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J U N E 2017

Congratulations to Jake and Kaylee who were married recently. May the Good Lord bless you. The photos on this page are from their wedding. What a beautiful wedding cake. Everyone enjoyed the trip to Indiana for the wedding.

The crops are in and starting to show their heads. What a beautiful time of the year. Enjoy your summer, and before we know it Helmut and Birgit will be here. We can't wait.

Gods Blessings to all, Love, Linda

June Birthdays

Brianna Jensen	June 01
Monica Mages	June 05
Everly Jensen	June 07
Emily Rath	June 08
Andy Mages	June 08
Joselynn Andersen	June 08
Aaron Mages	June 09
Andrew Mages	June 11
Halle Bemmels	June 15
Debbie Fischer	June 15
Larry Mages	June 15
Birgit Mages	June 23
Issac Wagner	June 25
Steven Mages	June 26
Peyton Mages	June 28
Adelyn Edmunds	June 28
Brennen Mages	June 29

June Anniversaries

John and Cindy Mages
June 30 38 years

Todd and Gina Andersen
June 12 08 years

Riley and Brianna Jensen
June 13 08 years

A special Hello to My Grandson Tobi Mages From Oma Barbara

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

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News Deadline

20th of each month
Send articles and photos to Linda at
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Coming Events

May 29, 2017, Graduation Party for Nick Strate in Sleepy Eye at his home.

June 10, 2017, Wedding of Zachary Mages and Brittany House.

June 11, 12 &13, 2017- Forever Young at Emerald Hideaway.

June-2017, Baby due for Steven and Melanie Mages.

July 15, 2017, Wedding of Mikayla Mages and Billy Bruggeman in Sleepy Eye, Mn. St. Mary's.

July 22, 2017, Mages Fest hosted by Dean and Donna Nelson and Family at the Jermayne Mages Farm's barn in Paynesville, Mn.

August 07,2017-Mages Family Band, Music in the Park, German Park, New Ulm, Mn.

August 12, 2017, Bridal Shower for Stacie Mages and TJ Roiger.

September 16, 2017, Wedding of Stacie Mages and TJ Roiger., in New Ulm, Mn. St. Mary's Catholic Church.

September 23 & 24, 2017, Sister's Weekend at Emerald Hideaway.

September 30, 2017- Kodet Sister's Day, Morton Senior Citizen Center. Morton, Mn.

November 25, 2017, Mages Christmas at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in North Mankato, Mn.

November, 2017- Baby due for Melanie and Stevie Miller.

February 2018, Sister's Week in Florida staying with Betty.

Remember When by Mom

The time of year is coming soon, and that time was very important on our dairy farm. It was hay-making time. The cows and steers needed lots of feed, and alfalfa hay was a very important part of their diet. We always had many acres of alfalfa. Before our boys were old enough to help, Alphonse and his brothers would bale hay together. A custom baler was hired, and he would charge so much per bale. The first baler needed a driver, and a man sitting on the baler to wire – tie- the hay. Those bales were square, twice as big as the bales we are used to. When twine balers became popular, it was much easier to handle smaller bales. One of Uncle Ozzie's projects was selling baler twine. He also sold MoorMan's Feed, and United Hagie Seed Corn. Later on he sold feeder pigs and cattle.

Rick was telling me about the time we chopped dry hay instead of baling at the Morton farm. It was put into the hay barn with the silage blower. There was a barrel placed over the hayhole so access to the hay mow would not be covered up. It was Rick and Duane's job to throw down enough of this chopped hay to feed the cows. It was a one time experiment, as it was a dusty job, and cows liked bales better. Making alfalfa hay was not a one time chore, but at least three or four cuttings in a summer season. If the spring was early, and warm four cuttings was a possibility. The bees loved the alfalfa blossoms. Jim Broich would bring out his bee hives, and set them up near the woods. When he extracted the honey in the fall, he always gave us a few quarts.

Time to cut hay!! Dad, Alphonse, would take the tractor, and mower out, and cut the whole field. Then after it was laying a day or two he'd go out with the side rake, and roll it into rows. Then more sunshine, and it was dry enough to bale. Then the crimper came along. The hay would be mowed, and crimped by a different machine. It would dry much faster, and maybe we'd beat the rainstorm coming up. Then a machine came along that was self-propelled, and it did both mowing and crimping, and laying it into rows. This was called a hay-binder. Ready for the bales!!

