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JANUARY 2012

The snow just doesn't want to come and stay this year. I really can live without it, but there are a lot of people who love to snow and ski that would beg to differ with me. Hopefully we are making ice as never before.

The Mages family Christmas was just awesome. Thank you to the wonderful committee. Jermayne and Duane, John and Cindy, Nancy and Dean and Donna and all their wonderful family members.

God's Blessings to All. Love ya, Linda



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January Birthdays

Taylor Mages	Jan 09
Jessica Schmitz	Jan 09
Zach Mages	Jan 10
Kyle Strate	Jan 11
David Fischer	Jan 11
Tom Mages	Jan 14
Riley Strate	Jan 18
Ryan Wolf	Jan 18
Laura Wolf	Jan 19
Amanda Bemmels	Jan 20
Noah Mages	Jan 23
Arlene Mages	Jan 25
Ashley Mills	Jan 28
Autumm Butler	Jan 29
Grace Mages	Jan 31

Important notice

From now on I would like all articles and photos sent to the below address as my other computer is getting old and not working very well. Thank You. Linda

www.magesonline.com

News Deadline

20th of each month.

Send articles and photos
to Linda

lindagall@rocketmail.com

Coming Events

January 01-02, 2012-Men and boys ice fishing Lake Osakis

January 20-22, 2012- Men and boys fishing and snowmobiling weekend. Emerald Hideaway.

February 25, 2012- Michelle's Choir-Hastings

February 29,2012-Wedding of Teresa and Mando in the Dominican Republic

March 03, 2012- Michelle's Choir- Mpls

March 25,2012- Michelle's Choir-Albert Lea

Fall 2012- Trip to Germany

September 2012- Annual Kodet Sister's Day

Men's and Boys Ice Fishing

Mens and boys ice fishing will be held on Lake Osakis Sunday, Jan. 1st and Monday the 2nd. Jim is going to keep tabs on the ice conditions for us ,hopefully the ice will be thick enough by then. If there is enough snow there may be snowmobiling also. We will only be a couple of miles from Jim and Trish's new farm they just purchased.

Thanks Mike

Men's and Boy's Weekend at Emerald

Hideaway

Friday, Jan 20th - Sun Jan 22nd, Men and Boys Fishing, Snowmobiling, Poker weekend at Emerald Hideaway. Bring your skates this year, if we don't get snow pretty soon, you can skate from end to end on the lake. Last year, we even had a fishhouse full of guys on Thursday, so come early if you want. Larry

Irene B. Fischer - April 21, 1924 - October 30, 2011

Irene B. Fischer was born on April 21, 1924 in rural Morgan, MN, daughter of Wolfgang & Bertha (Braun) Spaeth. Irene married Herbert Fischer on April 30, 1947 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Morgan. The couple farmed in Home Township until 1961 when they purchased a farm in Sigel Township and later moved to a farm in Stark Township in 1981, retiring in Sleepy Eye in 1986. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Christian Mothers, Stark Faithful Friends Home Extension Club and was a Stark Happy Hustlers 4-H Leader for 40 years. They wintered in Arizona for many years. Her hobbies included: bingo, cards, dominos, quilting, baking, gardening and canning.

She is survived by her children, Jim (JoAnne) Fischer of Sleepy Eye, Carol (Jarry) Waibel of Searles, Dan (Debbie) Fischer of Sleepy Eye, Kathy Morris of Mankato, JoAnn (Kurt) Eischen of Comfrey, Larry (Debra) Fischer of Sleepy Eye and Donna (Kevin) Dewanz of New Ulm, 23 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, brothers & sisters, Sylvester (Delores) Spaeth of Sleepy Eye, Alois (Margaret) Spaeth of New Ulm, Wilfred "Bud" (Theresa) Spaeth of Morgan, Loretta (Arthur) Simon of New Ulm, Lucille (Armin) Losleben of Sleepy Eye, brother-in-law, Erwin Suesz of Mankato, sisters-in-law, Veronica Simon, Rosemary (Hilly) Tauer and Clivia (Howard) Binder, brothers-in-law, Art Fischer, Sylvester (LaVon) Fischer, Ben (Genny) Fischer and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Herb in 2008, sisters, Antoinette (Harold) Schugel and Monica Suesz and brother, Felix Spaeth.

