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ONE MEMORY LEADS TO ANOTHER



The “Mystery Quilt” found at the Westby Community Center in 2007 contains 216 names of what are assumed to be members of the Westby Ladies Aid and their families in 1921. A combined effort is being made to restore the quilt back to its original state in time to display it at Westby’s centennial in 2013. A complete list of the names contained on the blocks will appear in the next issue of the *Border News*. Many calls and notes of interest have arrived at the doorstep of the *Border News* about the signatures’ owners, in particular, since the story was published and when the entire list of them is made available, an attempt will be made to get background on each one of them.

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The article on the “Mystery Quilt” in the last edition of the *Border News* has provoked more questions, some answers, many memories and lots of thought in regards to the quilt’s original drafters. Exactly, the outcome hoped for when it was published.



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Each class will be limited to ten participants. There will be a \$10.00 fee for the class and each participant will go home with a plastic bread bucket filled with their first batch of dough. The class fee also includes recipes and samples.

To pre-register for the class in Westby, contact the Sheridan County Extension Office at 765-3406 or call Val Moore at 385-2315 by March 5th. A class date and time will be determined when enough interest is shown in the class. Additional classes may be added if needed or private classes may be requested for meetings, organizations, or a gathering of friends.



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Liola was born May 3, 1918 in Walcott, No. Dakota to Oscar and Caroline (Peterson) Boyer. At the age of 12, she moved with her family to Fortuna, No. Dakota.

On December 20, 1939 Liola was married to Bernhardt 'Bennie' Freund in Fortuna. They lived in Westby, Montana where Bennie operated a Conoco Service Station, then they moved to California and after a brief time there, they moved to Fremont in 1962. Liola worked for several different businesses including, Vienna Bakery, the bakery dept. of Hinky-Dinky, 5th Seasons, Vern's Flowers, Interiors by Joan, Customs Draperies and More, and Interiors Plus.

Liola was a member of First Lutheran Church and it's Solo's group. She was an avid card player and enjoyed playing Bunco.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bennie in January of 1985, and by a son Dale Freund in July of 2003, and by 4 brothers.

Survivors: 2 daughters - Bonnie and husband Randy Matzke of Plentywood, Montana
Phyllis and husband Marc Driscoll of Bozeman, Montana
2 sons - Larry and wife Noreen Freund of Sacramento, Calif.
Ricki and wife Jacqie Freund of Fremont
daughter-in-law - Susan Freund of Fremont
14 grandchildren
31 great grandchildren



Wednesday, April 14th, 2010, has been set as the date for a benefit dinner and auction to be held in Westby for Pastor Barb Westhoff to help defray travel and medical expenses. Barb has a progressive kidney disease and will undergo dialysis until a kidney donor can be found.

A benefit account has also been established at Stockman's Bank in Plentywood and matching funds have been applied for through Thrivent.

Pastor Barb has served the Westby Lutheran Parish for nearly 25 years.

Further information will be available at a later date. Questions may be directed to any Westby Lions Club Member, Westby Lutheran Parish council member, or benefit committee member (Val Moore, Diann Kaul, Kim Rust, or Jandy Jorgensen).



I write this in hopes someone can diagnose what ails me. I don't believe it is serious, but I'm beginning to wonder.

The reality of the situation caught up with me when I walked into the bathroom the other day, looked in the mirror, and saw a Q-tip sticking out of my ear. Even I had to laugh, but I thought to myself "the kids are right, I am losing it!" I need to figure out just where things are going wrong here. I started by back tracking to see exactly when, why it still appeared, and for how long I had been wearing this new form of facial adornment. As best I could tell, it hadn't started to grow or mold, yet, so I was fairly confident it hadn't been more than a couple hours. In the past, I considered myself as one that kind of had things together and fairly well organized. I don't know that person any more so in hopes that there is help out there for me, I share "A glimpse into my life."

I seem to get out of bed without too much trouble (OK, maybe a little stiff, a few moans and groans escape) that morning and went to pour myself a cup of coffee. As I began to pour the coffee, I thought (which may be our first clue) how much coffee *should* I pour in the cup-a full cup (it gets cold before I finish it), 1/2 cup (but it's my first cup of the day!), 1/3 cup (that doesn't look like much!). Decisions come hard these days. I settled for 2/3 of a cup of coffee.

