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KOTERBA OPENS DISCUSSION FOR CITY GROWTH

On Monday, January 23rd, the Westby Development Corporation held a teleconference meeting with Luke Koterba (WHS 1999) to discuss a possible housing project for the Westby area.



Koterba is an accountant for a real estate development company out of Fargo. The company has projects in the surrounding area giving Koterba the idea Westby may be in need of an expansion project as well. Because of his strong ties to the Westby area he is more than willing to lend his expertise to its citizens to help make this happen. Besides the WDC board, Jeff Ekness representing the City Council and other interested members of the community were present. The increased need for housing in and around the area has been identified due to an influx of law enforcement (Border Patrol and Sheridan County Sheriff Department) personnel, oil field and oil -

field related service workers, thus prompting the discussion. It is also felt, the need may allow for possible investment opportunities for interested individuals. After much discussion, the members present chose to see any efforts by this

group directed towards family dwellings-namely duplexes, larger 2-3 bedroom apartments or modular homes.

Besides the size of the dwellings, other issues to be addressed by interested parties would be: 1). obtain private investors, 2). where to build? 3). who would manage the units once they are completed? 4). an exit strategy once the oil boom has subsided.

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A virtual run in honor of missing Sidney teacher Sherry Arnold is being organized by Beth Risdon, University of Denver and a cousin of Arnold's. Risdon's idea was to pick a time, no matter where you live; all could participate to show support of the immediate family. Because Arnold and her husband took many walks together, he felt it important not only runners, but walkers and even bicyclers should be included.

The event has been scheduled for Saturday, February 11 at 9 a. m. MST. A group in Westby is geared up to show their support and is encouraging any who wish to join them to congregate at the school cafeteria for registration beginning at 8:00 AM. Weather permitting, the virtual run will be held outdoors with the school gym as an alternate spot.

For more information on the virtual run or to print off a running bib, please see

www.shutupandrun.net/2012/01/virtual-run-for-sherry-arnold-february.html

Running bibs will be available at the school cafeteria, as well. New Century Ag will be sponsoring muffins and juice for the event. A free will offering will be taken for Sherry's family.

Questions contact Val Moore

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NEW FFA CHAPTER HAS GOOD SHOWING



Pictured: Abby Westgard, Kayla Rust, Waylon Garman, and Makayla Westgard

On Monday, January 16, the newly formed FFA team of Abby Westgard, Makayla Westgard, Kayla Rust, and Waylon Garman attended the Big Muddy FFA Sales, Service and Farm Business Management Competition in Culbertson. The team of Westby students is eligible to be members of FFA because they are taking Vo-Ag classes via the Nelson Agricultural Academy Online.

Mr. Leroy Nelson from Opheim has devised the courses and is the instructor. The Westby students have taken a different agriculture courses each semester, among them, Crop Science, Farm Business Management, Animal Science, Veterinary Science, and Equine Science. The FFA Chapter they belong to is also known as the Nelson Agricultural Academy Online. Tammy Anderson is the Westby facilitator.

In Sales and Service individual competition Abby placed 4th and Kayla placed 10th. This involved selling an agriculture product to two judges who were posing as a client.

In Individual Farm Business Management, Waylon placed 7th on a 100 question written test.

The Team placed 7th in Sales and Service Team Competition. The team was judged on their ability to work together to sell an agriculture product to two judges with 20 minutes to prepare (preparation time was also judged).

This was an excellent showing for the Westby team's first FFA competition.

The group will be attending the Montana State FFA Convention in Bozeman the end of March.

Mr. Nelson was kind enough to bring jackets from Peerless High School for the girls to wear. Waylon was a member of FFA in Bainville as a freshman so he had a jacket.

