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SECURING THE NORTHERN BORDERS

At times, it seems they are everywhere. The white and green law enforcement vehicles with the U S Border Patrol logo emblazoned on either door. But since 9/11, is *everywhere* even enough? The U S Border Patrol is a very visible force in our area and at the request of the Westby Development Corporation, Patrol Agent in Charge, Arlin Kaul, shared with the group,



Patrol Agent in Charge, Arlin Kaul

With this added mission came orders from then President Bush to double the number of agents that secure the borders. Although this has been done, recent national headlines echo the sentiments of Agent Kaul, “the northern border is very vulnerable”.

Agent Kaul noted securing the northern borders presents its’

the agencies’ mission and what it means to the residents of Westby. Agent Kaul resides in Plentywood.

Historically the mission of the U S Border Patrol has been “to deter the entry of illegal aliens and illegal drugs”. Since 9/11, the mission has expanded to include “and prevent the entry of terrorists and their weapons”.

own set of challenges. First off, the northern border is twice as long as the southern border. In our territory, many areas are sparsely populated and miles from headquarters. Technology may signal a problem, but how long before an agent can respond?

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SECURING THE NORTHERN BORDERS

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Up until recent years, prairie trails criss crossed the international border where farmers and locals journeyed back and forth to Canada often not reporting in at border check points. They may have run up to get a combine part or work their land on the other side of the border or, as often heard tell, enjoy a beer at Benghoff. Although it may not have been legal, most were none the wiser and nobody really worried about it one way or another. In essence, the terrain in our area makes us very accessible to would be illegal aliens, terrorists, and drug smugglers who want to enter the country. No mountains, no water and even a readymade trail to travel.

Now with so much focus on securing the southern border, it would only make sense for terrorists and other would be criminals to look elsewhere to gain entry into the United States.

According to Agent Kaul, there are 50 known terrorist organizations operating in Canada and the overall message here is to be aware.

What can we do as a community and what does this really mean to Westby and particularly its residents who actually share a border with their Canadian neighbors? Fifteen Border Patrol agents are stationed out of the Plentywood field office including one living in Westby and one north of Westby. The total number of agents could go as high as 25 depending on ability to fill the positions and budget allotments. "Despite these numbers," Kaul said, "the border will never be safe without the support and cooperation of the local community members. They are the ears and eyes for the day to day activity in their surroundings. We are holding classes for a citizen advocacy group in our area. This is another way to involve community members and explain the ins and outs of our job and what they can do to help."

No one is trying to cry wolf here, but the fact of the matter is, times have changed and we do need to be aware. Kaul finished with, "One thing in our favor, we are fortunate in that there is a strong working relationship between, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and their counterparts in Canada. Not always the case on the southern border."

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Danny Moore
Westby Manager



I'm going to guess everyone is as tired of hearing and reading about the weather as I am of writing about it. After all, most of us are living it every day. So let's just cut to the chase and think happy thoughts such as one more winter month can be marked off the calendar. Being very optimistic, I remind myself, we are now in the shortest winter month of the year followed by the month that brings us "spring". Yea, right!!!!!!!!!!!!

Generally, February doesn't offer us a lot to get excited about, but as is with many things in life, it is what we make it. So I say, why not make Valentine's Day something to live for. After all, who doesn't love dinner, dancing and diamonds? OK, so maybe I'm dreaming here a little. How about roses, truffles, or a singing telegram? On what planet, you say?

Well, in truth I would be just as happy (I may be fibbing a little) with any one of the following chocolaty treasures lovingly prepared just for me. And the reverse would be true (although my Valentine does not like chocolate) in most cases. If need be, just leave the following recipes lying around. Sometimes all they need is a little nudge and they think the idea was all theirs!

Prior to my last trip to California, Chel had made a batch of these brownies for Heather and froze them. Every night Heather and I enjoyed one after dinner. They are my idea of a true brownie.

Dense, chocolaty, and full of nuts. The *Food and Wine* chef who devised this recipe called them "the purist" and noted "these brownies have only three pertinent flavors: chocolate, butter, and walnuts." Deelicious!!!!!!!!

