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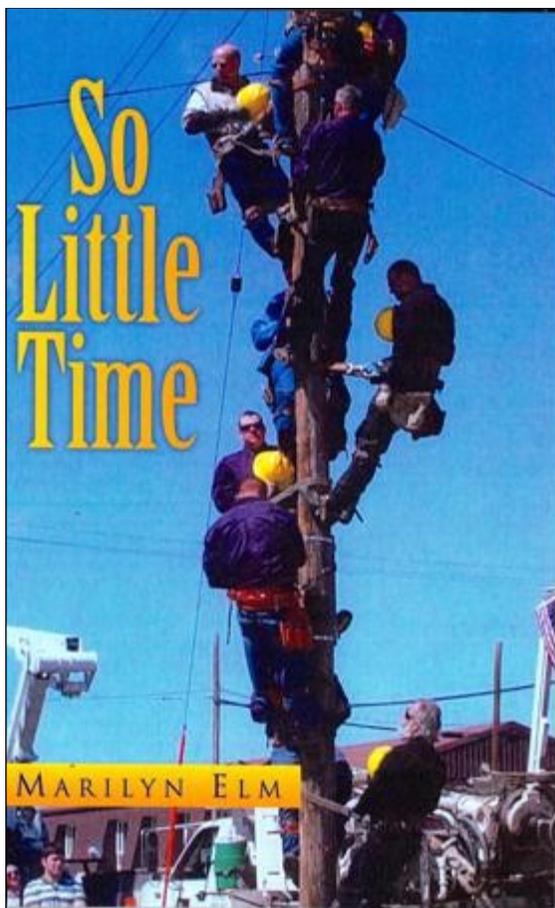
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LIFE LONG DREAM FULFILLED

“Heaven knows, I would prefer this not have been the subject, but my life-long dream of writing a book has been fulfilled.” So says newly published Westby author Marilyn Ming Elm.

Sheridan Electric lineman Harry Ming tragically lost his life in the line of duty in the spring of 2006. *So Little Time* is a bit of written history about a good man who, despite his short life, left his sons a great legacy. “Everyone must deal with the death of a loved one at some point in their lives. This is the true story of one man’s short life and the people who loved him. This sometimes sad and sometimes funny short story will ring true to any reader.



It brings a sense of familiarity because loss is something we all have in common.”

Author Marilyn Elm has wanted to write a book since she was a little girl. That desire has inspired her to journal, which she has faithfully done throughout the years, but she became especially conscience of it following the death of her husband. She felt it important any memories about and thoughts of Harry need be retained for her three sons. What better way to hand your children a snapshot of their father’s life than in a book dedicated in his memory?

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THE SWEET TASTE OF RETIREMENT!



Pictured Left to Right:
Wayne Koterba, Vicki Koterba, Vicki Samuelson
and Russell Samuelson at the joint retirement party
celebrating Mr. Koterba and Mr. Samuelson which
was held May 15th in the Westby School cafeteria.

LIFE LONG DREAM FULFILLED

(Continued)

A couple years ago Marilyn began tinkering with the idea of compiling a book about Harry's life, but it wasn't until last fall she really became serious about it. The finished product hit store shelves this past week.

So Little Time is available locally at Al's Meat, in Plentywood at Rexall Drug and The Greeter, and J Co Drug in Crosby. Copies may also be retained by calling the publisher at 888-795-4274 ext 7876 or at www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com, or signed copies may be ordered from marilyn.ming@hotmail.com. Details are being worked out for book signings to be held in the near future in Westby, Plentywood, and Crosby.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Marilyn is happy to be back on the marriage-go-round with new husband, Casey Elm. She is the mother of three smart and handsome young men and the proud new step-mom to Casey's three children. Casey and Marilyn live and work in Westby, Montana where they are surrounded by friends and family. They live with a high-strung and mentally deranged Chocolate Lab named Lucy.

WESTBY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary met on May 10th at the Community Center. Christine Schmidt conducted the meeting and acting Chaplain Chris Barstad led devotions.

Those in attendance remembered their country by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "The National Anthem". We followed this with a silent prayer for our veterans and repeated the Auxiliary Preamble.

Adeline Lagerquist called the roll and we honored our guest, Anna, from Fargo, ND, a sister to Christine. We currently have 39 members. Adeline read the minutes from the April meeting and Treasurer Ethel Harshbarger gave her report.

The poppies have arrived and each in attendance took two packages to sell. We will have poppies for sale on Memorial Day.

We have given a donation to the Miles City VA to go towards the purchase of a new deep freezer.

The teachers were contacted about constructing poppy posters. We should get them soon.

Our auxiliary has been given credit for \$204.00 for gifts we sent to the VA Center in Miles City.

A letter from District President Shirley Nelson was read and Adeline shared some comments on the Spring Convention in Poplar. Adeline is District Chaplain.

