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D E C E M B E R 2021

Gina and Todd and family, Joe and I want to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We hope to see all of you at the Zion Lutheran Church in Lake Crystal, Minnesota on Saturday, November 27, 2021 as we celebrate the Mages Christmas. We are so fortunate that we can get together this year.

December Birthdays

Sarah Mages	Dec 01
Rick Mages	Dec 05
Scott Mages	Dec 05
Garrett Mills	Dec 06
David Nelson	Dec 07
Linda Gall	Dec 10
Erica Mages	Dec 11
Jeff Mages	Dec 13
Rob Mages	Dec 17
Otto Mages	Dec 18
John Cook	Dec 20
Brittany Mages	Dec 21
Adam Bemmels	Dec 22
Adrienn Mages	Dec 22
Brooke Wolf	Dec 25
Alexandra Butler	Dec 25
Dan Mages	Dec 26
Amanda Cook	Dec 28
Alissa Groen	Dec 28
Theresa Wagner	Dec 30
Jory Mages	Dec 31

Merry Christmas to our beautiful family in Germany. You are in our hearts always. Love you

A special Hello to My Grandson Tobi Mages From Oma Barbara
A special Hello to our German cousins, Helmut, Birgit, Andi, Elena, Rosalie and Tobi

www.magesonline.com

News Deadline

20th of each month
Send articles and photos to Linda at
lindagall@rocketmail.com

Coming Events

November 27,2021 – Mages Family Christmas Party in Lake Crystal at the Zion Lutheran Church. Noon

December 16,2021 – Mass and Cards with Mom

January 2022 – Baby due for Eric and Bonita Ingersoll

January 28,28,& 30 – Men and boys fishing and poker weekend at Emerald Hideaway.

March 03,2022 – Baby due for Stacie and TJ Roiger.

New Address

Sandy and Chad Sheffer
2439 Karat Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78232

December Anniversaries

Ed and Monica Mages	Dec 10	26 yrs
James and Trish Mages	Dec 14	19 yrs
Adam and Jennifer Butler	Dec 05	12 yrs
Steven and Melanie Mages	Dec 28	07 yrs

Mages Christmas November 27,2021

Everyone is cordially invited to the Mages Family Christmas 2021

12:00 Noon
November 27,2021

WHERE: ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
211 E. ROBINSON ST.
LAKE CRYSTAL, MN 56055•
BRING A DISH TO PASS •

ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC DRINKS!!!!

The Committee ; Jeff and LeAnn Mages, Betty Jass, Nancy Strate, Barb and Kevin Plath and Joe and Linda Gall and our families

Men's and Boy's Fishing and Poker Weekend at Emerald Hideaway

Please include this in your “coming events” in the next Reunion:

January 28, 29, 30 Men’s and Boy’s Fishing and Poker Weekend at Emerald HideAway

Thank You,
Larry

Cards With Mom – Oct 28, 2021

On Thursday October 28, 2021 eleven members of the Mages Family met to celebrate the deceased members of our family at Holy Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sleepy Eye and then to Mom's for breakfast and cards. I took many photos that day but I inadvertently deleted all but these two. It is so fun to get old and do dumb stuff. I am so sorry because they were the best photos I have ever taken. As you can see I some how saved these. I think God knew I needed proof that Dan actually poured coffee and of course sweet Collete we could never delete her sweet photo. Debbie you are blessed that you were holding her.

But anyway Nancy wasn't even sitting in her lucky chair and she still won the game, “65”. We need a class on what her secret is.

Those beautiful photogenic people that attended were Arlene and Dan, Stretch and Debbie, Alissa and Colette, Ed, Jeff, Nancy Mom and Linda. Linda

Arlene, Dan and Mom

Grandma Debbie and Colette

German – Bohemian Society Banquet – October 23, 2021

On Saturday evening October 23, 2021 The German - Bohemian Society held their annual banquet featuring this years speaker, Barbara Kodet Mages (our Mother) at the Sleepy Eye Event Center. Wade Olson the society's president conducted the meeting and introduced Mom. Mom gave an hour presentation based on her trip to the Mages and Kodet Homeland and homesites and about her three books that she has written. We were all so proud of her as she did such an amazing job. Before and after the meeting the “Black Diamonds” played music with help from Larry Mages, Steven Mages, Amanda Bemmels and Stretch Fischer. It was beautiful.

