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Hardware Store Changes Hands!

Kittelson Hardware has new owners, a new name, new faces and many changes on the horizon. Soon Kittelson's will officially become known as Westby Mercantile. The new owners are Chad and JoAnn Monson of



Chad and Jo Ann reside in Minnesota to oversee the 100 or so employees involved in the different areas of their excavating business including gravel pits, rock crushing, redi mix, asphalt plants, and water, sewer and dirt

Willmar, Minnesota.

Chad and JoAnn have been involved in the area since July of last year when they expanded their Minnesota gravel company to the Fortuna/Crosby area to accommodate the ever growing oil industry. When they saw the opportunity to incorporate the hardware store/ mechanic and tire shop in Westby, they felt it a good fit with their existing business.

crews. JoAnn has two grown children and together they have a nine-year-old daughter, Grace, and a five-year-old son, Cale.

Chad is in the Fortuna/Crosby area much of the time with the 25 employees handling that end of the business. Don Hansen of Crosby is the manager of the North Dakota enterprise.

Westby Mercantile will be managed by Don's wife, Angela.

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Randy's Restaurant

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Randy & Bonnie Matzke Owners

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Ground Beef
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TUESDAY – TACO TUESDAY - \$1.00 Tacos
WEDNESDAY – Shrimp in a Basket w/ coleslaw & fries
THURSDAY – Pablo's Mexican Dinner– OR - Full Menu
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 200 pc

Hardware Store Changes Hands!

(continued)

Don and Angela are currently living in a camper at the Westby Park and are hoping for more permanent quarters soon. They have a three-year-old son, Wade. Don and Angela recently moved to the area from Granite Falls, Minnesota.

Also employed at the store will be Julie Peterson and Jessica Wroblewski. Jessica and Julie also hail from Minnesota. Julie resides in Fortuna with Scott, the crushing crew foreman for Monson's, while Jessica makes her temporary home in a camper at Westby Park with Gordon Sharp the new mechanic for Westby Mercantile.

Gordon Sharp is a certified mechanic with 20 years of experience. He had his own mobile auto shop for 4 ½ years in Oregon. He is current on all schooling for auto mechanics and plans to offer full mechanic duties and oil changes.

Adam Strand will be the new tire man. Adam calls California home, but has roots in Westby. His Grandmother is Elaine (Quam) Strand, a WHS graduate, and his Grandfather, Earl, was stationed at the Fortuna Air Force Base. He is very excited to start this new chapter in his life. Adam is a certified welder and has extended retail experience. Tire sales and a complete tire service on farm and in house will be offered. The shop will continue to sell gasoline and plan to become a full service gas station once they are fully staffed.

Westby Mercantile has many exciting changes in store for their customers and they are in hopes all for the better. First off, store hours will be 7:00 AM-7:00 PM Monday thru Saturday with a call number of 406-385-7681 for after hours needs.

Employees have been busy cleaning, sorting, and restocking inventory. Plans are to remain a Trustworthy Hardware with room to expand on the automotive and equipment parts. Also, in the near future a line of work clothing and safety supplies will be housed in another area of the store. The overall look of the store will see changes and improvement when the front of the building gets a facelift.

Although the Monson's won't be here as much as their employees, the philosophy they have shared with them and carry throughout the company is "to be an active part of the community you work with". They are eager to meet the locals and have been so impressed with the friendliness and welcome feeling that has been extended to them thus far.

Westby Mercantile is planning an open house and street sale over Westby Prairie Fest with ½ of the proceeds from the street sale designated to the Westby 2013 Centennial. Watch for more details on this. Manager Angie Hansen would be interested in having any input on inventory expansion and areas of specific needs. She may be contacted at the store or by calling 385-2321.

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COMING SOON: Flamingos!

WANTED



Rummage Sale Items

Immanuel LYO would appreciate any and all donated items for an upcoming rummage and bake sale. Donated items may be left in the back of the Westby Community Center or call Shari Olson (385-2299) to arrange pick up of your donated items.

