit on the large outdoor patio, which seats over 100, and enjoy the live music. Gravity is the modern and edgy new winery taking Southwest Michigan by storm!

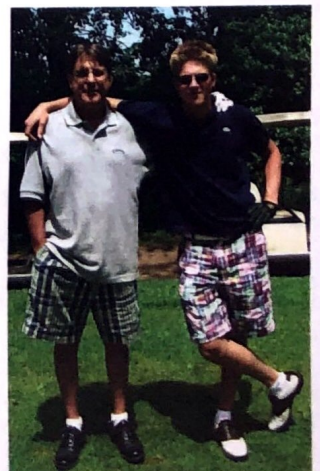


CHEERS, BIG MIKE

Dad,

I wish you could be here in person today, but I know you are here in spirit. I miss our weekend outings to Portage Lake, lazy Sundays hanging out together, and playing golf with you and Grandpa. You had such a love for your family, and I know you’d welcome Brandy with open arms. I know you’d see the same qualities in her that I do. I can imagine bringing her home to meet the family and you stepping me aside, with your arm around me, telling me she’s beautiful. If you still were here today, you’d come

visit us in Chicago, and we’d go boating on Lake Michigan. You would be there for the birth of our children, and you’d teach them to play golf. When Brandy and I would have an argument, I know you’d sit at the corner of the bar on a Sunday with me and give me advice. You’d tell me to love her with all my heart. If you were here today, I know you’d stand up in front of our guests tonight, trembling with nerves, and give a wedding toast. If you were here today... you’d be my best man.



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tears of sorrow, and tears of joy. These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children. These are the hands that will help you to hold your family as one. These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it. And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

Memories Matter

We would like to thank each of you for sharing with us the first day of our life together. More than anything else, it's the presence of the people

we love that makes today the special occasion it is. First and foremost, we would like to thank our families, especially our parents, for their unconditional love, support, and patience throughout the years. To our friends and relatives, thank you so much for making this an unforgettable day. And finally, on this most special milestone, we wish to lovingly remember those close to our hearts who are no longer with us. We know they are here with us in spirit, and the wonderful memories of the precious times shared with each of them will be cherished forever.

LOVE IS PATIENT
LOVE IS KIND
IT DOES NOT ENVY
IT DOES NOT BOAST
love IT IS NOT PROUD
IT IS NOT RUDE
IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING
IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED
KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS
DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH
ALWAYS PROTECTS
ALWAYS TRUSTS
ALWAYS HOPES
ALWAYS PERSEVERES
LOVE NEVER FAILS
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