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PRAIRIE FEST, 2009, INCORPORATES COMMUNITY AUCTION

Mark your calendars. Prairie Fest, 2009, has been set for July 11th and again promises to have something for everyone.

New on the Prairie Fest agenda is a community auction. In past years, a city wide garage sale has been held in conjunction with the event, but this year it was felt an auction sale could serve several functions by providing entertainment, a service to the community, and a means to raise money to help defray the cost of the event. Butch Haugeland has been reserved as auctioneer for the sale and promises to provide not only his expertise, but also an entertaining day. Details of where, in town, the sale will be held and the exact start time are still being hammered out. For now, the public is encouraged to contact development board member, Jody Lagerquist, or any other WDC member with a list of items, particularly large items or items of interest, to be listed on the sale bill. Auction items may be consigned or donated to the WDC. Again, we want to remind people, one of the reasons an auction is being held is to provide a community service which is in compliance with the WDC mission statement.

Anyone who has equipment, furniture, household items or just "stuff" they want to get rid of, but perhaps doesn't have enough to hold their own auction sale, is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Any questions or for further information on the auction, contact Jody, any WDC member or Butch Haugeland of Ambrose.

The Lions Club will once again, with a little help from Suzi Ekness, begin the day serving breakfast at the school from 7:00-10:00. This is great way to start the festivities and touch base with any friends or visitors who might be in town for the day.

The afternoon will be filled with activities for young and old. Among the events, tentatively scheduled, are the "Dress Your Pet Contest", a new event last year and thoroughly enjoyed by all, Lions Bingo under the big tent, and the Old Time Fiddlers will be back to provide their toe stompin' music in the community center.

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A Day in the Life

By Sandy Elm

Is everyone getting tired of this long winter like I am? Finally the snow is going on our Westby highway and the hilltops are becoming bare. Of course along with this comes the water problem. We have been removing water from our basement. Ours was only about 6 inches covering the whole basement floor, but of course it was all carpeted. My heart goes out to all those in the flooding area in North Dakota and Minnesota. I cannot imagine what a tragedy it must be.

On March 23rd, Elaine Onstad hosted the Jolly Twelve card club at the Westby Community Center. Progressive whist winners were Jennie Nordhagen first, and Elaine Onstad second.. Low was won by Diann Kaul.

The Westby Senior Citizens also met at the Community Center on March 26th. Anita Bjorgen was the hostess. Progressive whist winners were Anita Bjorgen first, and Eileen Overgaard second. The door prize was won by Kay Tommerup. Fay Moore was a guest.

Rose Frickson celebrated her 85th birthday at the Prairie Kitchen on Sunday afternoon March 22nd, with friends and relatives. As many of you know, Rose is the mother of Teresa Johnson and myself. We are very proud of her and can only hope that we are looking as great and doing as good as she is at her age. We love you Mom!!

Karen and Vance Meyer were in Great Falls, over the weekend visiting their daughter Tiffany and grandsons Blake and Benjamin. Vance participated in a bowling tournament while they were there.

Johnny, Liz and Ryley Christy came to visit Charlie and Frankie Christy. Dana, Lincoln, Sissy, Jim, Carla and Heather were also supper guests. Charlie and Frankie kept their grandson for a week while Johnny and Liz spent a week in Hawaii. They took Ryley home to Bismarck on March 20th.

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FORMER WESTBY RESIDENTS GATHER

On March 4th, over forty past and present Westby residents gathered at Venture Out Resort in Mesa, Arizona, for an afternoon of reminiscing. According to Merna (Hansen) Kolstad who provided the pictures, "It was a delightful afternoon of seeing old friends and classmates." Ron Bakke and his wife of Anchorage, Alaska, traveled the longest distance.



WHS CLASSES OF 1954-57 PLAN REUNION

Marian (Weiler) Shepard and Jan (Onstad) Rasmussen are making plans for the 3rd reunion, in recent years, for the classes of 1954 through 1957. The reunion, to be held in Westby on July 10 -12, has been set to coincide with the annual Prairie Fest. Any questions, comments, or input may be directed to Marian at mjshepard@netzero.com or Jan Rasmussen at dhsjdr@cox.net or, beginning in late April, at jdrdhs@comcast.net.

