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### LYO MEMBERS

Back row: Willie Bice, Brett Nielsen, Waylon Garman, McKenzie Westgard, Kylie Ryals, Kayla Rust, Brady Olson, Terrance Bjorgen

Front row: Tess Bjorgen, Tristan Schipman, Abby Westgard, Hallie Westgard, Leslie Hunter, Samantha Olson, McKayla Westgard

Not pictured- Lyo leaders Sue and Kim Meyer

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# LYO VISITS WINDY CITY FOR SERVICE PROJECT

The local youth group sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church had their heart set on returning to Los Angeles in 2010 to attend the Western States Youth Convention. When this year's convention was cancelled, the group looked to community service projects to fill the void.

Thinking back to the 2008 Western States Convention the group had attended, both the youth and their leaders were particularly inspired by one man. Leslie Hunter, the youth director and assistant minister at Holy Family Lutheran Church in Chicago, as well as the chaplain of Holy Family Lutheran School. Mr. Hunter uses his tools of ministry-sermons, raps, short stories and poetry- to inspire many, including the Boys in the Hood, a boy's club he runs in Cabrini Green on Chicago's near north side. The wheels were set in motion for the group to attend his church and spend time helping out at the K-8 Holy Family School, a private faith based school, and the Holy Family's After School Program held daily at the church.

The group of 16 (14 youth and 2 leaders) set off on Amtrak on June 10. They arrived in Chicago on Friday excited, but tired and apprehensive about the experience *and* downtown Chicago. Saturday the contingency had tickets to a Cubs/White Sox game at Wrigley Field. It was a great time and all had a chance to experience a "Chicago hotdog". On Sunday the group was to participate in the church services Holy Family Lutheran church.

The biggest problem the group encountered was transportation. It is not easy or cheap to get 16 people from point A to point B in Chicago and on top of that, the area to be traveled in is a tough part of town. After trying the bus (try coming up with the exact change of \$2.25 each way for 16 people), a taxi, make that 4, (they drop you where ever they feel like and you hope you can find and walk to your destination) a small bus (people mover at \$250.00)

and finally Leslie Hunter came up with a church van (even squeezing bodies into car seats) to shuttle them back and forth from the school to the church.

At Sunday services the kids became known as the Anthem choir. They were astounded by the talent and ability of the piano player. No music and he never looked at the keys. The service was very upbeat and uplifting.

Monday and Tuesday the LYO and their leaders would have full days as camp counselors at the Holy Family Lutheran School's summer camp to 50-60 kids ages 2-13. As soon as camp was over the group headed back to the church to assist at the after school program held daily at the church for 80-100 kids, 3-18 years of age.

The summer camps are designed to offer daily character education, elective activities, technology lab, and field trips. The afterschool program provides tutored homework hour during the school year, plus nurtures extracurricular interests in a secure and healthy environment.

The Westby group could not say enough about how inspiring and what a positive experience the whole trip was. They were welcomed with open arms at both the church and the school and the exchange of culture was an eye opener for both parties. The 14 students were escorted by LYO leader Sue Meyer and her husband Kim. Due to family matters, LYO leader Brenda Ryals was not able to make the trip nor was LYO member Taylor Nielsen as a trip to Washington DC he earned through Sheridan electric Cooperative was scheduled for the same time.

The LYO and their leaders would again like to thank Immanuel Lutheran Church and the entire community for their support.



Pictured Left:

Kim & Sue Meyer at  
Wrigley Field.

## BABY BOY



Byrce Daniel Moore was born on June 4th in Visalia, California. Proud parents are Chel and Heather Moore. Bryce weighted 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. Grandparents include Danny and Val Moore of Westby and Barbara Salazar of Amado, Arizona. Elaine and Marlowe Onstad of Westby and Pearl Musenbrock of Scottsdale are Great Grandparents and Great, great Grandma Vera Elm lives on the farm in Westby. Bryce also has a big brother, Colton, who will be 3 years old in October.



## Val's Recipe Corner

I'm not sure where to start. Despite the fact we have had such a joyous occasion in our life with the birth of a new grandson, I am being pulled in the other direction from the sadness that envelopes us all with not only the death of our dear friend Snookie, but also from the tragic weather related deaths of two former Westby residents.

Nobody ever said life is fair and neither is it said anyone is exempt from pain or the cruelties of Mother Nature. These adages certainly have been proven time and time again the past couple of weeks.

Snookie truly was an angel on earth. The matriarch of her loving family, a loyal friend and a devoted wife. True to the core. **Exactly**, the way she would want to be remembered. To say she fought a courageous battle is an injustice. To the end *she* worried about each of us, her family and friends, how they were handling her illness-didn't want them to worry-she would be fine. In her faith, she is. I am very fortunate to have called her friend.

Northeast Montana is lucky in that we generally don't have natural disasters to contend with. Having had the recent, freakish, tragic accidents in our area proves who is in control and that Mother Nature still has the upper hand. Although I did not know Ramona well, her reputation as a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and dedicated community member is known far and wide. She was a billboard for spirit and generosity who will be missed by many and forgotten by none. My heart goes out to the Ryder and Quam families.

Days later, we lost another Westby native in a weather related car accident. Here again, I did not know James well, but know his family and a little of their history.

