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Wishing all of you God's blessings for a
safe and enjoyable summer.

God's Blessings to all. Linda



June Birthdays

Brianna Jensen	June 01
Monica Mages	June 05
Everly Jensen	June 07
Andy Mages	June 08
Emily Rath	June 08
Josie Andersen	June 08
Aaron Mages	June 09
Andrew Mages	June 11
Debra Fischer	June 15
Larry Mages	June 15
Halle Bemmels	June 15
Birgit Mages	June 23
Issac Wagner	June 23
Steven Mages	June 26
Peyton Mages	June 28
Adelyn Edmunds	June 28
Brennen Mages	June 29
Jessi Mages	June 29

A special Hello to our German cousins, Helmut, Birgit, Andi, Elena, Rosalie and Tobi

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20th of each month

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Coming Events

May 23, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

May 27, 2023 – Graduation Party for Noah Mages at his home

June 01, 2023 – Mass for Mom 7:15 am at St Mary's Sleepy Eye.

June 06, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

June 17, 2023 – Wedding reception for Larry and Debra Mages at their barn on the farm in Lafayette

June 25, 2023 – Mass for Mom 7:30 am at St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye.

June 25, 2023 – Oswald and Elizabeth Mages Family Reunion at Ramsey Park in Redwood Falls, Mn with the Black Diamonds performing

July 08, 2023 – Annual MagesFest at Sleepy Eye Sportsman's Park

July 13, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

July 15, 2023 - 50th Birthday Party for Brent Mages 2pm at Mages Barn 25436 278th Ave, Paynesville

July 22, 2023 – Black Diamonds Tinnies Bar Eden Valley

July 23, 2023 – 9:30 am Mass for Mom St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye.

July 24, 2023 – Mages Family Band, German Park, New Ulm, Minn

July 29, 2023 – Wedding reception for Jory and Jessi Mages

August 01, 2023 – Baby due to Alissa and Cody Groen

August 09, 2023 – Mages Family Mas

August 19, 2023 – Black Diamonds at Sleepy Eye Summerfest, Allison Park

September 14, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

September 16 & 17, 2023 – Sister's Weekend at Emerald Hideaway

October 18, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

October 28, 2023 – 5:30 pm Mass for Dad and Mom on their anniversary at St. Mary's Sleepy Eye.

November 21, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

December 12, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

2024

March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday Mass 9:30 am for Dad and Mom at St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye.

May 12, 2024 – Mass for Mom 9:30 am at St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye.

June Anniversaries



John and Cindy Mages	June 30	44 years
Riley and Brianna Jensen	June 13	14 years
Zachary and Britany Mages	June 10	06 years
Lewis and Kristen Olivero	June 29	04 years
Chad and Sandy Sheffer	June 19	03 years

Black Diamond Schedule

Sun June 25: Oswald & Elizabeth Zins Reunion Ramsey Park, Redwood Falls 1:30-3pm

Sat July 22: Tinnies Tavern Bar on Rice Lake, 24114 DeerBrook Road, Edin Valley 5-8pm

Sat Aug 19: Sleepy Eye Summerfest in Allison park 3:30-5pm (right after the 2-3:30pm Little Crow Ski Team water show on SEye lake) Deb

Wedding Celebration For Larry and Debra Mages

Larry and Debra's wedding celebration

Debra and I would like to invite all of you to our wedding celebration in the barn at our farm at 57815 330 St, Lafayette, Mn 56054. The celebration will start at 3PM on June 17th, 2023 and go into the night. We plan to have food, beverages (soft drinks, water, beer and wine), music, and games. Kids are welcome. Bring your own chairs. Want to camp out for the night, no hookups but you are welcome to do that. **ABSOLUTELY NO GIFTS.** Your presence will be our gift.

A special note to all musicians and singers: If you have ever played music with Larry, bring along your instrument and plan on singing a few songs. If you are a singer, then arrange with some of the musicians in the family and please sing several songs. The entire night will be filled with people that have at one time or another, played music with Larry.

Sign up for different tournaments with prizes. Bean bags, horseshoe, wiffleball, basketball, kickball, soccer, The longest golf drive off the hill. Dancing and music. We'll even have some decks of cards out. Fun for all ages.

