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## REUNIONS SET FOR 2010

**Westby High School classes of  
1958,'59,'60,'61, and '62 reunion**



The first of three reunions scheduled for WHS alumni in 2010 has been dubbed "**WESTBY vs VEGAS 2010**". Organizers of this event have opened up the gathering to any and all with Westby connections and a desire to come. The dates for this reunion have been set for **March 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** and, in an effort to relieve the locals of the headache of organizing such an event, the place is Las Vegas, Nevada.

Monte Solberg and Stan Sorenson are coordinating the reunion and wanted to pass along the following information in regards to hotel reservations. Deadline for reservations is February so it's not too late to get on the band wagon and join in on the fun.

Blocks of rooms have set aside at two hotels on the strip. The first is a new hotel having just opened in October of '09 known as Vdara. This will be the base hotel where any group events will be held. Five minutes away is The Monte Carlo, the other hotel option which has better room pricing. Contact either of these establishments directly, to make your reservations.

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**FRIDAY** – Chicken Fried Steak w/ fries, toast & salad  
**SATURDAY** – Hamburger Steak w/ baked potato, toast & choice of salad

## PRAYERS NEEDED

I was diagnosed with a rectal tumor in the first part of August, right after we got back from our Alaskan cruise. I went to the cancer doctors in Billings, and had to have chemo and radiation everyday for six weeks at the Nelson Cancer Center in Williston (Those people are fantastic). After which I went to see Dr. Hurd, the surgeon in Billings to have an electro-ultrasound done. This indicated the tumor had shrunk by 50%, but the rectal muscle had not been affected at all.

I am scheduled to go into the Billings Clinic hospital on Monday, January 4th for preop and then on Tuesday I will have the surgery. They are going to have to remove the rectum so I will have a bag the rest of my life, unless God decides otherwise. It's up to Him, now. I will have to be in the hospital 7-10 days, with three weeks of recuperation afterwards. Then I will start 6 months of chemo (every 2 weeks), which I hope goes well.

We are positive that things will go well, I have a strong faith in God and prayers and things will go right.

Thank you to all of those who have sent cards and well wishes - it has given me an uplifted attitude which is always a good thing. Please keep my Dad and Kay in your thoughts too. This is going to be very hard on Kay as I probably won't see her for two to three weeks. Thank you to everyone who has been so generous to us.

Please keep us in your prayers!

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Danny Moore

# PETERSON

LaVerne Peterson, 95, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, peacefully passed away in Helena, MT early Thursday morning on December 17, 2009.

LaVerne was born at his family farm home on October 20, 1914, in Divide County, ND, to Walter and Lena (Johnson) Peterson. He was the third of six children.

He attended the Elkhorn country school through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. As a young adult, he moved to Minneapolis and was working for a cosmetic company before being called home to save the family farm. He met his wife, Lillian Brensdal in Plentywood, MT, who had also moved home from California to care for her ailing mother. LaVerne and Lil were married June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1948, at St. John's Lutheran church. LaVerne was a farmer, self-taught electrician, plumber, carpenter, mechanic, school bus driver, you name it. He could fix almost anything that needed fixing. His hobbies were also what he did to provide a living for his family, so it was hard to tell where work left off and his free time activities began. He loved to socialize with friends and neighbors and enjoyed playing the card games whist and smear. He was a great supporter of all the school activities and sports his sons and daughter participated in, and often drove the team bus.

LaVerne felt privileged to raise his family of four boys and one girl in the home he was born in and did most of the remodeling and additions to the original farmhouse. He had a great knack for making up stories to tell his children, only to get them upset when asked to tell them again because his kids remembered the original version better than he did.

LaVerne lost the love of his life when Lil passed away in September of 1982. He moved to Helena first living with his son Neil and then his son Lowell for 24 years. At the start of those years, he was still very independent and traveled to visit his other children and grandchildren, do remodeling jobs for family and people in Helena, as well as spending many weekends at the Elk's Club dancing. He was a favorite with the widows and single ladies because he almost never sat out a dance. His favorite dance was the polka.

When his eyesight diminished due to macular degeneration and dementia set in he still kept on the go. LaVerne still enjoyed traveling to visit his children and grandchildren, teaching them to play smear, and going to many local high school and Carroll College sporting events until the last two years.

