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The hearts of our family have been refreshed after suffering the loss of our precious Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother with all the enjoyable family reunions.

Even tho Joe and I couldn't attend I can see the happiness in the photos. God blessed us all with this large, unique, fun loving family.

God's Blessings to all. Linda



August Birthdays

Veda Plath	Aug 01
Brian Strate	Aug 02
Grady Rath	Aug 03
Duane Kuss	Aug 04
Jacqueline Bruggeman	Aug 06
Julia Mages	Aug 07
Franklin Mages	Aug 07
Nathan Gall	Aug 09
Jennifer Butler	Aug 10
James Mages	Aug 15
MaKayla Strand	Aug 16
Maxwell Ibberson	Aug 20
Tess Mages	Aug 22
Imia Mages	Aug 26
Missy Plath	Aug 27
Joe Mages	Aug 28
Bella Bemmels	Aug 31

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

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Coming Events

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

September 30, 2023 – Kodet Day, Morton, Mn 11am

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

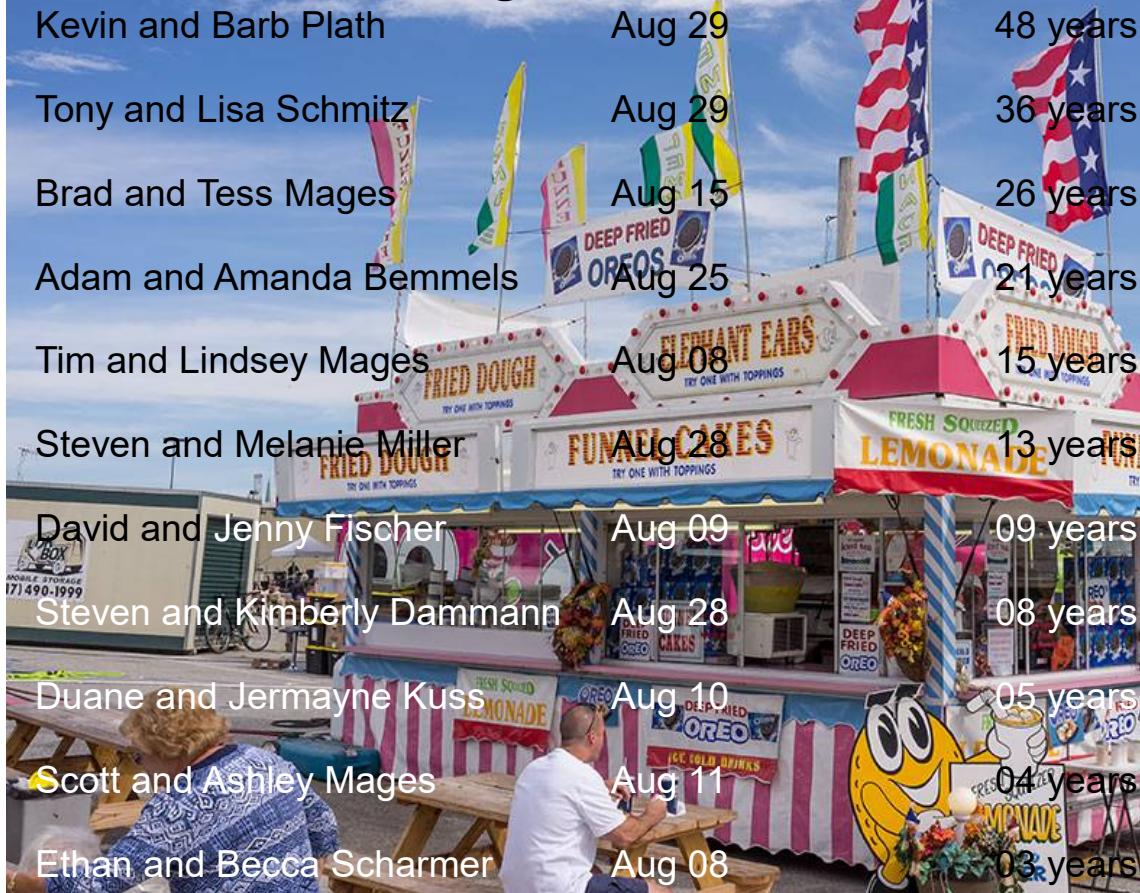
December 12, 2023 – Mages Family Mass

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.