 *Stems Funeral Home of Sleepy Eye*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Irene B. Fischer

***April 21, 1924
October 30, 2011
Age 87 years***

SERVICES

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011 at 10:30 AM
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Sleepy Eye, MN

OFFICIATING

Msgr. Eugene Lozinski

MUSIC BY

ORGANIST

Jan Kral

Alissa, Joel & Jake Fischer

CASKETBEARERS

Nicklaus Dewanz Daniel Eischen Matthew Eischen
Russell Eischen Adam Fischer David Fischer
Jacob Fischer Jason Fischer Jeffrey Fischer
Joel Fischer Robby Fischer Ryan Fischer Dale Waibel

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Dane Bemmels Darcy Beranek Amanda Fischer
Laura Eischen Leah Eischen Alissa Fischer
Dawn Klaus Klarrisa Morris Michelle Morris
Paula Morris Deanna Stottler Julia Strand Darla Waibel

INTERMENT

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Sleepy Eye, MN

Thank you for all your heartfelt wishes and hugs during Irene Fischer's passing. Your memorials and angel/rose bouquet basket was so kindly appreciated. She died with all her children, spouses and a few grandchildren by her side. She was a wonderful woman who taught us so much. God bless you all!
Love, Larry & Deb Fischer and family

The Alphonse and Barbara Mages family would like to express our deepest sympathy to Irene's family, and especially to Larry, Debbie, David, Julia, Alan, Abby, Alissa and Jacob.

In Loving Memory Charles Leo Strate

November 26, 1947 - January 19, 2001

Those We Love Don't Go Away
They Walk Beside Us Everyday
Unseen, Unheard, but always
near.
Still Loved, still missed and very
dear.



Nancy,
Kimberley,
Connie, Doug, Nicole and
Natalie.
Becky, Shane, Carter and
Trevor.
Brian, Michelle, Kyle,
Nicholas and Riley.
Sarah, Chad, Garrett and
Ashley.

Congratulations David and Samantha



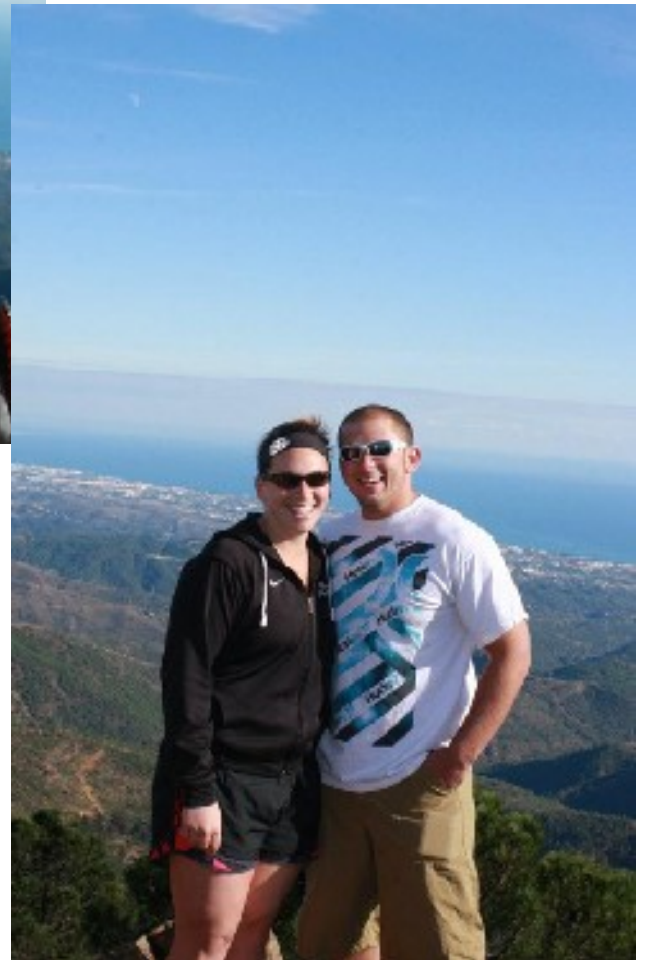
Congratulations David and Sam on became engaged on Dec 3rd in Estepona Spain.