Larry and Debra

Magesfest 2023

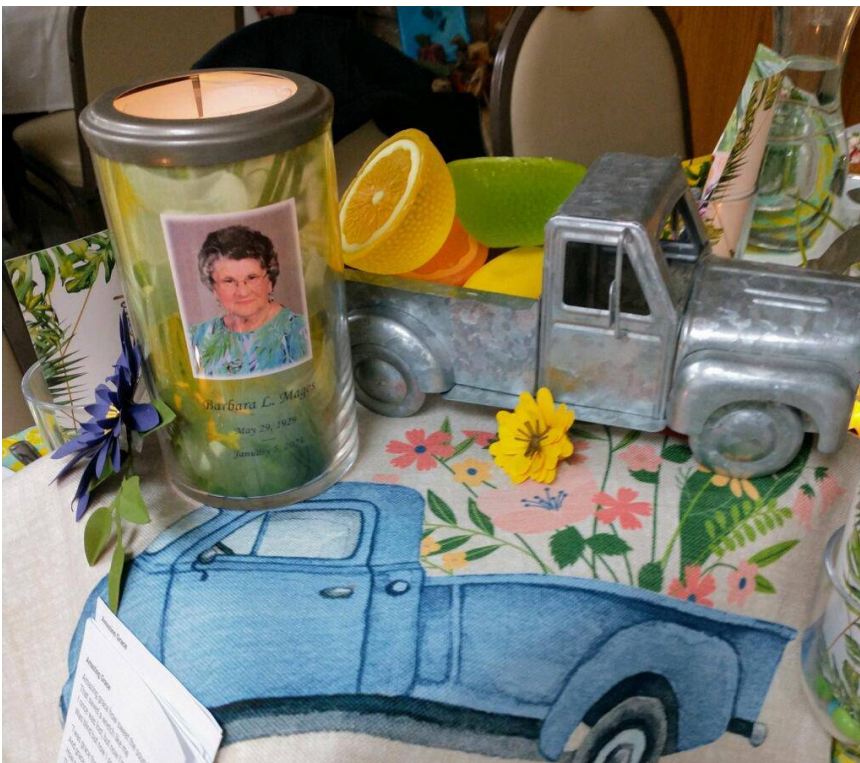
We have 18 campsites rented for July 07 & 08, Friday and Saturday night at Sleepy Eye Sportsman's Park for Magesfest. 12 are already spoken for, so if anybody wants any of the remaining 6 sites call Greg – 507-276-0325 or Tim – 507-276-6315

Anniversaries we will celebrate this year are Tom and Sharon 35 years and Rick and Jane 50 years.

Thanks Dan

Ladies Night Out

CCW Ladies Night Out Honoring our Mother- Barbara Mages was held Friday April 28, 2023. Those living near-by; sisters, sister-in-laws & a niece enjoyed a wonderful roast beef meal and bottomless glass of wine served by the Knights of Columbus gentlemen from St Mary's Church in Sleepy Eye. Our feature inspirational speaker of the evening-Deb Hadley shared many personal, and friends of hers, experiences of loosing a loved one to death. She believes no matter the hardships you face, you can still have an amazing life if you place your trust in God. Deb H. has been a beacon of hope to many who struggle with grief, as well as healing journeys through experiences of her own two children she has lost. For the evening each table was decorated differently, Deb Fischer hosted our table by decorating in the Old checy truck and Spring citrus theme. Note Mom sitting on Dad's lap in the blue chevy enjoying her ride. We reminisced many of our Amazing Mom's memories who was the center of our lives. Those circling around the table are Amy Mages, Deb Fischer, Sharon Mages, Arlene Mages. Lisa Schmitz, Connie Goblirsch, Nancy Strate, Donna Nelson, and Betty Jass.



Ladies Night Out Continued in Photo



Debbie and Betty

Donna and Arlene

The table setting

L-R: Amy, Debbie, Sharon, Arlene, Lisa, Connie, Nancy, Donna and Betty



Revised Reunion Plans



Oswald and Elizabeth Mages Family Reunion

Sunday, June 25, 2023 Noon to ???

