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WESTBY IN LINE FOR AMBULANCE

Plans are in the works to upgrade emergency medical services in Sheridan County. According to CEO Sandra Christensen of Sheridan Memorial Hospital, "Not only will this provide better service to the residents of our outlying areas, but also help prepare us for the demand that could be placed on emergency services due to incidents resulting from an increase in population, truck traffic and oil activity. Hopefully, being proactive in this area will help us overcome some of the obstacles and prevent some of the problems EMS's in North Dakota have been overwhelmed with."

For the planned upgrade to become a reality, two things must happen. First, the funds would need to be realized for the purchase of two new ambulances to be based in Plentywood. One would be a regular transport unit and the other possibly a van.



The van would be used primarily to transport within the city of Plentywood. The two existing units housed in Plentywood would find new homes, one in Westby and one in Medicine Lake. Second, to have the service of a regular ambulance verses a quick response unit in these communities (Westby and

Lake), emergency medical technicians must be available there to accompany them.

Although some monies have been earmarked for this project, much more needs to be done to raise the necessary funds to accomplish this goal. EMS Director Chris Mehl noted grants are being looked into and future fundraisers, including the possibility of a radio-a-thon to be held the end of February, are in the planning stage.

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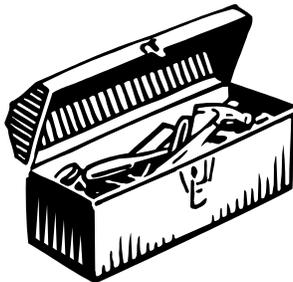
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I'm back and although not fully recovered (like my golf game, it's not always bad to have an excuse to fall back on when your games not up to par), things are looking up. Hand surgery was a success and with a regimented therapy program, promises to be as good as knew. Will try to get the paper schedule back on track and you will notice with this full issue, life goes on and things are happening whether we are here to report it or not...

Our little corner of the world was rocked with the disappearance and subsequent death of Sidney math teacher, Sherry Arnold. Life isn't fair nor does this world exempt bad things from happening to good people. At this writing, Sherry's body is yet to be found and although the "who" appears to be answered, there still a lot of unanswered questions as to "how and why". It is heartbreaking to hear the testimonials of her life, yet heartwarming to hear how one person had such a huge impact on so many lives and influenced so many young minds. Those of us not fortunate enough to have crossed paths with Sherry Arnold feel slighted, robbed of the chance of it ever happening. Our hearts go out and prayers continue for her family, her students and the entire Sidney community.

Nobody wants a cold sandwich with temps plummeting below zero and the wind blowing to boot. A rude awakening after the record breaking temps recorded several times this past month on the other side of the spectrum. Nobody's complaining, mind you, but with this weather a bubbly hot sandwich like this first recipe makes "old man winter" even more tolerable.

I think this recipe is a keeper. What's not to like? A sandwich in a casserole, it can be made ahead of time and even the kids will love it. It looks delicious plated and served with roasted asparagus or stir fried pea pods, it will wow any guest.

EMERIL LAGASSE'S TURKEY CLUB CASSEROLE

8 large eggs
 1 cup heavy cream
 1 cup whole milk
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon spicy brown mustard
 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
 1/8 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
 5 tablespoons unsalted butter
 Two 1-pound loaves very thinly sliced sandwich bread, preferably Pepperidge Farm
 1 recipe Béchamel Sauce
 1 pound thinly sliced oven-roasted turkey breast
 2 medium tomatoes, cored and thinly sliced
 1 pound bacon, cooked until crisp and drained
 8 slices thinly sliced honey-glazed ham
 8 ounces thinly sliced sharp cheddar cheese

For the Béchamel Sauce:
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
 2 tablespoons flour
 2 cups whole milk
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
 Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the eggs, cream, milk, salt, mustard, cayenne, and nutmeg. Set the egg-cream mixture aside while you prepare the sandwiches. Grease the bottom and side of a 9x13-inch glass baking dish with 1 tablespoon of the butter. Using a serrated knife, cut the crusts off of the bread.