During Mom's presentation she introduced different members of the family, but Wencel Mages, Steven and Melanie Mages' son was there. He was introduced because of his name. We had many many Wencels in our family history on the Kodet and Mages side. We also found out what Chrissy and Josh Vander Hook twin identical girls will be named. We had all been waiting for that since they were born yesterday. Maxwell Ibberson and Colette Groen who are only a few weeks old were the youngest members there. Linda

L – R: front, Donna, Melanie and Wencel, Stacie, Mom, Amanda, Amanda, Jennifer, Lisa and Linda. Middle Gabby, Connie, Amy, TJ, Sharon, Kathy, Jermayne, Jessica,Madeline and Maxwell, Alissa and Colette, Monica, Arlene, Nancy, Debbie and Larry. Back Adam, Tom, Mike, Steven, Dan, Curt, Joe, David, John, Ed and Stretch.

German – Bohemian Society in Photo

Wade and Mom

Members waiting to visit with Mom

Ms. Magesfest, Lisa, and Mom

The Black Diamonds, Debbie, Leon and Donna

To the left is the societys banner

The youngest observer s present were Colette and Maxwell

Videographer, Curt

German – Bohemian Society in Photo Continued

Sharon, Adella and Gary Mages
Came from Olivia, Mn

Wencel Mages and his family, Steven, Jermayne and Great Grandma Barbara. Melanie was there also

Mom by her display table of her books and items from the Homeland

Stretch, Dan, Wade and Curt in their German finery in the photo to the right

The Sleepy Eye Event Center Crowd

Mom

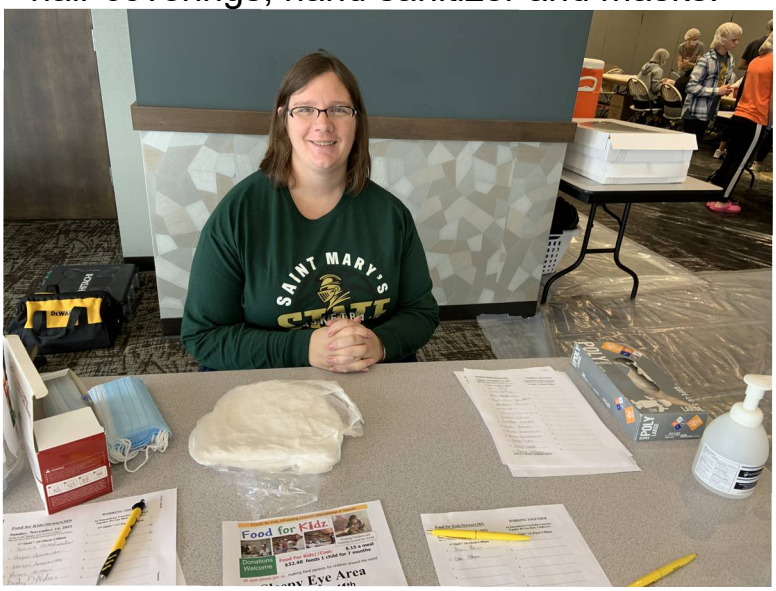
Food 4 Kidz

On Sunday, November 14, 2021 the annual Food 4 Kidz Charity event was held at the Sleepy Eye Event Center in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. This was the 18th year Rick and Jane have hosted this wonderful event. Debbie Fischer has been an important part of assisting Rick and Jane to make this wonderful act of love a success. Thank you for your dedication in carrying out God's work for the poor and starving. This year over 72,000 meals were packed and will be sent to the starving in Haiti and Honderous. If all goes as planed the Sleepy Eye Knights of Columbus will take over this special event next year. Thank you to the Sleepy Eye community and family members who helped. Schutz Foods of Sleepy Eye donated all the cookies for hungry packers to have a sweet reward for all their hard work. They too are special angels of mercy to this project. Linda

Rick on the left making sure all stations had adequate supplies to do their job. Jane, Josie, Mom and kids from St. Mary's filling meal bags.

Greg and Mary Kay Mages family helping with their smiles

Jenny Fischer greeting everyone as they came in the door and and set them up with hair coverings, hand sanitizer and masks.



 Jason Mangen on the right

Food 4 Kidz in Photo

Josie, Linda and Mom opposite her weighing and sealing the bags.

