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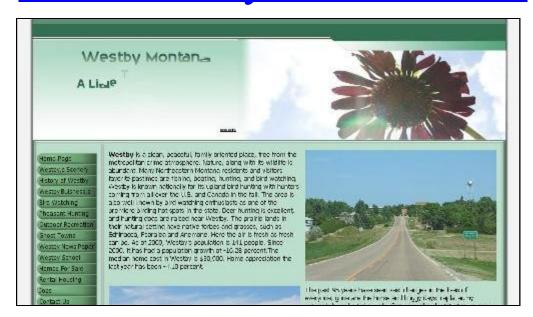
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Two years ago, seeing the need for Westby to have an updated informational web site, Steve Ekness bought the domain 'westbymontana' to make sure it would be available when the time was right for the community to move into the twenty first century. Steve has worked on designing web pages for the past eight years, but mainly for his own businesses and personnel use. The Westby Development Corporation has felt for some time it was way past the time for Westby's site to be updated and approached Steve about taking on the challenge of doing just that.

The WDC and Steve visited about the main purpose of a web site and how they might capitalize on its far reaching affects. They discussed the objectives the WDC would like to see obtained with the site and how to attain them.

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## A Day in the Life

By: Sandy Elm

Well, I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. I know we did, my three grandchildren, Tyler, Alyssa, and Jarrod were all here at Grandma's house and I loved every minute of it. Other guests were Rose Frickson, Vera Elm, Marlowe and Elaine Onstad, Erwin Olson, Casey and Marilyn Elm, and Darrin Elm.

Here for Thanksgiving from Ontario, were Darcee andy Earl Jantzi. They stayed with her parents, Warren and Eileen Overgaard. Thanksgiving day dinner guests at Warren and Eileen's were Phoebe Vest. Brian and Jamie Putnam and Bridger and Courtney of Rugby, ND, Marvin Nelson, Jim Vest, and Mike Overgaard. Afternoon callers were Ellen Sue Colenzo and son Zane from Plentywood.

Karen and Vance Meyer were in Great Falls with Tiffany Otheim and sons and Thayne Meyer and sons of Billings, for Thanksgiving.

Rick and Beatie Petersen entertained her daughter Jodi and husband Rob Pederson along with Jarrett and Jaxson for Thanksgiving dinner.

Rose Frickson spent the Thanksgiving weekend at her daughter Teresa and Cliff Johnson's home. She returned home to Plentywood on Saturday morning. Guests for dinner at the Johnsons were Mike and Shannon Gebhardt and Cole and Rylie.

On October 26th, Renetta Westgard hosted the Jolly Twelve Card Club at the Community Center. Karen Meyer took first and Jennie Nordhagen took second. Doreen Johnson got low.

On the 29th of October, Westby Senior Citizens were hosted by Gene Herman. In whist, Gene Herman won both first place and the door prize. And Irene Stageberg took second. Guests were Mark Nordhagen, Diann Kaul and Richard Westgard.

The Senior Citizens hosted the meeting on November 5th. Irene Stageberg was first in whist and Shirley Quam -second. The door prize was won by Adeline Lagerquist. Kenny Keldsen was a guest.

On November 19th, the Senior Citizens met at the Community Center with a potluck lunch. In Whist Phoebe Vest and Renetta Westgard tied for for first and Marvin Nelson took second. Renetta also won the door prize. Mary Mendes was a guest.

The Jolly Twelve met on November 23rd. Irene Stageberg was the hostess. In whist, Jennie Nordhagen took first, and Anita Bjorgen and Shirley Quam tied for second. Adeline Lagerquist took low.

At the beginning of November Kenny and Milo Nordhagen took Mark Nordhagen to Minot where he boarded a Delta plane to Minneapolis//St. Paul where his sister Peggy met him. After staying one night with Peggy and her husband Dennis, they all flew to Phoenix , AZ. While in Arizona they attended the wedding of Jessica Nordhagen and Jason Ross.

Jessica is the daughter of Arnie and Lucy Nordhagen. It was a beautiful wedding and all of Arnie's family as well as Karen and Mike Feld were able to attend. While in Phoenix, Peggy also got to visit with Susan Kisler and family. On November 13th, Mark came back to Westby with his sister Peggy, and husband Dennis. They stayed through Thanksgiving. Arnie Nordhagen also came home on the 19th of Nov. to visit. They all were at Mark and Milo Nordhagens for Thanksgiving, along with Kenny Nordhagen and Ruth Brown.