August Anniversaries



Kevin and Barb Plath	Aug 29	48 years
Tony and Lisa Schmitz	Aug 29	36 years
Brad and Tess Mages	Aug 15	26 years
Adam and Amanda Bemmels	Aug 25	21 years
Tim and Lindsey Mages	Aug 08	15 years
Steven and Melanie Miller	Aug 28	13 years
David and Jenny Fischer	Aug 09	09 years
Steven and Kimberly Dammann	Aug 28	08 years
Duane and Jermayne Kuss	Aug 10	05 years
Scott and Ashley Mages	Aug 11	04 years
Ethan and Becca Scharmer	Aug 08	03 years

As I am going through the family anniversaries this month I noticed Duane and Jermayne celebrated a milestone 5th anniversary this year. Congratulations and Duane we are so happy to have you join our family. Linda

Kodet's Sister's and Niece's Day

Aunt Mary Lou Butzer called to let me know Kodet Day has been put on the calendar. September 30, 2023, Saturday starting at 11am at the Morton Senior Center in Morton, Minnesota. It is located on Main Street. A potluck lunch will be served at that time. Show and tell time or whatever you want to share will start after lunch followed by BINGO so bring plenty of wrapped prizes.

Oswald and Elizabeth Mages Ancestor's Reunion

Here is names from the large photo of people.

Large Photo:

Front row L to R: SueAnn Mages, Mark Squibb, Tina Squibb, Connie Goblirsch, Larry Mages, Sharon Mages. 2nd Row: Betty Jass, David Peterson, Rick Mages, Arlene Mages, Bev Frank, Debra Mages, Marie Mages-Jeffords, Adella Mages, Susan Holt. 3rd Row: Lowell Mages, Jeff Mages, Mike Mueller, Mary Frank-Mueller, Deb Fischer, Curt Mages, Doreen Mages, Sharon Mages, Kathy Mages, Gary Mages, Carol Feldman, Nancy Strate, Connie Schmoll, Diane Schweinfurter, Bruce Jeffords. 4th Row: Donna Nelson, Tom Mages, Theresa Frank-Peterson, Lisa Schmitz, Dan Mages, Randy Mages, and Larry Fischer. Present, not in photo: Raymond & Darlene Mages, Dean Nelson, Susan Holt's friend- Butch, Lori Schweinfurter, Daniel Schweinfurter and their nephew. My apologies if I missed anyone else.

The Oswald & Elizabeth Mages held a family reunion on June 25, 2023 at the Redwood Falls, MN Lower Ramsey Park shelter house near the animal zoo. It was a rainy day, but with the present drought no one complained to get some moisture. The shelter house worked great to stay dry inside of the park area. We told many wonderful stories and jokes of years ago. Aunt Diane Schweinfurter started with many notes to tell us all, followed by many questions we had on how it was back in the old days. Aunt Adella shared in with the question and answer time. We talked about sibling & spouses: Ozzie, Albin, Henrietta, Jim, Myron & Elaine, Alphonse & Barbara, etc. We had approx 50 in attendance. Donna Nelson and Deb Fischer played music for the crowd along we had many bonus singers- Larry, Betty, Stretch, Rick, Tom, guitarist Larry and tuba Rick also adding to the fun music. By tradition, Great Grandpa Oswald and Great Grandma Elizabeth of years ago, the committee had a couple different kegs of beer and root beer. Lots of crock pots with meats, hotdish foods, (I notice three crock pots of sauerkraut and dumplings), delicious garden salads and sweet desserts were eaten with stomach's enjoying the old Mages traditional recipes. We said some prayers for Uncle Clarence, who was unable to attend, and for all the +deceased siblings, their spouses and all relatives related, also for those going through health issues presently. May God always watch over the Mages families. It was a very pleaseant get together. The reunion committee had an great time visiting ahead of the event. One member from each of the families was on the planning committee: Doreen Mages, Mary Mueller, Tina Squibb, Susan Holt and Deb Fischer. By Deb Fischer



Oswald and Elizabeth Mages Reunion in Photo



Oswald George Mages and Elizabeth Frances Zins were married at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wabasso, Minnesota on September 30, 1924



Oswald and Elizabeth Reunion in Photo Continued



Photos L – R: Oswald and Elizabeth. Our Dad's brother, Albin. And Grandpa Oswald holding Ozzie and Albin

