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KITTELSON'S HARDWARE ON THE MARKET

Dennis Kittelson, owner and manager of Kittelson's Hardware and Tire Shop, has indicated he is ready for a change. His son, Mike, who operates the tire shop, is ready to move on to new things in his life and this has played a major role in the decision to sell the business. The business may be sold as one unit or can be sold as two separate entities; namely a service station/tire shop and a hardware/floor covering store.

Dennis's father, Lloyd, bought the service station from Bennie Freund in 1961 and Bill Ellwanger ran the station for Lloyd until 1963. In 1963, Bill returned to help Lloyd on the farm and Dennis began running the service station.

In 1966 Bill Bundt closed the lone hardware store in Westby so Lloyd decided to add a hardware store to his existing service station. Kittelson's owned what was known during this time as the "Border Ball Room" and the city owned the building which housed the theatre and sat on the same block as the station. The city made a deal with Lloyd to swap buildings and the theatre would become the north end of the new hardware store.

Construction began in the fall of 1966 with Laverne Petersen, Albert Gjesdal and Larry Rol as the main contractors. Construction would include a new building tying into the existing theatre with an overall roof and the wall coming down in between. The newly completed store opened in the fall of '67 under the Gamble's franchise.

Dennis operated the business until 1973 when it was purchased by Jarl Bartnes. In 1978 it was returned to the Kittleson family. Dennis and Mike have run the operation since that time.

While Mike is looking for a career change, Dennis is hoping to have more time to spend with his kids and grandkids. He would also like to have more time to dedicate to the needs of the church. Dennis and Mike are looking at a deadline of October 1st for a deal to be made or the store will be closed and the merchandise liquidated. Both are in hopes it doesn't come to that and a new owner can be found to provide the community with this valuable, uninterrupted service. Dennis is working on getting the complete listing posted on the Border News web site and other official sites. Any questions may be directed to Dennis at 385-2321.

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Randy's Restaurant

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MONDAY – Chicken Strip Dinner w/ coleslaw & fries

TUESDAY – Waffle Special

WEDNESDAY – Halibut, Shrimp or Walleye w/ baked potato, toast, choice of salad

THURSDAY – 2 pc Chicken or Pork Chop Dinner w/ baked potato, toast & salad

FRIDAY – Chicken Fried Steak w/ fries, toast & salad

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

Chocolate & Vanilla Soft Serve



Chicken to go (potatoes included)
2 pc – Barrel 20 pc

A Day in the Life

By: Sandy Elm

Ken Keldsen and Bob Lagerquist attended the funeral of Ernest Bergeson in Libson, ND, on June 21. Ernest was Ken's wife, Joan's, first cousin and also Bob's father, Sig's, first cousin. While there they visited with Joan's sisters and other family members. On route home they stopped in Minot for the night and spent time with Ken's daughter, Wendy, and her friend Mark.

HELP WANTED: Westby School District # 3 is accepting applications for Jamboree (Grade 3-6 Boys' and Girls') Basketball Coach for school year 2008-09. Season begins 2nd week of October and ends 3rd week of November. Please contact Wayne Koterba at the Westby School, Box 109, Westby, MT 59275 or call 406.385.2258 for details.

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NOTICE

There will be no School Board Meeting in July.

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Danny Moore
Westby Manager



The 'Dog Days of Summer'. I found myself saying this today and then I thought, "What does that mean, anyway?" It seemed like the right kind of day to relate to it so I'm going with it. The rain has been short, but when the wind isn't blowing we've had beautiful days-as Goldilocks would say, "Not too hot and not too cold. Just right!" The flowers and gardens are finally starting to come around and I enjoy just pattering around the yard.

The dog days of summer do make you want to spend less time over a hot stove and more time on the patio sipping raspberry lemonades. This recipe will allow you to do just that. It has great flavor and is as simple as they get. Serve it with a salad or with tortillas, fajita style.

Crock Pot Chicken W/ Black Beans and Cream Cheese

- 4-5 boneless chicken breasts
 - 1 (15 1/2 ounce) can black beans
 - 1 (15 ounce) can corn (I prefer frozen)
 - 1 (15 ounce) jar salsa, any kind
 - 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
 - 1. Take 4-5 boneless chicken breasts put into crock pot.
 - 2. Add 1 can of black beans, drained, 1 jar of salsa, 1 can of corn drained.
 - 3. Keep in crock pot on high for about 4-5 hours or until chicken is cooked.
 - 4. Place 1 package of cream cheese on top and let sit for about 1/2 hour.
- Serves 4-6

The next couple recipes I received from cooks with Westby roots. The first one comes from Kathy Hove Wankel. This sauce recipe is similar to one formerly available at Costco. It is good for basting chicken or ribs on the grill or yummy served over cream cheese with crackers as a quick little appetizer. It has a little bite, but pairs well with the cream cheese. Chipotle peppers are available in most grocery stores in the ethnic food section.

