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Prairie Fest 2010 Resounding Success

The campground boasts but one lonely camper, a handful of cars line Main Street and the tent is down for another year. Prairie Fest 2010 has come and gone, but- with a different feel.

The success of this year's event was due to a combination of



outstanding job pulling everything together from the banquets and programs on Friday, right through to church and Sunday Dinner. The class reunions offered up the typical feelings of nostalgia, fond memories and

factors: beautiful setting, perfect weather, a schedule of events to include something for everyone, and organized class reunions. This left many wanting more.

Approximately 150 were registered for the two, five-year class reunions held July 9-11th. Audrey Anderson and Marlene Anderson, coordinators for their respective reunions, did an -

loyalty to "home". Those on the outside looking in saw what they were missing out on and have shown an interest in organizing their classes for a possible reunion next summer during Prairie Fest.

Of course, along with all of this comes excitement and anticipation, and a taste of what still lies ahead. **2013: The Westby Centennial.** It will be here before we know it!

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The Wee Bee Quilters would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets and sale items and attended our Quilt Show on July 10th. The winner of the quilt and pillow was Marian Simonson of Plentywood. The raffle, show and sale were a great success and the money raised will go towards our 2013 Westby Centennial Quilt Projects. THANK YOU!



Sadie Oltman holding Tasha. Sadie and Tasha took place in the "Dress Your Pet" Contest during the 2010 Prairie Fest in Westby.

NOTICE:

The August meeting of the Westby School Board has been postponed to

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Danny Moore
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A Day in the Life...

By: Sandy Elm

On June 24th the Westby Senior Citizens met at the Community Center. Arlene Herman was the hostess. Bazil Anderson took first place in whist and Chris Barstad took second. Gene Herman won the door prize. Guests were Mark Nordhagen, Debbie and Willie Bice, Diane and Sadie Oltman, Bazil Anderson, Richard Westgard and Parker, and Archie Petersen.

Dinner guests at Glenny Bervik's home on June 28th were Ione and Alton Pederson from Cheyenne, Wyoming, Gordy and Betsy Klofstad of Mesa, Arizona, Jan Blaire from Plentywood, Wade and Lori Bjorgen, and grandchildren Kinley and Xander Soine from Minot, North Dakota and Cindy and Jerry Stenhjem.

The Jolly Twelve card club met on June 28th at the Westby Community Center. Karen Meyer took first in whist and Adeline Lagerquist took second and Phoebe Vest took low. Anita Bjorgen was the hostess.

Glenny Bervik hosted Senior Citizens on July 7th at the Community Center. Anita Bjorgen took first and Mary Rogstad took second. Guests were Nancy Mullen, Roy and Norma Delong, David and Mary Rogstad, Arnie Nordhagen and Mark Nordhagen.

On July 4th Casey and Marilyn Elm hosted a barbeque at their home. Guests were Teresa Garneau and Mike Ming from Plentywood, Josh and Jarod Ming, Alex Lagerquist and friend, Elaine and Marlowe Onstad, Vera Elm, Rose Frickson, Allen and Marlys Ekness, Jeff and Lynette Ekness and Allen, Jarrod Elm from Billings, Shannon Gebhardt and Cole and Rylie, and Sandy and Slugger Elm. If I left anyone out I apologize in advance.

Many people attended the Prairie Fest and all the reunions held in Westby on July 10th. Please contact me with information so I can get it in the newspaper. I would appreciate it. I was unable to attend all the functions as I had to work, but I did get to attend the Lion's Breakfast held at the Community Center on Saturday morning. There were a lot of people and I got to visit with many friends and classmates.

You may call me at home 406-385-2356 or at work 406-765-1721 with news items. They also can be dropped off at the store in Plentywood, Little Muddy Dry Goods. My e-mail address is sandyelm@nemont.net and my mailing address is Box 95 Westby, Montana 59275.

THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for the many cards, calls, e-mails, and visits while we were in Billings for Hugh's Heart By-Pass surgery and since we got home. We especially thank Dr. Kirk Stoner for sending us to Billings. We also thank Sue Meyer for mowing and Karen & Vance for watering. A special thanks to our daughters Jeanne, Joy & Denise for their many hours of support. We are happy to be home and he seems to be doing very well.

