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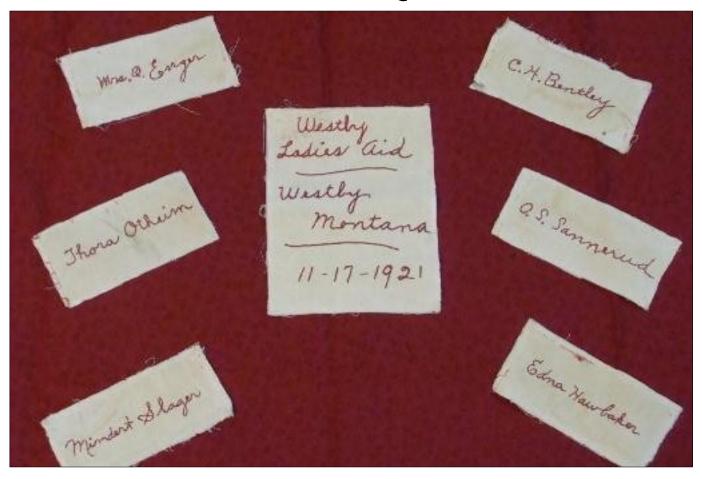
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MYSTERY QUILT



Signature blocks from the 1921 mystery quilt. Mystery Quilt story begins on Page 6.



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I think most of the tears have been dried and by now, much of the purple and gold tucked away for another year. Not being much of a football fan, until about this time of year, much of what I know, which is little, about the Vikings playoff game is hearsay and snippets of news reporters who can't wait to jump on the bandwagon with their commentary of what Mr. Quarterback, Brett Favre, should or mostly, shouldn't have done. The poor guy had a phenomenal year, got beat to a pulp during the playoff game and it was all about what he would 'a, could 'a, should 'a done to win the game. Anyway, that is my take on it and I know NOTHING, so don't quote me, but I did come away with the idea the Vikings will not, I repeat, not, be in the Super Bowl.

As long as there is still going to be a Super Bowl, I really don't care who plays. Before we go to our annual Super Bowl Party I try to brush up a little bit on the facts like first off, "Who is playing?" And I try not to ask more than a half dozen times, "Which color is which again?" On occasion, I have studied up enough to know the name of a quarterback. Probably don't know for which team and most certainly have no idea what they do, but sounds kind of good when I throw out there "Was that Brett that made the tackle?" Oh, yea, Brett won't be there. I'll have to learn a new name.

Anyway, I only go for the social part and the food, of course. And I mean food. Generally we have enough for one, if not both, of the competing teams post Super Bowl parties, besides the 30 or so attending our function. It is quite a spread and we seem to graze the entire four to five hours we are there. *I love football!*

Here are a couple appetizers you may enjoy at your Super Bowl gathering. The first is one Eileen brought to a little surprise 60th birthday party (Happy Birthday, Gayle!) the other night. It brought rave reviews.



MINI SALSA BITES

1-8oz cream cheese, softened

1-3oz cream cheese softened

1/3 cup thick and chunky salsa

2 eggs, lightly beaten

½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese

2 Tbsp chopped ripe olives

2 Tbsp chopped green olives

1 clove garlic, minced

1 Tbsp chopped green onion

½ cup sour cream

2 Tbsp fresh parsley, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously spray 24 small muffin tins or line with mini muffin cups. In med bowl stir cream cheese until smooth. Add salsa and eggs, stir until well blended. Stir in cheeses, add olives, green onion and garlic and stir until blended. Divide batter among muffin cups. Bake 15-18 minutes or until set. Let cool in pan 5 minutes. Remove to cooling rack. Garnish each cup with a dab of sour cream and sprinkle with chopped parsley.

This quick little starter is a Paula Deen recipe Beatie had at a recent gathering. Very tasty and can be made up ahead of time.

