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The photos on this page are from Michelle and Cody's wedding. Everything was absolutely beautiful. Cody and Michelle were so happy, and God filled. Cody's family was so gracious. We all enjoyed the whole day so much. Congratulations to you both, and may the honeymoon never end.

God's Blessings to all. Linda



November Birthdays

Ruby Dammann	Nov 04
Eric Ingerstoll	Nov 05
Kyle Mages	Nov 07
Grant Mages	Nov 07
AJ Zimiga	Nov 07
Jordan Miller	Nov 07
Sandy Zimiga	Nov 10
Alexandra Mages	Nov 11
Paul Mages	Nov 12
Cooper Mages	Nov 15
John Mages	Nov 18
Ravi Plath	Nov 18
Roger Mages	Nov 19
Michelle Strate	Nov 22
Stacie Roiger	Nov 24
Madeline Ibberson	Nov 30
Trista Mages	Nov 30
Diana Mages	Nov 30

November Anniversaries

Joe and Linda Gall
Nov. 11 52 years

Randy and Theresa Wagner
Nov. 08 22 years

Josh and Chrissy VanderHook
Nov 13 03 years

Doug and Suzanne Pflaum
Nov. 19 03 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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20th of each month

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Coming Events

October 2019 – New baby due for Bonita and Eric

October 23, 2019 - Cards with Mom

Oct 27, 2019 – Food 4 Kidz

October 2019 – Baby due for Stacie and TJ Roiger

November 19, 2019 – Cards with Mom

November 23, 2019 – Wedding of Alissa Fischer and Cody Groen

November 30, 2019 – Mages Family Christmas at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Lake Henry, Mn.

December 12, 2019 – Cards with Mom

January 24,25 &26, 2020 – Men and Boys Fishing Weekend at Emerald Hideaway.

May 16,2020 – Bridal Shower for Becca Schmitz at St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye, Mn.

August 08, 2020 – Wedding of Becca Schmitz and Ethan Scharmer

August 25, 2020 – Zins Family Reunion at the Pizza Ranch in Redwood Falls, Mn. 11:30 am

Fishing Weekend

Mens and Boys
Fishing Weekend at
Emerald Hideaway
Jan 24,25,26, 2020

Larry



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 2019 ANNUAL

TTT MAGES FAMILY CHRISTMAS TTT

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 30th - NOON POTLUCK

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SOCIAL HALL - LAKE HENRY, MN

TURKEY, POTATOS and GRAVY

COFFEE, JUICE, PLATES, UTINSELS will be provided by the committee.

FUN AND GAMES DURING THE DAY.

Light Supper at 4:00PM

WE WILL BE AWARDING

THE ALPHONSE AND BARBARA MAGES FOREVER YOUNG

SCHOLARSHIPS TO: Brennen Mages, Jasmine Miller and Natalie Goblirsch

We will be celebrating the Family Anniversaries:

BRING \$6.00 for the 3 Anniversary Gifts and your own Anniversary Cards for:

John & Cindy, 40 years - Dean & Donna, 35 years- Mike & Amy, 30 years.

The Northern Committee is looking forward to celebrating this big day with you!

Olivia Elaine Roiger daughter of Stacie and TJ and Granddaughter of Tom and Sharon Mages

TJ and I are proud to announce the birth of our beautiful baby girl, Olivia Elaine Roiger. She was born on Monday, September 30th at 6:32pm at St. Francis Medical Center in Shakopee. She was 7lbs 10oz and 19 inches long. She is sure a blessing in our lives and we couldn't be happier!! Stacie



Cards With Mom – September 23, 2019

Mass & cards at Mom's house on 9-23-19 was a "Work Hard Play Hard" event. After a delicious breakfast and a card game of "65" - of which Mom was the lucky winner". She had us all go out and rake her wind-row grass clippings. With the bountiful rains this year the mower just can't keep up. With many hands helping it was cleaned up in record time. Off we went to Carl's Corner in Essig to lunch, were more family joined in. The St. Mary's Life Shrine, is outside the front of St Mary's Catholic Church. The brick and masonry ring was designed and labored by Tom & Mike Mages and with Mom & Dad donating to the church to have this beautiful Holy Family Statue. We often pray these Pro-Life prayers, on it's plaque, in our family. Debbie

We had our coffee pourer back. Dan and Arlene, Curt and Rick, Barbara, Nancy, Deb and I we're at mass, and Jane and Betty joined us later. We had dinner at Essig, and Greg and Tim and Jerry joined us there. We had a good visit about the recent trip to Europe with pictures and stories from the guys and gals that were there. Mom

L – R: Jerry, Jane, Nancy, Mom, Betty, Greg, Tim, Dan, Arlene, Barb, Curt and Rick



