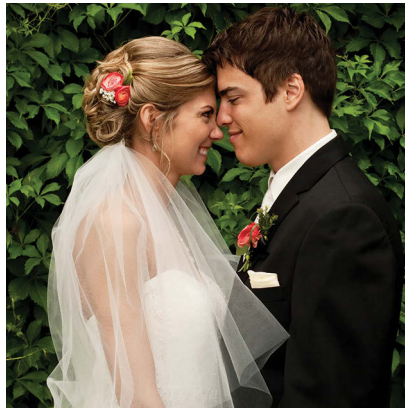
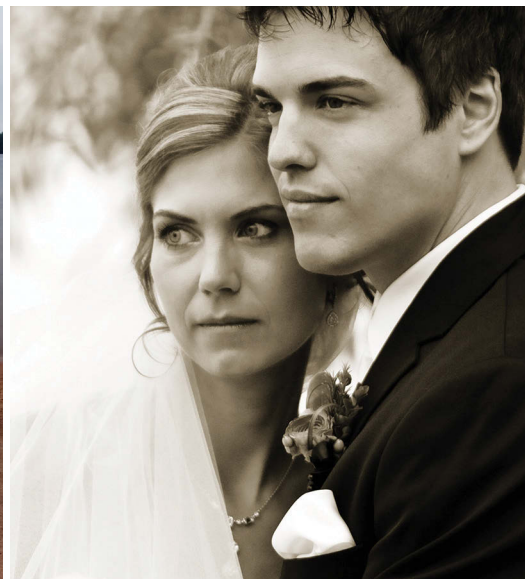


AMANDA UNRUH *and* ANDREW BOCCHI

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Amanda Unruh thought she was applying for a summer job at American Eagle. She had no idea she was actually meeting the love of her life for the very first time. It was summer of 2006, and Amanda and her future husband, Andrew Bocchi, were the only two being interviewed that day. There was an immediate attraction for both of them. It was just a few short weeks before Andrew worked up the courage to ask Amanda out for ice cream. She agreed, and ever since then, their love has continued to blossom.

As the two worked their way through college, their love only grew deeper. Finally, Andrew knew it was the time to ask Amanda to be his wife. He set up an elaborate ruse to take her “camping” along the North Shore. Exactly one year earlier, the couple had hiked the Split Rock River Trail, just south of the Split Rock Lighthouse. Andrew knew the perfect spot to propose to Amanda was on that trail. “The horizon appears and there’s a sweeping view of Lake Superior from the top of the bluff. I chose that spot to propose to Amanda.” Of course, Amanda said yes! Following the proposal Andrew then revealed his real plans for the trip: a romantic resort on Lake Superior.

As a child, Amanda longed to be a princess. She kept her childhood dream in mind while planning for the big day. “I originally thought I wanted an A-line lace dress. After trying on one that was a bit fuller, I fell in love and asked them to bring one that was even bigger. I felt like a princess—it was like playing dress up.” Amanda finally decided on her beautiful gown: a full, strapless ball gown with delicate details of lace and sequins decorating the bodice. To top off her princess wardrobe, Amanda even found silver Cinderella slippers to wear on her special day.

The other details of the wedding fell into place flawlessly. Their romantic, fairy tale wedding fit perfectly with Amanda’s fairy tale vision. Amanda and Andrew chose the shores of Gull Lake at Cragun’s Resort as the immaculate backdrop for them to pledge their never-ending love to one another.

On the morning of June 22, 2013, everything was perfectly prepared. Bridesmaids were stunning in their strapless coral dresses, each lovely lady held a gorgeous bouquet of hydrangeas, garden roses, and ranunculus.

Mason jars adorned with hydrangeas swayed from shepherd’s hooks. As perfect as everything was the day of the wedding, the weather was sure to keep the bride and groom on their toes. “It was supposed to be stormy day, but our wedding and part of our reception were supposed to be outside.” In the end, they made the call to keep their outdoor wedding plans and hoped for the best.

They’ll be delighted with that decision for the rest of their lives. Though it never rained, it stayed overcast for pictures and the ceremony, with the sun dipping in and out of the clouds. Then, the moment the new Mr. and Mrs. Bocchi shared their first kiss as husband and wife, the sun popped out and shone brightly on the beautiful couple. Everyone there was awed to witness such an incredible, heartwarming moment.

In keeping with the princess theme, Amanda and Andrew were whisked away for a romantic, Cinderella-inspired horse-drawn carriage ride before the reception. This was the only moment of the day the couple got to spend alone with each other, and they cherish the memory of sharing these precious moments together—their first minutes as husband and wife. It was the perfect beginning to their new life together.

Amanda and Andrew were not interested in a huge dance, so they planned something even better. A bonfire at the beach, complete with an acoustic guitar player, a s’mores bar, and a slushie maker entertained their guests way into the late hours of the night. Amanda and Andrew shared their first dance at sunset on the beach while the guitarist played their song: “I Won’t Give up” by Jason Mraz. After the sun had set, all 120 of the couple’s guests gathered to light Chinese Wish Lanterns. They shone brightly as a symbol of Amanda and Andrew’s love when they were released into the summer night sky.

Amanda Mary Unruh is the daughter of Chuck and Mary Kay Unruh of West St. Paul. Andrew Lee Bocchi is the son of Jim and Annette Bocchi of Apple Valley. They are both teachers and reside in Baxter, Minnesota.

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew and Amanda Bocchi

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