Many years ago James and Evelyn lived in the house I now call home, as James was once the manager of Farmer's Elevator. Somehow that makes us connected. What a tragic loss. My sincere sympathy goes out to the Rice Family.

Well, I hate to tell you, but none of this gets you off the hook as far as Grandma stories are concerned. First off, I have to say I have two of the cutest little grandsons you have ever seen and if you don't believe me, just ask Danny. I spent 10 days in California getting acquainted with Baby Bryce and learning something new from Colton every day. Danny joined me for a few days and we compiled stories and memories to treasure not necessarily for a lifetime, but to at least get us through until the next visit (and *that* is in the works).

I didn't plan it that way, but the two recipes I am sharing this week are both of Greek origin. The first recipe is a summer salad. Great to throw together a head of time for a BBQ. We enjoyed it after the most beautiful afternoon of golf and, believe me with the weather we have been experiencing, beautiful afternoons have been hard to come by. It was paired with a caramelized onion/blue cheese pizza and an array of chips and dips. As always, good weather, great friends and awesome food makes the golf game a little easier to swallow.



Colton holding his new brother Bryce.

This salad would fare well with any grilled meat or add some cooked chicken for a complete meal.

## GREEK STYLE PASTA SALAD

Creamy Vinaigrette Dressing:

1/4 cup rice wine vinegar

2 T mayonnaise

1 large garlic clove, minced

Salt and pepper

2/3 cup olive oil

Combine vinegar, mayo, garlic, S & P. Gradually whisk in olive oil.

Salad Ingredients:

1 pound cucumber, cut into bite size pieces

1 pound cherry tomatoes, halved sprinkle w/salt

1/2 cup feta

1/2 cup kalamata olives, coarsely chopped

3 T minced mint or parsley

1/2 med red onion, diced

1 pound box pasta (bowtie, penne, rotelle), cook el dente in salted water, drain, and spread on baking sheet to cool, stirring occasionally.

Combine salad ingredients and refrigerate up to four hours prior to serving. Toss with creamy vinaigrette dressing and let stand 15 minutes at room temperature prior to serving.

NOTE: Dressing may be made a day ahead of time. 1 pound box of pasta is now sold in 12 oz box. That is adequate for this recipe. The idea of cooling pasta on baking sheet is a great tip for any pasta cooked for a salad. This salad keeps well.



“Bring me then the plant that points to those bright Lucidites swirling up from the earth, And life itself exhaling that central breath! Bring me the sunflower crazed with the love of light”

Eugenio Montale

While at Chel's, we enjoyed this Greek pork tenderloin recipe. Although he did not make the apricots, I think they would be a great addition or a tzaziki sauce may be even better. We used a grill pan rather than skewering, but for a gathering the skewers would be nice.

## PORK SOUVLAKI WITH HONEYED APRICOTS

Souvlaki:

2 shallots, minced

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced

Juice of 1 lemon

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

2 pounds pork tenderloin, trimmed and cut into 1 1/2-to-2-inch chunks

For the Apricots:

Juice of 3 limes

3/4 cup dry rose or white wine

1/4 cup honey

1 shallot, minced

12 plump dried apricots

1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint

1 tablespoon pine nuts, toasted

Greek yogurt, for serving

Combine the shallots, garlic, oregano, jalapeno, lemon juice and olive oil in a large resealable plastic bag. Add the pork, turn to coat, and refrigerate at least 3 hours or overnight.

Soak 12 to 16 wooden skewers in water, at least 20 minutes. Meanwhile, make the honeyed apricots: Bring the lime juice, wine, honey and shallot to a simmer in a small saucepan over medium heat. Add the apricots and cook until the mixture is syrupy, about 12 minutes. Preheat a grill or grill pan to medium. Remove the pork from the marinade and thread 2 pieces onto each skewer. Grill until cooked through, 3 to 5 minutes per side.

Fold the mint and pine nuts into the apricot mixture. Serve the souvlaki with a dollop of yogurt and the apricot mixture. Serves 6-8

LIFE IS SHORT~

The miracle of a life and the birth of a healthy baby is what will get us through these times. May you find a miracle.

## HUNGRY HORSE NEWS

Sandi (Hanson) McCraken of Columbia Falls shared an article from the *Hungry Horse News* on Bill and Karen Anderson former Westby teachers who recently retired from the Columbia Falls school systems. The following is an excerpt from that article:

Bill was accepted to optometry school as he neared the end of his 28 years of active military service. He considered it, but eventually chose a career in education instead.

The growing family wanted to return to Montana and so moved to the little town of Westby in 1962. Karen taught fourth grade for a time until the birth of their third daughter, Lynnette. Bill taught seventh and eighth grades, high school social studies, physical education, science and math. He coached football, basketball and track. He worked in the lunch room and drove a bus to sporting events.

"All people in education should start out somewhere like that," Bill said of the experience. "You learn so much about what is involved in education. You get immersed in every phase of it. It was probably the best place I could have started. It gave me a variety of experience. Nobody handed me a teacher's text book and said 'OK, teach English all day.' You taught everything."

After three years in Westby, the Andersons moved 60 miles west to Scobey.

The Andersons are not so much retiring as making time for their sundry activities.

Their family has always been an athletic, recreation-oriented family. Bill and Karen plan to visit their grandchildren kayak, boat, ski and snowboard. Karen rollerblades, Bill runs in marathons and he has completed 19 to date.