Next, I turn on the morning show. After a couple minutes, I pause it, and run to check my emails.

While checking my emails, the phone rings (those of you that know me, will find that hard to believe). I run to catch it, but have a hard time finding it, stumbling upon it on the fourth ring. Walk 40 laps in the house while talking on the phone, but manage to pull the ironing board out and get the iron hot and begin to unload the dishwasher. Hang up the phone-kind of hungry now-get water boiling for my morning poached egg (rummage in the fridge and can't find

what's left of the raspberries I had yesterday with my yogurt). Think I will take a quick shower. While drying off, I remember the water for the egg. Streak in to the kitchen. Phew! Just in time-kettle is not yet burned black-add more water and start it over (it's **hot** in here). Go back and brush my teeth, (I assume clean my ears and get some clothes on) and decide to sort clothes for washing. Ah, oh! Better go get that egg in the water and toast in the toaster oven. Put the egg in the water and put a few more dishes away out of the dishwasher-"did I get those clothes in the washing machine?" Back to the bathroom/laundry room to throw clothes in washing machine and think about what will be for dinner tonight. "I better run downstairs and get some meat out." Get to the kitchen (on my way downstairs) and find every cupboard door in the kitchen is open as well as the dishwasher door and an obsessive beeping coming from the toaster oven. "What in the world! Looks like a tornado hit." Harry Smith's voice comes booming through the speakers as the DVR has been paused for its maximum hour now. Close cupboard doors, dish up egg, butter toast, sit down, inhale food, stand up, clear the table, run water in sink and finish unloading the dishwasher. (Finally, finished my first task of the day. Could staying focused be issue number two?) "Wonder what Danny's to have for lunch today?" Check in the fridge to see what can be warmed up that hasn't started to grow too much green fuzzy stuff. Satisfied the left over enchiladas will do, but once again think, "Did I take out that hamburger?" Phone rings ("man, I'm hot!"). Run around like a chicken with my head cut off looking for the handset ("I'm really hot!"). After four rings the answering machine picks up and I finally locate the phone under a pile of ironing in the laundry/bathroom and check the message. Return phone call and handle a little WDC business, but can't find notes from last meeting with telephone numbers for confirming Prairie Fest events. (Memory loss, too, seems to be a factor.) Look through piles on my desk for WDC notes and resume checking emails. Answer request to sub, send Tracy an update on the upcoming issue of *the Border News* and delete a dozen forwards. Better check on those clothes.....and that's when it happened. I returned to the laundry/bathroom and there before my eyes was a protrusion from my right ear.

I did a double take and started to laugh (you have to laugh or you cry). Of course, the washer **had not** been started. Something else is nagging in the back of my mind. I don't remember taking any meat out-I'm hot!- did I turn on the iron?-I think I left my curling iron on-where is the phone?-I'm hot!-what did happen to those raspberries?- is the washing machine actually running?.....

If there is a known cure for what ails me please send help, and fast. (Danny's begging you!)

I chose a fun, family friendly recipe to share this time, along with a companion recipe made from kitchen staples that is as tasty as it is easy and convenient. The crust recipe is for a bread machine, but may be mixed in a bowl.

CALZONES

Dough recipe:

- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 2 1/4 tsp yeast (1 package)

Put ingredients in bread machine using dough setting. Prepare favorite filling ingredients: brown sausage, chop and lightly saute fresh vegetables (red and green peppers, onions, mushrooms).

Other options may include olives, pepperoni or any combination of above.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly beat 1 egg and add 2 Tablespoons grated parmesan cheese.

Roll dough to jelly roll size for 1 large calzone or split into 4 pieces for individual ones and roll out. If desired sprinkle with Italian seasoning. Spread center third (short way) with filling ingredients. Fold one side to cover filling, brush with egg mixture. Fold other side over first side and pinch to enclose top and sides. Brush entire calzone with egg mixture. Bake at 350 for 30 min. Serve with pizza sauce.

When making pizza or Italian sub sandwiches it is usually last minute and invariably I have everything, but the pizza sauce. Web searching brought me this great homemade version from an entertaining little site (www.cookingdebauchery.com) full of all kinds of tasty recipes and ideas.