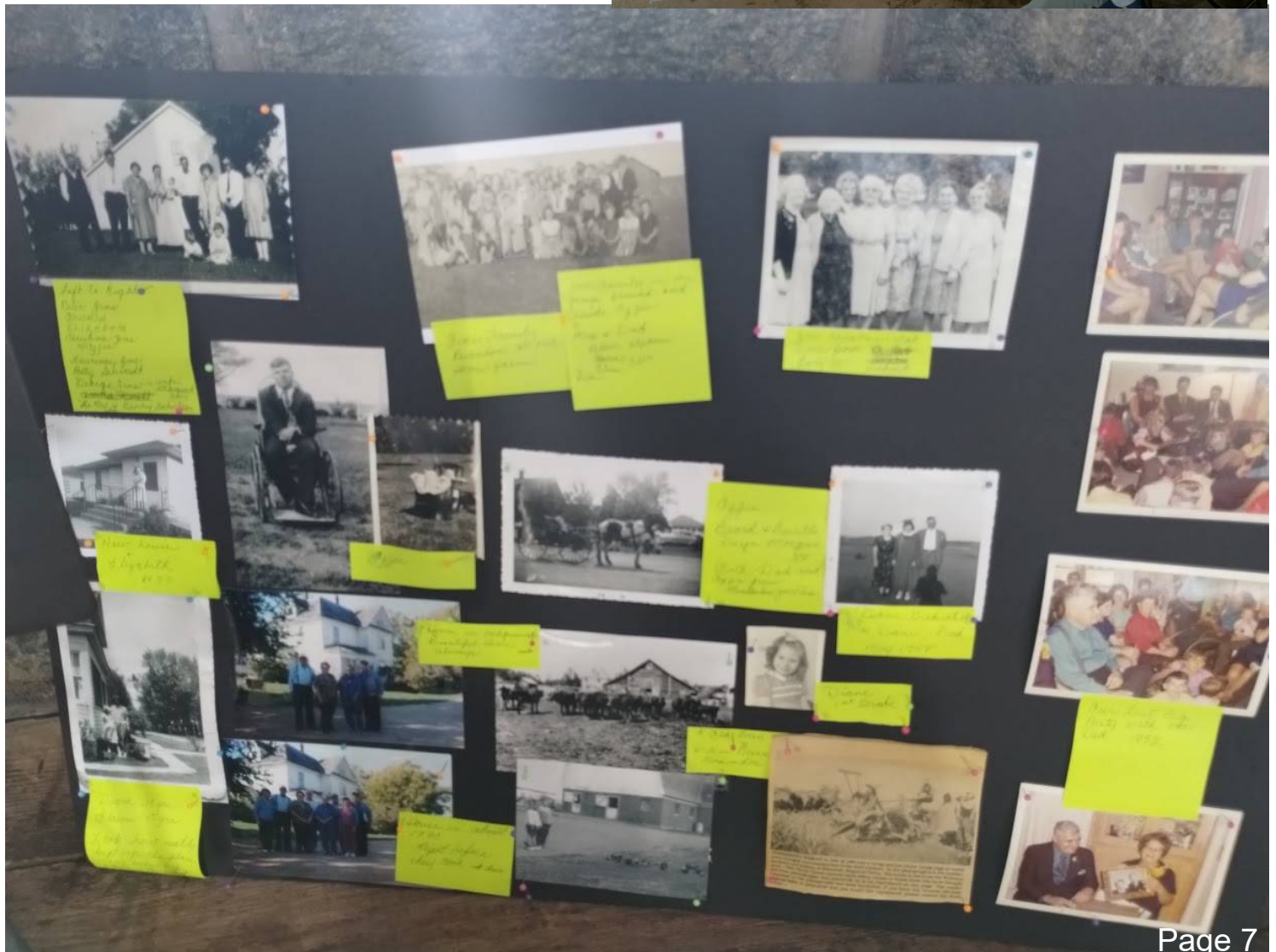


Diane Schweinfurter sharing her memories

Photos Continued



Photo below Front L-R: Sharon Mages, Aunt Adella Mages, Carol Feldman, Sue Ann Mages, Lowell Mages, Gary Mages, Dan Mages, David Peterson and Mike Mueller. Back row is Butch and Sue Holt.