Communications for this month included many letters and ideas.

The District will hold their Spring Convention in Poplar on April 17th. One member from our unit will plan to attend.

The Memorial Day Program will be held at the Westby School Gymnasium on May 31st at 10:30 AM with a potluck dinner to follow. The public is invited to attend. Pastor Dave Curtwright will give the Invocation Address and Benediction. The Westby School will provide the music with a special thanks to them.

A reminder: Pop tabs are being collected for the Ronald Mc Donald House. They may be dropped at the Westby Community Center.

The fall meeting is set for September 6th or 13th with the meeting to begin at 1 o'clock.

The meeting closed with the auxiliary song followed by giving the "peace prayer" and ended with singing "America". The meeting was adjourned and Ethel served lunch.

Secretary, Adeline Lagerquist

MING QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS

Josh Ming again qualified to compete at the NAIA National Finals, this year to be held in Marion, Indiana. Josh throws javelin for Minot State College and in April threw 202' 6", his personal best, and just 7 inches short of the Minot State record. The Marion Nationals, which are scheduled to begin May 27th will mark Ming's third appearance at the finals.

Josh, a 2006 WHS graduate, is majoring in Management Information Systems and the son of Marilyn Elm and the late Harry Ming.





Trust you can bear with me. A hodgepodge of topics to cover and already feeling, I may do justice to none.

First of all, for those of you who missed it, the 2010 WHS graduation ceremony will go down in history as one of the finest. Why, you say? Well, the message rang true throughout the evening. Good kids, good friends, great memories. The entire class is the most well rounded group I have ever seen graduate from WHS. My hats off to them, and their bright future.

Next, I have to personally thank Mr. Koterba for his years of service to Westby School. Although, I wasn't privy to the goings on within the system the first half of his career, I was president of the school board when he was hired and worked closely with him as superintendent of our school district those first years. He was, and is, brilliant in the finance and budget department and has a passion for the future of not only all who pass through the doors of this institution, but also the institution itself. I wish him the best.

Danny's sister, Doris, had a car accident this past weekend when she lost control of her car just south of town on her way out to Daneville Cemetery. Fortunately, she got out of it with only a whopper of a bump on her head and couple black eyes. Danny and I would like to thank Lynden and Jeff for responding and being so compassionate. We are so lucky to have our Quick Response Unit and those who serve. Also, thanks to all who called and others for their concern.

Besides the fact we had so many stories and much news to share, I am leaving for California next week to be with Chel, Heather and Colton as they welcome a new baby into their home.

Due to this, we decided to do a double issue this time. The following issue of the *Border News* will not be published until the middle of June as I will be too busy playing Grandma. Be expecting baby pictures in the next recipe column. (Can't wait!) Next, it is time to wrap up the recipes from the \$3000.00 Holiday Fundraiser Dinner. Last issue I shared the soup and salad recipes. Today, I bring you the entrée and dessert. As I said before, the beauty of these recipes is none of them are difficult. The Wellington's can be made ahead of time and puff pastry is very forgiving as far as baking up beautifully. The rice recipe is simple and delicious. It would be a great side with any grilled meat.

PORK WELLINGTONS

2 pork tenderloins, trimmed and cut in to 8, 5-6 ounces medallions

1 T minced garlic

½ tsp red pepper flakes

1-6 oz bag baby spinach

1 box puff pastry dough, thawed

4 oz prosciutto (thinly sliced)

2/3 cup (3 oz) goat cheese, divided

2 eggs beaten with 2 T water

Sear medallions in 1 T oil in a nonstick skillet over med hi heat on both sides, 10 minutes total. Transfer to a plate and chill until completely cook, at least 30 minutes. (Do not wash pas-use drippings to start the Mushroom sauce).

Saute garlic and pepper flakes in one tble oil in a large skillet over med-high heat until fragrant.

Add spinach, toss to wilt, and season with salt.

Drain spinach in a sieve, pressing with a spoon until dry, then coarsely chop; cool completely.

Trim, 2" wide strip from 1 side of pastry sheet and reserve for garnishing. Roll out remaining pastry on floured surface to a 12" square, cut in to four-4" squares. Repeat rolling and cutting with second pastry sheet.

Assemble Wellingtons by first laying a slice of prosciutto on each square, then topping with a pork medallion. Top pork with about 1 T each of goat cheese and spinach then another slice of prosciutto. Brush corners of pastry with egg wash and fold a corner up to the top. Fold the opposite corner to the center in the same way; press corners to adhere. Tuck in the sides as if wrapping a gift and fold up remaining corners, gently stretching pastry over open areas to enclose the fillings. Transfer Wellingtons to a parchment-lined baking sheet coated with nonstick spray. Decorate Wellingtons with pastry cutouts (leaves, berries etc.) cover with plastic and chill at least 30 minutes or up to 1 day (stand at room temperature for 30 minutes before baking). Preheat oven 425 degrees with rack in lower third; brush with egg wash. Bake until golden, 30 minutes. Meanwhile prepare mushroom sauce.