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Danny Moore
Westby Manager



Where to start. Well, summer officially starts this week and we all know that means absolutely nothing. Rain, rain, rain, rain and then more rain. Things haven't changed one bit since my last report. Another 2.25 inches in town here, to as much as five inches in the Fortuna area, reported this week and more forecasted for the next couple days (it is raining again as I write this). The National Weather Service in Glasgow reports 6.77 inches of rain for Westby for the month of May, the second highest amount ever recorded. June is well on pace for another record month. The weather has taken its toll on every aspect of life as we know it. Planting has seceded with many acres left untilled in the Westby area. It is estimated only 60% of the crops were planted here with slightly more in western Sheridan County and much less east of here. New Century Ag saw their first train in two months on June 13th due to the washed out track between Westby and Fortuna. A day later another train arrived as did another blast of rain. The track was washed out again and it is anyone's guess as to when the loaded cars can get pulled out and another empty train can be brought in. County roads have been washed out and water has crossed the highways in many spots. Trees have toppled over from a combination of saturated ground and wind.

Any number of residents are dealing with water in their basements on a daily basis and struggle at times with a sump pump, or two, and as many as four, keeping up. Keeping up has not been attainable at Immanuel Lutheran Church where water continues to run into the basement and the entire floor's surface has been covered with water for close to a month. It is devastating for the congregation as the fellowship hall, Sunday school rooms, store rooms and bathrooms are all housed there. Until the rain stops and the basement can be evaluated it is hard to guess what the long term effects will be. Right now it doesn't look good. Yes, we know it is much worse in other areas where many homes have flooded or severe storms have removed entire towns from the map or the flip side-drought and fires leaving their mark on other communities and our hearts go out to these people, as well.

We are tough and we will endure, but I would just like an entire day of sunshine, no wind, no rain, and no mosquitoes. I know, I know, but a girl can dream, can't she?



A photograph of Westby taken June 19, 2011 by Danny Moore.

This is a delicious jam recipe. I tried a similar one using cherry pie filling last summer, but I found this one even better. Cutting back on the sugar was key, as I felt the Cherry Rhubarb Jam too sweet. I was a little short of rhubarb so I added a cup of cranberries as they would be equally as tart as rhubarb. It is a keeper!

BERRY RHUBARB JAM

- 8 cups chopped fresh rhubarb
- 3 cups white sugar (I used 2 ½ cups)
- 1 (21 ounce) can blueberry pie filling
- 1 (3 ounce) package strawberry flavored gelatin
- 1 (3 ounce) package raspberry flavored gelatin mix

Combine the rhubarb, sugar and blueberry pie filling in a large pot. Bring to a rolling boil over medium-high heat, and boil for 10 minutes longer. Stir in dry gelatin mix until dissolved. Transfer to sterile jars or freezer tubs, and cool. Freeze any jam you don't intend to use right away.

This coffee cake was served to us at bridge this spring and it was wonderful. Our hostess served it with fresh fruit and whipped cream and it proved a perfect combination.

BLUEBERRY BUCKLE COFFEE CAKE

- 2 cups flour
- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 ½ tsp baking powder
- ¾ tsp salt
- ¼ cup shortening
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 egg
- 2 cups fresh blueberries

CRUMB TOPPING (recipe follows)

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 9X9 baking pan. Blend flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, shortening, milk and egg; beat ½ minutes. Carefully fold in blueberries. Spread in pan and sprinkle with crumb topping. Bake 45-50 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm.

CRUMB TOPPING

Mix ½ cup sugar, 1/3 cup flour, ½ tsp cinnamon and ¼ cup soft butter until crumbs form.