The past two years LaVerne resided at the Valley View house – Rosetta Assisted Living in Helena. He was a favorite of all the staff there and received excellent loving care, for which his family is truly grateful and appreciative. Up until the past month, when he was unable to get around, he still enjoyed visiting his family members and going for rides in the car and getting a milkshake. He passed on his love of ice cream to all his children.

LaVerne is survived by his sons, Lowell Peterson of Helena, Warren (Peggy) Peterson of Billings, Neil (Debbie) Peterson of Helena, Jim (Cindy) Peterson of Boise, ID and one daughter Kay (Chris) Heine of Redmond, WA. Also surviving are ten grandchildren, Brett Peterson, Jill (Adam) Ramsey, Bethany Peterson, and Andrew Peterson all of Boise, ID, Jennifer Peterson of Billings, Wesley Peterson of Boulder, MT, Casey and Tommy Peterson of Helena, Paige and Jack Heine of Redmond, WA, two step-grandchildren, Jonathan (Helena) and Jayme Eichler of McMinnville, OR and one great-grandchild, Grace Ramsey of Boise, ID. He is also survived by many brother and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews. LaVerne was preceded in death by his wife Lil as well as his parents, Walter and Lena, and five other siblings, Wallace, Russell, Pearl, Lorraine and Elaine.

LaVerne was truly a warm, friendly, caring person and all who had the privilege of knowing him will miss seeing his engaging smile and hearing his kind words and spontaneous made-up songs.

Funeral services were held at Saint John's Lutheran Church between Plentywood and Westby, Montana on December 22, 2009 at 10:00 AM. Casketbearers were Gary Brensdal, Carl Dahl, Wade Drew, Wayne Herman, Floyd Kaul, and John Lagerquist; all of LaVerne's grandchildren were recognized as Honorary Bearers, and Larry Brensdal served as usher.

Anyone wishing to give a memorial gift in memory of LaVerne is encouraged to give it to a high school sports program of your choice depending on your location. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood had charge of arrangements.



## Val's Recipe Corner

MMX, two thousand and ten, twenty ten. No matter how you express it, we are entering, not only a new year, but a new decade in a century barely in its infancy and a millennium born only yesterday. Wow! Who would have thunk it! The twenty-first century is still a concept that seems foreign to me, even if I have had ten years to consider it. Given I have another 89 years to adjust there may be hope, yet.

I suppose it will be another couple days before we hear the end of this year's New Year's resolutions. But only because many won't sincerely start their resolution until Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, as they are still "on holiday" until then. If they are like most, including myself, they will be all over it by Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> and life will continue as usual. Not necessarily a good thing. Television programs, magazines, news papers, and many gatherings feel the need to ask or share their "this year's version". It is comic relief to hear some of them, but while listening, I found it interesting that many resolutions appear to be more practical and down to earth, smarter and made in hopes of achieving a happier, healthier and more peaceful lifestyle. Perhaps, a sign of our times.

The recipes I chose for this issue don't tie in very good with the most popular New Year's resolution of losing weight, but, as I said, the resolutions seem to be smarter, too. Meaning attaining this goal by eating in moderation, not elimination, would be a better solution for most. All things in moderation, itself, would be a good New Year's resolution. I think I will save that for next year-already blew it for this year!

These recipes are simple and good any time, but particularly on these cold January nights. I think the first one would be equally as good with shredded pork or chicken rather than the hamburger. Shred cooked chicken or pork and continue by adding taco seasoning, tomatoes and juice and follow the instructions for the ground beef version. If you can't find the Ro-Tel tomatoes, substitute one 14.5 ounce can diced tomatoes and one 4- ounce can of green chilies.