Cards With Mom in Photo



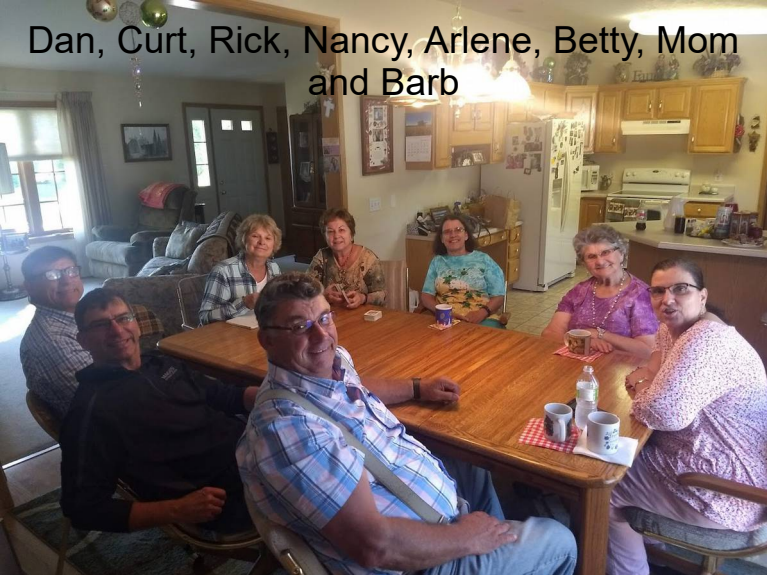
He's Back



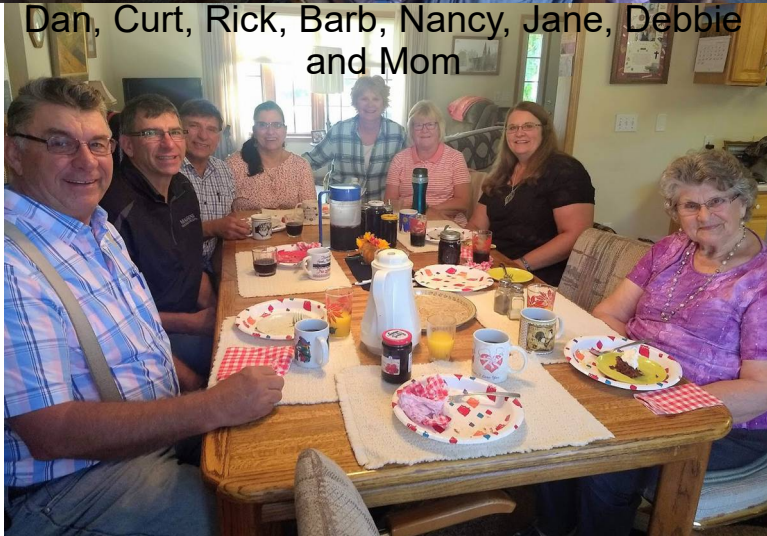
Barb, Dan pouring coffee, Nancy and Arlene



Rick, Arlene, Dan, Mom, Barb, Curt and Nancy



Dan, Curt, Rick, Nancy, Arlene, Betty, Mom and Barb



Dan, Curt, Rick, Barb, Nancy, Jane, Debbie and Mom



Dan, Mom, Rick, Curt and Betty

The Holy Family Shrine by Mom

On the grounds at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota is a shrine dedicated to the Holy Family. To Joseph, Mary and the child Jesus. It was built in the late 1990's to be a reminder of family life. Father John Richter was pastor at the time, and a special fund raiser was set up to pay for the statue that was coming from Italy. He needed someone who was experienced building with brick and cement, so he asked Mike, and Mike was happy to build the structure on which the statue would stand.

A hole was dug that was several feet deep, and twelve feet across. A strong foundation was needed. Mike had help from Dad, Tom, Rick, Joe, and Dewey Havemier, our adopted brother. They worked for several days, and had to allow the cement to dry. Then the circle of special building bricks were used until they were several feet above the ground. A special support was built on which the statue would be placed. Tom built the Capstones where he worked on which the statue would be placed. When the enclosure was filled with dirt, a "time capsule," was placed under the sand with the names of the contributors who had paid for the statue.

It was a great day when the Holy Family Statue was placed in the structure. There is a prayer embossed on the plaque in front of the statue that says, (see the photo below.)



The Holy Family Shrine Continued



Flowers were planted all around the base of the statue. Geraniums, petunias, sweet potato vines that hang over the edges, and sometimes marigolds, and plants with colored leaves and snapdragons. There are special, "angels," that plant, and tend these flowers, that water them, and keep them beautiful.

Later Mike was able to build the signs By St. Mary's School. He also built brick walls along each set of steps to the school. Tom also built the capstones for them. They're still looking great.

