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Family Reunion

SEPTEMBER 2017

What a joyous occasion Mages Fest was. Thanks to our hosts the Dean and Donna Nelson Family, and the Jermaine and the late Duane Mages Family. The restoration of the barn is phenomenal. The weather was perfect. Our precious Mother, Barbara the oldest in attendance, and little Raymond Alphonse being the youngest at less than two weeks.



September Birthdays

Gabbrelle Bemmels	09-01
Amy Plath	09-01
Tobi Mages	09-01
Maggie Mages	09-02
Everett Mages	09-02
Barb Plath	09-05
Betty Jass	09-05
Samantha Nelson	09-06
Kate Mages	09-06
Todd Andersen	09-07
Max Dammann	09-09
Sharon Mages	09-10
Shane Wilson	09-11
Ken Mages	09-13
Helmut Mages	09-15
Melanie Miller	09-16
Jacob Fischer	09-16
Evelyn Mages	09-20
Randy Wagner	09-22
Connie Goblirsch	09-23
Kathy Mages	09-26
Dalton Mages	09-29

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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Coming Events

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.

September 08, 2018, Wedding of Bonita Mages and Eric in Lake Henry, Mn.

September Anniversaries

Jeff and LeAnn Mages
Sept. 07 32 years

Doug and Connie Goblirsch
Sept. 28 26 years

Matt and Sarah Mages
Sept. 02 17 years

Eric and Amy Plath
Sept. 20 14 years

Joe and Imia Mages
Sept. 17 06 years

Some of
the
overnight
guests at
Mages
Fest



Remember When by Mom

I remember many trips to the county fair when I was growing up, and when my kids were growing up, also the zoo. Ramsey Park at Redwood Falls, Minnesota always had many different kinds of wild life in their zoo. It was an adventure to go to the Como Park Zoo in St. Paul, Minnesota.

When we traveled in our station wagon, the boys sat behind Dad, Alphonse, and the girls sat behind me. They had this game going – points for animals on their side of the road. Small animals one point, cattle two points, horses three points, - total as they went along. If there was a cemetery on your side of the road, you lost all your points.

On Sunday after church we were on our way to Como Zoo on highway 212. There was a country church on the north side of the road between Cologne and Chaska, Minnesota that had a cemetery beside it on the boys side of the road, but it also had two driveways. Alphonse knew the boys were going to lose their points, so he pulls in the first driveway, and backs down the shoulder of the road until he comes to the second driveway, and backs in and then we continue on the road. The girls had lost all their points!!!! What a clamor in the car. The boys were cheering, and the girls were complaining. Dad and I were both laughing.

THE EXCITEMENT FOR THE DAY WAS YET TO COME.

We parked in the parking lot at the zoo, and the yard across the street had this huge jungle gym in the yard. It had swings and slides, and a ladder to the little house on top. Everything to keep a child happy. We went into the zoo, and saw many animals. We were in the building where the monkeys were in cages. Many people in there watching the different species of monkeys. All of a sudden we noticed that five year old Rick was no where to be seen. HE HAD BEEN HERE – WHERE WAS HE??? When we couldn't spot him, we notified the policeman. It went on the loud speaker right away. NO NEWS!!! No one had seen Ricky. After about half an hour, the lady across the street called in that there was a little boy playing with her kids in their jungle gym. What a relief! Yes it was Rick. He had seen that jungle gym, and as long as he was lost, he took advantage of the situation. Rick wasn't worried – he was having a great time.

There was another incident when Mike got lost at the Minnesota State Fair. School had started, and we were going to the State Fair. Mike was in kindergarten, and the bus brought him home about 11:30 am. When he came home we took Mike and Lisa to the fair with us. Many people were there. We tried to hold hands with Mike and Lisa, but they didn't like that. Always trying to pull away.

We were on Machinery Hill, and at that time all the implement dealers had big tents with tractors, and big machinery on display, and also toys. We had seen all the John Deere stull, and were in the International Harvester tent. More toys in there too, and Mike and Lisa were very interested in them. Many children around the toys. Where was Mike? WE COULDN'T FIND HIM!!!! Someone said there is a policeman on the corner, so we went to report a lost child.

