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MORE STUDENTS TO WELCOME CHANGES AT WESTBY SCHOOL



*Superintendent Tony Holecek with new
Ranger activity bus.*

The new school year opened with enrollment up, many inspiring physical changes and additions with more on the horizon, and faculty remaining steady.

A total of 65 kids attended opening day classes for the 2011-2012 school year with 25 of them high school students.

That is an increase of 4 students from the previous year and a gain of 3 in high school. There are two in kindergarten this year.

Among the changes greeting faculty and students are 50 new computers. For the students is the freshly painted "mac" lab containing 32 of the new computers with flat screens.

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A Day in the Life... By Sandy Elm

On August 4th the Senior Citizens met at the Westby Community Center with Chris Barstad as hostess. In whist, Jennie Nordhagen took first and Irene Stageberg and Bazil Anderson tied for second. The door prize was won by Renetta Westgard. Guests were Bazil Anderson, Bob and Evelyn Jensen, Peggy Downey, Mark Nordhagen, Mike and Karen Feld, Dick and Arlee Chamblin and Susan Trefre.

Gary and Joylene Novota spent a few days in the area, arriving July 25th and returning to Helena on August 3rd. Highlights of their visit included time with their nephew and niece, Aaron and Alicia; checking out the Sheridan County Fair where Joylene was one of the judges for the Texaco Country Showdown talent contest.

The Jolly Twelve card club met on August 8th with Karen Meyer as hostess. Irene Nielsen won first and Eileen Overgaard took second. Anita Bjorgen was low.

On August 11th, the Senior Citizens met at the Community Center with Dennis Kittleson as host. John Tommerup took first in whist and Irene Stageberg took second. Anita Bjorgen won the door prize. Guests were Jim Weiler, Mike and Karen Feld, Earl and Elaine Strand, Peggy Downey, Dennis Swanson, Greg and Linda Snell, Eric Ness, and Don Quam.

On July 18th, Lorna Lagerquist and her sister Joanne Lind flew from Minot ND to New York to meet cousins that they had never met before. They were met by Connie and Bill Markey. While there, they saw the Statue of Liberty, toured Times Square, and enjoyed "The Phantom of the Opera" at the Majestic Theatre.

In July, Dick Oksa and Joan Killens spent 4 days in Kenai, Alaska, visiting Joan's son and his wife, Ken and Marge Ubben. Also visiting were Marge's parents, Mary and Henry Dirks from Fairbanks. Karl, Dawn, and Jacob Holt, also from Fairbanks, joined them, as well. Joan was thrilled by a visit from her best friend growing up in Tacoma, WA, Marge Witt, who now calls Anchorage home.

Marge surprised her with a quilt she had made especially for her and also a purse depicting things native of Alaska. Despite the poor fishing, a good time was enjoyed by all.

Marion Shepard and friend, Buzz, were here from White Bear Lake, Minnesota. On their way, they stopped at Medora to help Rene celebrate her birthday. Marion and Buzz met Bunny (Shultz) and daughter-in-law Pat, Doris and Ed Retzer, Mavis and Jim Weiler, and Connie Meyer for supper. Sandy Elm also stopped in for a visit.

Class of 1956 members Marion Shepard, Marlene Vogel, Elaine Onstad, and Bunny Schultz all had lunch together at the Prairie Kitchen. Bunny's sister, Lorrie, also joined them.

Hugh and Connie Meyer flew to Lake Tahoe on July 24th, where they joined their son Randy and family, daughter Joy Leikam and family and Granddaughter Marissa Meyer from San Diego. They took in a Lady Antebellum concert at an outdoor arena and enjoyed many of the other area sights. They flew back to Billings on the 31st, spending the night with Joy and family and visited with Jeanne and family before driving home on Aug. 1st.

Loren and Carole Femrite and Joanie and Jerry Weber from Minnesota were overnight guests of Connie and Hugh Meyer. Loren and Joanie are Connie's cousins. It was their first trip to Westby and enjoyed by all.

Senior Citizens met at the Westby Community Center on August 18th with a potluck lunch. Shirley Quam took first in whist and Marvin Nelson second. Jennie Nordhagen won the door prize. Guests were Gayle Johnson, Greg and Linda Snell, Howard Hammer, Mike and Karen Feld, Kevin Feld, Kimerly O Donnel and Bazil Anderson.

Johnny and Gayle Johnson from Ranchester, Wyoming were visiting with Richard and Renetta Westgard for a few days this past week. On the Johnson's return trip to Ranchester, they stopped and had lunch with Carol Nielson in Plentywood.