"We feel almost guilty leaving education," Bill said. "The word retire is not one we like to have in our vocabulary."

Bill and Karen make their home in Columbia Falls.

## BABY GIRL

Born to Dusti Bartnes and Brandon Burdick a baby girl, Charlee Jean. Charlee was 6 pounds 5 ounces and 19 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Steve and Jeanie Bartnes of Westby and Debbie Hodal and Larry Burdick both of Kansis City, MO. Great Grandmother Violet Bartnes lives in Plentywood. Dusti and Brandon make their home in Pleasant Hill, Missouri.



## THANK YOU

I want to thank my friends and relatives for the outpouring of their love and concern for me, as shown by the many, many cards, flowers, goodies, and visits while I was in the hospital. I also want to express my great appreciation to Dr. Stoner, the therapists, and hospital staff for their care and attention to my every need. Much thanks to Randy and Cathy, and Warren and Chris, for taking care of my affairs during my lengthy hospital stay. Even though it has been a fairly long ordeal, I am sure I will be up and running (and driving my car) very soon! It is so wonderful to live in a community that expresses their love, care, and concern in so many thoughtful ways. I could never begin to thank all of you for everything you have done, and are doing, for me! May God bless every one of you!

Irene(Rene) Stageberg

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## MARONEY

Gary Maroney, 68, of Butte, MT, died on June 10, 2010.

Gary taught sixth grade in Westby for a brief time in 1970.

Upon leaving Westby he went to teach in Vientiane, Laos. While there he adopted a baby boy, Liam.

Gary returned to Westby as commencement speaker for the Class of 1976.

He is survived by his son, Liam, and fiancé, one brother and two sisters.

## **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

**Town of Westby**  
PWSID#MT0000355  
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We're very pleased to provide you with the Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our source of water is classified as groundwater, and comes from 2 wells. We have completed a source water protection plan that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination to our drinking water supply. This plan can be found online at <http://oris.state.mt.us/wls/swap/swapquery.asp>.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife;

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming;

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses;

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems;

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

We're pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Lynden Lagerquist at 385-2445. If you want to learn more about our water, you can attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Westby routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows the results of any detects in our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. For constituents that are not monitored yearly, we have reviewed our records back the last 5 years.

Westby has been issued a waiver for certain inorganic contaminants. This waiver allows our water system to sample only once every 9 years for these regulated contaminants: barium, cadmium, chromium,

mercury, selenium, fluoride. Past sampling for these contaminants has shown that they are not present in our water supply, or occur in such small amounts that they are not considered a health hazard. This waiver is in effect from 2002 through 2011.

We have monitored for lead and copper, and all of our samples have been in compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Westby is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

In the tables above and below you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l)**-one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000

**Action Level** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - (mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Maximum Contaminant Level** - (mandatory language) The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - (mandatory language) The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)**-picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.



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| <b>Inorganic</b>              |           |         |         |       |     |     |                    |
| Nitrate + nitrite as Fluoride | N         | 11/17/0 | 1.24    | ppm   | 10  | 10  | Erosion of natural |
| Arsenic                       | N         | 9/17/0  | 0.3     | Ppm   | 4   | 4   | Erosion of natural |
| Radioactive Combined          | N         | 1/14/0  | 2       | Ppb   | 0   | 10  | Erosion of natural |
| Alpha emitters                | N         | 9/11/0  | 0.5     | PCi/L | 0   | 5   | Erosion of natural |
|                               |           |         | 4.9     | PCi/L | 0   | 15  | Erosion of natural |

Our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and

State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

I would like to thank Pastor Barb for my administrative gift of "Old Lutheran" items. I have enjoyed using all of them.

I would also like to thank the Pre-school/Kindergarten Sunday School class for my Mother's Day bag of gifts. The bag is on my bulletin board where I can see it everyday. Thank you, Jack, for my wheat Mother's Day candle holder. I have it in my office at the church so I can enjoy it at work.

Thank you all of the Immanuel Sunday School children for my Thank You cards on the last day of Sunday School.

All of these gifts and all the gifts given to me through out the years are things that I will always treasure.

Thanks again,  
Anna Herman

## Lutnes



Maxine Ruth Lutnes, 83 of Williston, formerly of Westby, Montana, died peacefully surrounded by her loving family at her home in Williston May 30, 2010. She was born October 11, 1926 in Seattle, Washington, the only daughter born to Thomas & Lena (Sherman) Marshall with her brother Thomas W. Marshall completing the family in 1931. Maxine was raised in the Renton area, attending schools in Honeydew and Issaquah, Washington. She graduated from Issaquah High School in 1944 and then went to work at Boeing Aircraft manufacturing in Renton and Seattle until the end of the war. She attended Seattle Pacific College under the Cadet Nurse Corps until an illness made such a career inadvisable. Maxine worked at various secretarial jobs in Seattle until she married Duane Lutnes on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1949 in Washington. The new couple returned to Duane's family farm near Westby where they made a life together, farming for over 50 years until they retired to Williston in the fall of 1999.

