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FYI: I am having trouble sending our the Family Reunion by email as it is telling me I am sending out spam. I did talk to someone who is a lot me computer savvy than I am and was told I have sent out so many emails to such a large group of people that they are now stopping it thinking I am doing something sinister. It makes me think that they can't stop the people who hack but they pick on me.

God's Blessing to all: Linda



Coming Events

July 27, 2024 – Mages Barn Party

August – 2024 Baby due for Michelle and Cody

August 01, 2024 – St. Mary's Sleepy Eye Mass for deceased members of the Mages Family Thursday 7:15am

August 08, 2024 – Music in the Park by the Mages Family Band with the Black Diamonds

August 10, 2024 – Bridal Shower for Allie Mages

August 21, 2024 – Zins Family Reunion 11am Pizza Ranch, Redwood Falls, Mn

September 10, 2024 – St. John the Baptist, Mankato Minn. Mass for the deceased members of the Mages Family Wednesday, 8:15 am.

September 21, 2024 – Kodet Sister's and Niece's Day. Morton Senior Citizens Center, Morton, Mn.

October 05 & 06, 2024 – Sister's/nieces Oktoberfest by Debbie Fischer

November 02, 2024 – Wedding for Allie Mages and Alex Weible in Moorhead, Mn.

November 05, 2024 – St. Mary's Sleepy Eye Mass for deceased members of the Mages Family Tuesday 7:15 am.

November 30, 2024 – Mages Christmas Party, St. Mary's Sleepy Eye Minnesota. Noon

December 11, 2024 – Mass St. Mary's Sleepy Eye Mass for deceased members of the Mages Family Wednesday 7:15 am. **This will be the Sibling Christmas potluck.**

Music in the Park

The Mages Family Band will preform at German Park in New Ulm, Minnesota at 6:30 pm on Thursday, August 08, 2024.

August Birthdays

Veda Plath	August 01
Brian Strate	August 02
Grady Rath	August 03
Duane Kuss	August 04
Jacqueline Bruggeman	8 -06
Julia Mages	August 07
Franklin Mages	August 07
Nathan Gall	August 09
Jennifer Butler	August 10
James Mages	August 15
Makayla Strand	August 15
Maxwell Ibberson	August 20
Tess Mages	August 22
Imia Mages	August 26
Missy Plath	August 27
Joe Mages	August 28
Bella Bemmels	August 31

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

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20th of each month

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August Anniversaries



Kevin and Barb Plath	August 29	49 years
Tony and Lisa Schmitz	August 29	37 years
Brad and Tess Mages	August 15	27 years
Adam and Amanda Bemmels	August 25	22 years
Tim and Lindsey Mages	August 08	16 years
Stevie and Melanie Miller	August 28	14 years
David and Jenny Fischer	August 09	10 years
Steve and Kimberly Dammann	August 28	09 years
Duane and Jermayne Kuss	August 10	06 years
Scott and Ashley Mages	August 11	05 years
Ethan and Becca Scharmer	August 08	04 years

Mages Style Oktoberfest 2024



Mages Style-Oktoberfest 2024

All Mages Sisters & Nieces- Come Join Us **Sat/Sun October 5 & 6 New Ulm, MN Oktoberfest**. It will be a ***KISS Weekend** back for another fun time singing with **Ziggy Zaggy Hoi, Hoi, Hoi.... sounds**. If any Brothers or Nephews want to join us for festing in New Ulm on Saturday, Oct 5th, you are welcome.

Saturday Oct 5th: 9:30am arrive to **Deb Fischer home at 21431 County Road 10, Sleepy Eye**. **We'll leave for New Ulm at 10:10am sharp** to get parked and signed up/lined up for the "Germanic-American Day Parade". The **parade starts by the Glockenspiel at 11am**. Our "Magesfest Queen of 2024" will lead the Mages family walking the parade. Or maybe you choose to watch us come thru, that's ok too. After the parade we will hang out downtown for many festivities: Who is the strongest bell ringer, axe thrower, nail on a log driver or let's set a record stuffing the photo booth?

*** 1-2pm near the biergarten, sign-up for the sauerkraut eating contest, yodeling, stein-holding competitions etc.** Lots of Polka music, Blue Ringers band, etc. Wear your comfy dancing shoes as I'm sure the Mages line dance & bunny hop will be in action. **Food and beverages throughout the day will be your own expense, so bring Cash & Driver's License.**

*** 5pm Cathedral Catholic Church Mass.** Leave downtown 4:20pm. Grandpa & Grandma would be proud of us fitting in Mass time.

