

# The Westby Border News



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## *Catchin' the Waves on the Grand Princess*

*written by Joylene Novota (Class of 1966)*

Over half (28) the members of the group came from Mesa, AZ, although their home bases were in Anchorage, Butte, Chester, Spokane, Westby and points in-between. Classmates gathered from Fargo, Sidney, Helena, Westby, Casper, Plentywood, Havre, Polson...they all joined together on Saturday, February 23, 2008 on the Grand Princess cruise line for a 7 day journey of recollections and new memories to be made. This was the first day of the second reunion cruise for Westby-ites!!

Managing the over-all plans for bringing everyone together was former travel agent, Marlene Olson Anderson, class of 1962. She adeptly kept everyone unruffled and assured with procedures in place to bring over 50 Westby colleagues in concert on the high seas of the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico as everyone enjoyed the balmy evenings of scenic ports of call! Not bad for the product of a dry-land farming lass!! The entire group sends "Job well done with cheers of appreciation to Marlene"!

We left Port Everglades about 5 PM on Saturday and began the memories with the "Ja'maicain Me Crazy Sailaway Party" – no country western music was heard on those specialty drums! Of course, soon we were meeting and greeting at the evening dinner with the usual fare of appetizers, soup, salad, entrees, desserts, coffees, wines...and too many choices which left us thinking, "I want to try it all!" The nightfall choices of entertainment brought us the Grand Adventure Showtime featuring the Grand Princess Singers and Dancers and also a hilarious comedian, Al Katz – clean-cut, no less! The fun had just begun!!

Sunday was spent at sea, with the waters serene and beautiful blue in color. Temperatures hovered around 80 degrees. In the late afternoon, a Westby Reunion Party was held on Deck 17 in the Skywalker Night Club – sort of reminded me of the futuristic looks of the Jetsons!

Hugs and visits and "who are you" wishes were exchanged along with good cheer among the assembly of cast-mates! The "Welcome Aboard Cocktail Party" hosted by Captain Nicholas Carlton and the ship's officers was held prior to the lovely evening meal with everyone in formal attire. It didn't take long to become accustomed to all the various choices on the menu, even though at times we didn't know what many of the items were – the experience was what counted! Because the Academy Awards were taking place in Hollywood, the evening theme centered around the movies. We were again entertained by a fantastic production in "A Tribute to the Silver Screen", another comic and magician was on hand to make us ask, "How DOES he do that?", and the big band night gave us an opportunity to fox trot, waltz, cha cha and tango!

Monday began with a short hike off the ship into Ocho Rios in Jamaica, our first port of call. Between all the people on board – approximately 3000 – probably at least 50% left the ship to shop, tour and take in the sights, and probably at least 90% of them were brazenly approached by native Jamaican's trying to sell us anything from taxi rides to beads to t-shirts and much, much more!! It was a hot and sultry day, and the water bottles were emptied quickly. Many enjoyed the stop – and extra long stay for some! – at Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville. Tours were also explored, jewelry was purchased, souvenirs were sorted, and most returned to the ship with lighter wallets!

A highlight of the evening was the tribute to the great Motown artists with lots of colorful costumes, dancing and the music we remembered! There were also occasions to take in a little Karaoke Madness, try your stakes at 50's and 60's Trivia, jitterbug at the Rock 'n Roll Party and just sit under the stars – the waters were calm, and the skies were clear.

