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CALL US CRA-A-A-ZY



By: Val Moore

In the last issue I shared the dilemma this winter has caused for many of the residents of extreme Northeast Sheridan County, particularly when it came to traveling Highway 5 between Westby and Plentywood. I even went so far as to say that those of us that choose to live here may be crazy- tough, but crazy. Well, our publisher-in-chief of the *Border News*, Tracy Johanson, is one of those crazy, but tough residents who decided to put her feelings of fear and frustration, after a harrowing day spent on her travels to and from work in Plentywood, to music. Tracy, who drives in daily to work at KATQ-AM/FM radio station, decided the theme of Patsy Cline's hit song "Crazy" fit the bill perfectly so she rewrote the lyrics to try and capture her experience.

That going well, she followed with another familiar and appropriate Patsy Cline song, "I Fall to Pieces".

Once the lyrics were complete Tracy presented them to Bonnie Simon, General Manager of KATQ. Bonnie was amused and called upon a local gal who had sung a Patsy Cline song for KATQ's Colgate Country Showdown and knocked everyone's socks off, to record the new versions. Fortunately Cassie Mohr, a Raymond resident, agreed to do it. In conjunction with the two songs, Bonnie then contacted various Westby residents who traveled Highway 5 frequently and asked them to record messages of thanks and appreciation to the state highway department.

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WHS/UM ALUMNI GATHER FOR BIG GAME

You really can't get away with anything these days. On December 19th in Chattanooga, Tennessee home to this years FCS National Championship game, Monte Solberg of Lewistown and his son, Scot, just happen to run into fellow Westby/UM alumni Stan Sorenson (Chicago) and Jim Weiler(Westby) at the University of Montana Griz tailgate party held at a downtown Chattanooga Sports Bar.

Also in attendance for the game with Westby/UM ties was Brian Olson of North Carolina. Although the outcome of the game was not what the UM fans had hoped for, Westby got its name on the map when Brian's girls managed to get the poster they made about Westby shown on national TV via ESPN



Jim Weiler, Monte Solberg, Stan Sorenson



Scot, Monte, and his cousin, Brian Olson

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A Day in the Life...

By Sandy Elm

Westby Senior Citizens met on January 22nd at the Community Center. It was a potluck lunch. Whist winners were Allan Ekness - first, and Shirley Quam - second. The door prize was won by Allan Ekness. Guests were Ruth Brown, Fay Moore, Warren Overgaard, and Lavern Bloom.

Lorna Lagerquist hosted Jolly Twelve at the Westby Community Center. Progressive whist winners were Doreen Johnson - first, Renetta Westgard - second, and Jennie Nordhagen - low.

On the 29th of January, the Senior Citizens met at the Community Center and the Club hosted the lunch. Whist winners on that day were Jennie Nordhagen - first, and Gene Herman - second. Jennie Nordhagen also won the door prize. Fay Moore was a guest.

A very special lady celebrated her 50th birthday with a surprise party at the Community Center on Sunday January 25th. Many friends and relatives were in attendance. Happy Birthday Kolby Ruggles.

Danny and Val Moore and Beatie and Rick Petersen were in Fargo, North Dakota recently for the Grain Convention.

Sandy Elm, along with Lynn McCall from Plentywood were in Billings a Clothing Market held at the Metra over the last weekend in January.

Shannon Gebhardt hosted a birthday luncheon for her mother, Teresa Johnson, on Tuesday, January 27th. at her home. The special occasion was marked by a big number "60" !!! Welcome to the sixties Sis. Love from your big sister.

That's all for this time, keep warm and drive safely on our winter roads. Thankfully they are getting better each day until the next storm comes along.

Baby Girl



On January 15, 2009, Justin and Kolby (Sorenson) Carrier of Bozeman MT, welcomed the birth of a baby girl. Huntlie Jean Carrier weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 inches long. She joins a big brother, Tage Daniel, age 1 in the family home.

Grandparents are Robyn and Mike Ross of Plentywood, Perry and Laura Sorenson of Billings, and Kent and Sara Carrier of Bozeman.