***6:30pm Carl's Corner Essig for supper (Please RSVP now if you will join us to make reservations)** **We can stay as long as we like or head back to Deb's house for the evening /bonfire.**

***Who will be willing as a DD/sober drivers for carpooling with Deb?** Note: We are looking into getting Trish Mages bringing their part bus and possible Tom will drive it.

***Wear a Shacklet (plaid type leisure style coat) or a denim jean jacket** for the parade march

Sunday Oct 6th : KISS-Potluck breakfast in the morning,) I'll make an egg bake, you bring something simple. Either bring something for breakfast and/or a snack when return from New Ulm/Essig.

KISS-Morning Voting for Competition prizes of the weekend: the funniest act (group or individual), craziest story, most alert at church, best dancer during Oktoberfest.

***To keep KISS gathering easy, it was decided not to do the gift exchange this year.**

***KISS (means Keep It Simple Sweetie)** Just bring yourself and your wallet. We would love newbies to attend the fun! If you haven't joined us in the past, this is the time to celebrate together. **KISS weekend?** - No, this doesn't mean we are to **Kiss** the drummer on stage, unless of course it's famous Matt or Joe:)

RSVP text, or phone: debf@pagesland.com 507-240-0546 Committee planners: Deb/Sharon/Stacie

Go to this link for more information on parade and the day's activities:

Craftoberfest



Alcohol allowed in yellow shaded areas only, and no glass allowed



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Mages Family Mass and Dedication Ceremonies

Thursday, August 1st, 2024

On Thursday morning, August 1st we will be having a Mass at 7:15 am at St. Mary's Church in Sleepy Eye in memory of the deceased family members of the Alphonse and Barbara Mages family. Afterward, our brother, Tom, is encouraging our family, relatives and community members to attend two short dedication programs to bless the projects that we have done as a family in memory of our parents and grandparents, Alphonse and Barbara Mages.

The first dedication will take place following Mass at approximately 8:15 am in the North Entrance of St. Mary's Church where Father Craig Timmerman will conduct a blessing over the ten newly restored stained glass windows that have been recently erected. The beautiful stained glass windows depict the Joyful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Donna is working on a special song to sing in memory of Mom and Dad.

This will be followed by a potluck breakfast with donuts and coffee either in the lower church social room or out at Sportsman's Park in the main shelter North of the lake depending upon the weather. This is the site where Mom and Dad's lake side bench is located that was dedicated at Magesfest last year.

At the conclusion of breakfast, we will all caravan to the Catholic Church in Bechyn, Minnesota for a 10:30 am family and community dedication and blessing over the Artstone bench we recently donated and placed on the Church grounds. There Larry will present a song as a tribute to Mom and Dad. Together we can explore the parish grounds and cemetery to visit ancestors who are buried there along with Robert Mages and Mary Beth Mages, our siblings who died in infancy.

Finally, we will all caravan together to Duffy's in Redwood Falls for lunch and refreshments where I'm sure many wise and tall tales will be told. This should be a very special day for our family and our community of relatives and friends who wish to join us. Please make plans to attend this important moment in our Mages and Kodet family history. Contact Tom Mages at 507-276-4134 or Lisa Schmitz at 507-220-0438 for more information.