BACON WRAPS

1 cup grated Parmesan cheese 2 tsp garlic salt or powder 12 slices bacon

24- 4 ½ inch sesame bread sticks

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix Parmesan cheese with garlic salt or powder in shallow bowl (big enough to fit length of bread stick) and set aside. Cut the slices of bacon in half so that each is approximately 5 inches long. Spiral one piece of bacon around each breadstick, starting at one end of breadstick and finishing at other end (bacon adheres to sesame breadsticks better than plain ones). Place on cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Continue process until all bread sticks have been wrapped. Bake approximately 15 minutes, or until bacon is browned or desired doneness. Remove from cookie sheet and immediately roll bacon wraps in cheese mixture. Let cool and serve at room temperature. NOTE: I could not find short breadsticks so I used 9-10 inch breadsticks and full slice of bacon. I baked mine closer to 25 minutes or until bacon was crisp. This last recipe is heavenly and makes a perfect gift for the special valentine in your life or could seal the deal as a fabulous finish for your Valentine Day Din-



I was very happy when Beatie showed up at my door with a plate full of these beautiful lacey Italian cookies. Reminiscent of almond roca candy-you and your valentine will love them.

FLORENTINES

2 cups sliced almonds, chopped 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons grated orange zest 3/4 cup sugar 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, cut into pieces

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, cut into pieces 1/3 cup whipping cream

2 tablespoons honey

8 ounces bittersweet or semisweet chocolate chips

Position the rack in the center of the oven and preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a heavy large baking sheet with parchment paper. Stir the almonds, flour and zest in a medium bowl. Stir the sugar, butter, cream, and honey in a heavy medium saucepan over medium heat until the sugar dissolves. Bring the mixture to a boil. Remove the pan from the heat. Stir in the almond mixture. Cool the batter for 20 minutes. stirring occasionally. Using 2 teaspoons of batter for each cookie, spoon 8 mounds of the batter onto the prepared baking sheet, spacing evenly apart (the cookies will spread). Flatten the batter slightly with your finger. Bake the cookies until they are lacy and golden brown, about 10 minutes. Gently slide the parchment paper with the cookies onto a rack and cool completely. Transfer the cookies to paper towels. Repeat with the remaining batter, lining the baking sheets with clean parchment for each batch. (The cookies can be made up to this point 2 months ahead. Cool completely, then store airtight in the freezer. Defrost before continuing.) Stir the chocolate in a bowl set over a saucepan of simmering water until the chocolate melts. Spread the melted chocolate over the bottom of 1 cookie. Top with a second cookie, bottom side down, pressing lightly to adhere. Repeat with the remaining cookies and chocolate.

ENJOY

For

LIFE IS GOOD!

MYSTERY QUILT

According to *quiltingpassion.com* a Mystery Quilt is a quilting project that remains a mystery up until the time the quilt is finished or until the participants figure it out. A time limit to finish is generally set with a maximum time being one year and an ideal time being two months or less.

Well, this mystery quilt has already exceeded the year time limit, may be yet another year before the delicate squares are put back in place, and, when it is all said and done, the mystery of all may never be solved. Sometime in the fall of 2007, Lorna Lagerquist, as member of the local quilt guild, was searching the cupboards in the conference/exercise room in the Westby Community Center for a little space to store some quilt patterns the We Bee Quilters had won in a national contest. As she rummaged through yellowed papers, brown paper bags, and boxes of mostly obsolete material from long forgotten clubs and organizations, call it fate, luck, or whatever you wish, but there in the corner she spotted it. A most unpretentious treasure of Westby history in the form of a wadded up, tattered and faded, long, long forgotten quilt. Lorna exclaimed, "When I found it, I couldn't believe my eyes. I couldn't imagine where it came from, how long it had been there or who would have so nonchalantly discarded such a piece of history. I knew we had to preserve it."

Lorna took the forlorn little bundle home to decipher and salvage what she could of the mysterious quilt. The quilt, approximately 5 ½ X 7 feet, was badly in need of repair. Much of the embroidered threads were rotten and the alternating solid red cotton squares had started to disintegrate as well as the red borders on either side. Lorna and her husband, Bob, painstakingly disassembled the 433 pieces all the while drawing an exact replica to scale, so the treasure could be put back together just as it had been discovered. The pattern includes 36 rows of 2 ½ X 5 inch blocks surrounding a larger center square which gives the biggest clue, to the origins of the quilt.