Assemble 16 sandwiches by combining the ingredients for each sandwich into his order, from bottom up: 1 slice of bread spread with 1 teaspoon of the béchamel, topped with 1 ounce turkey, 1 slice of tomato, and 1 piece of the bacon (broken to fit the sandwich); another slice of the bread spread with 1 teaspoon of the béchamel, 1/2 ounce of the ham, and 1/2 ounce of cheese; and more piece of the bread spread with 1 teaspoon béchamel (béchamel side down). As the sandwiches are assembled, place 8 of them on the prepared casserole dish. Repeat with the remaining sandwiches, placing them directly on top of the first layer. When all the sandwiches are positioned in the casserole dish, pour the egg-cream mixture evenly over the top. Place a piece of the parchment or wax paper on top of the casserole and place a second casserole dish on top of the casserole dish on top of the paper to weight the casserole. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour and up to 2 hours. The bread should absorb most of the egg mixture. Preheat oven to 350 and remove the casserole from the refrigerator, slice the remaining 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) of butter into 8 pieces, and place one piece on top of each sandwich stack. Bake the casserole, uncovered, until puffed and golden, usually about 40 minutes. Set the casserole aside to cool briefly before serving.

Serve the casserole warm. Serves 8

NOTE: In the egg mixture, to cut fat and calories, I use 1% milk and 1/2 & 1/2 instead of heavy cream and whole milk. In the Béchamel sauce I used 1% milk rather than whole.

For the Béchamel Sauce:

In a medium sauce pan, melt the butter over medium high heat. Add the flour and cook, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon, for about 2 minutes; do not allow to brown.

While whisking constantly, add the milk, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Cook the mixture, stirring occasionally, until it comes to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low and continue to cook until the sauce has thickened and any floury taste is gone, about 8 minutes. Remove the sauce from the heat and transfer to a small bowl. Place a piece of plastic wrap on the surface of the béchamel and then set aside and cool. The béchamel can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

During our trip to Phoenix, Heather's Grandma prepared this wonderful side dish as part of our Thanksgiving feast. I couldn't get enough of it. I have since prepared it with corned beef and steamed potatoes. Dee-li-cious!

ITALIAN STUFFING

5 pounds cabbage cut into wedges (I like a little smaller pieces-about 1-inch slices)

3 eggs beaten, S & P

1 tsp thyme

1 handful of chopped fresh parsley

1 handful of grated fresh parmesan cheese

2 tbsp pine nuts, toasted

1 pound hot Italian sausage

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook cabbage in salted water until just tender (do not over-cook). Drain and cool. Squeeze out as much water as possible. Set aside. Remove sausage from casing. Cook sausage and drain. In large bowl, beat eggs and add salt and pepper. Mix sausage and remaining ingredients, except pine nuts, into beaten eggs. Pour into greased casserole dish. Top with pine nuts. Bake for 20 minutes or until heated through and bubbly. Serve warm.

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MEYER EARNS DOCTORATE

On December 5, 2011 Angelica M. Meyer of Lawrence, Kansas defended her dissertation and received her Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Kansas. The research she conducted was synthetic organic chemistry used to do natural product total synthesis. Dr. Meyer now plans to pursue an MBA at NDSU in Fargo, North Dakota. Angelica is the daughter of Janet Johanson of Dickinson, N.D. and Randy Meyer of Friendswood, Tx. Her grandparents are Bonnie Mudgett of Dewey, AZ and Hugh & Connie Meyer of Westby, Mt.



A day in the life...

By Sandy Elm

Senior citizens met at the Westby Community Center on January 5th. Eileen Overgaard was the hostess. In Whist, John Tommerup took first and Jennie Nordhagen took second. John Mendes won the door prize. Guests were Jamie Putnam, Courtney Putnam, Mark Nordhagen, and Susan Tefre.