Mages Family Mass and Dedication Ceremonies Thursday, August 1st, 2024

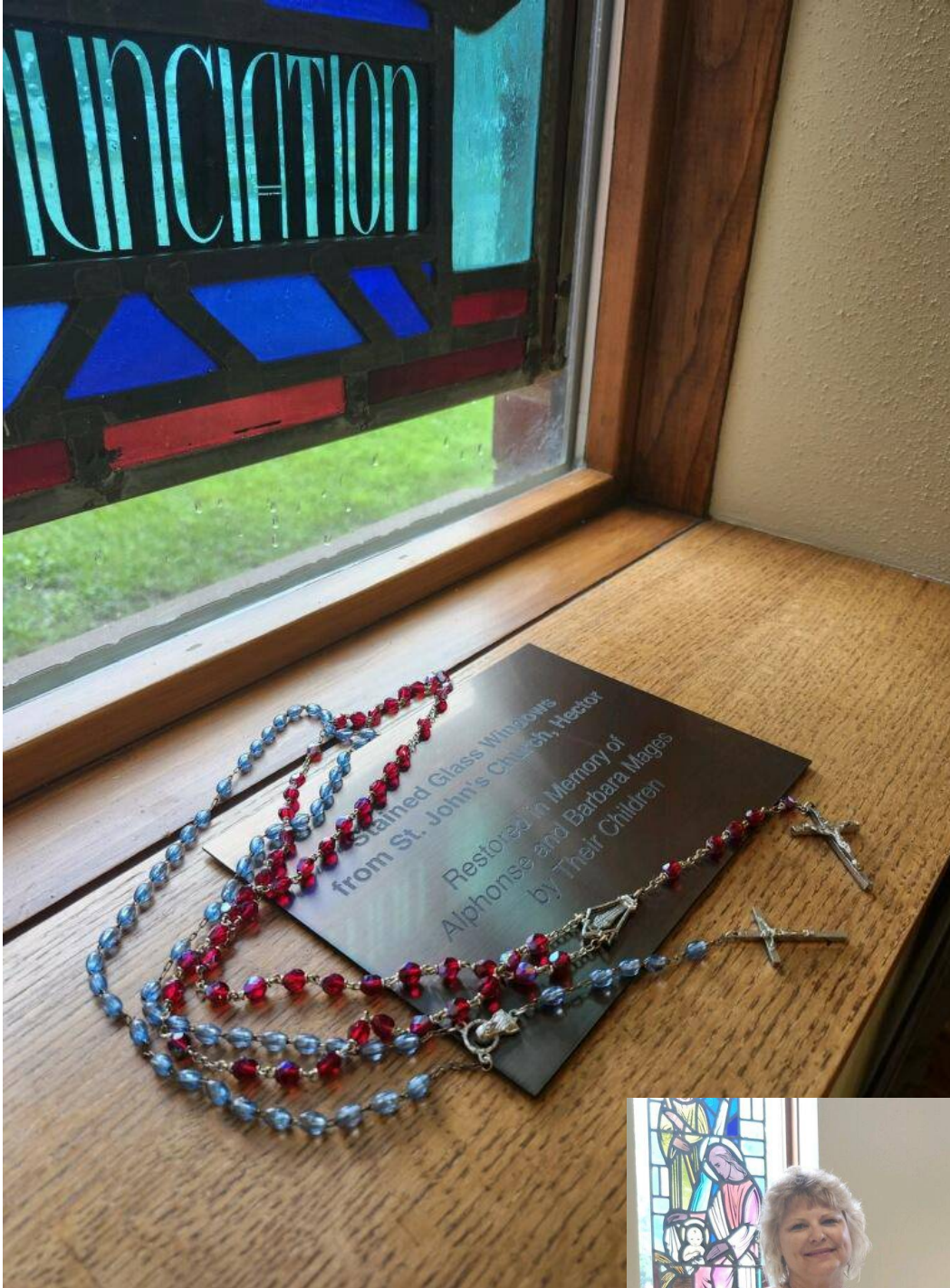


Photo to the left is the plaque and rosaries Mom made under one of the stained glass windows our Mages Children purchased in memory of our parents

Lisa, Father Mark and Debbie



Mages Boys Cycle Trip – June 16 – 20, 2024 by Rick

Sunday eve many of the group showed up at Curt and Kathy's house for overnight stay. Others met for breakfast and we took off in the rain at 8:30 am. Rain for the first couple of hours. Met up with Jory in Winona, Mn. The seven cycling savages seeing as we had a couple Indians in the group.

Day one we made it to west Milwaukee. Day two to the Harley Museum and then onto a ferry we loaded the bikes for a two and one half hour, seventy-eight mile trip across Lake Michigan.

Weather and company was great. Day two only put on about one hundred and fifty miles. Just perfect for us seniors in the group. A few road side trips and beers along the way. That eve we were on the east side of Lake Michigan. Supper at Choppo's Bar, where Jory's Marine Corps buddy's girlfriend ran the bar and grill.

Day four we ran the coast of Lake Michigan and had a lunch stop along the way, yes tomato sandwiches with pickles and ham, with a little wading in the lake and a nap.

Moving forward soon we were near Mackinac City and the big Mackinac Bridge that connects Lakes Superior, Michigan and Heron. Awesome beautiful day and ride.