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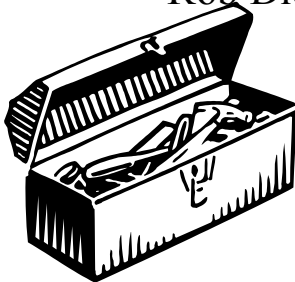
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I'm on another merry-go-round and can't get off. Not that I want to, I just sometimes wish I could put my foot down and slow it up, if just a bit. Having gone through years of things moving in only one direction-down, and people going in only one direction-away, it is hard not to embrace the change which now surrounds us (and, yes, I know it isn't all good). Along with change, comes opportunity and because for years we had neither change nor opportunity, I feel the need to make up for lost time and take advantage of all of it, if for no other reason, but community infrastructure improvements. Throw in the planning for a 100th birthday party and you can imagine the ride.

The Centennial plans are coming along nicely and we have had great turnout and support at the meeting. It is hard to believe, though, we are soon approaching the one-year-from-now mark and it is getting down to the nitty gritty. I encourage everyone to get on-line and register, get your recipes in for the cookbook and send your pictures in for the power point presentation. As we all know, the 2012 Westby Centennial will be here before we know it and the more we can get done ahead of time, the more enjoyable and relaxing it will be for everybody.

The fundraising for Immanuel Lutheran Church is progressing (close to \$60,000.00 at press time), but we have a ways to go to reach the first leg of our goal by March 18th. Several fund raisers are planned and the committee hopes to have some fun along the way with them. We just kicked off "The Cooks on Vacation" raffle on February 5th which promises to make the winning cook, or maybe I should say her (or his) family quite happy. Donations are still needed and appreciated and may be dropped off or mailed to the church office.

We had a most informative teleconference meeting with Luke Koterba at our last Westby Development meeting in regard to thoughts and suggestions to improve our housing situation. How fortunate we are to have a young alumni approach us with ideas, willing to share his knowledge and expertise because he is passionate about his hometown. We are digesting the information he has shared and plan a follow up meeting in March when Luke will travel to Westby for further discussion with any interested parties.

Well, that sums up my last couple weeks and as far as my ride goes, I'm not complaining, a full life is a blessed life and I'm truly blessed!

This cook seems to have been on vacation, but pulled a couple recipes out of my sister's repertoire.

This first recipe would be a delicious way to tell your Valentine, especially the little Valentines in your life, just how special they really are... first thing in the morning.

BLUEBERRY FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

1 (20-ounce) loaf bread, cubed
 1 8-ounce cream cheese, cubed
 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
 12 eggs, beaten
 2 cups milk
 1 tsp vanilla
 1 1/3 cups maple syrup
 Powdered sugar
 Maple or blueberry syrup for serving

Place half the bread cubes in a greased 9X13 pan. Layer cream cheese cubes evenly over bread. Sprinkle blueberries over top. Cover with remaining bread cubes. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, vanilla, and syrup. Drizzle the egg mixture evenly over the bread. Cover and refrigerate 2 hours or overnight; remove 30 minutes prior to baking. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake covered for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 25-30 minutes more, or until center is firm and top is golden brown. Lightly dust with powdered sugar. Serve with blueberry or maple syrup.

This little treat is easy enough even little hands can help, but special enough for any Valentine.

HOLIDAY S'MORES

16 chocolate graham crackers (5X2 ½ inch)

¾ cup butter

¾ cup firmly packed brown sugar

3 cups miniature marshmallows

1 cup Valentine M&M's

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line 15X10X1 inch jelly-roll pan with aluminum foil leaving a 1 inch overhang on ends; spray foil with non-stick cooking spray. Place graham crackers on to foil so sides touch. Melt butter and brown sugar in 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly, until smooth and mixture just comes to a boil (4-6 minutes).

Pour evenly over crackers, Bake for 5-6 minutes or until bubbly. Remove pan from oven; sprinkle with marshmallows. Continue baking until marshmallows begin to soften (2-3 minutes). Remove pan from oven, sprinkle with candy, Cool completely. Lift from pan using foil. Cut in to bars. Makes 36 bars.

