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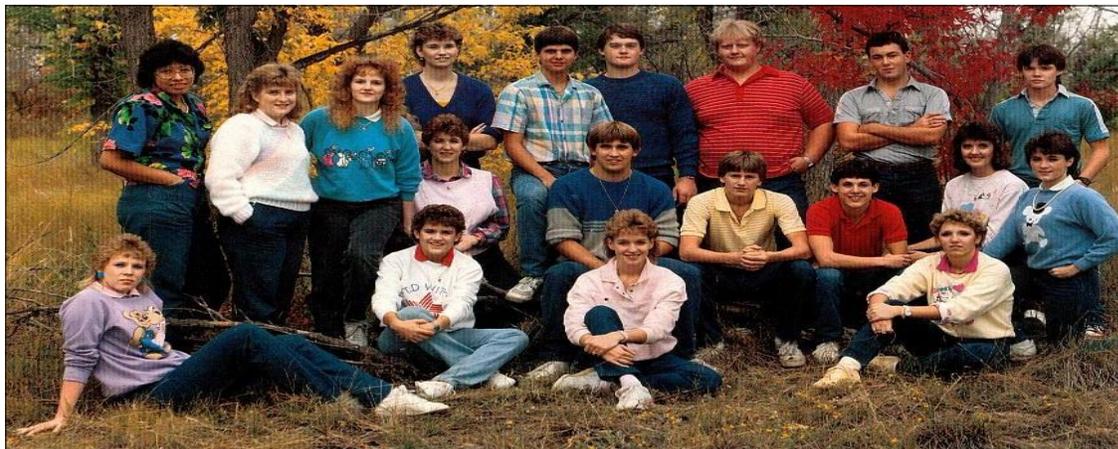
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AFTER TWENTY YEARS



After twenty one years to be exact, the biggest class to graduate from Westby High School in many years will reunite for the first time since walking off the gym stage in 1987. A late start last year, prompted the organizers to shoot for a reunion this year rather than the traditional twenty years. Scattered from the state of Washington to Pennsylvania and Minnesota to Oklahoma, the nineteen graduates have set Fourth of July weekend as the time to reminisce and gather family and friends.

A tentative schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH---REGISTRATION, TOUR WESTBY SCHOOL, FAMILY BBQ AND FIREWORKS

SATURDAY, JULY 5TH---GOLF TOURNAMENT AT CROSBY COUNTRY CLUB, SOCIAL FOLLOWED BY DINNER CATERED BY PRAIRIE KITCHEN

SUNDAY JULY 6TH---CHURCH, CLASS PHOTO, AND FAMILY PICNIC

For more information contact Holly (Meyer) Beal at hollybeal@comcast.com.

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Randy's Restaurant

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Randy & Bonnie Matzke Owners

MONDAY – Chicken Strip Dinner w/ coleslaw & fries

TUESDAY – Waffle Special

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

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

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

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



Chocolate & Vanilla Soft Serve
Chicken to go (potatoes included) 2 pc – Barrel 20 pc

We Serve Extra Lean Ground Beef
Nite Specials DINING ROOM ONLY



A DAY IN THE LIFE

Sandy Elm hosted Senior Citizens on February 21st. Progressive whist winners were Marvin Nelson - first, and John Tommerup - second. The door prize was won by Louise Nordhagen. Ruth Brown and Rose Frickson were guests.

On Saturday, February 23rd, Marlys and Allan Ekness and Floyd and Diann Kaul went to a lutefisk and lefse dinner in Williston. From there, they went to Garrison, ND, to watch a basketball tournament game between Turtle Lake-Mercer and Washburn. Floyd and Diann's grandson, Blake, plays for the Washburn Cardinals.

The Jolly Twelve Card Club met February 25th at the Community Center. Elaine Onstad was the hostess. Whist winners were: Elaine Onstad - first, Anita Bjorgen - second, and Jennie Nordhagen low. Sandy and Brian Elm were in Bismarck the weekend of the 23rd and 24th visiting their son Darin.

Senior Citizens met on February 28th at the Community Center. The luncheon was pot luck. Whist winners were Irene Stageberg - first and Marvin Nelson - second. The door prize was won by John Tommerup. Faye Moore, Ruth Brown, and Rose Frickson were guests.