ROASTED MUSHROOM SAUCE

½ pound assorted mushrooms, sliced

Pinch of salt

2 T minced shallots

1 T tomato paste

2 T flour

2 T butter

1 cup dry white wine

2 cups chicken broth

1 sprig fresh thyme

1 sprig fresh parsley.

1 T butter

½ tsp truffle oil, optional

Pepper to taste

Saute mushrooms with salt in oil over med heat in the pan used to sear pork. Cook until soft, about 2 minutes. Add shallots, sauté 1 minute then stir in tomato paste and cook until it starts to brown, about 1 minute. Add flour and 2 T butter; cook 1 minute. Deglaze with wine; increase heat to high. Boil to reduce and thicken, 2 minutes, then add broth and herbs. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium and simmer until sauce coats a spoon, 12-15 minutes. Take off heat, whisk in butter, truffle oil, and pepper.



Pictured: *Appetizer course at \$3000.00 Holiday Dinner*

Discard herb sprigs. To serve, ladle sauce onto plate and place a Wellington on top. Serves 8
NOTE: I feel the truffle oil is a must. It is sometimes hard to find and if you aren't familiar with it you probably wouldn't miss it, but I thought it made the mushroom sauce. I served the Wellington's on top of the sauce and passed additional sauce to maintain the appearance of the puff pastry.

This recipe appeared in the cookbook, *Fresh Every Day*, by Sara Foster. Pilafs are great side dishes that offer a rich, slightly nutty flavor because the rice is first cooked quickly in oil or butter before adding the liquid. This seasonal combo is especially reminiscent of spring with the addition of baby sweet peas and fresh lemon juice. It balances perfectly with the rich flavor of the Wellington's Roasted Mushroom Sauce.

JASMINE RICE RILAF

1 T unsalted butter
1 T olive oil
1 med onion, chopped
1 ½ cups jasmine rice or basmati rice, rinsed and strained
2 cups chicken broth
¼ cup unsweetened coconut milk
2 tsp sea salt plus more to taste
½ tsp freshly ground pepper plus more to taste
1 cup fresh or frozen petite peas, rinsed & drained
¼ cup chopped fresh chives
¾ cup slivered almonds, lightly toasted
Grated zest and juice of one lemon
Melt the butter and olive oil together in a med saucepan over med low heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring often, for about 5 minutes, until the onion is soft and translucent. Stir in the rice and cook, stirring often, for about 2 minutes, until the rice slides easily in the pan. Stir in the broth, coconut milk, 2 tsp salt and ½ tsp pepper, peas and bring to a boil over med-high heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes, until the rice is fluffy and has absorbed the liquid. Remove the pan from the heat and add the chives, almonds, lemon zest and juice. Stir gently to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste. 4-6 servings

NOTE: I added thawed frozen peas with the chives through lemon juice rather than before simmering the rice, as they retained their color and shape better. If you had fresh peas you may wish to blanch them first.

NOW FOR THE GRAND FINALE!

Arlene topped the menu off with this light, but peppered your taste buds, dessert. And paired with Ice Wine? An awesome finish to a memorable evening.

PANNA COTTA WITH BALSAMIC STRAWBERRIES

1/2 packet (1 teaspoon) unflavored gelatin powder
1 1/2 tablespoons cold water
1 1/2 cups heavy cream, divided
1 cup plain whole-milk yogurt
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 vanilla bean, split and seeds scraped
1/3 cup sugar, plus 1 tablespoon
2 pints (4 cups) sliced fresh strawberries
2 1/2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Freshly grated lemon zest, for serving

In a small bowl, sprinkle the gelatin on 1 1/2 tablespoons of cold water. Stir and set aside for 10 minutes to allow the gelatin to dissolve.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, whisk together 3/4 cup of the cream, the yogurt, vanilla extract, and vanilla bean seeds. Heat the remaining 3/4 cup of cream and the 1/3 cup of sugar in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Off the heat, add the softened gelatin to the hot cream and stir to dissolve. Pour the hot cream-gelatin mixture into the cold cream-yogurt mixture and stir to combine. Pour into 4 (6 to 8-ounce) ramekins or custard cups and refrigerate uncovered until cold.

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Pictured
Table setting at Fundraiser Dinner.

When the panna cottas are thoroughly chilled, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. Combine the strawberries, balsamic vinegar, 1 tablespoon sugar, and pepper 30 minutes to 1 hour before serving. Set aside at room temperature. To serve, run a small knife around each dessert in the ramekin and dip the bottom of each ramekin quickly in a bowl of hot tap water. Invert each ramekin onto a dessert plate and surround the panna cotta with strawberries. Dust lightly with freshly grated lemon zest and serve.
NOTE: Use whole milk yogurt, if possible, as directed and the vanilla bean is a must (no vanilla extract).

