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Sister's Weekend was just fun packed as usual. It's so wonderful to feel all the love for each other during this weekend. We all laughed so hard that our tummies just hurt. Thank You so much to Maggie for hosting it at Emerald Hideaway this year, and to Betty for helping her. None of us wanted to get off the patio on Sunday afternoon to go home.

Jennifer and Adam's shower was beautiful. There were so many lovely gifts. We all enjoyed having Curt there to tell us all a joke. "Why do Men die first?" "Because they want to" Cute Curt - just Cute!!!!

We all want to congratulate Madeline as she was chosen Sleepy Eye ST. Mary's Homecoming Queen. You are so deserving Madeline. We are so excited that Suzanne is a candidate for Queen at Hastings. We are all routing for you.

These pictures of pies were actually made by Debbie Fischer in just a couple of hours time. They are beautiful. Thanks for the pictures Debbie

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October Birthdays

Alan Strand	Oct 01
Chad Mills	Oct 02
Bonita Mages	Oct 10
Tim Mages	Oct 10
Adam Mages	Oct 11
Donna Nelson	Oct 15
Cindy Mages	Oct 20
Becky Mages	Oct 26
Chrissy Mages	Oct 30
Rowan Andersen	Oct 30
Brad Mages	Oct 31

October Anniversaries

Ken and Trista Mages 4 years	Oct 01
Brian and Michelle Strate 13 years	Oct 05
Dad and Mom 63 years	Oct 29

Sorry Todd

Boy I'm really starting out as a good Mother-in-Law as I forgot to print Todd's Birthday. Sorry Todd

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News is due by the
20th

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Coming Events

November 06,07- Sister's Shopping, Mankato, Mn. Overnight at Betty's in Lake Crystal and brunch at Barbs.

November, 09- Baby due for Lindsey and Tim

November 21,09- Mages Family Christmas at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in North Mankato, Mn.

December 05,09- Wedding of Jennifer and Adam

January 22-24,2010- Men and Boys fishing and snowmobiling party at Emerald's Hideaway.

February -2010- Baby due for Sarah and Chad

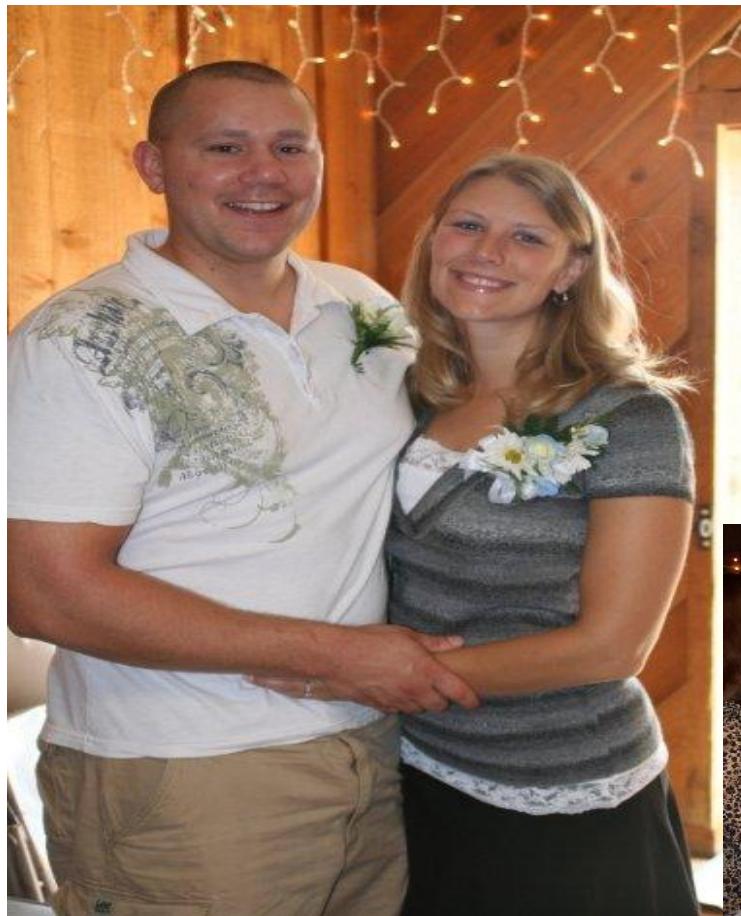
March-2010- Baby due for James and Trish

