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EXPANSION BEGINS

Two separate developments are under way in the city limits to help with the housing crunch in the Westby area; and all units were spoken for before one shovel of dirt was turned.

Rob Dickinson, who acquired the area west of Kittelson Hardware last year from Violet Bartnes, sold two lots to Wade Bjorgen. Dickinson and Bjorgen are developing their combined areas, north of Dickinson's refurbished trailer home already located on the site, to make room for four additional homes. Many loads of dirt have been hauled and leveling and rolling has begun to prepare the site. These 3 bedroom homes will be set up as single family dwellings each on their own lot and occupied by families. It is expected they will be ready for occupancy the first of April.

The other development site is located just north of the tracks on the corner of Main Street and State Highway 5.



The developers are Westby L & B, LLC, and Wade Bjorgen, spokesman for the corporation, said he and his partner Mike Liane are waiting for final approval from the state to have the area classified as a trailer park. When everything is in order, six units will occupy the area, 5-4 bedroom units for single persons, and a duplex for families will be moved in.

Carefully thought out placement of the units and landscaping will deter the appearance of a traditional "trailer court". The units will be placed in a U-shape with a common courtyard in the middle as well landscaping to surround each home. The partners were hoping this development could be ready for occupancy by the first part of April, as well, but all will depend on how fast the permitting can be obtained from the state.

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EXPANSION BEGINS (Continued)

All available housing from these two projects is being leased by Pitt Construction. Terry Pitt Construction, based out of Wyoming, is doing site location work for Samson Oil Company. Pitt's first site in the area was completed in December and located six miles south of Westby. That well is yet to be completed, but fracking is said to start shortly. Pitt Construction moved on to Samson's next location between Antelope and Reserve. Work orders are in place for 5 more sites and if the first well south of Westby comes in as predicted, there is no end to the work for the Wyoming Construction Company. The company has a one year lease on the newly developed homes.

WESTBY HIGH BRINGS HOME THE GOLD



The Westby High School Academic Olympic Team brought home the gold in the written division at this year's High School Academic Olympics among the Class 3 competing schools. Team members were seniors Brett Nielsen and Tristan Schipman, junior Kayla Rust, sophomore Thayne Ekness, and freshman Cooper Olson.

Top honors in individual competition went to Westby High School students in three of the four classes.

TOP SENIOR-----BRETT NIELSEN
TOP SOPHOMORE-----THAYNE EKNESS
TOP FRESHMAN-----COOPER OLSON

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Brett-1st in Social Studies, 2nd in Math, 3rd in Science, 4th in English
Thayne-1st in Science, 1st in Math
Tristan—6th in Math
Kayla & Cooper-tied for 9th in Math

The competition was held in Glasgow on March 14th. WHS history teacher Nate Olson supervised the students.

Pictured: Kayla, daughter of Rob & Kim Rust; Thayne, son of Steve and Suzi Ekness; Tristan, daughter of Lisa and Lown Schipman; Cooper, son of Kelly and Shari Olson, and Brett, son of Eric and Cindy Nielsen.

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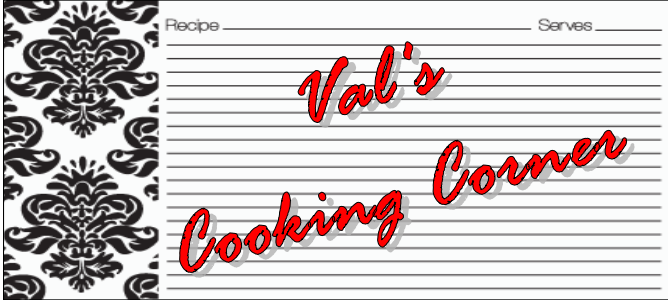
THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who made the Immanuel Lutheran Church corn beef and cabbage feed a success. The enthusiasm for and attendance at the meal gives the planning committee cause to make it an annual event. Thanks to the parents and students who participated in the basketball game. It was a great way to cap off the evening. We would also like to thank Superintendent Holecek and the Westby School for allowing us to use their facility in absence of our fellowship hall. We couldn't have pulled it off without their blessing.

The winner of the "Cooks on Vacation" raffle was Sharon Jensen of Plentywood and we can not thank enough the following businesses who so graciously donated to and made this well received raffle a huge success.

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All proceeds from the evenings events go towards the re-building of the fellowship hall.



Don't ever let anyone tell you we don't have a progressive, competitive, vibrant school system in Westby. Living adjacent to the school keeps me pretty much in the loop as to the comings and goings and this past week has seen a whirlwind of activities.