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## WESTBY STUDENTS EXCEL

WHS senior Willie Bice was selected for the 2009 allconference District 2B football team. Willie has been a four-year member of the Plentywood Wildcats football team and plays offensive lineman. Willie is the son of Debbie and Jim Bice.





WHS senior Samantha Olson was chosen as a state finalist for Wendy's High School Heisman. To be eligible, applicants must be entering their senior year of high school and have at least a "B" grade average. Applicants need to also have participated in at least one of the 27 sports officially sanctioned by the National Federation of State High Schools. Wendy's HS Heisman is for all student-athletes who work hard, are dedicated, and have become role models for your school's underclassmen. Applicants are judged on their academic achievements, community service involvement, and athletic accomplishments. Samantha is the daughter of Kelly and Shari Olson.

Struggling to find the right Christmas present?

A subscription to The Westby Border News is perfect!

It's a letter from home twice a month...

For more information please contact: Val Moore at: dvmoore@nemont.net

## **Wee Bee Quilters**

The Wee Bee Quilters gathered at the Prairie Kitchen on Tuesday, December 1 for their Christmas luncheon and cookie exchange. Marsha, Martie, Doreen, Elaine, Lorna, Faye, Terri, Donna, Arlene and Cindy enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Suzie.

Show and Tell by Elaine and Doreen was their completed Black and White +1 quilt tops from the Kathy Johnson classes in October and November. Cindy showed us a peacock embroidery project and Arlene had her completed French Braid quilt and a four corners Christmas apron. The two quilts from last year's challenge project were shown and one was presented to Martie, past President of the guild. Martie showed us an antique thread holder and an antique needle holder and explained the history of these beautiful and once useful items.

President Arlene reminded everyone to bring their centennial quilt block ideas to the January meeting and Lorna passed out embroidery name blocks from the 1921 quilt restoration project. Cookies were then exchanged. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Wee Bee Quilters!

#### **HELP WANTED**

## EXTRACURRICULAR BUS DRIVER

Westby School District # 3 is seeking anyone interested in <a href="extra-curricular bus driving.">extra-curricular bus driving.</a>

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Interested parties will be required to have a valid driver's license and a current Motor Vehicle Report (obtained from the Highway Patrol division of the Montana Department of Justice) with a minimum of 3 years past driving history.

For more detailed information contact Wayne Koterba at the Westby School office (385-2225)

### Westby Border News



My, oh my, it is Chel's birthday today which means it is December. Where did November go? For that matter, September and October? Better guit wondering about it and get the frozen pumpkins off the front step. Apparently, the little elves I expected to show up while I was away for Thanksgiving failed to make an appearance. I left a list right on the front door with a key for all the makings of a perfect Christmas season. Where to locate the tree, the lights, the red bows, a recently compiled gift list complete with gift wrap, ribbons and name tags and, of course, recipes for all the families' favorites were included. Maybe the task was a little overwhelming, but I did hope an attempt be made to at least finish a project or two. Disposing of the frozen pumpkins would have been a start!

Oh well, I will crank up the Christmas tunes and get done what I can.

I've been scrounging around in my cookbooks and magazines looking for new recipes (can never be satisfied with the tried and true) and came up with another variation on shortbread I liked very much. Along with that, friends have shared two other great shortbread recipes that, in my mind, when stirred up would make wonderful little hostess or thank you gifts.

According to *A taste of Scotland*, "Shortbread...A biscuit (cookie) rich in butter, is usually baked in a large round and served cut from the center into triangles. The edges are traditionally "notched" by pinching with the finger and thumb, and this is thought to symbolize the sun's rays, from the early days of sunworship."

Besides the rich buttery taste, the simplicity of the ingredients and versatility of the dough is a big appeal to me. By adding one or two basic ingredients, a whole new flavor emerges with the buttery flaky goodness.

All three of these recipes are delicious. I make a batch of the Rocky Road and thought they were wonderful. The only thing I would do to different is cut the marshmallows up a little because the cookies are quite small and even the mini marshmallows look to big on these delicate cookies.

