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Family Reunion

SEPTEMBER 2018

The photo at the bottom is from our cousin, Kathy Chesney's front yard. Mom, Betty, Debbie and I were privileged to receive a tour of her yard and gardens which are very beautiful. We also were honored to a wonderful day of memories and visiting with Kathy, her Mom, our Aunt Elaine, and her sister, Teresa.

Wow! We broke a record again this month. Our former number of pages was 24. Keep the news coming, it's great.



God's Blessings to all. Love, Linda

September Birthdays

Gabbrelle Bemmels	09-01
Amy Plath	09-01
Tobi Mages	09-01
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

Coming Events

September 15 & 16, 2018 – Sister's Weekend at Emerald Hideaway.

September 22, 2018- Kodet Sister's Day, Morton, Mn.

Nov. 24, 2018 – Mages Christmas,at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Ulm, Minnesota.

December, 2018 – New baby due for Melanie and Steven Mages

June 29, 2019 - Wedding of Kristen Mages and Lewis Olivero.

October 05, 2019, Wedding of Michelle Mages and Cody Becker.

September Anniversaries



A special Hello to My
Grandson Tobi Mages From
Oma Barbara

A special Hello to our German
cousins, Helmut, Birgit, Andi
and Tobi
www.magesonline.com

News Deadline

20th of each month
Send articles and photos
to Linda at
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Director | Larry Mages

What's The Buzz about You?



At one of his general assembly speeches to his auctioneer school class, Col. Gordon E. Taylor of World Wide College of Auctioneering once said, "The more you drink, the less business you will do." Well, I don't know about you, but who doesn't like to go let their hair down once in awhile and kick up their heels. I don't think we want to be completely unsociable, but getting drunk is hardly a way to pick up business. People like a fun person but don't want to trust

their business to someone that can be found at the local bar on a regular basis. We would hardly want the teacher of our children or minister of our church or keeper of our money or executor of our will or any other person we trust with our business, to be found regularly at the bar. Does that mean having a drink is always a bad idea? Not really. Sometimes having a drink at an occasion or when out for a sociable gathering is perfectly fine. It doesn't mean you should never drink, but it is how it is carried out that matters. Certainly, around potential clients, getting drunk is never acceptable.

The same can be said for confidentiality. "The more you talk about people's business, the less business you will do." How many of us have been questioned by people wondering why someone is selling out, or someone is trying to pick up a tidbit of information on someone's personal reasons for doing anything? If the price happened at a public auction, I see no reason why that can't be repeated, but who bought something I feel is of a personal nature is no one else's business. The best answer is to say that if you were conducting the questioner's business, would he want his business discussed. Of course not, and neither does your client. Be prepared with an answer when you are questioned. Anticipate questions, as they are going to happen. If you're not good at this sort of thing, you're better off not putting yourself in harm's way, such as going to breakfast every morning where the local gossip might like to hang out. Once you are known as a source of information, you will have a hard time turning it off. The very person that gets personal information out of you is the last person that would hire you because of it.

Are YOU alone the face of your business? If YOU do a good job, is that good enough? I think you know the answer to that one. Everyone in your business is the face of your business. That is why it is so important that each person on your team is expected to carry their weight with a smile on their face and a friendly phone voice, etc. Right down to how everyone acts toward people when they are not at work, affects your company. You need to have regular meetings with your company team, letting them know how important it is for everyone to treat each person in a fair and friendly manner.

It goes even beyond that. Encourage each member of your company to volunteer in their community. Sometimes, as a company, you should volunteer for worthy causes and challenges. It is not unusual to see a bank team picking up road ditches or a real estate office raising money for a diabetes walk, etc. Building good community PR can be accomplished by volunteering your auctioneering services. Many churches

and groups hold benefit auctions. This is also an excellent way for beginning auctioneers to hone their skills.