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*\*\*Not pictured: Mavis Weiler — Mavis was called away on an emergency.*

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Tuesday was an early call into Grand Cayman with delightful beaches, the 7 Mile Beach, coral reefs and either a jewelry store or bank in every direction!! There are approximately 800 banks on this tiny island! We were “tendered” into the port, meaning each person had to be transported to and from on a small vessel. Grand Cayman offered novelty tours, a trip to Hell and back, a chance to see a turtle breeding farm, and a touch of the UK since the Grand Cayman is under British rule. Hell? Yes...there is a small area on the island that was dubbed Hell in the 1930’s by a Commissioner from England. If you’ve ever traveled through the Craters of the Moon in Idaho, Hell is very similar with sharp beds of limestone and dolomite with holes and pockets and pock-marked forms of rock which are covered with algae and are black in color. Some of us made a stop there, and it really was “hotter than H\_\_\_\_\_”! Even the devil was trying to take advantage of the cooler, air-conditioned Devils’ Hangout Gift Shop! The main attraction of the evening was a female singer who belted out songs that are standards from several eras of music-land. A Tropical Island Night Deck Party kept the dance lines moving with the limbo, conga and Caribbean coconuts! Of course, the midnight buffet was everything and more, anything you could imagine with spectacular ice sculptures, and a line-up of food presented with all the creative and artistic genius of the chefs!

Wednesday came an hour later due to turning our clocks back to central time for our port of call at Cozumel, Mexico. Cozumel is Mexico’s largest island off the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula. Until 1961, this area was basically unknown. However, it all changed when Jacques Costeau declared Cozumel to be one of the most beautiful scuba diving areas of the world. We once again tendered into shore for most of the morning as the smaller crafts kept the passengers on target for more tours, more shopping, and more exchange of dollars! The weather became more blustery, and we actually wished we had brought our jackets with us on shore as the temperatures continued to drop due to a cold front moving through. The wind moved into high gear, making our visit less and less comfortable. Returning on the tenders, the seas had become extremely cold and choppy. The Rock and Rollin’ Coaster was mighty unpleasant, and many of us experienced the seasickness green colors! For those who maintained their sea-legs, the showtimes of fun continued late into the night with a comedy hypnotist, a ship’s crew talent show and the offerings of dancing and game shows.

Thursday caught us early as we had to move the clocks forward again for our day at sea. The ocean was not as calm, and the weather delivered distinct higher-humidity coolness due to the cold front we’d confronted the prior day. The pools were closed due to the high winds. The ice carving presentation brought fewer people to an upper deck. However, there are so many activities on a cruise that it makes it difficult to make choices – and there’s always additional shopping!! In the afternoon, the Westby mates met again for visiting, class photos, group photos, more card games, catch-up conversations, more prizes (our thanks to the various Westby businesses for their donations – all winners wanted something that denoted

“Westby”!), drinks and news updates from home! All ages and backgrounds mixed and mingled for more memories! It was also the evening of our second formal dinner, and the majority of the passengers were dressed in suits, tuxes, evening gowns, glitz and glamour. Of course, the dinner menu was enhanced with even more tempting treats such as lobster dripping in butter and decadent ‘loveboat’ deep, dark chocolate dessert! The spectacular evening show, “Do You Wanna Dance?” was definitely impressive and memorable, and it left most of us wanting more, more, more as it was so outstanding. (Side note comment here – because my husband and I are deeply involved in the entertainment business, we were checking out lighting systems, sound boards, colored gels and lighting frames, drooling over the capabilities the ship afforded to bring the shows to life – they were amazing! This particular show was especially exceptional.) The celebration continued onward with a champagne waterfall party, a variety of musicians, comedians, dancing and movies.

Friday arrived all too soon, after thinking on Monday...“It’s only Monday!!”...We sailed into the Princess Cays with its beautiful, white sandy beaches, and we again tendered into shore aboard much calmer boats due to an exquisite day. Many enjoyed the swimming, snorkeling and simply lying in the sun, basking in the time away from the northern winter! Because we’d lost some seafaring time due to the weather the day before, we had less time on the island than planned, but it was a charming visit, nonetheless. Once we were back on the ship, it was time to enjoy one final and remarkable dinner with our crew mates. Each of our tables had 4 – 8 people, and we all wanted to take our wait staff home with us – they spoiled us with their attention to us and detail of the service! At our table, our head waiter, Dino, was from the Philippines. He was an absolute jewel! Our waiter, Cho, was from Thailand, and he shared with us that his country – and he – had a 10 month contract for his services (renewed on a yearly basis). The waiters work 10 months, 7 days a week, with a 5 hour break during the day. We estimated their day ended about 11 PM and began at 6 AM. They worked diligently to make us happy and comfortable with our dining experiences, and they always had a smile and a fantastic attitude. The dining experience was truly a highlight for everyone! The entertainment on Friday night included more music, dancing, comedy, games and movies. The Farewell Party Bash finished the cruise with a bang! Earlier we had to have our luggage packed and ready to go outside our cabins before 9 PM to begin the steady stream of moving all the passengers off and out of the ship the next day!