Remember When Continued

They had just taken a little boy to the police center in the cop car. His name was Mike.

Where is the police center? By the grandstand on the other side of the fair. So we began the long walk that way. When we got there, they told us, "We take the lost children to the special building by the Big Agriculture Building." Another long walk way to the other side of the fair. Lisa is getting tired, she didn't want to hold our hand. When we got there, Mike was having an ice cream cone, along with many other children. He was not a bit worried. We had told them to talk to a policeman if they got lost.

Johnny Cash was singing in the grandstand that night, and we had tickets. So we bought our foot-long hot dogs, and found a picnic bench to have supper.

So many police cars around the grandstand area. What's going on?? More police inside the grandstand. Did Johnny Cash need that much protection?

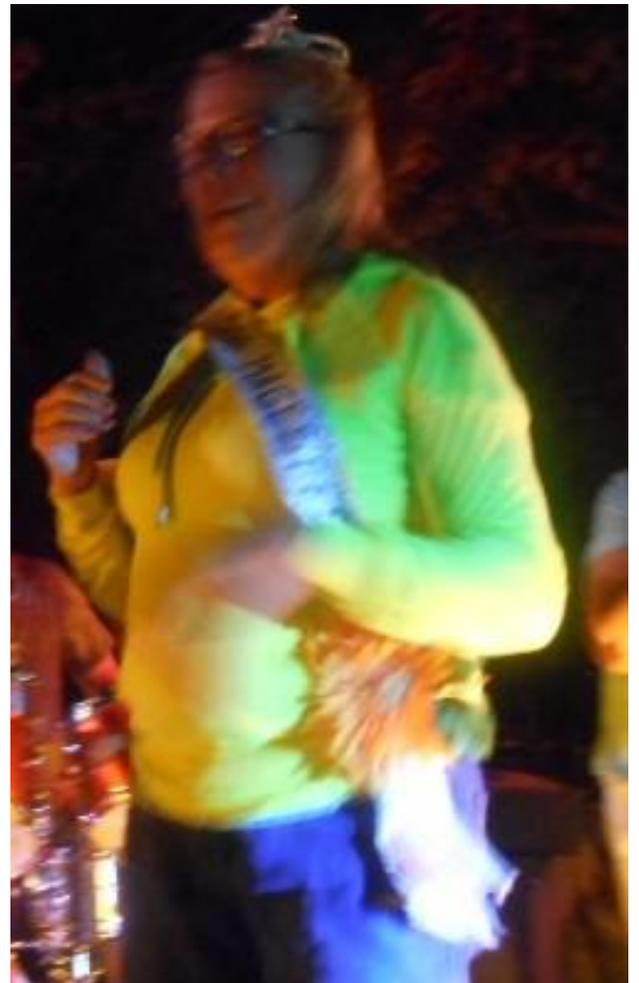
It was a great show, and we enjoyed every minute. We drove home after it was over, and the two little ones fell asleep before we left the fair grounds.

On the radio the next morning we heard about a bomb scare at the Johnny Cash Show. No bomb was found.

I guess the moral of this story is that you can never watch your kids closely enough. Love to all,

Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma

Outgoing Mrs. Mages Fest of 2016
Maggie Mages.



Mages Fest 2017

Magesfest 2017 was a Farm & Barn Full of LOVE by Donna Nelson

Thank you family for attending the 2017 Magesfest held at the beautiful Mages Family Barn on the farm of Jermayne Mages. I did a count of everyone that came to the reunion on Friday night, Saturday and for Sunday brunch and we had 140 family members in attendance. This includes a few boyfriends and girlfriends and Madeline's friend "Kailey" , "Melanie Theilen" (our trumpet and drummer), and Dewey and Mary Havermeier . 4 generations of Mages' were present from age 11 days old (Raymond Alphonse) to 88 years old (Grandma Barbara).