Richard and Renetta Westgard received word on New Year's Day, a great-granddaughter, Natalie Kay Lakes was born to Mark and Cortny Lakes, San Diego, California. Cortny is the daughter of Lance and Terril Westgard of West Glacier, MT.

Dinner guests at Richard and Renetta Westgard on Christmas Eve day were Marty, Leann, Makenzie, Makayla, and Jager Westgard. Bruce, Chris, Hallie, Abby, and Parker Westgard were guests after church on Christmas Eve.

Richard and Renetta were entertaining again on New Year's Eve. Supper guests were Bob and Lorna Lagerquist, and Gene and Arlene Herman.

Sandy and Slugger Elm, Teresa and Clifford Johnson, and Rose Frickson were all guests for supper at Shannon and Mike Gebhardt's on Christmas Eve. They all returned for Christmas dinner the next day. Casey and Marilyn Elm were callers on Christmas day also.

Brunch guests at Danny and Val Moores on Christmas day were Marlowe and Elaine Onstad, Pam and -

Vince McGlothlin and Quinn, Dawson, and Cooper, Ashley Moore and friend, Sandy and Slugger Elm, and Casey and Marilyn Elm.

Beatie and Rick Petersen had Jodi and Rob Pederson and sons, and Wendi and Ryan Taylor and sons for Christmas dinner.

John and Arlene Hove were at Curt and Sharon Samuelson's in Billings on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, they along with their daughter Tara and family all flew to New Orleans where they spent four days in the French Quarter. While there they attended a family wedding at Latrobe's on Royal and took in the sights such as The Insectarium, Aquarium, Riverwalk, City Park, French Market, and trolley and buggy rides. On December 29th they went to Kentwood, LA, John's mother's hometown for more visiting with family. They drove to Hazelhurst, MS to visit family and also to St. Francisville, LA where they toured Rosedown, an 1860's plantation of 3500 acres. They all returned to Billings January 3rd.

Randi and James Perry from San Jose, CA, Josh, Ronnie, and Soren Stenehjem from Washington, Debra Bjorgen from SC were all here for Christmas to visit Cindy and Jerry Stenehjem and Anita Bjorgen. They all had Christmas dinner at Anita's along with Lori and Wade Bjorgen.

Vance Meyer had Christmas Eve supper at his home for Howard and Irene Nielsen, Sue and Kim Meyer and Gene Meyer. On Christmas day everyone was at Howard and Irene's.

Cindy and Eric Nielsen and family all went to Plummer, Minnesota to spend Christmas with her family.

Darcee and Earl Jantzi from Wellsley, Ontario, Canada were home staying with her parents Warren and Eileen Overgaard for the Christmas holidays. Eileen and Warren served Christmas day dinner for everyone. Other guests included Jim Vest, Marvin Nelson, Mike Overgaard, Shelby Overgaard and friend Drake, and Phoebe Vest.

Jimmy and Jennie Nordhagen had a lot of family home visiting over the holidays. On the 18th of December Jeff, Darcy, and Janell Nordhagen were visitors and also Devin and Sarah from Alaska.

Christmas Eve guests at Jimmy and Jennie Nordhagen's were: Blair and Riba Nordhagen and Brianna and Corey, Dustin and Tara Nordhagen and Cooper and Kylie, and Alan and Marla Nordhagen. They all went to Chad and Misty Solberg's for Christmas day.

Lorna and Bob Lagerquist went to Robert and Regina Forrester's on Christmas Day. On the 27th of December, Robert and Regina, Curtis, Dustin and Megan McGill were visitors at Bob and Lorna's.

Karen Meyer along with her brothers Randy Haagenenson and Lynden Haagenenson all went to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to spend time with Lorelei and Ken Siwerka and family and Arnette Haagenenson. Arnette returned home with them. On the way back they stopped and saw Tiffany Othem and sons at Great Falls, MT.