JUMBO BROWNIES

- 1 pound unsalted butter
- 1 ½ pounds semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 6 large eggs
- 2 ½ cups sugar
- 2 tbsp pure vanilla
- 2 tbsp strong brewed espresso
- 6 ounces semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup walnut halves, lightly toasted and coarsely chopped

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9X13 inch glass or ceramic baking dish with cooking spray. In a double boiler, melt the butter with the chopped chocolate over low heat. In a small bowl, whisk the flour with the baking powder and salt. In a large bowl, using a hand held mixer, beat the eggs with the sugar at medium high speed until pale and thick, 4 minutes. Beat in the melted chocolate at medium speed. Using a spoon, stir in the chocolate chips and walnuts.

Scrap the batter into the prepared baking dish. Bake in the center of the oven for about 1 hour, until the top is shiny and lightly cracked, the edges are set and the center is still a bit jiggly. Transfer the dish to a rack and let cool completely. Cut the brownies in 12 large rectangles and serve. Wrap individually in plastic wrap and foil to freeze. Ashley's co-worker loves to bake and shared the recipe for these little gems. Anyone would feel special with their name on plate of these ooey, gooey bars.



CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE-TOPPED CARAMEL BARS

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE TOPPING

1/3 cup whipping cream
3 tblsp butter
1 bag dark chocolate chips (2 cups)
1 tblsp corn syrup

CRUST

1 cup flour
½ cup packed brown sugar
½ cup cold butter
1 cup quick-cooking or old fashioned oatmeal
1 cup chopped pecans

CARAMEL LAYER

1 cup butter
1 cup packed brown sugar
¼ cup corn syrup
¼ tap salt
1 can sweetened condensed milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. For topping: In a 1 quart saucepan over medium heat, bring whipping cream, butter and corn syrup to a full boil; turn off heat. Add chocolate chips; let stand 5 minutes without stirring. After 5 minutes, stir slowly with wire whisk until chocolate chips are melted and mixture is smooth and glossy; set aside.

For crust: In a large bowl, stir together flour & sugar, cut in cold butter using pastry blender until mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Stir in oats and pecans. Press mixture into ungreased 15X10X1 inch sheet pan. Bake 15-20 minutes or until crust is golden brown.

For caramel: Meanwhile in a 2 quart saucepan, over medium heat bring butter, brown sugar, corn syrup, salt and sweetened condensed milk to a boil. Continue boiling for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour over crust; spread evenly. Cool slightly, about 10 minutes.

Pour chocolate truffle topping over caramel layer; spread evenly. Cool 1 hour at room temperature; refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Cut and serve.

Here is an easy, but delicious way to make a box of chocolates for that special Valentine in your life. Get the kids involved, too.



CROCK POT CHOCOLATE CANDY

2 pounds (36 ounces) dry roasted peanuts
4 OUNCES (4 SQUARES German sweet chocolate

1- 12 ounce package semisweet chocolate chips
2 ½ pounds white almond bark

Put the peanuts in the bottom of a 4 quart slow cooker. Layer the chocolate over the peanuts, beginning with the sweet chocolate, followed by the chocolate chips, and then the almond bark. Set the temperature on low and cook for 3 hours. Do not stir!

After 3 hours, stir the mixture with a wooden spoon until smooth. Drop the candy into cupcake liners, using about 2 tablespoons per liner. Allow the candy to cool completely before removing the paper liners. Makes 30-40 pieces. May wish to use mini cupcake liners for bite size candies.

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THANK YOU

The Centennial Committee would like to thank the teachers and staff of Westby School for donating their "jean day" money to the 2013 Westby Centennial. It is greatly appreciated.

The February meeting Of the Westby School Board Has been changed to Wed., February 9, 2011 7:00 p.m.



Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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Nemont Telephone Coop is searching for eligible carpenters, electricians, and cabinet makers to submit bids on a small remodel project at the headquarters building located at 61 Hwy 13 south, Scobey Montana.