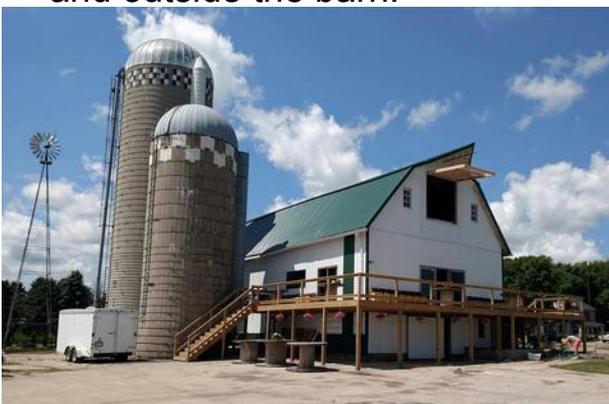
We were all in awe of the beautiful barn and the great transformation it took from storing hay and straw to holding a warm and loving (and sometimes loud and laughing) family. The beams looked strong like the roots of this family and the doors were open wide to welcome everyone just like this family has always done. The farm and all of its buildings were looking well maintained and ready for a large gathering.

Friday night, campers started to arrive and one by one we all took our turn looking at the big, beautiful barn with the new decks, windows, doors, signs and decorations inside. The barn was welcoming to everyone. Friday night we visited, enjoyed live music (including Ashley Wolf playing Yukalaylee), danced, and played the bean bag game in the barn after the rains came.

Saturday was the big day for the barn. Family was busy setting it up for a noon potluck. Tables and chairs were brought in, Thermos of water, pop and juice were filled. The food serving areas were setup for all the food that was coming for the big crew. All morning long the family arrived and strolled around the farm and took a tour of the renovated barn. Dinner was served at noon and after dinner, Jermayne welcomed everyone to the barn and presented our mom and each sibling of Duane with a special apron that was made from Duane's large collection of dress and western shirts. She and her friend Rita made several aprons for us. How Special. They are a special reminder of Duane, our loving husband, dad, brother and son.

After dinner we had several activities for everyone to participate in. We started off with a scavenger hunt, water balloon games, water balloon volleyball, a bean bag tournament, water sprinkler fun and a slip and slid for the little kiddos.

Additional activates were horseshoes by the barn and Hammerslaggen inside and outside the barn.



Left photo is the barn where we all met. Right photo is one of the many tables made by the amish and decorated by Melanie Miller



Mages Fest Continued

Supper was grilled up and served about 5pm and Father Lieser joined us for supper. When supper was almost over, we did a toast " Ziggy Zaggy, Ziggy Zaggy, Owe owe owe". After supper we took a large group picture on the north side of the barn and James pulled up a John Deere tractor for Dewey and Mary Havermeier to stand on so they could get up high and get a panoramic picture of all the Mages'. Then we prepared the barn for Mass. Tables were removed, the floor swept, an altar was set up on stage and chairs brought back in for the service. In true Mages style, we had guitar, piano and a trumpet for mass along with a beautiful choir. Father Lieser gave a heart warm sermon that related to the barn sitting in the middle of the crops along with a few weeds.

After mass, We cleared the dance floor and prepared for a party night in the barn. The musicians setup while many family members played volleyball outside or enjoyed relaxing on the wrap around decks attached to the barn. It was the start of a beautiful evening.

The 2017 Magesfest program began with Grandma Barbara presenting the 2017 Forever Young Alphonse and Barbara Mages Scholarships. This year 4 Mages family members were each presented with a 600.00 scholarship. Aj. Zimiga, Allie Mages, Kyle Strate and Nicole Goblirsch. The program continued with a few Anniversary celebrations. Tony and Lisa were honored for 30 years of marriage and Joe and Linda were honored for 50 years of marriage. After Linda and Joe gave an anniversary speak, Jermayne presented them with a decorated 50th anniversary cake. Now this barn full of people were invited to share in cake and ice cream. A special dance was played for the anniversary couples. After the anniversaries, we celebrated several birthdays! Kristen had her birthday on the day of Magesfest and Jane, Lisa, Martin, Logan and Jasmine all had there birthdays a few days before or after.

