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The top picture is the flowers Aunt Martha Serbus grew in her garden, and shared with us at Kodet Sister's Day on August 16th.

The picture below was taken at the entrance of St. Michael's church in Morgan, Mn. At David and Jenny Fischer's wedding.

God's blessings to all. Love, Linda



September Birthdays

Gabbrelle Bemmels	Sept 01
Amy Plath	Sept 01
Tobi Mages	Sept 01
Maggie Mages	Sept 02
Barb Plath	Sept 05
Betty Jass	Sept 05
Kate Mages	Sept 06
Samantha Nelson	Sept 06
Todd Andersen	Sept 07
Sharon Mages	Sept 10
Shane Wilson	Sept 11
Ken Mages	Sept 13
Helmut Mages	Sept 15
Melanie Miller	Sept 16
Jacob Fischer	Sept 16
Evelyn Mages	Sept 20
Randy Wagner	Sept 22
Connie Goblirsch	Sept 23
Kathy Mages	Sept 25
Dalton Mages	Sept 29

September Anniversaries

Duane and Jermayne Mages
Sept 27 40 years

Jeff and LeAnn Mages
Sept 07 29 years

Doug and Connie Goblirsch
Sept 28 23 years

Matt and Sarah Mages
Sept 02 14 years

Eric and Amy Plath
Sept 20 11 years

Joe and Imia Mages
Sept 17 03 years

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News Deadline

20th of each month.

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Coming Events

September 20-21,2014- Sister's Weekend at Emerald
Hideway. Hosted by Kathy and Sharon.

September 23, 2014-Renville County Expo 9am. Bird Island
Minn.

November 7 and 8,2014-Sister's shopping Mankato, Mn
overnight by Barb Plath Friday evening.

November 29,2014- Mages Family Christmas Party

April 18,2015-Wedding of Kate Mages and Justin White.

June 06. 2015-Bridal Shower for Madeline Schmitz and TJ
Ibberson

July 11, 2015- Wedding for Madeline Schmitz and TJ
Ibberson

Sister's Shopping Update

Friday night Nov. 07,2014:

Bring a 1 or 2 year old purse ,(no longer
being used,) for purse exchange. Put in a brown
paper bag.

Those who are staying overnight need to call
to reserve a bed. Thanks Barb 507-387-1334

New Address:

Jeff Plath
425 West 11th St.
Mankato, Mn. 56001

A Special Hello to my Grandson Tobi
Mages From Oma Barbara!!!!

A special hello to our German
cousins, Helmut, Birgit, Andi, and
Tobi

Grocery Shopping by Mom

I remember when there were no carts in grocery stores. A lot of product came in bulk displays- such as a barrel of “pickles” or kegs of sugar, brown sugar, cereals, rice, raisins among other things.

Mother would make a list. We had so much of our own food on the farm, but there were other things we'd need. We would drive to Olivia on Friday night or Saturday afternoon, and make it a gay occasion.

While we went to the movie, Mother took her list to the Halliday grocery store. Uncle George and Aunt Emma were the owners. In the back of the store they would take in eggs, cream, poultry, fur pelts, etc. Aunt Emma would take the list, and start packaging bulk products that Mother needed. A pound of this, two pounds of that. She would weigh the amount – put it in a brown paper bag, and tie it with a string. The string came in a huge cone, and it was hung in a special hangar above the counter, hanging down. She'd fold the bag down, and tie a couple rounds of string around it, and place it in a box. She had a keen eye for judging the size of the box by the size of the list. Sometimes more than one box, there seemed to be a big supply of boxes, all sizes. Many customers would save the string, and add on to the ball of string at home. The string came in handy for many things.

Flour and sugar also came in hundred pound bags, salt also in fifty pound bags. Oatmeal was always on the list, Dad had oatmeal every morning for breakfast. Rock candy also, it was a favorite, and chocolate candy was a huge treat.

There was some fruit and veggies available, but if anyone had an extra supply, they were glad to sell it. So when Mother took her strawberries and raspberries to the store all ready displayed in small boxes. Hallidays grocery was happy to buy them.

We kids would go to the movie. For a dime admission we would see a double feature. Mostly cowboy shows – Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Tom Mix, Hopalong Cassidy, were some of them. Also the Lone Ranger, Tonto and many others. The good guys always wore the white hats. The theater would be full. Saturday night was always “bank night.” Ticket stubs had a number, and if you were lucky you might win a cash prize. \$5.00 was a big prize, many \$1.00 prizes.

The women were given a piece of “depression glass.” Mother had a set of these beautiful glass dishes in pink. They also came in bags of flour, and certain products. Some depression glass was green or gold also.

The Sleepy Eye Flour Mill gave out Chief Sleepy Eye pitchers, sugar bowls, cups, and glasses in their bags of flour. They are very scarce, and valuable collector items today.