Golf Tourney Results



The annual Westby Open Golf Tournament was held on August 14th at the Plentywood Golf Club. Fourteen- two person teams were entered despite the heat and humidity. After the blind draw, the 1st place 4-member team winner was Vance/ Karen Meyer, and Colton Hellegaard/Taylor Nielsen. Second place went to Kathy/Ross Tangedal and Doug Tommerup/Lynn Jon Rice. A total of \$500.00 was raised for the 2013 Westby Centennial Fund.

NOTICE:

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Don't ask me, 'cause I have no idea where this summer went. Yesterday was May 28th, Memorial Day week and I was heading to California for a wonderful family vacation. Tomorrow is August 30th, Labor Day week, harvest has begun, school has started, and football was on TV last night.

You guessed it-the day after, Christmas Day week, children will singing, bells will be ringing This is time, as I know it.

We had such a good visit with all of Danny's family and we so enjoyed the impromptu reunion.

Danny and I were both honored to have his oldest sister, Ferne, and her daughter, Mary, make the trip to Montana from Kansas and be our guests. It was Ferne's first airplane ride and she overcame her anxiety to make the journey. We couldn't have been happier. Their decision to make the trip prompted several calls to gather the rest of the family and, all who were able, were delighted to be together on a happy occasion. Through the course of the week, 31 family members were at the house to reminisce, laugh, visit, and get reacquainted. It did the heart good to listen in on the stories.

Because our church is still in the throes of the flood, St. John's Church graciously invited our congregation to attend their services this week and treated all to a wonderful dinner. What a charming little house of worship they have built. Pastor Barb is in hopes we will be able to utilize our own sanctuary by the following Sunday, September 4th, but you will want to double check on the clean-up progress as it gets closer.

Yes, it has been a busy couple weeks and although I have done a fair amount of cooking, I am at a loss for recipes for this column. I ran out of time to scour my current magazines, stash of "still to try" recipes or even tap my friends for ideas.

I promise to be back with a bang next issue, but for now I will share this very worthwhile recipe for life.

For over 7 years, Regina Brett was a columnist at The Beacon Journal in Akron, Ohio. During that time, she was diagnosed and successfully treated for breast cancer. Regina is now a columnist for The Plain Dealer in Cleveland, Ohio.

Lessons in Life

By Regina Brett:

To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written.

My odometer rolls over to 50 this week, so here's an update:

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.

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4. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living, or get busy dying.
17. You can get through anything.
18. A writer writes. If you want to be a writer, write.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone, everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.

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The remainder of the computers are being utilized by administration, staff and teachers.

Another area still waiting for finishing touches is a “commons area” for students complete with tables and chairs, a small sofa and walls adorned with character building posters. This is an area where the students can gather during breaks with their friends and enjoy a snack or beverage without concern for damaging computers or the gym floor or other areas where these activities are prohibited.

The administration’s office has replaced its antiquated office furniture and the guidance counselor’s office was refurbished to incorporate a conference table and board room.

These changes allow a very pleasing environment for students, board members, and staff alike.

Community members, fans, students, and faculty, will all share in “Ranger Pride” as they witness the new scorer’s table installed in the gymnasium this summer. New Century Ag is a the proud sponsor of this top-of-the-line bench complete with wiring and outlets for running the time clock for the many activities held in the gym including basketball, Volleyball, and the spelling bee.

The new table replaces one built by the shop class in the early ‘80’s. Athletic director Sue Meyer said, “We approached the elevator about sponsoring our scorer’s table because their customers come from a large area and it covers much of our district. They were happy to do it and it is a perfect fit. On behalf of the students, faculty, and

community members of Westby, I would like to sincerely thank New Century Ag for this addition to our school.”

A new 32 passenger activity bus has joined the WHS transportation fleet. This bus will be adequate for a major portion of the activity travel and does not require a driver with a CDL or air brake endorsement. According to Superintendent Tony Holecek, times have made it much more difficult to find a driver available with these

qualifications. Although the Ranger Cruiser bus is still on board when both girl’s and boy’s teams travel and the new bus would be too small, it is over 15 years old and had over 300,00 miles when it was purchased. Time and wear has taken its toll on it and this new bus will take some of the pressure off of it.

A number of other minor things are in the works and Mr. Holecek encourages the public to stop by and view any or all of these very worthwhile additions and changes to the facility of which we are all so proud.



Senior class president Brett Nielsen and Danny Moore, terminal manager of New Century Ag, are pictured behind the new scorer's table in the Westby school gym.

