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# OCTOBER 2022

Where did the summer go? Our farming families will soon be harvesting their crops. This is in our heritage to plant, nurture and harvest. God is always in the forefront and guides us to take care of His precious gifts to all of us.

God's Blessings to all. Linda



## October Birthdays

Alan Strand	Oct 01
Wren Scharmer	Oct 01
Chad Mills	Oct 02
Sitara Plath	Oct 03
Finch Mages	Oct 07
Bonita Ingersoll	Oct 10
Tim Mages	Oct 10
Adam Mages	Oct 11
Jennifer Fischer	Oct 13
Donna Nelson	Oct 15
Riley Jensen	Oct 18
Nora Mages	Oct 19
Cindy Mages	Oct 20
Ada Vander Hook	Oct 22
Noa Vander Hook	Oct 22
Becky Wilson	Oct 24
Chrisy Vander Hook	Oct 30
Rowan Andersen	Oct 31
Brad Mages	Oct 31
Travis Mages	Oct 31
Hadley Ingersoll	Oct 31

## APOLOGY

I apologize as I omitted TJ and Stacie Roiger's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the last issue. They were married on September 16, 2017

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

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## News Deadline

20th of each month

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# Coming Events

September 21, 2022 – Cards With Mom

September 24, 2022 – Kodet Sisters Day in Morton

October 05, 2022 - Black Diamonds Willmar Senior Center  
1:45pm – 3pm

October 28, 2022 – Cards With Mom

November 04 & 05, 2022 – Sister's Shopping and Slumber Party by Lisa Schmitz.

November 09, 2022 – Cards With Mom

November 26, 2022 – Mages Christmas, Lafayette Community Center, Lafayette, Minnesota.

December 16, 2022 – Cards With Mom and the annual Christmas Potluck with Mom and Children and their spouses

January 11, 2023 – Wedding Jory Mages and Jessica Hartly

February 2023 – Baby due for Scott and Ashley

## October Wedding Anniversaries



Brian and Michelle Strate Oct 05 26 years

Ken and Trista Mages Oct 01 17 years

Cody and Michelle Becker Oct 05 03 years

Jeff and Missy Plath Oct 09 01 year

Alex and Adrienn Mages Oct 16 01 year

# Mages Annual Christmas Celebration

November 26, 2022 - Saturday

Noon

Lafayette Community Center, Lafayette, Minnesota

Potluck – BYOB

The Committee will provide the turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, coffee and lemonade as well as the plates, utensils, cups and napkins.

We are planning a special day for everyone to meet, greet and be upbeat! Ring in the holidays at the Mages Family Christmas Party.

Lisa and Tony Schmitz and family, Curt and Kathy Mages and family, Larry Mages and family and Tom and Sharon Mages and family

# BUFF UP DAY at Mom's House on August 30th, 2022 by Deb Fischer

The weather was in the mid 80s on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Great day to prepare for some fall clean up. Even though we are "Forever Young" to do hard labor projects, we are still our Mom's kids to paint the fence or whatever it takes. It's just that Mom is 93 years old, so I have to say her kids "still got it" to get the jobs done with a great crew. Lucky thing you had many children:) Mom's house is the shiniest looking property in the City of Sleepy Eye. A lot of beer, garden produce and a great potluck supper with many meat varieties was food for the Heart, Mind, Body and Soul.

The day started early with Jeff coming to replace all the white metal trim around the doors, and garage. Around 2:30pm Curt & Larry got busy scrapping all old paint in doorways, and on the utility shed. Mike and Curt's assistance were busy taking out all the rotten low boards from doorways and replace with new boards and caulked whatever was needed. He even had handy some cement along to correct separation of the front steps to the house from old age. Curt would blue tape around windows and door for Deb to prime and freshly repaint white again. Curt was the vacuum cleaner to keep riff raff from spreading back into house. The two Debras got to work paint priming the ugly mess Curt & Larry scrapped of the shed, followed up by Larry & his sweet Debra repainting to match Mom's house color. They were being watched with the shenanigans of Larry trying to paint Debra instead of the shed??!