Quick Pizza Sauce

- 1 can crushed tomatoes
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 generous teaspoon each: dried oregano and basil
 - 1/2 teaspoon each: dried thyme and sage
 - 3 large cloves of garlic, crushed
 - 1/2 scant teaspoon salt or to taste
 - Pinch sugar
 - 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- Rub the herbs between your hands, crushing them finely. Mix together in a microwave safe bowl and heat for 15 seconds or until fragrant. Mix into the sauce along with the rest of the ingredients. Taste and adjust salt & sugar as necessary.

Use immediately, refrigerate for up to two weeks or freeze for up to three months.

AUTHOR'S NOTES:

[1] *Crushed tomatoes should not be too watery, the finished sauce should have the consistency of slightly thick pancake batter, poreable but not gloopy. If your tomatoes are too watery, drain them and reserve the liquid. If you have drained a lot of water, you might need to use two cans.*

[2] *I prefer Mexican oregano not Greek, but either will work.*

[3] *I like to start out with a 1/4 teaspoon of salt and adjust. Removing salt is pretty hard.*

*Hope you Enjoy
for
LIFE IS GOOD! (I think)*

NIELSEN'S EFFORTS SEND HIM TO DC



Westby High School senior Taylor Nielsen is the 2010 winner of Sheridan Electric Cooperative's essay contest. The topic for this year's contest was:

"Identify and describe the key qualities of leadership that are important to young adults, and explain where today's young leaders should be focused."

According to Dennis Bratlien of Sheridan Electric Co-op, Taylor's essay was chosen from among the many received from all schools within the co-op's territory including Bainville, Culbertson, Poplar, Scobey, Froid, Plentywood, Medicine Lake, Grenora, and Westby.

Winning the contest earns Taylor the right to travel with 40 fellow students from Montana, North Dakota and one from Idaho, on an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC in June where they will join 1600 students from all over the nation for a fun filled educational week of sightseeing with one day set aside for members of the contingency to spend time with their state's representative and senators.

Having had the pleasure of escorting a former youth group on this trip of a lifetime, Mr. Bratlien stated, "I was honored to be a part of this great group of young adults. We could not have found a better bunch of kids to represent our co-op or our state. My wife and I enjoyed it every bit as much as the kids did."

Taylor, whose parents are Eric and Cindy Nielsen, will speak at Sheridan Electric's annual meeting this fall on his experience and what the trip to Washington DC meant to him.

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Olaf Hammer



Our Spotlight

In keeping with thoughts of upcoming reunions and Westby's centennial may we present snippets from the halls of WHS and days gone by:

CLASS OF 1958

Norma Jensen, Donna Mae Krowen, Delores Alvstad, Renetta Christensen, Wandalee Rice, Richard Johnson, Norman Moore, Yvonne Gjesdal, Patricia Rasmusson, Hans O. Hanson, Darrold Ferguson, Larry Freund, Darlene Lagerquist

CLASS HISTORY

In the fall of 1954, 15 boys and girls began their first days of high school at Westby. They were Renetta Christensen, Sylvia Dahlin, Darrold Ferguson, Larry Freund, Darlene Lagerquist, Larry Lagerquist, June Holst, Hardy Hansen, Donna Mae Krowen, Yvonne Gjesdal, Wanda Rice, Patricia Rasmusson, Norman Moore, Richard Johnson and Norma Jensen.

At the end of our freshmen year Sylvia Dahlin left us to go to Breckenridge, Minnesota. Delores Alvstad transferred from Florence to continue her education here. Hardy Hansen transferred for his junior year to Plentywood, but came back to finish his senior year in Westby. June Holst and Larry Lagerquist discontinued their education at the end of the junior year.

The freshmen class officers were as follows: President, Wanda Rice; Vice President, Darrold Ferguson; Secretary, Sylvia Dahlin; and Treasurer, Norma Jensen. Our class advisor was Mr. Tolle.

In our sophomore year at Westby High the following were elected class officers: President, Norman Moore; Vice President, Larry Freund; Secretary Norma Jensen; and Treasurer, Renetta Christensen. Our class advisor was Mr. Shephard.

