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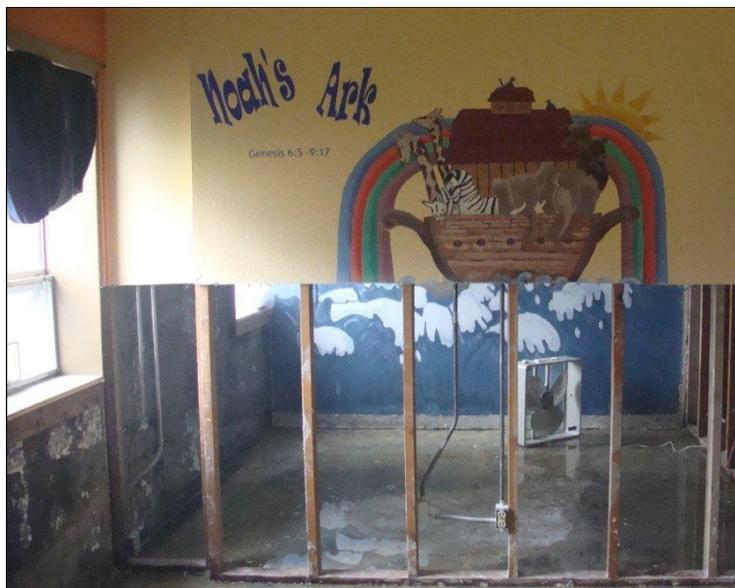
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FLOODING LEADS TO MAJOR DECISIONS FOR IMMANUEL



It has been over two months since the first signs of water seeping into the basement of Immanuel Lutheran Church from the record breaking moisture were noticed.

The leaking now seems down to a trickle, but the damage is done.

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FLOODING LEADS TO MAJOR DECISIONS FOR IMMANOEL

(continued)

On May 21st, only days after the flooding began, approximately 25 men converged on the basement to remove what they could, place on higher ground what they couldn't (piano, refrigerators, and the like), and rip out the sheetrock and paneling in hopes of stopping the rising waters from doing any further damage. Little did they know, the water would continue to pour in at a rate well beyond the capability of several continual running sump pumps, nor that it would continue to be an issue for months and cause damage beyond repair. While the sanctuary may be the refuge, the basement, which housed the fellowship hall, Sunday school rooms, restrooms, and store rooms, was the glue. The meeting, the studying, the consoling, the socializing, the teaching, the honoring, the sharing, and the quilting were done here.



The condition of the basement as of May 2011.

The church council and parishioners are looking at different options running the gamut including repair, replace, and restore the basement as it was prior to the flooding, which **would not** incorporate a handicap restroom or handicap ramp, to a new ground floor addition housing the lost areas of need. There will, perhaps, be other options in between. No matter which way the parishioners vote to go, two things are a given-the damage is not covered by insurance, and the basement will have to be gutted to remove the mold and make the environment safe once again. A contractor has been called in to access the damage and bid on cleaning and rebuilding the basement, while an architect has been consulted on the cost to build new. The council is in hopes by mid-August enough knowledge has been gathered about each of these options to share with the parishioners so they might make an informed decision about the glue that holds their church together.



Mold growing on the interior walls of Immanuel Lutheran Church basement.



WARNING: FLAMINGOS AT LARGE

WHS CLASS OF 1991 HOLDS REUNION

The Class of 1991 held their 20 year reunion on July 8th and 9th in Westby. The group gathered at the school on Friday evening to tour the school, look at yearbooks and and begin a weekend of reminiscing.

On Saturday, the Prairie Kitchen catered a picnic for the classmates and their families at the school cafeteria.

Pictured Left to right: Chad Netolicky - Valley City, North Dakota; Miles Nelson - Plentywood, Montana; David Andersen - Westby; Jermaine Kaul Unruh-Billings, Montana; Lisa Ekness Petersen- Ely, Nevada; Shannon Johnson Gebhardt- Westby; Tara Hove Stewart-Park City, Montana; Darcee Overgaard Jantzi-Wellesley, ON, Canada.



MUSEUM RECEIVES GRANT



Richard Rice, representing the Sheridan County Community Foundation, presented three members of the Westby Museum Board with a check for \$1,500.00 on July 9th during the annual Prairie Fest event. The check was awarded for a grant proposal written for monies available through the 2011 Sheridan County Community Foundation. Work to transform the former Main Street home of Ollie and Gladys Wirtzberger to the home of the Westby Museum will soon begin.