Strawberries are best if combined with other ingredients no more than an hour ahead of serving. Use a good quality balsamic vinegar. Sprinkle with freshly ground pepper just before serving. May you...

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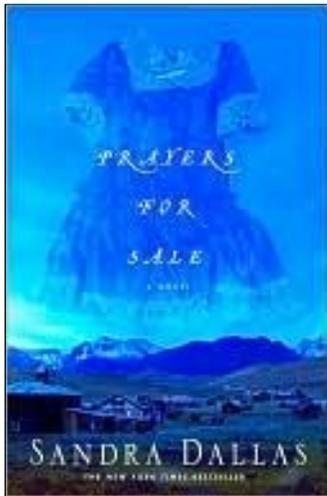
## Book Club

Hostess: Eileen Overgaard

### Prayers for Sale

Author: Sandra Dallas

By Arlene Hove



Our group has read several Sandra Dallas novels which have been mostly well received and enjoyed. However, Diann had a confession to make: she was not *really* a Sandra Dallas fan until she read April's Book Club selection, Prayers For Sale. Just when we were thinking that this was our *least* favorite of Ms. Dallas's books, we were able to see and hear what others liked and enjoyed about it.

Hennie Comfort, now age eighty-six, has lived in the mining town of Middle Swan in the rugged high country of the Rocky Mountains, (based largely on Breckenridge, Colorado) since before it was Colorado. It's 1936 and the Great Depression has taken its toll. One day a seventeen year old bride, Nit Spindle, wanders by Hennie's log cabin and seeing the weathered sign out front, "Prayers For Sale", takes out her last nickel. Although Hennie doesn't and never has taken money for prayers, Nit asks her to say a prayer for Sweet Baby Effie, a baby she has just lost, leaves the nickel on the fencepost and disappears into the cold, stormy afternoon.

Thus begins an endearing friendship between the old woman and the lonely bride whose husband has a job on a dredge boat, searching the Colorado River for gold. Danger and death lurk around every corner for Nit's husband and they are treated like outsiders. Hennie shows Nit how to survive in Middle Swan: she initiates her into the quilting circle, takes her raspberrying in the summer and explains the goings-on at the local "hookhouse". Hennie, being the legendary storyteller that she is, seizes every opportunity to relate to Nit another one of her famous stories about busted prospectors, gamblers, moon shiners and lonely wives.

Hennie, having lost one husband in the Civil War and another in a mine explosion, has some unfinished business to take care of before moving to Iowa, at the insistence of her only daughter Mae. She needs to make sure that Nit's and her husband's futures in Middle Swan are secure. Here's where we enjoyed some interesting twists and turns which ultimately reveal some of the finer aspects of the human spirit.

Despite its flaws, some clunky, sometimes sappy prose, Prayers For Sale is as bighearted as Hennie herself. It is a story that is spiritual without being preachy. Most will find Ms. Dallas's eighth novel interesting, refreshing and uplifting.



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Temporary Change in Business Hours

June 2- 16, 2010

June 2 – 4: Wednesday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

June 5: Saturday Closed

June 6: Sunday Closed

June 7 – 11: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

June 12: Saturday Closed

June 13: Sunday Closed

June 14 -16: Monday – Wednesday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

***Prairie Kitchen will be closed Monday, May 31  
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## BIG CHANGES COMING TO WESTBY SCHOOL

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, Superintendent Wayne Koterba is calling it quits as superintendent of Westby School. Mr. Koterba, a graduate of Outlook High School, began teaching in Westby in 1971, became principle in 1972, and superintendent in 1995 for a total of 39 years of service to the school district and the Westby community. Koterba has seen many changes over the years, from declining enrollment and budget authority to the addition of many new programs and state of the art technology. During his career, because of his knowledge and the respect he has earned, Koterba was elected to serve on the board of the Montana Rural Education Association and served as president for four years. He was recognized as a trusted and important leader by the Montana Association of School Superintendents and is currently director of the Sheridan-Daniels special education co-op. This past year he was awarded "Regional Superintendent of the Year" for the Northeast Region. The district feels fortunate Mr. Koterba's knowledge will be retained as he provides consultation, when needed, to the new superintendent and his expertise on the state level with issues affecting rural schools.

Upon retirement, Wayne and his wife, Vicki, will make their home in Fargo, ND, where three of their four children and families make their home (the fourth, Seth, and his family are in the process of moving to Tampa, Florida). Besides spending more time with his grandchildren, Wayne plans to brush up on his golf game. After several months of reviewing applications and interviewing many worthy candidates, the Westby School Board has offered the vacated position of superintendent to Mr. Tony Holecek of Wolf Point.

