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## WESTBY WELCOMES NEW SHERIDAN ELECTRIC LINEMAN AND FAMILY

Brant Cartwright and Hollie Van Berkam are rather happy about their new home in Westby. They became residents last March when Brant, a 1993 graduate of Medicine Lake High School, gained employment with Sheridan Electric as a lineman. Cartwright was placed in Westby to



Upon finishing lineman school, Brant worked as a contract lineman for a couple years and signed on with Sheridan Electric in the spring of 2010. Joining Brant is Hollie Van Berkam also a Medicine Lake High School graduate. After graduating high school in 2000, Hollie attended the University of Montana in Missoula and

join George Knutson and Josh Marrotek (who has since been transferred to the Medicine Lake office) in the Westby field. Brant attended Williston State College for two years, followed by a year at Montana State University before making lineman school his destination.

earned a degree in elementary education. She currently teaches first grade in Grenora. Brant and Hollie just recently celebrated the birth of their son, Logan Lane Cartwright, born December 28th, 2010.

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**SATURDAY** – Hamburger Steak w/ baked potato, toast & choice of salad

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## SCHULZ

Eric E. Schulz, 78, of Mission, KS passed away Thursday December 30, 2010 at the Kansas City Hospice House. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to St. Pius X Catholic Church. Eric was born June 26, 1932 in Kansas City, MO to Eric E. And Mary Ellen Schulz. He graduated from De La Salle Military Academy in 1949, before joining the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. While stationed at the Fortuna Air Force Base in Fortuna, North Dakota, he met the love of his life Ferne Moore. They married May 5, 1953 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Plentywood, MT. He began a career with the federal government in 1959 as a staff appraiser with the Federal Housing Administration, retiring some 30 years later as the Deputy Housing Director in the Kansas City Regional Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He ended his working career as a Property Supervisor with Midland Property Management. He loved aviation and his other hobbies included woodworking, photography, and many other varied interests. He was a past Grand Knight of Bishop Miega Council 843 of the Knights of Columbus and past president of the St. Pius X men's club. He served several years as a Commissioner on the Planning Commission for the City of Mission, KS.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son Michael E. Schulz.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Ferne of the home. Daughters Mary (Rick) Hunter of Overland Park, KS. Marlys (Mark) Grimes of Lenexa, KS. Grandchildren, Jeff and Matt Hunter; Ryan and Josh Grimes; Angela (Chris) Handley and Sara Schulz.

## HANSON

With his family at his side, Eldon Hanson, 74, of Missoula was welcomed into Jesus' arms on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at St. Patrick Hospital following a valiant seven year battle with leukemia. Eldon was born June 17th, 1936 in Ambrose, ND, the son of the late Eldon and Metta (Larsen) Hanson. He was raised in a farming community on the Montana-North Dakota border. He graduated from Westby High School in 1955 and attended Concoridia College.

In the summer of 1957, Eldon met the love of his life, Shirley Jane Sorensen, at a Luther League convention in Sidney, MT. It was at that point they began their life of making music together. The couple married July 27, 1958, in Sidney, this past July they celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary. To this union was born four beloved children: Tamara Lynn, Trevor Lowell, Troy Laverne, and Tara Leigh. He was forever proud of their life accomplishments.

In 1962 Eldon graduated from Eastern Montana College with a BS degree in Secondary Education. Eldon earned his Masters in Education from the University of Wyoming in 1973. It was while attending college Eldon enlisted the army reserve. Eldon was well respected and dynamic high school science teacher for 15 years in Montana and remained ever the teacher to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In 1976 he was recruited by Aid Association for Lutherans to sell life insurance in Missoula and the surrounding areas. He retired from AAL/Thrivent after 25 years. Eldon's life revolved around his family and his church.

Eldon was preceded in death by his parents. He is surviving by his loving wife, Shirley, as well as his children Tammy and Don Fowler of Lincoln & children, Becky and Chad; Trevor and Sandy Hanson of Missoula & children Olivia, and Nickolas and Ryan Talbot; Troy and Kerry Hanson of Hamilton & children Tristan and Tanner; and Tara and Clint Ramer of Missoula & children Shelby and Jack.