Top left is Debbie showcasing the beautiful cookies Schutz Foods donated for the helpers enjoyment. Top right is Josie Andersen counting and packing all the packages made at our station. Photo above is Debbie and Stretch Fischer making boxes as fast as they can to keep up with all the helpers. Photo to the right is our Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma who has not missed a time for 18 events to help make sure the starving were fed. She is 92 years old and does a supper job.

Ada Eleanor and Noa Analise – Identical Twin Daughters of Josh and Chrissy Vander Hook. October 22, 2021. Ada was born at 5:27am weighing 5# 2 oz and Noa was born at 5:57 am weighing 4# 7 oz. The proud Grandparents are Rick and Jane Mages

Josh and Chrissy Vander Hook were excited to welcome identical twin girls Ada Eleanor and Noa Analise into the world on October 22nd. Ada arrived at 5:27 am, weighing 5 lbs 2 oz and her little sister, Noa, followed about 30 minutes later, weighing 4 lbs 7 oz. Grandpa Rick and Grandma Jane traveled to Pasadena and were glad to get to meet them the day they arrived home from the hospital. Grandpa and Grandma Vander Hook made a visit just a couple weeks later and Josh and Chrissy have so appreciated the extra help!

Ada and Noa Vander Hook

Photo above is the proud Grandpa Rick and Grandma Jane. I think Rick has Ada and Jane has Noa. Owen the special caretaker of the girls stands guard

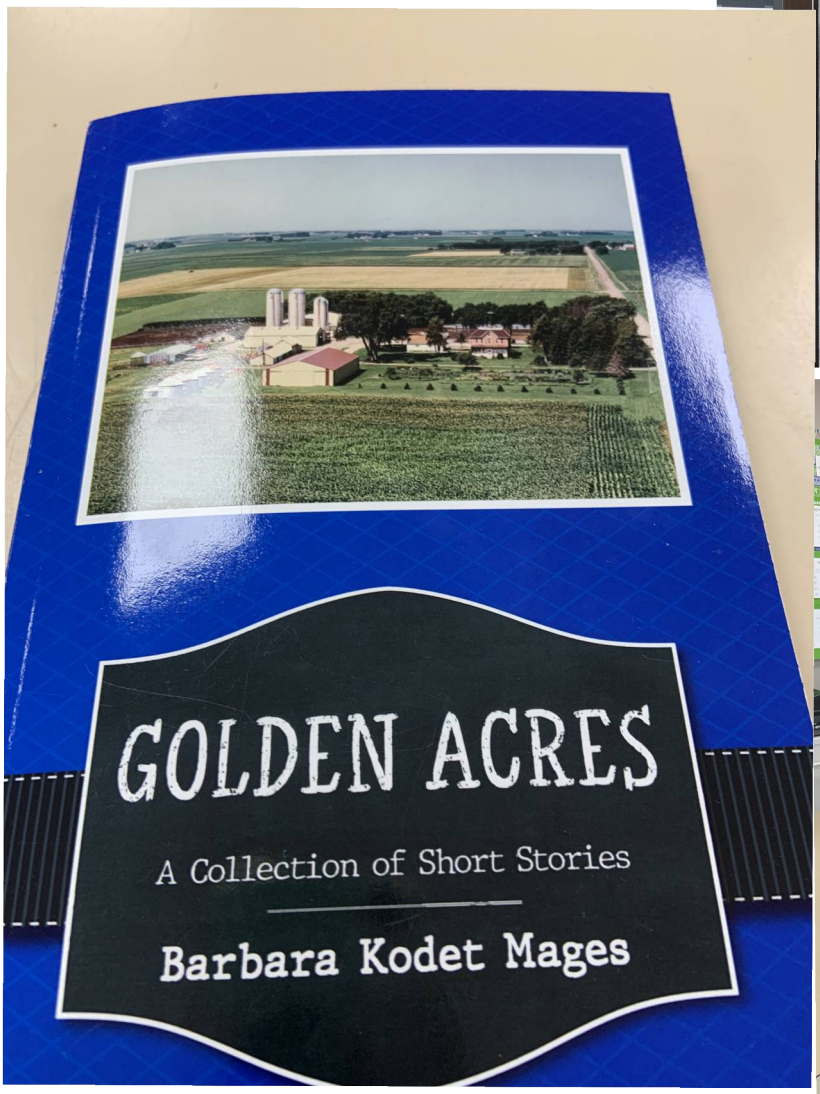
So precious are the family portraits with Josh and Chrissy with Ada and Noa.