Bechyn used to have free movies at one time. A big screen was set up not far from Grandpa and Grandma Kojetin's house. I remember one of the movies that was shown. It was about zombies. It was so scary I think I had some scary dreams after that. That's why I remember it. To think Zombies are back again this day and age. **BACK TO GROCERY SHOPPING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Carts in grocery stores started being used a few years after Alphonse and I were married. I believe Jenkins in New Ulm was the first store to use them – a predecessor of HyVee.

Grocery Shopping Continued, by Mom

We used to shop in Morton at the Mercantile which was a general store, it had clothing, dry goods and groceries, and at Al Hemeke's grocery, locker and frozen food storage. Jim Ryan's grocery came in after the Mercantile closed. Morton used to be a bustling town with a hardware store, drug store, bank, shoe store, doctor, (Dr. Lenz), lawyer, barber, plumber, carpenters, three restaurants, liquor store, four gas stations, auto mechanics, hatchery, bakery, the big hotel by the railroad track that was also another restaurant, blacksmith, grain elevator, feed stores, Morton granite quarry, lumber yard, city hall which doubled as a center for weddings, and events, three churches and of course the school. We had wonderful teachers that taught a lot of smart kids. I can't forget the farmers that lived in the area and supported the town.

Alphonse and I had settled on a farm four miles south of Morton close to where Jackpot Junction Casino is today, just south of the Indian Reservation. We lived on this farm for twenty years from 1946 to 1966 when we moved with our fifteen children to a farm by Sleep Eye.

More next time,

Love,

Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma



Distinguished Service Achievement Award

Congratulations to brother and Uncle Rick Mages who is a 2014 Hall of Fame award recipient for St. Mary's School in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. Rick will be honored at the Hall of Fame Banquet and Award Ceremony on Friday, November 14, 2014. at 6:30 pm in St. Mary's Social Room with social hour, dinner and award ceremony. To purchase tickets for this event contact Chris Heiderscheidt at St. Mary's Parish Office (507-794-4171) cheiderscheidt@sesmschool.com or at St. Mary's school office. Tickets are \$25.00 adult and \$12.00 children. **LET US ALL SHOW OUR SUPPORT TO RICK AND ATTEND THE BANQUET.**

Kodet Sister's Day



Martha Serbus, Adella Mages, Mary Lou Butzer and Barbara Mages

On Saturday, August 16th Kodet Sister's Day was held at the senior citizen center in Morton, Mn. With Mary Lou Butzer as hostess. Those attending were Sisters, Martha, Adella, Mary Lou and Barbara, (Mom.) Also attending were Julie Mages Johnson, Carol Mages Feldman, Mary Serbus Welshons, Barb Mages Plath, Connie Serbus and Linda Mages Gall. Much, much laughter, bingo, stories of when the sisters were young and their lives on the farm. So so enjoyable.

David and Jennifer Fischer- August 09, 2014



David and Jennifer Fischer Continued



David and Grandma



Grandma and Jennifer



Nancy, Debbie, Mom and Melanie Miller



Stretch and Debbie



Alissa Fischer, Mom, Nancy



Melanie and Steven Mages

David and Jennifer Continued



Stretch, Jenny, David and Debbie



Betty and Curt



David and Jenny



Abby



Suzanne, Amanda, Imia, Bonita, Michelle, Stacie, Jessica, Kristen, Becca and Madeline



Jenny and Rick



Sharon and Mom



Jeff and LeAnn



David and Jenny drinking from the cup that they can both drink from at the same time. Sent to them by our German cousin's Helmut, Birgit, Andi and Tobi

Concert in the Park - 2014

No matter what obstacles block our path, the show must go on. The Mages Family band passed the test Monday evening August 18, 2014. After much thought it was decided to have the concert indoors as rain looked to be on the way. The radio announced through out the day if the weather did not look favorable the concert would be held at the New Ulm Civic Center. After waiting over half an hour, and no one came to unlock the doors of the Civic Center, and no one answered their phones the concert was moved to the New Ulm Community Center. Now the band has to reload all their equipment. Rehaul it to the community center, and reload and retune and reset up. The Mages Family Band passed the test with flying colors, and gave an absolutely fabulous concert. CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOURSELVES. Linda



L-R: Melanie Mages, Steven Mages, Brian Filzen of KNUJ radio in New Ulm, Mn, Larry Mages, Amanda Mages Bemmels, Donna Mages Nelson, Debbie Mages Fischer, Joe Mages, with Matt Mages on drums also in the background



Great Grandma and Josie Andersen, with Tom and Sharon Mages behind them.