Hugh & Connie

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The smoke has cleared and the dust has settled as things quiet down after a great weekend of reuniting and reminiscing with old and new friends, alike, at Prairie Fest 2010.

The weather cooperated and could not have been more perfect the entire weekend. The unusually wet spring provided a beautiful backdrop for this year's annual festival in vibrant green wheat fields, cows with grass up to their belly's, and yards with blossoms galore.

Those involved in the reunions couldn't have been happier with the events and it was often heard uttered by others, "Why wasn't our class included?" As a WDC member, the picture that evolved over the weekend was just what we, as a group, had envisioned when we jumped on the County's PF bandwagon in 2003. In my opinion, organized class reunions are the secret to the continued success of Prairie Fest and, for the next couple years, will also provide trial runs for and a reason to get started with preliminary Centennial work. The historical town tours are a perfect example of this. By 2013 we *should* have the bugs worked out.

As always, it is a few doing the work of many so now is not the best time to take a vote on next year's fate. As images fade, and the weary have rested, I expect things to come around. If there is interest shown in collaborating class reunions, I have no doubt plans will be under way for Prairie Fest 2011.

Speaking of the Centennial, I am so happy to report a building has been secured for a museum. The former Gladys and Ollie Wirtzberger place, rich in history, is the perfect spot, I feel. This, too, will be an extremely big undertaking, but what an opportunity to preserve bits and pieces

of our history and heritage for our posterity. In the scheme of things, our settlement is in its infancy and there is no better time than the present to get started. I hope those willing to give of their time and have an interest will step up to the plate for this very worthwhile cause.

Enough to think about for now. On to the recipes. And speaking of annual traditions, our Fourth of July includes a trip to the Crosby Country Club, one of the area's best kept secrets, and back to Westby where we host a BBQ. What a beautiful day it was. We returned home famished and waiting for us were Beatie's mushroom canapés. They were a hit and everyone declared them a keeper.

MUSHROOM COCKTAIL CANAPÉS

24 slices pumpernickle cocktail bread
4 ounces small portabella mushrooms & 4 ounces small button mushrooms, diced
1 cup mayonaise
1 cup Parmesean cheese
1 can [2.8oz.] French fried onions, crumbled
Brush each side of the bread with olive oil, bake at 350 for three minutes on each side, cool.
Dice mushrooms, saute in small amount of olive oil until tender. Add Salt & pepper, Lawry's, garlic, and onion powder to taste. Add the mayo and parmesan cheese. Mix well. Add onions just before broiling. Mix well spread on bread slices and broil until golden brown and bubbly. Serve immediately.

It is pretty bad. Sometimes I even read novels with recipes as part of the reading. There are a couple light reading mystery authors whose sleuths are also caterers. In amongst the reading, are recipes. A couple sweet recipes caught my eye in this last book. I gave them a try and found them worthy of sharing. Let me know what you think.

Red Velvet anything makes me think of Virgie. Somehow I think she would have been all over these cookies (although, knowing her, not without making a few changes).

The order and way these cookies are mixed is unusual so be sure to read the entire recipe.

RED VELVET COOKIES

2-1 OUNCE SQUARES UNSWEETENED CHOCOLATE
½ CUP BUTTER, SOFTENED
2/3 CUP BROWN SUGAR, FIRMLY PACKED
1/3 CUP SUGAR
½ TSP BAKING SODA
½ TSP SALT
1 EGG
1 TBSP RED FOOD COLORING
¾ CUP SOUR CREAM
2 CUPS FLOUR
1 CUP (6 OUNCES) SEMI SWEET CHOCOLAT CHIPS

Preheat oven 375 degrees. Line cookie sheets with parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Break up chocolate squares and place in a small microwave safe bowl. Melt on high 30 seconds at a time until melted and smooth (app 60 seconds) let cool while mixing dough.

Combine butter, brown, and white sugar together in a mixing bowl with an electric mixer. Beat on medium speed until smooth (1 minute). Add baking soda and salt, and resume beating on medium speed for an additional minute or until incorporated.