Now the barn was rocking and we had Dewey Havermeier come up and do his version of Folsom Prison. Man, that Dewey is quite the entertainer. We were all enjoying his musical talents. Next, James Mages came on stage after the Johnny Cash song and told his own story about his Dad and Johnny Cash. James thanked everyone for coming to the farm and the barn and then unveiled one more cool sign that will be hung in the barn in honor of his dad, The huge MAGES- 1 license plate that is the replica of the license plate from Duane's pickup. The sign now hangs in the barn over the stage for all to see.

Maggie Mages was the reigning Mrs. Magesfest 2016 but was not able to be at the barn on Saturday night so she gave the crown and name of the new Miss Magesfest to her daughter, Theresa, to present. After a farewell speech written from Maggie, Theresa present the crown to the New MRS MAGESFEST 2017 - Jermayne Mages. She was the Happiest Girl in the Whole USA .



Mages Fest Continued

10pm arrived and everyone went out onto the decks along the east side of the barn, Curt and crew presented us with an amazing fireworks show. We had some of the best fireworks I've seen in ages. We all cheered as the firecrackers exploded in the sky over the bean field and right next to the barn.

The rest of the night was filled with laughter, celebrating, music and dancing and line dancing. The first musicians back on the stage after fireworks were, Cooper Mages, Autumn Butler and Abby Strand singing away while Martin Mages played the drums. We have so much up and coming talent. This was so darn entertaining and cute. Several of the little Mages Family members were out dancing. Then we were treated to the music of several Mages musicians throughout the night.

After most had gone to bed and into the wee hours of the morning, Mrs., Magesfest, Jermayne, and her royal court went on their first parade route together on the 4 wheeler. She was driven around the farm and thought the campers practicing her parade wave. How fun.

Sunday morning was pretty laid back on the farm. We tidied up the barn and started preparing a brunch for the family and campers. Melanie Miller woke up the last few campers with a song over the load speaker. Breakfast was served.

Sunday afternoon was the birthday celebration in Memory of Duane's 65th.

Jermayne and girls decorated a cake for the day. Neighbors, friends, cousins and many from the Hartmann side of the family joined the Mages'. Once again, everyone walked into the barn in awe of the great work James, and his family and brothers and sisters did to get the barn in the wonderful space it's in. They loved the Mages burnt into the floor, the beautiful tables that were made by the Amish and decorated by Melanie. A large supper was served and a time was taken after supper with Jermayne introducing everyone present and letting anyone who was willing tell a story of Duane. We toasted Duane with a Ziggy Zaggy Toast. After Supper music was played again and some dancing took place on the barn dance floor.

Whow. I hope I didn't forget anything. Dean and I are so happy to have had the privilege to put on Magesfest 2017 at the Mages Barn. Jermayne and family have done such an amazing job renovating the barn for this event and for future use. For that, The Nelson's and the whole Mages family are grateful and thankful. I think we all feel a little bit closer to the one's we love and the one's we have lost when gathering is such a special place. Thank you everyone for making this such a special occasion. Love, Donna