Sam has been student teaching in Estepona Spain since Mid October.

The first of December, David flew to Spain to see Samantha.

There engagement took place on December 3rd on top of a mountain in Estepona, Spain.

NO Wedding dates or plans have been finalized at this point. We'll keep you posted.



New E-Mail

Sandy Zimiaga

air.force.sandy@gmail.com

Correspondence with our German Cousins

HELLO dear Larry,

SORRY that my reply took such a long time again !!!

That is just a very short message today, more comes soon.

I only wanted to tell you, that - after some back and forth- my summer vacation is fixed to 99 % now.

I will have vacation in the last week of August and the following both weeks in September. From 8.27. to 9.16. The weeks 35 - 36 - 37.

We decided -also to 99%- to travel to our loved America in 2013. If there is still some money in Europe :-)

But please don't care about it. I only wanted to tell you very short, that we will be there for our dear american cousins when they will arrive over here in Germany.

We will have all the time in the world for our american MAGES family members. So you can plan like you (and the other Mages germany travel members) want it. We are there.

And soon we can plan (if you want it) together for your trip.

There would be much more to talk (write) about, but i'm a little bit in hurry at the moment. Just wanted to tell you that finally - I'll send you more soon.

Until then - Millions of greetings to you, to your family and to all american MAGES !!!!

Your german cousin Helmut & family

Hi Helmut,

Thank you so much for getting back to me. You and your family are so kind to decide to come to America in 2013 instead of 2012 so that you can be there when we come to Germany. We are all very excited to meet our cousins from Germany. You and the German Mages' will find out that we are all just a little bit crazy and love to have a great time. It will be so wonderful to meet everyone and to see where our ancestors lived.

Helmut, please don't worry about writing such long letters to me. I realize you are a very busy man. That's the first reason why I know we are related. It seems a Mages just can't sit still. We constantly keep very busy schedules. I have never asked you what your occupation is, so sometime, it would be nice to get to know more about that.

We will almost certainly do our trip in reverse of what we originally talked about, so that we can still stick to our original schedule of coming to Europe on August 23rd and returning home on Sept 6th. So right now, I would tentatively say, we will be with you for the nights of Sept 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. We would fly home from Nuremburg on the 5th, arriving back in Minnesota on the 6th. I think that would be right, but we can fine tune that later. For now, plan on us being with you for those days.

Helmut, I don't mind writing to you, but you are right, we could accomplish so much more if we talked on the phone or Skype. I don't have Skype. What would be a good time to call you. I think that the time difference is 5 hours. I can talk anytime from 7:AM to 8:PM Minnesota time, that would be Noon to 1:AM Nuremburg time, (I think). My cell number is 507-240-0030. If you don't mind, I would like to get your number also. Then we could accomplish so much more.

We look forward to the day when we meet again. Larry

Mages Christmas 2011



Mages Christmas Continued



Congratulations Kristen



We'd like to share with you an article that was written about Kristen and published on the Concordia College website. Kristen graduated from Concordia this month with a double major in Spanish and Communications. She will be leaving the first week in January for a year of volunteer service near the city of San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic. She will be serving with the group "Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos" which means "Our Little Brothers and Sisters." It is home to 200 orphaned and abandoned children who are being raised to adulthood in a stable and loving environment. Kristen's day job will be in the sponsorship and communications office and she will also be closely involved with the children. If you'd like to see more about where she'll be, go to www.nph.org and under "Our Homes" click "Dominican." If Internet services allow, she hopes to maintain a blog site at <http://www.kristenmages.blogspot.com/>. Please keep Kristen in your prayers this coming year as she serves our little brothers and sisters. Curt and Kathy

Language of Service from *Concordia College website 12/11*

Whether it's across the street or around the world, Kristen Mages '12, Hastings, Minn., finds ways to use her love and knowledge of the Spanish language to make a difference.