I am sitting on the deck here in the sunshine writing this story, (May 05,2017), and there is a bee bothering my can of pop. Guess he knows I'm writing about the bees. After all the rain we've been having, I hope the farmers can plant corn today. I had been saying to the girls, that I need suggestions for articles, and Lisa said, " write about making hay." What a great idea. On the way to Jake and Kaylee's wedding also I was the "roving reporter." I received many momories, too bad I didn't take notes about who said what.

It seems that hay-making was a, "fun time." Once the baler was in the hayfield all hands showed up to put away bales. Dad would run the tractor and baler. Dan, Larry or Duane were generally the man on the rack. Duane always wanted that spot, out in the fresh air, always trying to see how high he could pile bales. We had many racks, but with this crew, we needed only two. The elevator was set up by the barn, and also a conveyor inside the barn to carry the bales across the hay barn. Rick, John, Jeff, Curt, Tom, Mike, Donna and Lisa were in the barn. Deb and I were unloading the bales by the elevator trying to keep those in the barn happy. If we didn't unload fast enough, they would come by the big barn door, and yell, FASTER!! FASTER!!

Remember When Continued

We had that elevator full up. One time Deb and I started screaming, we were tipping over. It seems we were so interested on keeping that elevator full that we unloaded from one side of the rack. We had help coming, sliding down the elevator side, and soon enough bales were knocked over to level the load, and stop the rack from tipping.

I didn't know the boys had a timer on getting the load unloaded until Saturday night. I seems four minutes was the record. When the elevator shut off, they came sliding down the elevator, and head out to the field. By then Dad, and Duane would have half a load, so they would wait. Then Deb and I would go into the house to collect the big lunch Nancy and Linda had made. We'd all go to the field for lunch. Lisa remembers big red tomato sandwishes, and crazy cake. We'd check the tally on the baler. How many bales so far?

The last two or three loads would not be unloaded. They would be pushed into the shed by the driveway until needed... BIG JOB – ALL DONE – until next time.

Mom ended up with the jeans to be patched. Too bad it wasn't fashionable at the time to have holes in the jeans. Dan had a special, “milkman coverall,” to wear. Sort of a canvas attachment on the front of the jeans. He said there was a way to pick up bales on the soft side as the stems were rough on the other side.

As time went by, and the older ones had jobs, our crew got smaller. Then we'd ask Dewey Havemeir and Todd Ibberson to help us.. Then there was haylage. This was chopping hay with moisture, and the silage blower would be set up by the silo. Dad would hook up the silage chopper that had a special hay attachment, and head for the field with the Balzer, and silage wagons. When the load was full it was backed up to the silage blower. Then the back door was opened, the apron was set in gear, and the feed was slowly unloaded. Oats that was just beginning to turn was also good haylage. The best was if the fields were side by side. Dad could chop hay on the way up the field, and oats on the way back.

We also rented a lot of hay. Gardell Marti had a field of alfalfa just north of Willis Lochner. We rented that field for the season for several years. Most of it was on the hillside so we had to be very careful about hooking, and unhooking racks or silage wagons. We also rented a hayfield for the season from a farmer by Klossner, Mn. Also south of Sleepy Eye by Godahl. Had to take all the equipment out there, and haul it home with trucks. Chuck Strate also helped haul bales with his truck.

We bought baled hay from a farmer by Lake Crystal, and St. George. One winter Alphonse and I went to California, and stopped in Arizona to visit Ozzie. Duane was the oldest one at home, so he was put in charge. Dad gave him a blank check to use if anything came up. He heard an ad on the radio about hay for sale. He saw that our hay probably wouldn't last till summer, so he decided to check it out. Duane and his younger brothers went over to St. George, and saw that it was good hay. He bought it, wrote out the blank check, and hauled it home. Dad told Duane that he used the check, “wisely.” Those cattle sure did consume a lot of food.