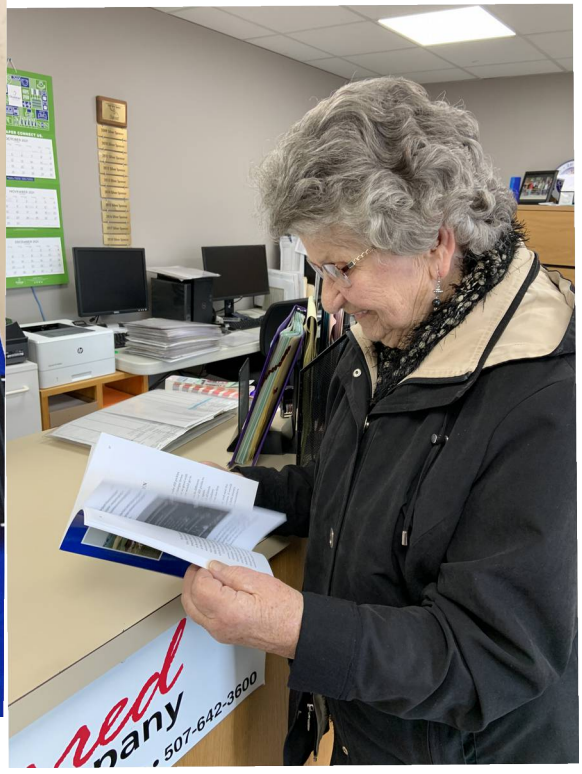
Ada and Noa in Photo

Golden Acres Book Pick-Up

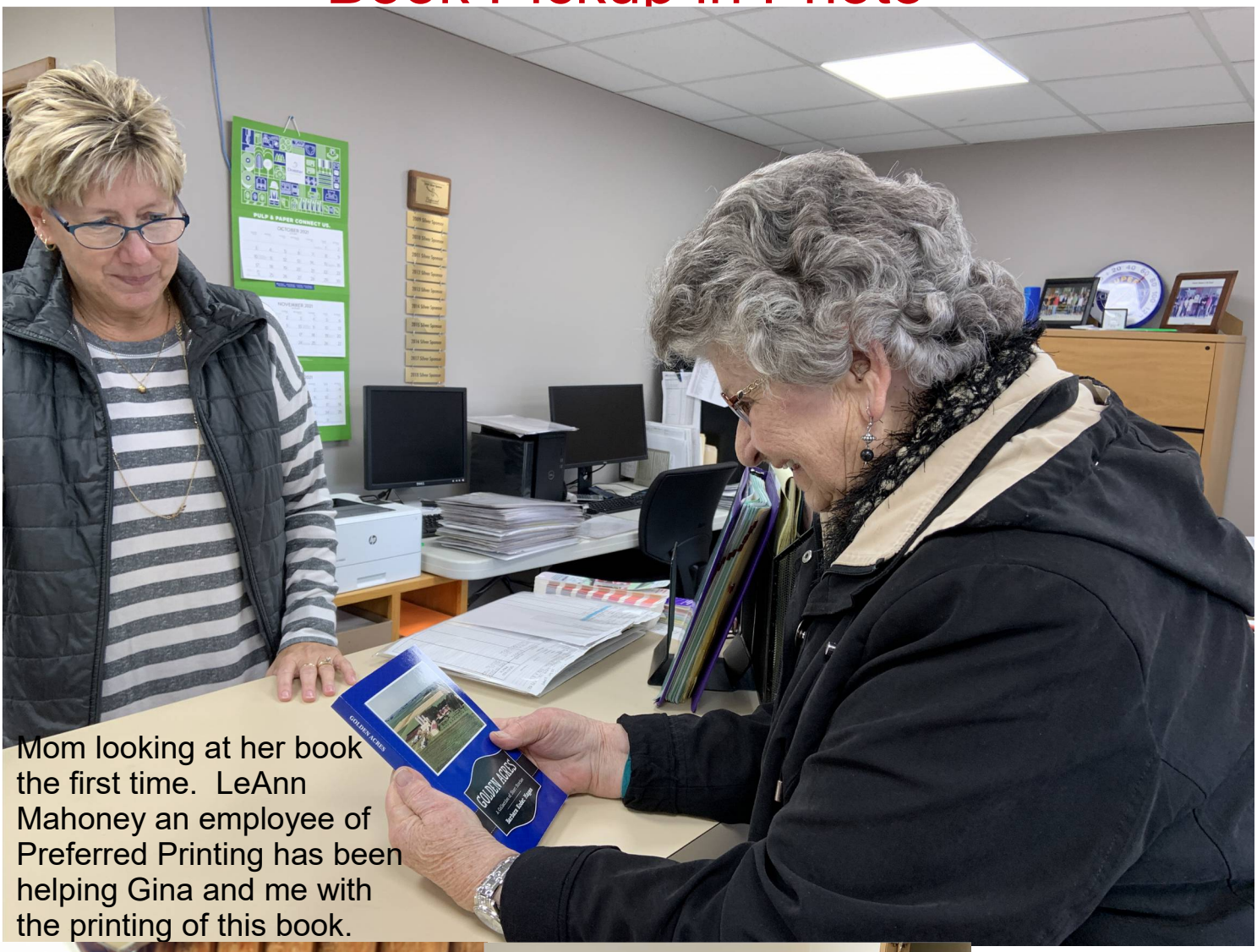
On Monday, November 15, 2021 Mom met Joe and Linda at Preferred Printing in Madelia, Minnesota to pick up her third book, “Golden Acres.” Mom waited a long time to see this book in print with the shortages of paper, and glue. Finally the big day arrived and Mom was so pleased. Joe loaded all the boxes of books in the bed of our pickup and Mom with book in hand left Linda drive her car to Sleepy Eye so she could look at the book on the way home. After we got the books all unloaded and taking a few boxes into the house Mom started to sign some of them to distribute to the children and friends and stores in Sleepy Eye.