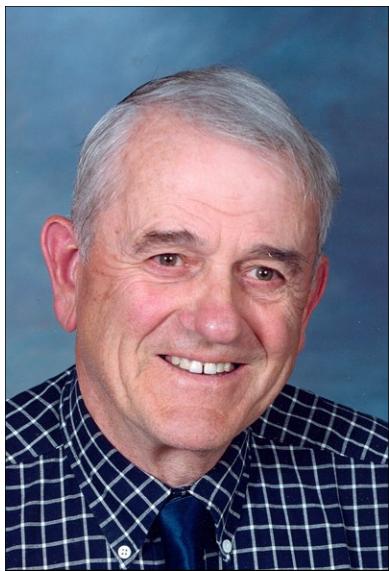
Maxine always enjoyed her early childhood exploring the deep pacific northwest forests near her Renton, Washington home. She thoroughly enjoyed her job at Boeing Aircraft where she worked as a "Rivet Bucker": holding a steel bar – the "bucking bar" – against the end of a new rivet on the inside of the plane while a "Riveter" would drive the rivet from the other side to shape and tighten the rivet. Maxine and her riveting partner made a very good team as he perfected a bucking bar that made it possible to get rivets into very difficult locations on an aircraft. Their riveting talents took them throughout the Boeing plants in Renton and Seattle to take care of difficult riveting jobs assembling many different types of aircraft. In her later years Maxine took up crocheting and fondly enjoyed making afghans, pot-holders and reading. She also enjoyed traveling by car and train to visit her children and grandchildren, and being able to bring people pleasure by smiles, words and acts of thoughtfulness and appreciation.

She was preceded in death by her parents Thomas & Lena Marshall and her brother Thomas "Sonny" Marshall.

Surviving Maxine are her loving husband of over 61 years, Duane Lutnes of Williston, North Dakota; her eight children and their spouses: Richard Lutnes, wife-Beth Lafayette, LA; grand-kids-Danny Lutnes, Tisha (Lutnes) & Quinton Miller great grandchild-Bristol; Raymond Lutnes, partner Suzie Travarthan of Oakland, CA; Merle Lutnes & Jean (Miller) of Thornton, CO, grandchildren-John Lutnes, Julie (Lutnes) & Scott Ortez grandchildren-Lauren, Katherine, & Christian, Daniel & Jamilla (Walker) Ayden, Avory, & Anayah, Lucinda (Lutnes) & Kevin McElhatten, Robin (Lutnes) & Brian Sugihara-Xoxa, Jade, & Kioshi, Keith Lutnes, Williston, ND grandchildren-Shondel Lutnes, Jessie (Lutnes) & John Querl, & Ann Lutnes-granchild-Emily Lutnes, Cathy (Lutnes) & Dennis Hanson of Fortuna, ND

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## RICE



Memorial services for James Robert Rice will be held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, June 23. Pastor Barry Fritts will officiate at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church; private interment of cremated remains will take place later. Military honors will follow the rites at the church. James died in a car accident north of Culbertson Friday morning; he was 80. Honorary Bearers are "the Fishing Crew", the "Coffee Crew" at Cousins, the Lions Members, and all of James Nephews and Nieces; ushers will be Don Anderson, Chip Brummond, Maynard Johnson, Chad Peterson, and Lowell Snyder. The family invites friends to join them for a time of memories from 7 - 9 PM Tuesday evening at *Angel Light* in Plentywood.

Born in Northeastern Montana December 31, 1929, the son of Reuben and Marie (Steinke) Rice, James grew up on the family farm and attended the Rice school and graduated from Westby High School in 1947. Shortly after graduating from high school, due to the lingering wartime shortage of teachers, he worked for a time as a teacher at the Rice School and taught his brothers and sister, as well as other neighbor children. He married Evelyn Erdahl August 12, 1951 at Plentywood Lutheran Church. In 1954 he was drafted into the U. S. Army during the Korean war. He trained as a radio operator in the Army Security Agency and graduated with honors. He was discharged after his father's death in 1955, and returned to Westby to farm and ranch with his brother, Burton. In 1968 he became manager of the Farmer's Elevator in Westby; from 1971 - 1973 he managed the Airport Texaco station in Great Falls, then ran the Culbertson Truck Stop until 1978, when he took over the Plentywood Westland Station. Rice Oil handled bulk propane, diesel, and gas as well as the station fuel sales and vehicle service work.

-grandchildren-Justin Hanson, Mandy (Hanson) & Garth Peterson-grandchild-Jordyn, Dana (Hanson) & Scott DeVries, & Brittany Hanson; Allan Lutnes & partner Bonnie Gilbertson, Glen Rock, WY grandchildren-Troy & Kat (Smith), Erick Lutnes & Stephanie (Jackson) Kaden, Ciera, & Carlee; Laurie (Lutnes) & Doug Sparr of Sunset Hills, MO, grandchildren--Kelsey, Ian, Haley & Eric Sparr; Terri Lutnes of Williston, ND grand children-Kristen Lutnes & Linda Borrer, neices-Lorna Lockhert Lutnes & Mona Lutnes, as well as numerous friends and relatives.

Funeral Services were conducted Thursday, June 3, 2010 at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Plentywood, Montana with Pastor Greg Smithson presiding.

Memorial donations may be made in Maxine's name to a charity of the donor's choice.

Services were under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral home of Plentywood, Montana.

