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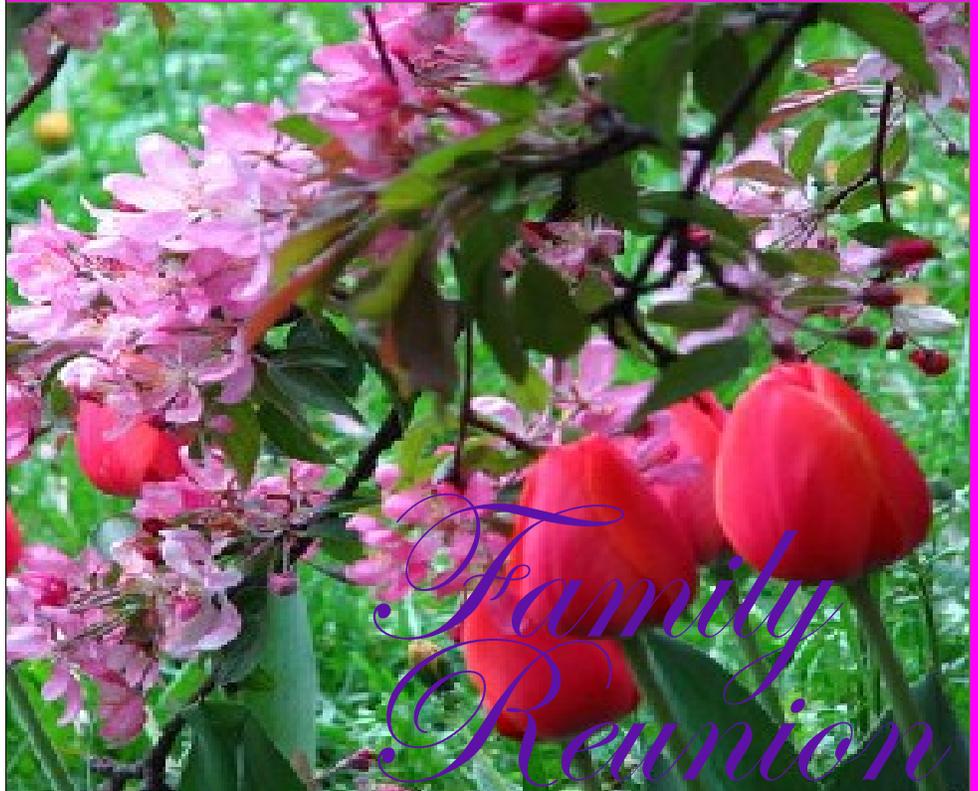
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MAY 2012

Congratulations to Michelle and the Hastings Show Choir for obtaining award winning recognition status in the United States for excellence in their show choir. I even saw it featured on the twin cities news about your award. Very nice.

We are starting to make plans for the trip to Europe. Larry is doing all the ground work so we are appreciative of that. I am getting excited.

God's Blessings to All. Love ya, Linda



May Birthdays

Doug Goblirsch	May 01
Amy Mages	May 04
Kari Mages	May 05
Alex Mages	May 06
Greg Mages	May 07
Eric Plath	May 08
Jeff Plath	May 09
Joe Gall	May 11
JoEdna Mages	May 13
Jeremy Mages	May 15
Nicole Goblirsch	May 16
Nicholas Gall	May 17
Dean Nelson	May 17
Ashley Wolf	May 19
Nicholas Strate	May 21
Brandon Schmitz	May 23
Lauren Mages	May 25
Trevor Wilson	May 29
Grandma Barbara	May 29

May Anniversary

Emily and Brennen Rath

May 01 8 years

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News Deadline

20th of each month.

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Coming Events

May 10-12, 2012-Woodbury Garage Sales. Curt and Kathy host and hostess.

June 02, 2012-Michelle Mages Graduation Party

June 30,2012- Nascar Races with David Fischer

July 2012- Baby due for Tim and Lindsey

July 2012- Baby due for Greg and Mary Kay

August 2012- Baby due for Alan and Julia

July 14, 2012- Saturday Mages Family picnic at Sportsman's Park, Sleepy Eye, Mn Supper 7p.m.

July 27,2012- Wedding of David Nelson and Samantha, St. Peter, Mn. Gustavus College

August 23, 2012- September 06,2012- Trip to Germany.

September 22- 2012- Annual Kodet Sister's Day Morton Senior Center, 9 a.m.