All the house shutters were removed, they turn from green to new updated popular copper/brown color. As all projects, you get a "bump in the road" while doing... They got their hands on some old bad spray paint that had to be replaced and corrected. Jane, Tom, Kathy and Nancy took care of the problem and proceeded to get the job done. Lucky for a breezy day the shutters were put back on the house in record time. I could not believe the paint dried that fast, had to be the wind. Beautiful Nancy and Kathy got there hands and knees full of grass stains cleaning out all the sun grown weeds under the deck. They are so perfectly little to fit underneath.

Rick was soaping & water spray cleaning all Mom's house siding getting all old dirt, moss, and spider webs off everywhere. We wouldn't let Rick pressure wash the deck while we were painting around him so he needs to come back later for that project. I haven't heard the whole story, but I think Rick could be in trouble with the law in town... you see, he brought all his supplies over with his John Deere golf cart and the trailer was fully loaded with fresh kosota rock for adding to the landscaping. By city code ##x??? he can't be driving his golf cart around town just wherever he feels like.... Even though he came through the alleys as much as he could, Rick probably made promises with the city again of fixing the code situation. WE LOVE YOU Ricky!!! We hope you can keep your golf cart, or your grand kids would be devastated. I hope you have connections with our city attorney -Mrs Groen to bail you out.

Back to the landscaping story... Brandon came home from his new junior year in school ready to assist wherever needed. Of course, at perfect timing he sold some St Mary's fundraiser stuff to many of his aunts and uncles. Brandon, Dan & Rick started unloading the rock and leveling off all the low spots around the house. A big Thank you to Joe Mages & crew for the new landscaping work around the house last fall and for Ed Mages & crew getting Grandma's house newly shingled this summer too.

# BUFF UP DAY at Mom's House Continued

Nancy & Jane made sure all the windows were squeaky clean. Nancy did the climbing while Jane had the important job of holding the ladder. Jane loved this job, as she could talk and work at the same time. Mike came into help where the spots were too high for the girls to reach, or if Nancy couldn't find a place to secure her foot for support. Mom was inside and outside the house so many times, she wore herself out watching all the hard work of her loving children. She kept going inside, as I know she wanted to make sure the supper was JUST RIGHT for her crew. Kathy was her best side-kick to make sure her wish was granted. Betty wasn't present, but she kept everyone quenched by providing the beer for the workers, plus a few others bought liquid quenchers too. Thanks Betts and Tom. Finally, just when we started to take a break to appreciate our hard working rewards with a beer or two under the shade tree, more St Mary's kids were looking for marathon pledges. BINGO for those kids. Lisa arrives coming in with fresh energy. Let's clean out the garage. She got started, but maybe clean out in her mind was different from the brothers' minds, as they just sat down to breathe. Oh well a good sweep and rearranging will do the trick. Actually we got soooo much accomplished in fast time, but good cleaning of the inside of the house still needs to be tended to on another day. Some got done, but mooore is waiting. HEEHEE! (present, however Jeff or Lisa didn't get in any photos.) I'm sure much more was happening behind the scenes of what I didn't witness on the day. Thank you to all! So proud of you and for a family that prays together, stays together. For those here in spirit, we felt your prayers and support.

Note: Talking with Mom, she thought we were coming to rake up her grass clippings. Low and behold, we had more in mind... By the end of day we didn't even get to raking up the lawn. However, Ricky came to clean the deck, mowed, mulched, raked and "Got Er Done" the next morning. Thanks Rick for spearheading this project. Your partner in crime... Deb

PS: I've got leftover paint and cleaned up brushes??? Who's fence is next? Gotta have beer!!! I heard Helmut needed his fence painted..... No excuses for feeling too old... "We are Alphonse & Barbara Forever Young!"



# Buffing up Mom's House in Photo



The new look, while Mike is fixing the front door.