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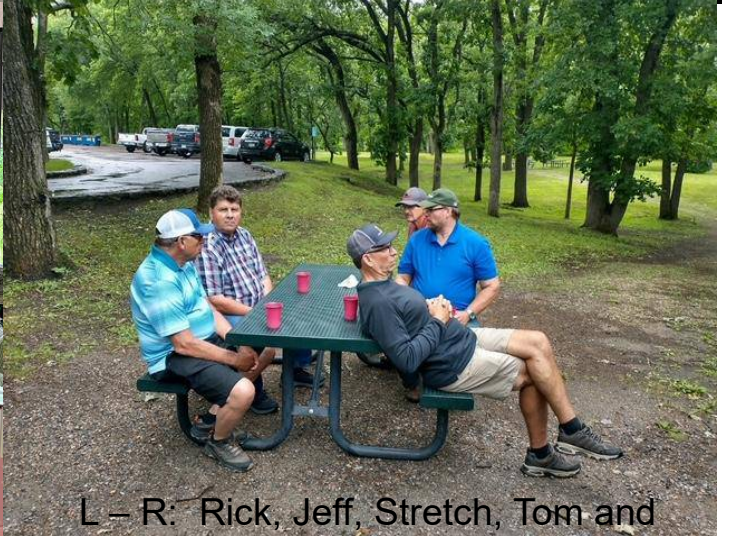
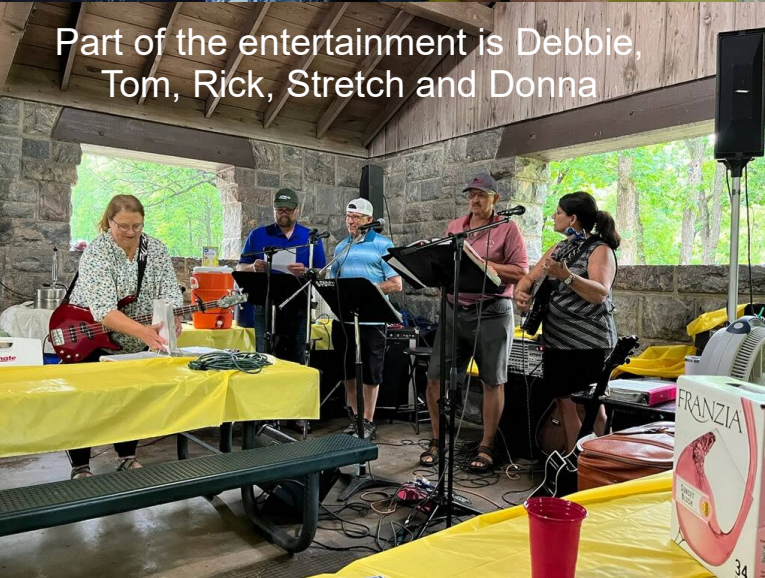
Aunts Diane, Adella and cousin Jerome Mages



Debbie, Larry and Donna



Part of the entertainment is Debbie, Tom, Rick, Stretch and Donna



L - R: Rick, Jeff, Stretch, Tom and Curt

Uncle Ozzie was in a wheelchair his entire life



Uncle Ozzie and his horses and cart



Photos Continued



Gary Mages, Bruce and Marie Jeffords and Darlene Mages



Lisa and Randy Mages



Sharon Mages, Lowell and Sue Ann Mages



L - R: Carol, Lowell, Butch, Sue Ann, Debra, Larry and Jerome

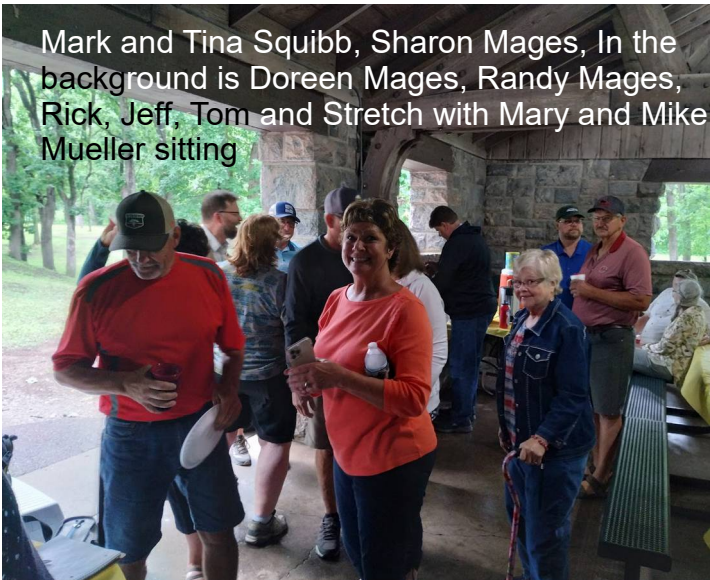


L - R: Gary, David and Teresa Peterson, Rick, Carol, Randy Mages and Doreen Mages



L - R: Rick, Jeff, Mike and Mary Mueller, Tom, Stretch, Curt and Donna

Photos Continued



Mark and Tina Squibb, Sharon Mages, In the background is Doreen Mages, Randy Mages, Rick, Jeff, Tom and Stretch with Mary and Mike Mueller sitting



Above photo is Dean Nelson and Dan Mages



The main entertainment is Deb Fischer and Donna Nelson



Nancy, Donna, Connie and Dean



L – R: Sharon, Arlene, Carol, Nancy and Connie

Magesfest 2023 by Arlene

Magesfest 2023 is now in the books. It all started the afternoon of July 7. Ice Castle Fish House, R V's and campers started rolling in. All totaled 11 campsites and 2 cabins were booked. Individual grilled suppers were followed by a bonfire and "remember when" stories.

We started Saturday morning with an egg bake potluck breakfast at 8 am. Fortified with a variety of good food, Rick and Jane shared photo albums from Grandma Barbara's house. Going back in time brought laughter and fond memories of vacations, weddings and "the good old days". Donna gave a demonstration on a soothing tea for the throat that is her personal remedy. Can't wait to try it.