Location: Ramsey Park Redwood Falls, MN We have reserved The W.P.A. Vintage Lower Shelter next to the campground, and Ramsey Park Zoo

Noon Potluck: a keg of beer and a keg of root beer, (just like Grandpa and Grandma used to do) along with water, paper plates & utensils all provided for a free will donation. **Bring your own lawn chairs** (only a few picnic tables available) and BYOB of choice. For supper bring hot dogs/hamburgers to grill.

Optional: 4:00pm Saturday evening Mass at St Catherines Catholic Church, 900 E Flynn St, Redwood Falls with Mass intentions for the living of Oswald & Elizabeth Mages family.

Reminisce: The *Black Diamond Band* with Donna Nelson & Deb Fischer will provide music for entertainment. Please bring your instruments to join along, plus everyone will get a chance to share and tell jokes & stories of Grandpa Oswald and Grandma Elizabeth and how it was growing up with many relatives.

Let's Play: Corn Hole, deal out a deck of cards, play on the playground equipment or just enjoy hiking or walking with your wagon/stroller to see the zoo animals and the famous Ramsey Falls.

Campers: Plan your weekend to camp here with your traditional group this weekend instead of somewhere else. To reserve a spot or get more information go to:

<https://redwoodareacommunitycenter.com/area-parks/ramsey-park/ramsey-park-campground/> or call 507-616-7444

Mark your calendars, for it's been a long time since we held this full Mages family reunion.

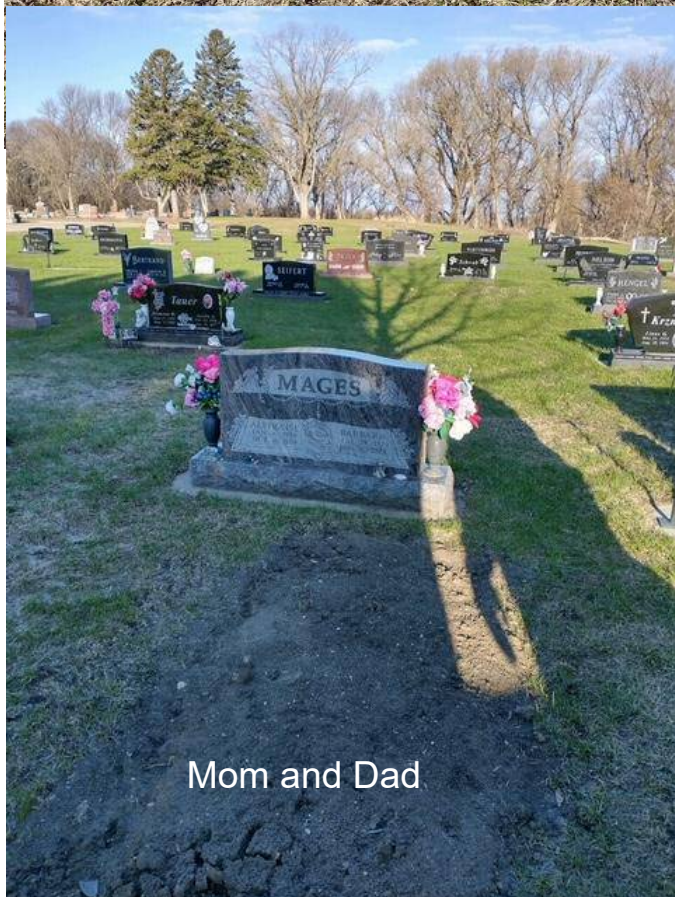
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Cards for the Mages Family

