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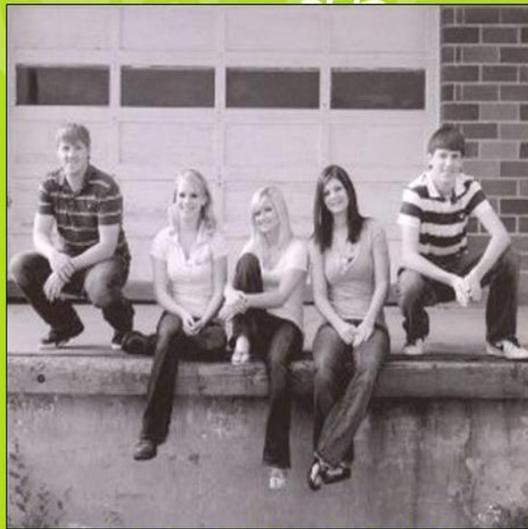
Kylie Danielle Ryals

Taylor Eric Nielsen

CLASS MOTTO:

"Together we experienced life, separately we will pursue dreams, and forever our memories will remain."

~ Author Unknown



Class Colors:

Lime Green, Black, & Chrome

Class Flower:

Gerber Daisy

Valedictorian:

Samantha Olson

Salutatorian:

Kylie Ryals

GUEST SPEAKER:

SUE MEYER

Graduation Exercises

Friday, May 14th, 2010

7:00 PM

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WHS Class of 1972

Physical Education

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TUESDAY – Waffle Special

WEDNESDAY – Shrimp in a Basket w/ coleslaw & fries

THURSDAY – 8 oz. Sirloin

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

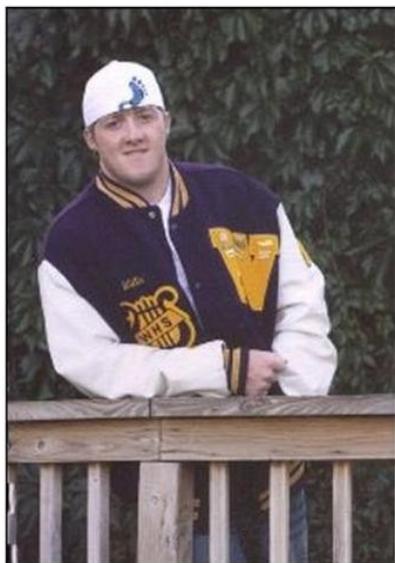
SATURDAY – Hamburger Steak w/ baked potato, toast & choice of salad

Chocolate & Vanilla Soft Serve



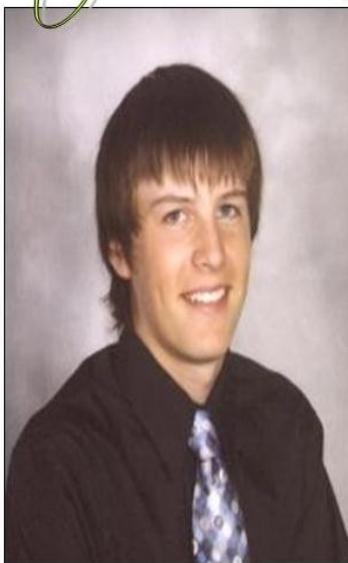
Chicken to go (potatoes included)
2 pc – Barrel 20 pc

Seniors 2010 Future Plans



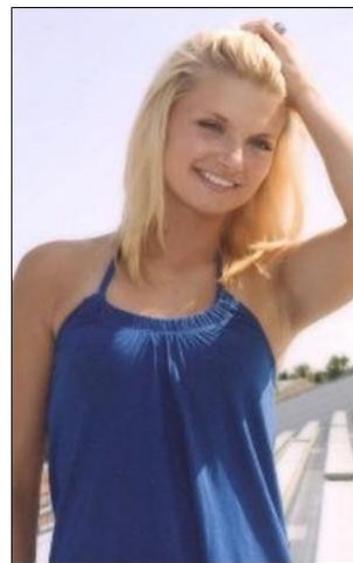
Willie

*Attend Dawson Community College,
Glendive, MT*



Taylor

*Attend North Dakota State University,
Fargo, ND*



Samantha

*Attend Montana State University,
Bozeman, MT*



Hallie

*Attend Dawson Community
College, Glendive, MT*



Kylie

*Attend Minot State
College, Minot, ND*

HONOR FLIGHT FROM A VOLUNTEER'S PROSPECTIVE

(2nd in a series on WWII Vet's trip to DC April 16th & 17th)