Saturday came as we anchored once again at Port Everglades in Ft. Lauderdale. Breakfast was delightful, last minute hugs were shared, addresses were exchanged, and a final good-bye was given to new and old friends. The reunion cruise was complete, and we awaited our calls to go off the ship and into the depot type areas with immigration officers and customs agents. Most passengers were probably many dollars lighter at this point, and the bodies were weary from having too much fun! WOW – what a trip, what memories, and what a great time we had!!

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I have to apologize for changing the font of the recipe column in the last couple issues of *The Border News* and making it so difficult to read. My intent was to dress it up a little, but instead of making it more appealing to the eye it became almost unreadable, especially when we had to reduce the font size because of a space crunch. I will stick to the basics and quit messing with things that don't need fixing. Thanks for the feedback.

I would like to share a recipe we enjoyed for Easter this year-another yummy dessert. A couple months ago I shared a red velvet cupcake recipe that was delicious. Now this classic flavor has been paired with another classic dessert in a "Red Velvet Cheesecake".

### RED VELVET CHEESECAKE

Crust:

1 ½ cups chocolate graham cracker crumbs

¼ cup melted butter

1 T sugar

Stir together and press into bottom of 9-inch springform pan.

Filling:

3-8ounce cream cheese

1 ½ cups sugar

4 lg eggs, beaten

3 T unsweetened cocoa

1 cup sour cream

½ cup whole buttermilk

2 t vanilla

1 t white vinegar

2 (1oz) bottles red food coloring

Beat cream cheese and sugar at med-low speed with an electric mixer, 1 minute. Add eggs, blend on low speed and add remaining ingredients. Beat on low speed just until fully combined. Pour into prepared crust. Bake 325 for 10 minutes; reduce to 300 and bake 1 hour 15 minutes or until center is firm. Run knife along outer edge of cheesecake. Turn off oven and let cheesecake stand in oven 30 minutes. Remove, cool in pan on wire rack for 30 mins. Cover and chill 8 hours.

Topping:

1-3oz cream cheese

¼ cup butter, softened

2 cups powdered sugar

1 t vanilla

Beat cream cheese & butter until smooth. Gradually add sugar and vanilla, beating until smooth. Spread over top of cheesecake. Garnish if desired.

Ron Mickelson, from the WHS class of 1963, emailed me a request for a recipe from this week's memorable cook. Ron explained he was very partial to the slushburgers served at school when he was growing up (For those of you not familiar with slushburgers you may know them as sloppy joes.) and as of yet not been unable to duplicate them. He was wondering if Minnie Bundt's slushburger recipe was still out there somewhere. Minnie was the cook at the school for over 30 years and I'm sure every student who passed through her kitchen has fond memories of her as well as her cooking. Danny's or should I say "Andrew's" favorite Minnie story involves her decision to change his name. She surmised there was already one Danny (Ekness) and that was enough. "Besides," she said, "Danny looks more like an Andrew", and so it was. Until her 106th year Danny was known as Andrew to her which, by the way, he answered to and how he signed all her birthday cards and greetings. According to her granddaughter, Phoebe, Minnie loved her years at the school and her co-workers Minda Lininger, Gladys Wirtzburger, Mildred Rogstad and Palmer Sorenson, became her second family. Minnie was always young at heart and loved people and a good whist game. I remember her as nothing but happy and felt a lesson could be learned from that, as I don't think her life could have always been easy.