RASPBERRY CHIPOTLE SAUCE

- 18 oz. frozen raspberries, thawed, well drained
- 1 (7 oz.) can chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/2 cup raspberry preserves (not jam)

Roast the raspberries in a shallow baking dish until mushy, bubbly and slightly browned. (approx 1 3/4 cups after roasting)

Puree chipoltes and adobo sauce in blender or food processor to make a paste.

Add roasted raspberries and the rest of the ingredients and blend until fairly smooth. NOTE: Kathy added extra sugar and 1/2 jar of the preserves.

This next recipe from Jan Onstad Rasmussen came with these comments, "I made these bars and wanted to share the recipe with you as they are to die for! I got it from Simple and Delicious." They do sound delicious-you be the judge.

Caramel Pecan Bars

- 1 cup butter
- 2 1/4 cups packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- Confectioners' sugar, optional

In a saucepan, heat butter and brown sugar over medium heat until the sugar is dissolved. In a mixing bowl, combine the eggs, vanilla and butter mixture. Combine flour and baking powder; gradually add to the butter mixture. Stir in pecans. Spread batter into a greased 13x9x2 inch baking pan. Bake at 350 for 20-25 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out with moist crumbs and edges are crisp. Dust with confectioners' sugar if desired. (I did) Cut into bars. Yield: 4 dozen.

Enjoy the dog days of summer, because before you know it, old man winter will be knocking at your door!
LIFE IS GOOD!



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

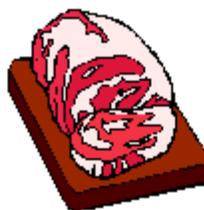
It is written "that for everything there is a time and a season". The difficult factor is to decide when that time has come. For several reasons we believe this fall is when the Westby business known as Kittelson's will be sold out. Our desire is to find a way to keep the services that have been provided at Kittelson's available to our many loyal friends and customers. But where do we go from here? We will do what we can to make it possible to keep the doors open. For your information the first half of 2008 was one of our best periods of business on record! You may ask why? Several reasons are as follows: excellent inventory maintenance, competitive pricing, more local shopping, our willingness to give the service you deserve, loyalty from you for which we are very thankful, and Westby has become the hub of a trade area.

With everything going so well why have we decided to find a new owner. Because of things that have taken place in our lives we realize that one person could not operate the business alone. For that reason we have chosen this time to make the change. We are looking at October 1st or earlier for that change to take place. Without a doubt the survival of this business is key to our future as a community. Any comments or questions will be welcome.

Sincerely,
Dennis Kittelson
Mike Kittelson

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ERNEST BERGESON

Editors note: *Ernest's dad, Oscar was one of the early homesteaders in this area and his mother was a Hammer, sister of Clara (Ed) Lagerquist, Carl Hammer, Sigrud Hammer and Olga (Joe) Johnson.*

Funeral services for Ernest Bergeson, 89, Lisbon, ND, were held on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Bergeson passed away on Monday, June 16, at Parkside Lutheran Home.

Ernest Bergeson, son of Oscar and Thora (Hammer) Bergeson was born August 4, 1918, in Westby, MT. He graduated from Lisbon High School and attended NDSSS and NDSU, graduating in 1942 with a civil engineering degree.

He married Inez Dorrance Kaspari on November 8, 1963, in Lisbon. She died in 2006. Ernie worked on construction of Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, SD. He returned to Lisbon to farm with his family. He worked for the Ransom County Auditor's Office and was the Ransom County Auditor from 1963-1970. He then became the tax assessor for Ransom and Sargent Counties until his retirement.

He was sexton for ST. Paul Cemetery for many years and he was a member of the Kiwanis and Sons of Norway.

He is survived by a step-daughter, Susan (Tom) Snyder, Lakeside, SD, five grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Inez, a step-daughter, Sally Brach, and an infant sister, Christine.

School Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting
June 16, 2008
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District #3 was held on June 16, 2008. Brenda Ryals, Vance Meyer, Donna Sorenson, Marty Westgard, Jim Sundsted, and Mr. Koterba were in attendance. Chairman Ryals called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Sorenson recorded the minutes of the meeting in the absence of the Clerk.

Visitors at this meeting were Suzi Ekness.

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

Ryals read the minutes of the May 12, 2008 regular and re-organizational meetings. Following no corrections or additions, these minutes were approved and placed on file.

The April financial and investment interest reports were reviewed.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports: **Buildings and Grounds:** BIDS
-Received a bid of \$6000 from Commercial Doors of Rapid City to replace door locks and re-key the school. Sundsted moved to accept this bid and proceed with the work, Westgard seconded, AIF.