**CAUTION:
Flamingos
are here!**



REED

Funeral services for Marjorie Reed were held at 2:00 PM Monday, August 15, 2011. Pastor Barry Fritts officiated at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church; interment was in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Members of her family were casketbearers; recognized as Honorary Bearers were the Staff and Residents of the Montana Pioneer Manor, La Casa Personal Care Home, and Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home. Ushers were Jim & Charlotte Nielsen and Tom & Terry Feeney. Marjorie died Thursday evening, August 11, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home, she was 91. Marjorie was born at Alkabo, North Dakota March 19, 1920, the daughter of Ed and Selma (Stromstad) Ferguson. She grew up on the family farm near Westby, and attended school there. She married Elvin Reed April 27, 1940 in Wolf Point. They lived 5 miles west of Westby, farming and raising cattle and horses there and in the Outlook community; and also owned and operated a grocery store in Westby for a time. In 1965 they moved to Plentywood, where Marjorie has lived since.

Family was the center of Marjorie's life; especially the strong Ferguson family heritage. She loved to host large, boisterous family gatherings at her home and was very close to her grandchildren, seldom missing their ballgames and school activities. She led a busy social life, bowling, playing cards or just having coffee with her friends, and she loved to dance: when the music started, her feet started, too! She was never happier than when she was surrounded by her family, friends and food and everyone was having a good time, and her homemade butterhorn rolls were everyone's favorite.

She worked at Penney's in Plentywood for a time after they moved to Plentywood; and she traveled with Elvin to many events where he was showing and racing thoroughbreds and quarter horses. After Elvin's death March 4, 1996, Marjorie continued to live at home as long as she could, eventually moving to Montana Pioneer Manor, then to La-Casa, and to the nursing home May 18, 2009. She is survived by one son, Don, and his wife Arvilla, of Helena and Plentywood; two grandchildren, Kevin Reed, of Houston, Texas, and his children Lauren, Emily, and Sydney; and Kimberly Martin and her husband Robert, and their children Taylor and Chase, of Fargo, North Dakota. She is also survived by four siblings: Ione Anderson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; David Ferguson, of Helena; Darrold Ferguson, of Missoula; and Carol Jean Capell, who lives in Florida; and by one brother-in-law, Bill Adamy, of Buffalo, New York, and by her favorite niece, Lisa Tryan, who has been so faithful in spending her time with Marjorie. Besides her parents and husband, Marjorie was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Aubrey Ferguson, and sisters Elaine Koon, Selma Sneva, Kathryn Adamy, and Vavine, in infancy.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood had charge of arrangements.





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The Centennial committee would like to thank the organizers and participants of the Westby Open golf tournament for their generous donation of time and money to the 2013 Westby Centennial fund. Five hundred dollars was raised for the cause. It is greatly appreciated by all.



**Flamingos:
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since 2011**

TANGEDAL

Stanley B. Tangedal, 86, of Williston, ND, died Thursday morning, August 18, 2011 at the Bethel Lutheran Home in Williston. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, MST, Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby, with Pastor Barb Westhoff officiating. Interment has taken place at Oslo Cemetery. Friends may sign the on-line register and give their condolences at www.fulkersons.com

Stanley Bernard Tangedal was born November 25, 1924 in Elkhorn Township, Divide County, North Dakota to Erling and Gertie (Paulus) Tangedal. He was raised and educated Elkhorn Township attending country school. He was baptized and confirmed at Oslo Lutheran Church northeast of Westby. At a young age, Stanley began a farming and ranching career in Elkhorn Township.

On February 26, 1955 Stanley was united in marriage to Murielle Iverson in Sidney, Montana. They made their home on a farm in Elkhorn Township where they raised their children. He enjoyed raising cattle and small grains. Stanley and Murielle moved into Williston for the winter in 2001. They continued to live at the farm in the summer and Williston in the winter.

Stanley continued to be active in farming and ranching with his son, Marshall, until his health declined in the spring of this year. He entered Bethel Home at the end of May where he has resided since.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Westby and the Williston Moose Lodge. He served on the Fortuna Farmers Elevator Board, and as a chairman of the board for Elkhorn Township Board. For many years in the 1970's, Stanley received Most Outstanding Farmer of North Dakota. Stanley is survived by his wife, Murielle of Fortuna, ND; son, Marshall of Westby, MT; daughter Shelly (Craig) Thompson of Redmond, WA; grandchildren, Taylor and Bryce Thompson; brothers, Elton "Shorty" (Yvonne) Tangedal of Westby, MT and Norman (Lynn) Tangedal of San Diego, CA; sister, Eleanor Stucky of Phoenix, AZ; sisters-in-law, Janice Tangedal of Williston, ND and Patty Tangedal of Polson, MT; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Curtis and Donald; and brother-in-law, Bob Stucky.