The juniors and seniors returned from their class trip to Minneapolis over the weekend, just in time to take in Montana State University's SPOT space program held on Monday. A presentation was held for the public at 5:00 PM. High School science teacher Dan Saint was instrumental in securing the group to Westby. The same day high school track and golf practice began.

On Tuesday five students traveled to Glasgow for the High School Academic Olympic competition. WHS had three top students and brought home the gold in the written section. Wow!

On Wednesday "Fight Like a Girl" program was brought in by athletic director Sue Meyer and was attended by high school girls from Plentywood and Scobey. The same afternoon an anti-bullying- Stand By Me-workshop was held for students in grades 6-12. The evening was topped off with a grade 4-8 music concert.

Thursday the annual high school play, "Quest for Quasi", was presented to rave reviews.

The week was rounded out with an influx of 300 elementary students from all schools in the district as Westby played host to the 2012 Middle School District Music Festival. I will have further details on this event next issue, but I understand our student won 4 of the 12 Judge's Choice awards given by the adjudicators.

As I said, our school is nothing, but top notch and I would put our students up against any in the nation. We can be very proud of our school, administrators, teachers and staff for their dedication to the future of our young people.


Spring is in the air and will be official this week. I'm sure 'old man winter' will make one last appearance, if for nothing else than to welcome the snow birds home, but this is OK, he has been pretty easy to get along with this season. The geese are returning north, asparagus in plentiful in the grocery store and daffodils graced our tables at Immanuel's corn beef feed. Sure signs of SPRING! The only thing missing is the meadow-lark's song and I'm sure it won't be long now.

What's not to love about northeast Montana??? I may be pushing it a little with this recipe for rhu-barb, but thought there may those of you, like me, who have a stash in the freezer which needs to be used up before the new crop arrives.

This was an old recipe I found in my grandmother's recipe box.

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1 ½ cups flour
1 ½ cups brown sugar
¾ cup butter
½ tsp salt
1 tsp soda

Mix dry ingredients. Cut in butter. Put half of mixture in a 9 X 13 pan.

1 cup sugar
1 cup water
2 tbsp cornstarch
A couple drops food coloring
1 tsp almond flavoring
1 can cherry pie filling
½ cup nuts, shopped
3-4 cups diced rhubarb

Preheat oven 350 degrees. Cook sugar, water and cornstarch in a saucepan until clear and thick. Add food coloring and almond flavoring. Fold in cherry pie filling. Sprinkle rhubarb on crust. Spoon cherry mixture over rhubarb. Sprinkle remaining crust on cherry mixture and sprinkle chopped nuts on crust. Bake 45 minutes or until bubbly. Top with whipped cream.

This next recipe I also found in my Grandmother's stash. I remember asking her about it and she didn't recall trying it or who Mrs. M. Femrite, the baker who had shared the recipe with her, was. Maybe someone out there will recall. I did try this recipe as it was so unique. The "cookies" were very good although I may classify them as a candy. The dates and coconut make them very sweet.

CASSEROLE COOKIES

2 BEATEN EGGS
1 CUP SUGAR
1 CUP CHOPPED NUTS
1 CUP CHOPPED DATES
1 CUP FINE COCONUT PLUS ADDITIONAL FOR ROLLING
1 TSP VANILLA

Preheat oven 350 degrees. Mix ingredients in order given. Place dough in well buttered casserole dish. Bake 30 minutes, stirring twice. Remove from oven, stir again. Let cool 2-3 hours. Take tablespoon of dough and roll in balls and then coconut. Store in air tight container. Makes 2 dozen.

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FIGHT LIKE A GIRL or F.L.A.G.

On Wednesday, March 14th, Westby high School brought Peter Iacavazzi and his Fight Like A Girl workshop to town. Peter Iacavazzi of Park City, Utah, is widely known for teaching women techniques to both *prevent* and *survive* aggressive confrontation from men. Peter lost a loved one years ago and has dedicated his life to training girls and women throughout the United States. Peter also trains Navy Seals and divisions of the armed forces in mixed martial arts.



Sophie Ekness demonstrating a protective pose.

Athletic director Sue Meyer saw a similar workshop presented by Iacavazzi three years ago at Plentywood School and was so impressed with Peter's blunt, honest, yet sincerely caring approach, she asked him to bring his expertise to Westby.

Students and staff from Westby, Plentywood and Scobey high schools attended the three hour training session. They were shown ways to avoid conflict, how to attract attention if trouble arises, or one feels threatened. Following the presentation, most felt they were given back some peace of mind, as well as a bit of security, after the recent abduction of Sherry Arnold in Sidney. Peter knew Arnold having presented many classes in the area and dedicated this month to training in the northeast Montana area in Sherry's honor.