-Mr. Koterba reported on summer maintenance work. The carpeting is mostly done; soffits and doors yet to be done. Warren Stevens has been contracted to re-finish the gym floor, which he will do in late July.

Unfinished Business:

There are currently 5 unsigned extracurricular contracts and three needed coaching positions will be advertised in the Westby Border News. Meyer moved to offer Miriam Melby a \$1500.00 contract as Speech & Drama Coach for 2008/09; Sorenson seconded the motion for hire, AIF. Sundsted moved to offer the Booster Club Advisor contract of \$300.00 to Lisa Schipman, Westgard seconded, AIF.

New Business:

A. Westgard moved to transfer \$700,000.00 from the Building Reserve fund to the Flexibility Fund, Meyer seconded, AIF.

Meyer moved to transfer \$100,000.00 from the Transportation Fund to the Technology Fund, Sorenson seconded, AIF.

B. Sorenson moved to approve payment of incoming bills for the months of June and July, as there will be no July school board meeting, Westgard seconded, AIF.

C. Two bids were received for school property, liability and fleet insurance for 2008/09, those being from Western States Insurance of Helena and MSGIA (Thompson/Collins Agency) of Plentywood. Meyer moved to approve the low bid, submitted by MSGIA, Sundsted seconded, AIF.

D. The destruction of extracurricular and lunch records/reports from 1983-2000 and monthly claims and payroll warrant registers, statements of expenditure and revenues, cash reports and trial balances through 1999/2000 was approved by a motion by Westgard, seconded by Sundsted and AIF.

Announcements/Discussion

-Mr. Koterba reported on the County Transportation Meeting, and maintenance and gravelling of roads within our district.

-Mr. Koterba reviewed the 2007/08 bus maintenance report.

-Ryals read Thank You's from Arlene Hove and David Zieske.

Sorenson moved to approve payment of June payroll warrants #10201-10219 and June claims warrants #14609-14656. Westgard seconded the motion for payment approval, AIF

The May extracurricular financial report was reviewed followed by a motion by Sorenson to approve, motion seconded by Meyer, AIF.

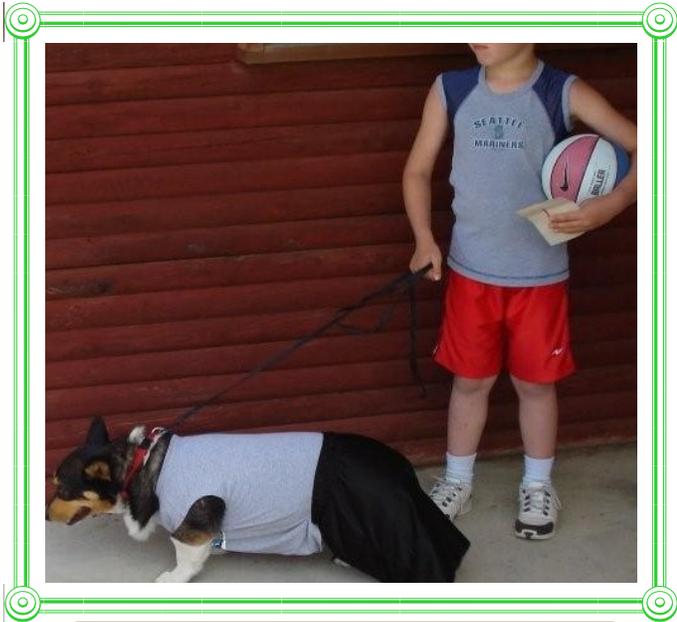
The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Arlene Hove, District Clerk
Brenda Ryals, Chairman

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Prairie Fest 2008

In spite of the 30 mile an hour winds, the 2008 Prairie Fest continued it's tradition of being a fun family day. The Lion's bingo had to be moved to the community center rather than under the big tent so the bingo cards wouldn't end up in Crosby and the weather had an affect on the attendance, but overall the response was positive and the day's events were well received. Here are a few snapshots depicting Prairie Fest 2008.



Christian Melby



Sherman Ekness and Irene Stageberg as they greet at the Lion's Club breakfast.



Jenna Rust taking advantage of the pony rides.



Makenzie & Jaguer Westgard at the "Dress Your Pet" contest.



Aaron and Alicia Lagerquist were contestants in the "Dress Your Pet" contest.



Shawn and Shannon waiting for kettle corn.



Jeff and Rob working hard on the BBQ.

A Special Afternoon



The Immanuel WELCA recently treated the Sheridan Memorial Nursing home residents and their guests to pie and special music provided by Kayla Rust. In this photo, by Arletta Herman, are women all associated with the Westby area. From left to right are Artie Meyer of the Plentywood Pioneer Manor, Frances Elm of the Nursing Home, Arletta Herman of Alkabo, standing is WELCA member Adeline Lagerquist, and Alice Wittmayer and Myrtle Herman also nursing home residents.