"I could visit with you all day on the subject." This was the response I received when I approached Wiliston physician Wayne Anderson (WHS 1971) about his experience as one of four volunteer medical personnel aboard the Roughrider Honor Flight on April 16th, 2010, out of Bismarck, ND.

"What an experience. So organized and well thought out. Both my dad, Orris, and my father-in-law, Joe Carpenter, were WWII Vets and neither lived long enough to pursue this dream. This played a large part in my interest to get involved in the Honor Flight and the mission to bring WWII Vets to Washington DC to view the monument built in their honor."

Dr. Anderson reported that medical personnel must apply for a position on each flight which consists of 2 doctors and 2 nurses along with a support staff of approximately 75. Although the trip is funded in its entirety for the Vet's, the medical staff is responsible for part of the expense of their trip. Once accepted, they would convene at the airport pre-dawn the morning of the flight to prepare for the trip and make things as easy and comfortable as possible for the 95 veterans cleared to take the trip. Health histories, which were previewed earlier, are taken and reviewed for each of the members and medical equipment to accommodate checked. This flight would include 50 wheelchairs and 10 oxygen tanks. The medical staff is prepared to handle any situation that may arise from the variety of disorders you would expect from an audience with these experiences and of this age group. For ease of identification, the medical staff all wore red shirts. The festivities began at the airport in Bismarck the morning of the 16th and would include a send off by the Patriot Guard, Motor Cop Guard, the Military Color Guard, as well as the American Legion VFW and representatives from the Governors office. Newsman Kevin Cramer, who was instrumental in raising much of the funding for Roughrider Flight, was also present and would be one of the reporting crew for this particular venture. The flight to DC went smoothly and the Vets and their entourage arrived at noon to three waiting buses and two vans.

In this case the vans were needed to handle the medical issues for two of the traveling Vets. Their medical issues would call for extra equipment and care which would necessitate the need for separate vehicles for each of them. I share this to show the lengths that were gone to too ensure that not only all medical needs were met, but also the desire to make the trip a reality to all that desired to make it.

After a whirlwind day of touring the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam and Korean Memorial, a banquet was held in honor of the World War II Vets at the hotel. A couple highlights of the evening were the "Call to Dinner" and Taps by a trumpeter from the Army Touring band as well as the guest speaker, one of the guards from the "Tomb of the Unknown", on what it takes to fulfill those duties.

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The Westby School Board Cordially invites you to a RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Honoring

**WAYNE KOTERBA
&
RUSS SAMUELSON**

**When: Saturday, May 15,
2010**

7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Where: Westby School
Cafeteria**



Is this a repeat of last fall in reverse, which isn't in reverse calendar wise, only weather wise? October was miserable and November was beautiful. Now we have had a beautiful April with nice warm days and May has been anything, but.

The moisture is always a welcome sight, though, and we have learned to live with everything else. And why not? For we should be used to one fact -our weather is anything but what's expected.

Graduation. Such an exciting time. Can you place yourself back there for just a moment. If you could only give them the wisdom of age to mix with the energy and curiosity of youth or better yet, vice versa.....

As promised, here are a couple of the recipes we served to the winners and their guests at the \$3,000.00 dinner they purchased at the Sheridan Health Care Foundations Holiday Fundraiser. You will find none of the recipes very difficult and all could be quite easily adapted to any family dinner.

I would have to say, the Warm Beet Salad is my favorite find of the whole menu. The flavors meld together so well and the peppery watercress with the rich parmesan dressing, salty pistachios and warm beets, makes this dish.



Pictured above: The \$3,000.00 meal.