### BEEF TACO BAKE

2 -10 ounce cans Ro-Tel tomatoes, drained,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup juice-reserved  
 1 -16 ounce can refried beans  
 1 tablespoon hot sauce  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup chopped fresh cilantro  
 3 cups shredded Mexican cheese  
 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds ground beef  
 1 pkg taco seasoning  
 12 taco shells  
 3 green onions, sliced thin

Adjust oven rack to upper-middle position and preheat to 475 degrees. Combine half of the tomatoes with the beans, hot sauce, and cilantro in bowl. Spread evenly in 19X13 baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Cook beef in large nonstick skillet over med-hi heat or until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Pour off fat and stir in taco seasoning, remaining tomatoes and reserved tomato juice. Simmer over med-low heat until thickened and nearly dry, 5-7 minutes. Spoon 1 tablespoon cheese into each taco shell and top with beef mixture. Arrange tacos upright in bean mixture, cover with foil and bake until bubbling, about 10 minutes. Remove foil, top with remaining cheese, and bake until cheese is melted, about 6 minutes. Sprinkle with scallions, serve. Serves 6  
 Here is a handy recipe to have on hand for taco seasoning that is equally as good as store bought and is made with common ingredients already stocked in the cupboard.



## TACO SEASONING

2 teaspoons chili powder  
Salt, pepper, onion powder to taste  
Dash dried oregano  
Mix all ingredients well.

This mixture is equivalent to one package of Taco seasoning.

This last recipe is an old one I received from Teresa Johnson many years ago, before Stove Top dressing was even available. The original recipe calls for Pepperidge Farm so I have adapted it. It is a great pot-luck dish or one I often take to a grieving family as it is great comfort food.

## CHICKEN DRESSING BAKE

2 boxes Stove Top dressing  
8 boneless chicken breast pieces, about 2 pounds  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup shredded Swiss cheese  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9X13 pan with cooking spray. Make stove top according to package directions. Arrange chicken breast in pan. Mix soup with a can of water and pour over chicken pieces. Spoon prepared dressing over chicken and soup. Cover and bake for 50 minutes. Uncover sprinkle with cheese and bake an additional 10 minutes or until chicken is done. Serve with cranberries. Serves 8.

May your mind and heart be eased enough to observe and **ENJOY** the little things today, and every day, this new year.

For then

LIFE IS GOOD!

## THANK YOU

Danny and I would like to thank the community for their prayers, thoughts, calls, cards, and memorials this past week after the loss of his brother, Doran. Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. If desired, cards may be directed to his wife: Sue Moore, 6532 South Ogden, Centennial, Colorado 80121

## NOTE OF INTEREST

Cecile Wehrman, editor of the *Crosby Journal* and the *Tioga Tribune*, is writing a book about the man who robbed a bank in Williston, North Dakota, on September 14th. After hours of pursuit by law enforcement from 2 states and several agencies and counties, he was cornered and ended his life in a field south of Fortuna. Ms. Wehrman has been researching and investigating his story and the incident and you may follow her progress on the book at:

Please visit [www.cecilewehrman.com](http://www.cecilewehrman.com) to read more.

Cecile and her husband reside on a farm in the Fortuna, North Dakota area.

## THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and concern shown when Trevor had his car accident. The support was unbelievable! It's so great to live in a small community where everyone cares. We are very fortunate that things turned out as well as they did.

## REUNIONS SET FOR 2010

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### VDARA Hotel Reservations

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Room Rate is \$189.

If anyone has questions or wants to visit about the plans, feel free to contact Monte at [msolberg@lewistowninsurance.com](mailto:msolberg@lewistowninsurance.com) or 800-597-7134, or cell 406-350-5458 or Stan at 800-999-9084. July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> have been set for the **Westby High School classes of 1958, '59, '60, '61, and '62** reunion. This reunion will be held in conjunction with Westby's annual Prairie Fest. The event will kick off with dinner and socializing on Friday evening. Saturday's plan will include a tour of the New Century Ag grain terminal as well as the Prairie Fest activities scheduled. Among the many things on the agenda are the Lion's Club breakfast, bingo, a barbecue, and dance with a light show. The invitation to this reunion is extended to any and all who were a part of these classes at any time whether they graduated from WHS or not. Any questions or more information may be obtained by contacting Marlene Anderson at [Westbyreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:Westbyreunion@yahoo.com) or Phoebe Vest at 406-385-2334 or Renetta Westgard at 385-2548.