Mom watching the progress



Rick washing the siding

# Buffing up Mom's House in Photo Continued



Nancy and Kathy pulling the weeds under the deck



Nancy and Jane



Curt, Debra and Larry scraping the old paint off the shed



Debra and Debbie painting the shed



Larry painting Debra while she works so hard on the shed



The finished shed

# Buffing up Mom's House Continued in Photo

Tom and Kathy scrapping off the old green paint from the shutters



Dan and Rick adding new rocks to the border of the front walk



Mike fixing the garage entry door



Nancy and Jane cleaning the front windows



# Photos Continued of Buffing up Mom's House



Curt and Mike



Debra and Larry working on the shed. Jane and Tom working on the shutters.



Dan, Brandon and Tom working on the rocks



The new back of Mom's house

Photo on the right is some of the crew. L-R: Rick, Brandon, Larry, Debra, Kathy, Mom, Jane, Nancy, Tom, Dan, Mike and Curt



# More Photos of Buffing up Mom's House



Debbie, Rick, Larry, Debra, Kathy, Mom, Jane, Nancy, Tom, Dan, Mike and Curt



Mom and Connie



The crew enjoying supper after a busy day. L-R:, Tom, Stretch, Mom, Rick, Kathy, Curt, Mike, Larry, Debra, Nancy, Debbie and Jane.

# Buffing Up Mom's House in Photo from Curt and Kathy

Jane painting the new color of copper onto the shutters



Debbie touching up the front door windows



Curt and Mike repairing the garage entry door



Larry painting the shed



# Continue Curt and Kathy Photos



Debra, Rick,  
Dan, Larry,  
Mike, Tom  
and Curt



Mike, Curt,  
Debra, Larry,  
Tom, Rick,  
Nancy and Jane

# Kyle Strate Receives His White Coat by Michelle Strate

Kyle received his white coat on August 19, 2022. He has started medical school at University of Minnesota Duluth. Brian, myself, Nick and Riley are so proud and excited for Kyle to begin this chapter in his life. Many prayers are needed for Kyle's success through these next four years.



## New Address

Joe and Linda Gall  
50 Teton Lane #114  
Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Joe Cell 507-340-4305