Tage and Huntlie are blessed to have 3 Great-grandmas as well, Marian Ross of Plentywood, Frankie Carrier and Honey Eppler both of Walthalla, ND.

Amore



It has been one of those weeks that makes me again sit back and thank God for the blessings I've been given, namely friends healthier now than last week, and get my priorities on track once more. Lots of prayer concerns for friends with medical issues and surgeries this week and each one came back, at least up to this point, as a success. Since all of them have been public knowledge I don't fool like I am breaching any privacy issues here so I am happy to report Glenn and Julie both had successful shoulder surgeries and are home and on the road to recovery. May be awhile before either will be back on the golf course, but then again it's eastern Montana and it will be awhile before any of us will be on the golf course.

Pastor Barb had her first meeting with the transplant team in Billings this week and is happy to report it went well as "she is still in process" as far as getting on the transplant list. There will, of course, be more tests to complete and she will meet with the transplant surgeon in June. Another enlightening experience for her was meeting a woman in the waiting room who had a transplant 11 months ago. The woman's words of encouragement and thoughts on the whole process were, according to Pastor Barb, very helpful. Everything seems to be on track so more good news there.

Then there is little (I think of her as little because she is just so young to have to go through this) Kylie Ryals, daughter of Jed and Brenda Ryals and a junior at WHS, who has been dealing with heart "spells" for quite some time.

After a very difficult weekend (January 24th) with three different heart episodes, the last one landing her in the hospital, she was diagnosed with super ventricular tachycardia (very rapid heartbeat) due to a short circuit in her heart. She was scheduled for a 4-6 hour ablation procedure in Billings on February 5th. Again, I am very, very happy to report Kylie came through the surgery with flying colors and the doctors feel she will probably feel better than she has felt in a long time. May the miracles from above and modern medicine never cease to amaze us!

On to the recipes. After the hustle and bustle of a busy day or if you are just feeling lazy like me, here are a couple easy, but tasty recipes for dinner. Both have little prep time and can literally be put on the table in 30 minutes. The first one, Ashley made for her Grandmother and me on our visit this past week. It has great flavor and is complete with a green salad and a little crusty bread.

ROASTED PEPPER TORTELLINI

- 1 20 ounce refrigerated cheese tortellini
- 1 pound Italian link sausage
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 15 ½ oz jar of roasted red peppers, drained
- 1 15 oz can pizza sauce
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 Tablespoons shredded parmesan

Cook tortellini according to package directions. Meanwhile in large skillet, cook sausage in oil over medium heat until no longer pink, drain. Cut into ¼ inch slices and return to skillet. Chop peppers fine. Drain tortellini. Add tortellini, peppers and pizza sauce to sausage in skillet. Stir to combine and cook 5 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with cheeses, cover and heat until cheese is melted. 6 servings. For a little extra kick, we prefer the hot Italian sausage.

This chicken tortilla soup recipe is so simple I'm almost, but not quite, afraid to let the secret out. Julie shared it with me and I literally threw it together in a minute for Super Bowl Sunday. It was a great alternative to the smoky pork chili, the other choice for our big game day feast.

CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP

- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can Fiesta cheese soup (it is a Campbell's soup)
- 1 can green enchilada sauce
- 1 can green chilies
- 1 ½ cups shredded cooked chicken
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

In large saucepan over med heat, stir together soups, enchilada sauce, green chilies and milk until well combined. Add chicken and cook until flavors are blended about 20 minutes. Add cheese and stir until cheese is melted and just blended. Serve with additional cheese, crushed tortilla chips and sour cream. A little chopped fresh cilantro makes it even better! Note: I threw everything, other than garnishes, in a crock pot on game day and it worked just fine, too. The next recipe, not only, fits the theme of sharing other's simple, but tasty recipes, but also, fits in nicely with the upcoming Valentine's Day holiday (as in, make some for that "special someone" in your life). Chel and Heather served these at their Super Bowl festivities and said they fit the qualifications to a tee. (Fortunately, Karla came through with football sugar cookies for my guests or they would have had to settle for boxed candy as there were no truffles in the fridge at my Super Bowl party.)