## Al's Meats

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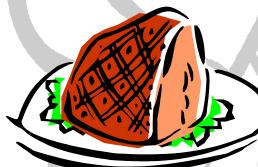
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The **WHS classes of 1946-1950** will also be holding a reunion centered around Prairie Fest activities. This reunion, which also includes the members of the Comertown School, will be held July 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Coordinators think of this as a great time to reminisce and renew friendships. Other details are still being worked out and more information may be obtained by contacting Audrey Anderson at 22049<sup>th</sup> Ave East, Williston ND, 59601 or Reunion Committee, 218 North Adams, Plentywood, MT, 59254.

Possible accommodations available in Westby for these reunions are The Hilltop House (406-390-1146), 8-plex (385-2577), Overgaard Apts (385-2442), Steve Ekness rental house (385-2254) and Onstad Memorial Park for camping.

## KALLEVIG

Memorial service for Gloria Kallevig, 79, of Sidney, is 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Sidney. Interment took place on Friday, Jan. 1, in the Richland Memorial Park Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com).

Gloria Renee Nielsen Kallevig was born on March 24, 1930, in Westby, to Niels "Pete" and Vita (Hansen) Nielsen. She graduated from Westby High School in 1948 and then worked as a nurse's aide until passing her test to be a LPN. Growing up on the farm near Westby, Gloria the second oldest behind Howard, and helped care for her six younger brothers and sisters.

As God's plan unfolded for Gloria, a young man showed up at the farm in the summer of 1948, to convert their outdoor plumbing to a new sewer system. Gloria made several trips to the mailbox down the hill hoping to catch the young man's eyes, but it wasn't until she "accidentally" ran some water down the open drain ditch that ended up on Roy Kallevig's head, did she really get his attention. They were united in marriage on Dec. 9, 1950, and God's plan was for 59 years of marriage and four children.

Gloria loved to visit with family and friends and was a great listener. We all called on her memory when trying to recall a name or phone number. She taught us all good work ethics by example, working as a nurse at both the hospital and as a home health care nurse, working several Holly Sugar beet harvests weighing beet trucks and working for Harold Jenson at Gate City Dairy.

Gloria showed us by example how important God's word and fellowship are along with her sincere caring for others. If any of us were sick or going through tough times, she was always the first call.

A highlight for Gloria was listening to her youngest brother Jim announce basketball games, especially when her grandsons and granddaughter were playing.

Gloria and Roy spent 10 late "honeymoon years" at their little bungalow in Arizona, making many new friends and memories.



Gloria passed away on the evening of Dec. 30, 2009, surrounded by her family after a long, hard battle with rheumatoid arthritis. Gloria faced the many challenges sent her way with grace and a fighting determination, without complaining. These past few years were difficult for Gloria not being able to get around good. Her 59-year soul mate "Roy Boy" gave her 24-7 loving home care, along with daily visits from her precious home health staff and visits from her coffee buddy Joyce. She will be missed very much, but she is at peace and with her Lord and Savior.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Kallevig, Sidney; her two sons, Garth Nielsen (Joyce) Kallevig and Brent Leonard (Joneen) Kallevig, all of Sidney; her two daughters, Jamie Carolyn (Gary) Beaudry, Dickinson, N.D., and Valeri Beth (Kim) Getchell, Billings; her four brothers, Howard (Irene) Nielsen, Westby, Mark (Marlene) Nielsen, Lake Park, Minn., Paul (Judy) Nielsen, Lima, N.Y., and Jim (Charlotte) Nielsen, Plentywood; her three sisters, Jane Taylor, Huntington Beach, Calif., Marie Ferkovich, Missoula, and Karla (John) Goodrich, Whitefish; her grandchildren, Wendy (Josh) Ruggles and their children Colton and Carson, Billings, Bradly (Karla) Kallevig, Williston, N.D., Cody Kallevig, Sidney, Brian (Sarah) Beaudry and their children Abby and Owen, Wasilla, Alaska, Erica (Hugh) Yates and their children Beau, Izzy and Keegan, Big Fork, Kallie (Justin) Erickson and their daughter Lily, Williston, Brant Beaudry, Missoula, Jeremy Hunter and his son Cody, Bellingham, Wash., Treavor (Jenelle) Mosbaugh, Aurora, CO, Brittny Renee Kallevig, Sidney, MT, Mitchell Kallevig, Sidney, MT, Matthew Getchell and Sean Getchell, both of Billings.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents.

