

## "We'd rather be in a forest than on a beach"

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Their brothers were the best of friends so my couple knew each other clear through school. They even occasionally were on the bus together, but she was two years ahead of him, plus weren't in the same crowds. He noted: "Well, she was a good girl and I wasn't particularly a good boy!" He wrestled; she was in band and 4-H. We met at Brother Joe's BBQ at Waveland where she works part time and they made me laugh so hard especially when she remarked that, "He's not a farm boy," and he piped-up, "Yes, I am!"

We talked about their differences, and one of those went along with that last statement. "He's very clean and organized and doesn't like my animals because they are dirty!" They live on a mini-farm on a dirt road and she loves the dirt, the mowing, the animals. They have rabbits, goats and all kinds, including three dogs and had a couple of cats. The cats were Fred and Ethel but Ethel was a wild one, quite promiscuous so Fred divorced her and she died from having too many younguns. The dogs are Ricky, Lucy and Milo. Speaking of famous people, my guests laughed several times saying that they were going to be celebrities when this article came out.

Well, a year or two after she got out of school, she and her gpa' went to Lafayette to look for a car – they purchased one from him and a few days later he called to see how the car was, but more importantly to ask her out. She had dated the same boy since 8<sup>th</sup> grade and decided it was time for a change and thus said, sure she'd go out with him as he was clean-cut, good looking and nice. Nice reasons, but he had to admit it was all about the physical attraction for him. However, he was quick to note, "Well, it developed from there." Both agreed they had lots of fun together.

Their first date was scotch doubles bowling, then they went to Steak & Shake where he got food poisoning on chili. He still loves chili but never orders it there. That was February 26<sup>th</sup> then in October, after going with her brother and his, Adam and Nick, to a football game in Indianapolis, he had a steak dinner ready for her and proposed. Then, June 3, the following summer, in 1995, they were married in New Market Christian Church (Rev. Mike Sabens) with 250 guests. For many years, she has been a Sunday School teacher and the Church Clerk at the Byron Christian Church where she grew-up. He attends there too but, "only when it's not hunting season!" Her mother, gma' and gpa' and Aunt Juanita did the food, flowers and everything for the wedding and reception that was at Lake Holiday! By the way, they kept that car for several years and he drove it back and forth to work.

It was a two-weeks honeymoon out West, including Las Vegas, but she was 21 and he only 20 so they didn't gamble. She loves to travel and has been there and many places. Our granddaughter used to go with her and the kids a lot to help entertain their daughter. Speaking of that, they have two children, both beginning with H. Now, if you noted the hint above, you'll understand why they named their son, Hunter. He was but five or so when he started going with his dad. He is a South graduate and works at Bone Dry Roofing in Lafayette and is an EMT volunteer at Waveland Fire Department. He was quite sport oriented while attending school, whereas his sister, Hannah will be a ten-year 4-Her, is in Honor Society, Royal Ambassadors, SADD and was in band several years. She plans to attend Ivy Tech in Nursing after graduating this coming spring. She works at the Clements Campgrounds.

Sure you all know now that my guests are Coby and Amy (Anderson) Isenberg. Amy took Hunter (Hannah, too, Coby stayed home and worked) with his German club to Europe where they sat on his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday in the fox holes at Bastogne. Amy is an amazing photographer and Hunter's senior pictures were taken out West while Hannah's were taken at Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Oddly, I had no idea Coby went to Ball State for a time in Photography and that Hannah is amazing at it, as well.

They also love to hunt, although Coby said it wasn't so much the hunt for him at this point but being out to enjoy Nature. After about 10 years into their marriage, she realized if she wanted to ever see him (he works constantly), that's an interest she needed to obtain and loves it. Also, she is an amazing cook, having ran a restaurant of her own for five years and did catering for ten. She also substitute taught and worked with PCA Health care. Once, she made 1200 cookies at one time. Her sugar cookies are to die for - I can attest!

Although Coby travels every day to Lafayette having worked 23 years as a salesman and the last two added on as the Used Car Manager for Mike Raisor, travelling is something he wants to do when he retires. Especially, they would like to go to Canada and out west to bear and Caribou hunt. Decorating (their home is beautiful) is also something she loves, plus reading and mowing. There are probably another dozen things in there, too as her Christmas decorations are amazing. He just loves anything outdoorsy, camping, kayaking, hunting, hiking. "We'd rather be in a forest than on a beach!"

These two had me laughing so hard. We had a great time. I want to thank them for allowing me to finally feature them (just couldn't seem to get together) in this week's Around The County and it was real exciting making you celebrities, kiddos!

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