Fall 2012- Trip to Germany

Mages Christmas



Jennifer and Adam's Bridal Shower



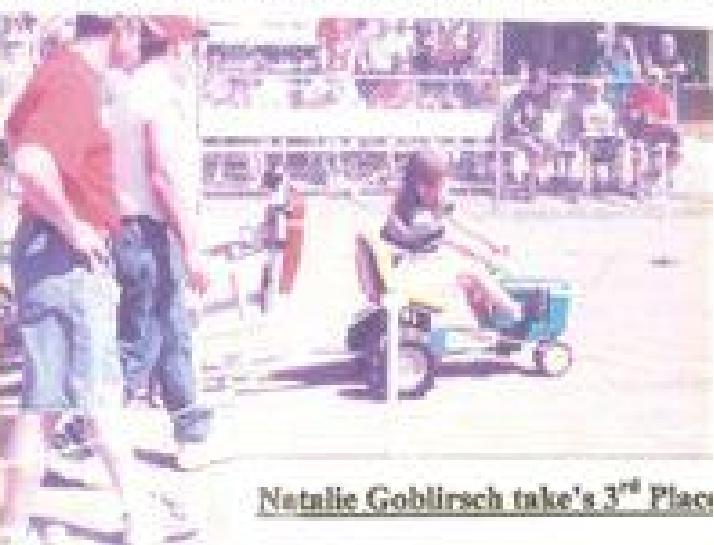
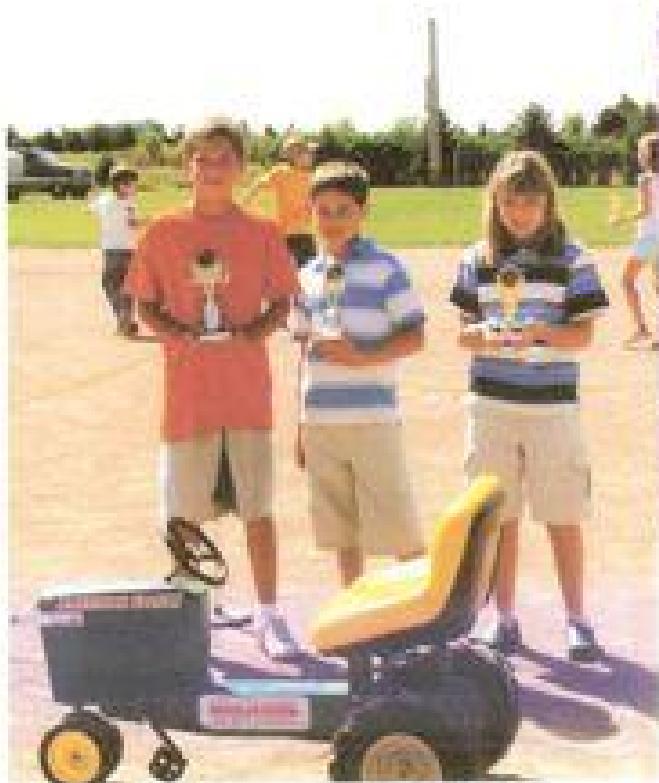
Nicole and Natalie Goblirsch

Nicole and Natalie Goblirsch share their awards received from Watonwan County Fair – 2009.



Nicole Goblirsch: Fine Arts – Grade 3-5 got Champion and Overall Reserve Champion; Parade of Champions for Fine Arts
CONGRATULATIONS NICOLE!!!