Mages credits her Concordia education with making her globally aware and giving her a desire to serve others.

"I've learned a lot about being responsibly engaged in the world and being involved in the community," Mages says.

The Spanish and communication major worked at Concordia Language Villages, lived in the Spanish House on campus and is involved in several Spanish organizations on campus.

Her first major cross-cultural experience came during a semester spent in Spain. There her host family went above and beyond, giving her an authentic Spanish experience and quickly becoming a second family to the Concordia student.

After she returned, Mages discovered she could hone her Spanish skills and gain valuable experience at the same time. She completed her first internship with the Centro Cultural, a local Latino community leadership development center.

"It really became like a second home," Mages says.

She helped the center develop and implement a membership program, and also got to know many of the children who visited the center.

Her second internship gave her firsthand experience for her career aspiration. She shadowed her Spanish professor, Leonor Sillers, who is a certified court interpreter.

This experience in the courtroom as well as her experience last summer as a medical interpreter with St. Mary's Clinics in the Twin Cities showed her how essential interpretation is for a community.

"I really saw the need for qualified interpreters and how vulnerable people are if they can't communicate their thoughts in a way that others can understand," Mages says.

Next up is work in the Dominican Republic, where she will volunteer for a year with Friends of the Orphans, a faith-based orphanage. Her work will bring her into the sponsorship and communications office, as well as into the lives of children she will interact with daily.

Whether close to home or worlds away, Kristen Mages knows how to speak the language of service. And this makes all the difference.

Last Chance to see Michelle Perform

Last Chance! Mages in HHS Show Choir!

This is it! Your last chance to see a Mages in the Hastings High School Show Choir! Michelle is in the top show choir this year in what should prove to be an exciting performance!

The competition in Hastings will be Sat. Feb. 25, 2012. You would want to come for the evening when the top six groups re-perform for finals and Michelle's group, as host, would then perform about 9:30 PM. Unfortunately, we will be in the Dominican then but you are welcome to come and use our house, including overnight. Some of you have attended before and are familiar with where to go, etc.

Two other options that we will be attending are a March 3rd show hosted by a school in the Minneapolis area (probably the better show of these two) or a March 24th show in Albert Lea. Michelle's group would perform in the afternoon and most likely again in the evening for finals. The other shows are out of state, including two in Nebraska and one in Branson! Hope you can come!



Arlene's and Family Cookie Day

On Saturday, Dec. 03, at 9:00 am the 10th annual cookie bake was held. Gathered at Arlene's house were daughters-in-laws, Mary Kay, Tess, Kari and Lindsey and all 8 Grandkids. Together we baked 20 different recipes of cookies. Grandma Mages came in the afternoon to offer her company, and expertise. It started snowing around 3:00 pm adding atmosphere to the good smells of baking sugar. We have a number of repeat favorites, but continually add new recipes that look promising. Recipes are doubled or better to ensure 12-18 samples of each kind per person. The husbands joined us around 5:30 pm, and we all enjoyed a chili and wild rice soup, and sandwich supper with fresh cookies for desert. Arlene



Grandma Barbara joined us in the afternoon.

Kari got into it, and really enjoyed her recipe of Tom Sellick cookies.



The Grandkids helped by unwrapping candies and mints, and were the official 'taste testers'. Andrew and Adam also 'farmed' much of the afternoon.



Lindsey setting out cookies in the garage where they had no problem cooling. We got 4 inches of snow in the afternoon.

4/5 or 80% of the cookies. One share was taken home before this picture was taken