#### ROCKY ROAD SHORTBREAD

1 1/4 cups flour

1/3 cup walnuts, finely chopped

1/4 tsp salt

½ cup butter, softened

1/3 cup sugar

1 tsp vanilla

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup mini marshmallows

½ cup chopped walnuts

½ cup semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a large baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. Blend flour, walnuts and salt in a bowl. In a second bowl, beat together butter, sugar and vanilla for 2 minutes or until creamy. Stir in flour mixture. Roll 1 tbsp dough into a ball; place on baking sheet. Repeat with remaining dough. Gently flatten each ball to a ½ inch thickness and smooth its edges. Bake for 16 minutes or until lightly browned at edges. Meanwhile, stir together marshmallows and coarsely chopped walnuts in a small bowl. Melt semisweet chocolate chips in another small bowl in microwave for 30 seconds or until melted. Remove cookies from oven and spread with 1 tsp of chocolate, then sprinkle with marshmallow mixture. Return to oven for 1-2 minutes or until the marshmallows soften. Let cool on baking sheet on wire rack for 2 minutes before transferring to wire rack to cool completely. Makes 16 cookies.



Pictured above: Rocky Road Shortbread cookies

The next two recipes are not maybe what comes to mind when you think of shortbread, but they fall under the criteria for the Scottish biscuits.

## PARMESAN & THYME CRACKERS

1 stick unsalted butter at room temperature 4 ounces freshly grated parmesan cheese (about 1 cup)

1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme leaves

½ teaspoon kosher salt

½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1 cup flour.

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream the butter for a minute. With the mixer on low speed, add the parmesan, thyme, salt, and pepper and combine. With the mixer still on low add the flour and combine until the mixture is in large crumbles, about a minute. If the dough is too dry, add a little water.

Roll into 9 inch log and wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Preheat to 350 degrees. Cut the log into 1/8 inch slices with a sharp knife and place them on baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake for 22 minutes or until lightly browned. Rotate the pan once during baking. Cool and serve at room temperature.

## **Herbed Shortbread**

1 cup all purpose flour

1/4 cup plus 1/2 tbsp fine granulated sugar 1/8 tsp salt

2 tsp finely chopped fresh flat leaf parsley ½ tsp each finely chopped fresh Sage,

Rosemary, and thyme (may use 1/4 tsp ground of each)

1 stick (1/2 cup) butter, softened

1 egg white lightly beaten

16 small leaves of each herb

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Stir together butter, flour, ½ cup sugar, salt and chopped herbs until mixture forms a dough. Divide dough in half and pat each half into a 6½ to 7 inch round on an ungreased sheet. Crimp edges of each round and cut each into 8 wedges with sharp knife. Lightly brush with egg white and arrange one leaf of each herb on each piece, brush again with egg white and sprinkle with remaining ½ tbsp sugar. Prick each piece once with a fork.

Bake until golden, 15 to 17 minutes. Recut wedges while shortbread is hot then cool on sheet on rack. I didn't have fresh herbs so I sprinkled mine with rosemary leaves.

To give the crackers and herbed shortbread as gifts, I will form them both into logs, wrap with plastic wrap, and give with instructions to slice and bake as needed. It might be nice to include a little Christmas plate or chunk of cheese for the delighted hostess to serve the shortbread with.

# May you Enjoy *for*Life is Good!

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS SET

Immanuel Lutheran Church's Sunday School Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4 o'clock. Preschool through sixth grade students will present the Christmas Story in word and song. Cindy Nielsen is the music director and the program is coordinated by the Sunday school teachers. All are welcome and lunch will be served immediately following.

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, has been set as the date for the Westby School Christmas program and concert. *How The Penguins Saved Christmas* is the title of the Christmas play to be presented by the K-5 grade students. Immediately following the play, a concert by both the elementary and high school choirs and band will be held. Included in the concert will be a flute solo by fifth grader Madison Pulvermacher and two vocal solos by freshman Tess Bjorgen and sophomore Abby Westgard. The program which begins at 7:00 PM is under the direction of Westby music teacher Jill Garman.

Video recordings of the entire school program will be available for purchase from the Senior Class after the first of the year. Order forms will be available the night of the performance or you may reserve your copy by calling the school at 385-2225.