Sparklers at Mages Fest

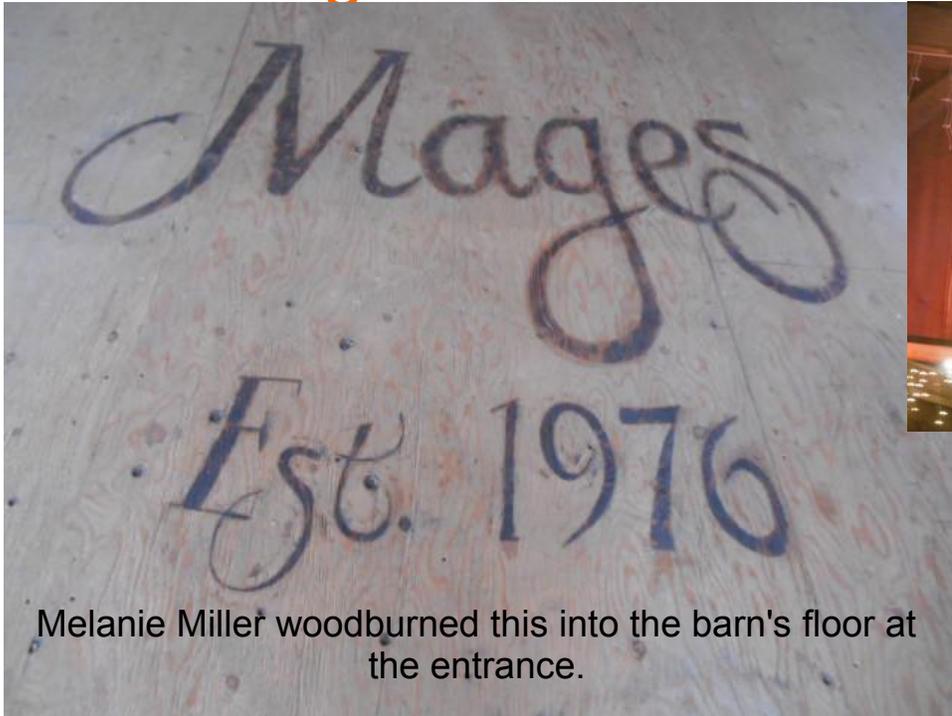


The sign at the barn entrance



Riley and Everly Jensen watching fireworks

Mages Fest Continues In Photo

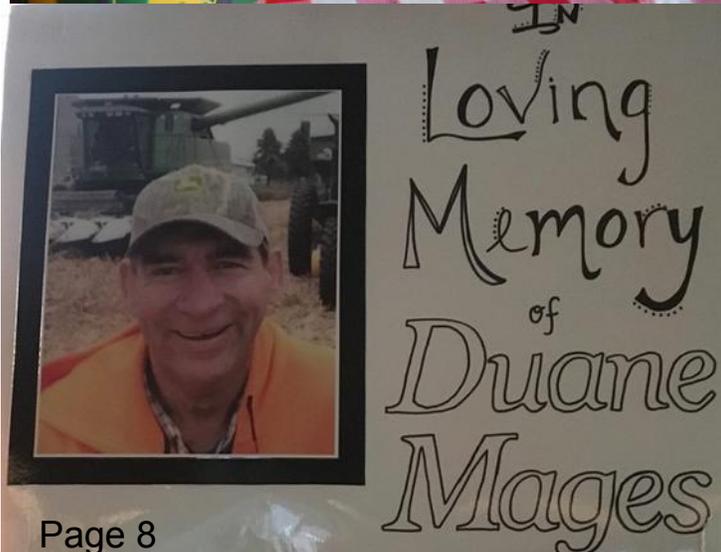


Melanie Miller woodburned this into the barn's floor at the entrance.



A replica of Duane's licence plate from his pick-up now graces a spot above the stage in the barn. Photo below is a beautiful sign in tribute to Duane and Doug at the corner of the house on the driveway side.

The eating utensils in cute descriptive buckets



Mages Fest Adoption



This is my brother
Duane

This is my other brother
Duane, aka: Dewey and
his wife Mary



The Top Ten Reasons The Mages Family Adopted Dewey aka: Duane and Mary Havemeier.

1. Dewey can sure play a mean train whistle and loon etc. during, "The Orange Blossom Special."
2. They bring beer
3. They are just fun to be around
4. They help clean up with the rest of the family when some old lady, Linda, spills red kool aid on the new barn floor.
5. They paid all expenses for all the siblings at Mages Fest, (we just threatened.)
6. They are just good people, and fit right into the family circle.
7. We all like them.
8. Mary and Dewey are able to leap by bounds ontop of a John Deere tractor cab to take a photo of the family and barn at Mages Fest.
9. Mary is sure pretty, and Dewey comes along in the deal.



10. Because we are a small family, and we needed more members.

And last but not least

Mages Fest in Photo



Our host family, Dylan, David, Dean and Donna



Mages Fest in Photo



Mass in the barn.