Day five we head home across Wisconsin. A bit cloudy, not so hot. Hit rain just outside of Stillwater, and it poured as we drove through the Twin Cities metro.

Our group consisted of Dan, Larry, Rick, John, Jeff, Jory and Roger.

IT WAS A GREAT TIME. CHEERS



Al's Angels Motorcycle Trip

by Larry

It was Sunday night and we all slowly cruised into Curt and Kathy's driveway. Kathy had made a wonderful roast beef supper. Curt planned to cycle with us the next day, but would have to turn around and go home as he had plans with some friends to be in a golf tournament. But the next day proved to be quite the stormy day.

As we sat around the table, wondering what to do. We finally decided to put on our rain gear and try to drive out of it by heading south. We were going to take the opposite direction of the way the trip was planned. Jory was meeting us in Winona, which was right on the edge of the storm. It was nice to finally get out of the rain. But even that was a nice experience.

We crossed the Mississippi at La Crescent and stayed on Highway 14 through Wisconsin ending up on the edge of Milwaukee that night. Along the way we ran into some construction where the cars were backed up about two miles, nothing was moving. We put up with that about five minutes, and then Danny decided to just take the shoulder of the road. When we got to the front of the line, we just merged in and away we went. Nobody dared to say a word to Al's Angels.

Wisconsin had been just beautiful in that part of the state. So many Beautiful Dairy Farms and rolling hills. It was a great route to take. The next morning we stopped at the Harley Davidson Museum and gift shop, as we had some time to kill, because we were waiting for the correct time to board the ferry across Lake Michigan.

Another wonderful experience. It was incredible. How many vehicles they got on that ship. We had a nice trip across the lake, which took about three hours, playing cards and just roaming around the boat checking things out. Finally we were in Michigan where we headed north along the coast. Another beautiful state. Rick had picked out a really fun and beautiful route.

We stayed in a town along the coast of Lake Michigan that night, spent a few hours out to supper and just having a good time at the bar. The next day we would finally reach our destination. Mackinac Island. We got to Mackinaw City and toured the town, and decided that we really did not want to go out to Mackinac Island. So wives, you can still go see Mackinac Island with your husband. We were so smart in our decision.

Along the way we would stop and buy groceries and find some picnic tables by the lake and enjoy a good old Alphonse and Barbara picnic along the lake. Got to have some tomato sandwiches with baloney in them. A big cantaloupe and all the tasty treats that a picnic has. Then we had to test the water which proved to be not very cold. Other times we would stop in a shady spot and just relax and have a beer and meet some of the locals.

Our third night we stayed in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, after putting on 470 miles from my house, so we figured to make it home the next day. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the world, As we approached home, we said goodbye to each other and went different directions. We were happy and sad both.

What a wonderful time with my brothers and nephews. Those on the trip were, Dan, Larry, Rick, John, Jeff, Jory and Roger. We thank Kathy and Curt for being such wonderful hosts and for the great meals they served us. They have been the jumping off spot for many a trip.

Mages Boys Cycle Trip

Jeff, John, Roger, Rick and Dan



Jeff, Roger, Larry, John, Dan and Rick



Cycle Trip in Photo



Loading on the ferry for trip across Lake Michigan



Mackinaw Bridge



Lunch on the shores of Lake Michigan, Larry, Jeff, Rick, Dan, John, Roger and Jory