Here from Billings are Tyler, Alyssa, and Jarrod Elm. They are the grandchildren of Sandy and Brian Elm. They will spend time in the area, visiting friends and relatives.

The Westby community was saddened by the loss of a great lady, Mabel Sorenson. She was a kind and warm loving soul who was friend to many. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Attention:

All Crocheters and Knitters

"HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL" PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY needs your help to make prayer shawls for those in our community and others, as needed. If you are interested in doing this, please call ELGENE SMITH at 385-2441 or leave a message at 701-826-3035.

I hope that you will consider doing this as I have done quite a few by myself and can't seem to keep up with the demand. Hope you will come on board.

Thank you.

Westby Manor, Inc. has one-bedroom apartments for rent in Westby. Very nice, utilities paid, and free laundry. Eligible tenants will not pay more than 30% of their adjusted income. The Westby Manor, Inc. will be temporarily renting apartments to all persons without regard to income restrictions.

Call Brenda at 385-2577.

Equal Housing Opportunity



Book Club

By Arlene Howe

Tallgrass by Sandra Dallas

Hostess: Renetta Westgard

If you have yet to read one of Sandra Dallas's works of fiction, we can recommend a few. As well as Tallgrass, others that will entertain and delight you with colorful characters are Buster Midnight's Café, The Persian Pickle Club, Maddie Spenser's Diary and Alice's Tulips. Some of Dallas's characters include Whippy Bird, Mae Anna, Effy Commander, Maddie Spenser and now in Tallgrass we are introduced to Marthalice and her younger sister, thirteen year old Rennie.

Tallgrass is told through the eyes of Rennie Stroud, wise for her years, keenly intelligent and responsible. She helps her Father and Mother on their sugar beet farm in Colorado, her older sister having gone off to live in Denver and her older brother off to war. It is 1942 and the government opens a Japanese internment camp, Tallgrass (based on the actual Colorado camp of Amache), just outside their small Colorado town near the Stroud's farm. When a young girl is violently murdered, all eyes turn to the newcomers. Rennie's life, predictable and fair up to this point, is turned upside down when more secrets are discovered and Rennie is forced to deal with fear, prejudice and hate.

Ms. Dallas is expert at enveloping you into the setting and the characters. The conflicted feelings of the townspeople – pride in their boys overseas on one hand but distrust of the unfamiliar (the Japanese) on the other – are believably portrayed in Tallgrass. Although the plot may be "predictable" as Eileen thought, this novel is none-the-less one that will hold your interest, make you laugh and perhaps make you cry, all the while cheering on Rennie and her family for "doing what's right" and standing up for what they believe in. I know one thing; I didn't want it to end.

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All kinds of curing

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FOR SALE

Westby Development Corporation
property at 105 North Main
Former Betty Haugen house,
outbuildings, and associated land App.
1500 square feet total main and top floor,
2-3 bedroom, 1 bath asking price
\$11,000.00-contact representative for
WDC Valerie Moore at:
385-2315 or
dvmoore@nemont.net

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Yahoo! And yes, I know I live in a dream world, but it's March and the signs are all here. My magazines are full of spring gardens and say it is time to start scratching in the dirt, we spring ahead to daylight savings time this weekend and Easter is but two weeks away. Anticipation is what? 90% of the fun of anything, so I figure I'm going to have a lot of fun before spring actually arrives here. I have to assume the crocuses are just below the surface waiting to burst out of that new blanket of snow we just received, but far enough below, I hope, not to be blemished by the 10 degrees below we experienced last night. OK, OK, I burst my own bubble. I can still dream, though.