Building a successful business is about so much more than just YOU. Who you choose to be part of your company is just as important as how you conduct yourself. Groom your company. Emphasize to be sure everything is done on time. Be sure all phone calls are returned when you said they would be returned. Be sure closings happen on the day that was appointed.

Keeping your clients happy and satisfied is the most important thing going on. Everything else is secondary. The buzz in your community about your company is a difficult thing to change. Make sure it's a good buzz.

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Larry writes for the magazine, "Auctioneer Journal," three times during the year, with a fourth article in a supplement issue. This is the article for the summer 2018

Cindy and John Billboard



These billboards are appearing at different locations through out Minnesota. Congratulations John and Cindy.

Scholarship Recipient

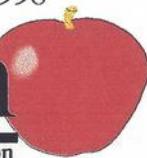
Nicholas Strate son of Brian and Michelle received the Alphonse and Barbara Mages Scholarship for 2018 from Great Grandma Barbara Mages. Nick is now learning his trade as a plumber



September 1998



The Family Reunion



11th Edition

Good-bye summer, Hello Fall. Can you believe how fast the summer months went! I would have to say that it was a great summer and the weather always seemed to cooperate. We got out golfing this year several times and that has proven to be fun. Dean has fallen in love with this sport. He rented out the hay ground so that freed up alot of time that we don't normally have. The kids are all done with their back to school shopping. Dylan will be starting kingergarden and the day we got home from shopping he was ready to go. He is trying to understand why the bus still hasn't come by. Sept 3rd is his first day. I am looking forward to fall and the change of seasons.. We have a few pumpkins in the garden this year and one of our apple trees are just about ready to start eating.

I hope you all have great starts to your school year. College kid! I want your new addresses ASAP so please send them. Next month I will print them all. I also need addresses from Aaron, Jory, Roger, Deadline for next months articles are September 24th. Kids in Sports, Music and any Extra Activities (Boyscouts, Girlscouts and etc.) , keep me informed as to what is going on. I really do appriciate this.

Have a Great Fall and Happy Harvest. Love Donna



 Family Reunion Sunday was a Bee-utiful Day for all

The 1998 Family Reuion was a beautiful day. We were visited by a family of yellowjacket bees. The food for the day was great and all the events with our candidates for Lord of the castle were very entertaining. Mark Deegan fell hard when playing volleyball and was taken to the emergency room by Gina and Matt. He returned about 5:00 with a broken collar bone. 4 to 6 weeks of recovery for him. Get Well Soon Mark. Rick and Jane and Tom and Sharon had a great time celebrateing their anniversaries. Thanks Jeff and Leann for hosting it and Thanks to ALL for coming together to celebrate a great family.



Jeff & LeAnn
September 7th
Celebrating
13 Years



Duane & Jeri
September 27th
Celebrating
24 Years



Doug & Connie
September 28th
Celebrating
7 Years



Lady Maggie Mages: 2nd

Lady Betty Jass: 5th

Lady Barb Plath: 5th

Princess Kate Mages: 6th

Lady Sharon Mages: 10th

Prince Shane Wilson: 11th

Prince Ken Mages: 13th

Prince Mark Deegan: 14th

Princess Melanie Mages: 16th

Prince Jacob Fischer: 16th

Prince Randy Wagner: 22nd

Princess Connie Goblirsch: 23rd

Lady Kathy Mages: 26th



Class of 2011

Entering Kindergarten this fall are:



Misti Deegan

Nathan Gall

Scott Mages

Jack Mages

Dylan Nelson



Mages Party on Prescottshire Line

 The biggest party of the season was a blast for every one at Sir Rick and Lady Jane's Castle, Aug 27th. Saturday. People came from all over the state and some even from out of state. After entering the caslte gates, you were greeted with fine fellowship, food, beverage and even live music. A good time was had by all. Thanks Rick, Jane and Family for a great time .