During our junior year the following officers were elected: President, Norman Moore; Vice President, Richard Johnson; Secretary, Norma Jensen; and Treasurer, Renetta Christensen. Mr. Urness was chosen our class advisor. Our junior class play was

“Tomboy”. The theme for our prom and banquet was “Oriental Gardens”.

This year our group reached their final destination with an enrollment of 13 students. The class play, “People vs. Maxine Lowe”, was presented last November. Our class officers are: Norma Jensen, President; Donna Mae Krowen, Vice President; Delores Alvstad, Secretary; and Renetta Christensen, Treasurer. We chose Mr. John Tilton as our class advisor.

We are now looking forward to the senior trip, Baccalaureate and Commencement.

WESTBY RANGERS

The 1957-58 Westby Rangers team was coached by Les Christen. Playing guards for the Rangers were Warren Solberg and Norman Moore, with center Larry Freund and forwards Boyde Galgerud and Gene Gunderson. Other team members included Jerry Jerde, Loren Lagerquist, David Rogstad, Ronnie Chaffee and Marvin Mickelson. Hardy Hansen was manager. The team schedule included match-ups with Outlook, Peerless, Flaxville, Opheim, Portal, Medicine Lake, Antelope, Fortuna, Wildrose and Noonan.

CLASS OF 1959

Sharon Hanson (Hans): “It’s a woman’s world and I like it!”

Bonnie Nelson (Bonstance): “Love is dream, gosh I’m sleepy.”

Sharon Nelson (Tootie): “She’s got her interests, but not in school!”

Donald Seyfert (Don): “Quiet until you know him.”

Robert Jensen ((Bob): “I’ll get there slowly, but surely.”

Ronald Chaffee (Ronnie): “I live for fun and fun I have.”

Ronald Moore (Ikko): “There’s room at the top, but who wants to climb?”

Gary Alvstad (Allspeed): “The less I learn, the less I have to remember.”

Excerpts from 1959 Class history:

Those elected for the junior class officers; Don Seyfert, president; Ronnie Chaffee, vice president; Sharon Nelson, Treasurer; and Sharon Hanson, secretary. In the spring of this year we had our junior class play, “Mama’s Baby Boy.” Also we had our Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet using “Fairyland Romance” as our theme. This year Mr. Christian was appointed as our class advisor.

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OLSON HONORED WITH STAR QUILT

At the 2-C Boy's District Tournament held in
Wolf Point over the weekend of February 11-13,
Westby freshman Brady Olson was honored with
a star quilt during this traditional ceremony held
prior to the championship game on Saturday
night. The quilt was given by Keith Belgarde, a
sophomore at Brockton High School and a

member of the
Warrior's basketball
team.

Brady is pictured
with his parents,
Shari & Kelly Olson,
and Keith Belgarde
and his Mother.



Book Club

January Book Club

Hostess: Karen Meyer

James Madison

Author: Various

By Arlene Hove

Lorna Lagerquist is the founder and coordinator of our book club. Since it can be very difficult to select a Presidential book that everyone will enjoy, she suggested that we all select our own. James Madison was next on the list and we ended up with some varied choices, some rather easy to read and some in the not-so-easy-to-read category. All in the same, we unearthed some long forgotten facts about our fourth President.

Eileen's book described Madison as "an unimpressive little man with libraries in his brain". He has gone down in history as one of the founding fathers of our nation, the primary author of the Declaration of Independence, instrumental in the writing and passage of The Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments to the Constitution) and the Constitution of the United States. An interesting fact here. Did you know that when the Constitutional Convention convened at Independence Hall in Philadelphia on May 25, 1781 it was decided that the proceedings were to be secret and the windows of the Hall were nailed shut. Imagine these delegates, dressed in their wool suits, long silk stockings and powdered wigs in a windowless, airless room during the hottest summer Philadelphia had ever known!

It was during Madison's presidency that we entered into the War of 1812. In its infancy the U.S. military was sorely unequipped to fight England, then the strongest country in the western world, but the U.S. persevered against great odds. Like all wars in our history, this war was extremely unpopular with the populace of our newfound nation but in the end it guaranteed our inalienable rights as a sovereign nation forevermore.

