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JULY 2023

Much needed rain is falling here as I work on this issue. I hope all of you are getting this gift from God.

God's Blessings to all. Linda



July Birthdays

Brennen Rath	July 01
Darlene Mages	July 01
Gina Andersen	July 02
Dawn Plath	July 04
Carly Minnich	July 04
Brendel Arthur	July 04
Josephine Wagner	July 05
Cameron Wagner	July 06
Raymond Mages	July 10
Debra Mages	July 10
Avery Cook	July 11
Noah Olivero	July 13
Luke Mages	July 15
Charlie Dammann	July 15
Logan Miller	July 16
Vann Mages	July 17
Lisa Schmitz	July 18
Adam Butler	July 19
Jasmine Miller	July 20
Kristen Olivero	July 22
Jane Mages	July 23
Martin Mages	July 23
Josh Vander Hook	July 26
Nolan Gall	July 29

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

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 07, 08 & 09 2023 – Annual MagesFest at Sleepy Eye Sportsman's Park

July 08, 2023 – The Lost Vintage, North Mankato Fun Days 4pm-6pm

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 28, 2023 – The Lost Vintage Schell's Brewery New Ulm 6pm-8pm

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 Mass

August 12, 2023 – The Lost Vintage Javens Vineyard Rural Mankato 5pm-8pm

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

August 19, 2023 – Annual Maennerchor Golf Tournament, Cold Spring, Minnesota

September 14, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

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

September 16, 2023 – Oktoberfest, Richmond, Mn

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.

July Anniversaries

Rick and Jane Mages

July 17 50 years

Larry and Debbie Fischer

July 11 42 years

Dean and Donna Nelson

July 26 39 years

Curt and Kathy Mages

July 18 37 years

Mike and Amy Mages

July 29 34 years

Shane and Becky Wilson

July 18 31 years

Jeremy and Kari Mages

July 15 23 years

Aaron and Erica Mages

July 23 18 years

Alan and Julia Strand

July 29 17 years

Rob and JoEdna Mages

July 05 15 years

David and Samantha Nelson

July 27 11 years

John and Amanda Cook

July 13 10 years

TJ and Madeline Ibberson

July 11 08 years

Billy and Mikayla Bruggeman

July 15 06 years

Mass for the Deceased Members of the Alphonse and Barbara Mages Family – Breakfast and Cards, May 23, 2023 and June 07, 2023

So glad the +Deceased Mages Family members Mass intentions at St Mary's Church with breakfast and cards tradition carries on. At one time or another, many siblings are offering to take their turns. On May 23rd, Amy Mages hosted the family members able to attend. We toasted Mom for her heavenly birthday a few days later- May 29th. We saw the beautiful gardens Mike and her are growing. On June 7th, Deb Fischer hosted. With the warm spring days this year, both hostesses were able to enjoy entertaining on their outdoor garden patios for conversation and cards later. Stretch was hauling corn and pulled up to park the semi near the driveway and get in on the breakfast too. Stretch took Jeff along on the next load to see the Fischer farm at work. It has been enjoyable getting together at each other's homes to reminisce wonderful memories of our dear Mother and loved ones in heaven. God's blessing for a safe summer season. Deb