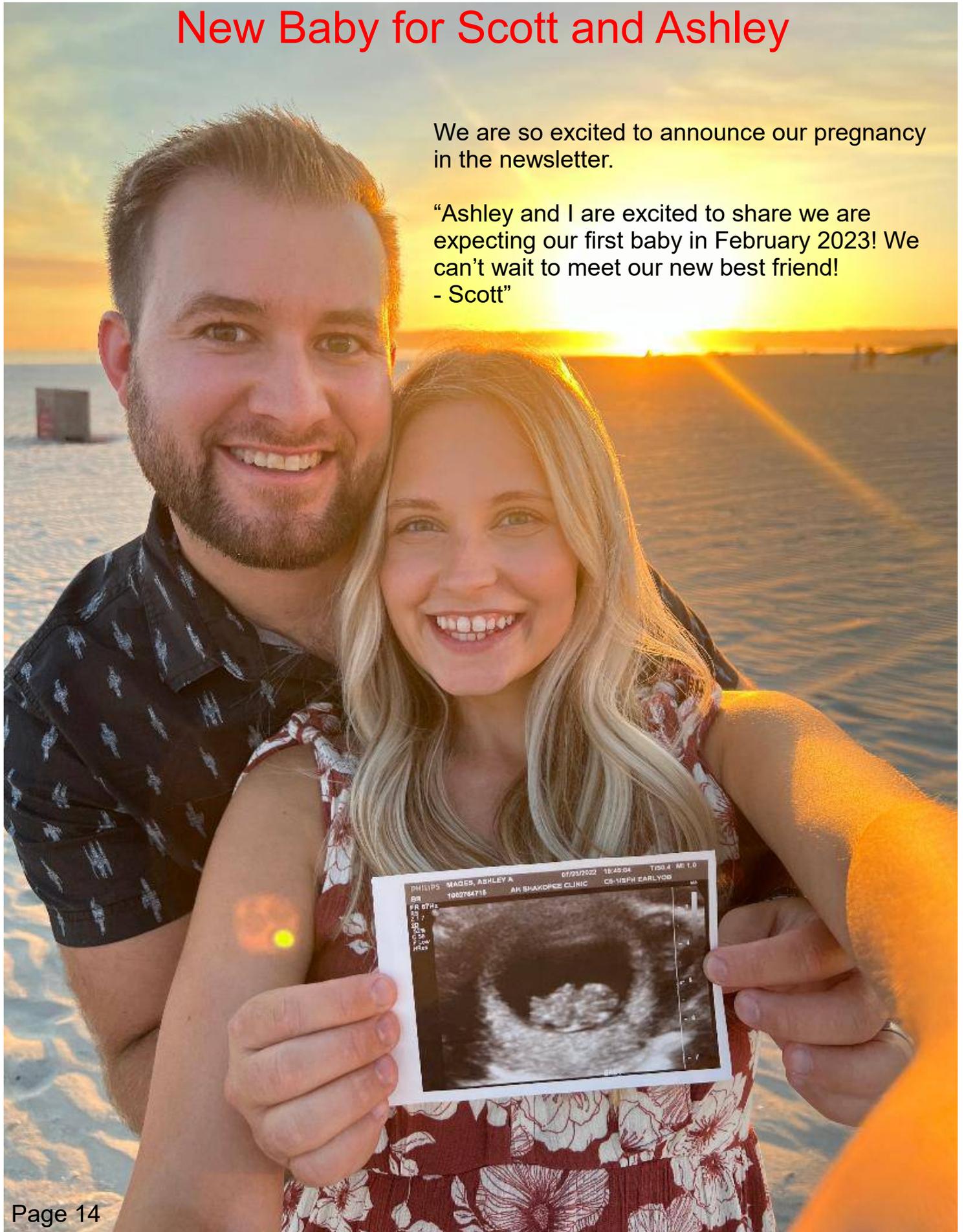
Linda cell 507-340-3187

We no longer have a landline

# New Baby for Scott and Ashley

We are so excited to announce our pregnancy in the newsletter.

“Ashley and I are excited to share we are expecting our first baby in February 2023! We can’t wait to meet our new best friend!  
- Scott”



# Huey Vietnam Helicopter Arrives at it's Sleepy Eye Home



Above photo is Curt and Rick

Jack and Emma Mages – September 16, 2022



# Jack and Emma in Photo



Photo to the left is Jeff and LeAnn walking Jack to his wedding. Top right photo is Jack and Emma with Grandma Barbara, Jeff, LeAnn and Grandma Carlene (LeAnn's Mom).



Jack picked Grandma Barbara right up for their dance.