Since retirement in 1993, James has been even busier – for 36 years an avid member and local officer of the Lions organization, he has spearheaded projects throughout northeastern Montana,

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## Rice (*continued*)

and was recognized as *Lion of the Year* in 1988, and with the Lions' *Melvin Jones Fellowship* in 2008. A highlight every spring for almost 30 years was "the gang's" annual fishing trip to Besnard Lake Lodge in Saskatchewan: they got back from this year's adventure the night before Jim died. He started plants every spring in his home greenhouse, and found great joy and relaxation in tending his plants, home, and yard. Every morning Jim joined the round table for coffee at Cousins Restaurant, and, as he left, announced that "I have to go home to fix breakfast for his wife" (whom he loved dearly!). He loved to work crossword puzzles, and his fishing gang discovered he could convert between liters and gallons and figure gas mileage in his head, without using a calculator! James traveled extensively with his wife and other family members to Norway, Germany, Austria, Alaska and Japan. He enjoyed western music on the TV program "Midwest Country." The last few years he enjoyed driving vehicles back and forth from Sidney for Gem City Motors and Chad Peterson. Most recently he worked for the 2010 census. He was a member of the American Legion in Plentywood.

James is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of Plentywood; and by four children and their families: Rhonda Mathistad of Minot, North Dakota; Sandra Wilson and her husband, Doug, of Parker, Colorado; Jon Rice and his wife Julie, of Plentywood; and Joel Rice, of Mission Viejo, California. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Sean Wilson, Kelsey Rice and Kirsten Anvik and her husband Chris; and by two brothers and a sister: Kurtiss Rice, of Plentywood; Burton Rice and his wife Diane, of Eureka, Montana; and Wanda McGonigle and her husband Gerry, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Betty Hilyard, brother-in-law Robert Erdahl, and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, James was preceded in death by two brothers, Phillip ("Sammy") and Gene, a sister-in-law, Karolyn Rice, and by a sister, E. Carol Rice.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

## SOLBERG



Katherine "Snookie" Louise (Meyer) Solberg, 67, passed away in Pierre, South Dakota, Wednesday, June 2, 2010, from complications following a courageous battle with cancer. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, June 14, 2010 at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Plentywood with Fr. Ned Shinnick presiding. Interment followed at the Plentywood Memorial Cemetery in Plentywood.

Snookie was born on February 15, 1943, in Redding, CA, the daughter of Jerome and Virgie Meyer. At the age of four, the family moved back to Montana to farm. Jerome, Virgie, Snookie, and her siblings Charles and Beatrice resided in Westby for the majority of Snookie's childhood. She attended Westby School until her freshman year when she transferred to a catholic school in Kenmare, ND for one year then returned to Westby High School where she graduated in 1961. On July 22, 1961, Snookie married her high school sweetheart, Warren Solberg. Warren and Snookie made their home in Westby on the family farm for most of their life together. They had four children; Brenda, Deanna, Michael, and Leann.

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## Solberg (*continued*)

Snookie had a tremendous love of family; all of her family, immediate and extended were very important to her. Her time and memories made with them were what she cherished the most.

Snookie loved to shop, cook, collect various items, fish, read, and attend activities that her children and grandchildren were involved in. She also enjoyed trying her luck on slot machines and going on casino runs with her friends.

Snookie had a dream of owning her own business, she fulfilled this dream in 1995. When she and Warren bought the "Rainbow Shack" in Westby. The café was a great success and Snookie had many faithful customers who enjoyed her home cooked meals. Snookie worked extremely hard in the café and it took a toll on her health. Warren and Snookie sold the café in 2000. Following her retirement in 2000, she and Warren made their home in South Dakota where Snookie enjoyed attending her grandchildren's events and being involved with the Red Hats Society and the Catholic Daughters. After moving to South Dakota, she continued her love for cooking by preparing and hauling meals out to the harvest crews.

In April of 2008, Warren and Snookie, along with their son and daughter-in-law opened a hunting lodge in Highmore, SD. Snookie enjoyed helping with getting the lodge ready for its opening. She spent a great deal of time traveling between Montana and South Dakota, spending time with her family and friends. After Snookie was diagnosed with cancer, she treasured the trips she was able to take with Warren, her sister Beatie and brother-in-law, Rick. After Snookie was more confined to her home because of her illness, Leann gave Warren and her a puppy, Tabby became their constant companion and provided much comfort and company for Snookie when she wasn't feeling her best.

Snookie was preceded in death by her parents, Jerome and Virgie Meyer, and infant brother Jerard Jerome and her mother-in-law, Eunice Solberg.

Surviving Snookie is her loving husband of over 48 years, Warren Solberg of Highmore, SD; her four children and their spouses: Brenda and Jed Ryals of Westby, MT; Deanna and Clyde Hellegaard of Westby, MT; Michael and Amy Solberg of Highmore, SD; and Leann and Marty Westgard of Westby, MT; her thirteen grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; Jace, Steph, Alexa, and Harley Ryals; Shane Ryals, Kylie Ryals, Derek Hellegaard, Colton Hellegaard, Paige Solberg and Adam and Preston Kutz, Shan Solberg, Sierra Solberg, Hunter Solberg, and Savannah Solberg; Makenzie Westgard, Makayla Westgard, and Jager Westgard; her sister Beatrice (Rick) Petersen and their daughters Jodi and Wendi; and brother Charles (Lu) Meyer and their children Jerry, Cindy, and Steven; and numerous nieces and nephews.