Cycle Trip in Photo Continued

Bird's eye view from Jory's bike



Rick, John and Jory



Lake Michigan



Cycle Trip Photos Continued



Rick, Jeff, Dan, Roger, Rick, John and Jory

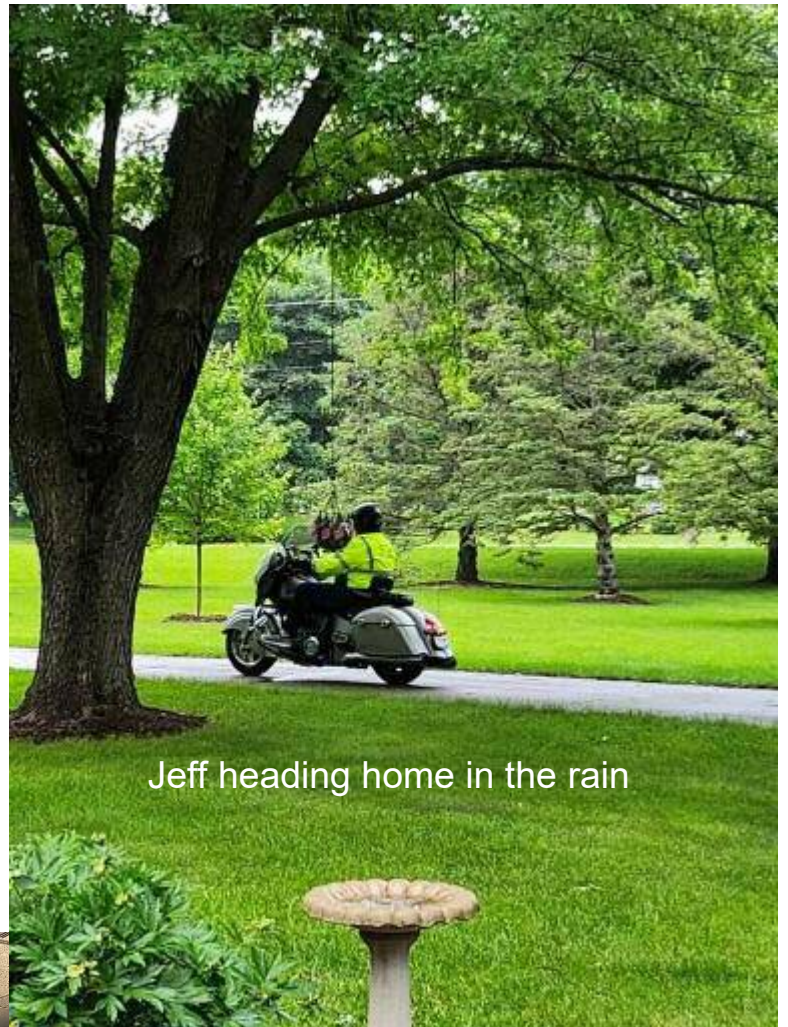


Jory, Jeff, Roger and Larry



Rick and Larry

End of Cycle Photos



Jeff heading home in the rain

John, Rick, Larry, Roger, Jeff, Jory and Dan



The ride across Lake Michigan



Jack
Jerome
Pelzel

August 10, 1956

January 20, 2024

The Mages family extends our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Jane, Rick and family and all of Jane's siblings and their families.

Jack's funeral will be held in Sleepy Eye on August 17, 2024

Blessed be his
Memory

Brother

*You went away so suddenly
No time to say goodbye
But brothers can't be parted
Precious memories never die*

Jack Jerome Pelzel

In Loving Memory of

Jack Jerome Pelzel

August 10, 1956 - Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

January 20, 2024 - Buckeye, Arizona

Age 67 Years

Celebration of Life

Saturday, August 17, 2024 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Cemetery

Sleepy Eye, Minnesota

Officiating Clergy

Deacon Mark Kober

Military Rites by

Sleepy Eye Honor Guard

Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery

Sleepy Eye, Minnesta

"In skies of blue, he soared with pride,

A brother, uncle, by our side.

Though miles apart, his heart was near,

In quiet strength, he held us dear.

With wings of valor, he took flight,

A soldier in the darkest night.

His generosity knew no bounds,

In every silence, his love resounds.

Though sudden farewells, our hearts now weep,

In memories, his spirit shall keep.

For in the stars, he finds his rest,

Our hero brother, uncle, and best."

Jack Jerome Pelzel of Buckeye, AZ, formerly of Sleepy Eye, MN, passed away on January 20, 2024, at the age of 67. He was born in Sleepy Eye on August 10, 1956 to Jerome and Barbara Pelzel. He graduated from Sleepy Eye St. Mary's High School in 1974 and then attended MN School of Business, where he graduated in 1976. He then went on to enlist in the United States Air Force, where he proudly served his country for 18 years, retiring from duty in 1994. His military service included deployments to Osan, Korea and active duty during Desert Storm in Kuwait. Jack's dedication and commitment to his country earned him the respect and gratitude of those he served alongside. Following his honorable military career, Jack transitioned into civilian life and found success in his professional endeavors. Until 2021, he served as the Configuration Manager at PACO for the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport Light Rail. His meticulous attention to detail and strong work ethic left an indelible mark on his colleagues and the projects he undertook.

