



ELEVATOR PROGRESS SLOW, BUT STEADY

Mother Nature cooperated for much of the winter, but has proven once again you can take nothing for granted when it comes to weather in Northeastern Montana. Vigen Construction, the contractor for the new 960 thousand bushel elevator expansion, felt things were progressing quite well until this cold snap.

Although Al Wassener, construction superintendent, feels the work is still on schedule, there has been a definite set back with these sub zero temperatures. Much of the work, that can be done underground where the “dump pit”, the “boot” and the “reclaim tunnel” lie, has been completed. There is still some equipment to be installed below, but most of the work to be done now is out in the



Here is a picture of the area below ground that houses the workings of the elevator. Pictured with Danny are Al, job superintendent, on the right, and Jimmy, job foreman. They are standing next to one of the two dump pits.

elements, and even with the help of a piece of equipment known as a “ground thawer”, it is impossible to keep the ground thawed for long enough or far enough out to pour cement as planned.

Originally the “mat slab”, the area constructed to hold the 8 silos, was to be poured in one pour (1400 yards of cement). This area, which will be three feet thick, now has been partitioned in to four separate pours. When the weather is forecast to reach approximately 25 degrees for 24 hours, Sheridan

Ready mix will deliver cement continuously for 10-12 hours for each section. Although a cement plant was brought in from Fargo to assist, it could not be winterized enough for these conditions.

Mr. Wassener is in hopes the mat slab will be completed by sometime middle to late March. Forms are now being built to accommodate “the slip” which will become the walls of the silos to sit on the slabs. When they are ready to pour the slip, (middle to late March) a crew of 110 contract workers will be brought in just strictly for this part of the construction. These contract workers work around the clock in 12 hour shifts with the intent of finishing in approximately two weeks.

These workers will be housed in Plentywood at the motel. Thirty to forty additional Vigen construction workers are also brought in to assist in the most intense part of the building process.

If things progress as planned the new facility should be up and running by late fall. We will keep our fingers crossed that Mother Nature will cooperate, but I wouldn't bet the farm on it.

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BABY BOY

A son, Tage Daniel, was born to Justin and Kolby (Sorenson) Carrier of Bozeman, MT on Wednesday, January 9 at 12:29 am at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings, MT. He weighed 1 lb 11.5 oz and was 12 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Mike and Robin Ross of Plentywood and Perry and Laura Sorenson of Billings. His paternal grandparents are Kent and Dara Carrier of Bozeman and Honey and Leo Eppler and Frankie Carrier of Walhalla, ND.

CARDS AND PRAYERS

Marlys (Nordhagen) Marsh recently underwent back surgery in Billings and is in the extended care unit. Cards may be sent to:

St. Vincent's Hospital
Rm 610
1101 N 27th St
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Curtis Andersen has recently been diagnosed with colon cancer and has started chemotherapy treatments in Billings. Cards and well wishes may be sent to:

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As seen above...

This picture was taken in December from an airplane. It shows the construction site with Westby in the background.





Thank you to all who attended the memorial service for Enid Elm on December 18th.

The open doors at Immanuel Lutheran Church and the warm, soothing words of Pastor Barb were especially appreciated. Thank you to all for your kindness and support.

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I'm so excited, we're heading to California next week to see our little grandbaby and it's about time! He is already 4 months old and weighs twice as much as he did the last time we saw him. Time goes so fast and it is a shame we live so far away, but we will make the best of it and spoil him rotten while we can and of course, I'll bring back pictures. Which brings to the point, we will be in California when the next paper is scheduled to come out, and therefore I will need to postpone it one week. Meaning the last issue this month will come out the fourth week in February (February 25th) and since there are five Mondays in March we will publish on the second and fourth Mondays (10th and 24th) that month. I am sorry for any inconvenience, but I must keep my priorities straight!

I mentioned in the last issue the wonderful food I was exposed to while celebrating all the birthdays. I love potatoes so naturally one of my favorite things was the twice baked potatoes with caramelized onion. Caramelized onions will add a great mellow flavor to many dishes, so as long as you're cooking up a batch, make extra to have on hand to throw on a pizza or to compliment any burger or grilled steak.