WARM BEET SALAD WITH PARMESAN DRESSING

2 shallots, minced
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons Banyuls vinegar or red-wine vinegar
4 medium red beets, scrubbed well and trimmed
1/2 bunch plus 2 stems fresh thyme
Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
4 ounces Parmesan cheese, coarsely grated (2 cups)
1 cup heavy cream
3 cups watercress or baby mesclun
1/4 cup pistachios, coarsely chopped
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine shallots, 2 tablespoons oil, and the vinegar in a bowl. Line a piece of foil with parchment. Place beets and 1/2 bunch thyme in center, drizzle with remaining 2 tablespoons oil, and season with salt and pepper. Fold, crimping edges to seal, place on a baking sheet, and roast until beets are tender, about 1 hour. Let beets cool slightly, then peel. Cut beets into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Place Parmesan, cream, and remaining 2 stems thyme in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Gently simmer, stirring often, until cheese melts and dressing is thick, about 5 minutes. Discard thyme. Place beets on a serving platter. Drizzle with warm dressing, top with greens, then drizzle with shallot mixture. Sprinkle pistachios on top, and serve immediately. Serves 4.

A couple notes of interest: I did use the red wine vinegar as I was unable to find the French Banyuls vinegar. Also, the recipe says it serves 4, but there is without a doubt, enough dressing for 3-4 times as many servings which keeps for a couple weeks in the refrigerator. Lastly, the watercress really makes this salad, but the baby mesclun works in a pinch.

It was important to us to include fish in one course and with the entrée narrowed down to pork, the soup became the obvious choice. Chel and Heather had enjoyed this chowder at their cooking club and obliged us by retrieving the recipe from their host.

Salmon and Corn Chowder With Pancetta and Leeks

1/2 pound pancetta,* chopped
3 leeks, chopped (white and pale green parts only)
3 bay leaves
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
5 cups bottled clam juice
1 pound russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1-inch pieces (about 2 cups)
2 cups frozen white corn kernels
2 1/2 pounds skinless salmon fillet, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 cups whipping cream
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

Cook pancetta in heavy large pot over medium heat until crisp, about 8 minutes. Using slotted spoon, transfer to paper towels to drain. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons fat from pot. Add leeks, bay leaves, and thyme. Sauté until leeks are soft, about 8 minutes. Add clam juice. Increase heat to high and bring to boil. Add potatoes and corn. Reduce heat to medium and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 12 minutes. (Can be made 1 day ahead. Chill soup uncovered until cold, then cover and refrigerate. Cover pancetta and refrigerate. Rewarm pancetta in skillet and bring soup to simmer before continuing.) Stir salmon and cream into soup. Simmer until salmon is just cooked through, about 5 minutes. Discard bay leaves. Stir in parsley. Season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with pancetta. **Yield:** Makes 6 servings
* Pancetta, an Italian bacon cured in salt, is available at Italian markets, specialty foods stores and some supermarkets. If you can't find pancetta, you can substitute regular bacon.

NOTES: Do not skimp on the leeks as they lend body to this soup. Use a good quality salmon and plenty of fresh herbs.

May you ENJOY
for
Life is Good!

SURGERY A SUCCESS

Word was received Monday afternoon, May 10th, Pastor Barbara Westhoff's surgery was deemed a success. Pastor Westhoff, who has Polycystic Kidney Disease, was given the gift of life from fellow Reverend, Chris Flohr of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Missoula in the form of a donor kidney.

Cards and well wishes may be directed as follows:

Pre-printed address labels are available in the Narthex at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby for the following addresses. Pastor Barb will be in the hospital for approximately a week and then at the motel with Gaylan.

Hospital: Pastor Barbara J. Westhoff, Porter Adventist Hospital, 2525 S Downing, Denver, Co 80210

Motel: Pastor Barbara and Gaylan Westhoff, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Denver Cherry Creek, 1680 South Colorado, Blvd, Denver, Co 80222.

