

Everyone in the wedding party offers a toast to the newlyweds during the reception.

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Grandma Dorothy Hoffman's watch. For something borrowed Corie decided to tuck one of her mom's handkerchiefs into one of those pockets (with her cell phone and tissues in the other). For something blue, she wove Grandma Hoffman's Mary medal through her bouquet. Her something new would be her gown and shoes.

Meanwhile, while still at David's, Corie's bridesmaids scattered and lo and behold — they found the perfect bridesmaid dress as well, a lovely blush shade in a style that suited everyone's body type.

"I canceled the other appointments and we made a girls afternoon of it." The day provided an opportunity for the bridesmaids to get to know each other better, since they all came from different elements of Corie's life.

The couple hired Leanna Genet with LGM Photography to capture their day. Then they moved on to the food.

"We didn't want fried chicken," both explain.

What to do, what to do? Hmmm ...

Living in Huntingburg, the couple was very familiar with Mama T's. They contacted the restaurant owner to see if he would be willing to cater the reception. "We wanted super comfort food," they both agree. The meal would be served buffet style and would include baked spaghetti, chicken alfredo, rice with steamed vegetables, sweet glazed chicken and salad, along with tea, lemonade and canned soft drinks. "Everyone loved the food," Ryan enthuses.

The Gaslight agreed to tend bar, providing two draft beers and white wine sangria.

"Instead of cake we decided on cheese-cake," says Corie.

Enter Tina Huddleston from Jasper, a/k/a the Cheesecake Fairy, who createD cheesecake cupcakes complete with a topping bar, plus a special eightinch cheesecake for the newlyweds. "It was so delicious," Corie proclaims.

In addition, Mad Batter, also in Jasper, baked champagne flavored cake balls — also fabulous.

Corie, who is an artist, decided she would design and create the flowers herself. Her bouquet would feature hydrangeas and peonies and the bridesmaids would be crafted from peonies and greenery. The centerpieces featured vintage, rustic glass adorned with hydrangeas and roses.

"I really enjoyed working with the flowers," Corie recalls.

The couple's Christmas card in 2016 doubled as their save the date card.

At this point pretty much all the details were in place, meaning it was time to begin the pre-nuptial celebrations.

Showered with love

It was time for both the bride and groom's friends and family to get together, so instead of a traditional, girls only shower, it was decided to honor Corie and Ryan with a themed couples shower.

"Most of the groomsmen are not local," explains Ryan, so this was also a way for all members of the wedding party to get to know each other.

The theme?

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Corie truly enjoyed designing all the floral arrangements herself, both for the ceremony and the reception. She kept the palette to blush pink and cream, with touches of gold and glass.