The center block is hand stitched "Westby Ladies Aid, Westby, Montana, 11-17-1921". The blocks, which weren't of red cotton, held signatures of what is assumed were ladies aid members and their families. Men, women and children had signed them, 216 in all, and each signature was embroidered in red on a natural muslin cloth. To finish it, every other square was tied with tan wool thread. Although both Bob and Lorna were excited about the project, it was very tedious and because the wool batting was so old and dusty, it was very hard to work on for any length of time.

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CLASS OF 1946

Gladys Espeland, Richard Espeland, Fern Pedersen, Clifford Meyer, Kenneth Keldsen, Mae Kvalen, Audrey Lininger, Eugene Bundt, Lucille Danielson, Ann Marie Ward, Howard Madsen, Lorraine Olson, Ruby Freund, Glee Garber, Melvin Hellegard, Wilda Galgerud, Richard Pulvermacher, Howard Nielsen, Maxine Faye Mc Kay, Ruby Madsen, Marlowe Haugen.

SENIOR PROFILES

Eugene Bundt

Eugene Bundt was born May 11, 1928, at Shelby, Montana. He is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 156 pounds. His eyes are hazel and his hair is brown. He is American of German descent. His favorite drink is chocolate malt; food, chicken; color, red; song, "Personality". Eugene's favorite pastime is sleeping, and his pet aversion is girls. (ahem)

E-B----Everlasting Batty

Ann Marie Ward

Ann Marie Ward was born April 15, 1929, at Westby, Montana. She is 5 feet 4 inches tall and has brown hair and brown eyes. She is American of Swedish descent. Her favorite drink is water; food, chicken; color, white; song, "Some Sunday Morning". Ann's favorite pastime is sleeping, her pet aversion is conceited people, and she plans to be a nurse.

A-M-W----A Mystic Wanderer

CLASS OF 1947

Myrtle Andersen, Richard Moore, Vernice Ward, Colin Bowman, Elton Tangedal, Arthur Bartnes, Carol Rice, Fergus Nygaard, Dolores Johnson, Wallace Wirtzberger, Imogene Wirtzberger, Kenneth Lovelace, Richard Osksa, Stanley Nelson, James Rice, Erwin Olson, Vivian Bjorgen, Robert Andersen, Ione, Andersen

SENIOR PROFILES

Vivian Bjorgen

Vivian Bjorgen was born June 2, 1928, at Westby, Montana. She is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 129 pounds; she has brown hair and blue eyes. Vivian is American of Norwegian descent. Her favorite drink is grape pop; food, mashed potatoes; color, blue; gem, diamond; flower, red rose; sport, swimming; song, "Rainbow at Midnight". Her favorite movie actress is Greet Garson; actor, Robert Hutton; movie, "Son of Fury". Vi's pet aversion is gossipers; her favorite pastime is reading; her hobby is collecting pictures of movie stars. Her ambition is to a stenographer. Erwin Olson

Erwin Olson was born January 8, 1928, at Westby, Montana. He is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds; has brown hair and hazel eyes. Erwin is American of Swedish and Norwegian descent. His favorite drink is pop; food, chicken; color, blue; gem, diamond; sport, basketball; song, "The Old Lamplighter". His favorite movie actress is Gene Tierney; actor, Dennis Morgan; movie, "The Five Sullivans". His pet aversion is girls! His favorite pastime is driving.

CLASS OF 1948

Sherman Ekness, Kathryn Ferguson, Dorothy Haugen, Carol Bakke, Marcia Hanson, Charles Mangel, Robert Leininger, Bernice Leininger, Marjorie Ward, Marvel Freund, Darrel Nordhagen, Kathleen Bervik, Maxine Swartz, Claire Bjorgen, Kenneth Leininger, Marilyn Onstad, Gloria Nielsen, Dorothy Bundt, Ferne Moore, Earl Helseth

SENIOR PROFILES

Earl Helseth

Earl Helseth was born February 24, 1930, at Westby, Montana. He is 5 feet 71/2 inches tall and weighs 127 pounds; he has brown hair and blue eyes. Earl is American of Norwegian and German descent. His favorite food is steak; drink, seven-up; color, black; gem, agate; flower, orchid; sport, softball; song, "Deep Purple". His favorite movie actor is Burt Lancaster; actress, Ann Sheridan; movie, "Thank Your Lucky Stars". Helseth's pet aversion is disagreeable people; his hobby is collecting dance tickets and his favorite pastime is driving around. His ambition is to be a musician.