Also, to leave a message or read the latest update log on to:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/barbarawesthoff>

CARL YAROSLASKI

Carl Yaroslaski died March 15 in Great Falls, MT. Carl Yaroslaski was born in Westby on June 15, 1926 to Nick and Annie Yaroslaski one of four boys. Carl graduated from Westby High School in 1945. Upon graduation, Carl attended school at Carroll College in Helena. He later worked for Buttery Foods in Helena where he met and married Jean Sherman. In 1964 Carl and his family moved to Glasgow and eventually purchased and operated the Tastee Freez Drive-in.

In 1979 the Yaroslaski's moved to Great Falls where they remained until Carl's death of natural causes on March 15, 2010.

Survivors include his wife Jean of Great Falls; sons Paul of Dodge City, Kansas; Gary of Lancaster, CA; and Todd of Lancaster, CA; brother Clarence Yaroslaski of Lancaster, CA and 5 grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.



Our Spotlight

In keeping with thoughts of upcoming reunions and Westby's centennial may we present snippets from the halls of WHS and days gone by:

CLASS OF 1963

CHERYL JOYES, DARREL MCKINNON, NOLAN GALGERUD, DENNIS FRANSEN, MERNA ANDERSON, JOAN SOLBERG, RONALD HOVE, CAROLYN NELSON, LINDA WARD, JOYCE BAKKE, MARGIE CHRISTENSEN, RONALD MICKELSON, MAVIS SORENSON, GARY LAGERQUIST, CARLA SUE GUIDRY

SENIOR INTERVIEW

"RONALD"

Ronald Dean Hove was born on June 21, 1945. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hove.

Ronnie is 5'10" tall and weighs 140 pounds. His eyes are blue and his hair is brown. His favorite movie is "A Summer Place" or any one with Bridgett Bardot or Rock Hudson. His favorite song is "I Saw Linda Yesterday."

Business Law is Ronnie's favorite subject, and his favorite class is the first grade. He doesn't have a favorite teacher.

Ronnie's favorite drink is water and his favorite food is steak. His favorite place is the City Café and the past time he enjoys most is sleeping.

A Model T is Ronnie's favorite car. His hero is Nolan. Ronnie's opinion of the opposite sex is "not bad!" Opinion of WHS is OK and pet peeve is teachers!

Ronnie has no future plans at this time.

DEDICATION

In appreciation of his outstanding contribution toward the betterment of Westby High School, we dedicate this 1963 Ranger to Superintendent Les Christian.

ACTIVITIES

The Senior Class Play, "Mollie O'Shaugnessey" was presented in the fall of 1962 under the direction of Mrs. Affie Holvik.

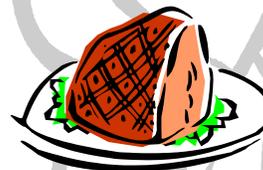
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WESTBY RANGERS

Basketball

On January 12th the Rangers traveled to Peerless where they defeated the Panthers 42-35. R. Mickelson and D. Fransen scored 16 and 9 points, respectively, to lead the Rangers. L. Fladager and R. Puckett each countered with 10 for the Panthers.

Pep Club

The season for the Pep Club is over. Looking back, we have had quite a successful season and eagerly waiting for the next year to come.

Our preparing for the tournament (rally) took a lot of time, patience, and co-operation from everyone. We would like to thank these people.

Sandra Hanson was voted the most out-standing pep club member of the year. She will receive a gold pin. The cheerleaders-Cheryl Joyes, Aurlie Ekness, Linda Ward, Joan Olson- should be given a **big** thanks for the fine job they have done this year, and we would also like to thank our pep club advisor, Mrs. Christian for her help.

HONOR FLIGHT FROM A VOLUNTEER'S PROSPECTIVE *(Continued)*

Along the way, Dr Anderson mentioned they were fortunate to meet Stephen R. Brown, the gentleman who photographed the WWII Monument while it was being built and continuous to upgrade photographs to this day (his pictures may be viewed at srbphoto.com) and many other WWII vets from other states on their corresponding Honor Flights.