Minnie's family remembers her wonderful cooking, including a couple very special recipes for "rolled up things"-a type of rolled dumpling simmered in soup or stew and Marshmallow Delight. I may have to investigate those for another issue. For now, I am happy to share Minnie's slushburger recipe with Ron and the rest of her former students.



## *Minnie's Slushburgers*

1 1/2 # ground beef  
1 medium onion  
1 can of tomato soup  
1/2 C ketchup  
1/2 C tomato juice  
1/ 2 tsp. celery salt  
1 tsp. chili powder  
Salt and pepper to taste

Brown and crumble the ground beef with chopped onion. Add the rest of ingredients and simmer 10 minutes. Serve on buns. Hope you ENJOY. For Life is Good!



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The Grand Princess is elegant and can accommodate 2600 passengers. For those of you who are intrigued by statistics, the ship is 950' long with a breadth of 188', weighs 109,000 gross tons and is registered in Bermuda. It was built in 1998, has a fuel capacity of 2649 tons and a fresh water capacity of 2731 tons. The normal crew size is 1150. The Grand Princess sailed with more people than live in all of Sheridan County! The captain of the Grand Princess originally commanded the Pacific Princess, which was TV's Love Boat. The cuisine was incredible, and behind the scenes are 15 butchers to take care of 5700 pounds of fish and meats prepared daily. In addition, other daily servings include: 7,000 pounds of fresh fruit; 4,500 pounds of potatoes and vegetables; and 6,000 pastries with 24 people in the bakery and the pastry shop baking 300 pies...every day! The ship has 6 dining areas, 3 theaters (including a fabulous Movies Under the Stars theater next to one of the pools), a casino, lounges, 4 pools, a spa, jogging track, digital golf simulators, world-class art collections, gallery and auctions, library, conference center, wedding chapel (where we had group photos taken one afternoon and then got a peek at a wedding on Thursday afternoon when our Westby group got together), teen center, youth center (and youth security!), hot tubs, boutiques...and catering of the passenger for every whim and dream! It really is a floating city. The reunion cruise was special in many ways for many classmates. I end this feature article with highlights of the trip, relayed by many of the Westby passengers. I hope you've enjoyed strolling through the Grand Princess with me, and I would certainly invite you to join another reunion cruise. It's truly an all-in-one vacation and chance to view an entirely different side of life! Bon Voyage!!

**Editor's Note:**

In our next edition we will be featuring more pictures from the cruise, as well as comments from those who attended.

**TERMINAL UPDATE**

As is evident in this aerial photograph of the new grain terminal site located just west of the present elevator, things are moving right along. The last section of the six section pour of the mat pad was completed on Tuesday, March 18th. Once the weather began to cooperate, the mat pad was able to be poured over a two week span in March. With the mat ready, work could begin on the 42 inch inside slip forms, which are pictured here, for the 8 silos, 6 cleaning bins, the surge tank bin and screening bins. Once the outside forms are finished, the slip pour will begin. The target date for pouring the slip is now set for sometime toward the end of May.



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## School Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting  
March 10, 2008  
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District #3 was held on March 10, 2008. 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 7:02 p.m.

There were no visitors at this meeting.

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

Arlene read the minutes of the February 11, 2008 regular meeting and following no corrections or additions, these minutes were approved and placed on file.

The January financial and investment interest reports were reviewed.

**Committee Reports:** None

### **Unfinished Business:**

**A.** The following revised policies were heard for the second time:

- 3110 – Entrance, Placement, and Transfer; Sorenson moved to approve revisions, Westgard 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF
- 4210 – School-Support Organizations; Meyer moved to approve revisions, Sundsted 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF
- 5450 – Employee Electronic Mail and On-Line Services Usage; Westgard moved to approve revisions, Sorenson 2<sup>nd</sup>, AIF

### **New Business:**

**A.** Sorenson introduced a resolution calling for a special levy election on May 6, 2008 and called for its' passage and adoption. The resolution states that the polls will be open at 12:00 noon and close at 8 p.m. Meyer seconded the motion calling for a special levy election and this passed by unanimous vote.