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RAAUM

Hannah Marie Raaum was born in Willmar, Minnesota on May 31, 1913. She was the third child in a family of five. Her father, Louie Bloom, and her mother, Malena Bloom, moved to Divide County when she was three years old and lived in the Alkabo community until their deaths. She married Barrett Marvel Raaum in 1933, who preceded her in death on August 21, 1999. They were married for 65 years and lived in the Alkabo and Daneville communities in Divide County, North Dakota. They lived and farmed seven miles southeast of Westby, Montana. After retiring and leaving the farm they moved to Westby. Shortly after Barrett's death, Hannah moved to the Pioneer Manor in Plentywood, Montana. In 2008 she moved to Columbia Falls, Montana to be near her two daughters, Bonnie and Joan and their families.

Although Hannah and Barrett lived most of their lives in North Dakota, they also lived in Seattle, Washington for four years and worked at the Boeing Company. Hannah also operated the City Café in Westby for several years.

On the farm, Hannah did all the things a farm wife does, all the while tending her seven children. She was active in church affairs and played a good game of

whist and pinochle. She played guard on her high school basketball team (one did not have to be tall then). In her youth, dancing may have been her choice of entertainment. One of the highlights of Hannah's life was when she was able to travel to Norway and other European countries. She visited with relatives in Norway and her eldest son in Germany.

Hannah and Barrett had seven children, Ronell Raaum (wife Judi), Marletta Appel (deceased), Joan Melrose, Vernal Raaum (deceased), Jerry Raaum (wife Cecilia), Connie Smith (husband Bill), and Bonnie Mickelson (husband Ronald). Hannah has ten grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, and seventeen great, great, grandchildren, all who live in various parts of the USA.

Hannah passed away in her sleep a few days after her 98th birthday while living in the Bee Hive Assisted Living Home in Columbia Falls, Montana. We will all miss her positive and sometimes humorous personality, but know she is now in a better place and we will meet again one day. She was loved by all. Her children already miss her. Mothers are special people!

Any donations in memory of Hannah, unless you express otherwise, will be used to sponsor a prisoner to a one year diploma in Christian Life Teachings a College of the Bible in Kenya, East Africa. Donations can be sent to 3185 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, USA.

Hannah's funeral was held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby, Montana with Pastor Barb Westhoff officiating. A luncheon was held at the Westby School. At the time of this writing, burial has not taken place, because of high water at Daneville Cemetery.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of arrangements.

IMMANUEL LYO RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



Saturday, July 9th

8:00am to 1:00 PM

Westby Fire Hall

Immanuel LYO
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THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to Misty Solberg for the \$25 gift certificate I won at her Avon open house.

Cindy Nielsen

Westby Border News

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Town of Westby
 PWSID#MT0000355
 PO Box 186
 Westby, MT 59275

We're very pleased to provide you with the Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our source of water is classified as groundwater, and comes from 2 wells. We have completed a source water protection plan that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination to our drinking water supply. This plan can be found online at <http://mris.state.mt.us/wis/swap/swapquery.asp>.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife;
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming;
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses;
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems;
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

We're pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact **Lynden Lagerquist at 385-2445**. If you want to learn more about our water, you can attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the **second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall**.

Westby routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows the results of any detects in our monitoring for the period of **January 1st to December 31st, 2010**. For constituents that are not monitored yearly, we have reviewed our records back the last 5 years.

Westby has been issued a waiver for certain inorganic contaminants. This waiver allows our water system to sample only once every 9 years for these regulated contaminants: barium, cadmium, chromium,

mercury, selenium, fluoride. Past sampling for these contaminants has shown that they are not present in our water supply, or occur in such small amounts that they are not considered a health hazard. This waiver is in effect from 2002 through 2011.