Mr. Holecek has been with the Wolf Point school system for 14 years first as a health and physical education teacher and currently holds the position of athletic director and junior high -



principal. He and his wife, Teena, have two boys, eleven-year-old Daulton and Darian who is eight. Holecek, who received his education from MSU Bozeman, hales from Rhame, North Dakota, a small community in the extreme southwestern corner of the state. The superintendent duties for Mr. Holecek will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Board Chair Brenda Ryals had this to say about the changing of the helm at Westby School, "We feel very fortunate to have such a qualified candidate ready to take over the reins as superintendent of our school. On behalf of the Westby Board of Trustees, I am very happy to welcome Mr. Holecek and his family into our school and community. We are very proud of our school system and much credit goes to retiring Superintendent Wayne Koterba. We are rest assured Mr. Holecek will continue to uphold the students and faculty of Westby School to the highest of standards."

The community, school board, faculty, and students join in thanking Mr Koterba for his years of service to our children and wishing him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

We would also like to extent a warm welcome to Mr. Holocek and his family and look forward to them being a part of our community.

**COMMUNITY WORK DAY — JUNE 5TH**

**Work will begin at the site north of town at 9:00 am**

**GRAND OPENING — JULY 3RD**

**WATCH FOR FORTHER DETAILS ON THE UPCOMING GRAND OPENING!**



The Westby Gun Club will offer handgun and rimfire shooting, rifle shooting to 500yds off of indoor benches, trap shooting at a regulation range, and a 6 full body McKenzie archery targets from black bear to elk.

League nights will be established for both archery and trap at a cost of \$5 per round for members. The handgun/rimfire range and the rifle range will be available to members at their convenience.

Please come and share in the work on the 5th of June so that we can begin to take advantage of this new addition to the community.

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**WEE BEE QUILTERS MEET**

The May 4th, 2010, meeting of the Wee Bee Quilters was called to order by President Arlene Hove. There were ten members present.

Our May meeting was the last for the summer and meetings will resume in September. Our planned picnic was rained out. We used our backup plan and held our meeting and a potluck lunch at the Community Center.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

It was noted we are able to use the school cafeteria for our quilt show and white elephant sale which will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Prairie Fest. We will set up at 9 A.M. The sale items should be new or gently used and each individual will be responsible for pricing the items brought. Elaine will provide the cash box. We will be selling raffle tickets for a log cabin quilt and each member has ticket books. Arlene will be in charge of the advertising. The quilt will be displayed at the Little Muddy Department Store in Plentywood.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Karen Meyer donated 4 quilting books she had received from Mae Andersen to the club. They will be placed in our library.

The election of officers was held and Donna Evans and Cindy Nielsen were elected co-vice presidents. Terry McCauley was elected secretary-treasurer and Cindy will once again be historian. Elaine Onstad will assume her duties as president in September. We want to thank Karen for acting as secretary-treasurer for several years. Also, thank you to Arlene for making the past year interesting and fun.

Faye won the monthly drawing furnished by Marti. Faye will provide an item for the September meeting.

Faye informed the group of an internet site, crafters.com, where she has purchased four quilting books. Many titles are available.

Meeting adjourned.

Elaine Onstad, acting secretary

# WESTBY STUDENTS EXCEL AS SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WRAP UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR

## STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL RESULTS

Seven music students participated in this year's State Music Festival held in Billings on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Earning a I (superior rating) was the mixed choir quartet including Tess Bjorgen, Abby Westgard, Waylon Garman and Terrance Bjorgen with their rendition of "Alshosha". Abby's vocal solo, "Ah Mio Cor", also received a superior rating.

Makenzie Westgard performed a flute solo, "Serenade" earning her an excellent rating as did Kayla Rust's performance of her instrumental solo, "Introduction and Rondo". Mrs. Jill Garman is the director of Westby's music program.

## GOLF TEAM CAPTURES FIFTH AT STATE MEET

The Westby Men's Golf Team-Colton Hellegard, Taylor Nielsen, and Brett Nielsen captured 5<sup>th</sup> place at the State Golf Meet held in Ennis on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Westby came in with a score of 555 (282-273). Fort Benton and Harlowton both finished the tournament with a total 522 strokes, but Fort Benton claimed the title in a play-off.

Colton came in with rounds of 91-84, Taylor 92-92, and Brett 99-97.

Colton placed in the Top 10 with his two day total of 175.

WHS golf is coached by Mr. Chuck Somppi.

## AWARDS NIGHT

Awards night was held on May 10<sup>th</sup> in the Westby School Gymnasium. The following awards were presented during the course of the evening.