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The Cook is on Vacation and what's a family to do? All in favor of eating out say, aye. Here's your chance-buy a ticket on "A Week of Dining Out" which includes gift certificates from different restaurants, night clubs, and bars in Sheridan County valued at \$350.00 graciously donated by the businesses themselves.

"The Cooks on Vacation" is a raffle being sponsored by the Immanuel Lutheran Church fundraising committee and tickets sell for \$10.00 a piece or three for \$20.00. The drawing will be held at the Immanuel Corn Beef and Cabbage Feed on March 17th and you need not be present to win.

A newly formed Building Committee is researching the possibility of a ground level addition with full handicapped accessibility as well as restoration of the basement at some functional level due to the devastating flood of 2011. A Fundraising Committee was established to explore the viability of reaching these goals.

The first step to our ultimate goal is raising \$100,000 by March 18th. At that time, it will be up to the building committee to make a presentation to the congregation so they can give direction and the authority to the committees to proceed with fundraising for the entire project-namely pledges and more fundraising ideas. A concrete decision will be made at this time about the fate of a handicap accessible facility. To date, over half of these funds have been raised....

.....But we have a ways to go, sooooo

A sure fire way to make any Valentine happy is to include a ticket or two in his or her Valentine Card this year. To purchase a ticket contact Pastor Barb, any church member or stop by Al's Meat, Prairie Kitchen or New Century Ag.

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By: Arlene Hove

The Man in the Iron Mask

Author: Alexandre Dumas
Hostess: Renetta Westgard

The following review is largely taken from the introduction and afterword of The Man in the Iron Mask.

This novel is the third and last volume of The Three Musketeers trilogy begun by Alexandre Dumas in the mid 1840's.

When The Man in the Iron Mask begins, in the year 1661, it has been a long time since the Musketeers Athos, Porthos, Aramis, and D-Artagnan met and sealed their encounter in words that would become a paean to friendship, youth, and adventure: "All for one and one for all!" When the four first met, the year was 1635 and Louis XIII sat on the throne of France. At that time the Musketeers were like so many young men from the provinces who had "come up to Paris" to make a name for themselves, impetuous youth with meager finances.

This last installment of the Musketeer cycle is set during the Musketeers waning years and in the years of Louis XIV's reign. They are now men of substance and means. Aramis is Bishop of Vannes and, secretly, superior general of the Jesuits; Porthos, the wealthy Baron de Vallon; Athos, the Comte de la Fere, living on his own estate with his son, Raoul; and D'Artagnan, the only one still in active service, is captain of the Musketeers, the King's personal guards.

The novel opens with Aramis's plot to overthrow King Louis. Aramis has his eye on the papacy and will stop at nothing to achieve his dreams and Louis stands in his way. He is about to reveal a secret which threatens Louis's monarchy - a secret locked away in the dungeon of the Bastille - the man in the iron mask.

A sub-plot of this drama is the king's lust for Louise, who is actually betrothed to Raoul. When Raoul asks the king to consent to their marriage, Louis refuses and sends Raoul to England. Henrietta is very much in love with the king and orders Raoul to return to Paris so that he can marry Louise and she will have the king to herself.

There are enough plots and sub-plots in this novel to keep your head spinning and we recommend that you first read The Three Musketeers, published in 1844, and Twenty Years After, published in 1845. If you are a lover of historical fiction this is the series for you, albeit an ambitious undertaking.

So who is the man in the iron mask? Did he ever really exist? While the answer to the first question is given by Dumas in this novel, to the second question he leaves us to our own devices and our propensity as readers to believe in events that thrill us, and in people who move us, even if we are not sure that they ever really existed.



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WESTBY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

January 23, 2012

The regular meeting of the WDC was held on Monday, January 23rd, 2012 at the New Century Ag Conference room. President Leann Westgard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with board members Nate Olson, Jody Lagerquist and Brenda Ryals, Val Moore, Kolby Ruggles and 3 guests present. The November minutes were approved and placed on file. Brenda Ryals gave the treasurer's report. The report was approved as read and placed on file. The WDC previous balance was \$11344.87. Bills paid were \$10.10 for listing on community calendar for a new balance of \$11334.77. The Border News previous balance was \$1954.27. Received in dues, subs, and papers sold - \$614.00. Paid out were – Tracy Johansen \$300.00, Val Moore \$300.00, and Postmaster \$332.00. New Balance is \$1636.27.