We have monitored for lead and copper, and all of our samples have been in compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Westby is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

In the tables above and below you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - (mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level - (mandatory language) The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (mandatory language) The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)-picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Contaminant	Violatio	Sampl	Highest	Unit	MCL	MCL	Likely Source
Inorganic							
Nitrate + nitrite as	N	9/15/1	1.12	ppm	10	10	Erosion of natural
	N	9/17/0	0.3	Ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural
Arsenic	Y	9/15/1	3/24	Ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural
Nickel	N	9/15/1	2	Ppb	Na	na	Erosion of natural
Radioactive							
Combined	N	9/11/0	0.5	PCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural
Alpha emitters	N	9/11/0	4.9	PCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural

Our system had one violation. Our new well exceeds the allowed level of arsenic in drinking water.

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water **IS SAFE** at these levels.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

THANK YOU

Would like to thank everyone who offered cards, food, gifts, and prayers following my accident and surgery. It is wonderful to know I live in such a caring community. It has made my recovery that much easier.

Shari Olson



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WESTBY PRAIRIE FEST, 2011, INCORPORATES NEW EVENTS

Mark your calendars. The Westby Development Corporation has set Prairie Fest, 2011, for July 9th and again promises to have something for everyone.

The Lions Club will begin the day serving their delicious breakfast at the Community Center from 7:00-10:00. This is great way to start the festivities and touch base with any friends or visitors who might be in town for the day.

Several new events are on the Prairie Fest schedule beginning with a giant rummage and bake sale sponsored by the local Lutheran Youth Group. The sale will be held at the west fire hall on Main Street and begin at 8:00 promptly. The fundraising committee for the 2013 Centennial is organizing a number of new events for this year's festivities. To begin the day, a silent auction with a number of donated items will be on display at the community center. The auction will continue throughout the day with the winning bid announced at 6:00 PM along with the winner of the \$1,000.00 raffle.

In the afternoon, a kid's carnival will run from 2:00 until 4:00 in the east firehall and promises to be reminiscent of days gone by. Another interesting twist to the Prairie Fest will be "cowpie bingo". Two versions of this will be played. "Calfpie bingo" will also be on display to allow the youngsters to participate. The fun begins in the open area next to the visitor's center following the BBQ, but bingo squares may be purchased all day.

Lion's Bingo will be called under the big tent north of City Hall beginning at 1:00 and continue until 3:00 when The Hellegard Trio has graciously agreed to entertain us with their fine dancing and listening music. The music will be in the community center and the BBQ organized by the centennial fundraisers will be served on Main Street beginning at 5:00.

A few other events are still being considered and upon confirmation, updates and a final schedule will be posted the day of the event. Hope to see you there.

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School Board Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting
May 23, 2011
7:00 P.M.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District #3 was held on May 23, 2011. Brenda Ryals, Vance Meyer, Brant Cartwright, Jim Sundsted, Mr. Holecek, Mr. Somppi, Arlene Hove and Donna Sorenson were in attendance. Chairman Ryals called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Aldon Joyes arrived at 7:03 p.m.

The Board retired into executive session at 7:04 p.m. Upon return from executive session at 7:20 p.m., Mr. Holecek recommended that a certain freshman student be allowed to retain credit for the second semester of 2010/2011 even though she had been absent more than the number of days allowed by policy. He also recommended that if this same situation occurs again in the future that credit should be denied. Meyer moved to follow Mr. Holecek's recommendation for credit, Cartwright seconded, AIF.

Mr. Holecek made a recommendation of denial of credit for the student to whom the Board had granted an extension of time to request credit during the regular board meeting held on May 9, 2011. Joyes made a motion to deny credit for the second semester of 2010/2011 to this student, Meyer seconded and all voted in favor of denial.

Unfinished Business:

A. Mr. Holecek presented an estimate from Kanning Concrete for the basement for the housing project. The estimate was for a 54' X 28' X 9' concrete block basement, but did not include windows, plumbing, excavation or hauling of any excavated materials. This matter was tabled until Mr. Holecek can meet with Mr. Kanning to discuss the exact specifications of the project.