Alphonse and I were going to retire from farming. In 1987 we sold the dairy herd to a dairy in Wisconsin. We still had a big field of alfalfa to bale. Rick memtioned to one of his customers who needed hay that ours was for sale. The entire crop from all three cuttings went to the Baker Dairy Farm by Kasota, Mn.

Remember When Continued

We would have to bale it, and deliver it. It was sold by the ton. When the hay was baled it was loaded onto our two trucks, and Dad had hired Larry Schefus Semi to haul some with his trucks. Grandchildren Greg Mages, Mike Gall and Brian Strate helped reload the bales. The trucks were weighed at the Wallner lot, where Target was located in New Ulm. Alphonse, Dad, had his truck weighed first. Then he parked it, set the brake, and watched so the semi would be fully on the scale to get weighed. Mike was waiting with his truck to be weighed when he saw Dad starting to run. His truck was starting to move, and on that slight hill side it was picking up speed, but he couldn't catch it. Heading straight for K-Mart, where Hy-Vee is now. It had to cross Broadway, and thank God nothing was coming. It would have made quite a mess in the parking lot if it hadn't hit a tree. Thank God for that tree. Employees cars were parked near the tree, and about a dozen bales were knocked off the truck by the crash. Just minor damage. The truck had more damage. I think the radiator, and the hood was dented. It did not tip over. It didn't take long for the police, and the newspaper to come, and check out this runaway truck, Dan was in town, heard about it, so he came to help. He went to Potter Imp., and was able to get a long trailor to reload the bales. The truck was taken to Tom Gulden's Body Shop, and he fixed it good as new. It was a mystery why the brakes didn't hold that truck. But an angel must have been driving, because if it had gone between the trees, it would have been a different story. The rest of the hay was safely delivered that day.

Another time they were heading out with the two trucks loaded. Dad got stopped by the Highway Patrol. The other truck following driven by Tom just kept on going. The patrolmen checked everything out, especially curious how the load was tired down. Everything was okay. So that was the end of hay making for us. No more questions!! Why do we always bale on the hottest day of the year? Why do we always make hay on my birthday?

When the hay barn began to empty – then – came basketball time. The floor would be swept clean, and the basketballs were taken up to the hay mow. From experience they knew to unscrew the light bulbs in the cow barn below, or they would all be burned out.

One final story - courtesy of Lisa!

One summer day, Alphonse and I were going to go to a wedding. There was hay left to bale, it wouldn't have to be unloaded, just push it into the shed. Tom, Mike and Lisa had a job. Tom called Sharon to help, Mike call Dewey, and Lisa called Tony. So they were set to bale. Tom and Sharon on the tractor, Lisa and Tony on the rack, and Mike and Dewey would bring out the racks. So Lisa says they were baling, and here comes Mike and Dewey ----they had the boat behind the pickup, tooting the horn, and waving good-by, heading to Sleepy Eye Lake. What a bummer!!!!!!!! Needless to say they finished baling, and joined them at the lake.

- Love to all,
- Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma

Jacob and Kaylee Fischer – April 29, 2017

Jacob & Kaylee Fischer Wedding held in Lizton, Indiana at the Kennedy Barn April 29, 2017. In short it POURED rain 24 hours clear up to 1pm on their wedding day. , "In many cultures, rain on your wedding day is considered good luck, symbolizing fertility and cleansing. It was a beautiful-sunshine day during the vows and reception. Then right after Jake & Kaylee marched through the sparkler lights lit-up, the weather broke around 9:30pm during the dance. All plan Bs indoor worked out beautifully for the most special, romantic PERFECT day for Jacob & Kaylee to join as man & wife. Jacob lived his "Singing In The Rain" musical play he performed senior year of high school with his Kaylee.

The pastor gave a most special- tie the knot- ceremony with words of wisdom to keep "AWE" in your marriage. Don't' forget those 15 seconds kisses!!!

As the photographer, videographer & DJ commented, this wedding was filled with a musical family background. Jacob sang to his Bride during the dinner toast, and he sang a song for the Bride & her Father's first dance. Dad-Stretch & Sister-Alissa sang the "Greatest American Love Song" written & sung from their personal story. Also Aunt Donna & Uncle Larry played during ceremony & dance along with traditional DJ- Mages style dance music. All the families Aunts danced with the Groom-Jacob and ALL united families crazy -Uncles dances and twirled Bride Kaylee. We wish Jacob & Kaylee a very blessed and healthy marriage together for many years. Special thank you to all those helping out, attending the long distance, and those who were their in heart & spirit.