### Montana Stock Market Competition

sponsored by MSU-Bozeman (182 teams participated across the state)

Colton Hellegard-2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Brett Nielsen-3<sup>rd</sup> Place

### Montana Petroleum Association Essay

Hallie Westgard-\$500.00

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Taylor Nielsen-NDSU scholarship, Maude Schuetze, Harry Ming Memorial

Willie Bice-Dawson Community College Merit Scholarship, Lion's Club

Samantha Olson-MSU Honor Scholarship, Maude Schuetze, Harry Ming Memorial

Kylie Ryals-Minot State University Distinctive & Engaged Scholar, Maude Schuetze, Harry Ming Memorial, Westby Development Corporation

Hallie Westgard-Sheridan Electric Coop,

Maude Schuetze



## DIVISIONAL TRACK MEET RESULTS

The results are in from the Divisional Track meet held on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Glasgow.

Qualifying for State to be held in Great Falls on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>:

### MANY TRACK RECORDS TIED OR BROKEN AT DISTRICT

The HS Westby Girls track team earned the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team trophy at the District Track Meet in Sidney. Kylie Ryals had an impressive showing. She set a new WHS and District 2-C record for the Javelin with a throw of 126’.

Samantha Olson tied the WHS record and District 2-C record in the high jump at 5’ . Waylon Garman set a new school record in the 300M hurdles with a time of 47.5 seconds. Thirteen students qualified for the divisional meet to be held in Glasgow on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Shayla Garman tied the Junior High District 2-C record for high jump at 4’ 10”

Track is coached by Sue and Kim Meyer

Boys: 400M Relay team-5<sup>th</sup>; (Waylon Garman, Willie Bice, Taylor Nielsen & Brady Olson)

Waylon-3<sup>rd</sup>-High Jump

Brady-6<sup>th</sup>-Long Jump

Girls: Congratulations for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall;

1600M Relay-5<sup>th</sup> (Abby Westgard, Hallie Westgard, Jonni Muller, Kayla Rust); 400M Relay-3<sup>rd</sup>- (Abby Westgard, Jonni Muller, Kylie Ryals, Samantha Olson);

Samantha-100M-3<sup>rd</sup>, 400M-1<sup>st</sup>, 800M-2<sup>nd</sup>, HJ-2<sup>nd</sup>  
Kylie-Javelin-1<sup>st</sup>

Jonni-200M-4<sup>th</sup>

Tess Bjorgen-2<sup>nd</sup>-Pole Vault (tied school record at 7’ 6”)

### AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

Because we’ve put together this special deluxe edition we will not be putting out two editions in June. The next edition of *The Westby Border News* will come out June 17th.

Thank You,  
*The Westby Border News*

### THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to the school staff, the community of Westby, the Board of Trustees and to all my friends and relatives for helping make the retirement party so special. My thanks, also, to those who were unable to attend but send cards and wishes for a happy retirement. My years of involvement in the Westby community and at the Westby School have been rewarding for myself and my family. I am blessed to have been a part of the life of the Westby community and I will cherish all the memories.

Wayne Koterba

# The Balyeat Family



Immanuel Lutheran Church of Westby present the Balyeat Family to share their love of gospel music. **Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM** with lunch to follow. A free will offering will be taken.

Bob & Nancy Balyeat and five of their children travel all over the country singing and sharing their faith at fairs, festivals, churches or clubs. Their warm versatile style has been a blessing to many events, bringing the sunshine of hope and the freshness of laughter.

Bob Balyeat is the head of the family. He manages the band and weaves a message of God's love and power throughout their songs. He sings and accompanies the family on guitar and bass fiddle.

Nancy Balyeat is the mother of the Balyeat family, nurturing them in their gifts, as well as enjoying singing and playing the guitar and the keyboard with them.

James , age 18 , will amaze you with his accomplished bass skills and versatility, flat picking guitar & singing and has good stage presence.

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## ELAINE JONES

Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, May 25th, at Westby Cemetery for Elaine Jones of Westby. Jones, 55, died May 18th in a one vehicle accident two miles west of Westby on Highway 5. Fulkerson Funeral Home in Plentywood was in charge of arrangements.

# School Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting  
May 10, 2010  
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District #3 was held on May 10, 2010. Brenda Ryals, Vance Meyer, Donna Sorenson, Marty Westgard, Jim Sundsted, Mr. Koterba, Mr. Somppi and Arlene Hove were in attendance. Chairman Ryals called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Visitor at the meeting was Suzi Ekness.

The tentative agenda was reviewed followed by a motion by Sorenson to approve, seconded by Westgard, AIF.

Arlene read the minutes of the April 12, 2010 regular meeting. Following no corrections or additions, these minutes were approved and placed on file.

The March Financial Report, as prepared by Mrs. Hove, was reviewed.