Arlene and Gene Herman had Debbie and Jim Bice and boys, and Diane and Ken Oltman and family over for Christmas Eve. The next day they all went to Ken and Diane's in Plentywood.

Joylene and Gary Novota from Helena were here visiting her mother Adeline Lagerquist and other family members over the Christmas Holidays.

On January 9th, the Jolly Twelve Card Club met at the Westby Community Center. Lorna Lagerquist was hostess. Eileen Overgaard took first in Whist and Sandy Elm took second. I can't remember who got low. Must be "Old Timers" setting in.

How about this weather?? Unbelievable !!! Sure is going to help make our winter shorter. Although here in Eastern Montana there still is plenty of time left for Old Man Winter to do his thing. Here's wishing you all a Happy and Blessed New Year.....

Ranger Report

I am Tony Holecek , superintendent in District #3. I certainly hope the holiday season was a joyous one and an opportunity for you to see family and friends.

Since we last visited, the Westby School and its staff have been busy with an array of projects. Speaking of projects, hats off to our elementary students and their willingness to be part of the Angel Tree project. What a great way for our students to learn about the importance of helping others! The students fund raising efforts brought in a total of \$1388. The money was used to help Sheridan County families in need to get furnace fuel, money for food and many children were able to receive gifts. I would like to thank Mrs. Lynnette Ekness for once again heading up this project. In addition, thank you to our other teachers and chaperones that helped make this project a reality.

Thank you also goes out to our neighbors to the west in Plentywood at the Orpheum theatre. I've always thought at the end of a hard day's work, that sometimes it okay to sit back and celebrate all you've accomplished. Our students have worked hard, and in the spirit of the season, I felt it was time to allow our kids the opportunity to see a movie at the theatre as part of an annual tradition.

Richard and the crew at the theater were kind enough to hold over Arthur Christmas for our students and staff. This was a great way to celebrate all we've accomplished so far this year.

After viewing the movie, it was student councils turn to spread a little holiday cheer. The group President Tristan Shipman, Secretary Tess Bjorgen, representatives Chad Newton, Sophia Ekness, Parker Westgard, Allan Ekness and Daulton Holecek were instrumental in making sure that all students and staff members at Westby schools were treated to a grab bag of Christmas goodies. Our way of thanking all the members of the Ranger family for their hard work and dedication! Northeast Montana, I look forward to our next visit. I can't believe that we are already half way through another school year. Before you know it, we'll be talking about awards banquets, prom, and graduation.

This has been the Superintendents report for District #3. Westby schools, "A place that still teaches the three R's Respect Responsibility and Ranger Pride.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to the Westby Lion's Club for your generous gift. It was very much appreciated! Also, thank you to the two anonymous gifts of money I received in various ways. Believe me, it was very much appreciated. I only wish I knew who the elves were so I could thank them personally.

Thanks again,
Ken Keldsen

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School Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting
January 9, 2012
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District #3 was held on January 9, 2012. Brenda Ryals, Vance Meyer, Brant Cartwright, Jim Sundsted, Aldon Joyes, Mr. Holecek, Mr. Somppi and Donna Sorenson were in attendance. Chairman Ryals called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

The Chairman recognized the visitors, Suzi Ekness and Dan Saint.

Donna read the minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting. Following no corrections or additions, these minutes were approved and placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Clerk's November financial report.

Public Comment: Westby School Science teacher, Dan Saint, gave a presentation to the board on his recent trip to the National Science Teachers Convention and current year projects and activities of his science and industrial arts students.

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds: Vance Meyer and Mr. Holecek have been monitoring progress on the new housing project. The carpet will need to be ordered soon in order to stay on schedule. Mr. Holecek reported that a second baseboard heating unit recently shorted out. A technician from Sax Electric will be here later this week to diagnose the problem.