Mass, Breakfast and Cards in Photo

May 23, 2023

Hosted by
Mike and
Amy

Photo to the left
is Jane, Jerome,
Curt, Rick, Larry,
Debra, Nancy
and Debbie



L- R: Lisa and daycare baby, Curt, Rick,
Larry, Debra, Nancy and Amy



Mass, Breakfast, Cards in Photo Continued



June
07, 2023
breakfast
and
cards
hosted
by
Stretch
and
Debbie

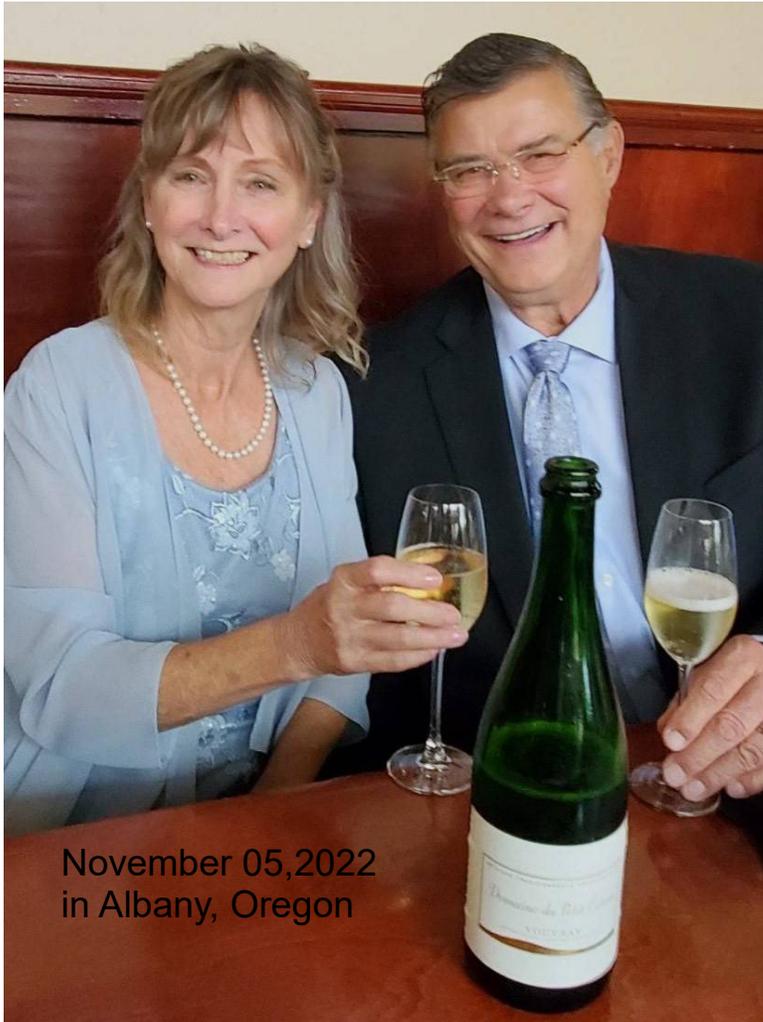


Stretch coming for breakfast

L-R: Jeff, Lisa, Stretch, Barb and Debbie



Larry and Debra Mages Wedding Celebration, June 17, 2023



November 05, 2022
in Albany, Oregon



June 17, 2023
Lafayette
Minnesota



Rick, ? And Donna
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Brennen

Larry and Debra Wedding in Photo

The Larry and Debra Mages Family



Brendel, Ed, Larry, Debra, Joe, Emily, Matt,
Amanda and Theresa.



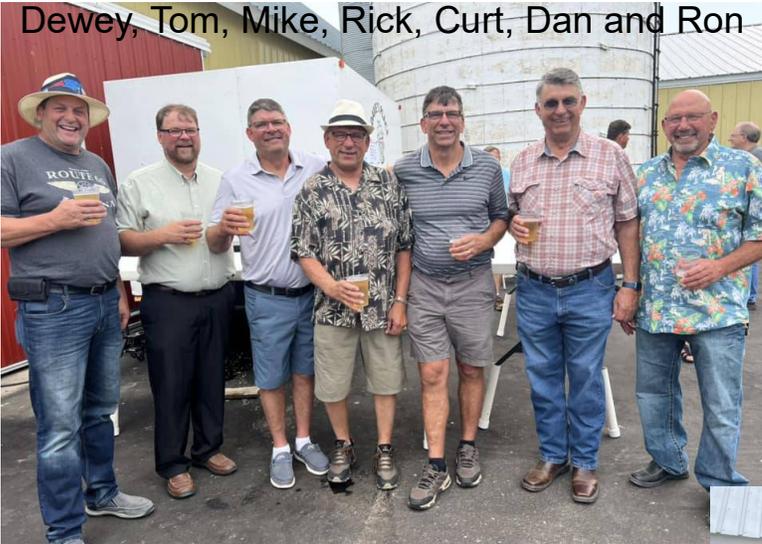
Imia, Amanda, Emily, Debra, Brendel
And Theresa



Ed, Amanda and Larry

Wedding Celebration in Photo Continued

Dewey, Tom, Mike, Rick, Curt, Dan and Ron



Brennen, Adam and Randy



L_R: 1st row Halle, Brynlee, Grady and Bella. Back Luke, Brennen, Josie, Evie, Gabby, Issac and Owen



Larry, Scott with the barrel and Debra



Photo above is Lisa and Gina. Photo lower right is Betty and Donna.