Soon more members of the family started arriving and it was time for the big potluck dinner. Slow cooker's, casseroles, salads and desserts, all lined the shelf and flowed over onto a picnic table. There was an awesome variety of good smelling and tasting food! Long lines of patiently, waiting individuals were not disappointed nor went hungry.

Before we could start eating, Dan led a prayer before meals. It was followed by Lisa dedicating the bench for Alphonse and Barbara, which was purchased with money from the funeral memorials. It is placed right by the large shelter where they both enjoyed many picnic meals. A photo was taken with all of the grandchildren and great grandchildren present what a wonderful group of descendants!

As participants were waiting in line to get their food, they could register their guesses for three different areas. Guess the number of green M & M's. (Did you think it was the whole amount?). How many wine corks? (That was fun accumulating them) and how many buttons were mixed in with the spools of thread. Winners with very good guesses were Abby Strand with 107 green M & M's right on the nose!, Lewis Olivero guessed 70 wine corks (there were 69) and Curt Mages guessed 243 buttons only short by 2. (245). There were around 100 present for dinner.

Lisa set up tables with Grandma Barbara's bell collection, scarves, and jewelry for anyone who wanted a memento. It was a very popular spot.

The afternoon was filled with medallion hunts for both younger and older. Clues were posted every hour. There was bean bag games, face painting and balloon animals by Lauren Mages.

Rick and Jane were honored for 50 years of marriage with solar patriotic lanterns. Tom and Sharon were celebrating 35 years of marriage and received solar lanterns with butterflies.

The Alphonse and Barbara scholarship fund honored four students, completing their first year of extended education with a \$1000 check. Those receiving scholarships were Isaac Wagner, Andrew Mages, Luke, Mages, and Brady Mages

Supper time rolled around all too soon. Bradley Mages and Tim Mages manned the grills with hot dogs, hamburgers and bacon. There were leftovers from dinner and we feasted again!

After everyone had their fill, Debbie and Donna set up to entertain us. They were joined by Stretch, Larry, Jory, Brianna Rick, Joe and Abigail Strand. What an incredible talented bunch of entertainers. Of course we just had to have popcorn and corn Chex mix while we listened.

Soon it was time to end the music and again we had a bonfire and more stories.

A big thank you to everyone involved in setting up, cleaning up, and contributing to a wonderful couple of days of reliving, renewing, and celebrating. God bless you!

Dan and Arlene
Greg and Mary Kay and family
Bradley and Tess and family
Jeremy and Kari and family
Tim and Lindsey and family

Magesfest in Photo



Dedication of the bench by Lisa to Alphonse and Barbara Mages placed right by the large shelter house at Sportsman's Park in Sleepy Eye.



Magesfest in Photo Continued



All the food

Taylor and Grace

Magesfest in Photo Continued



Picking out a bell, piece of jewelry or scarf or memento from Grandma Barbara



Magesfest in Photo Continued



Donna with her throat remedy



Brad and Jory

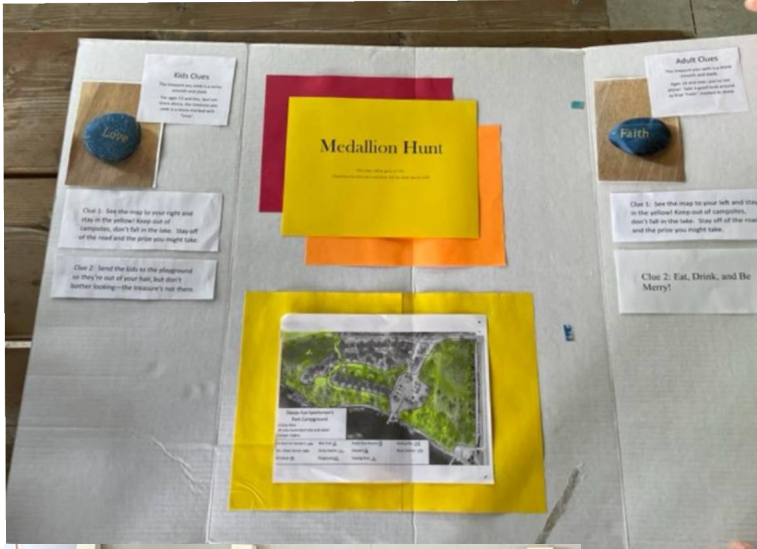
Breakfast lineup
Dean, Gary,
Sharon and Curt



Breakfast Kathy and Lindsey



Magesfest in Photo Continued



Upper left are the clues for the games. Upper right is playing the guessing games.

Making animal shapes out of balloons and face painting



Magesfest in Photo Continued



Magesfest shenanigans

Breakfast photos



Lauren is busy with all the balloon art.