Twice baked potatoes are great for entertaining because they can be made up ahead of time and popped in the oven just before dinner. They are also very flexible. If you choose to individualize them according to your family or guest's taste it can easily be done. Twice baked potatoes are another one of those dishes where the sky's the limit as far as add ins and combinations of flavors so what's not to like.

Caramelized Onion-Stuffed Baked Potatoes

2-medium baking potatoes (approx 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (2oz) shredded Gruyere cheese,
 Divided

2 T sour cream
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp pepper

Bake potatoes, cut each potato in half lengthwise, scoop out pulp. Combine pulp, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cheese, sour cream, salt and pepper. Spoon mixture into potato shells.

Caramelized onions

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp butter
 2 tsp sugar
 2 cups vertically sliced onions
 2 T dry sherry
 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp dried thyme
 1 clove garlic minced

Melt butter, add onion and sugar. Saute until browned. Stir in sherry, Worcestershire sauce, thyme and garlic. Cook 1 min until liquid evaporates. Top each potato with 2 tblsp onion mixture and 1 tblsp cheese. Bake in 350 degree oven until thoroughly heated. Serves 4. Blue cheese is very good, also.

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This week's memorable cook, like Cher and Madonna, needs only her first name to be recognized across two states and that may be speaking conservatively. She is a legend in our country and one who will be remembered for generations to come. The original Paula Deen, you could never have too much butter or cream in any recipe. Yes, you know who I'm talking about. Virgie. She is a legend and her cooking and baking will never be forgotten.

I can't begin to say how many times I have sat around a table and heard someone say, "Do you remember Virgie's snowballs?" "Does anyone fry chicken like Virgie use to?" "How about those butter tarts? And those brownies she always made at the City Café." It was these conversations that inspired this "memorable cook" series.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, I felt it only fitting to showcase those famous brownies. We all know Virgie is a Westby icon and, I've learned, apparently so are these brownies.

All I really need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt!



Lucy Van Pelt in Peanuts by Charles M. Schulz

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VIRGIE'S BROWNIES



3 oz chocolate squares
1 cup butter
4 eggs
2 cups sugar
1 cup flour
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 ½ t vanilla
½ t soda

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt chocolate and butter in large saucepan. Cool. Beat eggs and sugar together and add to the cooled chocolate mixture, mix well. Add remaining ingredients and stir until incorporated. Pour into greased cookie sheet. Bake 20 mins, cool.

FILLING

2 cups powdered sugar
2/3 cup butter
1 cup heavy cream

Boil to softball stage, beat well and cool. Pour over brownies.

FROSTING

Melt 2 packages chocolate chips with 4 T cream and frost.

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:::A Day in the Life:::

Lynn (Tangedal) and Gene McGhan are the proud grandparents of Mia Juliet McGhan born Dec. 13th, 2007 in Richmond, Virginia. She is the second daughter of Matthew and Lisa McGhan, joining her sister Maegan and brother Matthew Wilson (Wils) at the family home. She is the great-granddaughter of Shorty and Yvonne Tangedal of Westby and Ilene McGhan of Crosby, ND.

Shorty and Yvonne Tangedal joined family members at Whitefish Mountain Resort for an after Christmas ski vacation. Local family who made the trip were Jerry and Kathy Tangedal and Ross, Ryan and Reanne, all of Plentywood; and Doug, Kendal, Jordan, and Logan Tangedal of Westby, Luanne Tangedal of Wolf Point, and Geno McGhan of Crosby. Also attending from Pflugerville, Texas, were Craig, Tracy, Hannah, and Jake Tangedal; and Lynn and Gene McGhan of Rathdrum, Idaho. While there, they celebrated Doug's 50th birthday and Shorty and Yvonne's 57th wedding anniversary.

Doreen Johnson hosted Jolly Twelve at the Westby Community Center January 14th. Progressive whist winners were: Shirley Quam-first and Renetta Westgard-second. Rose Frickson got low.

Christmas Eve supper guests at Teresa and Clifford Johnsons were Rose Frickson, Joan Killens, Ruth Brown, and Mike and Shannon Gebhardt and Cole.

New Year's Eve supper guests of Shannon and Mike Gebhard were Rose Frickson and Teresa and Clifford Johnson. Ruth Brown stopped in later for an evening of games.

New Year's Day supper guests at Teresa and Clifford Johnson were Shannon, Mike and Cole Gebhardt and Rose Frickson.