*One thing for sure, I am ready to move away from the heavier comfort foods of winter and on to one's with more fresh produce and herbs. Recipes quick and easy to accommodate the busy times that come with our hectic spring and summers. This recipe from *Everyday Food* has all the elements required. It tastes fresh, is easy and the leftovers freeze like a charm. Serve with purchased pot stickers or egg rolls to complete your meal.*

SPICY ORANGE CHICKEN STIR-FRY

1/3 CUP CORNSTARCH
2 CUPS ORANGE JUICE
1/2 CUP SOY SAUCE
1/2 CUP RED WINE VINEGAR
1/4 CUP HONEY
4 CLOVES GARLIC
1-2 TSP RED-PEPPER FLAKES
COARSE SALT
1 t VEGETABLE OIL
3 POUNDS B/S CHICKEN BREASTS, CUT CROSSWISE INTO 1/2 INCH STRIPS
1 HEAD BROCCOLI, CUT INTO FLORETS
1 POUND CARROTS, PEELLED AND THINLY SLICED ON THE DIAGONAL
COOKED RICE FOR SERVING

Place cornstarch in a medium bowl and gradually whisk in orange juice until smooth. Whisk in soy sauce, vinegar, honey, garlic and red pepper flakes. Season with salt. Set aside. In a 5 qt Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Working in batches, cook chicken 2-4 minutes until slightly browned. Transfer to plate and set aside (chicken will cook more later). Add broccoli, carrots, and 1/2 cup water to pot. Cook, partially covered, until water has evaporated and broccoli is bright green, 3 minutes. Add reserved chicken and cornstarch mixture; bring to a boil and cook until chicken is done and sauce is opaque throughout, 2-3 minutes. Serve over rice. To freeze, cool to room temperature and freeze in 1 1/2 cup servings. To reheat, add 1/2 cup water to medium saucepan and add frozen stir-fry. Cover and heat over med high heat stirring occasionally until heated through 10-12 minutes. Serve over rice. Serves 8. (note-this is very citrusy, you may wish to use 1 cup OJ and 1 cup water or chicken broth rather than the 2 cups of OJ)

Although I had planned to feature Mabel as our "Memorable Cook" next month to coincide with her 90th birthday, it was not to be. Mabel has a special place in all of our hearts and it is with great sadness that I write this. I can still see her standing at the counter counting out the change from her little coin purse. Of course, besides the change in her coin purse were several keepsakes that each had story so while looking for the correct change we listened to the corresponding story. Her trips to "Host fest", stories about her brothers, and of course her grandchildren. This could take awhile because, although she most always, had a "big bill" (a \$10 or \$20 or maybe even a \$50), she really would rather not have to part with it so she kept digging and we kept listening. She was forever going to "treat" someone-Palmer, her kids, grandkids, Jim. She would buy a bottle of pop for Palmer and always say, "I'll get this for Palmer. I have to treat him once in awhile." Of course, it was fun to listen to Allan tease Mabel and she enjoyed every minute of it. And, she is the only one I know who truly liked the black bananas best! Very few have not been on the receiving end of Mabel's generosity particularly when it came to sharing her baked goods. Danny and I were both very fortunate in that respect. Whenever I saw Mabel coming with an oatmeal container I knew we were in luck because undoubtedly it would be full of ginger cookies, Danny's favorite. My personal favorite was her Tomato Soup Cake. The first time she told me about it I couldn't even imagine what it would be like, but I was sold after the first bite. From then on whenever she made it for Senior Citizens or a birthday it was my turn to be "treated". Here is that special recipe from a truly special lady, "Rest in peace, Mabel."

TOMATO SOUP CAKE

½ CUP MARGARINE
 1 CUP SUGAR
 1 CAN TOMATO SOUP
 1 CUP DICED DATES
 2 EGGS
 2 CUPS FLOUR
 1 TSP EACH OF SODA, CINNAMON, NUTMEG AND VANILLA
 ¼ TSP CLOVES
 ½ CUP CHOPPED WALNUTS
 Butter and flour at 9x13 pan. Mix soup, margarine and sugar well; add eggs and vanilla. Mix well, add flour and spices. Fold in dates and nuts. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes.
 Caramel Frosting
 1 cup cream
 2 cup brown sugar
 1 Tbsp butter
 1 tsp vanilla
 Boil cream and brown sugar until soft ball stage. Add butter and vanilla and beat until spreading consistency. Spread on cake.
 ENJOY for LIFE IS GOOD!

IMMANUEL WELCA will be conducting a nonperishable food drive for the Sheridan County Food Bank. Drop off boxes will be located at Al's Meat and Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Items of need in particular are boxed meals (*macaroni and cheese, ham-burger helper, tuna helper things of that nature*) and canned stew, soups, tuna etc. They have an abundance of canned vegetables at this time.