Unfinished Business:

A. Revision of Board Policy 5321(Leaves of Absence) was given a second reading followed by a motion from Meyer to approve this revision. Sundsted seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

B. Joyes made a motion to adopt new Board Policy 7515(GASB 54), seconded by Cartwright, AIF.

C. Mr. Holecek explained to the board that more than 28 days have passed since posting Form 470, requesting competitive bids for e-rate services. Several bids have been received. The low-cost provider in all areas was Nemont. Sundsted made a motion to accept the bid received from Nemont, Joyes seconded the motion, AIF.

D. Mr. Holecek presented a letter he had received from certain certified staff members. In order to protect the privacy of the individuals involved, Mrs. Ryals called for executive session at 7:35pm. Executive session ended at 7:48pm. Meyer made a motion to accept the retirement proposal set forth by these staff members, pending verification that it is acceptable to the Teachers Retirement System. Sundsted seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

New Business:

A. Mrs. Ryals reported that she had compiled the information from the Superintendent evaluation forms that she had received from board members and discussed this information with Mr. Holecek. Based upon the favorable results of the evaluation, she recommended extending Mr. Holecek's current contract, which is due to expire on June 30, 2013, one additional year, to June 30, 2014. Meyer made a motion to extend the contract to June 30, 2014, seconded by Cartwright, AIF.

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School Board Meeting Minutes

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B. Mr. Holecek reviewed the final dates for spring events with the board. Graduation is set for Friday, May 18, 2012 at 7:00pm and prom will be held in Westby on April 14, 2012.

Announcements/Discussion

Mr. Holecek and Susan Meyer will be attending the MHSA annual meeting in Billings on January 16, 2012. Only two of the resolutions proposed for a vote will affect the Westby School district; one regarding regionalized scheduling and one regarding academic qualification for participation in Music/Forensics. Mr. Holecek will keep the board informed of the outcome of these proposals.

Second semester bus inspections were completed on December 29th. All buses passed inspection.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Holecek updated the board on the recent NEMASS meeting he attended. He also invited board members to attend the upcoming Oil and Gas meeting in Sidney on January 25 and an HR Symposium in Glasgow on February 7. Mr. Holecek has not received the final results of the energy audit conducted by Sheridan Electric and Basin Electric but he informed the board that an electrician has inspected the wiring to see what needs to be done in order to move all the wiring for the heating units to the heat meter. It has come to Mr. Holecek's attention that a couple of large trees are in need of trimming. He would like to get that done this spring.

Mrs. Ryals read thank you cards for the Christmas dinner and gift certificates from Jennifer Pulvermacher, Karla Christensen, Daryl and Donna Sorenson, Gayle Overgaard and Randy and Cathy Nordhagen. Mr. Holecek read a card that the 2nd – 5th grades had received from the Angel Tree Project thanking them for the funds they had raised to help families in Sheridan County. A total of \$1,330.00 was raised by the students, which was used to purchase Christmas gifts and provide fuel assistance, food and medical assistance to 18 families.

Cartwright moved to approve payment of January payroll warrants #10870-10881 totaling, and January claims warrants #16738-16775 totaling. Sundsted seconded the motion for payment approval, AIF.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Donna Sorenson, District Clerk

Brenda Ryals, Chairman

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Letter to the Editor

January 9, 2012

To the Editor,

You may have seen or heard that a new EMT class is starting in Plentywood on February 2, 2012. Sheridan County is in need of EMTs. We are trying to be proactive and prepare for the not-to-distant future. We see on the horizon a terrific impact on local EMS with the advent of oil activity. We also know that during our upcoming Centennial celebration, there will be an increased need for ambulance services.

If funding allows, we would also like to place ambulances in Westby and Medicine Lake. To do so, we have to have licensed EMTs in those areas.

While we are trying to prepare for the future, we are currently very short staffed. Some of our personnel are moving away, some are retiring and some are just plain tired and need a break. We continue to serve the people of Sheridan County to the best of our ability, but because we are short-staffed, those on our service are being asked to volunteer more and more of their time to provide for the needs of our community.