To see a world in a grain of sand
and heaven in a wild flower
Hold infinity in the palms of your hand
and eternity in an hour

William Blake

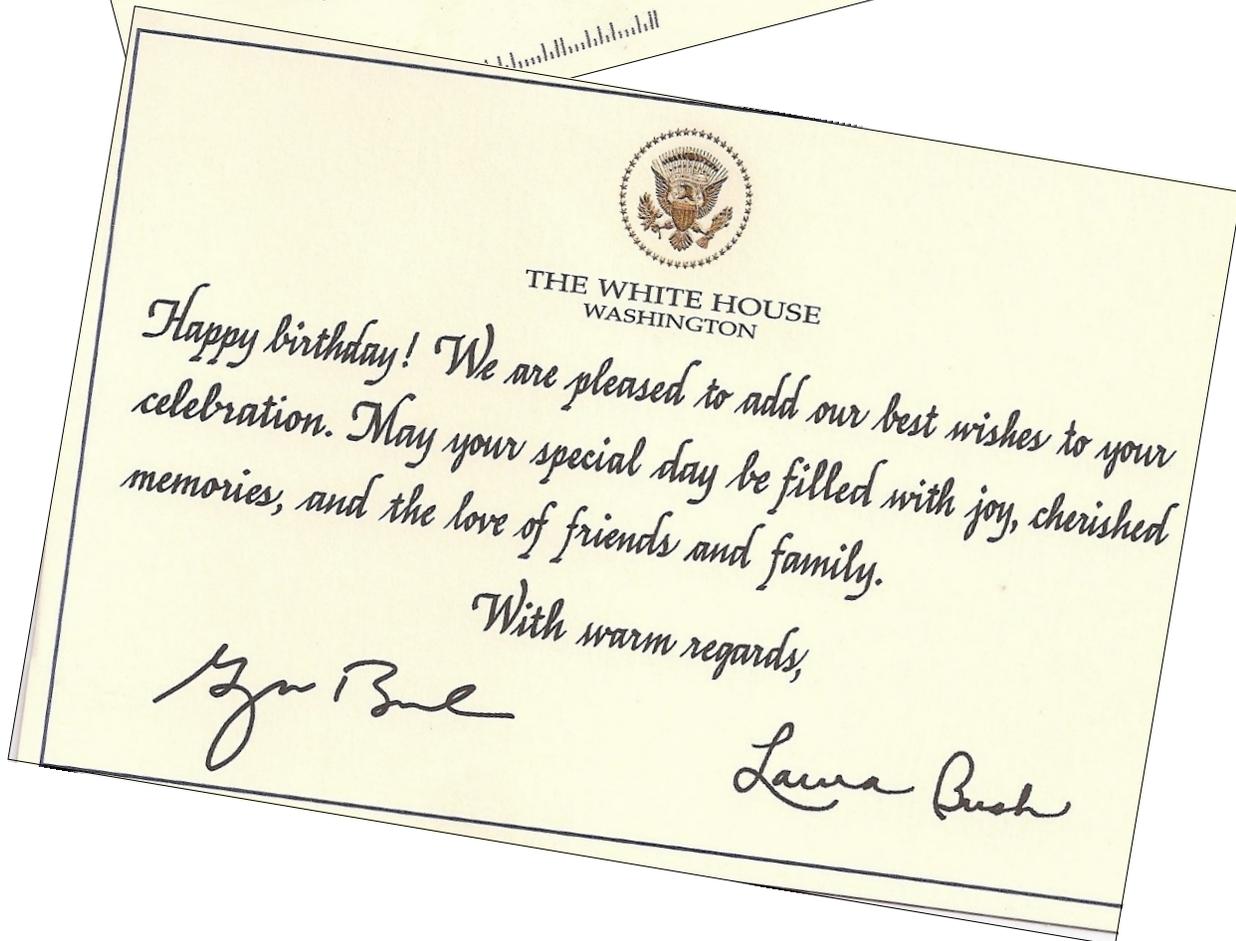


Kayla played piano for the residents and had a little sing-a-long to "On Top-Of-Old Smokey".

JOHNNY TOMMERUP TURNS 90

Johnny Tommerup turned 90 with a month of celebrations and a special greeting from President and Mrs. Bush. Among his parties were family gatherings, an open house birthday party held in conjunction with his brother-in-law, Ben Holt, in Plentywood, and one with the senior citizen club.

Johnny was most surprised by the greeting he received in the mail from President George and Mrs. Laura Bush. Although he is not sure how or why he received it, the thought it is believed to have originated from Byron Dorgan's office, US Senator from North Dakota.





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