Pictured: Richard Rice and board members Marlene Anderson, Arletta Herman, and Jody Lagerquist. Other museum board members include Rob Rust and Dick Johnson.

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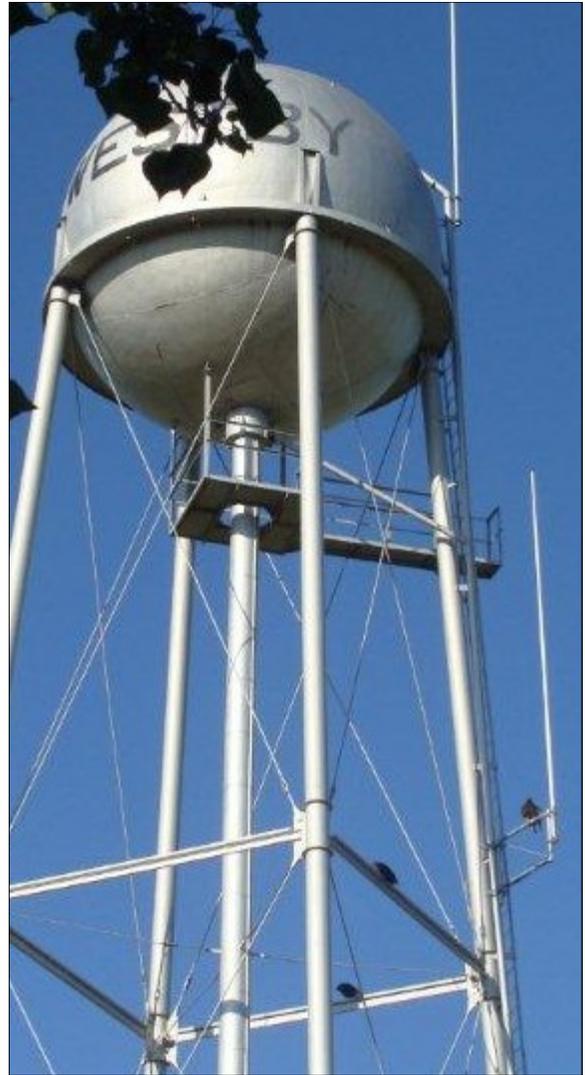
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Danny Moore
Westby Manager



July what? It can't be! I guess we can say it feels like summer now that the rain has stopped entirely, the temps are in the ninety's and the heat index well over 100. This too shall pass as on the horizon I see the old school bell getting shined up and stores are starting to display school supplies. It won't be long before the bell will be ringing, the leaves will be turning, and the s--- will be flying-I mean... snow will be falling!

Westby is abuzz with activity. I believe it just in the nick of time as the buzzards had started to circle. No! I'm not kidding. I have pictures to prove it. Turkey buzzards, to be exact, were sighted perched on the water tower sizing up the situation. It's a good thing residents have decided it's best to move forward by investing in the future rather than living in the past. The buzzards stuck around a day or two, but must have decided they were too late, before moving on. Westby wasn't quite dead yet! One area where my heart is troubled is the mess our church is dealing with. In my rational mind, I try to keep it in perspective as it relates to what residents of Minot and other parts of North Dakota are dealing with in regards to major flooding. On the flip side, how the devastation is dealt with is a very major decision that once made will affect Immanuel Lutheran Church long into the future, in other words, a decision not to be taken lightly. The decision whether to restore the basement and somehow deal with the lack of handicap assess or build a new ground level addition to house the fellowship hall and other lost areas is inevitable. As chairman of the committee formed to present the ways and means to make the fellowship hall and restrooms handicap assessable, I have had a little opportunity to do some research on how to obtain this goal. This goal takes on a whole new direction now that we no longer have a fellowship hall,



Turkey Buzzards sizing up the situation while perched on the water tower.

but the research is very valuable as networking with other church's having already dealt with similar issues (lack of handicap access to fellowship hall and restrooms) and are willing to share what worked and what didn't with us. A common thread in all of the visits was a positive attitude from the leaders, open communication from them to the congregation with frequent meetings and phone calls, adequate information on all aspects of the project-congregational visits with architect, contractors, accountants (answered charitable giving questions) to make a qualified decision- and fund raising ideas. *(Continues next page)*

Not an easy task, nor one free of controversy or emotion when the bottom line is money.