PICTURED LEFT:

Merna and Janice (Helseth) Solomon are shown sharing fond memories of growing up neighbors on Main Street, Westby.



April is here and, if we think our part of the world doesn't exactly look or feel like spring, we need not look far to see how much like spring it **really** isn't in other areas of the country. Other than the extreme NW corner of North Dakota, the entire state is struggling with weather related problems. Winter storms are still plaguing most of the area with the latest storm dropping an additional two feet of snow in some flood threatened areas and another system on the horizon. The Northwest is in the middle of their latest winter storm with blizzard like conditions and many passes closed. Denver is facing its third storm in a week. Need I say more? For all of our winter whining, we've really had it quite nice when it's all put into perspective. We have officially put the snow shovel away and I've had reports of tulips peeking out and have witnessed for myself the meadowlarks singing. It will be a long time, yet, before any of these other areas can even think about indulging in these small pleasures.

Speaking of indulging and spring, every spring I get to indulge myself in a little (or maybe a lot) bridge playing. Playing bridge rates right up there as one of my very favorite things to do, along with cooking, traveling, golfing, reading-well, maybe I have a lot of favorite things, but I do truly love to play bridge. Eileen and I belong to two bridge marathons which in theory is a good winter past time. Invariably though, March, or even April comes and we have played very little marathon and thus have umpteen games to get in before the play-offs the first week of May.

The true meaning of a marathon comes to light as we try to schedule play among the many other spring time activities that four busy women tend to have. Then throw in a trip or two! But...when a game does come together, it generally is a delightful afternoon spent with women we don't often get to visit with, a challenging game of cards and, of course, LUNCH. Remember, we do nothing, if not for lunch. Eileen has done a beautiful job of hosting for our side and I will be taking my turn shortly. On a recent late afternoon of bridge playing in Plentywood we enjoyed the most delightful stacked sandwich. Val Benson was our hostess and she was very gracious in sharing her delicious recipe with us. It is perfect for bridge or any gathering because it can be made ahead and heated just before serving. It has just the right blend of meat, cheese, and bread with a touch of sweet.

CRESCENT CRISTO SANDWICH LOAF

2 cans refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
 2 tbsp marg or butter, melted
 2 tbsp honey
 6 oz thinly sliced smoked turkey breast
 6 oz medium sliced muenster cheese
 6 oz thinly sliced ham
 1/3 to 1/2 cup red raspberry preserves
 (peach or apricot works well, too)





TOPPING:

2 tbsp honey

1 tbsp sesame seeds

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Separate dough into 4 long rectangles. Place rectangles crosswise on 1 large ungreased cookie sheet (rectangles should not touch). Firmly press perforations to seal. In small bowl, combine margarine and honey, mix well.

Brush over dough. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until light golden brown; cool 15 minutes.

Grease cookie sheet. Carefully place 1 crust on pan. Top evenly with turkey, place second crust over turkey and top with cheese and ham. Place third crust over ham and spread evenly with preserves. Top with fourth crust. Brush top with remaining honey and sprinkle with sesame seeds.

(May be made up to this point and refrigerated. Bake an additional 5-10 minutes)

Bake for 10-15 minutes or until crust is deep golden brown and loaf is hot. Let stand 5 minutes. Cut into 8 slices.

Arlene shared the following recipe—a perfect combination of simple spring time flavors. It is one of those recipes that needs no alterations and tastes just like you would expect spring to taste, light and fresh, from the first bite of tender asparagus brought to life with a hint of lemon to the tender chunks of chicken and roasted potatoes.

There were no alterations with the exception of the chicken. I did use b/s chicken breasts cut into large chunks.