What an accomplishment for a 92 year old lady to have in her hand her third book. Mom we are all so proud of you. Linda





Book Pickup in Photo



Mom looking at her book the first time. LeAnn Mahoney an employee of Preferred Printing has been helping Gina and me with the printing of this book.

Above photo is of Joe unloading the books. To the right is Mom and Linda after opening the first box

I joined an RV group and I have been having a good time with them. Unfortunately, I tore a tendon in my right leg playing pickle ball and it has been very slow healing.

We spent a week together at a dance rally where there was a dance every night. During the day We would have dance lessons and at night another dance. I was also part of a music group. We played music four times while I was there including for Sunday morning service.

As the group was ready to go into Mexico for three weeks I decided my leg was hurting too much to go along with them. I spent a few days with my leg elevated and bandaged as the doctor told me to do. I called mom and asked her if I could put my RV into storage in Phoenix and just stay in her house until my plane ticket home for Thanksgiving.

But before I headed for Mesa I just decided to drive around south of Tucson and see part of Arizona that I had not seen before. I ended up in Tombstone Arizona a little after lunch on a Saturday. The town was packed with people as they were celebrating Tombstone Days. Since I had my four wheeler with me I decided to check out the town driving my four wheeler. There were stagecoaches giving rides around town and lots of people dressed up looking just like the old west days.

I stayed in an RV park that night and the guy who checked me in and asked me if I would like to play horseshoe and their horseshoe tournament was that night. Since the tournament was being held right next-door to the RV park I decided to walk over there. They had 14 teams signed up and when I showed up I was needing a partner to be the 15th team. As they were hoping to fill out the tournament brackets someone said we will find you a partner.

Right away a young girl volunteered to be my partner. It turned out she is Miss Arizona Petite. She told me that all the beauty queens are 5 foot 10 and there is a Competition for Petite Miss USA where are the contestants have to be under 5’6” and fit into a size 6 dress. She is the reigning miss Arizona Petite and will via for Miss USA Petite next August in Milwaukee. Well, I certainly wasn’t going to turn that down. We got a first round buy and then we had to play, what I think was the toughest two people there. We did not lead until the very end when she put a ringer on the stake to put us ahead 17 to 16. We went on to win 21 to 19. In our next match we won 21 to 14 and in the championship match we won 21 to 9. We were just thrilled and found it totally unbelievable that we had won. In the beginning she could barely get the horseshoe down to the other end but by the last match she was scoring as many points as I was. Myself, I found a way to throw the horseshoe without having to stride into it as my leg was still hurting me pretty good.