# A New Year's wish for You and Yours...

May you get a clean bill of health  
from your dentist, your ophthalmologist, your psychiatrist,  
your cardiologist, your urologist,  
your podiatrist, your plumber,

May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift,  
your love handles, and your stocks never fall,  
and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides,  
your cholesterol, your white blood count, your weight,  
and your property assessments never increase.

May you be sensitive to the needs of others  
and may you create within yourself  
a balance of your own needs.

May you laugh at yourself  
and realize if you were supposed to touch your toes while exercising,  
the Lord would have placed them further up,  
and may you realize the reason so many people  
take up jogging is to hear heavy breathing again.

May what you see in the mirror delight you  
and what others see in you delight them.  
May someone love you enough to accept  
and forgive your faults and be blind to your blemishes,  
and tell the whole world about your virtues.

May you live in a world at peace,  
with an awareness of the beauty of every sunset,  
every flower, every child's smile,  
and every wonderful astonishing beat of your own heart.

If by laughter, I can cause you to wipe one tear  
from your cheek, that is my only reward.

Above all, may you continue to smile,  
may your life be filled with laughter,  
and may you never forget the words  
found in the Book of Proverbs ...

"A gloomy spirit rots the bones; but a merry heart is like good medicine."

## A Day in the Life...

By: Sandy Elm

Happy 2010 everyone. Hope everyone had a happy and blessed holiday season. And aren't we all happy that we had plenty of snow for Christmas. Oh well, it's something you learn to live with in Montana. So let's see what's been happening lately.....

At the Karen and Vance Meyer home for Christmas Eve were Myron and Marsha Meyer, Kim and Sue Meyer, Arnette and Randy Haagenson, and Gene Meyer. On Christmas day, they entertained Kim and Sue, Arnette, Randy, and Gene for dinner.

Ron and Julie Nelson met their daughter Talli in Billings on December 24th and they

celebrated Christmas together. They returned home on the 27th.

Carol and Alan Mangel went to Kalispell for Christmas where they spent time with Bridget and Brian Kalloch and Savannah, Mallory and Mason. They also visited with Dolores and Bob.

Darrin Elm was home for Christmas visiting his parents, Sandy and Slugger Elm and friends and family. Darrin lives in Bismarck ND.

Rose Frickson spent the holidays in Westby at her daughter Teresa and Clifford Johnsons home. She returned back to Plentywood on December 28th.

Shannon and Mike Gebhardt entertained guests Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Supper guests for Christmas Eve were Rose Frickson, Clifford and Teresa Johnson, Darrin Elm, and Sandy and Slugger Elm. On Christmas day, Rose, Clifford and Teresa were guests with Sandy and Slugger, Darrin and Casey and Marilyn Elm stopping in the evening.

Christmas dinner guests at Casey and Marilyn Elm's home were Sandy and Slugger Elm, Darrin Elm, and Justin and Josh Ming.

Wendi, Ryan, Braiden, and Kanyon Taylor of Hardin were home for the holidays at her parents, Rick and Beatie Petersen. Jodi, Rob, Jarett, and Jaxson Pederson also spent the holidays at the Petersens. While everyone was home, Warren and Snookie Solberg of Highmore, SD came out and visited one day to see everyone. Beatie and Rick went to Duane Wagenson's for lutefisk on New Years Day.

Mike and Noreen Hove were at John and Arlene Hoves for a few days just before Christmas. On Christmas Eve day they all drove to Park City, MT to spend Christmas with Tara, Shane, Sayler, and Blake Stewart. Mike and Noreen left for their home in Rock Springs, WY the day after Christmas and John and Arlene stayed for a couple more days to help the Stewarts get settled in their new home.

Visiting at the Joan Killens home over the holidays were Ken and Margie Ubben of Kotzebue, Alaska, Ryan Ubben, Carl and Dawn Holt, and Jeramie Ubben all of Fairbanks, Alaska. They arrived on Christmas Eve day and left for Billings to fly back home on New Year's Day. While in Billings, they visited with David and Roxy Killens and family. On Christmas day everyone went to Plentywood to be with Casey Ubben, Kayleigh, and baby Gavin.