Saturday started with breakfast including a group photo of the vets and volunteers. Soon it was off to The WWII Monument, Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Iwo Jima Memorial, as well as a drive by of the Capitol Building and the White House. According to Anderson, the day was very busy, but because of the close proximity of everything there was very little walking involved in the tour and plenty attention paid to the stamina of the travelers. It was soon time to board the airplane home. The flight arrived back in Bismarck at 9:30 PM, Saturday the 17th, to a warm welcome by North Dakota Governor John Hoven and the Bismarck Century Patriot Band. Most would spend the night in Bismarck and a bus would return the honored vets back to our area on Sunday morning.

Dr. Anderson noted, "This is the ninth Roughrider Honor Flight out of Bismarck. There are right at 1000 WWII Vets in North Dakota and if funding becomes available one more flight is planned before the end of the year. All donations for the North Dakota flights are raised in state and the cost per flight runs around \$175,000. Because Montana, at this point, has not joined the bandwagon in regards to the Honor Flights, North Dakota has graciously agreed to include the Vets on the Montana border in their mission. I'm just not sure how much longer they will be able to offer this luxury as the funding winds down." To sum it up Anderson said, "What an experience. I would go again in a heartbeat just to see things through their eyes."



More information may be obtained, a donation may be made, or photos viewed on the Roughrider Honor Flight at rrhonorflight.com.

CLAIRE BJORGEN

Claire Bjorgen died Sunday, May 2nd, in Phoenix, AZ.

Claire Bjorgen was born to Oscar and Louise Bjorgen in Ambrose, ND, and raised in Elkhorn Township with his two brothers and a sister.

Claire graduated from Westby High School and enlisted in the army in 1951. He spent two years in Korea and was discharged in 1953.

Claire married Cookie (Lois) Stageberg in 1955 and they farmed southeast of Westby until retiring and moving to Phoenix, AZ.

Claire is survived by his wife, Cookie of Mesa and his six children; Kerry, Valerie, Laurie, Claire Ann, Kory, and Kurt and numerous grandchildren.

No service is planned at this time.

Cards and letters may be addressed to:

Cookie Bjorgen
1000 South Idaho Rd
Apache Junction, AZ 85219

WDC Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2010

The regular meeting of the Westby Development Corporation was held April 19th, 2010, at the community center Vice-President Kolby Ruggles called the meeting to order at 7:36 with board members Jody Lagerquist, Brenda Ryals, Leann Westgard, Suzi Ekness and Val Moore present.

The March minutes were read and placed on file. The Treasurer's financial report was presented. Previous balance was \$8,460.38. Deposits for smear party for \$204.00 and \$16.00 for a membership were made with a new balance of \$8,680.38. A bill for the smear tournament ad was presented for \$42.00 to the Greeter. Suzi made a motion with a 2nd from Val to pay the bill. AIF

Old Business:

MUSEUM:

Suzi reported Cenex has picked up the propane tank and remaining fuel at the Wirtzberger Place. Jody will check with Cenex to see how long before a check will be issued to Bill Dodge for the tank and propane. Suzi felt once this transaction has been done we will be in a better position to negotiate with Dodge for the building and will have an answer one or another from him by the next meeting.

SHOOTING RANGE:

Work began this past weekend on the range.

WEB SITE

No report.

PRAIRIE FEST

July 10, 2010, is scheduled date of Prairie Fest. Two separate class reunions are being organized for PF weekend, the Westby and Comertown classes of 1946-1949 and the WHS classes of 1958-1962. Val reported 96 have registered for the 1946-49 reunion and 75 for the sixties reunion.

Prairie Kitchen will be grilling outdoors as well serving inside the café. More seating is needed outside for eating. Brenda will talk to Lynden about the use of picnic tables and garbage cans from the park. She also reported the church youth group will be cleaning the park this spring.

After some discussion about the lunch situation for Prairie Fest, Jody will contact Laurel Clawson of Plentywood about bringing her lunch wagon for the day. We would still like to hear what the bar's intentions are for the day before we commit for sure.

The city tours aboard the SC shuttle were discussed. Jody will take care of getting as much information of past resident sites, as possible, for the city tours. It was suggested putting stakes with names on, in yards, designating where people lived. Paper maps of the tour will be made for those preferring a walking tour. Also, suggested asking Jim Weiler to MC the tour aboard the shuttle.