My irrational side, which usually seems to win out, is worried about the congregation coming out the other side of this intact- bigger better, stronger. As members, we need to do our homework-what do we want for posterity? Crunch the numbers, talk to your accountants about charitable giving. Are we able to volunteer on the project, whether it be helping on the building or baking cookies for the so inclined, all will be needed as much as cash? How much are we able and willing to invest-financially, physically, and, or spiritually in this endeavor? Whichever way the congregation votes to attack this project, all areas and levels of cheerful giving will be needed to make the project a success. A lot to think about.....

This, too, will pass and I hope and pray it is without too much s--- flying! Oh, I mean snow falling.

This salad is a keeper with these dog days of summer with us. Myrn served it at the Fourth of July golf scramble and I loved it, particularly with the added jalapeno and cilantro.

MEXICAN CORN SALAD

2 cans corn, drained (or one 10 ounce bag of frozen)

1/2 cup chopped red onion

1/2 cup of red bell pepper chopped

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1/2 cup black beans, rinsed and drained (I have used the whole can of black beans)

1 cup mayonnaise

Mix all of these ingredients and let the flavors blend together.

Just before serving add:

¾ of a 10 1/2 ounce bag of chili cheese flavored Fritos, crushed.

Note-add chips only to the portion you will be using so chips stay crisp.

Options: Add diced jalapeno pepper, cumin, or chopped fresh cilantro.

I tried this stuffed tenderloin featured in *Cooking Light* because I have always thought the Cuban sandwiches with pork, some variety of pickles and cheese sounded so interesting. In this version the condiments are added before the pork is cooked. The leftovers make great sandwiches or slice thin and serve on crostinis. I served the tenderloin with the Mexican Salad and sliced watermelon.

STUFFED CUBAN PORK TENDERLOIN

1 (1-pound) pork tenderloin, trimmed

2 tablespoons whole-grain Dijon mustard

1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro

3 thin slices Swiss cheese, halved

1/3 cup chopped bread-and-butter pickles

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Cooking spray

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Cut a lengthwise slit down the center of the tenderloin two-thirds of the way through the meat. Open halves, laying tenderloin flat. Place tenderloin between 2 sheets of plastic wrap; pound to 1/2-inch thickness using a meat mallet or heavy skillet. Spread mustard evenly over pork. Sprinkle with cilantro. Arrange cheese and pickles over pork in a single layer. Roll up, starting with long side; secure pork at 1-inch intervals with twine. Sprinkle evenly with salt and pepper. Place the pork on a grill rack coated with cooking spray. Grill 22 minutes or until a thermometer registers 155°, turning after 11 minutes. Remove from grill. Let stand, covered, for 5 minutes. Cut into 12 slices

This recipe is not for the faint of heart with a cup of butter, oodles of sugar, milk and buttermilk, but worth indulging in a small piece.

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RHUBARB CAKE w/ BUTTER SAUCE

½ cup butter
1 ½ cups sugar
1 egg
1 cup buttermilk
1 tsp vanilla
1 ts baking soda
½ tsp salt
1 ½ cups flour
3 cups diced rhubarb

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together in large bowl and pour into greased and floured 9X 13 inch baking pan. Top with ½ cup brown sugar and ½ cup chopped nuts.

Bake for 45 minutes.

Heat together until sugar is dissolved:

½ cup butter
½ cup evaporated milk
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup sugar

Pour over warm cake.

*Enjoy
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HELP WANTED ROUTE DRIVER

Westby School District is taking applications for a route driver for the 2011-12 school year:

This route is a daily route entailing a combined mileage of nearly 95 miles per day for 180 days.

Students will be transported via a school-owned bus, therefore applicants will be required to have a Commerical Drivers License (CDL) Class B with a passenger endorsement.

Wages DOE.

For more detailed information contact Tony Holecek at the Westby School office (385-2225).

**In the pages to follow...
A Peek at Prairie Fest 2011!**



Jenna Rust, Westby's youngest entrepreneur.