Mr. Holecek reported that solicitation of bids for the housing project had resulted in bids being received from three contractors. Bids were opened from Dickinson Enterprises, Romo Carpentry and Jensen Construction. Following discussion of the time frame involved for construction, Cartwright made a motion that the successful bidder be required to complete the project in its entirety by May 1, 2012. Meyer seconded this motion and all voted in favor. After comparing the bids received Sundsted moved that the board accept the lowest bid received from Jensen Construction, pending proof of performance bond and contractor license. Joyes seconded the motion, AIF.

B. Mr. Holecek reported that he had received one application from a student for the student janitor position. He and Mike Gebhardt had interviewed the applicant and recommended hiring Jordan Bjorgen as a student janitor at minimum wage. Mr. Holecek would like to observe a probationary period of two weeks and informed the board that the student would be working approximately 25 hours per week. Meyer moved to follow Mr. Holecek's recommendation and hire Jordan Bjorgen as student janitor. Cartwright seconded the motion for hire, AIF.

New Business:

A. Mr. Holecek informed the board that the Sheridan/Daniels Special Education Co-op Inter-local Agreement had recently been updated by the Superintendent of the Co-op, Joe Bennett to reflect the current members of the co-op. Westby School has participated in this cooperative from its inception through the 2011/2012 school year. Sundsted made a motion to continue our participation in this Co-op for another 3 years, from July 1, 2012 until June 30, 2015, Meyer seconded, AIF.

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School Board Re-organizational Meeting Minutes

Re-organizational Meeting
May 9, 2011
8:20 p.m.

The Re-organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District #3 was held on May 9, 2011 at 8:20 p.m. Members of the Board in attendance were Brenda Ryals, Vance Meyer, Jim Sundsted, Aldon Joyes and Brant Cartwright. Also in attendance were Mr. Holecek, Arlene Hove and Donna Sorenson.

The first call for nominations for Chairman resulted in Meyer nominating Ryals. The second and third calls for nominations yielded no further nominations. Joyes seconded the motion nominating Ryals. All voted in favor of Brenda Ryals for Chairman.

On the first call for nominations for Vice-Chairman Ryals nominated Meyer. The second and third calls for nominations yielded no other nominations for Vice-Chairman. Sundsted seconded the motion nominating Meyer for Vice-Chairman. All voted in favor of Meyer for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Holecek and Jim Sundsted were appointed to the County Transportation committee for 2011/2012.

Meyer moved to appoint Arlene Hove as District Clerk for 2011/2012. Sundsted seconded the motion of appointment, and all voted in favor.

Board Committees were also re-organized as follows:
Buildings and Grounds: Vance Meyer and Brant Cartwright
Budget and Finance: Brenda Ryals and Aldon Joyes
Negotiations: Brenda Ryals and Vance Meyer
Transportation: Jim Sundsted and Brant Cartwright
Curriculum and Technology: Jim Sundsted and Aldon Joyes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Arlene Hove, District Clerk

Brenda Ryals, Chairman

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL AND SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL.

MOORE



Lloyd Kenneth Moore passed away on June 1, 2011 at the age of 74. Lloyd is survived by his loving wife Rita, three children Ken, Shari and Kevin, and two grandsons Brendan and Garrett. Lloyd is also survived by his brothers Richard, Calvin and Danny, and his sisters Ferne, Marlys, Doris and Sharon. He was preceded in death by his parents (Earl and Mildred) and three brothers (Norman, Ronnie and Doran).

Lloyd proudly served in the US Air Force. Lloyd's professional career was managing and selling industrial gases and welding supplies for 35 years. Lloyd was most proud of his family and spending time outdoors hunting, fishing, camping and driving throughout the country.

Lloyd grew up in the Westby, Montana area which he loved and returned many times to visit with family and friends and also hunt deer and birds. Most recently Lloyd and Rita lived in Johnstown, Colorado to be closer with their immediate family. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. No services were held and he was cremated per his desires. Memorial contributions on his behalf can be sent to:

Hospice of Northern Colorado
2726 W. 11th Street Road
Greeley, CO 80634
Phone: 1-800-564-5563



FLAMINGOS:
They're @oming!!