**Committee Reports:** Buildings & Grounds: Bids on the split air conditioning/heating units will be opened June 8<sup>th</sup> and a contractor will be selected at that time. Ron Anderson submitted a bid for replacement of the windows in the cafeteria, cafeteria door, kitchen and three other small windows around the school. His bid was for \$13,510.82. Westgard moved to accept the window replacement bid, Sorenson seconded and all voted in favor.

Nate Olson submitted a request for a new fridge and stove at the rental where he resides at 605 Hwy 5 W. Following discussion, this request was approved with a \$1500 limit for both appliances.

## **Unfinished Business:**

**A.** The following Series 9000 policies were given a second reading:

-Delete – 9261, 9300 –

Sorenson moved to delete these policies, Meyer seconded, AIF

## **New Business:**

**A.** Extracurricular contracts were discussed. It was suggested that the stipend for Freshman, Sophomore and Student Council Advisers be raised to \$100 and the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor stipend be raised to \$150.00. Meyer moved to raise these stipends as suggested and issue extracurricular contracts to those who held the positions last year, with the exception of Head Boys' Basketball and Jr. Hi and Jamboree basketball. Westgard seconded the motion for contract issuance, AIF.

**B.** Sorenson moved to purchase Wayne & Vicki Koterba's house for the appraised value, Meyer seconded the motion for purchase, AIF. The Koterba's will pay closing costs, lawyer's fees and utilities through June 30, 2010.

**C.** The 2011 District 2 C Boy's and Girl's basketball tournaments will be played concurrently Monday through Saturday in Sidney.

**D.** The revised 2010-11 school year calendar was reviewed. This calendar calls for a starting date of August 23, 2010 and an ending date of May 26, 2011. Sorenson moved to accept this revised calendar, Meyer seconded, AIF.  
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**E.** Sundsted moved to pay the 2010/11 MREA dues and subscribe to their legal option, Westgard seconded, AIF.

**F.** Sorenson moved to subscribe to the Northwest Scholastic Student Accident Policy for 2010/11, Sundsted 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF.

## **Announcements/Discussion**

**A.** The County Transportation Committee meets June 17, 2010

**B.** The MREA Rural School Conference will be held in Billings June 21st & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

**C.** Thank You's were read from Sonja Mangel, Peggy Bowman, Arlene Hove and the Westhoff Benefit committee.

**D.** The MHSAs has approved a three year Boys'/Girls' Track Coop sponsorship with Grenora Schools.

**E.** The June Board meeting will be postponed until Thursday, June 17, 2010.

Sorenson moved to approve payment of May payroll warrants #10553-10598 totaling \$283,092.39, and May claims warrants #15685-15736 totaling \$139,399.34. Westgard seconded the motion for payment approval, AIF.

The April extra-curricular financial report was reviewed followed by a motion by Meyer to approve, seconded by Sundsted, AIF.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Arlene Hove, District Clerk  
Brenda Ryals, Chairman

**THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL AND  
SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL.**

## ***NOTICE***

The Westby School  
Board of Trustees  
June meeting has been changed to  
**Thursday,  
June 17, 2010.**



## 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 1966**

BERNICE ANDERSEN, NORMAND BARTNES, STEVE BYE, CURTIS DAHLGAARD, ELLIS HAGEN ALDON JOYES, JOYLENE LAGERQUIST, BARRY McCALL, WESLEY McCALLUM, DANNY McCALL, GARY McKINNON, GARY NELSON, PEGGY NORDHAGEN, DAVID OVERGAARD, RANDY TOMMERUP

Senior Class Play "What a Family"

### **PEP CLUB**

In the fall of 1965 the Pep Club met again. At the meeting we elected Peggy Nordhagen as President, Gayle Overgaard as Vice-President, and Bernice Andersen as Secretary-Treasurer. The club also agreed to buy new uniforms for the cheerleaders. On February 15, 1966 we sponsored the Team and Coach Banquet in honor of the basketball team going to the tournament in Plentywood. Our contest for this year was, "Most Kissable Lips." Lynn Leininger was the winner.

All in all it was a very successful year.

### **CHOIR NEWS**

The mixed vocal ensemble Boys Double Quartet, and Girls Triple Trio all participated in the state music festival held in Billings May5-7. Wesley McCallum and Jerry Tangedal also sang and played a tenor and trombone solo. The three groups all received a I rating, which is superior. Jerry and Wesley got II ratings, which is excellent.

This is the first year a participant from Westby has received a I rating at the state festival. Peggy Nordhagen and Wesley also played and sang in the All-State band and choir. The band mothers served a welcome home and a victory lunch to the groups on their arrival back at Westby.

### **D. McCALL BREAKS SCHOOL RECORD**

On Saturday, May 7, at the Glendive track meet, the Rangers scored 16 points. Dan McCall took 1<sup>st</sup> in the Class B pole vault. He went 11'7" to set a new school record which was formerly held by James Fransen with 11'3". This was also higher than the Class A pole vault. Vernon Ekness won the 440 with a time of 54.35 and also placed second in the 880 with a time 2:09.1.