October 06-07, 2012- Sister's Weekend- Debbie Fischers in Sleepy Eye.

Nascar Races

I'm thinking of a trip to Indiana at the end of June to visit Jake, and we're thinking of going to a sprint cup race at Kentucky speedway on Sat. June 30th. It is about 75 miles from were Jake lives in Columbus. If there is anyone that would be interested in going along let me know.

David Fischer

Michelle Show Choir

*Adrenaline
Anyone?*



Amy, Mike, Kathy, Curt, Michelle, Larry and Maggie

Well, what could I say, Maggie wanted to see Michelle dance before it was too late, so we ended up going all the way to Branson, Mo. to see her. Mike and Amy and Curt were going along, so I figured it would be fun. Plus, we would meet Kathy once we were there. She had taken the parent's bus. We arrived in Branson in time to take in the Baldknobbers on Friday night and then rise early for a full day of show choir. Yippy! not. How much to get in? \$40, ahhh geez, OK. Oh I'm looking forward to 14 show choirs competing for one of the top three spots to go to the nationals in Chicago in late April. Too bad Hastings got such an early draw, if they would have been 10th or something, we could have come after lunch. Then if we're unlucky enough that Hastings is chosen in the top five, we'll have to come back for the night session and see if they make the top three. Whoopy! This competition included teams from Utah, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Illinois, Idaho, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, including last year's National Champion, so I figured we'd probably get outta there by supper time. I took along a couple of "No-Doze", just in case I needed them, and sat down for the duration.

Whoa-ho-ho Baby!! This is not your typical robed Channel 12 Christmas Choir putting you to sleep by song number 3. This is high energy dancing, singing, costume changes right before your eyes, but wondering how they did that. This woke you up, made you sit up straight, put a laugh in your voice and a tear in your eye. When they were done, you were sweating, from clapping and wriggling in your seat. I never knew kids had this in them. Michelle was absolutely gorgeous in all her costumes and headdresses. You gotta be an athlete to do the things she was doing, and a dancer, and a singer, and a model, and have a great memory to remember all of your routines. Each team has 30 minutes to get the stage ready, set up their live band, and put on an 18 minute show. Each school had great support from the audience. it was contagious and fun. At 5 o'clock the top five was announced. Hastings was in the night time finals, what a thrill. we had just enough time to catch Mass and be back. Hastings was first in the nighttime finals.