Remember When by Mom

Days Gone By

With apple season coming up, I remember when we lived at the farm south of Morton, and we had four apple trees. One was an early crab apple tree that was very sweet, and tasty. I use to can them whole for sauce with a little cinnamin stick in the jar. Another early apple was perfect for pies, It was a big apple called Duchess. Our mailman was also our other farms landlord from whom we rented 120 acres of land. He was always on schedule to the minute at 10:50a.m., so he sometimes took a minute to pick a few apples. When I made apple pie, I would put a piece of pie in the mailbox for him.

He had an airplane, a two person plane, and he'd fly over many times at 5:a.m. He said he'd stop and give us a ride. When the alfalfa field was cut, and baled, he'd land on the alfalfa field. Alphonse and I both had rides one at a time over the area, and over Redwood Fall and Morton. Once he told Alphonse to come to the place at Morton where he kept he's plane. It was by the Indian Monuments, early in the morning after a big thunderstorm. He saw many low spots filled with water. Alphonse said you could see if a hill of corn was missing in a field. We rented from him, Fred Netzel, for twenty years until we moved to Sleepy Eye. The farm was only ½ mile away from our farm, so it was very convenient.

Back to the apple orchard. It was located on the lawn on the other side of our circle drive past the house. There was also a Wealthy apple and a Haarlson Tree. We had apples over the fall and winter. On the other side of the orchard was my garden, a big strawberry patch, an asparagus patch, and a row of perennial flowers, Peonies, Iris and Daisies. After we moved to Sleepy Eye, we went back to pick the strawberries. I moved many of the flowers to my Sleepy Eye garden.

Our buildings at Morton sat fairly close to the road. Several rows of trees along the road, and we planted more on the north side, (**Editors note, Dad and Mom said they were planting sucker trees, so us kids would go out everyday to see if there were candy suckers on the trees yet**). With our small children, we worried about the road close by, so Alphonse put a fence up around the house, and lawn. It included the two big lilac bushes at the far end of the lawn. It was like a cave between the two bushes, and the children liked to play in there. The fence was finished with a nice gate at the end of the side walk. It didn't take long, and Linda who was about three or four years old learned that if she walked up the fence post, she could reach the gate lock, and open the gate. OH FREEDOM AGAIN!!!!

When we moved to Sleepy Eye we also had an orchard of mature trees. A crab apple tree, an early summer apple called a Beacon, Wealthy and Haarlson. They were the most popular varieties. As the years went by, we planted more trees. The Beacon apple would have apples every year. Half a tree this year, and the other half the next year.

Well!! This makes me think about the nice delicious apple that is waiting for me in the refrigerator. YUM!!! YUM!!!