ROAST CHICKEN WITH POTATOES, LEMON, AND ASPARAGUS

Serves 4

1 1/2 pounds new potatoes, halved

3 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces

Coarse salt and ground pepper

1 package cut-up whole chicken (about 3 pounds)

1 bunch asparagus (1 pound), trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces

1 lemon, cut into 8 wedges

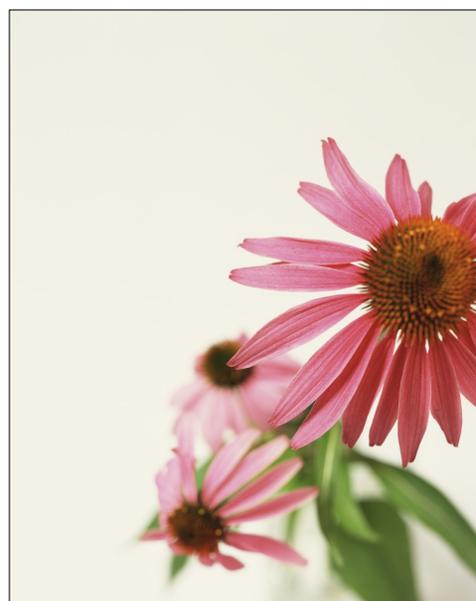
6 sprigs fresh thyme

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Place potatoes and half the butter in a roasting pan; season with salt and pepper. Roast, tossing once, until potatoes are golden, 20 to 25 minutes. Place chicken, skin side up, on top of potatoes; season with salt and pepper. Roast until chicken begins to brown, about 20 minutes. Scatter asparagus, lemon, remaining butter, and thyme around chicken. Roast until asparagus is tender and chicken is opaque throughout, 5 to 15 minutes.

Serve chicken, vegetables, and lemon drizzled with pan juices.

ENJOY!

For Life is Good!



Minutes of the 4-H Meeting

By: Kayla Rust

The 5th meeting of the Range Riders 4-H Club was called to order by the president, Laura Mendes at 2:55 p.m. on March 15, 2009, at the Westby Community Center with 4 leaders present, Kim Hendrickson, Karen Lee, Sally Mendes, and Susan Meyer, and 12 members present. 2 visitors present. Total attendance-18. Total members enrolled-14. Minutes were recorded by Kayla Rust, secretary. The pledges were then said and roll call taken. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved. The treasurer's report was then read and approved.

Unfinished business: The Quit Spit supply packages were decided to be passed out on Tuesday, March 18, 2009, after school.

The Rec Lab students are to leave for Forsyth on Friday at 12:00; Abby Westgard, Dylan Mendes, and Laura Mendes.

New Business: The idea of having a club meeting for the 4-H group is being debated upon. Possible activities could be a photography lesson or ceramics. Jeff could also give us a tour of the meat processing section of Al's Meats and Groceries.

The next meeting will be held on April 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Westby Community Center. Rosalee Hendrickson moved for meeting to be adjourned, Christian Melby seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Refreshments were served by Kim Hendrickson.

After the meeting, the 4-H group was taken down to the new Westby Elevator for a tour given by Danny Moore. The group toured the office as well as the ground floor of the elevator itself.