Here from Wellesley, Ontario were Earl and Darcee (Overgaard) Jantzi. They spent the holidays at her parents, Warren and Eileen Overgaard. Christmas day dinner guests at Warren and Eileen's were Darcee and Earl, Mike Overgaard, Marvin Nelson, and Jim Vest. Phoebe Vest was in Rugby, ND with Jamie and Brian Putnam and family.

On December 17th the Westby Senior Citizens had their Christmas dinner at the Westby Community Center. The meal was catered by the Prairie Kitchen.

On December 3rd, the Senior Citizens met at the Community Center with the Club as the host. In whist, Irene Stageberg got first and Renetta Westgard got second. The door prize was won by Anita Bjorgen. Guests were Mark Nordhagen and Susan Tefre.

On December 17th, Anita Bjorgen and Eileen Overgaard hosted Senior Citizens at the Community Center. Eileen took first in whist and Irene Stageberg took second. Jennie Nordhagen won the door prize. Mark Nordhagen, Gayle Overgaard, Richard Westgard, Warren Overgaard, Brian Elm, and Mary Mendes were guests.

## KESSNER

Laura Carlene Hammer Kessner passed away on Dec. 17, 2009, after a long, heroic battle with breast cancer.

Laura was born May 31, 1959, in Shelby, to Dorothy and Selmer Hammer. She attended grade school and high school in Sunburst, where she was involved in many sports programs, but most importantly, basketball. She went on to Montana State University, where she played basketball for one year. She graduated with a degree in business education. In 1983, she moved to Roberts, where she took her first and only teaching job in the Roberts School business department. She coached girl's basketball for a few years. Then she took over the Business Professionals of America – Roberts Chapter, and found her real niche.

She married her very best friend, Brian Kessner, in 1987 and raised two children, Cody and Kelsey.

Laura loved being a wife and mother, and treated all of Cody and Kelsey's friends as her own.

Her most passionate hobby was working with the Roberts BPA. She took great pride in her students' successes and took more BPA members to Nationals than any other BPA Chapter in Montana.

She retired from teaching in December 2008 after 27 years of service, only because of her illness, not because she was tired of teaching.

Laura was preceded in death by her father in 1980, and her grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her husband, Brian, and their children, Cody and Kelsey, all of Roberts; her mother, Dorothy, and her husband Walter Mundt of Shelby; her brother, Randy (Connie) Hammer of Las Vegas; sisters, Sandy (Ed) Grogan of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Diane (Dale) Duff of Whitefish. She is also survived by her in-laws, Helen and Kenneth Kessner of Whitehall; brother-in-law Rick (Jennifer) Kessner of Culbertson; and sister-in-law Deb (Jerry) Mahlun of Big Timber. Aunt Ethel Harshbarger of Westby, Dolores Hammer/Nordhagen of Williston and Great Aunt Vieja Christensen of Crosby. Also many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, in the Roberts School. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge has assisted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Roberts BPA, c/o Altana Credit Union, 3212 Central Ave., Billings, MT 59102.



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## Coming Events January

- 6th LYO meeting 7:00 pm
- 8th BB vs. Savage at Westby GJB 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:30
- 9th BB at Fairview GJV 3:00, BJV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:30  
JH Boys BB at Savage TBA
- 15th BB at Lambert/Richey GJV 3:30, BJV 5:00, GV 6:00, BV 7:30
- 16th BB vs. Circle at Westby GJV 3:30, BJV 5:00, GV 6:00, BV 7:30, JH Boys BB vs. F/L & Trenton at Grenora 9:00- 10:00—11:00
- 18th JH Boys vs. Plentywood at Westby 5:00 & 6:00
- 19th BB at Powers Lake GV 4:45, BV 6:15
- 21st BB vs. Trenton at Grenora GV 4:45, BV 6:15
- 22nd BB at Savage GJV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:30
- 23rd BB vs. Bainville at Westby GV 6:00, BV 7:30  
JH Boys at Fairview TBA
- 26th BB vs. R/L at Grenora GJV 2:30, BJV 4:00, GV 5:00, BV 6:30
- 29th BB at Brockton BJV 5:00, GV 6:00, GV 7:30
- 30th BB at Culbertson GJV 3:00, BJV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:30  
JH Boys vs. Culbertson & R/L at Westby TBA

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