## What do you get the person who has everything for Christmas?

By purchasing a brick for the Immanuel Brick Fundraiser, you automatically reserve a prominent place in history for a loved one or someone you've always admired. An ideal Christmas gift, personalized bricks make a lasting impression and with the proceeds going towards the handicap fund—it's actually two gifts in one.

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## WESTBY LIONS BUSY WITH HOLIDAY PROJECTS



Once again the Westby Lions has ordered wreaths to sell for the holiday season. Due to time restraints and a shortage of members, calls were not made to past customers. The wreaths have now arrived and are available on a first come, first serve basis and may be picked up at Charlie's. The cost is \$12.00 for the large and \$10.00 for the small.

The Lions Club's annual "Light for Sight" project has also begun. One of the many goals of the national organization of Lions Club is to stamp out blindness. To help achieve this goal, the Westby chapter of the Lions Club started the "Light for Sight" project many years ago to raise money for the Leader Dog program, to help people with low vision, and provide glasses for those in need in our own community.

Community members may help with this project by purchasing a colored bulb to illuminate the giant evergreen located on the lot between Al's Meat and the Community Center. Each bulb will be lit as they are purchased with each color representing a different level.

Gold bulb-----\$50.00

White bulb-----\$10.00

Red bulb-----\$50.00

Green bulb-----\$1.00

Help us light up the entire tree! Contributions may be made at Al's Meat or by contacting Bob Lagerquist or Kim Rust.

## **THANK YOU**

The family of Alda Meyer would like to thank Dr. Kirk and all the staff at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home for their many years of loving and compassionate care given to Alda. We are so grateful to our friends and family for the meals and food brought to our homes. We appreciate the phone calls, cards, prayers, flowers and memorials in Alda's name. Our utmost gratitude goes to Jane and Dave Fulkerson for conducting the service in the absence of the priest. You two did such a phenomenal job to honor Alda's life and comfort those around her. Thank you Rick and Beatie for picking up Tiffany at the train station. We were so glad that the three grandsons could make it home to be pall bearers. To Bob and Lorna Lagerquist, our loyal friends, thank you for serving as ushers.

Angel Light Catering served a delicious meal and provided a comfortable place to reminisce with family and friends. Thank you Jodi for the use of your camera to capture family photos. We are truly blessed to live in such a caring and understanding community.

Gene, Vance, Myron, Kim and families



## WESTBY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS SHARE THANKSGIVING

On November 24th, Westby students in grades K-5, under the direction of Ms. Jill Garman, entertained residents of LaCasa, The Pioneer Manor and Sheridan County Nursing Home with a Thanksgiving program of story and music.

Shown in the foreground are Westby students Alicia Lagerquist, Jack Solberg, Jager Westgard and Ledger Pulvermacker.



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## WITTMAYER

Funeral services for Alice Wittmayer were held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, November 24, 2009. Pastor Barbara Westhoff officiated at the service at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby; interment was in Daneville Cemetery, southeast of Westby in Divide County, North Dakota. Casketbearers were Daryl Andersen, Cliff and Richard Johnson, and Arnie, Kenny, and Mark Nordhagen; ushers were Robert Lagerquist and Marvin Nelson. The Staff of Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home were regarded as Honorary Bearers. Alice died Friday morning, November 20, 2009 at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood; she was 88.

Alice was born November 28, 1920 at the farm home of her parents, Christ and Sena (Rasmussen) Madsen in Daneville Township, southeast of Westby in Divide County, North Dakota. She grew up there and graduated from Westby High School - in the same 1941 class as her younger sister, Louise, since Alice had worked at home for a couple of years instead of attending school. She married Rufus Wittmayer November 27, 1941 at Gardena, North Dakota. They made their home on the farm southeast of Westby until they moved into Westby in 1964. Alice was very active in the Daneville Lutheran Church until the church closed and merged into the Immanuel Congregation in Westby. She was a church officer, served as a Sunday School teacher, (and for a time as S.S. superintendent); and was the church organist almost forever. On the farm, Alice raised chickens and turkeys; and she and Rufus together had the Westby-Fortuna-Alkabo mail route for a number of years. Alice worked as a waitress at the Westby City Café, and later the Rainbow shack – and when there weren't any customers, Alice was always busy cleaning. She walked 3 miles a day . . . and took along a bag to collect litter along the way! After they moved to Westby, she and Rufus made boxes of baked goods every Christmas to take to the town's bachelors. An avid cook and baker, her family fondly remembers her Danish "Kringle," her rhubarb custard pie, and "Halupski" – a German dish she learned to make from Rufus' mother.