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WDC Minutes

January18, 2010

The regular meeting of the Westby Development Corporation was held January18th, 2010, at the community center President Al Joyes called the meeting to order at 7:40 with board members Jody Lagerquist, Brenda Ryals, Leann Westgard, Kolby Ruggles and Cyndie Paulson present.

The Treasurer's financial report was presented. Previous balance was \$7,895.26 with a new balance of \$8,700.38. Paid out bills: property tax on vacant lot of \$7.88, Steve Ekness \$239.00-web site domain etc, Jump 'n Fun Inflatables deposit (PF) \$100.00. Received in dues \$170.00 and \$582.00 from the beef raffle designated for Prairie Fest. With the Lion's \$200.00 donation for Prairie Fest our new balance is \$8,700.38.

Old Business:

MUSEUM:

Suzi was not present to give a report on her progress with Bill Dodge and the purchase of Gladys Wirtzberger's old place. WDC would like to move forward with museum as quickly as possible. Dennis Kittelson offered to head a 50/50 raffle for museum funding. WDC would like to visit with city council on legal issues, etc, and have a location pinned down before giving go ahead.

SHOOTING RANGE:

No report until spring.

WEB SITE

No report.

PRAIRIE FEST

July 10, 2010, is scheduled date of Prairie Fest. Two separate class reunions are being organized for PF weekend, the Westby and Comertown classes of 1946-1949 and the WHS classes of 1958-1962.

Val left her PF report with Brenda. She reported checking with "JUMP-N-FUN-INFLATBLES" on their price for face painting. Cost will be \$3.00-\$5.00 depending on design. The company is also checking on spray on tattoos which would work in nicely. Val's report noted the quilters have agreed to display their work and will reserve a place of their choosing.

Jean Williams has inquired to Val about setting up a booth to display and sell her mosaic art and furniture.

Brenda reported she still has not received the contract from "Ultimate Karaoke". Apparently there has been confusion with the mailing address and a new contract is in the mail.

Jody has gotten permission from SC Fair Board to use the shuttle for rides during PF.

Val noted she would contact Sheridan Electric about a customer appreciation day (PR) during Prairie Fest attempting to keep a rotating schedule with Nemont. Confirmed PF Events:

LION'S BREAKFAST

COMMUNITY CHOCOLATE/PIE CONTEST

JUMP-N-FUN INFLATABLES

FACE PAINTING

QUILTER SHOW

CITY TOUR/SHUTTLE RIDE

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LION'S BINGO

SHOOTING RANGE DEMO

BBC

ULTIMATE KARAOKE

Tentative Events: Sheridan Electric, Falcon Demo,

Hellegaard Trio

New Business:

Cyndie brought her fund raiser idea and material for the "Basket Social". Posters will be put up and the event is set for February 13th. Participants will bring a basket with food, drinks apparel, candles or whatever and it goes to the highest bidder. Due to the district tournaments the time has been set for 7:00 with bars and coffee to follow. WDC members will bring bars.

It was suggested a letter be put out to all WDC board members about the social and ask that members bring all PF updates and confirmations to the February meeting. Also, it was suggested the meeting contain a report from Steve on web site, from Suzi about museum and progress on meeting with community business leaders on PF input and help with event plus, Val report latest on communications with county commissioners on Crystal Bar status.

Meeting adjourned 8:35

Mystery Quilt (continued)



Some of the signatures were hard to make out, too, either because the thread was gone or the writing was illegible. Bob and Lorna spent hours researching the local historical Sheridan Daybreak books and questioned our oldest residents to fill in the blanks. All but two or three of the signatures have been identified and they are in hopes by the time the project is finished all the names will be fully restored.

The dismantling and identifying process was completed this past summer so when the We Bee Quilters resumed in September 2009, Lorna incorporated the help of her fellow quilt club members to re-embroider all the signatures. This is where the project stands now. Once this step is complete, new red cotton squares will be cut, as well as new backing and batting. The quilt will then be reassembled using the prepared diagram and finally the quilt will be tied with tan thread to restore this piece of history as close to the original as possible.