Other items may include: *toothpaste, toilet paper, bar soap, feminine products etc.*

The collection will continue until the end of the month.

If you have any questions or need items picked up contact Val Moore at 385-2315 or any WELCA member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10th—First day for Track & Golf practice
- 11th—Gr. 7—12 Math Meet in Sidney
- 13th—County Spelling Bee in Westby School Gym—9:00 AM
- 14th—Gr. 5—8 to Scobey for Music Festival
- 18th—Child Find—1:00—5:00 Jubilee Room
- 19th—Child Find—8:00—5:00 Jubilee Room, HS
- Academic Olympics in Glasgow
- 20th—School dismissed at 2:25 PM
- 21st—Good Friday—NO SCHOOL, Adult Ed. Quilting Beginner’s Class—7:00-9:00 PM—Judy Colbert
- 22nd—Adult Ed. Quilting Beginner’s class—9:00—4:00—Judy Colbert
- 24th—Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL

80TH BIRTHDAY

On March 16th, in honor of Ken Keldsen's 80th birthday, cake and coffee will be served at 11:00 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church immediately following worship. All are welcome.

Teach the difference between right and wrong using
 The six pillars as your guide!

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INSPIRING YOUNG LADIES

Two Westby Middle School girls have made life much better for some other less fortunate children. Both girls recently had their hair cut and since it met the criteria for the "Locks of Love" program, which essentially states the hair must be 10 inches from tip to tip, the hair was sent to the organization to be used as they see fit.. Kayla Rust and Laura Mendes are much lighter these days and very happy to have obtained their goal.

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. A number of children also have lost their hair due to the treatment of cancer. The prosthesis provided from Locks of Love helps to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

When asked what inspired them to make this generous donation Kayla said, "When I was in third grade Hallie Westgard had her cut and donated it to Locks of Love. I never forgot that and have been growing my hair out for close to four years with just a few trims a year so I could qualify. I had Hallie's mom, Chris, cut my hair and then I went on the Internet and found the form to send it in. My Mom will take care of getting it on it's way."

Laura was inspired by a friend she had while living in California before she moved to Westby. She said, "I have been growing my hair out for at least three years. It more than qualified in length and I was ready to get it cut. I had it cut at the Barber Chair in Plentywood and they took care of sending in the hair for me."

What a great story and no doubt these two young ladies will inspire others to think of this worthwhile cause or perhaps another way they can help the less fortunate. Kayla is the daughter of Rob and Kim Rust and Laura is the daughter of the John Mendes'.

RODNE

Melvin Helmer Rodne age 88, of Westby, MT and formerly of Alkabo, ND passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2008 at St. Luke's Hospital in Crosby. Melvin was born on April 24, 1920 on the family farm near Alkabo, ND, the son of Nikolai and Thea (Liabo) Rodne. He attended the Alkabo Grade School. Melvin farmed the family homestead with his father until the age of 64. He retired to care for his father and did so until his father's death. He enjoyed hunting fox, coyotes and deer. Also shooting targets and reloading for his rifle. Melvin moved from the farm to Westby about 14 years ago.

Melvin was a member of the Westby Lions Club and the Westby Development Club. Melvin was preceded in death by his parents; sister and her husband, Tananse and Mike Zander; brother, Emil Rodne; sister-in-law, Frances Rodne and brother-in-law Murray Wickstrom. He is survived by two sisters, Hanne Wickstrom of Seattle, WA and Martha Kirkpatrick of Paradise, CA and two brothers, Sven Rodne and wife Nora of Springfield, WA and Henry Rodne of Bothell, WA.

At Melvin's request there will be no service and cremation has taken place. Memorial's may be sent to the Westby Lions Club in Westby, MT. 59275 Card's may be sent to Sven Rodne 4801 Daisy Street Springfield, OR 97478-6756 Stakston-Martin Funeral Home of Crosby is in charge of arrangements.



*Pictured above:
Laura Mendes and Kayla Rust*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Operating Under an ARSENIC Exemption of the MCL**

TOWN OF WESTBY is operating under an arsenic exemption to the MCL water standards.

Exemptions to operate above the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 0.010 mg/L are provided to public water supplies applying for additional time to make necessary improvements to the water systems and secure financial assistance. During 2007 TOWN OF WESTBY operated under an Arsenic MCL Exemption.