Thank You

Debra and I would like to thank everyone for coming and celebrating our wedding. We were blessed with such a beautiful day. The most important thing though was you. You made it so wonderful and memorable for us. Thank you also, to all the musicians and singers. We had so many compliments from people about the wonderful entertainment. Such a variety and so much talent. What a gift you gave us! We loved it.

And what a family we have. Everyone pitched in and got things ready here on the farm. It all looked so nice. Now I wonder out to the barn and just get blue, wishing it wasn't over yet. What fun it was. Love you all so much.

Thank you from Debra and I. Larry



Wedding Celebration in Photo Continued



2023 “MAGESFEST” FAMILY REUNION

Friday night thru Sunday morning, July 7-9th
Sportsmen's Park, Sleepy Eye, MN

Friday, July 7th

Those camping both Friday and Saturday can start to set up in the Sleepy Eye Campgrounds at

Sportsmen's park on Friday late afternoon/early evening. Please review the camping rules supplied by the City of Sleepy Eye on their website. If you are not camping, please feel free to

stop by to visit and enjoy a bonfire etc. Dan will get your campsite reservation site numbers to

you. (No meals provided on Friday)

Saturday, July 8th

8:00am – Potluck breakfast at the campground shelter – egg bakes/hot food provided

12 noon – Potluck dinner in the large Sportsmen's Park shelter – please bring a dish to pass.

Plates, napkins, silverware, cups, water, lemonade, ketchup and mustard will be supplied by the

Dan and Arlene Mages family. Please bring your own beverages, lawn chairs, life jackets, fishing equipment/bait for anyone that would be interested in fishing etc.

Please remember to bring a card for Rick and Jane Mages celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary and Tom and Sharon Mages celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary. Finally, please remember to bring \$2 for each of the gifts that we will be presenting to them as a family.

There will be a few afternoon kid and adult activities (bean bags etc.). We will also have the

presentation of the Forever Young Scholarships and the announcement of the new Miss Magesfest by our 2022 Miss Magesfest, Connie Goblirsch!

5:00pm – We are firing up the grills in the campground for a hot dog, brat, and hamburger supper. Please bring your own meat, buns and/or simple sides to accompany for the simple

potluck (leftovers) supper.

7:00 to 10:00pm Live Music by Deb and Donna and other Mages family members

Bonfire to follow

Sunday, July 9th

Church at Sleepy Eye St. Mary's is 7:30am and 9:30am.

Safe travels home and thank you for joining us for the weekend!

Your 2023 Magesfest hosts:

Dan and Arlene, Greg and Mary Kay, Brad and Tess, Jeremy and Kari, Tim and Lindsey and families

The Lost Vintage Band Schedule by Mysti Lynn



July 08, 2023 – 4:30pm-5:30pm, Saturday, Fun Days Street Music Spinners Bar – North Mankato

July 28, 2023 – 6pm-8pm, Friday, Schell's Brewery, New Ulm

August 12, 2023 – 5pm-8pm, Saturday, Javen's Family Vineyard and Winery. Rural Mankato

From Duane Kuss

Bavarian Style



3:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**River Lakes Civic Arena
Richmond, MN**

**Info. & Tickets
CSMaennerchor.com**

Saturday, Sept. 16th, 2023

2nd Annual Maennerchor Golf Tournament
AUGUST 19 Register @ csmaennerchor.com



*Cold Spring Area **M**aennerchor
Golf Tournament 2023
4-Person Team Scrabbler*

The Cold Spring Area Maennerchor celebrates the beginning of their 86th season by sponsoring a special Golf Tournament fund raiser on Saturday, August 19th at the River Oaks Golf Club in Cold Spring, Minnesota.

Trip to Europe and our German Cousins By Theresa Wagner

At the end of May, Randy and I had the opportunity to visit friends of ours in Frankfurt, Helmut, Birgit, and Tobi, and cousins of Randy's. In Frankfurt, we enjoyed many markets, castles, gardens and the highest local point in the area. There were so many flowers (wild and in gardens) in bloom. While there were a few flowers I was not familiar with, many were similar to what is found on farms throughout the Midwest. I smiled thinking about ancestors bringing these roots, rhizomes, and seeds to the new country. I especially loved the poppies. They were in peak bloom and could be found in towns and the countryside alike. My mom had a beautiful bed of poppies on the farm. I've always missed them and my efforts to grow them have not been successful. They were a delightful and unexpected treat! After our initial stay with our friends, it was time to ride the train to Nuremberg to see our German Mages cousins.