Add egg, beat until smooth and add food coloring beat for about 30 seconds.

Scrape down sides of bowl and add melted chocolate. Mix for 1 minute at medium speed. Scrape down sides of bowl and at low speed mix in half of the flour. When incorporated, mix in sour cream. Scrape down the bowl again and add the last cup of flour. Beat on low until fully incorporated. Stir in chocolate chips.

Use a teaspoon to mound dough on parchment paper. Bake 9-11 minutes or until just firm. 3 dozen. Cool. Frost with cream cheese frosting.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

¼ CUP BUTTER , SOFTENED
4 OUNCES CREAM CHEESE, SOFTENED
½ TSP VANILLA
2 CUPS POWDERED SUGAR.

Mix butter, cream cheese and vanilla. Add powdered sugar, stir until smooth. Frost.

Note: I beat butter and cream cheese for 5 minutes to make it light and fluffy before adding sugar.

More reminiscent of Red Velvet Cake frosting. It was recommended to brush a layer of warm Raspberry jam on top of cookie, let dry, then frost with cream cheese frosting for an added variation.

Let me tell you, there is nothing not to like in this next cookie/bar recipe. The only thing I can think of is kids might prefer milk chocolate chips as a closer rendition of the Hershey Bars in S'Mores. You decide.....

S'MORES (ROCKY ROAD BAR COOKIES)

24 GRAHAM CRACKERS (double ones)
2 CUPS MINATURE MARSHMALLOWS
6 OUNCES SEMI-SWEET CHOCOLATE CHIPS
1 CUP SALTED CASHEWS
½ CUP BUTTER
½ CUP DARK BROWN SUGAR
1 TSP VANILLA

Preheat oven 350 degrees. Spray a 9 X 13 pan with nonstick spray. Line bottom with graham crackers (some may overlap).

Sprinkle with marshmallows, then with chocolate chips and cashews. In a small saucepan over low heat, combine the butter and brown sugar. Stir constantly until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat, add vanilla. Drizzle evenly over contents in pan. Bake 10-12 minutes or until the marshmallows are golden on top. Cool and cut. Freeze or refrigerate leftovers.

May you Enjoy
for
Life is Good!

“DRESS YOUR PET” CONTEST RESULTS

The ever popular ‘Dress your pet contest’ had almost as many different species of animals as there were categories and entries this year.

Besides the expected dogs, a kitten, a pig, a monkey, and chickens were all part of this year’s competition.

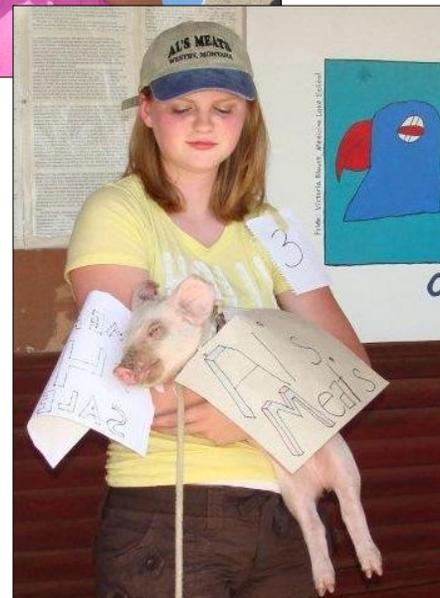
People’s Choice award went to Faith Ekness (Sherman’s granddaughter) and a poodle/Chihuahua cross, ‘Griz’.

Best Dressed: Josh Ekness (Allan’s grandson) and a calico kitten, ‘Snickers’.

Best duo (owner and pet): tie between Sadie Oltman with her Aunt’s monkey, ‘Tasha’ in matching pink skirts; and Hallie Wangerin and Ashley Overby from Plentywood with their silver mini Schnuazer all complete with matching vests.

Best trick was performed by Badger, a welsh corgi owned by Christian Melby.

The participants enjoyed ice cream and there were treats all around for the pets, too!