## Ryder



Funeral services for Romona Ryder were held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, June 22 with Rev. Tim Hutslar officiating the service at the Froid High School Gymnasium; interment has taken place in Froid South Cemetery. Casketbearers were Bryan Anklan, J.D. Anderson, Tony Anderson, Jason Folvag, Darren Nason, Jerry O'Toole, Joe Reynen, and Randy Wangerin; ushers were Brian Garberg, Jim Rued, Wayne Schottler, and Rod Smith. All of Romona's nieces and nephews, the staff and students of the Froid School, and the staff of the Roosevelt Medical Center are all regarded as Honorary Bearers. Romona died early Thursday morning, June 17 at Roosevelt Medical Center in Culbertson; she was injured when a severe thunderstorm destroyed her home west of Froid.

Romona Jean Ryder was born December 30, 1960 in Williston, North Dakota. In 1969, when Romona was in the third grade, her family moved to Westby, Montana where she spent the remainder of her childhood. Her first job in high school was in Plentywood at the Diary Queen. After Romona graduated from Westby High School, she attended college in Havre, Montana and achieved an associate's degree in business. After college, Romona moved to Plentywood and worked for Tom Darland Law Firm as a legal secretary. She also worked in the dispatch office in Plentywood.

It was in Plentywood, that Romona met Pat Ryder and he danced his way into her heart. It was not uncommon to see people clear the dance floor to watch Pat and Romona jitterbug. They were married on July 24, 1982 in Plentywood at the Congregational Church. Twenty-three years later, their daughter Patricia was married in the same church.

In 1984, Pat and Romona moved to Froid where they raised their three children, Patricia, Kyle and Beau.

Romona was very involved in the Froid community and was well known for her wonderful baking and cooking. She was famous for her breadsticks and cakes. Romona was a passionate fan of Froid Cardinal athletics. She worked at GIA and her "Notes from Romona" appeared in the Searchlight. She was a terrific hostess and loved to entertain. Guests never left hungry and her cooking was talked about for days afterward. She was a wonderful babysitter and loved children. She was a very proud, fun and involved grandma of grandson, James, and already loved granddaughter, Reese, who is expected in August.

She is survived by her husband, Pat Ryder; her children, Patricia (Justin) Maddison of Williston, ND, Kyle (Jodi) Ryder of Dickinson, ND, and Beau Ryder of Bozeman, MT; her parents, Donald and Shirley Quam of Westby, MT; siblings Colleen (LeRoy) Sorenson, Patrick (Tina) Quam, Sherry (Jay) Stockdill all of Plentywood, MT, and Corrine Quam of Wenatchee, WA; her father and mother-in-law, Romain and Yvonne Ryder of Froid, MT; her brothers and sisters-in-law Art Ryder of Froid, MT, Rob (LeaAnn) Ryder of Plentywood, MT, Diana (Pete) Lodahl of Froid, MT; her numerous nieces and nephews and two special children, April and Autumn McCabe. She is preceded in death by her grandparents Bryan and Mammie Albert and Margaret and Henri Quam and her brother-in-law Jeff Ryder.

Just as Romona improved the lives of those around her when she was here on Earth, she continued to do so even after her death: her eyes were harvested and donated to someone in need.

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# Our Spotlight

*In keeping with thoughts of upcoming reunions and Westby's centennial may we present snippets from the halls of WHS and days gone by:*

## CLASS OF 1962

BARBARA BAKKE, GUY BUNDT, JOHN BYE, LOIS DAHLGAARD, MURRAY EKNES, CAROL HOLVIK, CAROL JOHNSON, CLIFFORD JOHNSON, MYRNA JOYES, DIANE KROWEN, LINDA MADSEN, EVELYN MC CALLUM, ARNOLD NORDHAGEN, MARLENE OLSON, VIRGINIA PLUMLEE, CURTIS SAMUELSON, GERALD TUFTON, IRVING WITTMAYER

Barbara Bakke: 'Barb'- "She has the face of an angel, but there's devil in her eyes."

Guy Bundt: 'Mr. Rep.' - "I may do something sensational yet."

John Bye: 'J.B.' - "You should do it today; tomorrow there may be a law against it."

Lois Dahlgard: 'Tweet' - "I was cut out to be an angel, but someone ran away with the pattern."

Murray Ekness: 'Ike' - "A little backward about coming forward."

Carol Holvik: 'Annie' - "She's got the get up and go, that got up and went."

Carol Johnson: 'Carrie' - "Study is a pat time, why overdo it?"

Clifford Johnson: 'Cliff' - "The only reason I speed through the intersection is to get out of the way of wreckless drivers."

Myrna Joyes: 'Myrn' - "A popular miss liked for her kindness and friendship."

Diane Krownen: 'Krowny' - "I'd rather be small and shine, than be tall and cast a shadow."

Linda Madsen: 'Lyn' - "Good NATURED, jolly and clever, her tongue like her Chev, goes on forever."

Evelyn McCullum: 'Eve' - "If you can't talk sense, talk nonsense."

Arnold Joyes: "Arne" - "Take good care of me-good men are rare."

Marlene Olson: 'Ole' - "Happiness is meant to be shared."

Virginia Plumlee: 'Ginnie' - "she came to us a stranger, but remains with us a friend."