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## HANSON

He was also blessed with four great grandchildren: Mason Fowler, Aspen and Reece Fowler and Alexa Hanson.

He is also survived by his siblings; Jean and Oz Anderson, Barb and Oz Anderson, Barb and Gene Espeland, Mary and Norman Hagen, Sharon and Jim Ward, Sandra and Fred McCracken and many cherished nephews, nieces, cousins, and countless friends.

Eldon was an inspiration to us all. "Your attitude is a choice. Everyday you have a choice to make your day a good day or a bad day. I choose to always make my days good days!"

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## Thank You

A big thank you to the School Board, Administration and Staff for the beautiful centerpiece. A huge thank you to the Westby kids for the get well cards they provided. And to all of those who brought goodies, food and cards, thank you so very much.

Julie Nelson

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Here we are well into January and I have not given a thought to the new year. On the plus side, you can't break a resolution you didn't make; on the flip side I denied myself the optimism that goes with fresh starts, new beginnings and, the dreaded promise to myself to "move more and eat less" in the new year, even got lost in the shuffle. Although bittersweet, the family trip to Red Lodge was wonderful. It is a great way to get together without a lot of burden on any one person. We incorporated the outdoors as much as the weather would permit-skiing, sledding, hot-tubbing-otherwise just enjoyed the little ones and each other's company. We carried on our tradition of each preparing an evening meal so, as always, there was enough food and drink to keep one and all, fat and sassy. Many a pool game was shot to make things interesting for the guys. In the end, there was nothing like being together each time word reached us of the loss of a loved one. Danny and I were saddened by the death of Arlene's Mom, Arla. A little bit-of-a- thing, she didn't expect a lot and seemed most happy when surrounded by family. The ultimate mother and homemaker. The next day we received word Danny's brother-in-law, Eric Schulz, had passed away in Kansas. Eric was a wonderful man, quick to laugh and full of life even as, little by little, it was being denied him over the past several years. A real inspiration to us all. On Friday, we were shocked when the hospital called about the passing of my Grandma. Tammy, as she was known to me, was a significant part of my life and, although I know it was for the best, I will miss her terribly. She continued to share her knowledge and wisdom with me to the end and I am eternally grateful to her for that.

We all returned to our respective homes on Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, with sadness, but plans for the 2012 trip to Red Lodge will not be put on the back burner for long.

As far as recipes go for this week, I haven't had the heart to dig through my latest stack of "yummy" and "not so much" since we've been home. I decided since we get so much enjoyment out of bird watching via our kitchen window, I might just share a recipe, or two, I've used to make them happy. We try to offer an ample supply of food to entice our feathered friends to entertain us throughout the year. Obviously, summer provides a much better showcase for the variety of birds we are privy to in our little corner of the world, but this time of year the noisy, combative little Sparrows are most popular and better than no birds at all. We are often surprised by who else actually shows up for dinner.

Last year we learned the four legged, sometimes horned, variety gave their feathered friends a run for their money by beating them to the food trough. This year, to avoid the dilemma, Danny nailed a cake pan on a limb high enough in the tree to keep the deer out of the feed, yet low enough for us to keep filled. The neighborhood dogs and cats like to stop and see if there is anything to their liking, too. As long as they leave my birds alone, they are all welcome to check it out.



**LOTS OF BOYS!**  
My nephews: Quinn, Dawson, & Cooper and my grandsons: Bryce and Colton in Red Lodge.

According to A-Home-for-Wild-Birds.com, in preparing a bill-of-fare for our prospective bird guests, we need remember we have both **insect and seed-eaters** among us.

For the insect eaters a never-failing supply of suet is in order. The Chickadee, Nuthatches, Downy, Hairy Woodpeckers and Brown Creeper are especially fond of this food and it will also be taken by the Jays and Starlings. We were recently rewarded with a pair of Nuthatches and a Downy Woodpecker, who I discovered often travel together. The woodpecker was busy on the suet hanger and the nuthatches scamper upside down along the trunk of the tree treating themselves to the nut butter I had pressed onto the bark.

For the seed-eating Sparrows and Grosbeaks, hemp, canary and sun-flower seed, millet, cracked corn and mixed chick-feed are their meal of choice.