Discussion was held on the pie baking contest. It was decided to stick with the pie contest and add a chocolate category that was open to all ages. Twelve and under, and 13-adult would be the division. This category could include anything from cookies, cakes, candies, breads-anything containing chocolate.

Confirmed PF Events:

LION'S BREAKFAST
COMMUNITY CHOCOLATE/PIE CONTEST
JUMP-N-FUN INFLATABLES
FACE PAINTING
DRESS-YOUR-PET CONTEST
STEPHANIE SODERQUIST/KETTLE KORN
QUILT SHOW
CITY TOUR/SHUTTLE RIDE
NATE OLSON CHAIN SAW CARVING
NEW CENTURY AG TERMINAL TOUR
LION'S BINGO
SHOOTING RANGE DEMO
BBQ
ULTIMATE KARAOKE
HELLEGARD TRIO

Tentative Events: Sheridan Electric, Falcon Demo

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WDC Meeting Minutes

(Continued)

A Day in the Life...

By: Sandy Elm

SPEAKERS:

Aldy and Val will work on getting guest speakers (the head of the Border Patrol speak on their relationship with the community and the new Fish, Wildlife and Parks employee who resides in Westby) for a future date, but because of conflicts it could not be scheduled for this month.

New Business:

Two applications for the WDC scholarship were received. After reviewing, one was disqualified for not having an approved (must be approved before the community service is performed) community service project.

WDC scholarship winner: Kylie Ryals

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm
Valerie Moore, Secretary

On April 22nd , the Senior Citizens met at the Community Center. The club was the host. In whist, John Tommerup took first and Eileen Overgaard took second. The door prize was won by Ruth Brown. Mark Nordhagen, Arnie Nordhagen, and Mike Kittelson were guests.

The Jolly Twelve card club met on April 26th. Anita Bjorgen was the hostess. In whist, Arlene Herman took first, Eileen Overgaard took second, and Marlene Vogel got low.

On April 29th Allan Ekness hosted Senior Citizens at the Community Center in Westby. The door prize was won by Kay Tommerup . Guests were Vicki Steinberg, Genevieve Lee, and Mark Nordhagen.

Visitors and luncheon guests at Glenny Bervik's on April 25th were Audrey Anderson from Williston, Evelyn Turnquist from Michigan ,North Dakota and Anita Bjorgen.

Beatie Petersen hosted a group of friends and relatives on April 30th for a late birthday gathering.



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WINNERS OF HIGH SCHOOL ENERGY ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Helena, Mont. – Eight high school students received cash prizes as winners of an essay contest sponsored by Montana Petroleum Association (MPA) and Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (MBOGC).

Montana high school students of all ages are invited to enter the annual contest.

This year, they were asked to look at both sides of a statement, “Anthropogenic (human caused) CO2 is a major contributor to the total amount of CO2 in the atmosphere.”

Winners were selected from among 65 entries, based upon their demonstrated abilities to examine the merits of opposing points of view on a timely issue, then form and articulate their own conclusions.

Winners for 2009/2010 are:

First place (\$2,000) - Garrett Lay, Red Lodge High School

Second place (\$1,000) – Nathan Robertus, Heritage Christian School

Runners up (\$500) –

Keeley Bremer, Red Lodge High School

Sally Gildehaus, Red Lodge High School

Shelby Kramer, Laurel High School

Rachel McMurray, Nashua High School

Justin Robbe, Butte High School

Hallie Westgard, Westby School

To view the winning essays, please visit montanapetroleum.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2014

A reception for the eighth grade graduates will be held in the cafeteria at the Westby School immediately following commencement exercises. Everyone is welcome.



Back row:

DYLAN JOHN MENDES, JORDAN LEE BJORGEN, THAYNE
SHERMAN EKNESS, LOGAN PAUL OLSON, DEVON DOUGLAS
GIBSON

Front row:

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"The sun was warm but
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You know how it is with an April day.
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and the wind is still,
You're one month on
in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
a cloud come over the sunlit arch,
And wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you're two months back in the middle
of March."

- Robert Frost



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