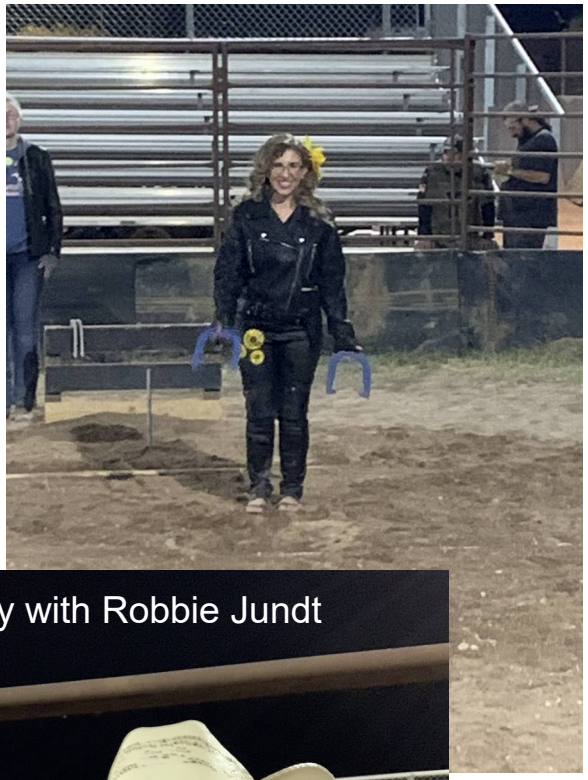
During the night I got to know a bunch of gun fighters that will be shooting it out at the OK Corral during tomorrow’s reenactment. Also, I got to know Robbie Jundt, World Bull Riding Champion of 2011. It was quite the night.

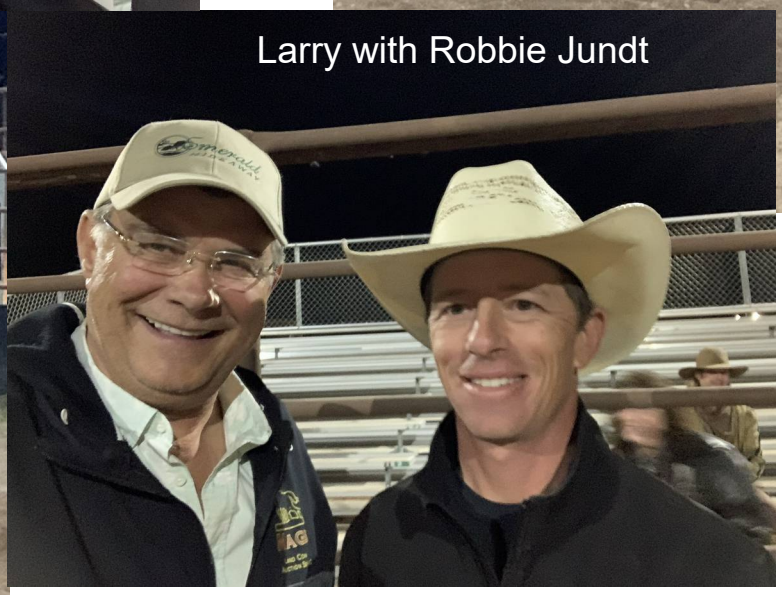
On Sunday, I went to mass in an 1880 catholic church where I played two songs on my guitar for mass. I have been invited to watch the shoot out at the OK Corral with the wives of the actors. I guess I must look pretty harmless hobbling around here.

Someone once told me, those who participate have all the fun. There has never been such a true statement. I could have easily just sat outside of my RV and enjoyed the sunset, but the last minute I decided to hobble over to the horseshoe tournament. People are friendly wherever you go.