TOWN OF WESTBY has arsenic levels above the MCL of 0.010 mg/l and therefore applied for an exemption to the MCL to pursue connection to Dry Prairie pipeline in the near future.

This arsenic MCL exemption was granted on July 6, 2007 and is effective until January, 23, 2009. Extensions can be applied for after this date.

The Town of Westby has committed to Dry Prairie to connect to it's pipeline when it becomes available to do so. As of this time there is no definite timeline as to when Dry Prairie will be here.

If you would like additional information regarding our water and the proposed schedule to comply with the Arsenic MCL of 0.010 mg/L, please contact: Lynden Joel Lagerquist, Po Box 186, Westby MT 59275 Or 406-385-2445.

This notice is being sent to you by **TOWN OF WESTBY**.
Water System ID#: **MT0000355** Class: **C**

Date distributed: 3 / 3 / 08 Signed Copy sent to DEQ/PWS date: _____

Arsenic is also known as an inorganic compound. *Health effects* include skin damage or problems with circulatory systems, and may have increased risk of getting cancer. *Cancerous Effects*: skin, bladder, lung, kidney, nasal passages, liver and prostate cancer; and *Non-cancerous Effects*: cardiovascular, pulmonary, immunological, neurological and endocrine (e.g., diabetes) effects. *Sources of contamination* include erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, runoff from glass & electronic production wastes.



*Pictured left:
The Lunar Eclipse as seen in
Westby on February 29, 2008
at 9:00 PM
Photo by: Robin Solberg*

INGMAN

Barbara Ingman, age 65, of McIntosh, MN, passed away on Sunday (February 24th) at her home in McIntosh. She left this world to be with Jesus Our Savior after an extended and valiant battle with cancer. Her battle began in 1992 and her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, support and prayers of family and friends, and tenacity allowed her to prevail against all odds to remain in this world as a warrior in the service of God's Army for the benefit of all who knew her and for as long as was gifted by God before calling his angel back to His service.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday (March 1st) at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McIntosh. The Rev. Aage Carlsen, Rev. Timothy Lundeen and Rev. Steve Trandem officiated. Interment will be in Vernes Lutheran Cemetery, rural McIntosh at a later date. Arrangements were with the Carlin-Hoialmen Funeral Home, serving McIntosh and messages of condolence may be sent at www.carlinhoialmen.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be given to a scholarship fund for students to attend Concordia Language Villages program of Concordia College. Barbara Anne (Moen) Ingman was born on October 13th, 1942 in Halstad, Minnesota to parents Alice (Haugen) and Hans Moen who owned a dairy farm east of Nielsville, Minnesota. She was an active member of St. Petri Lutheran Church in Nielsville and an involved member of the local Community Workers 4-H Club for 10 years. She attended elementary school at Nielsville and High School at Halstad MN.

Barbara was a teacher of many things. After graduating in 1964 from Concordia College in Moorhead with a Bachelor's degree in English and Spanish, she went on to inspire many students with her gifts teaching these subjects in many schools throughout Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana during her more than 25-year career as a teacher. She taught in Braham MN, Malta MT, Circle Pines MN, Westby MT, Fairview ND, Oklee-Plummer MN, and most recently teaching at Win-E-Mac High School in

McIntosh MN with her valued colleagues, all the while enjoying the challenge of educating countless students. She also shared her teaching gifts abroad with students in Haining, China as a teacher for the Global Language Villages program of Concordia College.

Barbara took great pride in her Norwegian heritage and enjoyed sharing her knowledge of the language and culture with others, often by translating letters and recipes from the "Old Country" for friends and family, and passing this pride and knowledge on to her children.

On May 31, 1964 she was united in marriage to Milan Ingman of Belfield, ND. Together they served church parishes of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) in Westby, Montana, Sidney Montana, Oklee, MN, and McIntosh, MN. Barbara actively participated by teaching Sunday school, leading Bible studies, and as church organist, accompanist and vocalist. Her husband Pastor Milan Ingman passed away on January 28, 1994. She continued serving the Lord with her love of music, through her involvement in the many church organizations at Immanuel, Grace, Our Saviors and Vernes Lutheran Churches. She enjoyed singing, playing organ and piano, organizing and participating in a great many recitals, concerts, and Easter Cantatas. She shared her love of music with everyone she met including teaching piano lessons for more than 30 years.