Deb Fischer

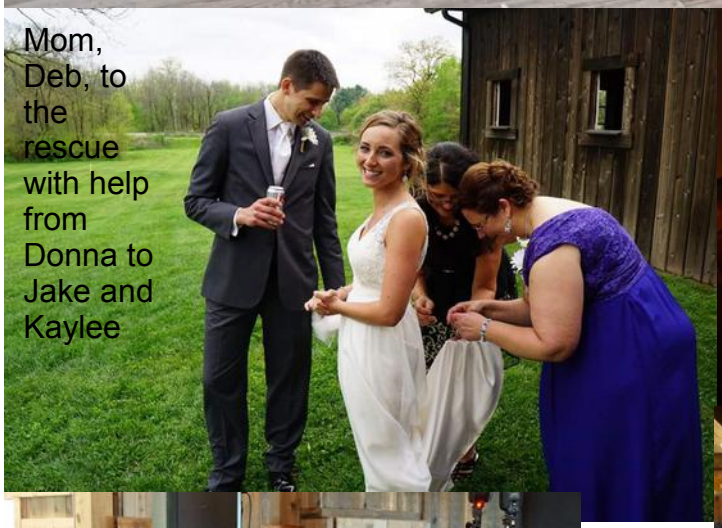
Jacob and Kaylee

L-R:Larry, Dan, Arlene, Mom, Jane and Rick

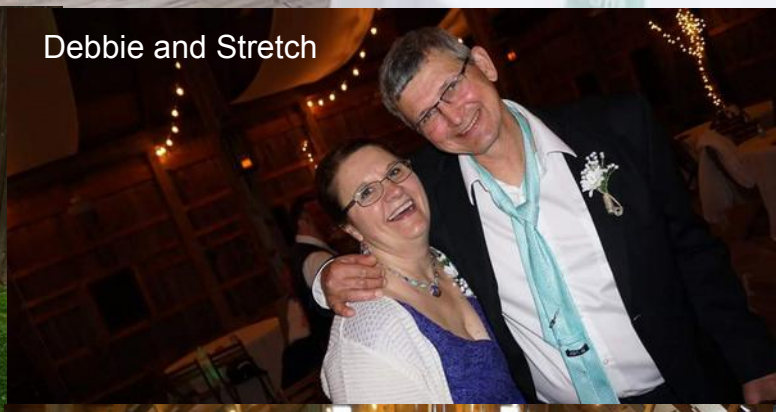
Kaylee, Donna and Debbie

Jake and Kaylee

L-R:Lewis, Kristen, Kate, Stacie, Alissa, Kaylee, Jake, Madeline, Suzanne, Michelle, Cody and Doug



Mom, Deb, to the rescue with help from Donna to Jake and Kaylee



Debbie and Stretch

Larry singing at the wedding

Right: the all important Uncle's dance

New Baby

New Address

I moved to Minneapolis a couple months back. Could you put my new address in the newsletter, please?

Kristen Mages
4112 Chicago Avenue, Apt 4
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Thanks so much, Aunt Linda!
Kristen

MagesFest 2017

The Barn at the Mages Farm. Paynesville, Mn
Jermayne and family are treating us to a special Magesfest at the renovated family barn on the farm in Paynesville. A lot hard work and creativity have gone into the design and decorating of the barn and many of you have helped with the improvements. Now it's time to give it a fun Mages break in.
Join us for a fun filled celebration of the Alphonse and Barbara Mages Family.
Friday July 21st (camping) of hard work and creativity have gone into the design and decorating of the barn and many of you have helped with the improv- Saturday July 22 (Magesfest),
and Sunday July 23rd(Duane's 65th Birthday Celebration)
FRIDAY: Jermayne and family welcomes you to the farm Friday, July 21st for camping
Don't forget your camper, motor homes, fish houses, tents & lawn chairs, snacks, pop and beer.
Saturday: Magesfest will kick off with noon potluck at the barn .
We will have plates, cups, napkins, utensil, coffee & juice to drink for dinner and supper.
Bring potluck food for dinner and supper and something to grill for supper.
We will have lots of games and activities during the day for all ages, including a treasure hunt.
Wedding Anniversaries being celebrated this year are JOE AND LINDA (50 years), TONY & LISA (30 years)
POTLUCK SUPPER: Bring burgers and hotdogs to grill for supper at the barn
Music will be in the evening and all are welcome to join us and show us your talent.
Mrs. Magesfest 2017 will be crowned
Alphonse and Barbara Mages 2017 Forever Young Scholarship Recipients will be awarded
SUNDAY: Church will be in St. Martin on Sunday Morning at 9am and we are working on possible having it on the farm. After mass, we will enjoy coffee and potluck brunch .