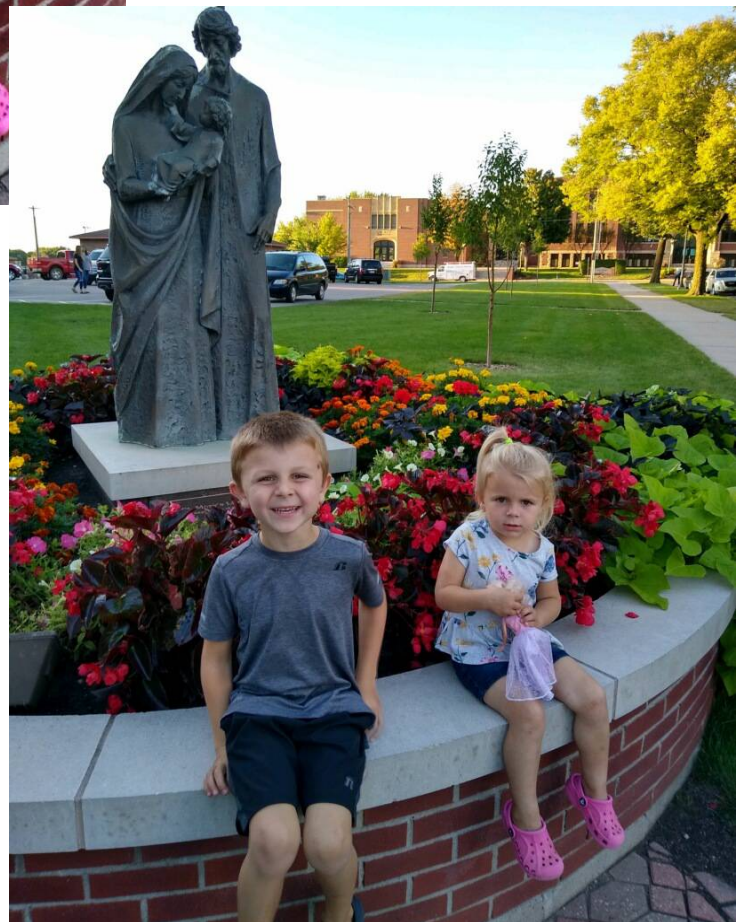
This is the prayer at the shrine,
Jesus, Mary and Joseph
I love you very much.
I beg of you to spare
The life of the unborn baby
That I have spiritually adopted
Who is in danger of abortion. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

"Choose life then...that you and your descendants may live. Deut. 30, 19 1997
Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma

Holy Family Shrine Photos by Lisa Schmitz



Avery 4 years old and
Regan 2 years old
children of John and
Amanda Schmitz
Cook and Grandkids
of Tony and Lisa
Schmitz sitting by the
Holy Family Shrine



Michelle and Cody Becker – October 05, 2019



Michelle and Cody's Wedding in Photo



Left upper is Cody and Michelle, Lower photo is the Curt and Kathy Mages family. L -R: Lewis, Kristen, Curt, Kathy, Michelle, Cody, Suzanne, Doug and DouglasIV



Michelle and Cody's Wedding in Photo



Upper left is Michelle and Cody entering the wedding reception. Upper right is the ladies in blue Laura Wolf, Mom, and Jermayne Kuss. Middle left is those Mages cousins from Germany dancing with the bride, Lower right is Scott Mages and Mom dancing the Beer Barrel Polka.



Michelle and Cody's Wedding in Photo



Kathy placing the Madi Gras beads on Cody as Michelle looks on.

Having breakfast at the motel after the wedding is Laura, Stretch, Betty, Mom and Debbie with Linda behind the camera.



Directions for the Card Game – Duane's Game

This game was introduced to us by our brother, Duane, hence the name of the game. It is also known as, "Fruit Basket." Up to 7 people can play per a deck of cards. Deal all cards to the number of people playing. You will need a straight deck meaning cards are from the two to the ace. Save some cards for the blind. After all players have an even amount of cards the rest go in the blind, depending on the amount of players three cards in the blind would be about right. The first person to take a trick gets the blind. Do not show the blind. Only the person who takes the blind can look at it. There are seven hands played before the game ends, and each hand dealt has different rules. You do not want points. The person with the lowest score at the end of seven hands is the winner. Rotate the deal. The person in front of the dealer plays for the first trick.

First hand. 10 pts for every trick you take. Each person has an individual score. The highest card in the suit lead takes the trick. Example if hearts is lead the highest heart would take the trick even if a different suit is on the trick. If you have the suit in your hand that is lead you have to follow suit, you can only play another suit if you don't have a card in the suit that is lead. By suit I mean, hearts, diamonds, spades or clubs. Who ever takes the trick leads out for the next trick.

Second Hand. 25 points is given to whoever holds a trick with a queen in it. There are four queens, one in each suit. Same rules apply as above. Highest card takes the trick if in the suit that is lead, and you can discard a queen at anytime as long as you follow the rules. You do not want to get a queen. The only way you want a queen is if you get all four queens, and then and only then everyone but you gets 100 points onto their score and you get no points on your score.