Teresa and Clifford Johnson also hosted a birthday supper for Ruth Brown on January 18th. Rose Frickson was a guest, along with Shannon, Mike and Cole Gebhardt.

Kenny Nordhagen and Elvis spent Christmas Eve and Christmas day at the home of his parents, Milo and Louise Nordhagen.

On New year's Eve Ruth Brown was a guest of Milo and Louise Nordhagen. On New Year's day they entertained Ruth Brown and Paul Nordhagen.

Daryl and Donna Sorenson and Mavis Weiler went to Billings and also to Denver recently to see the new "Little" addition to their family. Tage Daniel Carrier was born to Justin and Kolby(Sorenson) on January 9th, weighing only 1 pound and 12 ounces. He was flown to the Children's Hospital in Denver where he is in the NICU. He is the great-grandson of Mabel Sorenson, and grandson of Perry and Laura Sorenson of Billings, and Robyn and Mike Ross of Plentywood.

Jim and Mavis Weiler went to Fordville, ND to attend their grandchildren, Blake and Lexie Erickson's basketball games. While there, Kallie Erickson who is on the Lake Region State College Women's Basketball team was also home for a visit. Kallie's team will be playing in Williston on Wednesday, January 23rd.



Johnson

Roger H. Johnson, 75, a longtime Williston resident, died of cancer, Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at the Mercy Medical Center in Williston.

His funeral service was celebrated at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Williston. Rev. Morris Kirchof and Rev. Christopher Raiford officiated. Burial followed in the Riverview Cemetery in Williston.

Roger Herman Johnson was born on March 26, 1932, in Daneville Township, Divide County, N.D. to Herman F. and Ruth (Christensen) Johnson. He was baptized in Daneville and confirmed at Concordia Lutheran Church in Crosby. He was raised and educated in the Daneville and Crosby Schools. Roger served in the Army from 1952 until 1954.

Roger spent much of his adult life in the oil industry. He worked for Dresser-Atlas in Wyoming for a number of years before moving back to North Dakota where he worked for Westland Oil, Getter Trucking, and Black Hills (True Oil) in Williston. He later worked for Economart before retiring.

On Jan. 10, 1976, he was united in marriage to Gloria (Zeiler) Vestal at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Williston. He was a great father to her three children, whom he helped raise and loved dearly.

When he had time off, he loved to take his kids fishing. It was important to Roger to attend all of the children's school functions, especially band concerts. Roger was a simple man who enjoyed life and his family! Many friends were met attending area auctions. Roger looked forward to coffee visiting with friends and co-workers. You could always find him "putzing" around the yard and house.

Roger is survived by his wife, Gloria Johnson of Williston; a son, W. Dean Vestal (Laura) of Spring, Texas; a daughter, Gloria Jean Vestal (Joe Hinkley) of Alexandria, Va.; a granddaughter, Lisa Otteson (Wade Swanson), and great-granddaughter, Jacqueline Swanson, all of Williston; brothers, Virgil (Marvel) Johnson of Fargo, Glenn (Diana) of Underwood and Mark (Vickie) of St. Croix Falls, Wis.; his step-sisters and brother, Marian (John) Benter of Crosby and Marlys (Allan) Ekness of Westby, Mont., Alice (Jerry) Homestead of Yerington, Nev., Glen (Vicki) Lee of Crosby; an aunt, Veidja Christensen of Crosby; a cousin, Lila Raaum of Williston; and by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Jacqueline Milbrandt in 2004; brothers, DeMiles Johnson and Lyle Johnson; his step-mother, Luella (Lee) Johnson; and by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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McCall

It is with great sadness that our family announces the unexpected passing of Daniel Harold McCall on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008. Dan died of a massive heart attack doing one of his favorite things, skiing fresh powder at Red Lodge Mountain, and, as he would probably point out, he died with his "ski" boots on.

Dan is missed by his loving wife of 28 years, Cheryl Malia-McCall; and his son, John Arthun McCall, of Chicago. Dan is also survived by his mother, Eudora McCall of Plentywood; brothers Barry (Kathy) McCall of Brooks, Canada, Dennis (Janelle) McCall of Helena, Jeff (Lynn) McCall of Plentywood, Frank (Cathy) McCall of Belgrade, Randy (Linda) McCall of Missoula; and a sister, Claudette (Billy) Blue of Alabama. Dan will also be missed by many more, including his in-laws, Joe and Edith Malia; brothers-in-law, Rich and Don Malia; special nieces and nephews; and his extensive Malia family, as well as numerous skiing/golfing friends and associates. Dan was preceded in death by his father, William Sands McCall.