On Wednesday, April 26th we had another beautiful gathering celebrating Mass at St. Mary's Church for the deceased members of the Alphonse and Barbara Mages family. We had a tremendous turn out of siblings and spouses as many entered the church one by one or two by two and eventually our section was quite full of family. Amy Mages and her dad, Jerome Steffl also attended with us which was so nice. Following the Mass we all gathered first at niece, Teresa Campbell's graveside. We spoke of fond memories of her and said prayers in her honor. Betty was with us at this time so it was a pretty special moment. Teresa's site at the St. Mary's cemetery in Sleepy Eye is located so appropriately close in proximity to Mom and Dad's so we then quietly walked over to circle around their grave as siblings. We all shared a few thoughts and greetings to Mom and Dad. I had a chance earlier in the week to update their flowers to pretty Spring bouquets and now that the sun was shining and the snow was gone, we could see the markings of Mother's fresh dirt on her side of the site. She had been buried just 3 months earlier to the week. Our prayers on this day went straight to heaven in their memory. Many thoughts and prayers also went up to our other family members who have passed before us...Duane, Paula and Doug, Chuck, Maggie, and Mike. Also Grandpa and Grandma Mages and Grandpa and Grandma Kodet were thought of with great fondness. Following Mass and our cemetery visit, we were all hungry for a big breakfast. Upon arriving at our farm place, Larry's wife Debra and I started frying bacon and scrambling eggs. Betty was the master of the toaster and everyone was prepping in the kitchen putting out fruit, baked goods and goodies. We all had a wonderful breakfast of hot coffee, cold lemonade and lots of wholesome goodness. Sister, Deb, had made a special recipe from the St. Mary's cookbook...Mom's homemade cherry bars. How nostalgic! They tasted just like Mom had made them herself. Following breakfast, we all played Grandma's game, enjoyed candy and snacks and got down to some serious joke telling and visiting. Rick and Jane shared interesting stories about their recent travels down to Virginia and their visit to Rob and JoEdna's family. They are now situated in their brand new home that they patiently waited for as it was being built. Lunch was at Carl's with the special of the day being Sauerkraut and mashed potatoes. Larry and Debra shared with all of us their story of how they met, what life was like traveling in the RV group and all of the fun dances and activities they shared together. Later in the day, Linda, Deb and I sat in on the closing for Mom's Sleepy Eye house at the Fischer Groen Law office and Title Company in Sleepy Eye. North of town neighbors, Billy and Carol Lochner purchased her house to use as their dream retirement home. They both seemed so excited with their decision and we were equally happy for them. Everything went smooth with the closing thanks to all of the professionals working on it. More blessings to count! Lisa (Mages) Schmitz

Cards Continued in Photo



Mom and Dad



Teresa Campbell

Cards in Photo Continued



Praying by Mom's grave, Betty, Debbie, Jeff, Debra, Larry, Rick, Kathy and Curt



Praying by Teri's grave, Betty, Debbie, Debra, Larry, Rick, Jeff, Kathy and Curt



Breakfast, Debra, Amy and Kathy

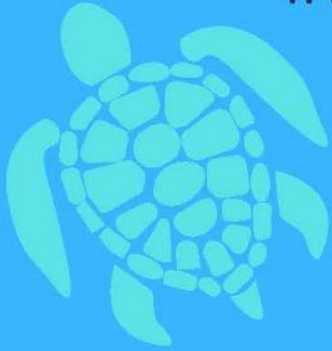


L-R:Jerome, Amy, Kathy, Curt, Lisa, Debra, Jeff, Debbie, Larry and Rick

Photo to the right. Rick pouring coffee to Larry with Debbie and Jeff watching.



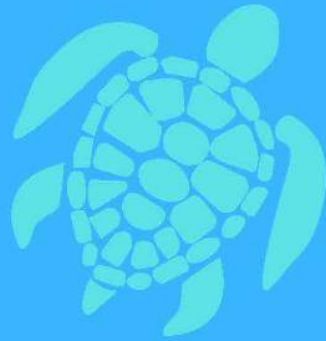
JORY & JESSI'S WEDDING RECEPTION



JULY 29, 2023
4-11 PM
OPEN HOUSE

OWATONNA COUNTRY CLUB
1991 LEMOND RD
OWATONNA, MN

RSVP



[THEKNOT.COM/JESSIANDJORY](https://www.theknot.com/jessiandjory)