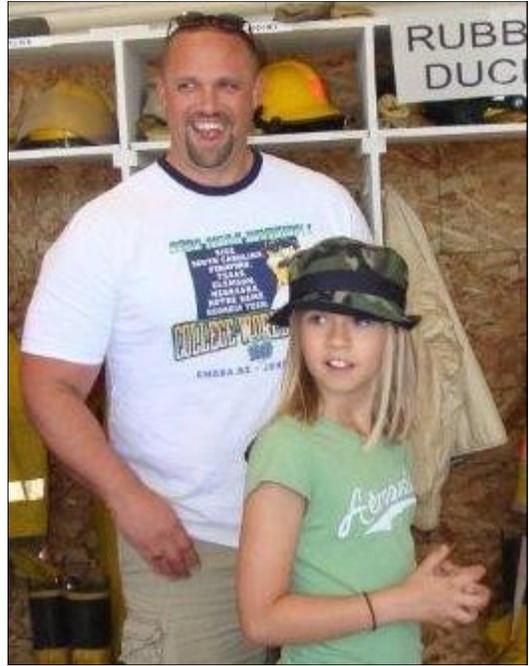
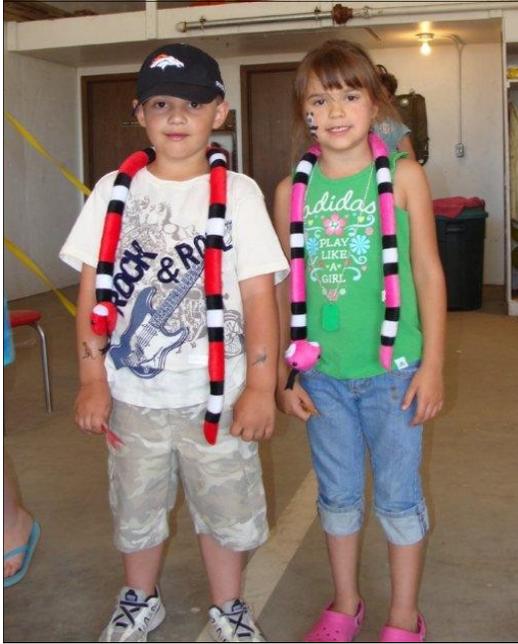


Milo and Bo Cheethem fishing for the "big one" at the kids carnival. Milo and Bo are the children of Carl and Missy Cheethem of Sidney and grandchildren of Don and Karla Christensen.

Keep your eyes open...



the flamingos have arrived!



TWINS?

Not really, but mothers are 1991 WHS classmates, Shannon (Johnson) Gebhardt and Tara (Hove) Stewart. Pictured are good buddies Cole Gebhardt and Sayler Stewart.

Chad Netalicky and his daughter Nadia enjoying the moment.



ANIMAL ART

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The 2013 Centennial Committee hard at work. Evelyn Jensen, Chairman Marlene Anderson, and Karen Meyer.



The Big Muddy Motorcycle Riders held a rally in conjunction with 2011 Prairie Fest. The group includes members from Sheridan County as well as temporary workers presently calling Sheridan County home. The ride began in Plentywood, continued into Reserve, on to the 29 mile corner north of Williston, up to the Can-Am at the junction of Hwy 5 & 85 and finishing their ride in Westby.



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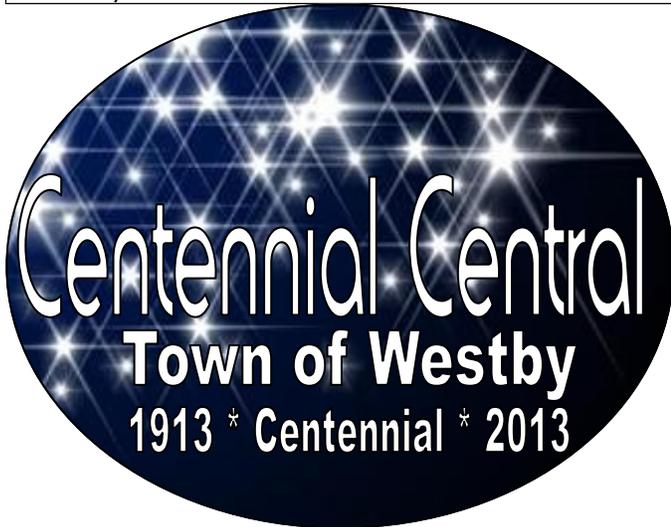


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Memories...



These photographs were shared by Irene Stageberg.

The first picture is of her and her husband, Bill, in front of the Billiard Parlor and Confectionery (aka Crystal and Bar and Cafe) circa 1928. The second picture was taken in 1927 of Irene standing in front of the Ford Garage. Both Main Street buildings were recently demolished to make room for a new construction project.

Anyone wishing to share pictures, stories, or pieces of the puzzle may contact the Border News. Cathy Nordhagen, our correspondent for the history portion of this Column, may be reached at: firecrackermango@gmail.com or 385-2364.