Unroasted peanuts and other nuts are eagerly eaten by birds of both classes.

In trying to keep every feather happy, both of these fares should be offered at all times. This first recipe from Lorna is very satisfying to the insect eating variety of birds with the incorporation of lard. There are several variations on the internet.



## BIRD SUET BLOCK

1 POUND LARD

16-20 OUNCES CHUNKY PEANUT BUTTER

¾ TO 1 CUPS CHOPPED RAISINS

¾ TO 1 CUP SUNFLOWER OR MIXED BIRD SEED

6 CUPS CORN MEAL

5 CUPS FLOUR

Melt lard in pan, remove from heat. Add peanut butter. Stir until melted. Stir in raisins and birdseed. Mix well. Add cornmeal and flour. Mix until combined. Spray 9x13 cake pan with cooking spray. Spoon seed mixture into pan. Cool and cut to fit suet containers. Wrap and freeze until needed.

Teresa shared this bird wreath recipe which would appeal particularly to the seed eaters in your life!

## BIRD WREATH

6 cups bird seed

3 envelopes unflavored gelatin dissolved in 6 tbsp cold water

1 cup boiling water

Spray bundt pan or similar mold with cooking spray. In large bowl add dissolved gelatin to boiling water. Stir in bird seed. Pour into prepared pan. Let set 24 hours. Secure wreath with raffia to hang in tree.

As always, the simplest things in life can make us smile. Many days nature, and the birds (since they are the only other ones tough enough to stick it out with us) specifically, are just what the doctor ordered.

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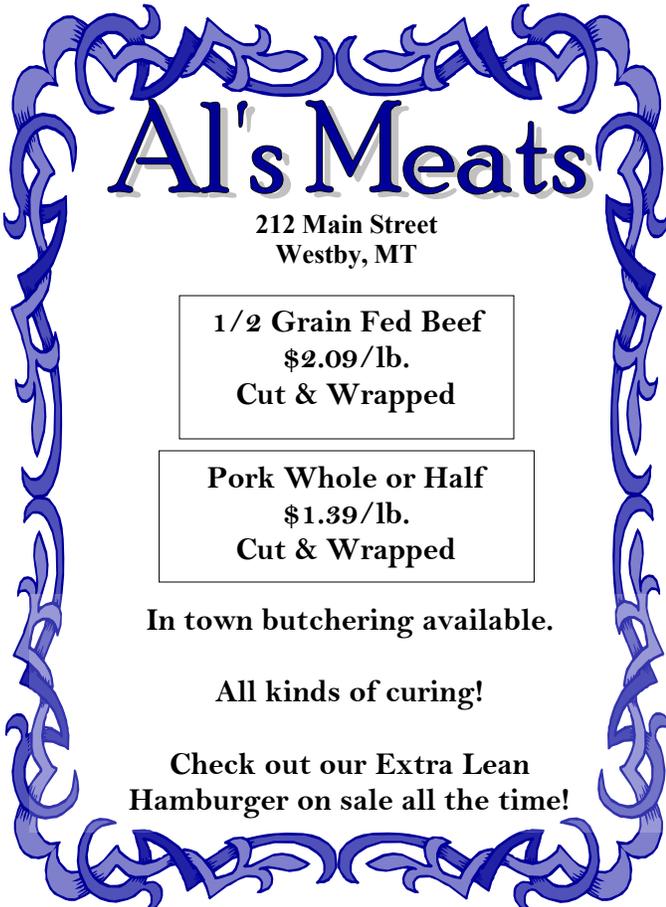
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## SENIOR SAFTY SEMINAR PLANNED

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Montana ranks fourth nationally for fall related deaths and this is a first step in reducing this statistic. Together we can help make our seniors safer.

Scheduled seminars include:

Wednesday, January 12, 6:30PM in the Sheridan Memorial Hospital board room.

# School Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting  
December 13, 2010  
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District #3 was held on December 13, 2010. Brenda Ryals, Vance Meyer, Marty Westgard, Jim Sundsted, Mr. Holecek, Mr. Somppi and Donna Sorenson, Deputy District Clerk, who recorded the minutes in the absence of the clerk, were in attendance. Chairman Ryals called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

There were no visitors at the meeting.