Magesfest in Photo Continued



Below photo is a gift of a solar light to Rick and Jane upon their 50th wedding anniversary



Above photo is a gift of a solar light to Tom and Sharon upon their 35th wedding anniversary

Scholarship recipients from the Forever Young Alphonse and Barbara Mages Scholarship. Grandpa Larry accepting for Issac Wagner, Drew Mages, Luke Mages, Grandma Jermayne Kuss accepting to Brady Mages



Above photo is the "Bookends," Lisa and Linda enjoying a Dairy Queen Blizzard after working on Mom's affairs July 13, 2023 sitting on Mom and Dad's bench by Sleepy Eye Lake.

Magesfest Through Lisa's Eyes

Thanks to the Dan and Arlene Mages family for hosting this year's Magesfest at the Sleepy Eye Lake Sportsman's Park and City Campground Friday thru Sunday, July 6-8th. Lots of family started out by camping together and enjoying a large campfire after supper in the small campground shelter area. Great conversation and the beginning a lots of jokes and tales took place that night. On Saturday more campers pulled in with their rigs and breakfast and coffee was shared by those who made a great early start together.

At 12 Noon the large park shelter was buzzing with the whole family gathering and about to eat. My guess was at least 140 people attending the weekend party. The line up of great cooking was at least 30 feet long. Dan and Arlene Mages welcomed everyone and led our meal prayer. Lisa then asked everyone to gather around the new bench right at the base of the park shelter along the bike trail. The bench has been newly installed and dedicated to the memory of Alphonse and Barbara Mages, a gift to the community from our Mages family. This was a very beautiful moment with many surprised family members. As we sent a few prayers up to heaven that morning, great grandchildren of Alphonse and Barbara Mages climbed up on the bench and made us all proud. We then had a great photo session of all the grandchildren and great grand children in and around the bench. The photo was so full of young people that you could hardly see the bench. What a legacy! Lindsey then announced the line up of events planned for the big weekend.

Following the meal, Anniversaries were celebrated Mages style with Rick and Jane celebrating 50 years of being married, and Tom and Sharon celebrating 25 years together in marriage. This is an amazing feat! Congratulations! Gifts were presented from our Mages family in their honor.

Once everything was cleaned up after the meal other fun activities began. Tables were set up brimming with many small memory filled items that belonged to Grandma Barbara. Jewelry, handkerchiefs, her bell collection and scarves were all looking so beautiful in the sunlight. Grandchildren, great grandchildren and other family members were able to walk around, look through it all and pick out their favorite pieces to take home as keepsakes representing their life long memories of their beautiful relationships with her. You could hear the tinkle of those bells all afternoon as we visited and enjoyed time with each other. Everytime we hear a tinkle of a small little bell we should think of our Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

On Mom and Dad's new bench an elderly couple, a grandpa, grandma from Springfield sat down and were playing with their grandchildren. They had with them a large pail of bubble suds and several wands and ropes for making super large bubbles. Many of the Mages children joined in with them and made beautiful bubbles blowing in the wind. Popping them was just as much fun! Some of the bubbles were 6 feet long and over a foot and a half in diameter. So fun.

Rick and Jane brought along many wonderful Mages family photo books that Mom had created over the years. It was a joy to all go through them together.

Magesfest Through Lisa's Eyes Continued

The Dan and Arlene Mages kids designed a Medallion Hunt for adults and kids. Lots of Mages' were running around the park and campground trying to find the blue medallions with their hiding spots slowly revealed as clues were given out. I believe Allie Butler won the children's medallion and one of Curt's son in laws found the adult medallion.

Balloon hats, animals and swords were created by the grandchildren of Dan and Arlene and made the party extremely festive. Face painting and tattoos also took place in the small shelter along with The Claw machines that dished out a heap of prizes to the kids. Everything was so creative and fun.

Supper was shared and at last around 7 pm the Black Diamond Band along with many special guest family performers started up. Anniversary dances were held, and line dances were danced. Some children from the campfire even performed acrobatic performances to the music.

Connie Goblirsch, the 2022 Miss Magesfest had a wonderful speech to signify the closing of her reign and Deb Fischer was announced as the new 2023 Miss Magesfest. The Band performed Happiest Girl in the Whole USA as Deb took her Miss Magesfest walk around the dance floor to the cheering of the Mages crowd. good luck in your reign Deb.

Dan's family passed out many amazing treats for the partiers that night including some well timed caramel crunch snack mix and their amazing fresh popped popcorn. The evening concluded with a wonderful bonfire, turning many colors as a bottle of Fireball was passed around and shared. Many stories of Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma were shared that night along with some of Rick's oldies but goodies. Ha ha.

Mass was celebrated together Sunday morning at St. Mary's Church before everyone packed up to leave. Lots of good bye hugs followed. Dan and Arlene boarded a bus at Noon and were off to the airport for their Alaskan adventures. Imagine how tired they must have been when they laid down in their Alaskan hotel room that night. Thanks for the memories!