Love,
Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma

Linda trying to unlock the gate at the
Morton farm



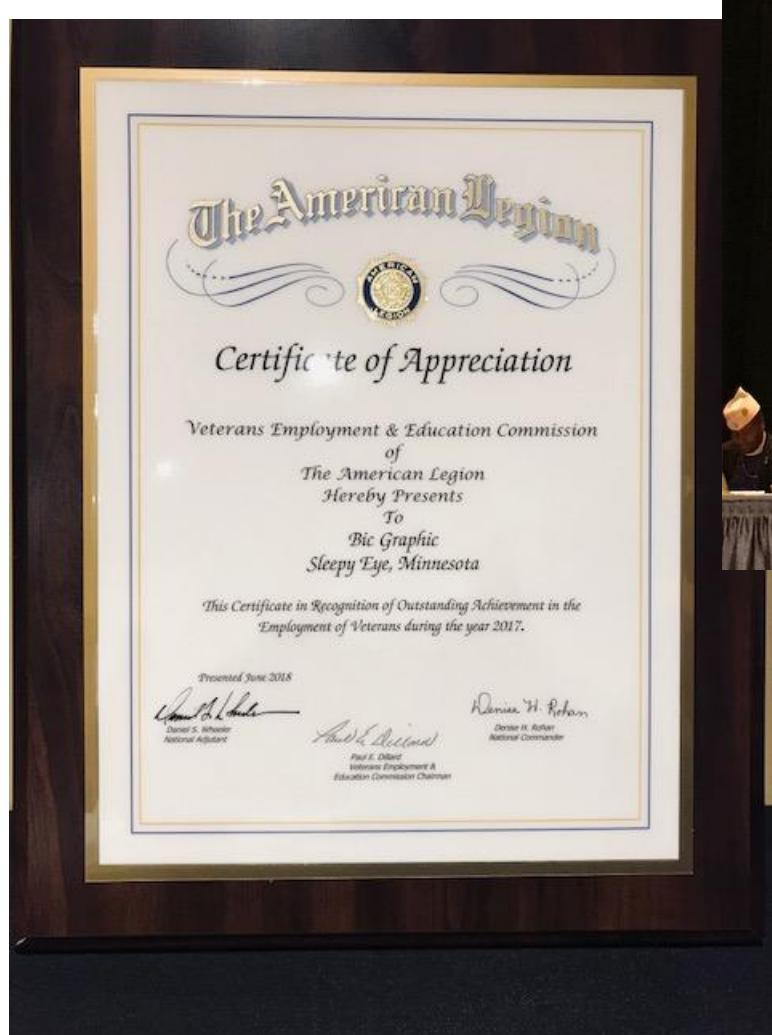
Lisa's Child Care

Hello from all of the little Kiddo's of Lisa's Childcare. I have been raising kids on fresh air and sunshine for 20 years now. Greetings from Raegan, Avery, Elizabeth, Jay, Sawyer, Kyler, Leo, Evelyn and Wesley! Lisa Schmitz Also Henry ...



Bic National Reward

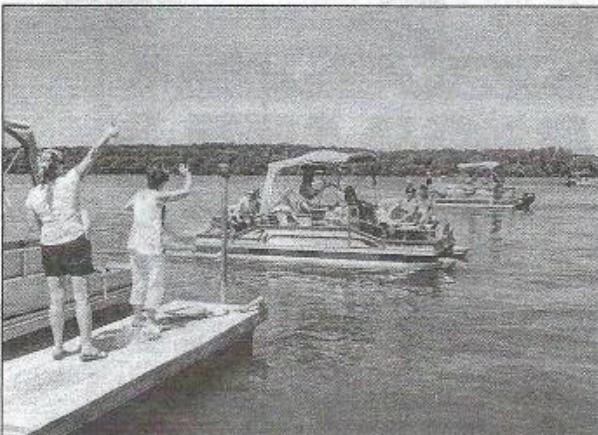
BIC Graphics, Sleepy Eye Division received national recognition from the National American Legion during their 2018 Minnesota Department Convention in Rochester, MN. This award was submitted by the Benjamin A. Remmelle American Legion Post #7 for BIC Graphic's Veteran initiatives. Some of their initiatives include their Veteran's Day breakfast for their Veteran employees, Veterans bulletin board and their support of the Sleepy Eye American Legion Post # 7 when using their printing services. Thanks Sleepy Eye BIC Graphics for an awesome job! Betty



Above: Mike Schaffer, MN Department Commander, Betty Jass, Sleepy Eye Post #7 Adjutant, Blake Seas, BIC Graphics Red Wing and Carl Moon, MN Department Employer Chairman.



My apologizes for not putting this in last month. I can only blame it on a senior Moment

FOURTH OF JULY**Rice Lake Holds Annual Patriotic Boat Parade...**

Judges Jody Crary (left) and Deb Henry (end of dock) checked in boats for the annual Rice Lake boat parade on Saturday, July 7, at Fishers Resort, including the Strunc family (above).



The Rice Lake boat parade featured 14 entries this year. Winning was the Fischer family, with the Leusink family taking second place, and the Milless family third.

FOURTH OF JULY**Heitkes Win Annual Koronis Boat Parade...**

The Heitkes won the Lake Koronis Boat Parade, sponsored by the Koronis Lake Association on Saturday, July 7. Pictured are: Dave Heitke (driving), Lindy Hennen of Paynesville, Kennedy George of Osakis, and Brady Mages of Osakis.