Natalie Goblirsch: Clover bud exhibit – got Participation Ribbon



Natalie Goblirsch take's 3rd Place

On Aug. 23, 2009 – Natalie entered the Tractor pedal pulls at Leavenworth. She got 3rd place for the age 9 category.

WAY TO NATALIE!!!!

Engagement

On Friday August 28th I was in a co-rec softball champaionship game. We beat them in the third inning 27-6. We were very excited. But something else had happened. Stevie my boyfriend said that we need to talk. As he was telling me we need to talk, he took my hand and we started walking out to the outfield. I wasnt paying much attention to where we were walking. But I was nervous becasue he said we need to get this over with. I said get what over with. Then he got down on one knee and asked me will you marry me in front of everyone. I said YES!!!! So now we will be having a busy winter planning a wedding.

Love Melanie Mages and Steve Miller

State Fair

Hi Everyone

This year at the Minnesota Great get together (State Fair) I spent an afternoon working at the Minnesota Milk Booth. I help serve refreshing health build strong bone and teeth Milk. Each year the Milk booth serves approximately 47,500 lbs of Milk About 52% White 2% milk and 48% Chocolate milk. Kim Strate stopped by when I was there and had a few cups full. I worked my shift with Princess Kay and 2009 Miss America Katie Stam. She was just earlier this past summer one of the 10 finalist for miss Universe 2009. Miss America grew up on a 70 cow Dairy Farm in Indiana. She showed dairy cattle for 10 years in 4H. She reminded me a lot of the young Mages girls in our family. I will say my shift when very fast and it was busy. Miss America had her own body guard and travels all over the world.

Also congratulations to all the Mages relation girls that are Royalty this Year. Rick



Queen Madeline



We had another exciting night this past Sunday, Sept. 20th, as Madeline was named the new Sleepy Eye St. Mary's Homecoming Queen for the 2009-2010 school year. She is pictured here with one of her great friends, Kelsey Sellner and among the entire homecoming court during a pre-coronation party. She looked beautiful in her sophisticated, navy blue gown and we couldn't take our eyes off of her.

Thanks to all of the sisters for praying for her at the sister get together last weekend and for all of those who cheered her on at the coronation event. The king was Kyle Krzmarzick, son of Leon and Kim Krzmarzick. She was selected by opening a box with white angel wings in them, all part of the Junior class skit to crown the new royalty. After the coronation she was mobbed by friends and family for picture taking and was then off to Applebee's in New Ulm for a senior class celebration. It was a great night. We are really proud of her. Tony, Lisa, Amanda, Jessica, Rebecca and Brandon



Congratulations

Madeline



Rescues and Runways Style Show

Madeline Schmitz and Brianna Jensen were asked by Erica Mages, the manager of Maurices in New Ulm, to model in the Rescues and Runways style show which took place at German Park in New Ulm on Sunday, September 13th. The event was a fundraiser for the Brown County Humane Society and included a silent auction, a lunch stand, bake sale and etc. It was a beautiful autumn day and the park was blooming in all it's glory. Erica sounded very professional commentating for the style show and Brianna look dazzling in a dark purple sequin cocktail dress. Madeline's business suit consisted of a mustard top with gray tweed pants and matching vest. She looked very smart. Our family really enjoyed the event. Lisa, Jessica, Becca and Brandon



Is The Dog Catholic

The weekend of September 19th and 20th Maggie and Betty hosted our annual Sister's Weekend at Emerald Hideaway. Those attending were Maggie, Betty, Barb, Mom, Arlene, Nancy, Jermayne, Debbie, Donna, Sharon, Amy, Lisa, Lindsey, Connie and Linda. It was just beautiful by Lake Elizabeth, and the weather was just perfect.

The competitions for best drink, gown, purse, food, and hat was fun and funny. There was never a lull from laughter.