CHOCOLATE-HAZILNUT TRUFFLES

- 1 ½ cups (6 ounces) hazelnuts
- 12 ounces top-quality bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 Tablespoon hazelnut liqueur or vanilla extract
- 1 Tablespoon unsalted butter
- About 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- Mini muffin liners or paper candy cups

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spread the hazelnuts in a pie plate and bake them until they are fragrant, about 12 minutes. Remove the nuts and place them in a large, fine-mesh or colander and rub the nuts with a wadded up clean dish towel until most of the skins slough off. Shake the colander vigorously, then lift out the nuts with a slotted spoon. Chop the nuts finely and set them aside. In the top of a double boiler combine chocolate and cream. Cook, stirring with a wooden spoon, until the chocolate is melted and the mixture is smooth. Remove from heat and stir in the hazelnut liqueur, butter, and hazelnuts. Pour the mixture into a 9X13 pan and let cool to room temperature, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until solid (3 hours or overnight). To make truffles: place a large sheet of parchment or waxed paper on a work surface. Sift the cocoa powder on to the paper. Have the mini muffin liners alongside. Remove the chocolate mixture from the refrigerator and, working quickly, scoop out a level tablespoon of the mixture and roll it between your palms into a ball. Drop the ball into the cocoa powder, scoot it around gently to coat, transfer to a candy cup. Continue with the remaining chocolate mixture returning it to refrigerator if it gets too soft. It works best to wash and dry hands once or twice during the process. Sift more cocoa powder if needed. Refrigerate the truffles until firm before serving. May be frozen for up to a month. Serve truffles cold. Yields 40 (20 servings) truffles.

Good health, my friends!

ENJOY

for

Life is Good!



KALLOCH TWINS

Born to Brian and Bridget Kalloch of Kallispell on January 29th a baby girl, Mallory Elaine, and a baby boy, Mason Thomas. At birth Mallory weighed in at 5 pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. Mason weighed 5 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 & 1/2 inches long. Mallory and Mason have a big sister, Savannah. Maternal Grandparents are Alan and Carol Mangel of Westby and Paternal Grandparents are Tom and Joann Kalloch of Glendive.

Great Grandmothers include Dolores Mangel of Kallispell and Artie Meyer of the Plentywood Pioneer Manor. The twins also have Paternal Great Grandmothers Pat Kalloch and Loretta McPherson. Their Maternal Great-Great-Grandma is Frances Elm of the Plentywood Nursing Home.

Twins seem to be prevalent in the Mangel family. This is the third set of twin grandchildren for Dolores Mangel. Dolores' son, Doug and his wife, of Plentywood have 18-year old twin boys, Dustin and Derek, and her youngest son Chad and his wife of Redmond, Washington, have two-year-old twin girls, Charlotte and Zoe. Mallory and Mason make it three!



THANK YOU

With heartfelt thanks, we wish to express our appreciation to the Mercy medical staff, the hospital staff, the clinic staffs and all of those involved in the care of Orris. We are thankful to those who made it possible for him to be cared for at home. A special thank you to Orris' nine grandchildren who paid such a tribute to their grandfather by taking part in the Memorial Service. Thank you Pastor Barb Westhoff, Pastor Ron Erickson and Pastor John Juehl for the comforting words, and the many visits with Orris.

A special thank you to the community of Westby, the ladies who brought hot dishes and to the Westby WELCA. Thank you to Dave Fulkerson, your service is of the highest quality. We are also deeply appreciative to the El Rancho Hotel and its' staff.

Special thanks to all our friends and relatives who visited Orris, sent cards, memorials and flowers.