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WDC ACQUIRES MAIN STREET BUILDING AS SITE FOR FUTURE MUSEUM

Last week, after many months of negotiating for the building that housed the old City Café and was home to Ollie and Gladys Wirtzberger for many years, the deed finally arrived. The vision of a Westby Museum was made a possibility and steps could now be taken to make it a reality. The Westby Development Corporation had its sights set on this particular building because of its history and location and was working with the current owner, Bill Dodge, on a mutual agreement. After some loose ends were tied up, Mr. Dodge graciously donated the building to the group.

The WDC is now working with the Westby City Council to insure the building. From there, a newly appointed board will be chosen to oversee the project with hopes of having a fully cataloged museum with items pertaining particularly to Westby by 2013 and the Centennial. Funding will be a priority in the beginning as the building will need a face lift and some minor interior work done. Fundraisers will undoubtedly be held and the City and County will be asked to contribute to the worthy cause. Corporate sponsors and grants will be looked in to, as well. In the end, personal contributions may carry the brunt of it and, once again, the WDC would like to remind community members and alumni that this group is a non-profit and has its 501-3c status which means all donations for this or any other project are tax deductible.

Any input, anyone interested in becoming a member of the Museum Board, or anyone wishing to make a donation may contact any WDC member or Val Moore at dvmooore@nemont.net. Donations may be mailed to WDC, % Brenda Ryals, Westby, MT, 59275.

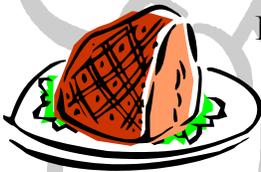
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Tony, Teena, Daulton, and Darian Holecek



Our Spotlight

The following are pictures of alumni who gathered over Prairie Fest weekend, many who have been featured in "Our Spotlight" over the last year.



CLASS OF 1958

Richard Johnson, Renetta Christianson Westgard, Delores Alvstad Nordhagen, Patricia Rasmussen Gustafson, Norma Jensen De Long, Donna Mae Krown, Hardy Hansen



CLASS OF 1959

Bobby Jensen, Sharon Hansen Ward



CLASS OF 1960

Daryl Andersen, Sally Samuelson, Boyde Galgerud, Fay Andersen, David Rogstad, Warren Solberg, Vance Meyer



CLASS OF 1961

Larmon Haugen, Leslie Elm, Marvin Mickelson, Phoebe Overgard Vest, Lyle (Gene) Olson



CLASS OF 1962

Curtis Samuelson, John Bye, Marlene Olson Anderson, Diane Krowen Johnson, Murray Ekness, Barbara Bakke Palmer, Arnie Nordhagen, Lois Dahlgard Anderson, Clinton Rasmussen, Myrna Joyes Custer



FORMER COMERTOWN STUDENTS

BACK ROW: Dick Johnson, Jack ??, Dale Soderquist, Lyle McCauley, Dale Olson, Victor Vogt, Chester Olson, Rodney Iverson

MIDDLE ROW: Earl Strand, Barbara Olson Cain, Yvonne Olson Tittle, Judy King Bykonen, Betty Olson McCall, Margie Olson Pattee, Marlys Vogt

FRONT ROW: June Olson Heidt, Genevieve Ruggles Lee, Marvel McCall Hellegaard, Adeline Soderquist Lagerquist, Marie King, Evedine Olson Lane, Beverly King Olson



CLASS OF 1946

BACK ROW: Richard Pulvermacher, Howard Nielsen, Melvin Hellegaard, Richard Espeland, Ann-Marie Ward Gregorie

FRONT ROW: Lucille Danielson Glover, Raynard Huglen, Audrey Anderson, Gladys Espeland



CLASS OF 1947

Ione Anderson Huston, Donald Reistad, Erwin Olson, Richard Osksa, Elton (Shorty) Tangedal, Alice Carlstad Stromstad



CLASS OF 1948

Marcia Hanson Larson, Margie Ward Sapp, Dorothy Bundt Leininger, Robert Leininger, Sherman Ekness, Darrell Nordhagen



CLASS OF 1949

Marlys Moore Marsh, Tom Nordhagen, Earl Strand, Otto Bervik, Loretta Wirtzberger Anderson, Evelyn Bertelsen Ternquist



CLASS OF 1950

Gene Espeland, Delores Elm Mangel, Bazil Anderson

Prairie Fest ~2010~



People enjoying the Lion's Breakfast.