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WESTBY SNOWBIRDS HOLD REUNION

The 9th annual Westby reunion was held at Venture Out Resort in Mesa, Arizona, on March 7th. They ascended from all over the valley for dessert, coffee, conversation, and their common bond. Money was raised in the amount of \$2850.00 by combination of raffle and sponsor board donation for the 2013 Westby Centennial.

*Pictured left:
Richard Espeland
\$100.00 raffle
winner.*



Below are the names of the 64 who attended the 2012 reunion.

Andersen, Arden/
Laurel
Andersen, Curtis
Andersen, Daryl/Kathy
Anderson, Bazil/Marlene
Anderson, Loretta
Adkins, Marilyn
Aune, Roy/Betty (Espeland)
Bakke, Ron
Bervik, Glenn
Bjorgen, Valerie and daughter
Bourosa, DeLoris (Helseth)
Ekness, Murray/Ileah
Espeland, Richard
French, Ardelle
Freund, Norman
Freund, Helen
Galgerud, Boyde/Sally
Galgerud, Dwain/Linda
George, Dennis/Darlene (Galgerud)
Hagen, Norman/Mary
Haugen, Larmon/Linda
Hepper, Lawrence/MaryLou
Hove, Les

Johnson, Dick/Faye
Kolstad, Gaylen/Myrna (Hanson)
Lagerquist, Loren/Donnaleen (Lininger)
Leininger, Bob/Dorothy
McInteer, Linda (Olson)
Meyer, Hugh/Connie
Meyer, Myron/Marsha
Nordhagen, Arnie/Lucy
Rasmussen, Jan
Swartz/Duane
Saulmon, Janice (Helseth)
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Tangedal, Eleanor
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District #3 was held on March 12, 2012. Brenda Ryals, Vance Meyer, Brant Cartwright, Mr. Holecek, and Donna Sorenson were in attendance. Chairman Ryals called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Chairman recognized the visitor, Suzi Ekness. Donna read the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting. Following no corrections or additions, these minutes were approved and placed on file. The Board reviewed the Clerk's January financial report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds: Meyer reported that the new house is nearly complete. Carpets are being installed. Mr. Holecek reported that he had contacted Dennis Kanning and was assured that the driveway and sidewalks for this house will be the first project Kanning Concrete does this spring.

Mr. Holecek has spoken with Sheridan Electric about the installation of transformer donuts to track the electrical usage of the new heating units in order to qualify for the lower heat rate. The actual installation will be done this summer when electricity to the school can be turned off. Board members indicated that following installation Mr. Holecek should follow up with Prairie Engineering to request financial assistance with the cost of this unanticipated expense.

Due to increased concerns for the safety of community members using school facilities after school hours, Mr. Holecek may recommend installing a card-reader system on the doors for community access to the school. He will get a price estimate and present the information to the board.

Unfinished Business:

A. The following policies were presented for a second reading and submitted for approval by the Board: BP 2510 (School Wellness) Meyer moved to adopt this revision, Cartwright seconded; AIF

BP 3612 (Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks) Cartwright moved to adopt this revision, Meyer seconded; AIF

BP 5328 (Family Medical Leave) Ryals moved to adopt this revision, Cartwright seconded; AIF

B. Mr. Holecek informed the board that both Grenora and Westby schools have held parent meetings regarding the future of the sports co-ops between the schools. Representatives of both school boards will meet next week to hold further discussion on a proposal to form a "full" cooperative with a common mascot, uniforms and school song. Sports included in this cooperative agreement would be Girls' and Boys' basketball, Girls' Volleyball, 6-man Football, Golf and Track.

New Business:

A. Meyer introduced a resolution to hold a Special Levy Election on May 8, 2012 and called for its passage and adoption. The resolution states that the polls will be open at 12:00 noon and close at 8:00pm. Cartwright seconded the motion; AIF.

B. Ryals moved to call a Trustee Election in conjunction with the Special Levy Election, Meyer seconded; AIF. Sundsted and Meyer are up for re-election for three year terms.

C. Cartwright moved to appoint Lorna Lagerquist, Sandra Elm and Karen Meyer as election judges and Cathy Nordhagen as the alternate judge. Meyer seconded the motion of appointment; AIF.