Dan was born in Plentywood, April 21, 1949. He was raised on a farm in the area and graduated from Westby High School in 1966. Dan then attended the University of Montana, graduating in 1971 with a degree in political science. After graduation, Dan worked a few years as an insurance salesman for Northwest Insurance, and later became a salesman for the Xerox Corporation. Beginning in 1984, Dan spent the next 15 years as a salesman of Capital Leasing at the following companies: IFG Leasing, Industrial Financial Corporation, finally continuing these services with his own company, Pacific Northwest Financial. After a serious car accident in 1999, Dan purchased ColorGlo International, which specializes in color restoration and repair of leather and vinyl.

Dan was a man of great determination and zeal for life. Everyone who met him loved his infectious smile, laugh, his great personality and sense of humor. His passions included skiing and golfing, but, most of all, his treasured times traveling to the Caribbean with Cheryl. Many wonderful memories were made at the McCall house, where family and friends gathered to take part in BBQs, Christmas celebrations and special family events.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Red Lodge Mountain Staff and also to his special skiing buddy, Charlie Bokum, and dear friends Kathy and David Munson of Red Lodge for being with him on his last day.

Dan had a caring and generous nature, so in lieu of flowers, we would be pleased if you would honor him by choosing to remember someone by an act of kindness. Memorials may be made to the Eagle Mount skiing and golfing program, 2822 Third Ave. N., suite 204, Billings, MT 59101; the Beartooth Playground Fund, 1345 Elaine Ave., Billings, MT 59105; or donations of your choice.

Cremation had taken place, and memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at St. Bernard's Catholic Parish, 226 Wicks Lane, Billings. "Uncle Harry," we will miss you as the fun-loving center of our family gatherings!

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Lutheran Parish February

5th – Bible Study Leaders meeting – 7PM
 6th Imm afternoon Circles BS – 1:30 PM, Ash Wednesday Services at Imm – 7:30 PM – Soup Supper
 8th – 9th – “What is Rural and Why does it Matter” (8th)9AM at Glendive EPEC Center, (9th) 9:30AM at Sidney Pella Church
 10th – WORSHIP – Imm – 10AM, SS – 11AM, Confirmation – 11AM, Coffee – Charity Circle, SJ – 11:30AM, SS – 10:30 AM
 12th – Charity Circle BS – 7:30 PM, IMF Meeting – 7:30PM
 13th – Lenten Service at St. John’s – 7:30 PM, Peace Circle serves
 15th – 16th – UMM Men’s Work Weekend – Epping, ND
 17th – WORSHIP – Imm – 10AM, SS – 11AM, Confirmation – 11AM, Coffee – Faith Circle, SJ – 11:30AM, SS – 10:30AM, UMM Annual Meeting – 2PM Gloria Dei – Williston

UPCOMING EVENTS February

4th – Grades 5 & 6 to Froid for Music Festival
 5th – 9th – Boys’ District BB Tournament in Wolf Point
 7th – 8th – Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
 7th – 9th – Girls’ District BB in Tioga
 9th – JH Boys Tournament at Fairview
 11th – HS Girls & Boys BB players to Teton game, JH Boys Tournament at Fairview

- MS FB – Middle School Football •
- V FB – Varsity Football •
- JV FB – Junior Varsity Football •
- VB – Volleyball •



50th Anniversary

A 50th wedding anniversary celebration was held for Larry and Doris Leininger of Billings at the Shriners on Dec. 30. Their 3 sons and families, Lance of Poway, CA, Tim of Grangeville, ID, and Dean of Billings, hosted the event.

Guests attending from Westby were Bob and Dottie Leininger (Bob was the bestman), Marvin Nelson (the groomsman), and Warren and Eileen Overgaard (Eileen was the junior bridesmaid). Darcee and Earl Jantzi of Ontario, Canada also attended before returning to their home after spending Christmas with her parents, Warren and Eileen.



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