Photos by Michael Jacobson

Music in the Park on August 06, 2018 with the Larry Mages Family Band and the Black Diamonds



Photo to the lower left is Larry listening with pleasure to the Black Diamonds play. Middle bottom is featuring Matt playing with his drum sticks on fire. Bottom right photo is Carol and Gerald Wiebel dancing to a song dedicated to them by Debbie Fischer for her sister in law and her husband Jerry on their 50th wedding anniversary.



Bavarian Blast with our German Cousins, Helmut and Birgit, and Stretch and Debbie

Front row, Tom, Helmut and Birgit. Back is Stretch and Brian Filzen from KNUJ radio



While Helmut and Birgit were watching the parade, Madeline Ibberson stopped to visit.



Watching the parade Debbie and Birgit in the back. Stretch and Helmut sitting.

It was a beautiful day for Magesfest 2018 Sunday July 29, at German Park in New Ulm hosted by Tom, Sharon & family. Thank you to all the family who brought delicious potluck food and was fun to see family gather throughout the park on the benches amongst the flower gardens. Also I think the kids enjoyed the new fenced in play ground just finished in July. We did do a count at dinner and 105 were in attendance. It was so nice that Helmet and Birgit were able to make one last stop at Magesfest to say good-bye on their way to the airport. Thanks to Kari and Cody (Alissa's boyfriend) for taking a family picture on the hill with all of us and our German cousins before they left. Scott & TJ lined up the Bean Bag Tournament. I believe there were 10 plus teams. The final championship game was a dual between teams Curt & Jeff Mages and Brandon Schmitz and TJ Roiger. In the end, Curt & Jeff were the 2018 Magesfest Bean Bag Champions! Thanks for all who participated in a fun event. Anniversary's were celebrated in the afternoon. Rick & Jane Mages 45 years and Tom & Sharon Mages 30 years. Thanks for the very nice gifts. Grandma Barbara presented Nick Strate with the Alphonse and Barbara Mages Scholarship this year. Jermayne also gave up her rein to the a new Miss Magesfest. She kept everyone in suspense walking around the shelter eyeing all the potential candidates. Crowned the new 2018 Miss Magesfest was Donna Nelson. She is so well deserving of the title.

Thank you to everyone who came to Magesfest and helped out with the set up and clean up. Its always a fun and special time being together with family.

Love Tom, Sharon, Stacie, TJ, Scott & Ashley



Mages Fest 2018



The shelter at German Park



Top left is Tom and Sharon holding their gift from the Mages Family,,Bottom right is Rick and Jane with their gift.

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Mages Fest 2018 in Photo



Upper left photo is the outgoing Ms. Mages Fest 2017, Jermayne Mages, and the new Ms. Mages Fest 2018, Donna Nelson.

Mages Fest



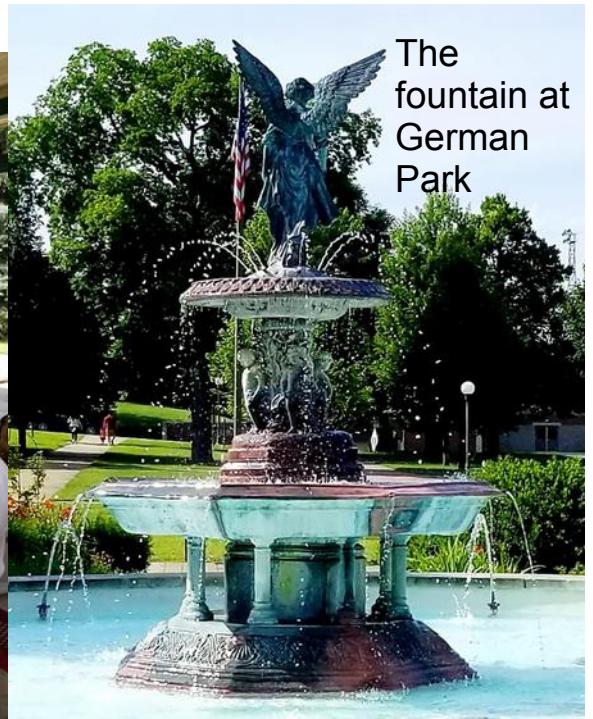
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Mages Fest in Photo Continued