**B.** Sorenson moved to call a Trustee election to be held in conjunction with the special levy election, Westgard seconded the motion calling for a Trustee election, AIF.

**C.** Westgard moved to appoint the following as election judges for the May 6, 2008 election: Lorna Lagerquist, Sandy Elm, and Karen Meyer with Cathy Nordhagen and Connie Meyer as first and second alternates. Sorenson seconded this motion for appointment, AIF.

**D.** If the number of candidates filing for a position and filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is equal to the number of positions to be elected, Sorenson moved to cancel the 2008 trustee election. Meyer seconded the motion, AIF. This action would take place after 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2008. Therefore, the candidate(s) would be elected by acclimation.

**E.** Mr. Koterba reviewed four proposed 2008/09 school calendars. These sample calendars will also be presented to the teachers for review.

**F.** Mr. Koterba gave the transportation report. The bus on route #1 is the oldest route bus. Discussion followed on whether or not to order a new bus for this route for next year. Since there will be approximately 57,000 miles on it by the end of the school year, it was decided not to purchase a new bus at this time. Also, no replacement van will be needed for next year. The school pickup has recently undergone maintenance and repairs and will not be replaced at this time either.

**G.** Ryals read a letter of resignation from Margaret Diann Kaul, who has taught at Westby School at the elementary level for 37 years. Sundsted moved to accept Mrs. Kaul's resignation, effective at the end of the 2007/08 school year, Sorenson seconded, AIF.

**H.** Mr. Koterba read a list of district records (see attachment) that have met their requirements for retention and requested the Board's authorization to dispose of these records. Sorenson moved to authorize disposal of these records, Westgard seconded the motion, AIF.

**I.** Sundsted moved to Coop Girls' and Boys' track with Grenora, following approval of the MHSA, Meyer seconded, AIF.

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# Spring Events...

## WESTBY HOSTS COUNTY SPELLING BEE

On March 13th Westby was home to this year's county spelling bee. Eighteen qualifying participants from county schools in grades 5-8 competed for a chance to advance to the state level. June Johnson, County Superintendent of Schools, gave the welcome and held the official record. Jandy Jorgenson was the pronouncer and Westby school teachers, Shari Olson, Gayle Overgaard, and Tammy Anderson were the judges. Winner was Plentywood eighth grade student, Caitlan Stadstad daughter of Randy and Jill Stadstad. Finishing second and third respectively was Abby Westgard, daughter of Bruce and Chris Westgard, and Tristan Schipman daughter of Lown and Lisa Schipman. Abby and Tristan are both eighth graders at Westby School. Caitlan and Abby were both also presented with \$100.00 savings bonds given by Don and Ardythe Hedges of Antelope.



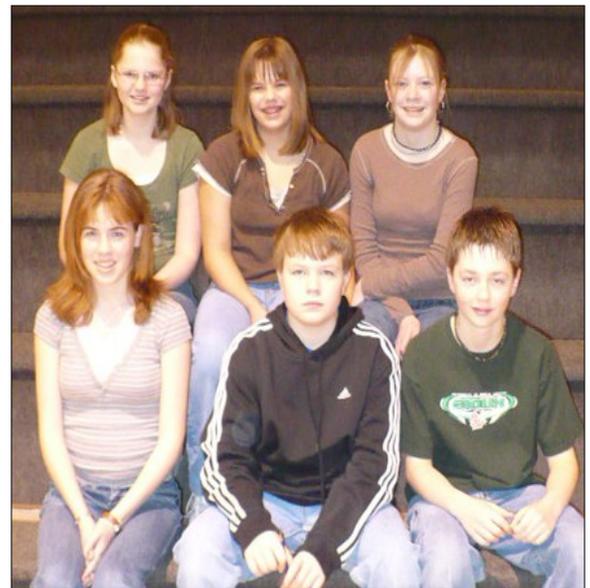
Top Finishers at County Spelling Bee: 1st-Caitlan Stadstad, 2nd-Abby Westgard, 3rd-Tristan Schipman