Larry's R.V. Adventure in Photo

Larry and Zoe





Larry with Robbie Jundt

Above are the guys in the shootout

2nd team called themselves The Busch Brothers. Recieving our 1st place certificate and $350.00

Cards With Mom – November 19,2021

Friday, November 19,2021 Cards with Mom started with Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. Those attending were Debbie, Dan and Arlene, Rick and Linda. Debbie talked to Father Steffl after mass and she was able to bring the Holy Eucharist to the house for Mom to receive. We all prayed with Mom and Debbie during this solemn ceremony. Curt treated all of us to his Vermont pancakes which he made himself with just a little help from Arlene and Vermont maple syrup. He also brought sausages. Rick brought the thickest bacon I have ever seen and it was delicious. Dan and Arlene treated us to fresh huge Carmel Pecan Rolls. John brought sausage links from a superior rated butcher and we just loved how they tasted. Linda brought scrambled eggs and bananas. Debbie brought a pumpkin dessert that we all raved about

This was suppose to be our day to play cards with Mom, but we were all sitting around the table just talking, reminiscing, telling jokes and laughing so hard that we forgot to play cards. Before we knew it lunch time was here, so Linda ordered pizzas from Caseys and we ate again.

Those present were Mom, Dan and Arlene, Rick and Jane, Debbie, Alissa and Colette, John, Curt and Linda. Linda

Dan was teased that he lost 50% of his brain matter and body weight in this photo. L – R:Dan, Curt, Rick, Linda, Jane, John, Debbie, Arlene, and Mom.

Cards With Mom in Photo

As you can see Dan just hopped right into action and poured coffee to Debbie, but Arlene being the good wife that she is had to help him out as I think his back was sore from the heavy pot.

Cards With Mom in Photo Continued

Top left photo is Curt cooking pancakes. Linda is trying to make scrambled eggs, but Curt requires lots of room so I squeezed into the corner. Top right is Curt with all the breakfast goodies. Middle left is Debbie and Jane getting the noon lunch pizzas ready. Middle right is John, Debbie holding Colette and Alissa. Photo to the left is the breakfast group. I thought I'd better give Dan his 100% brain matter back as he is going to need it. When you get as old as he is you need every bit you can get.

Our December Angels

Michael Gall – July 31, 1972
December 24, 2009

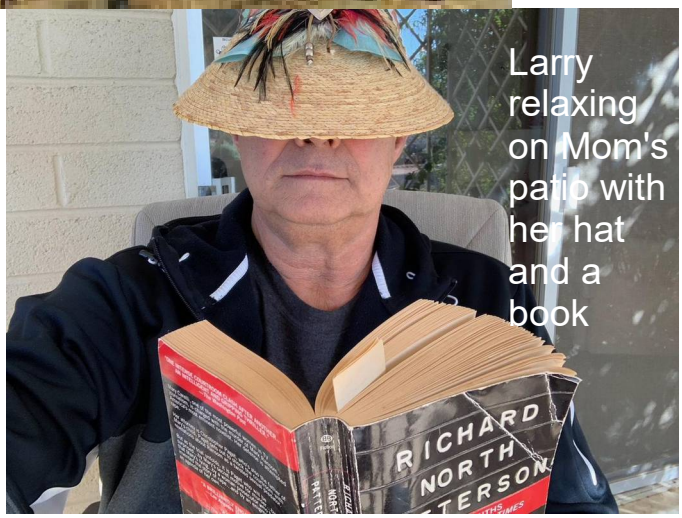
Teresa Campbell – December 29,1978 – December 29,2012

Duane Mages
August 03, 1952 – December 28, 2015

Larry Vacationing at 5455 Baltimore, Mesa, Arizona

Larry throwing a party for all the neighborhood ladies

Larry said it is very cold here only 70 degrees.



Larry relaxing on Mom's patio with her hat and a book

Above photo is Larry trying to start Mom's lawn mower to mow the rocks. Below is Larry with Dad's pickup in the desert doing jumps and wheelies trying to pick up chicks.

Photo below is Larry and his multiple personalities playing cards. He said it took three games before he won one.

Larry invited Miss Petite over for tea one afternoon. He sent another photo of Miss Petite, but I can't print that one.
Larry you gave us all a great laugh when you sent these

Rick Mowing Mom's Lawn

Mom had contacted a service to come and get her lawn ready for winter, but they never showed up, so us kids decided that we would rake her lawn and bag the leaves and blow all the debris away from around her house when we came for Cards With Mom. Rick went over the day before on 11-18-2021 and mowed the leaves all together and mulched them. It was so cold and windy that day so this was quite a feat. The lawn looked beautiful when we arrived the next day. The rocks and bushes around the house were so clean. Just another one of Mom's angels at work.