Saturday afternoon we all dressed up in our gowns, hats and purses and proceeded to go to Mass At Bird Island, Mn. As we knew this is where Father George Schmidt was the priest. We were almost late, as we had to wait for a train. Father George was at the back of church ready to file in when we walked into church. Father George just put his hands up and said, "Oh My God They're Here!!!" The congregation was singing the song ALL ARE WELCOME, so we knew we could go in. Father George started his welcome to the congregation explaining that there may be some visitors in church that look strange, but we are really not. Then he explained about our annual weekend, and stated that "We seem to follow him." Father George was a good sport and joined us for supper.

A parishioner asked if the dog was catholic. Mom and Dad's good friends Pat and Elaine were in church so we all visited with them for a while.

After all had filled their tummies we voted for the Queens of the Weekend. Donna is Queen of the Hats, Mom is Queen of the purses, Betty is Queen of the Gowns, and Donna was chosen The Overall Queen.

Sunday before departing for home we all prayed for Madeline and Suzanne, as they are both Queen Candidates for their school homecomings.

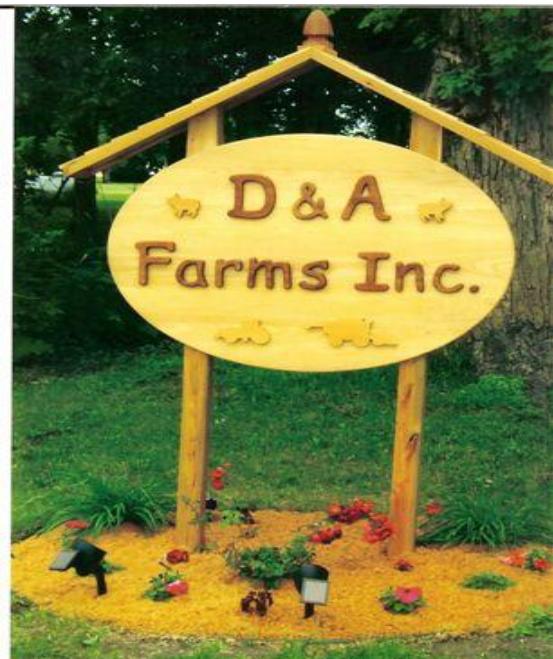
We all voted again for the following honors. Connie (Best Food a Snicker Salad), Mom (Best Drink- The Hot Barb Wire Bloody Mary), Arlene(Best Joke about Linda golfing with the Doctors),Lisa (Best Story about Brandon drinking holy water), Lisa(Best Story about Your Partner and a certain remote control),4- way tie- Sharon, Maggie, Donna and Linda(Best Laugh), Barb P(cutest PJ's) Debbie(Ugliest PJ's -Alcatraz), Maggie(ugliest socks)and Linda (Best Theme Song- God is Great, Beer is Good and People are Crazy.)

Each year we have some project that we donate too. This year \$125.00 was donated to buy something for Diane Klegstad to show our love for her, and to let her know we wish her the very best. Thank you Maggie and Betty. We Love You Linda and the Sisters



Sister's Weekend Cont.





It started in April;

Bradley gave us two sturdy posts, and a large oval sign out of three different kinds of wood announcing D & A Farms, Inc. for our anniversary. He put it up in front of the big tree at the entrance to the farm.

In May, a rose bush and several annuals and perennials were planted for Mother's Day.

Father's day found the addition from Tim and Lindsey of two solar lights so the sign could be read at night.

In July, we came home one afternoon to find a roof had been added.

It hasn't changed since except for the flowers growing, but around here you never know. Dan and Arlene

Joke for the day by Gina Andersen

As a bagpiper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery in the remote countryside and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost and being a typical man, did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the backhoe and the crew who were eating lunch but the hearse was nowhere in sight.

I apologized to the workers for my tardiness and stepped to the side of the open grave where I saw the vault lid already in place.