The tentative agenda was reviewed; two announcement items were added, followed by a motion by Meyer to approve, seconded by Sundsted, AIF.

Donna read the minutes of the November 8, 2010 meeting. Following no corrections or additions, these minutes were approved and placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Clerk's October financial report.

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Reports:** Buildings & Grounds: Meyer reported on the repairs being made to the bathrooms at the Garman house. He mentioned the windows will probably need to be replaced this coming summer. Mr. Holecek reported the following: Ebel Integrators is still working on remote computer access and the mag-lock safety release buttons; Mon-Dak is not fully completed on the HVAC project and has yet to install the cooler unit for the server room.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A.** Meyer reported that he had made inquiries regarding several lots that may be available in town. He would like to start by negotiating a purchase price with the current owners of two adjoining lots on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Meyer made a motion to spend up to \$4,000 to purchase these two lots if negotiations are successful. This motion was seconded by Westgard, Ryals abstained from voting and all others were in favor.

**B.** Mr. Holecek presented information from Tracy Hageness of Hartley's Bus Sales on activity buses. He recommended purchasing a 60 passenger-reduced-to-28 bus to replace the 1990 Chevy bus at a purchase price of \$111,200. Mr. Holecek explained that the trade-in allowance for the 1990 Chevy bus was only \$1,000 and recommended trying to sell the bus outright, but if the bus has not been sold by March 1, 2011 to accept the trade-in offer from Hartley's. *(continued next page)*



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## School Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

Following discussion Sundsted moved to make this purchase and attempt to let bids on the 1990 bus, seconded by Meyer, AIF.

### New Business:

**A.** The following series 3000 policies were given a first reading:

Revise – 3310

New – 3415, 3415P

**B.** Mr. Holecek reported that he would like to keep moving forward on acquiring new school housing. He plans to visit with other schools and the MTSBA to determine how best to proceed.

**C.** Mr. Holecek informed the Board that he will be participating in a survey in January on the MHSA's proposal of a fifth classification. The purpose of the survey will be to determine if there is any interest among schools in further research of this proposal. Mr. Holecek will respond that we are interested in further research into this matter.

**D.** Mr. Holecek received several e-rate bids for the telecommunications needs of the school for FY 2011/2012. He recommended accepting the bid received from Nemont. Sundsted made a motion to accept the Nemont bid, seconded by Meyer, AIF.

**E.** The following prior period outstanding warrants were presented for cancellation:

14709 Weekly Reader Corporation issued  
08/12/2008 \$120.60

14791 GE Money Bank/Amazon issued  
10/09/2008 \$ 20.73

14813 District 2-C issued 10/09/2008  
\$ 50.00

Meyer made a motion to approve cancellation of these warrants and Westgard seconded. AIF

**F.** Mr. Holecek received a request from Marilyn Elm to be added to the substitute teacher list. Sundsted moved to add Mrs. Elm, seconded by Westgard and all voted in favor.

### Announcements/Discussion

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Holecek reported on his recent MREA teleconference and his meeting in Helena with the President of the state Senate. He also reported that the school's water softener is not large enough to handle all our needs and may need to be replaced with an industrial softener.

**B.** Cards were read from Mrs. Garman thanking the school for the use of the facility for the recent Honor Band & Choir event and from Darrell and Sonja Mangel thanking the board for the Christmas Party.

Meyer moved to approve payment of December payroll warrants #10665-10675 totaling \$98,434.20, and December claims warrants #16016-16066 totaling \$39,819.12. Sundsted seconded the motion for payment approval, AIF.

The October Extracurricular Financial Report was reviewed followed by a motion by Westgard to approve; Meyer seconded the motion, AIF.

At 8:07 p.m. the board went into executive session to conduct the Superintendent Evaluation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Arlene Hove, District Clerk

Brenda Ryals, Chairman

**These minutes are unofficial and  
subject to Board approval**

## ELM



Vera Daisy Elm was born in Westby, MT, on the family homestead November 21, 1917, the 8th of 10 children born to Gustav & Sophia Lagerquist.

She married James Elm November 7th, 1936, and to this union 2 children were born, Elaine and Brian (Slugger).