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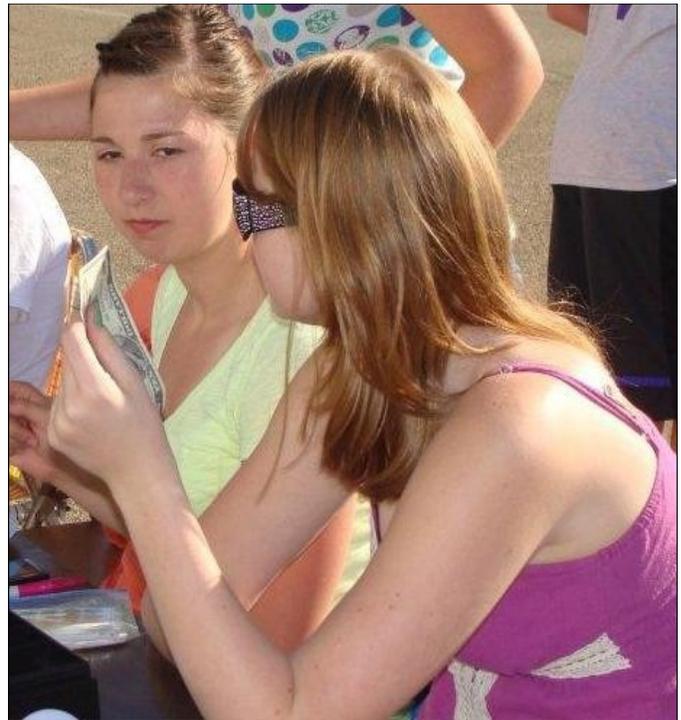
Approximately 25 people gathered to dedicate the Scandia Memorial Monument located 5 miles southwest of Westby, home of the former Scandia Lutheran Free Church. Pastor Barb Westhoff and Ken Keldsen conducted the ceremony. The church was built in 1915 on Clara Hammer Lagerquist's homestead land and was dedicated in 1918. Services were held here until 1963 when the congregation merged with First Lutheran Church, Daneville, and Oslo to form Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby. Scandia Church was dismantled in 2005 and this memorial was built in dedication and out of respect to the charter members, area pioneers, and pioneer pastors who were responsible for creating this place of worship.



Lion's Club bingo always a popular event.



**CONFIRMED:
flamingos!**



LYO members Tess Bjorgen and Kayla Rust manning the check-out at their annual rummage sale.

Pink, Proud and Persistent!

The flamingos are here!



ERLING AND GERTIE TANGEDAL DESENDENTS UNITE



Fifty-eight members of the Erling and Gertie Tangedal family gathered for a reunion beginning Thursday evening, June 30. The group's festivities were held at the Upper Missouri Ministries camp at Epping, North Dakota. Approximately 24 spent the entire weekend at the camp, while others stayed elsewhere or were close enough to return home each evening. Besides the usual reminiscing, a potluck and dance was held on Friday night at the Epping Pavilion and Saturday included an all day silent auction, evening meal, pictures and finished off with a program.

On Sunday, the group gathered at the Oslo Cemetery in Elkhorn Township of Divide County, ND, at noon for a memorial service. This was followed by a catered meal at the Westby Community Center. An invitation to join the group was extended to all of the cousins and their descendants. About 75 attended the noon meal. The family was honored by the presence of Evelyn Tangedal of Radville, Saskatchewan, who turned 95 this year.

Evelyn is the sister-in-law of Erling Tangedal, and the only person yet living, of this generation. People attended from as far away as Texas, North Carolina, Florida, California, Idaho, Nevada, Colorado, Washington, Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan, Oregon, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and of course, North Dakota and Montana.

Erling and Gertie were married in 1922 and began their married life in Elkhorn Township, Divide County, ND, where 5 of their 6 children were born: Curtis, Stanley, Eleanor, Elton, and Norman. Their sixth child, Donald, was born in Ambrose. All were graduates of Westby High School with the exception of Stanley. Stanley and Elton's children were also graduates of WHS. Curtis and Donald are now deceased, however, their wives were in attendance- Janice of Williston and Patty of Polson, MT. Stanley and Murielle, and Elton and Yvonne remain in the Westby area. Eleanor Stuckey lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Norman in San Diego, CA.

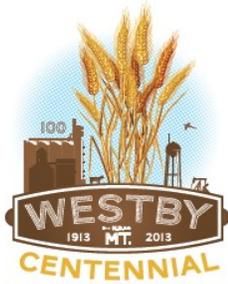
Dear Editor:

I would like to invite Ted Nordhagen and all the bird watchers to the City Park in Westby. We would like to see if it is possible to get our park back into shape so everyone can use it again. I know Ted has invested 40 years of work to get it to look as good as it is for a bird watching area.

Cliff Johnson



BE AWARE:
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