Lorna has made inquires, but has learned little of the 89 year journey of this forsaken little quilt. Although some of the signatures are recognizable (Dora Enger, P. G. Andersen), many appear unfamiliar (Mable Meyer, Mr. Miller, Rev A. O. Ness) and as far as her and Bob can tell, none of the 216 is alive or at least not living in Westby.

Regardless, if anyone is alive to relay its history, the lost, but now found little quilt has told quite a story all on its own. What a wonderful gift this will be to posterity and a showstopper for Westby's centennial in 2013.

Our Spotlight (continued)

Carol Bakke

Carol Bakke was born August 17, 1931 at Westby, Montana. She is 5 feet 1 inch tall and weighs 110 pounds. She has brown hair and green eyes. Carol is American of Norwegian descent. Her favorite drink, orange pop; food, pheasant; color, red; gem, ruby; flower, gardenia; sport basketball; song, "Hawaiian War Chant". Her favorite movie actress is Dianna Lynn; actor, Dana Andrews; movie, "The Spiral Staircase". Her pet aversion is slow people and her favorite pastime is driving. Carol's hobby is taking pictures and her ambition is to be a secretary.

CLASS OF 1949

Frances Moore, Loretta Wirtzberger, Carol Swartz, Clarence Yarslaski, Otto Bervik, June Andersen, Alice Nelson, Marlys Moore, DeLoris Helseth, Burton Rice, Earl Strand, Iona Wirtzberger, Jeanette Freund, Evelyn Bertelsen, Joan Andersen, Tommy Nordhagen.

SENIOR PROFILES

Iona Wirtzberger

Iona Wirtzberger was born October 6, 1931, at Westby, Montana. She is 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 99 pounds. She has brown hair and blue eyes. Iona is American of French and German descent. Her favorite drink is coffee; food, roast beef; color, red; gem, diamond; flower, lilac; sport, basketball; song, "I Want To Thank Your Folks". Her favorite movie actress is June Allyson; actor Humphrey Bogart; movie, "The Best Years of Our Lives". Iona's pet aversion is gossiping women; her hobby is dancing; favorite pastime is listening to the radio. Her ambition is to be a stenographer. Clarence Yarsloaski

Clarence yarsloski was born in Westby, Montana, on November 6, 1930. He is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 155 pounds. He has brown hair and blue eyes. Clarence is of Polish descent. His favorite drink is milk; food, chicken; color, purple and gold; gem, pearl; flower, gardenia; sport, football; song, "Baby Face". His favorite movie actress is Betty Grable; actor, John Wayne; movie, "The Best Years of My Life". Clarence's pet aversion is poison ivy; he has no hobby and his favorite pastime is working. His ambition is undecided.



New Approple

BABY GIRL

Makenzie Louise, was born to James and Zandy Ball of Case Lake, MN on January 5. She weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 inches long. She joins 3 year old brother Jaeden in the family home.

Grandparents are Jim and Kerry Ball, also of Case Lake. Jim and Sissy Witkowski, Medicine Lake, MT. And Great Grandparents Charles and Frankie Christy of Westby, Montana.

BABY BOY

Born to Luke and Emily Koterba a baby boy, Thomas Ray, on January 28th, 2010. Thomas weighed in at 10 pounds 2 ounces and was 22 inches long. Local Grandparents are Wayne and Vicki Koterba of Westby and Lorraine Koterba of the Plentywood Pioneer Manor. Big sister Ava and the rest of the Koterba family make their home in Fargo, North Dakota.

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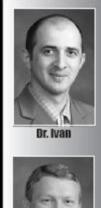
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- 1st HS Boys-3:45-6:00 (W), JH Boys-6:00-7:30 (W), HS Girls-4:00-6:00 (G)
- 2nd HS Boys-3:45-6:00 (W), JH Boys-6:00-7:30 (W), HS Girls-4:00-6:00 (G)
- 3rd HS Boys-3:45-6:00 (W), No JH Boys practice, HS Girls -4:00-6:00 (G)
- 4th JH Boys vs. Plentywood games will be at Westby at 5:30 & 6:30 HS Boys-3:30-5:00 (W), HS Girls-4:00-6:00 (G) & 6:30
- 5th BB @ Medicine Lake GJV-4:30 (tentative), GV-6:00, BV-7:30 Bus @ 2:30 (if GJV game)
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