Emma and Jack

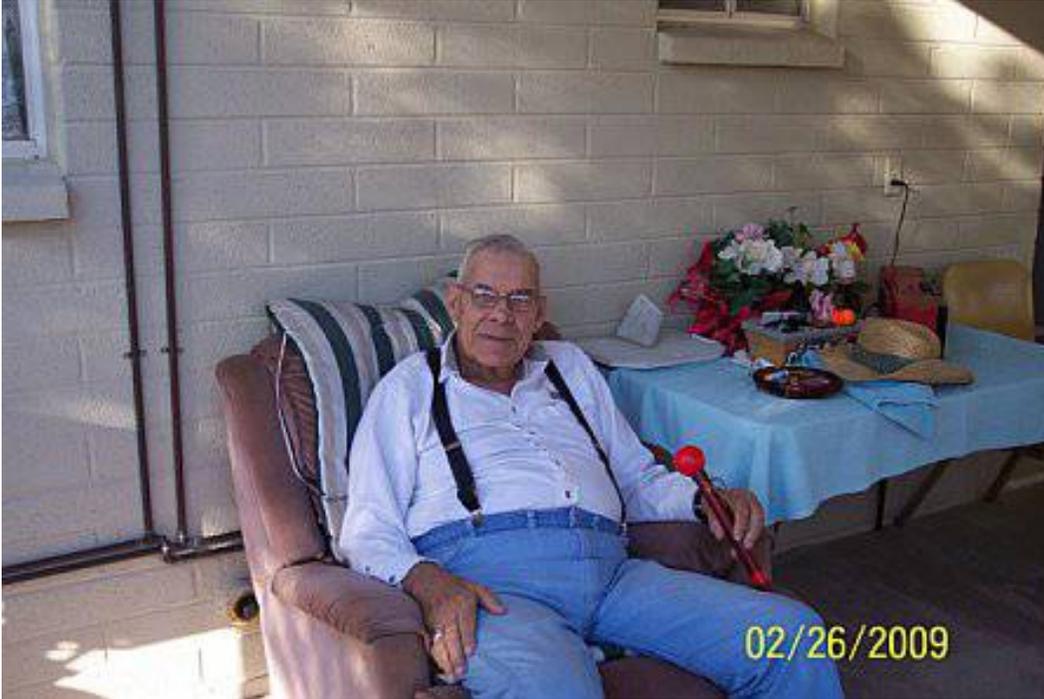
# Jack and Emma in Photo Continued



The top left photo is Scott with the barrel and Grandma Barbara. Top right photo is of those who went on the cruise on the Mississippi River. Far left photo is the parents of the groom, Jeff and LeAnn Mages. The photo bottom right is Jack and Emma with Grandma Barbara, Jeff and LeAnn and Grandma Carlene.

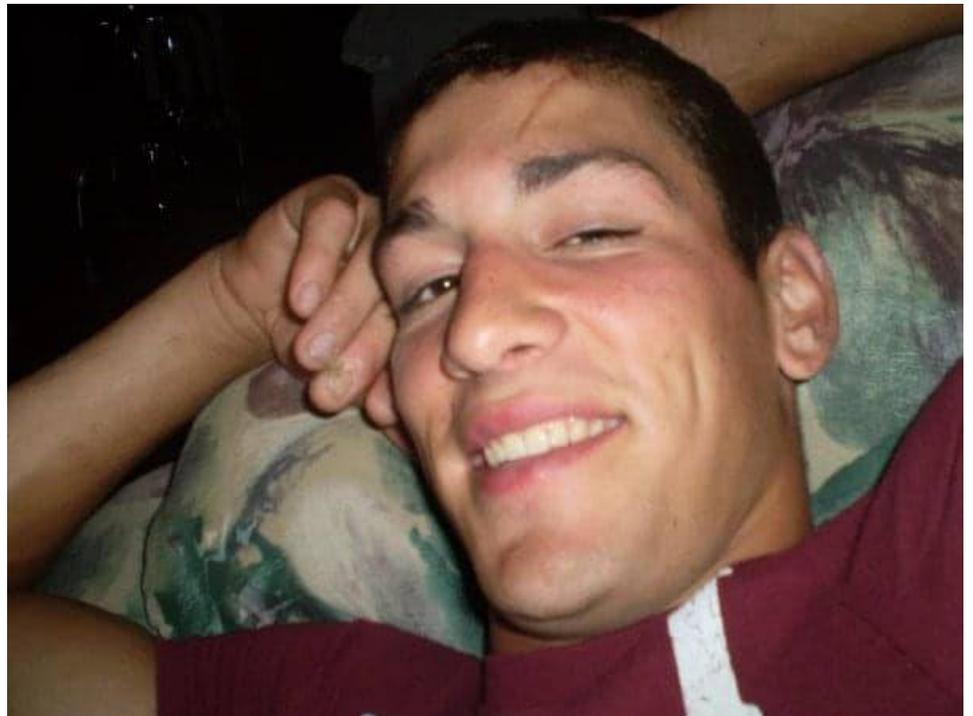


# Our October Angels



Alphonse Lawrence  
Mages

January 06, 1928 to  
October 30, 2009



Douglas Curtis  
Mages

November 07, 1985  
to October 26, 2008

Chloe Elizabeth Becker – Born September  
15, 2022. 9# 2 oz – 21.75 inches long.  
Daughter of Michelle and Cody and  
Granddaughter of Curt and Kathy Mage

We welcomed our daughter, Chloe Elizabeth Becker, to the world 9/15/2022! She weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces, officially 21.75 inches long. We are all doing well!  
Granddaughter of Curt and Kathy.

- Michelle and Cody



# Chloe Elizabeth



# Chloe Elizabeth in Photo



Congratulations to Michelle, Cody, Kathy and Curt from the whole Mages family. Such a cutie