I'm just going to state up front, if it isn't on your bucket list to go see Helmut and Birgit and let them show you all around our German and Bohemian homelands, it should be! Helmut, Birgit, and Tobi hosted us for the weekend. Helmut and Birgit met us at the train station in Nuremberg and our amazing adventure began. We spent our first half day visiting villages and the countryside around their home. We were treated to a delicious German dinner of sausages, breads, and fresh white asparagus (in season). Tobi did the grilling, Birgit made a scrumptious cheesecake along with the other dinner items and Helmut kept our beer glasses full. After an evening of catching up on all the latest news on both sides of the Atlantic, we rested up for our big day ahead.

Sunday morning came and it was time to head for the border (Czech that is). We had the chance to visit several Catholic churches and cemeteries and we slowly worked our way to the villages where Mages and Sellner ancestors lived. We were so grateful to have Brother Martin Sellner's book that followed the lineage of John Baptist Sellner. The area was beautiful. We stopped in Schwarzach to visit with friends of Helmut and Birgit's and were treated to kuken and coffee. It was just so fascinating to see what was similar: the farming and crops (first cutting was in full swing), the similarities in architecture and differences: the size of farms, the remains/scars of WWII and the time afterwards.

The next day Helmut and Tobi showed us the sites of Nuremberg: we started at some of the relics of Hitler and the Nazis. While visiting this history feels different and is hard, it is important to understand how such an ugly movement begins and grows. We could see (even feel) how Hitler focused on making a show of strength and power, so that people would be fearful and go along (even fight for) his ideas and actions. Understanding this history is uncomfortable but important.

Europe and Our German Cousins Continued

We spent the afternoon at the Nuremberg castle and gardens, the nearby Nuremberg neighborhoods, and downtown churches. Then it was on the train and back to Frankfurt.

The rest of our trip was divided between going on holiday with our friends and meeting Randy's cousins. We took day trips to Rudesheim and Cologne. In Rudesheim we enjoyed the Rhine river, German Rieslings, a monument that I immediately coined the original Herman the German, and finally a castle that I could actually tour inside. In Cologne, we visited the Cathedral (home of the bones of the Magi), the famous bridge of locks, the riverfront and learned about how important the Rhine river is to German commerce.

We then headed for Lake Constance, which is the largest lake in Europe. It borders Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. Our time there was like a vacation within a vacation. We visited the Rhine Falls, hung out at the beach, visited the gardens on Island and toured up and down the coastline. It felt a little like hanging out at a lake in northern Minnesota but with all the flavor and fun of Germany. After a relaxing and fun time "at the lake". It was time for our final push and a cross country trip to Randy's cousins in Beltrum, Netherlands. We again made use of the terrific regional and intercontinental trains that traverse Europe. On this day, we even managed with just four minutes to get across eight platforms to board the next train!

Randy's maternal grandpa immigrated to Minnesota in 1921, which means Randy has first cousins once removed, and second cousins that he has never met. Two of Randy's second cousins and their families hosted us. The family farm (the one Randy's great-grandparents farmed) is currently farmed by Randy's second cousin. He stopped milking about five years ago, but still has sheep and horses. Upon our arrival, we went directly to the family farm, toured, had dinner, and about a dozen relatives greeted us. The next day we toured several other farms/homes of Randy's great grandparents, etc. All the houses and farm buildings in this area are built with red clay brick! Very solid buildings for animals, equipment, and people indeed. We finished our morning with a visit to the Catholic church in Beltrum where Randy's grandparents got married. This area of the Netherlands was one of the few areas that remained Catholic, despite the Protestant movements and upheavals happening all around them. In the afternoon, we continued touring using bikes. Many of you probably know, biking is the main form of local/regional transportation. Bikes have the right of way over autos, etc. Fortunately, the Netherlands is quite flat, and I was supplied with a bike with electrical assist (although I didn't need it too much).

After spending the weekend with Randy's relatives, we headed back to Frankfurt and home. Visiting the countries and homes of our ancestors made for a unique trip!