Old Business:

Museum – Jody Lagerquist reported a meeting is scheduled for the first part of February.

Shooting Range – Nate Olson reported he is working on a grant from the Sheridan County Community Foundation to cover some of the remaining expenses.

Web Site – Nate Olson presented different options available for starting and updating a new and improved Westby website. Nate mentioned a professional web design with the option of regular updates may be the best avenue to take. He noted, the idea of the web site being the first impression of what our community represents means it should be done with care. WDC members felt the City Council and School Board should be part of the venture since school schedules and city information could easily be linked to the site and would be an important aspect of the site. Nate will attend the February School Board Meeting to present the idea and ask about their thoughts in sharing in the initial start-up costs of the site. Jeff Ekness was in attendance and will present the same scenario to the city council. It was suggested advertising could be sold on the site to help cover the costs of the monthly fees.

Quality Transit-Val made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Quality Transit in Plentywood. Quality Transit is a very welcome service to Sheridan County and makes weekly trips to Westby to transport people to Plentywood for business and pleasure. Kolby second. AIF

Prairie Fest –After some discussion, it was decided to set July 14th as this year's date for Prairie Fest. The Centennial Committee will be informed of the date as much of the day will center on a Centennial Kick-Off activities.

New Business-Luke Koterba teleconferenced in on the meeting at 7:30. The topic included the housing shortage and what opportunities this may bring to the Westby area. Luke is an accountant for a real estate development company and offered his services to the community as far as building options, feasibility and long term viability. He agreed to visit with his company about different options and will travel to Westby in March to meet with the WDC and any interested parties to answer questions and further pursue the idea.

Leann Westgard reported she will try to schedule Rob Dickinson as a speaker for the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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(continued)

Koterba took the information he had gained from the evening's discussion back to his company's experts to brainstorm ideas that may fit our community needs. The following options were the immediate results of their combined efforts:

Option 1: A single story, 16 unit building with double stall garages. It could be built to fit the needs of an assisted living complex. So, wider doors and hallways, a large common area, etc., would be incorporated into this plan. This would give the investors the ability to market it as an eldercare or assisted living facility after the boom is over. Further study may need to be done as far as the area's long term need and desire for such a facility. The size of each of these two bedroom units would be approximately 1,000 square feet. A common area with 16 units would necessitate about a 20,000 square foot building. Our contact cautioned us there could be delays in this option due to the number of crews needed to put up a building this size. This option would require roughly \$1,000,000 upfront money.

Option 2: Koterba's recommendation fall's into this category-double wide trailers with double stall garages. These would be quality homes. A highly recommended manufacturer, for example, sells structure's with 2X6 walls and excellent insulation as well as an option for double thick insulation in the floors to keep them warmer in the winter. This option is scalable, so if only a few investors are interested at this time, the project could still move forward with just a few units. With signs of success, it would be easy to add more units when the funds become available. There would be a need for concrete work and construction of the garages, but all the other work would be done at the manufacturer, meaning if local contractors were not available, it wouldn't be nearly as difficult to get work crews to the area to complete the project. These houses could be added and sold based on need, so the risk of getting stuck with a non-performing property would be minimal.

These units could be bought directly from the manufacturer, cutting out the middle-men, so you wouldn't be paying the profit of the general contractor, and the subcontractors you would be with the 16 unit building. By our estimates, one of these homes plus garage, a final, delivered, installed, and move-in ready cost would be roughly \$120,000 per house (4 bedroom, top of the line finishes), everything included, with a double stall attached garage (built on site after delivery of the home), a porch, and a deck. Besides the property, the only wild card is the cost involved to get water, sewer, and electricity to each home. If a pad is finished, it takes about 2 weeks for a finished trailer home to be delivered and installed. The trailers could be rented at a much more reasonable cost if so desired. The rent needed would depend on the number of units and the amount of the loan. Cost per bedroom would be around \$30,000 (4 bedroom units), compared to \$125,000 (2 bedroom units) for the first option.