The Choir



Rick



Aubrey Butler cooling off at Mages Fest



Photo below is the newest member of our family, 11 day old, Alphonse with his parents Melanie and Steven with Great Grandma, Barbara.



Celebrated was the 50th wedding anniversary of Joe and Linda, and the 30th anniversary of Lisa and Tony. We want to thank all of you for our beautiful clocks. Many times during the day we think of how wonderful you all are. Love you, Lisa and Tony Joe and Linda



Alphonse and Barbara Mages Scholarships

AJ is studying Graphic Arts at Southeastern Technical Institute | Sioux Falls SD. This is his second year and he'll graduate this spring 2018. Graphic designs are used for everything from advertising to special drawings and pictures for your local zoo. One can find careers in graphic art almost anywhere. Congrats AJ!



Allie Mages receiving her scholarship from Great Grandma Barbara



Connie Goblirsch receiving the scholarship for daughter Nicole from Grandma Barbara



The photo below is the sister in laws with Queen Jermayne at Mages Fest. Sharon, Kathy, Queen Jermayne, Arlene and Cindy

Kyle wants to say thank you for this generous scholarship. It will be used towards his education at University of Minnesota Duluth.



Debbie Baking in Her New Apron Made From Duane's Shirt



Awesome



Music in German Park – The Mages Family Band, August 07, 2017



L-R: Larry, Amanda, Matt, Halle, Debbie and Joe



Larry with his Granddaughter's, Bella, Halle and Gabby.



Leo taking over for his Dad, Matt.



Friend Abby singing with Bella, Gabby and Halle



The after concert party at the Lamplighter in New Ulm

Stacie and TJ Bridal Shower – August 12, 2017

Stacie introducing her head table, L-R: Grandma Barbara, Grandma Elaine, Darla Roiger, Sharon Mages, Stacie, TJ, Bridesmaid, Bridesmaid, Bridesmaid, and Bridesmaid Bonita Mages



Beautiful decorations, and a delicious luncheon. Many beautiful and useful gifts.

Bridal Shower for Stacie and TJ Continues in Photo



The hostesses

Stacie and Sharon

TJ and Stacie



The quilt presented to TJ and Stacie by Grandma Barbara



Bonita Mages, Daughter of John and Cindy, and Eric Announce Their Engagement

Eric and I are very excited to share that we are Engaged!!! Eric proposed on August 1st at Gooseberry Falls and caught me completely by surprise!! We are planning our wedding for September 8, 2018 in Lake Henry, MN.

Love,
Bonita



Music in the Park - 2017

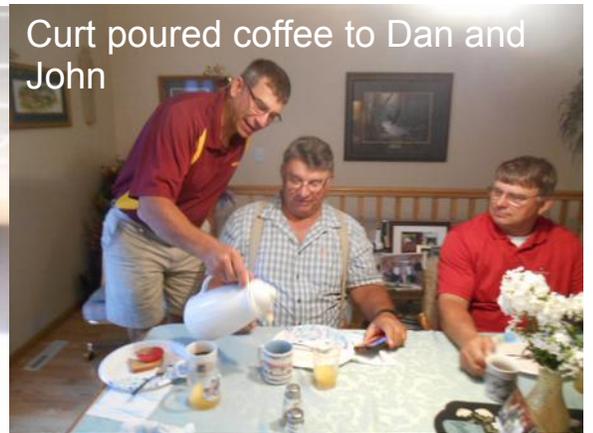


Cards With Mom – August 17, 2017

Ten family members met at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sleepy Eye on Thursday, August 17, at 7:15 am Mass for the deceased members of the Alphonse Mages family. Those present were, Mom, Dan, Nancy, Larry, Rick, Betty, John, Curt, Debbie and Linda. A delicious breakfast was served at Moms after Mass with much kidding and laughter, and stories of days gone by. About 10:30 am Kyle and Riley Strate joined us, and played cards also. The card game, "65," was played with Dan, Larry, John and Curt who were within nine points of each other to win the big prize, and honor of being called the winner. John was victorious. What an exciting game. We all went to the Railway for their sauerkraut and dumpling dinner, and was joined by Rick and Jane, David, Alissa and Stretch Fischer. After lunch Betty, Jane, Mom, Debbie and Linda played, "Hand and Foot," with Jane, Betty and Linda being the winners. Linda