Donna still in curlers setting up

Concert in the Park Continued



Mysti, Clarence Mages, Mary Lou Butzer, Gina Andersen, Rick Duane and Jermayne Mages



Steven and Melanie Mages



Matt Mages saying hi to his family, Debbie Fischer to the right



Halle Bemmels and Debbie Fischer



Larry, Mysti Deegan and Gina Andersen



Larry, Gabby Bemmels, Amanda, Abby ?, Bella Bemmels and Donna

Concert in the Park Continued



Donna, Stretch Fischer,
Deb



Larry, Amanda and Donna



Melanie, Larry, Mysti and Donna



Larry, Gabby, Amanda and Donna

Larry, Amanda, Donna, Halle and Stretch. Watching Adam Bemmels, Maggie Mages and McKenna Mages



Cards with Mom

On Tuesday August 19th we had our monthly game of, "Hand and Foot," with Mom. We had a smaller crowd this time. Nancy, Donna and Linda spent the night with Mom after the Concert in the Park. We had a fun pajama party with Mom. Debbie joined us in the morning and Sharon joined us for lunch at Carl's Corner in Essig.



L-R: Sharon, Mom, Nancy, Linda, Donna and Deb

That Great Family Support

I have to say, I'm overwhelmed by the terrific support of our family for our concert in New Ulm. Thank you all so much. Thank you also to everyone that managed to find the time to perform. We are such a busy family, I know it's not always possible. Please do talk to me about performing next year if you can. OH WHAT A THRILL!

One day it will all be over and we'll only be able to talk about it. It is so precious having our Mother/Grandmother there. Love you all.
Larry



Hola chicas!

Don your sombreros and get ready for some fun and relaxation at...

Sisters Week-end 2014 ~ Fiesta and Siesta!!

September 20th and 21st

at Emerald Hideaway

17996 75th Ave. SE Atwater, MN 56209

All adult female family members welcome!



Arrive: Anytime after 1PM Saturday

Mass: We will attend 5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary's in Willmar. Carpool to leave Emerald Hideaway will convene at 4:30.

Dinner: Saturday evening dinner will be at El Tapatio in Willmar (1111 1st St. S.) after Mass at about 6:45-7:00 PM.

Sunday Brunch: Will be at about 10 AM

Optional \$10-\$15 gift exchange: After brunch Sunday morning

New Event: Announcing our first ever...



Salsa Tasting Competition!!

Enter your homemade salsa (canned or fresh) for a group-wide taste test.

Plan to provide about a 3 tablespoon serving for each person present.

We will provide the taste test cups and chips.

All of us will be the judges as we taste each salsa Saturday evening without knowing whose is who's, and we'll see which salsa we rate as our favorite!

Please RSVP your attendance to Kathy or Sharon.

Let us know:

** If you will be submitting a salsa for the competition. If so, that is the only food you need to bring.

** Otherwise, let us know if you'd like to bring a light appetizer or beverage to share on Saturday or

** A breakfast food for our Sunday brunch to compliment the egg bakes (fresh fruit, breakfast bread, juice etc.)

(We will let you know if we need something specific as we receive RSVPs.)

Sharon: Cell: (507)766-0846 Home: (507)359-5090 Email: tsmages4@newulmtel.net

Kathy: Cell: (651)248-9829 Home: (651)480-1194 Email: magesck@embarqmail.com

Misc. Details:

Bring your own beverages.

Let us know if you'd like to reserve a bed space. First come, first serve with respect given to elders and new moms!

If you are unable to attend but would like to submit your salsa for the competition, just let us know, send it along with someone and it will be in!

If you can't attend the entire time, feel free to join us whenever you can!

We look forward to sharing the week-end with all of you!!

Joe at Play



JOE GALL, a former Wanda area native, displayed a Ford vegetable garden tractor among the 77 on display at Wanda's Cracker Days observance. There was little segregation among the green, orange, red, yellow tractors, but they gave Joe a lone area among the displays at the Wanda Park. The tractor was somewhat unusual that it was a 1955 model which Joe purchased several years ago. Leaving Wanda in 1968 he settled in Sleepy Eye and ran a lumber yard there until retirement. This model had narrow big rear wheels and a single wheel in the front, presumably to have less problem steering in the garden. The tractor has 3 transmissions on three levers to go really slow and a fast road gear. This model has a one arm loader with hydraulic just on one side. "it can pick up a lot of items," Joe added. The tractor is painted a lite grey and a red-orange. Old timers checking over the rig noted that Larry Pelzel Equipment in Wanda sold loaders like this one but probably not the one on Joe's rig. Joe resides at rural North Mankato and keeps busy mowing lawns. He drove this tractor Sunday into Lamberton and buzzed along at a good clip.

This article was on the front page of the Lamberton, Mn. Newspaper. On August 20th. Joe figured approximately 30 tractors traveled from Wanda to Lamberton on Sunday. Joe's tractor among the 77 tractors was chosen as the feature tractor and got the place of honor while they were displayed at Wanda. Linda