She was gifted at sewing, needlework, and knitting and enjoyed creating tailor-made clothing, beautiful dresses and quilts, as well as mending nearly anything.

Her leadership serving her community as an active member on the McIntosh City Council, Booster Club, and the McIntosh Economic Development Authority made long-lasting contributions to the community. She served on the board of Pioneer Memorial Home for 9 years, and has been involved with the McIntosh Booster Club since 1987.

Her unwavering faith in God was an example for all of us.

She is survived by four sons; Bradley, Stuart, Alan, Jonathan and his wife, Kristin. Other survivors include her sister Karen (Kermit) Stahn, Morris MN; brother-in-law, Harlan (Patti) Ingman, Killdeer, ND; and sister-in-law, Karen (Gene) Bucholtz, Seattle, WA, eight nieces and nephews and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Pastor Milan Ingman.

Lutheran Parish

10th – Deadline to register for the Genetics workshop.
 11th – Pastors Cluster Meeting – Froid, 9 AM, I-Quilting – 9:30 am, IMF Meeting – 7:30 PM
 12th – Lenten Service at St. John's, 7:30 PM, Faith Circle Serves, I – Quilting – 9:30 AM
 13th – Imm Charity Circle BS – 7:30 PM
 14th – NRIT, Sidney – 9 AM
 14th – 15th – UMM Mother and Daughter retreat
 16th – WORSHIP – SJ – 8:45 AM, SS – 9:45 AM (Holy Communion) I – 10:00 AM, SS – 11:00 AM, Confirmation – 11:00 AM, Coffee – Executive Board
 18th – Quilting at Immanuel – 9:30 AM
 19th – Immanuel Council Meeting – 7:00 PM, I – Quilting – 9:30 AM
 20th – SJ WELCA BS – 1:00 PM, Maundy Service at St. John's – 7:00 PM
 21st – Good Friday Service at Imm. – 7:00 PM
 23rd – EASTER SERVICE – Imm – 7:00 AM, Men's breakfast follows, SJ – 8:30 AM, brunch by SS follows.

Hop on into

Anna's

And see what's new!

Spring is in the air with new arrangements from:

"Lil Bit Rusty"

Easter gifts and decorations hand crafted by:

Chris Westgard

And much more...

Also new to Anna's...

Beautiful baby Afghans by Nancy.

Sign up for the door prize to be drawn on March 20th!

Hours

Tuesday 10:00 – 4:00

Thursday 2:00 – 6:00

Or call Robin anytime at
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E-mail – solberg6@nemont.net

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Westby Manager

All of our Family, Friends, and Neighbors of
 Westby
 Are Cordially Invited to an
 Engagement Party
 Honoring

Jesse Ekness
 &
 Genny Malisani

Saturday, March 22, 2008
 6:00 pm
 at the Prairie Kitchen

Hosted by Steve and Suzi Ekness
 A light supper will be served

SORENSEN

Death was swallowed up in victory on March 1, 2008 for Mabel Irene (Johnson) Sorenson through Jesus her Savior.

Mabel was born on April 2, 1918 to John O. Johnson and Josephine (Thormodsgaard) Johnson on a farm near Kremlin, MT. She was the third child of a family of three boys and three girls, and was the first daughter. Her parents moved to Sheridan County when she was young. Mabel attended the Monroe grade school 8 miles northeast of Antelope. This is where she met her future husband Palmer Sorenson after he carried her books home from school one day. Her baby sister and mother died when Mabel was only nine years old and because of hard times, she and her two younger siblings had to move to a Christian children's home in Lake Park, Minnesota. Due to such heartache and responsibilities at such a young age, God blessed Mabel by having her come to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior, and she followed His teachings her entire life.

While at the children's home she taught herself to play the piano by ear and discovered her love of music. When she was 16, Mabel moved to Portland, ND where she graduated high school while working as a nanny for a Pastor and his wife. She attended a small business college and later managed the "Little Red Hen" drive in diner in Fargo, ND for her uncles. At the age of 23, Mabel followed her musical uncle "Thor" to Tacoma, WA where she sang in his church choir and worked in the shipyards during the war. On a vacation to visit her father and older brothers on their farm in the Comertown area, she renewed her grade school friendship with Palmer. She and Palmer were married on July 4, 1943.