## OLSON QUALIFIES

Brady Olson had been notified his score in the Montana Geography Bee has qualified him to compete at the state level. One hundred school children from across the state will converge on the MSU Billings Campus on April 4th to compete for the coveted award. Brady is a seventh grader at Westby School and the son of Kelly and Shari Olson.

## JR HIGH MUSIC FESTIVAL RESULTS

The Westby Junior High music students participated in the Spring Music Festival in Scobey on Friday, March 14th. Besides the concert band, a variety of solos, duets, and ensembles were entered. The band received a superior rating as did 19 of the 22 other participating groups. The three remaining groups received an excellent. The band is under the direction of Mr. Greg Janick.



Westby Spelling Bee Participants: Logan Olson, Brett Nielsen, Tristan Schipman, Abby Westgard, Kayla Rust, Makayla Westgard

## 2ND PLACE GOES TO WHS OLIMPIADS

The Westby High School Academic Olympic team participated in the spring meet at Glasgow on March 19th. The team was accompanied by Mr. Nate Olson, their high school history teacher. This year's team had a fine showing and finished 2nd overall. Individual places were as follows: Senior Maria Sundsted-6th-Social Studies, 5th-Science, & 4th place-Math; Senior Derek Hellegaard-6th place Math; Junior-Sasha Carter-8th place-Science; Sophomore-Samantha Olson-8th-Science, 7th place-English; Freshman Colton Hellegaard-8th place-Math. Congratulations on a job well done!



HS Academic Team: Colton Hellegaard, Samantha Olson, Sasha Carter, Maria Sundsted, Derek Hellegaard

## A BIG THANK YOU

The Westby Reunion Cruise was just so great-I want to thank Marlene Andersen & (all who helped her). She did a really great job and every time I needed to know something I called her in Arizona and she had it all put together. "Beautiful big ship" and so many places and islands off the ship that we all went to. It was all so great and loved seeing all the people that I hadn't seen for a very long time but also those that I was friends with for such a long time, classmates that I knew so well-other classmates that graduated after I did. Weather was wonderful except "Cozumel"-the tender was a little scary as the wind was blowing some. Weather on that island was really very nice-you remember it all to the good. The weather was especially great when at that time it is regular winter in North Idaho. So sorry also about Mavis Weiler's Mom and that she had to leave early. Loving thought with her and her family. Thanks to all the sponsors for all the gifts that Marlene had for us on Westby Day-it was very nice. I will be glad to see our group pictures when we get them. Thanks again so much,  
Iona Huber & friend, Jane Granvelle

## Lutheran Parish March

30th—WORSHIP—SJ—8:45 am, SS—9:45 am,  
I—10:00 am, SS—11:00 am, Confirmation—  
11:00 am, Coffee Hour—LYO  
APRIL 1st—Bible Study Leaders Meeting—7:00  
pm

### ...Coming Events...

27th—Parent/Teacher conferences—4:00—7:00  
29th—30thHS Track Meet at Glasgow—9:00 am,  
Grades 4 –9 Plentywood Lion's Youth BB Tour-  
nament  
APRIL 12th—Westby/Grenora Prom in Westby  
18th—19th—District Music Festival in Culbert-  
son  
29th—Top Ten Track Meet at Glasgow

## School Board Meeting (Cont.)

### Announcements/Discussion

-The MUST health insurance renewal rates reflect a 7% increase over last year.  
-Western States Insurance of Helena has been Westby School's property, liability and fleet insurer for several years. Thompson/Collins Agency of Plentywood would like the opportunity to bid the School's insurance and the Board was in agreement with this.  
-The Westby/Grenora Sports Coop Meeting will be held in Grenora on March 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.  
-The boys' basketball away uniforms are six years old and need replacing. The Board was in agreement with replacing these uniforms.