Third Hand. 10 pts for each heart in a trick that you end up with at the end of this hand. The person who takes the first trick has to take the blind. Do not show the blind. The person who takes ALL THE HEARTS gets zero points, but all other players get 13 points.

Fourth Hand. 100 points to the person who ends up with the KING OF SPADES. If the king is played before all cards are played, this hand is automatically over.

Fifth Hand. 100 points to the person who takes the last trick.

Sixth Hand. All of the above points are counted against the person who takes them. Queens count 25 unless all in the same hand then everyone else gets 100 points, king of spades counts 100, all tricks count, every heart counts unless someone has them all then the rest have to count those 13 points.

Seventh Hand. Just the opposite. All the points you can get are subtracted from your total points so far. Lets say you have 200 points on the score sheet. If you get the king of spades 100 points would be subtracted from your score making it 100 instead of 200. If you get all the queens all the other players subtract 100 points from their score. If you get all the hearts 13 points are subtracted from their score.

If any questions call Linda

The Mages Navy by Mom

This year has been a year of lots of rain. It started out with snow storms in April making it a late winter month. Spring was late in coming making the ground too wet for planting crops and gardens until well into May. The lawns were so lush the whole season, and needed to be mowed very often. The rivers were often in flood stage so roads were closed. Right now the Cottonwood River along with other rivers is again out of its banks, and the current is swift due to huge rains.

I think back of the times when we used to canoe down the Cottonwood River south of Sleepy Eye. I said canoe, but I should have said also rafts, tubes, home made skiffs, and anything that floated on water. We always made this a Memorial Day Weekend Event. It must have been at least thirty years ago, and we did it for a period of years. The first priority was that the river was not in flood stage. We wanted a current but, not too fast. We unloaded all our boats under the Highway 4 Bridge over the Cottonwood River about four miles south of Sleepy Eye. There was a small parking lot there that gave us the access we needed. The whole family was invited, and when everyone was afloat, we started down the River toward New Ulm. There were some who drove the pickups to the next stop which was Highway 10 Bridge a few miles away.

Everyone was proceeding carefully, and having a great time sharing their coolers and sandwiches. The sun got warm so jackets came off, and sunglasses and hats and caps were used. I think it was the start of getting a good tan.

The next stop was the Highway 11 Bridge on the Essig Road. It was getting a little late, and chores were waiting so everyone decided to load up and go home. We'll do it again next year.

The next year Memorial Weekend was coming up and, there was a little competition going on. Both Chuck and Joe made their rafts a little bigger, and Joe had a grill full of hot dogs and hamburgers ready to go. Chuck had a recliner on his, and Larry helped by bringing an easy chair on his. They decorated with flags and balloons. Larry was a little late, and the Lead guys had all ready started, and he quickly unloaded his, "boat", and yelled WAIT FOR ME!!!!

The river was running a perfect speed, and they had a great time trying to dunk one another. I think that was the year John and Cindy tipped over in their canoe, and got soaking wet. That was the end of the new camera they had bought. The grand children had tubes, and were sailing along. No engines, just people power. Another beautiful weekend.

Then there was the year Tom and Sharon were married a month before the Memorial Weekend. They built a nice raft. Sharon decorated it with bells and flowers and a "JUST MARRIED" sign. The guys were getting more competitive with their, "decorating." Chuck had an old bathroom stool on his raft. Joe and Dan both had grills. Rick had room for more passengers on his bicycle paddleboat, and Stretch had a love seat on his raft for Deb to rest on as she was pregnant with Alissa.

The Mages Navy Continued

I wish I could remember some more of the rafts because they were always special. We did this for several more years, and then one year as we were unloading under the bridge on Highway 4, there was a big BANG!! Evidently the people in two cars were trying to see what was going on, and they weren't watching where they were going. The police had to come and check out the accident – lucky thing no one was hurt. We were okay. We could keep going, and we did. The Mages Navy was afloat.

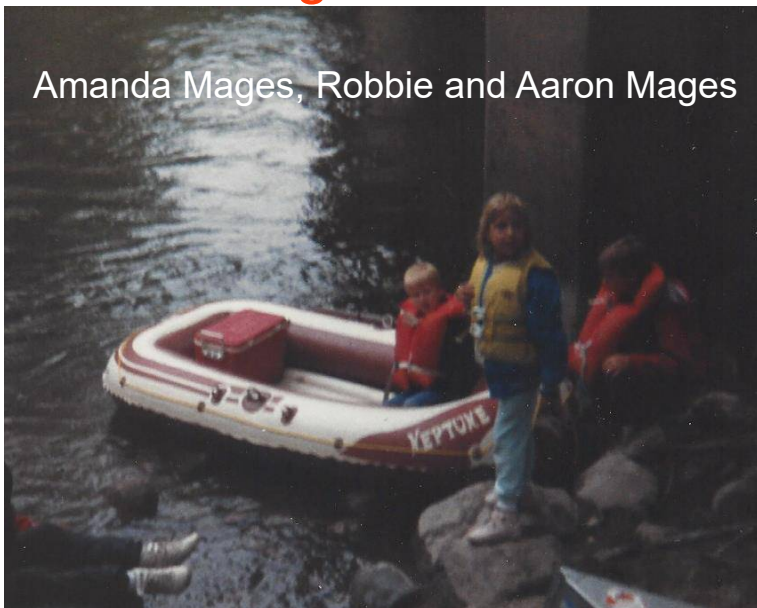
The next year the river was in flood stage, and too dangerous.