DUANE'S 65th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!
The celebration will continue into Sunday as Jermayne and Family have invited are our family and are inviting neighbors and friends in the afternoon to the farm to celebrate Duane's 65th Birthday with a potluck supper. Music will be performed on Sunday afternoon.

We look forward to seeing you at this special celebration. Please let Dean and Donna (320-221-1566) or Jermayne 320-293-7603 know if you plan to camp and when you plan to arrive.

Cards with Mom - 05-15-2017

On May 15th cards with Mom started with Mass at St. Mary's for the deceased members of the Alphonse Mages Family. Breakfast was enjoyed after mass by Larry, Betty, Harold, Debbie, Barb, Mom and Linda. Hand and Foot was played with Barb and Linda claiming bragging rights for the top score. Lunch was at the Railway with Stretch, Nancy and Connie joining us. Lisa joined us in the afternoon when we played 65 with Nancy being the winner. Dan instead of 4 wheeling next month if I was you I'd make sure to attend as Larry is taking your place as the coffee pourer, and he is doing a good job. Just so you know. Linda

L-R:Linda, Mom, Harold, Betty, Connie, Nancy, Barb, Debbie and Stretch

Bridal Shower for Mikayla Mages and Billy Bruggeman
May 20, 2017

Mikayla and Billy's Bridal Shower in Photo

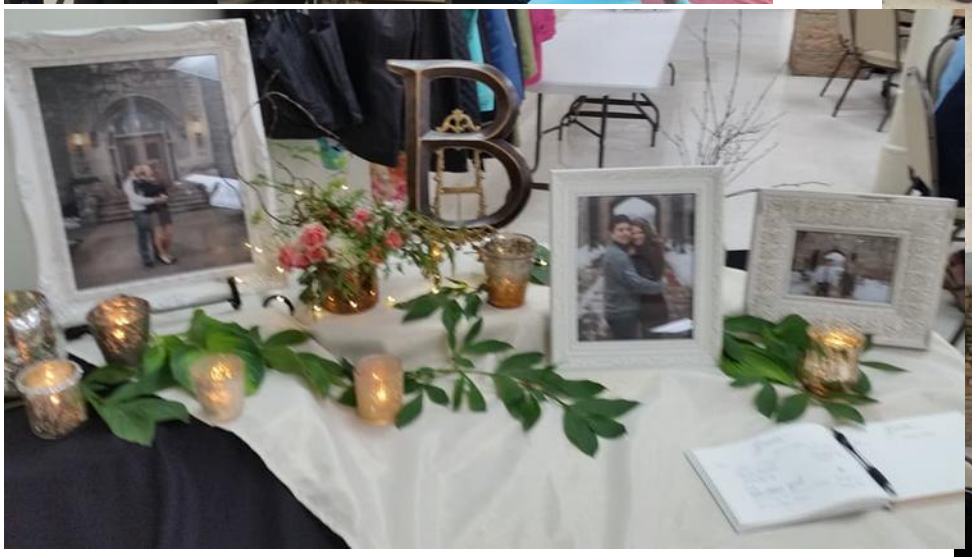
The hostesses

Mikayla and Amy

L-R: Becca, Amanda and Raegan, Kristen, Suzanne, Stacie, Back-Alissa, Mikayla and Brianna