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WDC MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Westby Development Corporation was held Jan. 24th, 2011, at the Community Center. President Val Moore called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm with board members Aldon Joyes, Suzi Ekness, Brenda Ryles, and Jody Lagerquist present. Also present were Arlin Kaul, Jeff Whitlow, Jack Meagher, Darrin Tompt and Al Garces all are members of the Border Patrol. Nate Olson, Andy Olson, and Jim & Mavis Weiler were guests.

GUEST SPEAKER

Arlin Kaul spoke on the duties and responsibilities of our local Border Patrol and what we can do to assist the patrol in helping to keep the borders safe.

Nate Olson discussed a brochure that he and Westby School are putting together to promote the community and the school. Nate asked if the WDC would be willing to purchase the paper to print these brochures

*Motion: Suzi Ekness moved to purchase paper for brochures to promote Westby and the community. Motion approved.

The November minutes were reviewed and placed on file. The financial report was presented: previous balance \$7073.38 - dues rec'd \$15.00, pd out \$148.01 for taxes - New Balance \$6940.37 Border News: previous balance \$1159.30 - rec'd subs, ads, papers \$844.05; pd out Tracy \$150.00; Val \$150.00; stamps \$220.00; paper \$61.89. New balance \$1421.46

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WDC MINUTES

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Old Business:

MUSEUM:

Val Moore presented a grant application for \$250 - \$2500 maximum which will be applied for. The grant is being offered by the Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce.

HOUSING:

*Motion: Jody Lagerquist moved to accept Westby Schools offer to acquire two lots, \$2500 for developed lot and \$1500 for undeveloped lot – total of \$4000. Aldon Joyes and Brenda Ryles abstained from vote. Motion Approved.

Val Moore will contact O'Tooles office to start paperwork on transferring ownership of lots to Westby School.

There was discussion on possibly developing areas in Westby for trailer homes. Jim Weiler was asked to bring issue to City Council.

SHOOTING RANGE:

No Report

WEB SITE

No report

PRAIRIE FEST

No report

New Business:

WDC was presented with an application to become a member of Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce.

*Motion: Aldon Joyes moved to become a member of the Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$50. Motion Approved.

NEXT MEETING

February 21, 2011 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm

Suzi Ekness, Secretary

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BROUGH

Rose Ann Barbara (Anderson) Brough, 71, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at her home of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the First Lutheran Church with Rev. Brad Ulgenes officiating.

Services and arrangements had been entrusted to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Rose Ann was born Feb. 14, 1939, in Ambrose, N.D., to Ben and Ruby (Todahl) Anderson. She was the youngest of four children and the only one to be born in a hospital. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. Rose Ann attended schools in and graduated from Westby in 1957. She then attended Northern Montana College for nurses training. In Havre, she met and married Richard W. Brough on Jan. 24, 1959, in Fort Benton. To this union four children were born.

Rose Ann loved campfires, camping, playing cards and being around people and visiting. She spent several winters in Arizona, enjoying the warmer weather, and all of the activities provided. She was queen of the Red Hot Mamas and loved her Red Hat Chapter. She especially loved to follow her grandchildren's sporting activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ben and Ruby Anderson; a brother, Herbert Anderson; her husband, Richard Brough on May 4, 1998; and one son, Arlen.

Rose Ann is survived by two daughters, Brenda (Ron) Doyra and Lori (Tim) Casey, both of Helena; two sons, Roger Brough of Havre and Michael Brough of Denver; nine grandchildren, Jillian and Garrette Brough of Havre, Lindsey Brough of Nampa, Idaho, Jordan Brough of Havre, Taylor and Mackenzie Brough of Denver, Keegan, Brennan and Kaelan Casey of Helena; her sister, Ione Huston of Helena; one brother, Bazil Anderson of Westby and Mesa, Ariz.; several special nieces and nephews also survive her.



Our new centennial column will keep you informed of the plans, progress, and updates for the reunion, as well as bring you interesting stories, past and present, and tidbits of Westby's history. Anyone wishing to share pictures, stories, or pieces of the puzzle may contact the Border News. Cathy Nordhagen will be our new correspondent for the history portion of this column and she may be reached at: firecrackermango@gmail.com or 385-2364.

**The next
Westby
Centennial Meeting
will take place:**

March 7, 2011

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