It was always a good time. I'm sure you all have happy memories of these water cruises

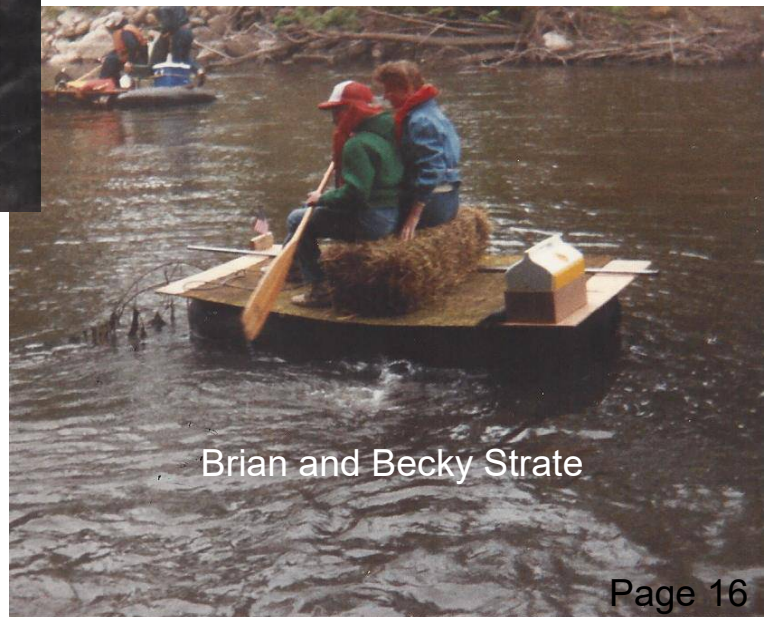
Love and Hugs,
Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma

I redid this story because I knew I had photos of this event all the years we had it, but do you think I could find them last month. I remembered about two weeks ago where I had put them so I thought they would be worth printing. Linda