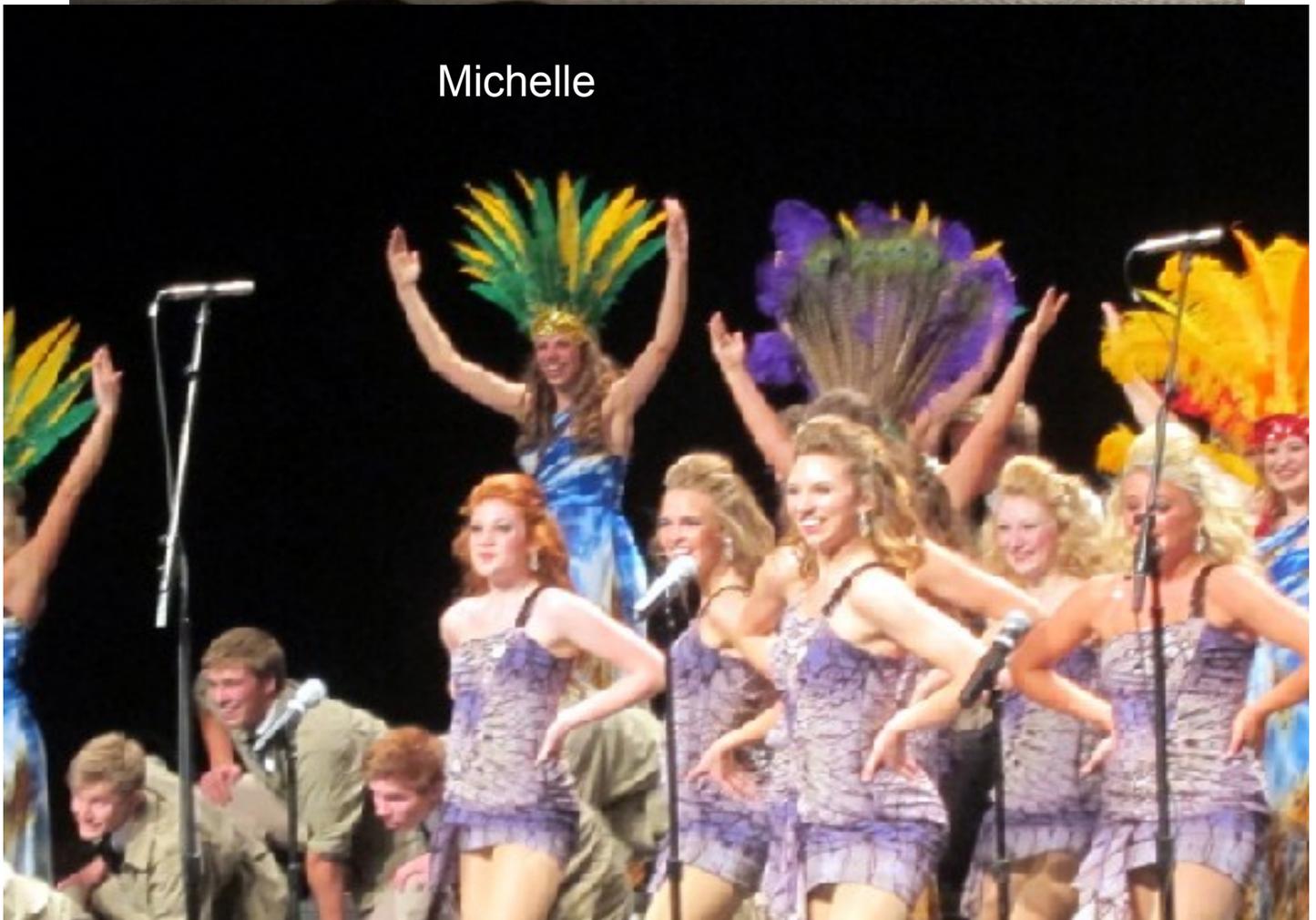
It was the same routine as the daytime act, but you never would have known it. Hastings was electric. Michelle smiled so hard it hurt her ears. The crowd really got into it. If I could have sat in my chair with my feet up under me I would have. I felt like I was at a bull fight, not a show choir. When they were done, they knew they had nailed it big time. They got a standing O, but now they had to sit through the other 4 schools. Luckily, we had a great dance judge sitting with us. He had pegged the final 5 during the day and He was confident Hastings had set the bar high. After watching the other 4 schools, our judge, Mike, had Hastings as either number one or number two. Number two, only because of last years National Champions bringing the house down as well. While the crowd waited for the judges decision, different kids would come down to the front and the entire crowd did the roller coaster, or the wave or shouts for their school. It was a great time. Mike told us the order that the schools would be announced, and he was right on. Finally, it came down to Hastings and Wheaton, IL. the National Champions. Would Hastings unseat them? Finally they announced it, Central Regions Champion - Wheaton IL. Hastings took it well. Right away they were talking about unseating them at the Nationals in Chicago.

15 teams from the 5 regions of the United States will be there. While the Branson regional was going on, there were other regionals in New York, Orlando, Chicago, and Hollywood. Hastings and their ace, Michelle Mages, can be thrilled to be in that kind of company. Good luck at Nationals on April 20th and 21st Michelle. You have a huge fan base that loves you here in Minnesota. Larry