D. Should there be two or less candidates filing for the two trustee positions available, Ryals moved to declare those candidates elected by acclamation and thus cancel the 2012 Trustee Election. Cartwright seconded the motion for election by acclamation and all voted in favor. This action would take place after 5:00pm on April 12, 2012, providing all conditions are met. (continues page 11)



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THANKS FOR BEING SMOKE FREE



The Eager Beavers 4-H Club has partnered with Northeast Montana Tobacco Prevention Coalition to thank Westby area businesses for being smoke-free. Pictured back row: Liam Nelson, Jeff Ekness and Kim Rust of Al's Meat and front row Nate Jensen, Owen and Keegan Nelson. Presentations were also made to Charlie's Place, Kittelson's, New Century Ag, Prairie Kitchen, Westby School, and the US Post Office. Nate Jensenn is the son of Chris and Cheri Jensen and the Nelson brothers are sons of Todd and Lisa Nelson.

FIGHT LIKE A GIRL *(continued)*

Iacavazi has two assistants, David Bronsell and Jay Weigand who work very closely with him. David who resides near Colorado Springs is a former military medic and ranger, having served several tours overseas. Jay lives in Hardin, Montana, and helps where ever needed. In this session he donned a Kevlar (protective) suit and allowed volunteers to attack him as hard as possible to give them a sense of their own strength.

In the afternoon, Mr. Iacavazzi also led a 70 minute seminar entitled "Stand By Me" for all students in grades 6-12 from Westby.

This anti-bullying campaign was more than the name states; rather how to co-exist and get along, despite our differences. As Meyer stated, "My impression of him is Wow! Wow! And, Wow! . He continues to be a positive presence in this world of escalating violence. Peter shares his story, expertise, and knowledge with many parts of Montana including Glendive, Sidney Bozeman. Meyer would like to see this important program become an annual or at minimum, a bi-annual event for Westby.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES (continued)

E. Mr. Holecek presented information from Valuations Northwest on the cost of an appraisal of fixed assets. The board may want to consider having an appraisal done of the school building and equipment to make sure insurance coverage is sufficient.

F. Revision of Board Policy 5321 (Leaves of Absence) was given a first reading.

G. Deletion of Board Policy 5328P (Family Medical Leave) was presented for a first reading.

H. Meyer moved to approve an extra-curricular Journal Voucher to transfer a prior expenditure from the Senior Class account to the Journalism account. Cartwright seconded the motion for approval; AIF.

I. A letter of resignation was presented from head cook, Robin Solberg, effective the last day of school in May, 2012. Cartwright moved to accept Mrs. Solberg's resignation, seconded by Meyer; AIF. A letter of resignation effective June 30, 2012 was presented from Julie Nelson, assistant custodian. Cartwright made a motion to accept Mrs. Nelson's resignation, Meyer seconded the motion; AIF. A letter from Lisa Schipman was presented, resigning her positions as Booster Club advisor and Concessionaire. Meyer moved to accept these resignations, Cartwright seconded; AIF.

Announcements/Discussion

A. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Holecek updated the board on the results of the school inspection conducted recently by MT DPHHS and the energy audit conducted by representatives from Sheridan Electric and Basin Electric. Replacing outdated light fixtures in several areas of the school would result in improved lighting and cost savings. It was also recommended that an additional heat unit be installed in the downstairs hallway to improve heating efficiency.

Mr. Holecek informed the board that Westby School is unable to participate financially in a community website, as was requested at the last meeting. To do so would jeopardize the e-rate contracts the school has for internet usage.

Mr. Holecek reported that negotiations with the teachers are complete and an agreement has been reached. Mr. Holecek recently attended a MT Work Task Force Meeting in Sidney regarding the oil impact on our region. Representatives from Montana Universities explained programs they are developing to help retain college graduates as employees in Montana.

Mr. Holecek explained a summer training opportunity for teachers on Differentiated Instruction. The seminar and travel would be relatively expensive so he would need to limit the number of teachers who could attend.

B. Mr. Holecek read a note from John Hove thanking the board for the flowers he received while hospitalized recently.

C. The April Board meeting will be changed to Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:00pm.

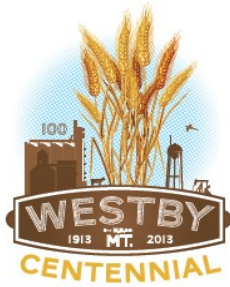
Ryals moved to approve payment of March payroll warrants #10891-10899 and March claims warrants #16816-16847. Meyer seconded the motion for payment approval, AIF.

The February Extracurricular Financial Report was reviewed followed by a motion by Cartwright to approve; Meyer seconded the motion, AIF.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Donna Sorenson, District Clerk
Brenda Ryals, Chairman

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