We cannot remember James Madison without remembering his wife, Dolly, surely one of the most beloved and influential first ladies in history. Did you remember that while the White House was burning, set afire by the British in the War of 1812, Dolly grabbed the canvass of the famous painting of George Washington right out of its frame, for the frame was screwed to the wall, and fled the burning building?

James Madison was plagued by poor health for most of his life but lived to be 85 years of age. At the age of 43 he married Dolley Payne Todd and together they had no children. Dolley had a son from a previous marriage, Payne, who was a drifter, gambler, heavy drinker and a schemer. Following the death of James Madison in 1836, Dolley was forced to sell their beloved Montpelier in order to pay her son's gambling debts! After 140 years in private hands, Montpelier is now owned by the National Trust.

James Madison served two terms as President and is probably not remembered as one of the greatest presidents in history but, for all he accomplished in his long life, he should be.

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(Continued)

Another quilt from days gone by has re-surfaced. Although it was not lost, probably safe to say this quilt top was forgotten by most and unknown to many. Karla Christensen scrounged through a plastic tote, stored at the Community Center, and all that remains of a now defunct homemakers group to find this keepsake. The quilt consists of 24-15 inch blocks with half of them containing the signatures and birthdays of members of the Daneville-Westby Homemakers in 1946 & 1947. The remaining squares are made from fabric with the club's flower, the Morning Glory, on it.

Karla, who had been a member of the homemaker's club in later years, salvaged a little club history from the tote, as well:

The Daneville-Westby Homemaker Club was organized on June 5, 1936 and the first meeting was held at Daneville School # 1. The purpose for the group was "getting acquainted and assisting each other in the profession of homemaking".

Charter members include Mrs. Thorvald (Maria) Nelson, Mrs. Elmer (Jennie) Freund, Mrs. Hans (Louise) Madsen, Mrs. John (Christine) Freund, Mrs. Vernon (Minnie) Kittelson, Mrs. Jonas (Amy) Jepsen, and Mrs. Walter (Caroline) Olesen. Before the end of the first year, the club would boast 16 members.

Maria Nelson was the first president, Louise Madsen the vice-president, with Jennie Freund as the secretary/treasurer. The club chose as their motto "Forward". The club colors were lavender and green with the morning glory as the club flower.

During the sixty plus years the Daneville-Westby

Homemakers were organized they tackled many subjects from lessons on pork slaughtering in the early days to stencil painting and jewelry making in later years.

Community service projects were many. Remembering those serving in the military, immunization clinics, diabetes clinics, fire safety programs at school, visit nursing homes, and financial support for many local organizations, just to name a few.

Fund raising was also a major part of the club's business. Everything from candy and bake sales, and quilt and doll raffles to hat sales and "mystery boxes" were used to make money.

Having fun and enjoying each other's company was really what it was all about. Birthday parties and Christmas gift exchanges were held. Humorous stunts, hilarious Halloween parties and potluck picnics (only baked beans and cakes showed up for one) were fondly remembered. For the ever popular husband's party, one member had to put the beds in the basement to make room for the party.

"Sing, Smile, and Pray the Clouds Away" became the group's theme song, but their chant was "We are not just 'Housewives', we are 'HOMEMAKERS'".

Hannah Raaum is the only surviving member of the signature group on this quilt. The Daneville-Westby Homemaker's quilt top will be on display at the We Bee Quilters quilt show at Prairie Fest 2010.



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to donate new pillows to go along with the pillowcases for family services may contact Arlene or bring them to the Community Center.

The "million pillowcases" challenge is for anyone who is willing to participate. More information and patterns may be found at allpeoplequilt.com.

KEEP ME IN YOUR PRAYERS

I had my surgery on January 5, 2010 - 6 hour surgery in the early a.m. I stayed at the Billings Clinic until the a.m. of the 13th, at which time I was taken by private ambulance to the Plentywood Hospital and I was there until the 18th of January. At which time, I've been recuperating at Dad's house in Westby. I could be facing 6 -8 months recuperation. I have an appointment with Dr. Hurd on Wednesday, February 10th. I am hoping that I don't have an infection. I am allergic to the skin barrier, the paste, and the appliances that I adhere to my skin. I am trying to find something else that is skin sensitive. Not having much luck. I am broke out in a terrible rash and I have blisters around the stoma area.

Please keep us in your prayers!

Elgene Tommerup Smith

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