Michelle's Show Choir



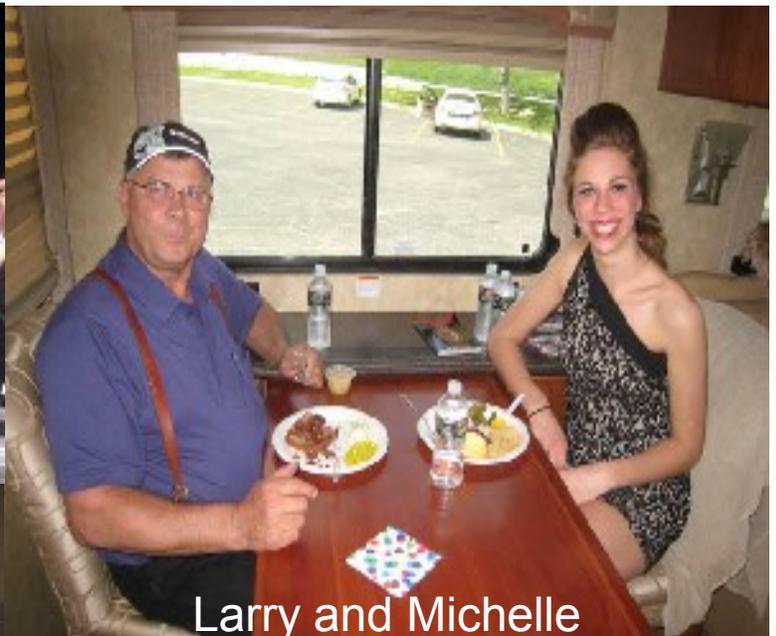
Michelle



Michelle



Curt, Amy, Michelle, Mike, Maggie



Larry and Michelle



Jeff, LeAnn, Michelle, Nancy, Curt



Michelle

*Michelle's Show Choir
Photos Continued*

Michelle's last two show choir competitions were made all the more special by the presence of family members! Nancy, LeAnn, Jeff got to see Michelle's group take Grand Champions at the Albert Lea show. Michelle was all the more inspired to do a great job when she received a shout out from her Mankato fans just before going on stage! Larry and Maggie, Mike and Amy took the RV for a road trip to Branson to watch a really entertaining day of performances by groups from around the country. Michelle is the only performer who can say she ate lunch in an RV that day! Michelle's group took first runner up that day, coming in closely behind the reigning national grand champions. She will be performing in the final national competition in Chicago on April 21st competing among the top 15 show choirs in the country. It has been such a fun season!! Thanks to all of you who have attended! Kathy, Curt and Michelle

The Bucket List is Getting Shorter

The buzzards were circling overhead, at first just three or four, but now there were nine. At first I was worried. I looked around the boat. There was Joe Gall, Bob Klegstad, and Joe's fishing buddy, Bill and myself, Larry. Bill was sneezing his head off, but I thought he would be OK, Joe had his eyes closed, but I was sure he was only sleeping and Bob was untangling a reel, yet they kept circling. Turned out there was a half eaten Braunschweiger sandwich in Joe's lap. When he finally ate it, the buzzards left.

That's the kind of lazy days we had. We were on Missouri's Osage River, a pretty mighty river, lots of current. They damned it up with a 2500' foot dam back in 1929 and created the Lake of The Ozarks. We were fishing below the dam on the river. Paddlefish love to come here and spawn. We found out on day two that we weren't supposed to be fishing this close to the dam. Good thing we didn't get a ticket. We also found out that drifting was not the way to do it. It sure had been nice, just floating for miles, listening to the sounds, watching nature, sipping beers, storytelling and laughing. On day two we had to work. Paddlefish have to be snagged, so you gotta work your tail off constantly casting, or trolling, as we decided to do. Even then you have to keep working your line, it's pure luck if your big treble hook happens to snag one. They can get to be over 100 pounds, but most likely we'd get something a whole lot smaller. We didn't see anyone get one, but we did see where someone had cleaned two of em at the end of day one.

After snagging the bottom numerous times, Joe didn't get too excited when a paddlefish was finally snagged, but once he felt the fight begin, everybody got pretty excited. Joe was using deep sea gear with 100 pound test weight line. The fish was stripping the line off the reel pretty fast. Finally Joe managed to get the fish up to the boat, only to have the net scare the fish into another mad dash. Bob finally had the fish in the net, much to Joe's relief. Joe got a 52" (about 15 pound) paddlefish. That one fish made the whole trip worth it. It would have been a shame if we hadn't been able to get at least one.

On the way home we traveled past Middle Grove, Missouri. Joe's Mom had grown up there as a little girl. We also stopped at a Sale's Barn in Macon, Mo where they had a several day auction going on that was all exotic animals. We saw a live giraffe, many African and N & S American animals, From an angry bull buffalo to porcupines and on and on. And thousands of stuffed animals, from lions to polar bears. Everything imaginable. People were there from all across America either selling or buying. pretty interesting.