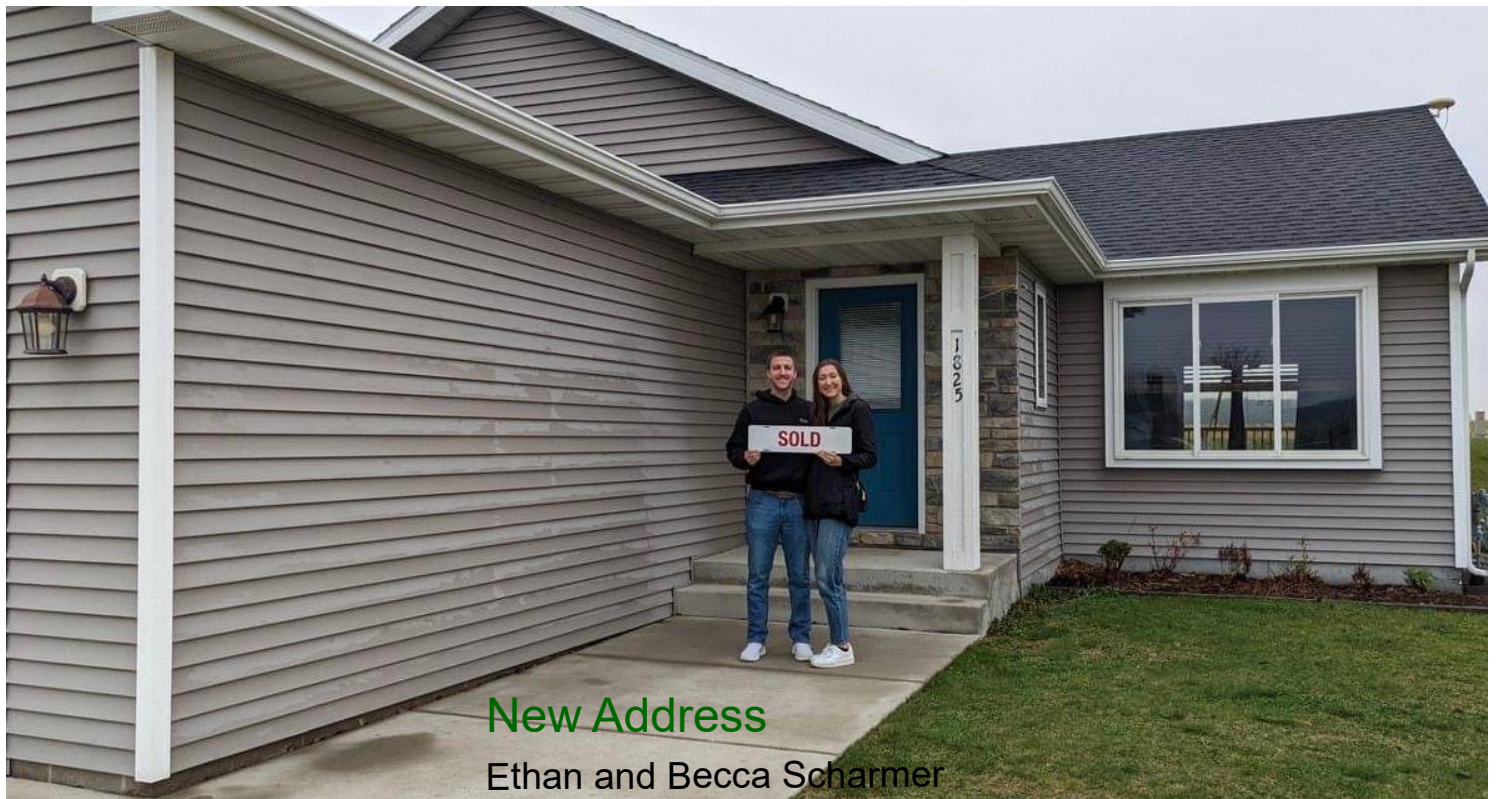
OUR ISLAND WEDDING 1-11-23 COZUMEL, MEXICO



New Baby on the Way

Cody, Colette, and I are happy to announce that we are adding to the Groen family! We are due August 1st. Alissa