Mabel started singing for Jesus early in life and poured her love of both music and Jesus into her 5 children. She was known as a godly woman in the community and was very active in church her entire life. Mabel was born to serve and loved doing so in a variety of ways. As many will remember, she ran the City Café and Rainbow Shack in Westby during the 1960's and 1970's.

Mabel loved her family and was proud to be a well used Grandma. She felt blessed having some of her grandchildren close by where she could be the favorite babysitter. All of her grandchildren felt close to her because she made sure they knew how much she loved them.

Mabel wrote a poem after prayer was taken out of our schools in 1962 titled "Ashamed of Jesus? No Not I." It is a testimonial of her lasting Christian legacy. She wanted everyone to know, especially her children and grandchildren, the only worthwhile life is one lived serving Jesus. She wants us all to "Just Be There" when at the feet of Jesus she looks around to see.

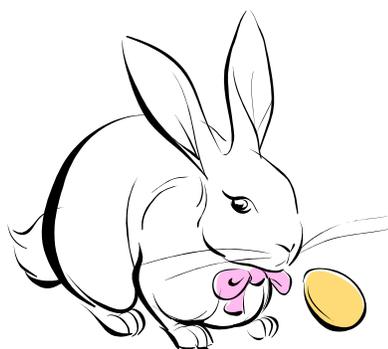
Mabel is survived by her daughter Mavis (Jim) Weiler of Westby, sons, Perry (Laura) Sorenson of Billings, Daryl (Donna) Sorenson of Westby, and Stan (Robyn) Sorenson of Gurnee, IL; Twelve grandchildren, D'Ette (Kirby) Erickson, Tiana Weiler, Tim Weiler, Sharla (Paul) Winston, Shawn (Carrie) Alexander, Ryan (Cristy) Alexander, Jesse Sorenson, Kolby (Justin) Carrier, Jeremy Sorenson, Nichole Sorenson, Josh Sorenson, Sara (Troy) Venhorst; eight great grandchildren, Kallie, Lexi, and Blake Erickson, Ginger Tomlinson, Stephanie Wildman, Sabrina Venhorst, Oliver Alexander and Tage Carrier, and three great great grandchildren. Also surviving are four sisters in law: Doris Johnson, Loretta Johnson, Borgny Haroldson, and Ingrid Ebstein; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and special people that adopted her as "theirs".

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Palmer, daughter Lavonne Alexander, brothers, Oliver, Albert and Norman, her sister Harriet Rosebrook, and infant sister, Hazel.

"Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies." Prov 31:1

Mabel's funeral service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby, MT on Tuesday March 4, 2008 at 10:00am with interment at St. Johns Cemetery. Pastor Barb Westhoff officiated and the eulogy was given by her son Perry Sorenson. Kendal Tangedal was the organist. Serving as ushers were Mabel's goddaughter Arlene Hove and two of her City Cafe Girls, Karla Christensen and Mary Petersen. Pallbearers were: Ryan Alexander, Jeremy Sorenson, Tim Weiler, Shawn Alexander, Jesse Sorenson, Joshua Sorenson, Ed Retzer and Allan Ekness. Honorary bearers were The American Legion Auxiliary, Staff at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home and St. John's WELCA. A luncheon was served after interment at the church.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood had charge of the arrangements.



Bring Your Favorite Easter Bunnies For:

Easter Sunday Buffet

*At the
Prairie Kitchen
Westby, MT*

Menu Includes:

*Home Cured Ham
&
Roast Beef*

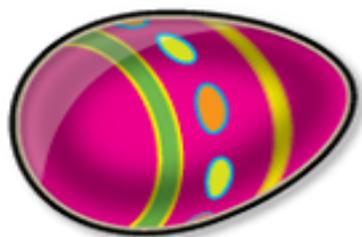
*Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable
Full Salad Bar
Desserts & Drink*



All for only \$9.25 each

Special rates for kids under 12 years of age

Serving from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



*We will be closed on
Monday, March 24th.*

The Westby Border News...



**Even the Easter Bunny
has a subscription...**

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