L-R: Linda, Rick, Betty, John, Curt, Mom, Kyle, Debbie, Stretch, Dan, Larry, Alissa, David and Jane



Curt poured coffee to Dan and John



Mass and breakfast bunch, Curt, Larry, John, Debbie, Nancy, Dan, Mom and Betty. Linda behind the camera

Building Schools is no big deal



Mike and Maggie



Maggie and Mike

Recently Maggie and I were going through Glencoe, Mn. and we thought of Mike building the new Middle School for Glencoe-Silver Lake school district. Good thing we stopped, as most of the work was completed and it was a mad dash the last couple of weeks to have it ready for school beginning after Labor Day. Mike gave us quite a tour. I was very proud of this brother of mine, and quite impressed with how he had everything under control. His workers bounced questions off of him as we passed through their areas. You could see he is very well respected and in charge. After touring the new school, he took us to his construction trailer office and showed us the pages and pages of blueprints. He understands them all very well of course. When I said I would be totally lost, he said building schools is no big deal. Well, for him maybe, and of course he has built many schools, hospitals, municipal water plants etc. Who would have ever thought back when we were young, that our little brother would be so talented.

Speaking of talented, I daresn't (that's a Mages word) forget all our talented family. I could also write about pretty much anyone in this family, as each of you are leaders at your trade. Remarkable really remarkable when you think about it. Your hard work sets a great example for the next generation, just like it was the generations before us that set a great example. I would like to start a company and hire only Mages relatives. Trouble is, then you would all be trying to take my job.

Love you all,

Larry

Mages Barn

Labor Day Party



Where: Mages Farm at 25436 278 th Ave, Paynesville

When: 2pm on Saturday, September 2nd

Details:

- Bring your own beverages
- Bring something for your family to grill along with a side dish for the potluck supper (eat at 6pm)
- Bring a camper, tent, fish house to spend the night
- All are welcome, including children
- Live music throughout the night
- Bring beanbag boards

Call Jim at 320-248-6564 if you are planning to spend the night

We hope you can come, Make it!!!!!!

Sister's Weekend Update

Sister's Weekend will be held September 23-24, 2017, at Emerald Hideaway. Dress is casual this year. The doors will be open at 2 pm. On Saturday. We will be attending Mass in Paynesville at the 5pm service. We will be leaving Emerald Hideaway at 4:15 pm for Mass. After Mass we will return to Emerald Hideaway, when the hostesses will serve supper. In the evening we will play B-I-N-G-O, and we ask those who wish to play to bring **wrapped** items for prizes. Please do not spend a lot of money on them. Low cost or slightly used from your stock of things you no longer want or need. It will be great to have lots of prizes, so we can play awhile. Donna will bring her bingo ball set up.

Please do not bring a lot of food. Only snacks for in the evening, and breakfast the next morning, and drinks if you are entering the drink category. After church we will model our ugly socks. The voting for The best food, the best drink, the ugliest socks, the best joke, the best story, and the cutiest PJ's will be Sunday after brunch. After brunch we will also have our gift exchange. If you desire to join in the gift exchange a wrapped gift of \$10.00-\$15.00. I have some reservations for beds. You can call or email Linda for this.

WE ARE ASKING ALL WHO WANT TO PLAY ANOTHER GAME WE HAVE PLANNED TO BRING 3 NICKLES, 3 DIMES, 3 QUARTERS AND 1 DOLLAR BILL. Details the night of the game.

Keep in mind if you want to be a hostess for Sister's Weekend 2018. Your hostesses, Mom, Betty and Linda



L-R: Rick, Debbie, Jory, Jacob and Donna

More Mages Fest

Water balloon volleyball



Rules given for the scavenger hunt



Beanbag tournament



Guests sharing lunch and friendship in the barn.