Canoeing on the Cottonwood River – May 23, 1987



Amanda Mages, Robbie and Aaron Mages



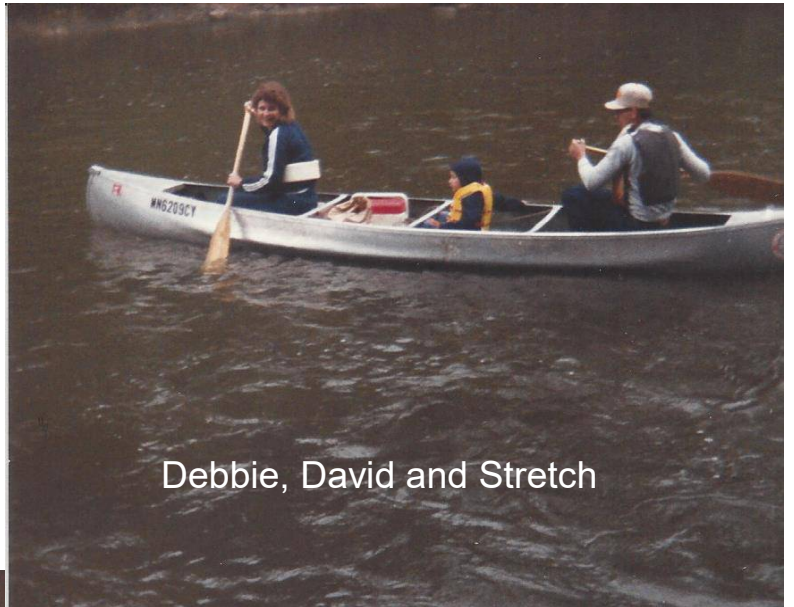
Brian and Becky Strate

Canoeing on the Cottonwood – May 23, 1987

Connie and Chuck Strate



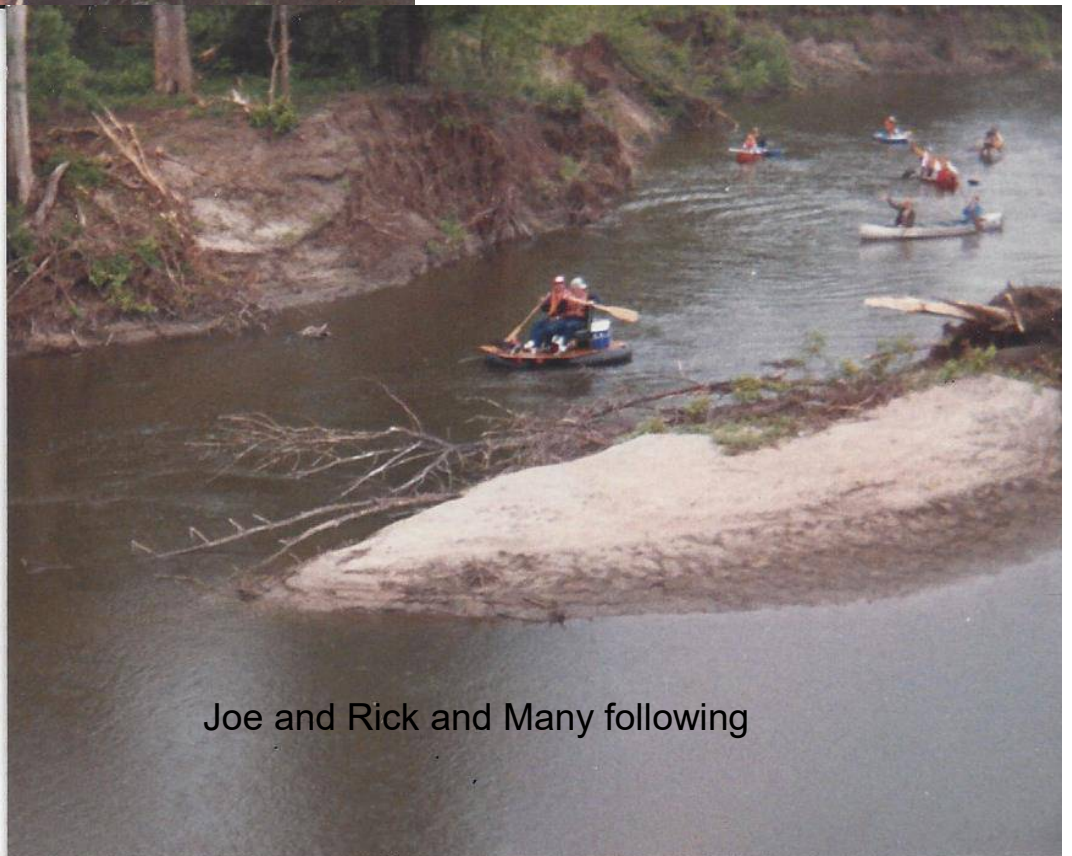
Debbie, David and Stretch



Joe building our first raft with Mike and our dog Mittens watching.