The bucket list is getting shorter. Larry

Larry, Bob Klegstad and Bill Hensel



Joe bringing in his fish

Joe

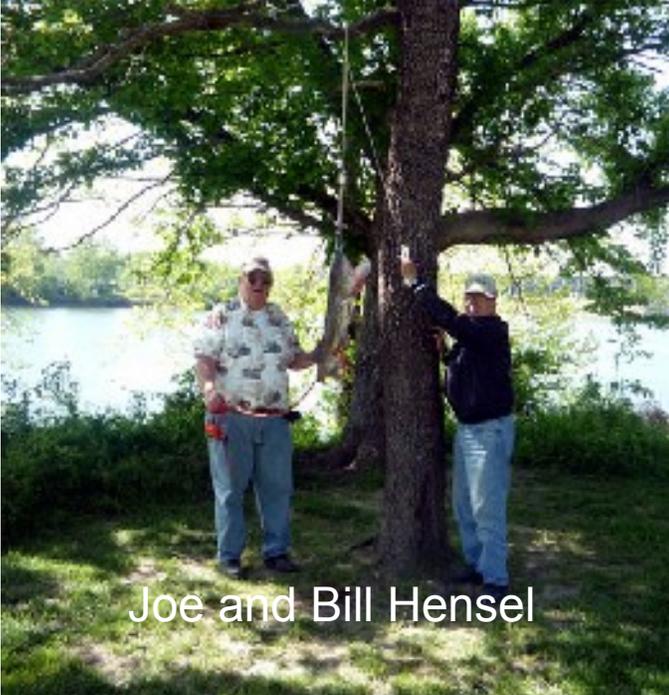


Joe and Bob Klegstad



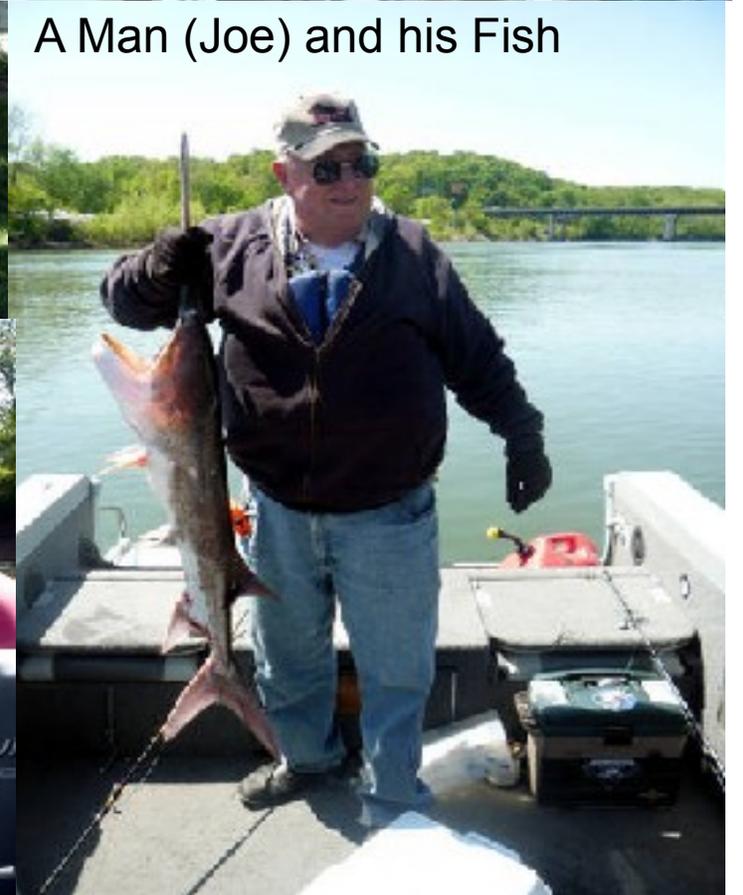
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Joe and Bob



Joe and Bill Hensel

A Man (Joe) and his Fish



Joe Gall and Larry Mages



Woodbury Garage Sales

It's that time again! The Woodbury garage sales will be May 10-12, 2012, this year from 8am to 5pm. For the second year in a row, they are starting on Thursday, which, unfortunately, makes that the best day to go, but Friday works too. We are available all day Friday and Saturday. Curt may be available Thursday morning and Kathy will for sure be available as of noon on Thursday. As always, you're most welcome to spend the night before and/or after the event. Kathy and Curt

Open House Graduation Party for Michelle Mages

Please join us for a

Graduation Open House
Honoring
Hastings High School
2012 Graduate

Michelle Mages

Saturday June 2nd

4pm-8pm

Curt and Kathy's Home

1611 Meadow View Trail

Hastings, Minnesota, 55033

All Are Welcome