2011 AMERICAN LEGION MONTANA BOYS STATE

The 2011 American Legion Montana Boys State was held at Carroll College, in Helena, MT, June 5-10, 2011. It is an opportunity for high school juniors to gain knowledge of the fundamental principles of American government. For Westby Post #229 was Waylon Garman, citizen of Tomahawk. Garman was elected to the City Council, House of Representatives, and served on the Fish and Game Committee for the House of Representatives. Waylon is the son of Shane and Jill Garman.



PICTURED ABOVE:

Back row – left to right: Reilly Heller (Froid), Todd Stromberg (Culbertson), Brady Johnson (Hinsdale), Waylon Garman (Westby).

Front row – left to right: Walt Dalbey (Glasgow), Dakota Robinson (Wolf Point), Marcus Svingen (Glasgow), Chaz Gordon (Glasgow).

The Flamingos are coming!



Dr. Ivan



Dr. Patrick Evans



Shelley Bartow
PA-C



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It was a crispy cold November day in 1922 when Robert Johnson was born to Jenny and Alfred Johnson of Sheridan County, Montana. He was the third of five children, Beulah, Wally, Gladys and LeRoy. He was born on the family homestead where he lived until age of 14. During his childhood Robert spent many days helping his Dad sod bust and feed livestock. The one-blade plow was pulled by stock horses. Robert's life was impacted by the depression which drove the family to poverty. Robert told of stories of how his Mom went to the cupboard and cried when there was no food for her five children. He and his older brother, Wally hunted gophers that summer raising \$11.00, cashing in on the gopher bounty with 1100 gopher tails. Robert attend the Alcott School and also 1 year of High School at Comertown. He agreed to go in order to watch over his sisters, Beulah and Gladys. Shortly after, Robert began working around as a farmhand at George Nielsen and Reuben Rice's.

As a young man, Robert went to boot camp in Washington state and later transferred to Georgia. Upon return to Sheridan County he married Dorothy Goff who had been teaching at the Westby School. He had purchased the Han's Olson farm and later he and Dorothy purchased other land. Robert and Dorothy raised three children, Bob, Steve and Mary Anne They always welcomed Jim Goff each weekend knowing that he was a card shark and generally a great guy to keep around.. It was always Robert's dream that his children graduate from college .This came to be. He worked hard as a farmer to provide for the family. Robert also believed strongly in the National Farmers Organization and volunteered time and energy with the hope that unified farmers would determine the price of their wheat, not the consumers.

Robert had many favorite activities. He loved to spend an afternoon fishing with Billy McCall, their standard bet being "a quarter on the first fish and a quarter on the biggest fish!" Robert played almost any card game with Smear being his favorite. His luck was unbelievable and only outdone by his sister, Gladys.

Robert loved a good joke and it was always a mistake to sit by him during Fourth of July fireworks. More than one firecracker slid across the steps! He was a social guy. Many farmers were hailed down in the field for a long visit and hopefully a cup of coffee. He loved to ride in his pickup. He took Dorothy on rides around the country on summer evenings to see the crops and most days could be spotted going to Plentywood or Westby for groceries or a good card game.

He instilled in us the values of hard work and education. He taught us Math before we started school by making us count the range cattle. He taught us to enjoy life. He was not much of a pitcher in softball, nor a great shot in basketball and so he generally stayed at the card table. He taught us the value of safety. He would call out,"Hang on kids! This is how your Ma drives!" He then would tromp on the gas, zooming down the hills to the yard!