Joe and Rick and Many following



Canoeing Photos Continued

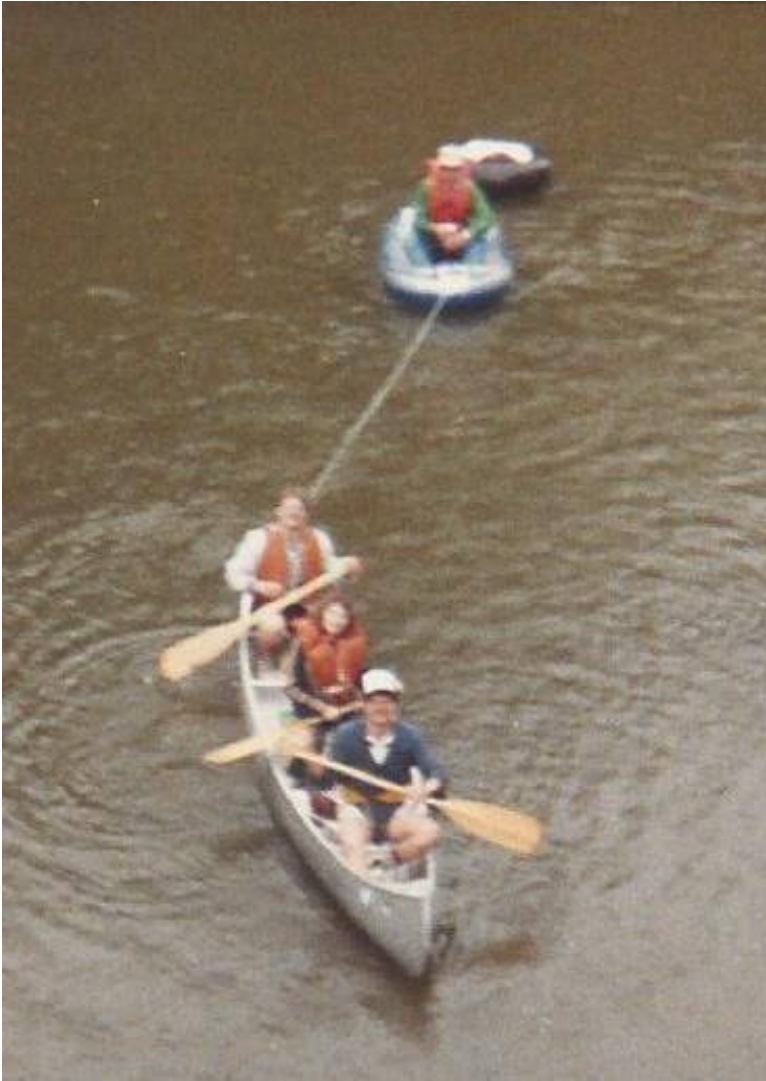
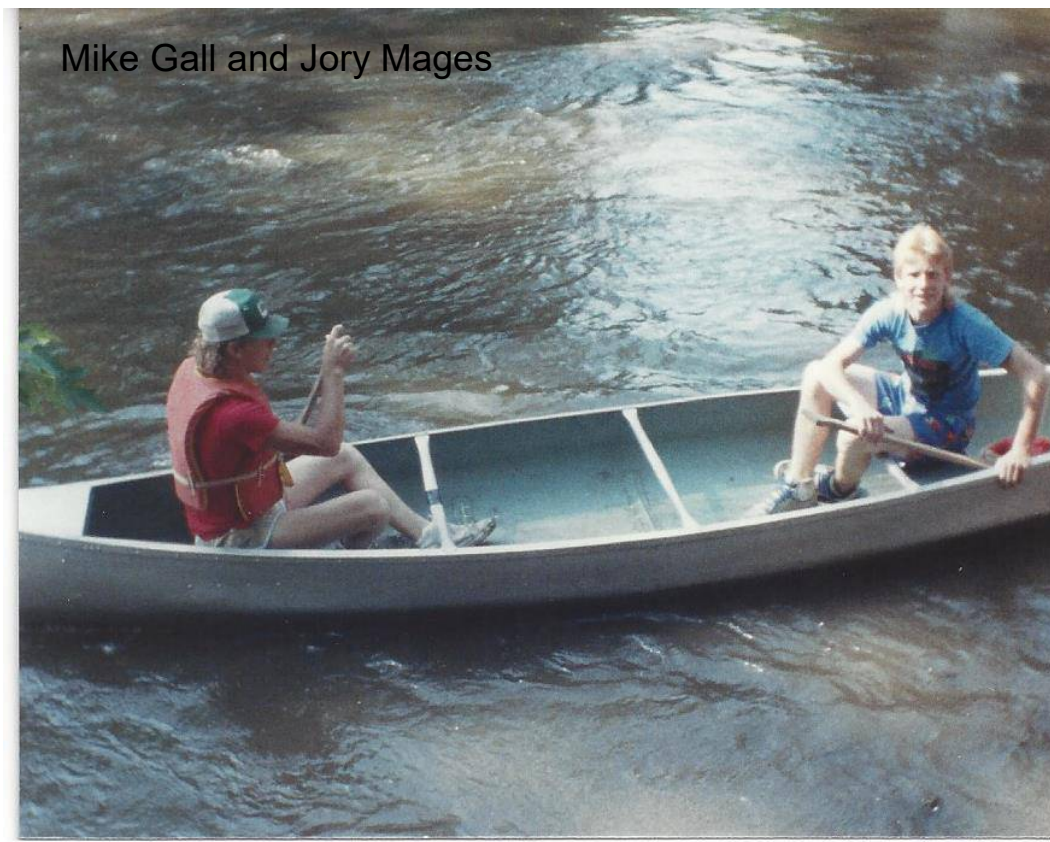
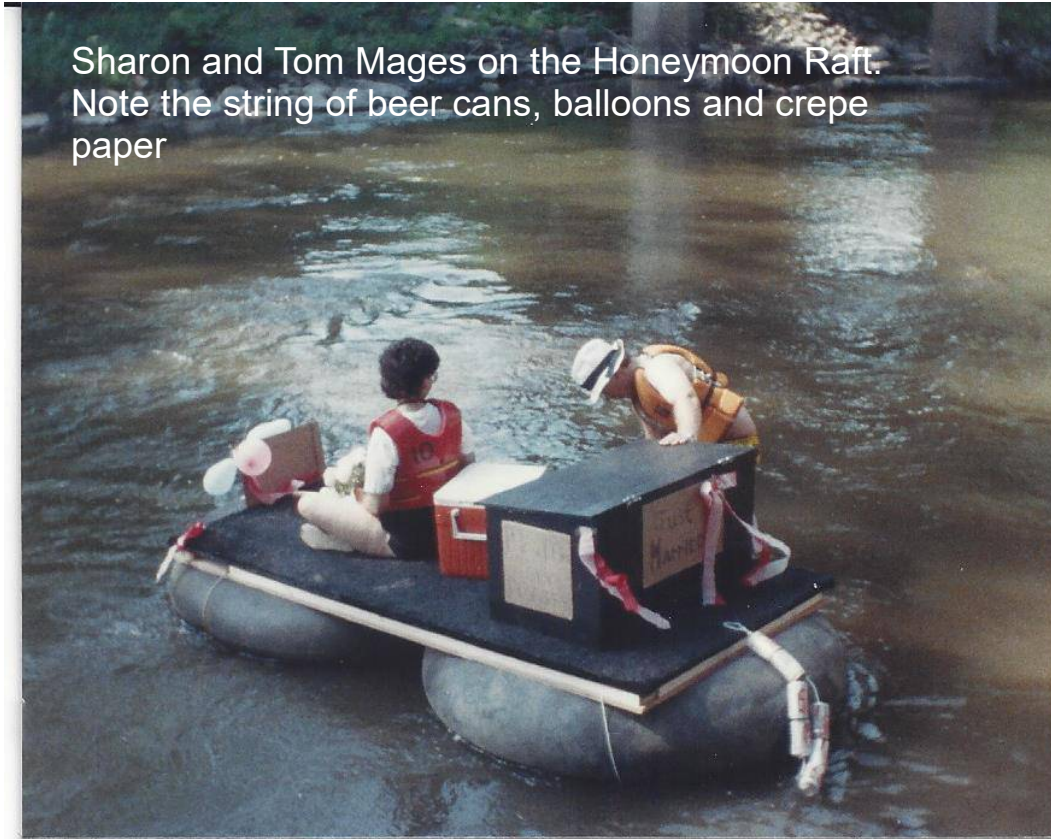