Rufus died May 1, 1990; Alice made her own home in Westby until she entered the nursing home in August, 2000.



Alice is survived by four children: Lovell Wittmayer and his wife Cheryl, of Billings; Irving Wittmayer and his wife, Michelle, of Westby; Julie Pierce, of Ouitman, Arkansas; and Ruth Brown, of Westby. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren: Amber Wittmayer, of Kent, Washington; Krisena Curry (Brian) of Billings; Heidi Wittmayer, of Billings; Levi Wittmayer, of Williston, ND; Nikki Pierce, of Quitman, AR; Daylean Mooney (Jamey) of Heber Springs, AR; Charlene Hendricks (John Ed) of Drasco, AR; and Paul Brown (Kris) of Los Alamitos, CA; and by 8 great-grandchildren: Jaxon and Sylvie Curry, Emma Reed; Aimee and Jessica Mooney; Erin and John David Hendricks, and Ava Brown. Two sons-in-law, Terry Brown and Dave Pierce preceded her in death. From Alice's original family of 7 siblings, only Margaret Krowen of Plentywood survives; preceding her were five brothers and sisters and their spouses: Harold Madsen (Burnie), Elna Johnson (Raymond), Louise Nordhagen, Lydia Madsen, and, in infancy, Samuel Madsen and she was also preceded in death by brother-in-law, Bennett Krowen. Rufus' siblings (and spouses), Claudia and Elmo Finneman, Eugene Wittmayer, and Robert Korman also preceded her in death; surviving in-laws from both sides of Alice's family include Milo Nordhagen, Cathy Wittmayer, and Carolyne Korman.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood had charge of arrangements.





## Coming Events December

7th JH Girls BB Final Four in Culbertson JH Boys BB practice begins

11th BB at Bainville - GV—6:00 BV—7:30

12th BB vs. Brockton at Westby—GV—6:00 BV—7:30

16th K-12 Christmas program—7:00

17th BB at Circle—GV—6:00 BV—7:30

18th BB vs. Culbertson at Grenora—GV—6:00 BV—7:30

19th BB vs. Froid/Lake at Westby—GV—4:00 BV—5:30 JH Boys BB at Richey/Lambert Snowball in Plentywood

23rd School dismissed at 2:25

24th—January 3rd—Christmas Break—NO SCHOOL

#### westbymontana.com

Steve explained his first goal in designing the web site would be to give general information about Westby and the surrounding area. Next, he explained the necessity to promote the area's recreation, whether it be bird watching, pheasant hunting or native plant tours, through the site. Third, the site could prove to be the best way to advertise real estate, both, for sale for prospective residents and rental properties for the busy hunting season and beyond. Fourth, he felt it a way to inform interested parties of major upcoming events in the area such as Prairie Fest dates and class reunions. Another suggestion was the site could provide space for advertising for not only local businesses, but also for those businesses from afar that wish to promote their business and impact our area at the same time. This could be provided through links or through banners on the Westby site. And that is just the beginning...

Steve talked to the group about how search engines work and what we need to do to make the Westby site come up farther in searches and how important it is that the site does.

The site is now up and running and the address is <a href="https://www.westbymontana.com">www.westbymontana.com</a>. Steve suggested the WDC sell advertising space to help defray the cost of the site and build capital to add our link to other sites.

With that in mind, the WDC will offer advertising in the following way:

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This cost covers both real estate for sale or rent. Owners must provide description of site and picture, if one is desired.

Steve feels advertising on the web is a great way for local business to contribute to the site's longevity, which in turn helps us all. Alumni or former Westby resident's who own businesses or have something they want to share, may wish to advertise to show their support. This would allow community members to support or acknowledge their business. The idea of trading links with another business' web site was also mentioned. For more information contact Steve Ekness at info@westbymontana.com or call 385-2404.

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