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QUILTERS BEGIN FALL SESSION

The Wee Bee Quilters will begin their fall session on September 6th at 2:00 PM at the New Century Ag office building. New members are always welcome. Any questions call Cindy Nielsen, this year's president, at 985-2616 or any club member.

The following is a copy of the minutes from the last meeting:

May 10, 2011

The WeeBee Quilters meeting was called to order on May 10, 2011 at 12:05pm by President Elaine Onstad. There were 12 members present. (Elaine, Gale, Bonnie, Donna, Lorna, Faye, Karen, Cindy, Martie, Arlene, Doreen and Terri) The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Helen Lindsey from Crosby, ND gave us a quilt trunk show that was beautiful! What a wonderful showing of all different patterns! Thank you Helen! (See pictures in history book.)

We talked about the Name Quilt and whether the red material needed to be washed before using it in the quilt. It was decided that Lorna will make that decision. Remember we are to get together June 7, 2011 at 9:00am at the elevator to work on the quilt.

We talked about the Centennial Quilt and will be thinking about idea's and blocks.

We discussed the retreat for September 21 to 23, 2012 at Assumption Abby and decided we would enjoy a UFO Retreat as we all have unfinished projects! Terri will call Kathy Johnson and see if she would like to join us. Terri talked with Brother Michael and we do not have to make a deposit, so the dates are set, let's plan to have some fun!

We brought in our black/white/red quilt blocks and it came out wonderful. It was interesting to see all the different materials and how it went together! Thanks Gail for the inspiration.

Terri handed out the Cinnamon Sticks that were ordered from The Plaid Square and we discussed what we would like to do next. There will be more info at the next meeting.

The WeeBee Quilter's talked about having to pay a \$1.00 per meeting if we don't bring in a project for Show and Tell. A motion was made by Gail and seconded by Karen, voted on and passed by all. Bring your dollars ladies (I know I will have to!)

And Bonnie won the drawing!

We have only a Comfort Quilt (for man) and it was decided to create another block for a woman's quilt. The color's chosen were lime green/ brown/ cream. Please bring two 12 1/2 unfinished blocks to September meeting. Also discussed was the need of large ironing boards.

We discussed election of officer's and Cindy Nielson will be president and Donna Evans vice president. The Secretary/Treasurer is Terri McCauley with Terri/Arlene Hove Historians. Thank you Elaine for your wonderful work this last past year! And also to Cindy for being Historian, the book is a wonderful remembrance of WeeBee's.

We had a delicious luncheon for our last meeting with all the trimmings and treats!

Meeting adjourned.

Terri McCauley, Secretary/ Treasurer

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MOORE'S GATHER



Pictured: Calvin, Richard, Danny
Ferne, Marlys, and Doris

Six of the seven remaining children of Earl and Mildred Moore reunited the weekend of August 19th for the first time in close to twenty years at the home of Danny and Val Moore. Time was spent reminiscing, visiting, and touring the countryside. Danny led a tour of the old family homestead, Oslo Cemetery, and the grain terminal. On Sunday, 28 family members including several cousins from Minot, nieces and nephews from Billings, Red Lodge, Plentywood, and Miles City enjoyed a BBQ at Danny's house. The Moore Sisters made a trip to Crosby on Monday to visit with their cousin, Hazel Moore, who resides at the Good Samaritan Home there.

Those in attendance were Richard Moore of Miles City, MT; Ferne Schultz of Shawnee Mission, KS; Marlys Nordhagen of Plentywood, MT; Doris Jacobson of Parshall, ND; Calvin Moore of White Sulphur Springs, MT; and Danny of Westby. Sharon Forinash of Blue Springs, MO, was unable to attend.

The other four of the eleven children were Lloyd, Norman, Ronnie, and Doran.

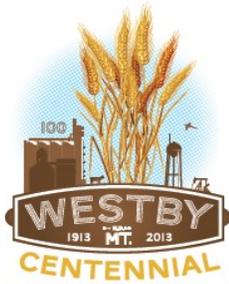
Val's Recipe Corner

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31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
36. Growing old beats the alternative - dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood. Make it memorable.
38. Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
42. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
43. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
44. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
45. The best is yet to come.
46. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
47. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
48. If you don't ask, you don't get.
49. Yield.
50. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

My baby sister shared this column with me several years ago and I still read it regularly. As my own odometer rolls over to double nickels this week, I felt it worthy of sharing as Ms. Brett's lessons basically covers all of life's rewards *and* challenges. Life, as I mentioned, is racing by, but that doesn't mean I'm not doing my best to keep up. I'm here for the long haul and the bottom line is: it is all about what we make it. As for me, I don't care if I win the race I just want to enjoy the stride. For...

Life
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