Lisa Schmitz



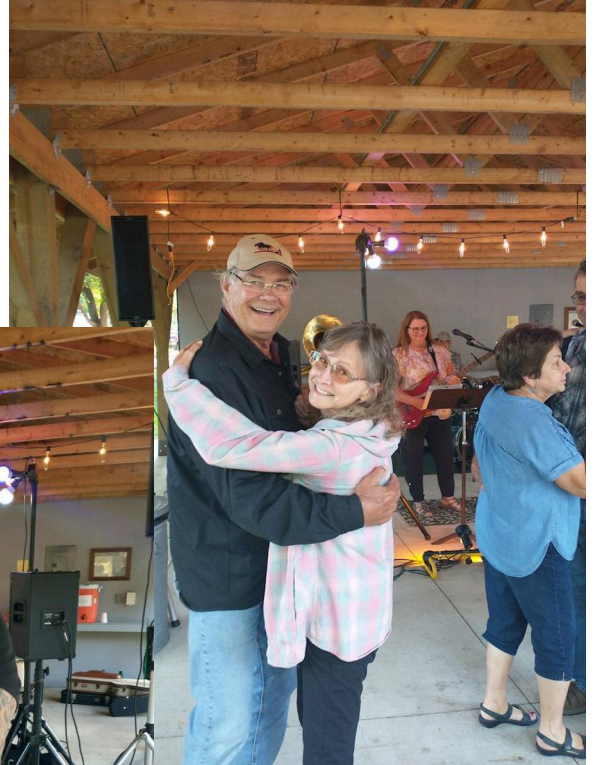
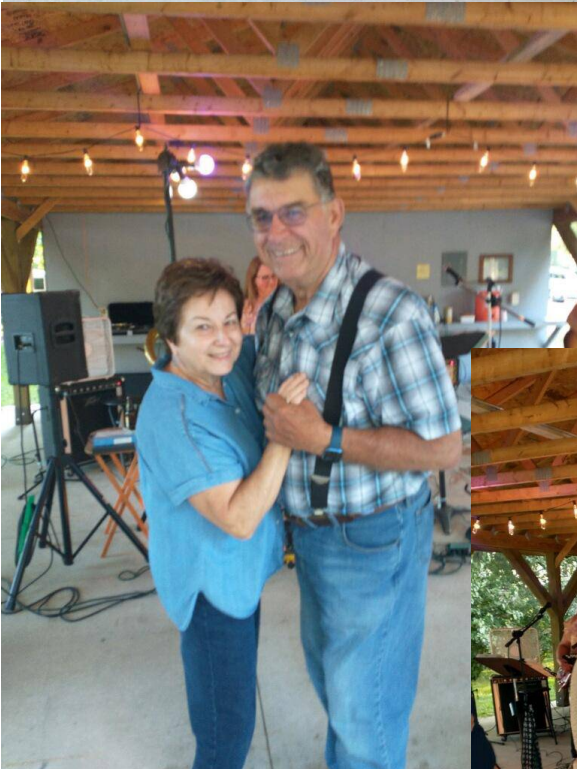
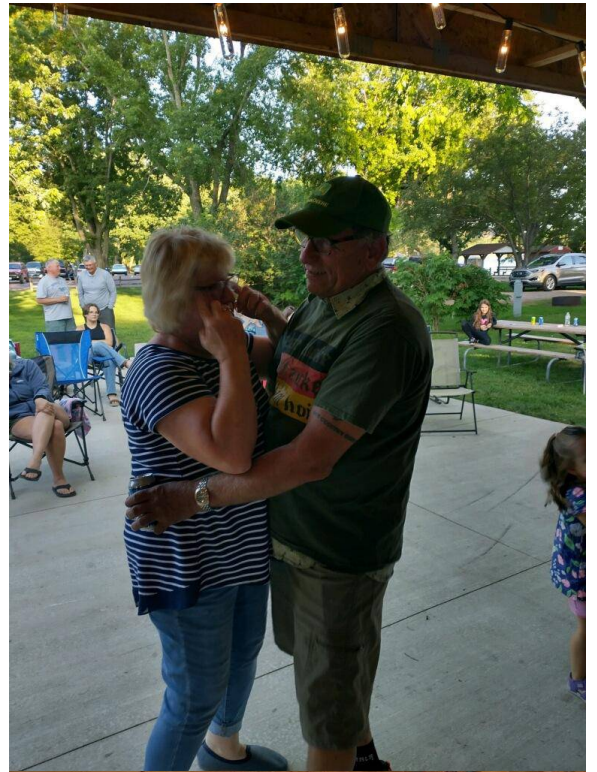
Lisa's Photos Continued