Curt and Jeff the bean bag tournament winners



Jermayne crowning Donna



The fountain at German Park

Farewell Party for Helmut and Birgit

On July 23, 2018, a Farewell party was held for our German cousins, Helmut and Birgit at Mom's home in Sleepy Eye for breakfast and lunch. A gift was presented to them from us and hand crafted beautifully by Debbie. We had so much fun visiting with them. Tom arrived after he got off work, and lunch was over, but he brought us all Dilly Bars from the Dairy Queen. They sure hit the spot. Those present were Mom, Helmut, Birgit, Jeff, Betty, Larry, Arlene, Tom, Debbie, Stretch, Curt, Kathy, Nancy, Jerry, Alissa, and Linda. Linda



Helmut and Birgit with their gift. I hope it fit into their luggage okay.

Tom in the back with the Dilly Bars. Enjoying them is Larry, Birgit and Helmut



Helmut and Birgit Farewell in Photo



L-R: Jeff, Larry, Curt, Arlene,
Nancy, Kathy, Alissa, Stretch,
Debbie, Birgit, Mom and
Helmut



L-R: Jeff, Larry, Linda, Arlene,
Betty, Birgit, Mom and Helmut
having breakfast.

Engagement of Kristen and Lewis

Kristen Elizabeth Mages, daughter of Curt & Kathy Mages, and Lewis Olivero would like to announce their engagement! Lewis proposed at the Lake Harriet Peace Garden in Minneapolis earlier this summer. The wedding will be on June 29, 2019, in St. Paul, MN - more info to come later on. We can't wait to celebrate with you all!



From the Archives



2005 Kristen in her band uniform

Jacqueline Ruth Bruggeman Born August 06,2018 at 10:15 a.m. Weighing 7 # 13 oz and is 20.5 inches long. She is the daughter of Mikayla and Billy Bruggeman, and the Granddaughter of Mike and Amy Mages



New Baby Coming in December



Steven and Melanie Mages with their son Raymond wish to announce there will be a new addition to their family the end of December, 2018. The Mages family is so happy for you!

Nancy taking the selfie with Mom, Barb, Betty, Linda and Debbie



Cards with Mom

Cards with Mom was held on August 10, 2018 starting with Mass for all the deceased members of our family at St. Mary's Catholic church in Sleepy Eye. Breakfast followed at Mom's. Dan where were you, as I had to take your job of pouring coffee, and the rest had no mercy on me. Hand and Foot was played after with Mom and Betty as the winners. Of course Betty made sure she had the lucky chair. Betty had facebook hooked up to Mom's T.V. So we all watched the wedding of Jermayne Mages and Duane Kuss live. What a beautiful wedding. We are all so happy for them. We changed things up this time, and went to the golf course for lunch, and Bryant was our waiter. Thanks for the good service. Jory Mages, Michelle Strate and Amanda Cook joined us there. Linda

Cards With Mom in Photo

L-R:, Mom, Betty, LeAnn, Michelle, Jory,
Amanda, Nancy, Debbie and Linda.
Bryant took this photo.



Service with a smile. Bryant
and Mom. Wow that looks really
good.