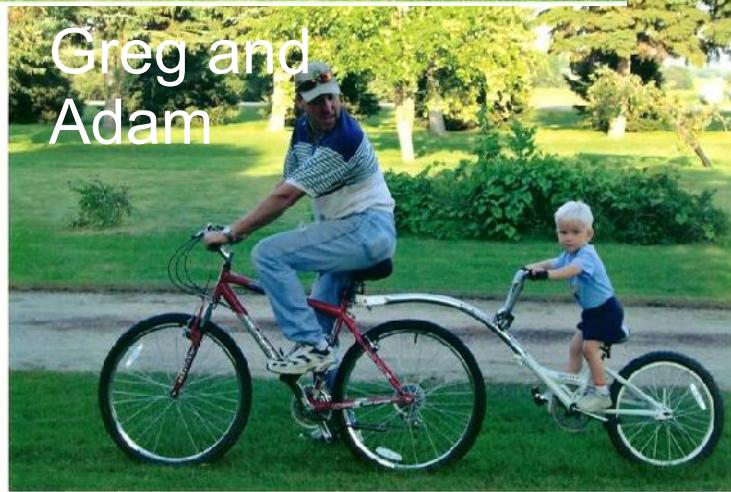
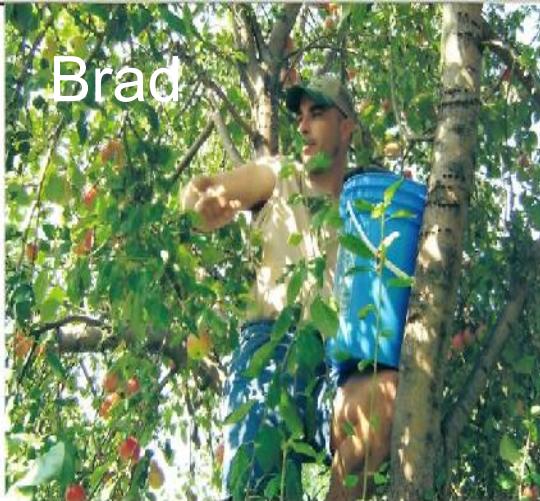
I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long but this was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I played out my heart and soul.

As I played the workers began to weep. I played and I played like I'd never played before, from Going Home and The Lord is My Shepherd to Flowers of the Forest .. I closed the lengthy session with Amazing Grace and walked to my car.

As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, Sweet Jeezuz, Mary 'n Joseph, I have never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.



Labor Day at the Dan and Arlene Mages Farm



Labor Day Sleepover

Labor Day weekend- time for one last campout and picnic. This year the Grandkids helped pick the State Fair apples which were ripe and dropping fast. Tim gave safety instructions to the three oldest Allie, Taylor and Lauren before lifting the cage up the tree to get the really good ones. Andrew and Grace picked from the back of the Gator. The adults watched-except for one monkey in the tree.

Later there were bike rides, bean toss competitions, bubble blowing jumping in the air castle, and making suncatchers.

Always there was plenty of good food and a campfire to end the evening. Too soon, the weekend is over and campers and tents packed up. Arlene



Maine

August 8th, Dan and Arlene set off for Maine and New York with three other couples on their motorcycles.

We stopped at Mackinaw Island, traveled through Canada and see Two very large cathedrals in Montreal, The Cathedral of Notre Dame and St. Joseph's Oratory.

On the fifth day of the trip in Bar Harbor, Maine, while getting our motel, Dan got his foot caught under Arlene's foot rest, and broke a chip off the outside of his lift ankle plus fractured two small bones on the inside of the ankle.

With Dan on crutches and the motorcycles loaded on a rented U-Haul truck we headed for home. The rest of the group continued on to New York City, ground zero, Ellis Island, and other sites. Dan would not have been able to get around on crutches with all the walking in New York.

Having missed the lobster boil the night of his accident, we did however have the freshest fish and chips in Boston. We also saw Niagara's Falls on the way home and first president George Bush's summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine. Arlene