James worked in the coal mines and for the WPA until he and Vera decided to take on farming. They also raised cattle for many years and Vera was active in both ventures. She milked many a cow, drove combine and helped wherever necessary to keep things going. Upon James' death in April of 1970, Brian joined Vera in the family farming. Vera remained on the farm until entering Sheridan Memorial Hospital December 7th remaining until her death, December 31, 2010.

Vera, ever the tomboy, loved the outdoors-gardening, horses, baseball, horseshoe-but she particularly loved to learn. Books on ancient history and science fiction were at the top of her list and if she ran out of reading material she resorted to reading her encyclopedias. The dozen or so magazines she received each month included the Smithsonian and Archeology, but she wasn't above enjoying the Enquirer either. She always regretted not going to college, but continued to learn and keep abreast of world events until the end.

Vera's cooking and baking was enjoyed by many. She always said she didn't like to do either very much, but you would never know it. Everyone in the family had a favorite (doughnuts, sugar cookies, 'maden' bread, graham cracker pie, special k bars, chocolate chip cookies, buns, cherry pie) and she was sure to have it ready for them when they arrived. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren especially reaped the benefits and often checked out the freezer to see what they could find to take home with them.

Known by most for her wit, great sense of humor and her fierce competitiveness, she really was a free spirit and very independent. Vera was very proud of her Swedish heritage and her LA Dodgers. Vera was very close to her Lagerquist cousins having grown up a ½ mile away from each other. She and her cousin, Annie, had a special relationship and were known for being "full of the devil" whenever they traveled together.

Vera was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, brothers-Gust, Ture, Harry, Rud and Roy- and sisters-Sonia, Esther, and Mabel. Granddaughters, Billie Sue Moore and Tichelle Hibbert, and son-in-law Bill Hibbert.

Surviving Vera are her daughter Elaine Onstad and husband, Marlowe, and her children Valerie Moore (Danny) and their children-Chel (Heather) and Ashley; Jim Hibbert (Jamey) and their children-Beau, Max, Sam and Cole; Pam McGlothlin (Vince) and their children-Quinn, Dawson & Cooper; and Mark Hibbert (Shirleen) and their children- Ira (Trina) and BJ (Mike). Also, her son Brian and his wife, Sandy, and children-Darrin; Casey (Marilyn) and his children Tyler, Alyssa and Jarrod. Great-great grandchildren include Colton and Bryce Moore, Kayla and Lane Nuckolls, Jarrett and Jamie Hibbert. Also surviving is sister Gurlie (Sander) Granvold, many nieces and nephews and Cousin Annie Lagerquist and Howard Hammer.

Per her wishes, cremation has taken place and family graveside services will be held in the spring with interment at Scandia Cemetery.

May you rest in peace, Tammy.

## SAMUELSON



Funeral services for Arla Samuelson were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, at St. John's Lutheran Church near Westby, with Pastor Barb Westhoff officiating. Arla, 92, died on Dec. 28, 2010, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood.

Arla was born Dec. 15, 1918, to Peter and Mary Jensen on the family homestead east of Plentywood. Her father had gone to fetch the doctor, but she arrived before they returned from Dooley. Weighing in at a mere four pounds, she was placed in a shoebox in the oven to keep her warm. Despite this rather precarious beginning, she grew up happy and healthy roaming the hills of her parents' farm with her sisters Ruth and Norma. Thirteen years later they would be joined by a little brother, Wayne.

She attended McKinley and Coolidge schools and graduated from Comertown High School in 1937. Following graduation, she worked for the George Nielsen family and other neighbors helping with housework and childcare.

On Oct. 15, 1940, she married Selmer Samuelson at the parsonage of the Lutheran Free Church in Westby. They made their home on a farm a half mile south of St. John's Church where they raised grain, cattle and children! Arla enjoyed the farm life, particularly the arrival of the new calves in the spring, watching the wheat grow and mature, and gardening, especially her flower garden.