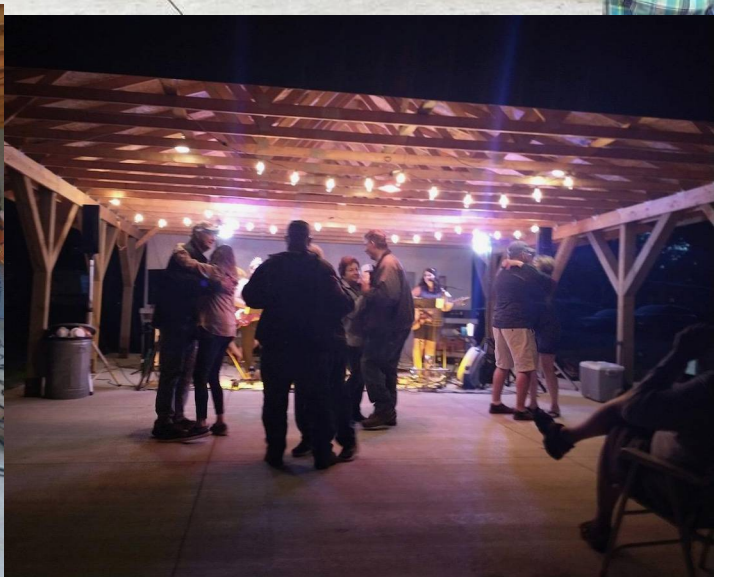
Lisa's Photos Continued



The first two photos are the anniversary couples, Tom and Sharon and Rick and Jane. Last three photos are Dan and Arlene, Jory and Jessi the newlyweds and Larry and Debra also the newlyweds



Lisa's Photos Continued



Lisa's Photos Continued



Miss Magesfest 2023 Debbie Fischer with Connie turning over her reign

Lisa's Photos Continued



Top left is outgoing Miss Magesfest, Connie Goblirsch and the new Miss Magesfest Debbie Fischer, Top right is the Curt and Kathy Mages family. Left photo is Kate and Carly. Right is Connie and her daughters.

Oswald and Elizabeth Mages Reunion Photos

by Betty

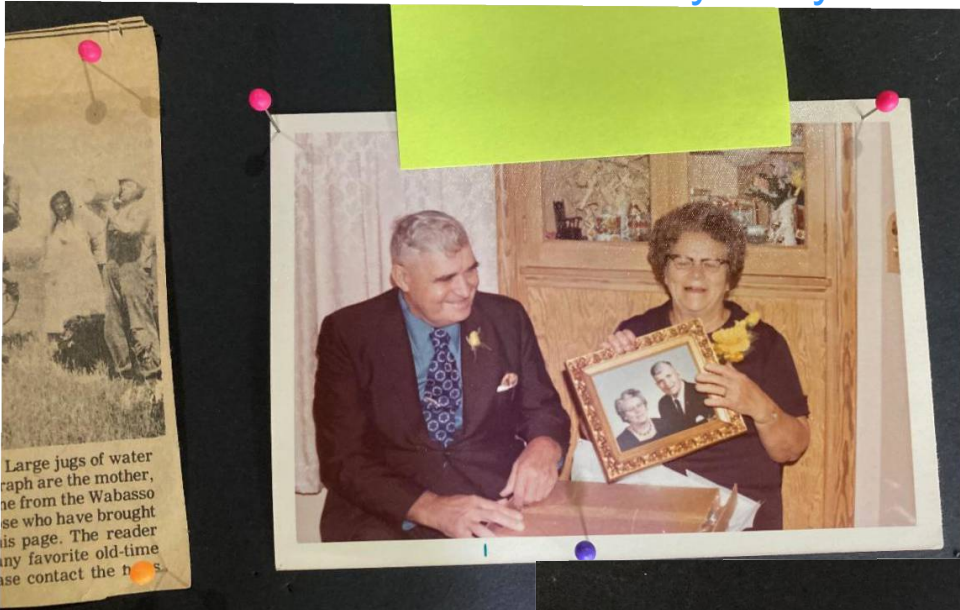


Photo to the left is Grandpa and Grandma Mages on their 47th anniversary. This anniversary was celebrated September 30th as Grandpa had leukemia and passed away the following February



Top photo is the Oswald and Elizabeth Mages family. L – R: Front row is Ozzie, Grandma, Grandpa, Albin. Back row is Elaine Frank, Clarence, Dad and Diane Schweinfurter. Photo middle right is Christmas at the Mages" Grandpa is surrounded by the Grandchildren. Bottom right photo is the Zin's cousins. Grandma Elizabeth is on the far right.



August Arthur Groen – July 19, 2023, 10:20pm, 7#9oz, 20 inches long. Son of Alissa and Cody Groen and Brother to Colette and Grandson to Debbie and Larry Fischer