Audrey Anderson
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Jay & Carol Anderson

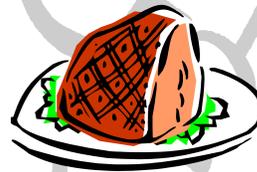
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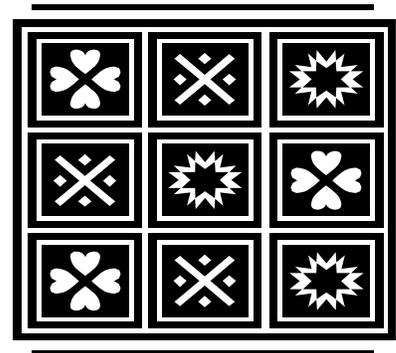
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Lone Star Quilt Class

March 28, makes a 52 inch X 52 inch wall hanging.
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Call Jennifer Pulvermacher to sign up or to
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SORENSEN PROMOTED

Donna Sorenson of Westby was recently promoted to consumer loan officer at the Plentywood Branch of Stockman Bank. Sorenson's responsibilities include developing and servicing consumer loan customers and offering product and service solutions to fit their needs. Donna has nearly 20 years of banking experience and brings valuable skills to the position from many different areas within the Bank. According to branch manager, Paul Hansen, "Donna's promotion is well deserved. She has always been committed to serving her customers to the best of her ability- our customers will continue to benefit from her expertise." Donna and her husband, Daryl, live in Westby where he is the operations manager for Diamond B Oilfield Trucking. They have two children-Jeremy, 28 and Nichole, 24 both of Fargo.

Upcoming Events

February

- 9th Boys JH semi-finals at Fairview
- 10th Boy's BB vs. Froid/Lake at Westby
BJH - 4:30
BV - 6:00
- 11th Gr. 5-8 Local Spelling Bee
(written test) 2:42 pm
- 12th - 13th Spring Break - No School!
- 12th - 14th Girl's District BB Tournament in Williston
- 16th Gr. 5 - 8 Local Spelling Bee
(oral test) 2:42 pm
- 17th Pep Rally in Westby 2:45 pm
- 18th—21st Boy's District BB Tournament in Sidney
- 19th - 20th Spring Break - No school!
- 23rd, 24th, 26th Girl's Regional BB
Tournament in Williston

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Lutheran Parish February

- 9th Bible Study -7:30 pm
- 10th Imm Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
Imm Men's Fellowship Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 11th Parish Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 12th Imm Evening Bible Study – 7:30 pm
- 15th **WORSHIP**
Imm – 10:00 am, Confirmation – 9:00 am
(Holy Communion), SS – 11:00 am
SJ – 11:30 am, SS – 10:30 am
- 16th Bible Study – 7:30 pm
- 21st Fishing Derby at UMM, Epping, ND
- 22nd **WORSHIP**
Imm – 10:00 am, Confirmation – 9:00 am
- am,
SS – 11:00 am
SJ – 11:30 am, SS – 10:30 am
- 23rd Bible Study – 7:30 pm
- 25th **ASH WEDNESDAY**
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MEET MS. MOOSE MANGEL



Imagine your surprise in opening your front room curtains to this moose staring back at you. Early one morning, this past week, Sonja Mangel got a call from the school reporting bus driver, Ted Nordhagen, had just been by and spotted a moose next to the front room window. Sonja opened up the curtains and there she was. The cow moose meandered around their yard, located ten miles south of Westby, while Sonja video taped her explorations.

To Sonja's disappointment, the second she turned off the camera the moose jumped the fence into their now deserted elk pen. Although Ms Moose could find her way in, she couldn't seem to find her way out. Sonja's husband, Darrell, leary of agitating her (the moose, not Sonja) left her alone for a couple days. By then, he felt help was needed to assist in her escape so he removed the snow from in front of the gate enough to open it and she eventually left as unobtrusively as she came.

KOLBY TURNS 50

Friends and family gathered at the Westby Community Center to help Kolby (Onstad) Rugles celebrate her landmark birthday on January 25th. A light supper was served by Marsha Meyer and Suzi Ekness.



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These messages played each time the new versions of the Patsy Cline songs were played on KATQ radio. The project has been a hit and has led to people's interest in buying copies of the songs. Following are Tracy's lyrics for "Crazy". Anyone interested in purchasing a CD of these two songs may call the radio station at 406-765-1480 or write:

KATQ

112 3rd Ave E

Plentywood, MT 59254.