If you have an interest in emergency care, if you want to serve your community in a heroic way, if you can make the time commitment; **now** is the time to become involved. We need you! Call today and enroll in the course.

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The following was emailed to me, I thought surely there would be some of you who would be interested.

Val Moore

Dear Val, Maybe this can help others contact this dear lady - she was my 7th and 8th grade teacher in a rural Jefferson school. She will be 98 on January 4 -

Hulda (Haugen) Thorpe at Augustana Care Center, 4th Flour East#463, 1007 E. 14th Street, Minneapolis, Mn. 55404.

Her sister, Sylvia (Dahlen, I believe) is there also. I had not heard from her last year so this card was so nice to receive. There are not many students remaining of Jefferson but she also taught in other rural schools and she and husband (Stanley) did operate a store at Westby once also. Happy New year - and to say we do enjoy Westby Border news - helps to keep us "in touch with home".

Love, Dorothy

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A sincere thanks,
Westby Lion's Club

THANK YOU

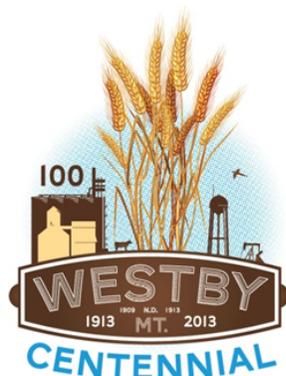
I would like to thank the staff of Sheridan Memorial Hospital for taking such good care of me.

Also, the Westby Quick Response and Plentywood ambulance crew, as well as Dr. Kirk.

Thank you for the cards, flowers and phone calls, and a special thanks to family and friends that visited frequently.

God Bless you all,
Shirley Quam

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July 12th-14th, 2013
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7:00 PM

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WESTBY IN LINE FOR AMBULANCE

(Continued)

As far as the availability of EMT's in our immediate area (Westby), at present we have only one trained EMT. The current EMS system used in Westby is licensed as a "Quick Response Unit". To utilize this unit, trained personnel need only have completed courses as "EMT, first responders" of which, we have several. This unit and personnel answer a call, access the situation, and prepare the patient for transport by a responding ambulance from Plentywood or other area cities. To address the shortage of qualified EMT's in Westby and Sheridan County, EMS Director Mehl will be conducting classes beginning February 2nd. Director Mehl and her staff are making things as easy as possible for EMT candidates. For the first time, classes will be conducted through telemed and distance learning. This will decrease the travel time considerably for the required 40 class course. Classes in Westby will be available at the Westby School for all, but the skills sessions which requires hands-on training. Mehl also stated a considerably shorter bridge or upgrade class will be available to first responders who desire to advance to the next level of emergency care.

The availability of an ambulance in Westby undoubtedly makes sense as it reduces the arrival time for a patient to our county hospital by half. When time can mean the difference of life and death, it really is a no-brainer.

For more information on any of the EMS services or to sign up for the classes, please contact Chris at Sheridan Memorial Hospital 765-3717.

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Editors note: For the next few weeks, the Centennial Column will contain personal interviews conducted by high school English classes of years past under the guidance of Ms. Gayle Overgaard.

Average Saturday Night in Westby in the 1960s (Karla Hove)

By Bryan Christensen

What was there to do in Westby in the 60s? When I asked my mom, Karla Hove Christensen (class of 1973), what people did to have fun on weekends, I was given a glimpse of teen activities very different from what we do today.

During the 1960s, a regular Saturday night for the Ted Hove family, and most other families, was a trip into town. The entire family, Ted, Blanche, and several of their kids packed into one car. The kids were dropped off at the movie theatre, which was located between Kittelson's and the Assembly of God Church, and each paid for a ticket that cost 25 cents. Everyone sat down in an all wood seat to enjoy popcorn, candy, and pop. My dad (Don Christensen, class of 1969) has only one memory of the theatre—someone stole his coon skin cap at the movie. While the kids were watching the movie, parents would go to the grocery store, bars, or get a hair cut. Most stores stayed open late, especially for the Saturday night crowd.