Curtis Samuelson: 'Sam' - "I believe in work, but I'm not in favor of it."

Gerald Tufton: "Jerry" - "I'm not as ornery as they say, it's just my love for mischief."

Irving Wittmayer: "Irv" - "Make way for this man, he's one in a million."

## DEDICATION

We, the senior class of 1962, wish to dedicate our annual to our faithful class advisor and principal, Mr. Moran.

Mr. Moran has been our class advisor for the past three years. During this time he has helped us with our problems and solved a great many of them.

Few teachers ever receive the credit they so rightfully deserve so we would like to express our deep appreciation towards Mr. Moran for all that he has done.

## ACTIVITIES

In the spring of our junior year, we presented our class play, "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis."

We also had our Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet using "Southern Serenade" as our theme.

Our senior class play, "Tune in on Terror" was presented November 21, 1961.

## CLASS MOTTO

"Today we follow, tomorrow we lead."

## CLASS FLOWER

White Rose

## CLASS COLORS

Aqua and White

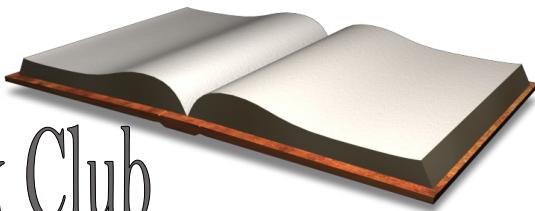
## BACCALAUREATE

May 20, 1962

## COMMENCEMENT

May 24, 1962

# Book Club



## Rasputin's Daughter

Author: Robert Alexander  
By Arlene Hove

In May we had a no-host meeting at the school library and we think that being surrounded by books was stimulation for a lively and interesting discussion. Or perhaps it was solely because this was a rather lively and interesting story - or it could have been a combination of the two. Our Westby Book Club always includes a historical fiction pick as this seems to be a favorite genre. We were not disappointed with Rasputin's Daughter in the historical fiction category.

The time frame for the entire novel is the week before Gregory Rasputin's death. The author views the unfolding events from the perspective of Rasputin's elder daughter, Maria. The air in the capitol of Petrograd, Russia is thick with dangerous rumors, many concerning Maria's father. World War I rages on, and the members of the Romanov family are fit to be tied over Empress Alexandra's obsessive need for the ministrations of the hated Rasputin. You see, Rasputin and Rasputin alone can stop the bleeding of the hemophiliac heir to the throne, whose condition is kept secret from the outside world.

Maria soon realizes her father's life is truly in jeopardy and sets out to find out who her father really is and why people want to harm him - even kill him!

Is he the holy man whose genuine ability to heal inspires a cult of awed followers, the drunkard who consumes 12 bottles of Madeira in a single night, or the unrestrained animal she spies with the housekeeper? Does his unruly behavior link him to an outlawed sect that believes sin overcomes sin? Maria, just 18 at the time her father was murdered, had always adored and respected her father but during the last months of his life, she discovered some distasteful truths about him.

This much we do know about the mythic Rasputin: he was an illiterate and uneducated peasant from Siberia who became both beloved and reviled by the powers in Russia, and by the people. Wikipedia uses words like psychic, faith healer, visionary, and prophet to describe the "mad monk". Rasputin's life is shrouded in mystery, hearsay and legend, just as in death, and he is perhaps the most intriguing character central to the collapse of the Russian dynasty.

This much we know about Maria. Following the Revolution she fled to Siberia and married a Russian officer. Eventually they escaped from Russia and found their way to Paris where Maria gave birth to two daughters. When her husband died, she danced and sang in a cabaret, and later found work as a lion tamer in London. She toured with the Ringling Brothers Circus in the U.S. but when mauled by a bear, she quit the circus and took a job as a riveter in a Miami shipyard. She lived out her old age in a bungalow in the shadows of the Hollywood Freeway, living on Social Security and babysitting jobs. She died in 1977. The Rasputin descendants continue to live in Paris.

The Book Club will not meet again until September. Have a great summer and Happy Reading!

### 3 GENERATIONS BRING MUSIC TO SMNH



Once a year, the Immanuel WELCA helps residents of the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries. Tradition includes wonderful homemade pies and a short program. On June 16th, the program included three generations entertaining the residents, one of whom would make the fourth generation, with music and song. Wayne Herman, his daughter, Jandy Jorgenson, and her son, Tanner, provided a fun filled afternoon to residents and care givers alike. Wayne's mother, Myrtle, was one of the resident's celebrating her birthday that day.

The group is shown singing the crowd favorite "Bullfrogs and Butterflies".

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Westby Manager

SOLBERG —We would like to thank everyone who has reached out to our family with their thoughts and prayers, hugs, phone calls, flowers, food, cards, memorials and gifts of money in our time of loss. We would also like to thank all the ladies who put on the family suppers in Highmore and Westby. A special thanks to Merv and Doris for setting up the prayer service in Highmore and to Marvel for all her help with the service in Plentywood. All of the well wishes and prayers have helped our healing begin and we are greatly appreciative of all the support we have received from our communities. We also wanted to let everyone know how much the messages on the Caring Bridge site over the past 2 ½ years have meant to us. All of us, especially Mom and Dad, looked forward to reading your messages every chance they had. Thanks again, The family of "Snookie" Katherine Solberg: Warren Solberg, Brenda and Jed Ryals, Deanna and Clyde Hellegaard, Mike and Amy Solberg, Leann and Marty Westgard, Rick and Beatie Petersen and families.