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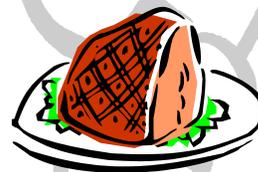
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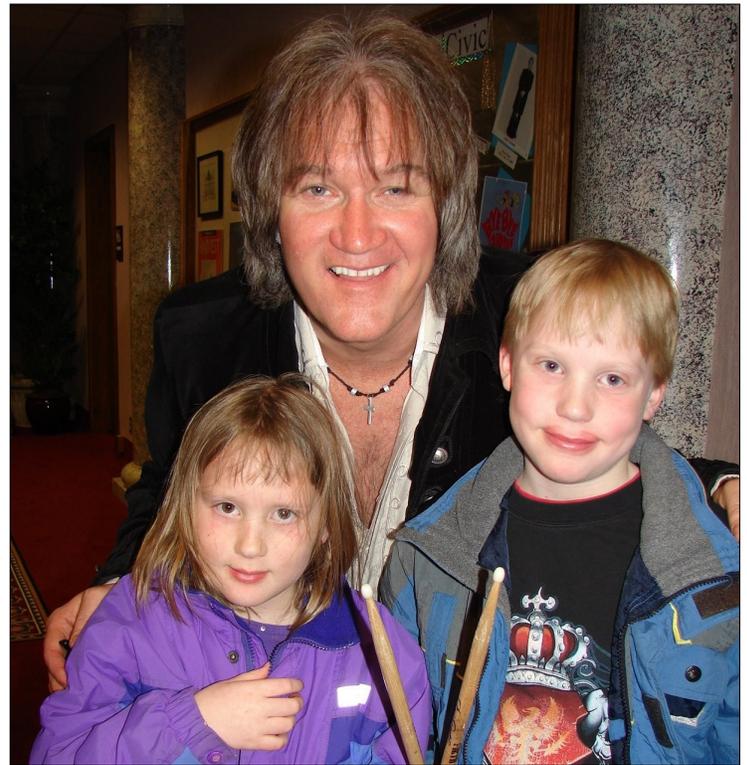
A Little Bit Country...



Before the Oak Ridge Boys concert in Helena on March 8, members & friends of the Lagerquist family of Westby posed with the Oak Ridge Boys back-stage. Seen in this photo are: Back, L to R - Hans & Angel Lampert, Duane Allen & Joe Bonsall (Oaks), Aaron Lagerquist, Joy Novota, Cindy & Jody Lagerquist, Richard Sterban (Oak) & Gary Novota Front, L to R - Wm. Lee Golden (Oak), Alicia Lagerquist, Andie & Jason Roise.



Jason DeShaw of Plentywood, & his band, The Country Way, opened the Oak Ridge Boys concert in Helena on March 8. Pictured are Gary & Joy Novota who presented the concert on behalf of Live! at the Civic, & their niece & nephew, Alicia & Aaron Lagerquist of Westby. Many members of Jason's family attended the concert in Helena.



Chris Golden, drummer with the Oak Ridge Boys, poses with Alicia & Aaron Lagerquist after the Oaks' concert in the Helena Civic Center on March 8. Chris presented his autographed drumsticks to Aaron immediately following the concert. Aaron, age 10, & Alicia, age 7, are the children of Jody & Cindy Lagerquist of Westby.

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April

6th Lion's Club Circus—7:00 at the Westby School

8th Grandparent's Day Program at 10:30

9th NE Invitation Track Meet at Wolf Point

10th Good Friday—NO SCHOOL

13th Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL

14th Gr. 5-6 Track Meet at Culbertson

15th Class play in Westby—6:30

16th Class play in Grenora—6:30 MT

17th—18th District Music Festival in Culbertson

18th JH & HS Nashua Invitational Track Meet at Glasgow

21st Gr. 5-8 Track Meet in Culbertson
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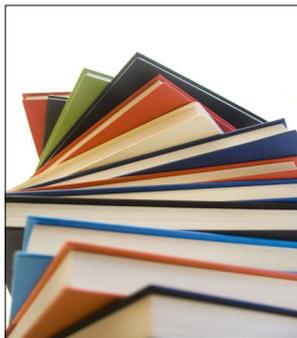
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Hostess: Karen Meyer

Three Cups of Tea

Author: Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
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If you have not yet read Three Cups of Tea, run, don't walk, to the nearest library or book store and pick up a copy. This book is a MUST read. It is one of the most, if not THE most, inspirational and meaningful non-fiction works of our time.

In Pakistan on a mountain climbing expedition in 1993, Mortensen finds himself wandering alone and lost following a failed attempt of the second highest peak in the world, K-2 in the Karakoram Range. He stumbles into the remote, impoverished village of Korphe and is taken in by the villagers and nursed back to health over a period of three months. When he is finally well enough to return to the United States, Mortensen vows to return and build them a school to replace the open air structure where students use sticks to scratch their lessons in the dirt!