A Wonderful Day With Cousin Kathy

To my delight our cousin Kathy Frank Chesney called me about three weeks ago, and asked if we would like to come to her home for lunch. I let Mom and all my sisters know so those who could join us on August 14, 2018, could. Mom, Betty, Debbie and I went to her beautiful home in Brooklyn Park where Kathy had also invited her Mom, our Aunt Elaine, and her sister, Teresa. We enjoyed the day out on her deck which is beside a large pond. It was a beautiful day with just the right amount of sunshine and breeze. After our lunch which was served on her husband Steve's Mothers dishes, (so pretty rose pattern) Kathy gave us a tour of her gardens which we loved to see all the plants and flowers. Kathy definitely has a green thumb. We hated to leave, but Betty had another engagement that evening. We did stop at Jim's Apple Barn on the way home. Betty said we had 15 minutes to look, but thankfully Mom told her we needed more time, so we got 20 minutes. Thank You Kathy for a very love filled day. Linda



Debbie in the front. Mom and Aunt Elaine, Back row L-R: Linda, Kathy, Teresa and Betty.

Our Day With Kathy in Photo



Upper photo is in Kathy's front yard. Elaine, Teresa, Linda, Betty and Kathy. Debbie is behind the camera. Right photo is Linda picking Kathy's basil for our luncheon.



Ragnar Great River Run

These super women where part of a 12 woman team that ran the Ragnar Great River Run. The race is run as a relay, one member is ALWAYS running, day and night. The start was in Winona, MN following along the Mississippi river and they finished about 35 hours later at the finish line at East Flats Park in Minneapolis. 203 mile! Matt.



L-R:, Amanda Bemmels, Sarah Mages, Emily Rath and Chrissy Vander Hook.

Ragnar Great River Run in Photo



What

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Accomplishment

Mages Sisters County Fair Weekend at Emerald Hideaway



Mages Sister County Fair Weekend at Emerald Hideaway

Attention: Grandma Mages, Sisters, Sisters in Law, and all nieces (all referred to as "sisters") :

You are invited to Mages Sister Weekend at Emerald Hideaway this year to take place on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15th and 16th. The County Fair theme weekend starts with gates opening at 2 pm (or sooner or later) at the lake home. Dress this year is casual!

We will leave for 4 pm Mass at Manannah around 3:30 pm. The demolition derby will take place on our way into town! Donna's church contemporary choir is trying to coordinate "possibly" leading the music! If so, Mages sisters are welcome to join their singing group for the evening if you would like. Inquire with Donna. After Mass we will all go out for a "Grand Champion" supper at The Hilltop in Manannah, just like old times.

Upon our return, we will have a fun County Fair judging contest with sisters being invited to enter as many contests as you would like. The contests are Best Pickles, Best Homemade Pie, Most Unique Garden Vegetable(s), Garden Flower Arrangements (from your own garden or a friends) and Arts and Crafts. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded!

This will all be followed by "Free" Grandstand entertainment into the evening and a "Blue Ribbon" Brunch in the morning sponsored by your hostesses Donna, Sharon and Lisa.

What to bring: As many fair contest entries as you like, a late night snack or fruit for the "Blue Ribbon Brunch" or a drink to share. BYOB. The optional \$15 sister gift exchange will also take place again following brunch!

Final voting will include: Best Joke, Best True to Life Story and Best Drink! RSVP to Lisa at 507.220.0438 or tlschmitz@sleepyeyetel.net to reserve your sleeping spot!

Duane and Jermayne Kuss – Married

August 10, 2018



Jermayne and Duane Kuss Continued

A very special event took place this past August 10 at 10:10 AM in the morning. Jermayne Mages and Duane Kuss were married in a service that included a small intimate group of immediate family. The day included the wedding at Saint Martin's Catholic Church, a toast at Doochie's bar and a fun time afternoon for the entire family at a close friends backyard recreational area called Cal rock. The evening concluded with an open air dance and fireworks like you've never seen before. Jermayne and Duane then took off on a honeymoon ride of 2000 miles up and around Lake Superior on their gold wing motorcycle. Thank you for all the loving good wishes you have extended their way. Jermayne and Duane



The Jermayne and Duane Kuss Family