Robert is survived by his wife, Dorothy, sons Bob and Steve (Kathleen) and daughter, Mary Anne. Other surviving family members include sisters, Beulah and Gladys (Dan) and sister-in-laws Nora Johnson, Mary Goff and Lorraine Goff. Eight grandchildren added laughter to his life: Rick, Riley, Quin, Brenna, Grady, Deirdre, Kell and Taryn. He also has three great- grandsons: Calvin, Marcus and Evan. Many nieces and nephews were so important to Robert.

Robert's last months were a struggle. He prayed often to the Lord and seemed to be at peace in the end. We will miss his strength, laughter, crazy jokes and his belief in us.

Robert's funeral was held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at Plentywood Lutheran Church with Pastor Barry Fritz officiating. Burial was held at the Plentywood Cemetery.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood was in charge of arrangements.

UBBEN EARNS SPOT AT U of M SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

When Dawn Michelle Ubben was growing up in Kotzebue, her fourth-grade teacher told her something she'd never heard before.

"Mr. Peacock was the first teacher who told me I was good in science," she said.

Today Dawn Ubben is now Dawn Holt, a 23-year-old married college student whose science prowess recently got her accepted into pharmacy school.

On May 15 Dawn graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a bachelor's degree in the biological sciences. This fall she will enter a rigorous, six-year program at the University of Montana's Skaggs School of Pharmacy in Missoula.

Dawn's parents are Ken and Margie Ubben, of Kotzebue, Alaska, and she is the granddaughter of Joan Killens of Westby. She and her husband, Karl, enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, skiing, and hanging out with friends.



Dawn (Ubben) Holt.

(Courtesy Photo, Arctic Edge Photography)

Dawn said, "We also have the best dog in the world; his name is Harold." Dawn is very excited for about her spot at the U of M's Skaggs School of Pharmacy. "I am interested in pharmacy because it gives me the opportunity to help people feel better, and I get to work with other health care professionals like doctors," she said.

School Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

Announcements/Discussion

Superintendent's Report:

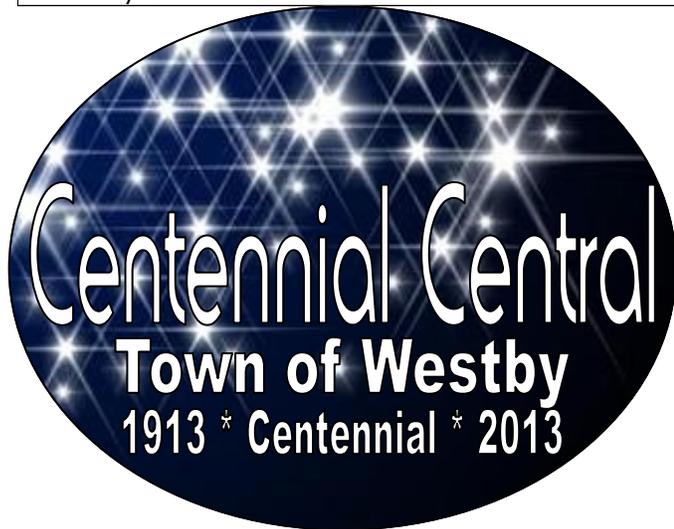
Mr. Holecek reported that a used crew-cab pickup would cost \$6,000 – \$8,000 more than the extended cab we had gotten brand new, so the decision to keep the extended cab was sound.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Arlene Hove, District Clerk

Brenda Ryals, Chairman

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Our Centennial column will keep you informed of the plans, progress, and updates for the reunion, as well as bring you interesting stories, past and present, and tidbits of Westby's history. 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.

EDWIN AND DOROTHY FRANSEN

Edwin and Dorothy Fransen have been active members of the Westby community all of their lives. Dorothy was born at the only hospital in Westby, grew up north of Westby and attended high school in Westby. Edwin, though he did not live in or attend school in Westby, depended on the businesses there and participated in its social life. He grew up and lived for many years on the land his father originally homesteaded, 10 miles west of Westby and 7 miles south of Comertown.