Back in the U.S. and working as a nurse, Mortensen schemes how to accomplish his school-building goal. His mother, a school principal in Wisconsin, invites him to talk to her students about his mission. The students "get it" and hence is born "Pennies for Pakistan", (later to be renamed "Pennies for Peace" www.penniesforpeace.org).

Following the school children's contribution of 62,345 pennies, Mortensen is inspired anew and individually types and sends out 580 letters to celebrities all over the country. After a very dismal return of one letter and \$100, another benefactor comes forward and sends a check for \$12,000. Mortensen returns to Pakistan, cash in hand, only to discover that before he can build the school, he must first build a bridge!

Thus begins a journey of hope and dedication that is the foundation for the Central Asia Institute (www.ikat.org), headquartered in Bozeman, Montana.

To Mortensen, the education of girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan is the key to promoting peace in these regions. Why girls? Educated girls are more likely to marry later, have fewer children, contribute to family income and insist their own children are educated. "Mortensen has gone to war with the root causes of terror every time he offers a student a chance to receive a balanced education, rather than attend an extremist madrassa."

To date, over 80 schools have been built in the most remote areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Not only schools but also bridges, water supply plants, dormitories, etc. On March 23, 2009, Greg Mortensen was awarded The Star of Pakistan by the country's president. This is the highest humanitarian award that Pakistan bestows, rarely ever awarded to foreigners. For all he has done to promote peace in that region, Greg Mortensen deserves a Nobel Peace Prize. Seriously. The guy's a real American hero, and has clearly proven that one person **CAN** make a difference.

Prairie Fest 2009 (Continued)

The scavenger hunt held for junior high and high school kids last year was so successful it will be repeated, as well as an additional version for the younger kids. Pre-schoolers will be treated to "dash-for-cash" and pony rides are being considered for all those inclined.

Nemont Cooperative will be represented in some form at the Prairie Fest. It is a busy weekend for them, but they are working out the details and, at this point, plan to host a customer appreciation event at their shop on East 3rd Ave.

To cap off the day, Al's Meats will be serving an evening BBQ on Main Street around 5:00. A few other events are still being considered and upon confirmation, updates and a final schedule will appear in future editions of *The Border News*.

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Pictured: Samantha Olson, Hallie Westgard, Taylor Nielsen, Willie Bice, Cord Schipman, Kylie Ryals, and Sasha Carter

WESTBY STUDENTS MAKE BIENNIAL LEGISLATIVE TRIP

Every two years, to coincide with Montana's legislative session, WHS Juniors and Seniors venture across their vast state for an informative week full of first time and eye opening experiences. Heading out on March 23rd, following a full day of travel and then some, the students began with a tour of Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historical Site, the Old Montana Territorial Prison, and the Sun Mountain Lumber Mill all in Deer Lodge. On Wednesday, it was on to Helena for a guided tour of the Capitol, the Montana Historical Society, and the Original Governor's Mansion. The afternoon included sessions observing both the Senate and House general assemblies. That evening, Senator John Brenden and Representative Julie French, elected officials from our district, enjoyed dinner with the students and their chaperones. The group also managed to squeeze in a tour of Carroll College before leaving Helena. Bozeman was the next stop with a tour of the Museum of the Rockies and the Hubble Vision Planetarium. Time in Bozeman concluded with an informative session at MSU including a tour of the campus. It was back to Billings Thursday evening with a little time at the mall before bed and an early morning appointment to tour the MSU-Billings campus and Student Union Building.

By noon Friday, the Ranger bus was headed back to Eastern Montana with a glimpse at how their state government works, much information to mull over in regard to college options and a an interesting story to tell about the prison guard/tour guide of the Old Montana Territorial Prison and his experience with 1959 prison riots. Accompanying the juniors and seniors were Superintendent Wayne Koterba and WHS teacher Shari Olson.



Willie Bice seated at Governor Brian Schweitzer's desk



“Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.”

Doug Larson



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