CD's may be picked up at the studio for the cost of \$5.00/CD or will be shipped for \$7.00/CD. You may also contact Tracy through the *Border News*.

Crazy

Crazy for driving this highway

I'm crazy, crazy for driving on 5

I knew the roads would bad when I left home

And that later, the road would be drifted anew

Worry

What more can I do but worry?

Wonderin' why in the world am I here

Crazy for thinking that I'd ever make it

I'm crazy for tryin'

Can't blame me for cryin'

And I'm crazy for going home

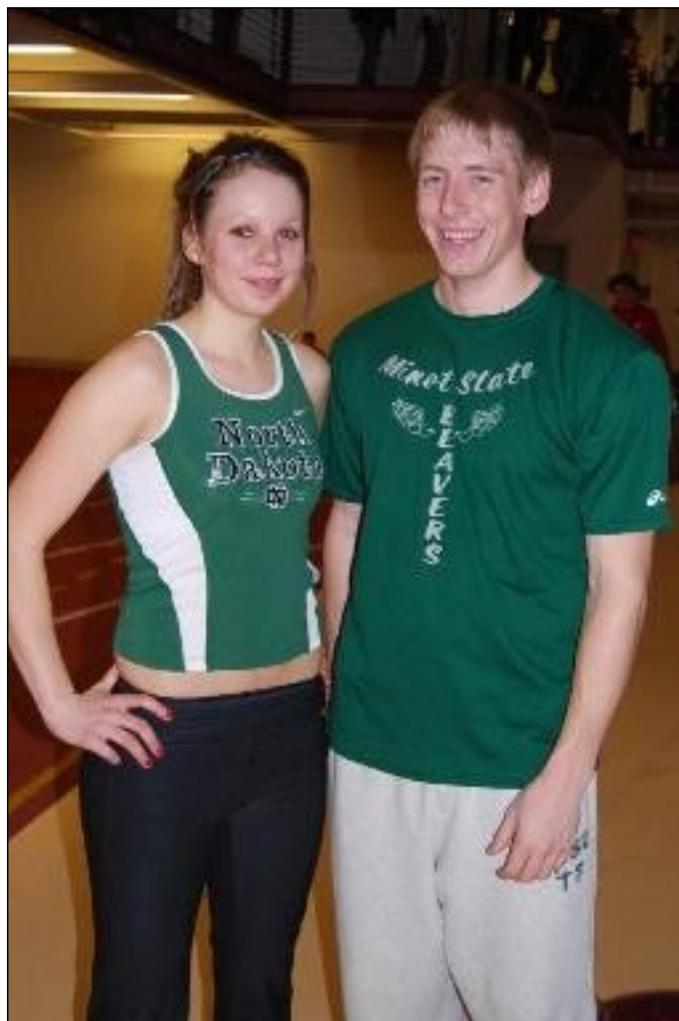
Crazy for thinking that I'd ever make it

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And I'm crazy for going home

Yep, we're crazy, but somehow it makes us a better and stronger bunch as this case shows. Tracy managed to turn her fear and frustration into a way to thank those who helped, in whatever way they could, to make her and others forced to travel that highway safer. At this moment, I'm perfectly happy and very proud to be among the "crazy"- just bring me my little white pill!



TRACK STANDOUTS COMPETE

Two former track standouts from Westby High School represented their respective colleges at a track meet held at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota the weekend of January 30th. Josh Ming, a junior at Minot State University competed in three individual events: the 60 meter, long jump, and shot put. Josh also throws javelin for MSU. Maria Sundsted is a freshman at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Maria ran the 4x200 meter relay. Maria also competes in the triple and long jumps for UND. Attending the meet from this area was Marilyn Ming, Casey Elm and Kim & and Sue Meyer.

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“Sunshine cannot bleach the snow,
Nor time unmake what poets know”



Ralph Waldo Emerson



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