Beyond his professional achievements, Jack was a devoted Minnesota sports fan, always cheering for the Vikings or Twins. Jack also enjoyed years of playing sports until his health decided otherwise. Whether it was softball, where he was an amazing pitcher, golf, or bowling, Jack's love for sports provided a source of joy and camaraderie throughout his life.

Jack Jerome Pelzel will be remembered for his dedication to family, service to country, and the warmth with which he approached life. His legacy lives on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Jack is survived by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerome and Barbara Pelzel, and his brother, Jeff Pelzel. He is survived by his siblings: Jane (Rick) Mages, Judy (Tom) Doyle, Joyce (Tony) Schwichtenberg, Jim (Mary) Pelzel, Joel Pelzel, and his eight nieces (Melissa, Melanie, Christine, Brianna, Sarah, Miranda, Tiffany, Chelsey) and 3 nephews (Jory, Aaron, Robert), as well as many friends and colleagues who will cherish the memories they shared with him.



Gage David born July 15, 2024 the Son of David and Samantha Nelson and Grandson of Donna and Dean Nelson. Gage weighed 5# 13 oz and is 19 inches long



Gage David Continued in Photo With His Mom and Dad



Taken at Brandon Schmitz Graduation Party



Mages Brothers: Rick, Jeff, Larry, Mike, John, Tom, Dan and Curt



Our families beautiful Sister-in-laws Front row: Debra Mages, Amy Mages, Arlene Mages and Jane Mages. Back row: LeAnn Mages, Sharon Mages, Kathy Mages, Jermayne Mages Kuss and Cindy Mages

Magesfest - 2024

MagesFest was held at Spring Lake Park on Saturday July 20, 2024 with a noon potluck meal with 74 ½ Mages's present . Ladderball, hula hoop and the play ground were enjoyed by the young people. Swimming was also enjoyed by some of the families.

Our anniversary couples were honored with a gift, They were John and Cindy (45), Donna and Dean(40) and Mike and Amy (35). Honorary mention was given to Jermayne and the late Duane (50) and Nancy and the late Chuck (55). Each shared a special memory of their wedding day.

Our Ms MagesFest (23) gave a talk on her experience wearing the crown and the places she went . Debbie passed the crown unto a Mages that is always fun to be around, especially on Wednesday , Hump Day. Debbie crowned Stacie Roiger – Miss Magesfest 2024. Stacie was also presented with a bouquet of flowers and will wear the sash also. She gave a thank you speech and we all look forward to “Hump Day” jokes!

Grilled burgers, brats and hot dogs were enjoyed for supper.

Hosted by Nancy,Connie,Natalie, Jack,Becky, Shane,Carter,Trevor,Brian,Michelle,Sarah, Chad And Garrett

Nancy



Magesfest -2024- Continued

Ms. Magesfest 2024 Stacie Mages Roiger



Magesfest in Photo



Nancy



7 picnic tables full of food



Middle left ; LeAnn, Debbie, Jane, Nancy and Amy



Jermayne, Gina, Mysti Lynn, Josie and Tess and many more



Jeff, Sarah, TJ, Stacie and LeAnn



Picnic goes

Magesfest in Photo Continued

Our Anniversary couples, Amy and Mike Mages, Dean and Donna Nelson, Cindy and John Mages



Magesfest in Photo Continued

Monica, Sarah, Chad, Brian, Michelle and Lisa



Debbie crowning Stacie



Debbie



Above photo is the outgoing Ms. Magesfest 2023, Debbie and the new Ms. Magesfest 2024, Stacie.

2024 Alphonse and Barbara Mages Scholarship Winner, Noah Mages



I am currently attending Gustavus Adolphus college in Saint Peter, I am currently studying psychology focusing on areas of behavioral and criminal psychology. Noah



Photo to the right is Debbie Fischer the treasurer of the Alphonse and Barbara Mages Forever Young Scholarship, Noah the recipient and his Dad, Matt Mages. Noah is the son of Sarah and Matt Mages

Alphonse and Barbara Mages Scholarship Winner Carter Wilson



Debbie Fischer, treasurer of the Alphonse and Barbara Scholarship committee presenting the check and award to Carter Wilson. Carter is the son of Shane and Becky Strate Wilson. Below right photo is Carter in his police uniform.

Photo below is Jack, Garrett and Carter at Magesfest