Bingo players Louise and John Bye.



Shooting the breeze-Pete Hove, Allan Ekness, Irvin Mangel, and Brett Mangel.



Shuttle tours were a big hit!



Patriotic Pulvermacher Boys, Braden and Ledger.



Warren Overgard, Sheridan Electric Co-op board member, and Dennis Bratlien, Member Services for Sheridan Electric dish out root beer floats, a real crowd pleaser.



The jump-'n-fun castles were a hit with the youngsters.



A full camp ground.



Larry Sapp and his sister-in-law, Linda Ward, enjoy the music of the Hellegaard Trio.



Danny Moore explaining the workings of the terminal facility.



The Espeland's: Richard Gladys, Marilyn, Gene, and Sam.

BRUSH LAKE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Nine area students have been selected to receive scholarships of \$400 from the Brush Lake Scholarship Corporation. They are:

Shelby Anderson of Plentywood, son of Mike and Tammy Anderson

Emily Hendrickson of Culbertson, daughter of Wayne and Penny Hendrickson

Amy Johnson of Plentywood, daughter of Harold and Debbie Johnson

Hannah Landeraaen of Scobey, daughter of Pastor Paul and Valerie Landeraaen

Taylor Nielsen of Westby, son of Eric and Cindy Nielsen

Marissa Olson of Froid, daughter of Marilyn Olson

Taylor Plante of Scobey, son of Ron and Barbara Plante

Travis Sorenson of Plentywood, son of LeRoy and Colleen Sorenson

Hallie Jo Westgard of Westby, daughter of Bruce and Chris Westgard

These scholarships are awarded from the available interest earned on the principal from the sale of the former Brush Lake Bible Camp property and subsequent donations. Last year 5 scholarships of \$250.00 each were awarded to area young people. Since 1987, a total of \$50,275 has been awarded to 197 recipients.

We would like to congratulate these deserving young people, and to thank the community for supporting our efforts.

Brush Lake Scholarship Corporation

Debra Orozco, Secretary

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westby girls undefeated

Both the Minor and Major Westby Girl's Softball teams finished the 2010 season undefeated. The season wrapped up in Plentywood on July 6th for the minors and on the 7th for the majors.

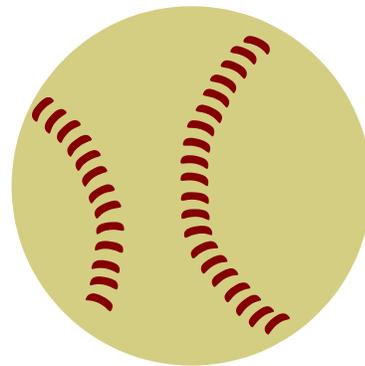
In tournament action, the minors beat Culbertson 8-3, Medicine Lake 13-2, Plentywood A Team 6-5, and Crosby 9-8 with Sabrina Carter hitting a home run in the bottom of the 5th inning. Sabrina was named MVP for the tournament. Coach Sue Meyer said, "the girls all hit well and played excellent defense."

For the Majors, Westby defeated Crosby 17-8, Culbertson 5-3, and Crosby again in the championship game 8-3. Samantha Olson and Kylie Ryals were named co- MVPs.

Coaches Kim and Sue Meyer want to congratulate both girl's teams on their perfect season.



Pictured above:
Evelyn Mendes, Katie Nielsen, Farrah Garman,
Jenna Rust, Fallon Garman
Katie Muller, Bailey Solberg, Sabrina Carter,
Salina Carter, Madisen Pulvermacher



Pictured Left:
Sophia Ekness, Kori Gunlickson,
Tess Bjorgen, Mckenzie Westgard,
Kayla Rust, Mckayla Westgard,
Shayla Garman, Tristan Schipman,
Jonni Muller, Kylie Ryals,
Samantha Olson, Hallie Westgard



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