Dorothy

Dorothy's father, Edward Hass was born in 1883 in Fall Creek, Wisconsin. Her mother, Ruby Tomke, was born in 1894 in Bay City, Michigan. As a young man, Edward attempted unsuccessfully to homestead in Texas, but the dry conditions forced him to sell out. In 1911, he filed for a homestead 12 miles north of Westby, Montana on the Canadian/North Dakota border. He later traveled to Tribune,

Saskatchewan, to visit a cousin, where he met Ruby, who was in Tribune to help her sister who just had a baby. Edward and Ruby were married in 1916 in Tribune, then returned to Edward's homestead to live and raise their family.

Dorothy, born in 1925, was the third child, all daughters, born to Edward and Ruby. As I mentioned, she was born in the only hospital in Westby, which later became the home of Bill and Irene (Rene) Stageberg, and is currently the residence of Warren and Chris Barstad. Her birth was attended by a Dr. White. Dorothy's sisters were: Florence, born in 1917, who married Adolph Anderson; and, Muriel, who married William Otto of Havre, MT. Dorothy remarks that her Dad was disappointed he had no sons, however often told her that she was the best son he could ever have! Unlike her sisters, she much preferred being outside and loved working with her father. She enjoyed doing farm chores, such as milking cows and operating the wheat binder. She was an animal lover, especially of horses, always rode bareback, and even broke a horse when she was a young girl. She was something of a tomboy, a bit of a rough-neck, and did things that gave her parents reason to be concerned because she was FEARLESS!! A couple of incidents she vividly remembers involved riding horse. She often rode the 2 miles to school on her horse, but did not like having to ride around a rather deep lake to get there. Even though she could not swim at all, she would crouch low on her horse's back and hold tightly to its mane, while the horse would swim across. Unfortunately, one day her father spotted her traversing the lake, and promptly put a stop to that! Dorothy loved to ride her horse really fast, which also concerned her parents. What they did not know was, she would back her horse into an electric fence, so it would take off like a flash, and off they would go like the wind.

Dorothy and her sisters went to Pleasant Valley country school for the first 8 grades from March until just before Christmas, with the month of July off; then into Westby for high school. Dorothy has many fond memories of the country school and made lasting friendships, especially with Doris Rogstad, who she maintains contact with to this day.

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DOROTHY FRANSEN *(continued)*



*Pictured above:
The house that Dorothy grew up in.*

Another friend, Leonard Peele, didn't start out as a friend, but a bully. Dorothy did not appreciate his intimidating behavior towards other kids, so one day, she pinned him against the schoolhouse wall and threatened him. From that day, they became fast friends and he became a nicer person to be around. Life changed for her when she started attending high school in Westby, however. She felt very uneasy around the "town" kids, as she did not know any of them and they acted different, even "snooty" towards the kids coming in from the country. She sensed that they thought the country kids were some how inferior to them. Over time she adjusted and became integrated in high school life. She graduated from Westby High School in May 1944.

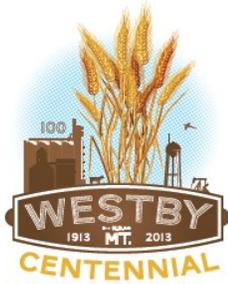
Dorothy also remembers the social aspect of living in the country, and particularly on the border. In those days, the United States/Canadian border was rather meaningless as people easily crossed back and forth to conduct business or visit friends. Her family was often visited by the Canadian Mountie who monitored the border on horseback, Doug Miner; and, the Custom Manager, Bill Riley. They also had close friends, the Offits, who lived on the Canadian side of the border. She especially enjoyed the barn dances when everyone gathered together for some fun and relaxation. Her parents continued to live on the farm until they sold it and moved into Westby in 1953. They are both buried at the Lutheran cemetery in Westby.



*Pictured above:
Dorothy about 3 years old.*



The next edition will continue with Ed's family history and Ed and Dorothy's life together.



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