European Trip in Photo



Roses and Castles



Top of the Rhine Falls



Doesn't that look like Herman the German



Visiting farms by bike

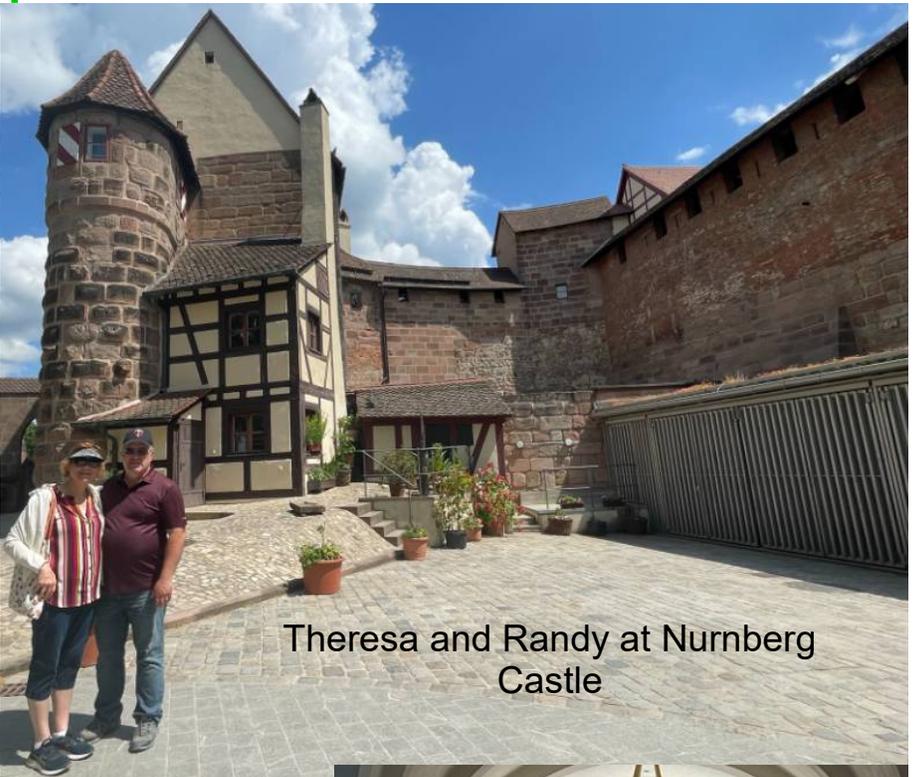
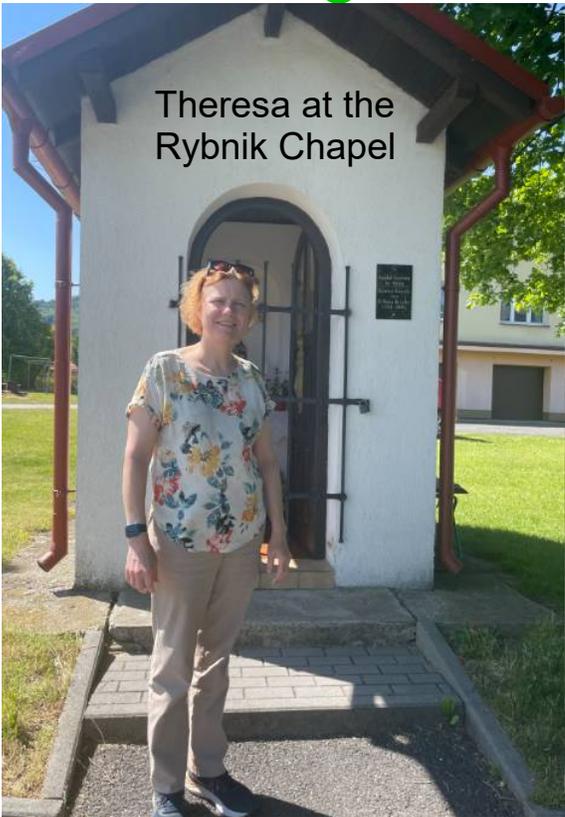


Poppies

Rybnik Theresa has Sellner listed as the discription so I take it that this is where the Sellner family came from



Wagner Trip in Photo Continued



Above photo is Theresa, Randy, Tobi, Helmut, Birgit and Friend.

Photo to the right is Randy walking a tile floor



Above photo is a church

Wagner Trip in Photo Continued



Theresa and Randy



Helmut, Theresa, Birgit and Randy



Helmut, Randy, Birgit, Tobi and Theresa at Unterhütten