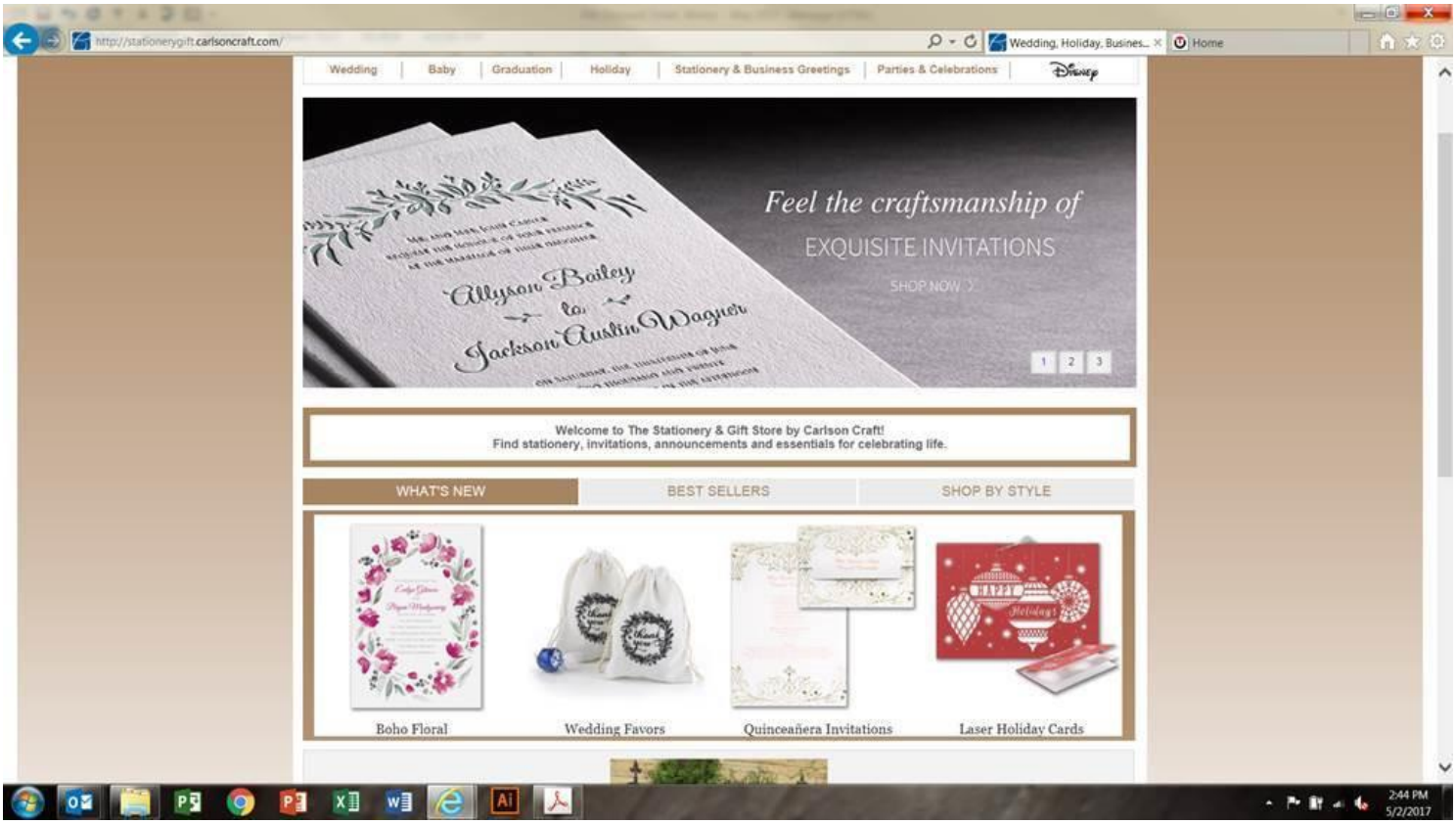
The quilt Grandma Barbara made for them

Bridal Shower Continued in Photo



Woodbury Garage Sales by Kathy Mages

Invitation Specials for the Mages Family



FYI – for the family newsletter.

As a Taylor employee I am able to offer a 50% discount to family members for products on the following site:

http://stationerygift.carlsoncraft.cThis is done through a special discount code that changes every few months.

If you would like to utilize this, please reach out to me via email

At ggandersen@cgintl.com