Another favorite pastime was climbing on top of the closed PG Anderson's bank, which is now Charlie's Place. There was a ladder in the back, and the kids would climb up to the roof

and look down on the street. There was also an old swimming pool and bath house down by the park somewhere that had been built years

before. The pool was never filled with water, however, and the kids would just go and play inside the cement hole.

School dances were also frequent entertainment. Sophomores always put on a freshman initiation dance at the beginning of the school year. Parents, teachers, or both would chaperone the dances, which were held in the gym or in the cafeteria. At every dance, chips and a bowl of punch were guaranteed to be the refreshments. Records would play groovy music; the teens would get down to *Creedence Clearwater Revival* and *Herman's Hermits*. Before

or during the dance, the upperclassmen would take the freshmen out and drop them off in the country. The freshmen would then have to walk back into town.

In closing, Saturday nights in the 60s were unlike what we know today. Now, there are no movies, climbing on buildings, or school dances to entertain young people.

Christensen, Karla. Personal Interview.
December 1999.



Karla Hove (Class of 1973) is shown here when she was in the fourth grade.

ROGSTAD

Merlin Rogstad 85 of Clearbrook, MN died on Monday, January 2, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook, MN.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Elim Lutheran Brethren Church in Clearbrook, MN with Rev. Adam Krog officiating. Interment at the Elim Lutheran Cemetery in Clearbrook, MN followed the service. Military rites were accorded by the Melvin Johnson American Legion Post No. 256 of Clearbrook. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bagley assisted with the arrangements.

Merlin was born August 19, 1926 in Westby, Montana the son of Palmer and Mabel (Johnson) Rogstad. He grew up and attended school in Westby and farmed. He served in the Army from July 4, 1951 until April 27, 1953. He was inducted at Butte, Montana and went to Ft. Lewis, Washington for basic training. He attended field wireman telephone training. In October of 1951 he went to Korea for 16 months.

He married Adeline Holm on January 9, 1955 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Gonvick, MN. They moved to Clearbrook area in 1964.

Merlin was a member of the Legion for 62 years. He was an active member of Elim Lutheran Church where he served as treasurer, member of the trustees and elder board. He was a former member of school board and elevator board.

He is survived by his- wife- Adeline Rogstad of Clearbrook, MN Daughters- Debbie Dwight of Clearbrook, MN Sharon (Mark) Larson of Clearbrook, MN Son- Wes (Beth) Rogstad of Clearbrook, MN Twin Sister- Doris Harshbarger of Renton, WA Mother-in-law-

Clara Holm of Clearbrook, MN Grandchildren- Ryan Dwight of Roseau, MN Jared Dwight of Ft. Carson, CO Danny (Nicole) Larson of Clearbrook, MN Matt (Melissa) Larson of Ada, MN David Larson of Clearbrook, MN Whitney, Tyler, Trevor and Oshion Rogstad all of Clearbrook, MN Great Grandchildren- Ava and Eric Larson of Ada, MN Aunt and Uncle- Melford and Evelyn Ball of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson- Michael Dwight.

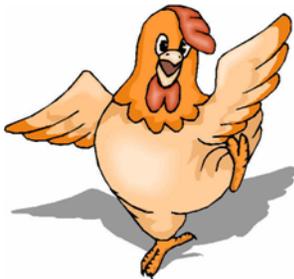
STEVENS

Eloy H. Stevens died at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood Thursday morning, January 12. Cremation has taken place, with private interment of cremated remains in Flaxton Cemetery planned. She was 77. Born at Flaxton, North Dakota July 16, 1934, Eloy was the daughter of Freddie and Evelyn (Holte) Johnson.

Eloy was the business manager of their family firm, operating "Don Stevens Welding" throughout northwestern North Dakota and Northeastern Montana with her husband, Don Stevens. She is survived by her husband, Don, of Wolf Point, and four children. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood had charge of cremation.

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