Meyer moved to approve payment of March payroll warrants #10103-10121 and March claims warrants #14426-14468. Sundsted seconded the motion for payment approval, AIF

The February extracurricular financial report was reviewed followed by a motion by Westgard to approve, motion seconded by Meyer, AIF.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Arlene Hove, District Clerk  
Brenda Ryals, Chairman

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Thank you to all the angels of mercy at the nursing home and hospital who cared for and loved our Mother. We hope she helped to brighten your days as much you did hers.

Thank you to Pastors Dave and Greg for ministering to Mom in the hospital. A special thank you to Pastor Barb for your faithful service and visits to Mom over the years.

Dave and Jane, your care for our family during this most difficult time is beyond measure. Thank you. You are a blessing to the whole community.

To all who brought food, called, visited and in any way expressed care and concern for our family - our utmost gratitude. You are the reasons Mom would never live anywhere but here – there's no better place on earth.  
The family of Mabel Sorenson

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# A Day in the Life

Senior Citizens met at the Community Club, Thursday, March 6th. The club hosted the luncheon. Progressive whist winners were Jennie Nordhagen - first, and Renetta Westgard - second. The door prize was won by Mary Mendes.

Adeline Lagerquist recently returned home from various venues of visting and vacationing. She spent a week with Leona Anderson (formerly of Westby) in Billings prior to joining her daughter Joylene and Gary Novota of East Helena. Adeline, Gary and Joylene then flew out of Helena as members of the Westby Reunion group who enjoyed a week on the Grand Princess cruise. They stopped at ports of call in Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, and the Princess Cays. After their return to Florida from the cruise they spent time with friends, and they also visited Gary's only living uncle in Winterhaven. Another fun day found them exploring Epcot. Other stops included a dinner theatre in Hollywood, Florida where one of the actresses is the daughter of a college buddy of Gary's. Due to major storms and weather problems, they had a short overnight stay near the Minneapolis airport and continued on their way back to Helena, arriving a day later than scheduled. Adeline took in some of the activities in Helena before coming back home via Amtrak on March 13th. It is reported that a good time was had by all, and that cruising is definitely a great way to vacation.

Faye and Dick Johnson were in Mitchell, South Dakota on January 25th for their son Terry's birthday and to watch their grandson Garret wrestle. They then went on to Phoenix, Arizona where they stayed with Faye's brother Craig Anhalt. They spent time visiting friends and relatives and sight -seeing. On the way home they spent time with their niece Deana and John Klein in Boulder Colorado. They arrived home on March 10th.

Jolly 12 met at the Westby Community Center on March 10th. Eileen Overgaard was the hostess. Winners in whist were Jennie Nordhagen - first, and Eileen Overgaard - second. Low went to Lorna Lagerquist and Renetta Westgard.

Senior Citizens met at the Community Center on March 13th. The luncheon was potluck. Whist winners were Shirley Quam - first, and Marvin Nelson - second. The door prize was won by Shirley Quam. Guests were Fay Moore and Ruth Brown.

The Westby Lutheran congregation helped Kenny Keldsen celebrate his 80th birthday with cake and coffee after services on Sunday, March 16th.

## JOAN CELEBRATES 75

Over forty people gathered at the Westby Community Center on February 23rd to help Joan Killens celebrate her 75th birthday. Those in attendance were treated to Alaskan halibut, trout and red salmon, compliments of Joan's son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Margie Ubben, of Kotzebue, Alaska and were happy to round out the meal with salads, potatoes and even hush puppies.. Besides Alaska, guests came from, Sidney, Circle, and Medora and Joan's son, David, and his children came in from Billings as well as Joan's special friend, Dick Oksa, who flew in from Arizona. Many others from Sheridan County completed the party. Chuck, Joan's third son, and his family of Washington State were unable to be here at this time.



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