Each of these options comes with advantages and disadvantages and, of course, many other options are available. These ideas are given as a starting point in addressing the opportunities and needs for Westby and to keep the discussion going about how and where its future growth can happen in an organized fashion.

Luke will travel to Westby in March for a meeting with the Westby Development Corporation and any interested parties are welcome to attend. Any thoughts or questions may be directed to Koterba at 701-866-5121 or email luke.koterba@gmail.com.



The sixth meeting of the Westby Centennial organization was held on Monday, January 30, 2012 at the Westby Community Center. Co-Chair Val Moore called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with 4 officers and 8 committee members. The secretary's report was read, corrected, and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved. A new balance of \$24545.94 was noted.

Old Business
Committee Reports

Logo – Vance Meyer, Jim Weiler, Dick Johnson
No report

Website – Tracy Johanson

Val Moore reported that the website is up and running, there are 113 friends on Facebook and 9 registration submissions to date. Val would like to mention we should encourage people to register so we can make plans for number of people for meal counts.

Fundraising – Julie Leininger, Karen Meyer, Marlene Anderson, Teresa Johnson

Julie reported they have several ideas for raising funds – some ideas included a rib cook-off, beer tasting, or chili cook-off – in conjunction with some sort of Centennial Kick-off to be held on the Westby Prairie Fest day scheduled for July 14, 2012. They also have several souvenirs picked out. Julie has met with a potter to design a mug as one option. Also, they are looking at medium weight jackets. They would like to have some items ready for sale at the Centennial Kick-off on July 14, 2012. It was discussed as to whether every item should have the full logo, or if smaller items should have a condensed logo. That decision was left to the fundraising committee. They stated they would probably hold the Westby Open Golf Tourney again, a smear tourney was mentioned, and they wanted to set the recipe deadline for July 1, 2012. That would give them time to take care of getting the cookbook organized and ordered. Marlene will spread the word at the March 6th picnic in Arizona. A discussion was held on trading workers for the Plentywood celebration, that way we could get workers for our celebration. Gene Kavon will check with some of the Plentywood committee members to see if that would work with them.

Registration – Sandy Elm, Arlene Hove, Phoebe Vest
Arlene and Sandy reported that they have 6 or 7 registration submissions. They suggested a form be included in the Westby Border News for registration, and well as in the Sheridan County News. It was noted that that would be done after the Plentywood Centennial celebration was concluded. A request will be added to the website for pictures and recipes. They would also like to encourage registration as soon as possible to help get a count of participants. Phoebe has a list of base alumni. They will discuss if they need to send out a letter to some of the alumni. That decision is to be left to the registration committee.

A discussion was held on the website registration, is there a place where classmates can view who is registered, or who from each class will be attending the celebration. The committee will contact Tracy to get that sorted out. One suggestion was to have a place on the registration if they chose to have their name on the list or they would like it withheld for privacy consideration.

Food – Beatie Petersen, Connie Meyer, Eileen Overgaard, Lorna Lagerquist, Anna Herman

Gene Kavon had a suggestion for a catering company from Williston, he will contact Beatie with the information.

Publicity – Deanna Hellegaard, Val Moore

If any of the committees have information they would like publicized, they can contact Val and she will take care of it. Arlene brought a suggestion for a schedule of events for the event. It included the logo, dates, etc. and will be given to Deanna to check on.