Arla had many interests. She was an excellent seamstress, making most of her children's and her own clothing, loved to crochet, make ceramics,

play cards and games (Scrabble was a favorite), read, and do puzzles of all kinds. She enjoyed attending athletic events, especially when her children or grandchildren were involved. Although she always said she hated to cook, her family fondly remembers her wonderful meatballs and gravy, homemade bread and buns, baked beans and Danish dumpling soup. Socializing with friends and neighbors was an integral part of her life. A highlight was traveling to Denmark with her sisters Ruth and Norma for their Aunt Christine's 100th birthday. She also enjoyed travels to Germany, Seattle, Nevada, Greensboro, N.C., and Billings to visit her children.

She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church where she has been a lifelong member, active in the Ladies' Aid and the Lutheran World Relief quilt making and also serving as the church custodian for many years.

Following Selmer's death in 1998, Arla moved to the Pioneer Manor in Plentywood where she resided for several years and "vacationed" at the farm during the summers. In the fall of 2008 she moved to LaCasa.

Arla is survived by her children, Curtis Samuelson and wife Sharon of Billings, Russell Samuelson and his wife Vicki of rural Plentywood, Sally Samuelson of Seattle, Wash., Arlene Hove and husband John of Westby, Cleo Mack and husband Rod of Minden, Nev., Susan Samuelson of Greensboro, N.C., and Lori Drew and husband Wade of rural Westby. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Wade, Amy and Kristy Samuelson, Elizabeth and Trisha Samuelson and Jason Christensen, Mike Hove, Tara Stewart and Sara Clawson; nine great-grandchildren, as well as a sister, Ruth Demsher of Murray, Utah, and a sister-in-law, Doris Whitley of Visalia, Calif.

Arla is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Selmer, a sister Norma Tommerup and brother Wayne F. Jensen.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to Sheridan Health Care Foundation, Glenwood, Inc., Quality Transit, St. John's Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood had charge of arrangements.



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# LYO Calendar Winners

The Lutheran Youth Organization sold money calendars for the month of December as a fund raiser for their trip to the 2011 Western States Youth Gathering to be held in Thousand Oaks, California, next summer. The following are the remaining winners:

- December 20 - Joan Killens
- December 21 - Shari Olson
- December 22 - Wade Drew
- December 23 - Frankie Christy
- December 24 - Marshall Tangedal
  
- December 27 - Jordan Bjorgen
- December 28 - Anna Herman

The LYO would like to thank everyone who bought a calendar!

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1:00-3:00PM  
Sunday, January 23rd, 2011

Fellowship Hall  
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Everyone Welcome



I want to thank Jim Weiler and Marian Shepard for sharing their Weiler family history book, a labor of love they put together; also for sharing their personal memories growing up. --Cathy Nordhagen

**E-Mail Address Update:**

Please note, Cathy's e-mail address is:

**firecrackermango@gmail.com**

## THANK YOU

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone for the kind words expressed and the cards, food, and memorials given during the loss of my Grandma, Vera Elm. Your thoughts and prayers have sustained us during this difficult time and we are forever grateful. A special thanks to her neighbor Adeline who took the time to visit her regularly and Jody and Cindy Lagerquist who were always good to her and helped whenever needed.

Val

Elaine & Marlowe Onstad & families

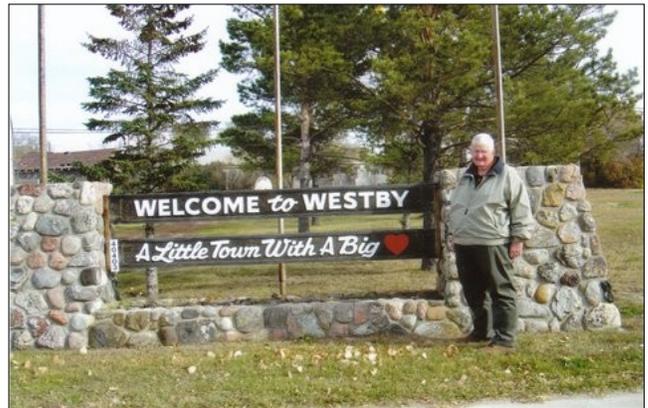
Brian & Sandy Elm & families

## NEW SHERIDAN ELECTRIC LINEMAN

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Although they won't have as much free time as in the past, when time does allow, they both enjoy the outdoors. Brant is partial to hunting, fly fishing and snow boarding and enjoys watching football, while Hollie likes to snow ski. Brant commented, "This is a very friendly community and both Hollie and I are happy to be here." The Cartwrights make their home in the former Ted Nordhagen residence.