Photo to the left is Mike, Amy and Tom pulling Duane behind in the raft and note the inner tube of a cooler of beer being pulled also. Sorry this photo is so blurry, but these pictures are old.

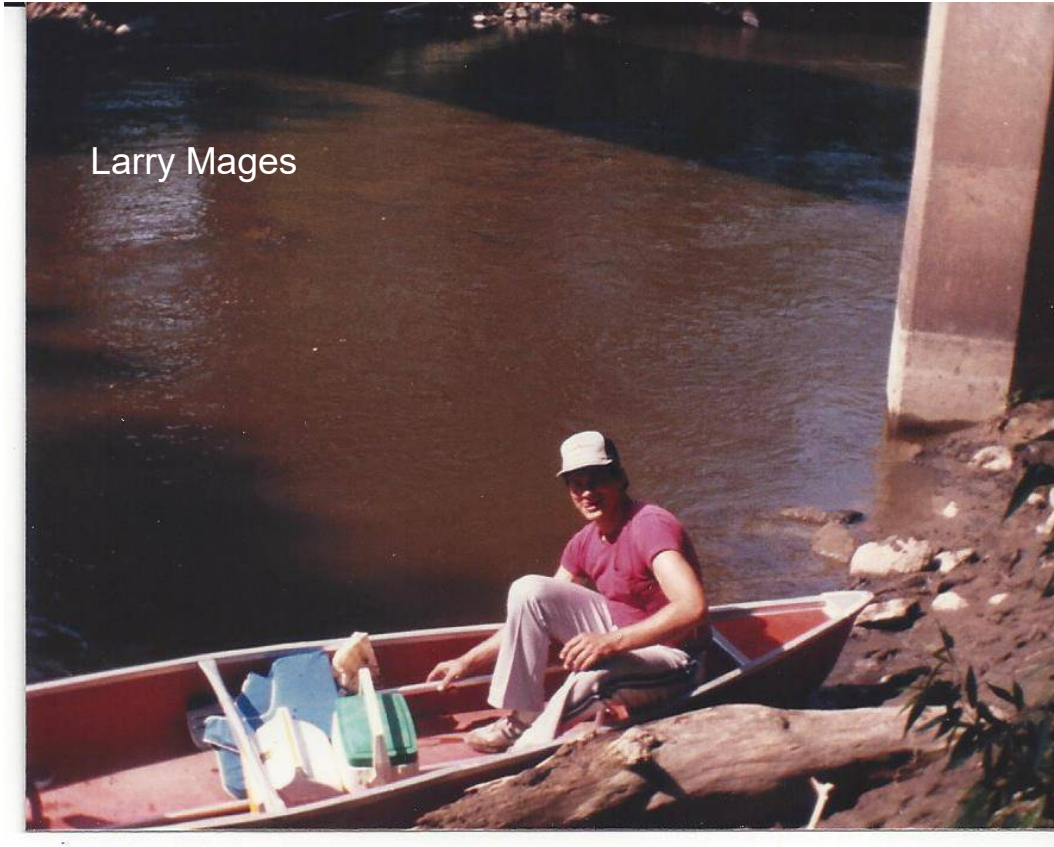
Photo on the right. First canoe is Mike, Amy and Tom. Second canoe is Theresa and Eddie, and the last canoe is Lisa Mages, Amanda Mages, Sarah Strate and Larry Mages



Canoeing on the Cottonwood River – May 30, 2088



Canoeing Continued – May 30, 1988



Larry Mages



Mike and Curt Mages

Lisa Mages and
Amy Steffl