Adult Entertainment – Karla Christensen, Kolby Ruggles, Robin Solberg

Karla reported that a band had been booked for the celebration due to the generosity of Lynn and Shirlee Leininger. They have donated the funding for the band and a large tent. The band would play under the tent, the tent they have in mind comes out of Minot, ND. The band is reserved; the tent needs to be reserved. Val also mentioned that Chuck Ubben is interested in doing wine tasting during the centennial. The band is scheduled for Saturday night; Karla is also looking for a band for Friday night. She has the name of a band she is checking into out of Ft Peck. Karla mentioned that the band needs a stage and dance floor. Val inquired about the talent show. Karla is checking with Joylene Novota to see if she would be interested in heading it up. Karla mentioned that she is working on a fashion show. Robin Solberg, Gayle Overgaard, and Jen Pulvermacher are working on a power point presentation. They will be requesting pictures of interest from the last 100 years. The pictures will be returned. A discussion was held on a video recording of the centennial events.

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Athletic Entertainment – Susan Meyer, Lexi Leininger

It was reported many ideas are being considered including a fun walk/run, softball tourney, basketball for kids, and a golf tourney.

Kids Entertainment

We are still looking for someone to head up this committee. Some ideas discussed were a magic show, face painting, and an outdoor movie. Gene Kavon also mentioned that Plentywood has hired a Fargo group to bring up inflatables, etc. for Plentywood.

Parade – Mavis Weiler, Jerry Tangedal

Mavis suggested that we have a place on the website for parade information and registration of floats. It was discussed that there is a need for a float for the Plentywood Centennial parade. Gene Kavon will find a place in Plentywood where we could assemble our float. It was suggested that we pass the word along that float ideas are needed. A float committee needs to be formed for the next meeting. Ideas were talked about for a float consisting of a replica of our logo.

Logistics – Jody Lagerquist, Jeff Ekness, Jerry Herman

A discussion was held on port-a-potties and garbage's. It was also discussed the need to get started on the steps to take to get the highway thru main street closed. Jody will check into those items. Sandy Elm reported that the Sherwood Inn may take reservations after the Plentywood celebration. Val will check with the Sherwood Inn about room availability. It was requested that the school be contacted to see if they are willing to allow campers access to the plug-ins and bathrooms at the school.

Clean-Up Committee

A discussion was held regarding a landfill free dumping day. Usually they have one day annually for a clean-up day. We will watch for that day so we can let all local property owners know. A discussion was held on neglected property and city clean up.

Park Clean-up Committee – Cliff Johnson

No report

Parking & Transportation Committee – Warren Overgaard

No Report

Sunday Service – Jandy Jorgenson

No Report

No further reports on the community center clean up.

Val talked about the Air Base Memorial. She contacted Lori Fye a former service person now living in Tioga, ND. Lori listed the idea of air base memorial on the airbase web site. There has been interest shown, but design and placement of the memorial is yet to be determined. Val will encourage the placement be in Westby.

The tentative schedule was reviewed

Friday

Registration

Children Parade

Kids Outdoor Movie

Indoor Dance

Meal

Saturday

Athletic Event

Parade

BBQ

Dance

Gun Club

Fashion Show

Talent Show

Sunday

Church Service

Centennial Breakfast

New Business

A discussion was held where the large tent should be located. A few ideas were given, on Main Street, either by the post office or visitor center. It may depend on vendors and power sources. There are several items that will be needed for the celebration, portable stage, garbage removal, closing the street, etc. Those items were going to be moved to committee groups.

Arlene Hove suggested a schedule of events similar to one they had for the Diamond Jubilee, it was agreed that was a great idea to pursue.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 2, 2012 at the community center at 7:00 p.m.

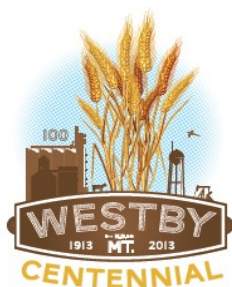
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Brenda Ryals

Secretary

NEEDED:

Immanuel Lutheran Church is in need
of a church organist. Interested
parties may call the church office at
385-2341
or
Council President Eric Nielsen
at 985-2616.



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