### **PROM THEME**

"Around the World"

King Aldon Joyes and Queen Peggy Nordhagen

### **CLASS MOTTO**

We have crossed the bay; they ocean lies before us.

### **CLASS FLOWER**

Orchid

### **CLASS COLORS**

Orchid and white

### **COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

On Sunday May 22, at 2:30 MST the Baccalaureate service will be held. Pastor McCallum will be the speaker.

May 27, 1966

8:00 PM MST

Mr Bob Johnson from Sidney will be the speaker for graduation. He is a salesman for Northern School Supplies. He is the director of the Bob Johnson Singers.

Bernice Andersen (salutatorian) will give the welcome address, and Ellis Hagen will present the valedictorian speech.

## UBBEN ACCEPTED AT PLU

Molly Ubben has been accepted at Pacific Lutheran University for the Fall Semester of 2010. She was awarded a Dean's Scholarship in the amount of \$16,000.00 per year for four years.

Molly, a recent graduate of Curtis High School in Tacoma, Washington, is the daughter of Chuck and Debra Ubben of Tacoma and the granddaughter of Joan Killens of Westby.

Although she is undecided about her career choice, Molly has been very involved in theatre throughout her high school career.

Molly is especially excited about her acceptance into PLU as her grandfather, Larry Ubben, is also an alumnus. Go Lute's!



Her father, Chuck, a 1970 graduate of WHS wished to share a bit of trivia-while at PLU, Molly will be taking a class at Lagerquist Hall. Who knew?

## WDC Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Westby Development Corporation was held May 17th, 2010, at the community center Vice-President Kolby Ruggles called the meeting to order at 7:36 with board members Jody Lagerquist, Brenda Ryals, and Val Moore present.

The April minutes were read and placed on file. The Treasurer's financial report was presented. Previous balance was \$8,680.38. An advertising bill for the smear tournament for \$42.00 was paid leaving a balance of \$8,638.38. No new bills.

### Old Business:

### MUSEUM:

Jody reported a check in the amount of \$900.00 had been mailed out by Cenex today (May 17<sup>th</sup>) for the propane tank and propane to Bill Dodge. He will check with Mr. Dodge the end of the week and see if an agreement can be reached to purchase the building for the future home of a local museum.

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And

Levi Eugene Wittmayer  
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The Williston Event Center  
"No local invitations sent"

## WDC Meeting Minutes (CONT.)

### **SHOOTING RANGE:**

Work is progressing, but slowly due to the weather. A work day has been set up for June 5<sup>th</sup> and a grand opening has been tentatively scheduled for July 3rd.

### **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 classes of 1946-1950 and the WHS classes of 1958-1962. Val reported 96 have registered for the 1946-49 reunion and 75 for the sixties reunion.

Available food for the day of Prairie Fest:

For breakfast: the Lions Club will be selling breakfast at the community center and the café will be open also.

For lunch: the Prairie Kitchen will be grilling outdoors as well serving inside the café. Val talked to Gene Kavon about the status of Charlie's Place. He informed her he would be in charge of the bar, but would like to concentrate on running the bar and will dispense with serving food that day. He was in favor of bringing a chuck wagon to allow for ample serving for the day.

Jody will confirm the date with Laurel Clawson for her lunch wagon to be available for the day.

More seating is needed outside for eating. Brenda talked to Lynden about the use of picnic tables and garbage cans from the park. He mentioned the park would be used over the weekend so the tables need to remain down there. Jody has several plastic barrels he offered to cut the tops off of and could be used for garbage cans for the weekend.

Brenda also reported after holding graduation at the center she found a shortage of chairs and tables in need of repair. A discussion was held on how to alleviate the problem. In the past the WDC has used old chairs from the school, but many of them have been disposed of. Val noted she found a source for 12 round banquet tables and a rack to hold them was available for \$1600.00 and additional chairs and rack for \$1050.00. Discussion was held for funding to update the tables and chairs for the center. It was felt some of these things need to be addressed before the centennial in 2013 and if a few things could be done each year it won't be so overwhelming at the end. Val will check with Sandy Elm a member of the Council on the Aging board and see if any funding is available there. Also, Val informed the group the 4H received a \$500.00 grant to be used for community enhancement. She will check to see if this project would qualify. Brenda will do some checking with other organizations, too.

The city tours aboard the SC shuttle were discussed. Jody was informed there are two shuttles available to us from the SC fair board if we need them. Val mentioned since Jim Weiler will be doing the audio tour, he is willing to sit down with Gene Meyer and Bob Lagerquist to discuss 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.

Discussion was held on the pie baking contest chocolate category 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. Advertising needs to go by the middle of June. Val will take care of this. Kolby will make sure the judges are in place and the judging forms.



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