## *A Day in the Life.*

By: Sandy Elm

On June 3rd, Kay Tommerup hosted the Westby Senior Citizens at the Community Hall . Renetta Westgard won first in whist and Adeline Lagerquist took second. The door prize was won by Milo Nordhaugen. Guests were Elgene Smith and Mark Nordhagen.

Glenny Bervik was in Denver, Colorado recently to attend the graduation of Alex Bervik, who is the son of Kevin and Michelle Bervik. While there, she also spent time with her daughter, Darcy and family. Travis, her grandson, took her to Olney Springs, Colorado where they visited with Garret Adams, another grandson.

The Jolly Twelve met on June 14th, Arlene Herman was the hostess. In whist, Eileen Overgaard took first and Renetta Westgard took second. Phoebe Vest got low.

Senior Citizens hosted a potluck meeting on June 17th. In whist, John Mendes took first and Jennie Nordhagen took second. The door prize was won by Mary Mendes. Mark Nordhagen, and Karen and Mike Feld were guests.

Recent dinner guests at Faye and Dick Johnsons were Dorothy and Alden Swartz of Kalispell, MT, Neil and Angie Swartz from Chester, MT, Terry and Garret Johnson from Mitchell, SD, Daryn Andersen and Kelly Johnson of Billings, Ardelle French, Larry Haugen, Jason and Kaci Johnson all of Plentywood, Daryl and Kathy Andersen, David and Shaine Andersen and their children Arabella, Avonly Rose, and Shayla all of Westby.

# What's old is new!

**The Old Charlie's,LLC is now open.**

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## PETERSEN RETIRES FROM NCA BOARD AFTER 33 YEARS.

New Century Ag held their annual meeting on June 21st in Fortuna, ND. Westby area farmer Rick Petersen retired from the board after 33 years of dedication to the industry. Rick was on the board of Farmers Grain & Trading Company when the co-op merged with Farmers Elevator of Fortuna in 1990. He remained a member on the newly formed board and has continued in that capacity through the many additional changes until this year. Rick has witnessed the ever changing grain business, an additional merger

with Crosby, and the building of the multi-million dollar grain terminal in Westby throughout his tenure. Although his father, Bill Petersen, served on the Westby Elevator Board even longer at 34 years, it's doubtful he could have witnessed any bigger changes than emerged the 33 years his son served. Rick was replaced by Westby area farmer Chris Jensen.

Following the meeting, approximately two-hundred- twenty- five members and guests were served summer fare of grilled hamburgers, beans, assorted salads, cookies and ice cream bars.



### NEW CENTURY AG BOARD

Chris Jensen, Westby; Leland Olson, Fortuna; Dave Wolter, Ambrose; Steve Dhuyvetter, Noonan; Rick Petersen, Westby; Josh Bummer, Crosby; Allan Wehrman, Ambrose; Brad Vassen, Crosby

# **PRAIRIE FEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

## **SATURDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup>**



### **~BAKING COMPETITION~**

The Pie Baking Contest is back this year to the Prairie Fest. A youth category has been added for the under 12 participants. The field has been broadened for this age group and will include anything with chocolate(cookies, bars, bread, cake etc.). Pies and baked goods are to be brought to the Community Center by 10:30AM, Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> with judging to begin by 11:00. Cash prizes will be awarded. For further information contact Kolby Ruggles. Slices of pie and the other judged baked goods will be sold in the afternoon at the Community Center.

### **~DRESS YOUR PET CONTEST~**

The popular “Dress Your Pet Contest” will be held again this year. Cash prizes will be awarded in categories to include People’s Choice, and Best Duo (both owner and pet costumes) & Best Pet Trick. Adults may participate and will be judged separately. The contest will begin at the Visitor Center at 1:30. Following the judging, the animals will parade down Main Street. Further information will be posted at local businesses.

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|---------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 7:00—10:00 am | <b>~Lion's Breakfast~</b>                 | Community Center   |
| 10:30         | <b>~Baking Contest~</b>                   | Community Center   |
| 10:00—2:00    | <b>~City Tours~</b>                       | Main Street        |
| 10:00—2:00    | <b>~Grain Terminal Tours~</b>             | Terminal Site      |
| 10:00—4:00    | <b>~Wee Bee Quilters Show &amp; Sale~</b> | School             |
| 11:00—2:00    | <b>~Lunch Served~</b>                     | Prairie Kitchen    |
| 12:00         | <b>~Laurel Clawson Chuck Wagon~</b>       | Main Street        |
| 12:00         | <b>~Soderquist Kettle Korn~</b>           | Main Street        |
| 1:00—3:00     | <b>~Lion's Bingo~</b>                     | Under the Big Tent |
| 1:00—4:00     | <b>~JUMP-N-FUN-INFLATABLES~</b>           | Visitor Center     |
| 1:30          | <b>~Dress Your Pet Contest~</b>           | Visitor Center     |
| 3:00—5:00     | <b>~Hellegard Trio~</b>                   | Community Center   |
| 5:00          | <b>~BBQ~</b>                              | Main Street        |
| 8:00—12:00    | <b>~ Ultimate Karaoke~</b>                | Main Street        |



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