Becca, Ethan and Wren's New Home in St. Charles, Minnesota



New Address

Ethan and Becca Scharmer
1825 Brownell Street
St. Charles, Minnesota 55972

Dr. Ethan Scharmer

Dr. Ethan Scharmer graduated from the University of Madison, Wisconsin on Saturday, May 12th with a Doctorate Degree in Veterinary Medicine with the School of Veterinary Science. Ethan is the husband of Rebecca (Schmitz) Scharmer who is the daughter of Tony and Lisa (Mages) Schmitz. In this commemorative photo, Ethan and Becca are shown celebrating with their daughter, Wren. Ethan and Becca will now be moving to the St. Charles, Minnesota area where Ethan will be practicing Veterinary Medicine with the Eyota and Lewiston Veterinary Clinics which heavily serve Southern Minnesota and the Rochester area. At this time he will be trained in as a small animal surgeon. The clinics service both large and small animal clients. Becca is currently finishing up her position with the Sauk Prairie Schools in Wisconsin and will then be pursuing a career in Speech Pathology in the St. Charles area. Becca and Ethan just purchased a new home they will soon be moving to. Their new address is 1825 Brownell Street, St. Charles, MN 55972. Congratulations to Dr. Ethan Scharmer! The Mages family now has a veterinarian Lisa



50th Birthday Celebration

Celebration

Brent Mages is Turning 50



When: July 15, 2023

Where: Mages Barn

25436 278th Ave, Paynesville MN 56362

Time: Open house starts at 2:00

Bean Bag Tournament starting at 3:00

Beer, Food and Music provided

Camping is available

Questions regarding camping please call 320-212-4800

Brandon Schmitz and the St. Mary's Knights Baseball

Team Having An Amazing Season....

Brandon Schmitz, now a junior at St. Mary's, has been having a great season of pitching for his high school varsity team. Currently the team is 10 and 4. This past weekend he pitched at the Gustavus Adolphus College Stadium where the St. Mary's Knights took on the New Richland Hartland Ellendale Geneva High School team. We beat them 4-1 and Brandon pitched a no hitter. The week and weekend was so cold and rainy but on this day the sun finally came out mid game which made for such a pleasant watching and cheering experience.

Sleepy Eye Public Indians baseball team was ultimately announced Tomahawk Conference Champs which boasts some of my former childcare kids who played baseball out here on our farm with Brandon in the early part of their childhood.

Brandon also plays with these young men during summer ball for the Sleepy Eye Jr. Legion and Legion teams.

We will soon be moving into playoffs where everything is a whole new ballgame! Wish Brandon luck!

Lisa(Mages) Schmitz

Brandon at bat



Brandon Continued in Photo



Above photo is Brandon and his team members, "The St. Mary's Knights."

Photo to the right is Brandon with his parents Tony and Lisa



Avery Cook Receives his First Holy Communion at St.Mary's Church in Sleepy Eye

Avery Cook, son of John and Amanda (Schmitz) Cook of Sleepy Eye, made his First Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church in Sleepy Eye on Saturday, May 6 th . Avery attends 2 nd Grade at St. Mary's Catholic Grade School, Sleepy Eye and he made the sacrament with his Area Faith Community Classmates. In this photo he is posing with his first cousin on the Cook side of the family, Quinn Cook, who is also in his class. Lisa



Quinn and Avery

Amanda, John, Raegan and Avery Cook



Avery's First Communion Continued in Photos



Avery



Woodbury Garage Sales



Photo to the left is Kristen buying a car for Noah or is it for Lewis? Photo to the right is Stacie, Suzanne, Michelle and Kristen. Photo middle right is the group having lunch in the church parking lot.



Above photo is the shoppers Cody, Alissa, Sharon, ?, Stacie, ?, Kristen, ? Michelle, Suzanne and Kathy



Photo to the right is Suzanne, Kristen, ?, Sharon, Michelle and Stacie



Fishing Opener at Lake Sarah by Mike

This years opener was slower fishing than last year only caught a few walleyes . But the grill out was good as Jeff ran the grill made brats ,hamburgers ,and pork chops .Every body had too much to eat , and some had to much to drink . The Holdem tournament was organized by Curt with Joes Rules . Brian Braun took first place , Mike Steffl second and myself third place , Bob Hertling forth. All who show Friday evening were.Jeff Curt, Tom , Bob ,Steve, John Hertling, Mike Steffl, Brian Braun, Doey Havemier , Byron and Harold Jeff's buddy from other side of the lake. We sure had a lot of fun again !