## MIKE CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY



Mike Feld, pictured in front of the Westby Monument, celebrated his 70th birthday on January 2nd in Phoenix, AZ.

Mike claimed the winning slogan of "A Little Town With A Big ❤️" in the contest sponsored by the Lions Club. Mike noted he always felt that Westby was a very welcoming town, which he experienced when he was transferred to the Radar Base. This motto came to him because of how he was received by the people of Westby.

Soon after the motto was selected, Don Quam was asked to construct Westby's welcome sign with the U.S., Montana, and Canadian flags at the entrance of our downtown.

# A New Year Blessing

*On New Year's Day  
and the whole year through,*

*I hope the kindness  
you've given to others  
returns many times to you.*

*May hope, love, and warmth  
be in your heart's possessing,  
and may the New Year  
bring you and yours  
many blessings*

*Happy New Year!!!*

# A Day in the Life

By: Sandy Elm

Home from Bismarck for Christmas was Darrin Elm and friend Kelly. They stayed with his parents Sandy and Slugger Elm. Also staying at the Elms was Rose Frickson from the Pioneer Manor in Plentywood. Christmas Eve guests were Rose, Darrin and Kelly, Casey and Marilyn Elm and Tyler, Alyssa, and Jarrod and also Josh and Jared Ming. Shannon and Mike Gebhardt and Cole and Rylie were also supper guests. Christmas day guests were the same except for Marilyn, Jared, and Josh who spent the day with her Mother in Plentywood. Elaine and Marlowe Onstand were also dinner guests on Christmas day.

Rick and Beatie Petersen spent Christmas Eve with Jodi and Rob Pedersen and sons in Plentywood. They were supper guests and spent the night. Norma Paulson also was a supper guest.

Guests at the Marty and Leann Westgard for Christmas day were Beatie and Rick Petersen, Jodi and Rob Pederson and sons, Brenda, Jed, Kylie and Shane Ryals, Jace and Steph Ryals and girls, Deanna, Clyde, Colton, and Derek Hellegaard, Meagan Shoal, Richard and Renetta Westgard, and Warren Solberg.

Mavis and Jim Weiler spent the Christmas holidays in Florida. They were joined by their daughter Tiana, from Chicago, son Tim from West Virginia, daughter D'ette and her husband Kirby and children Kallie, Lexi, and Blake and also by Kirby's mom Linda. While they were there they went to Disney World, toured the Kennedy Space Center and went to a Tampa Bay Buccaneers football game.

Donna and Daryl Sorenson and their daughter Nichole went to Kalispell, where they spent Christmas with her mother, Edna Hellickson. Also celebrating Christmas with them was Donna's sister Tammy and her husband Tim Harmon and family.

Guests at Bobby and Lorna Lagerquists on Christmas day were Robert, Regina, and Curtis Forrester from Bromhead, Sask. On the Sunday after Christmas, Meagan and Dustin McGill from Oxbow, Sask. came down to spend the day.

John and Arlene Hove were at Park City for Christmas Eve with their daughter Tara, husband Shane and Sayler and Blake. They returned home Christmas day.

Warren and Eileen Overgaard hosted Christmas Eve and Christmas day for Phoebe Vest, Marvin Nelson, Jim Vest, and Mike Overgaard.

Eileen Overgaard celebrated her birthday on January 5th with a get-together for pizza. Guests were Arlene Herman, Renetta Westgard, Karen Meyer, Val Moore, Beatie Petersen, Lorna Lagerquist, Phoebe Vest and Irene Nielsen.

Erwin Olson celebrated his birthday by hosting Senior Citizens on January 6th. Winning first in whist was Marvin Nelson. Shirley Quam took second and Enid Kittelson won the door prize. Kathy Jensen was there to take blood pressures. Other guests were Ken Keldsen, Warren Overgaard, and Danny Moore.

Once again our community has been saddened by the loss of two great ladies. Arla Samuelson passed away on December 28th and my mother-in-law Vera Elm on December 31st. And so a part of another generation leaves us. They will be missed by many. God Bless.





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