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GRADUATION 2009

Valedictorian

Sasha Lynn Carter

Parents:
Byron & Shelly Carter

Future Plans:
Attend Dickinson State
College

Friday, May 15, 2009

7:00 PM

Speaker: Diann Kaul
Retired Westby Elementary School
teacher. Taught in Westby for 38
years and still resides there with her
husband, Floyd.

Cord Cameron Schipman

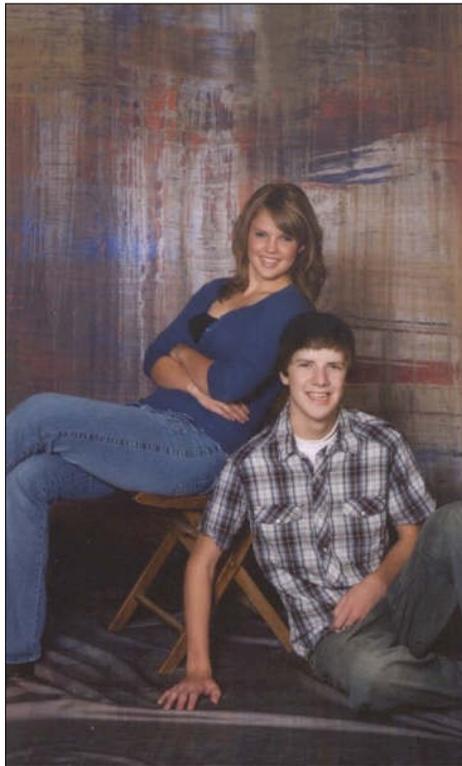
Parents:
Lown & Lisa Schipman

Future Plans:
Move to Wyoming to work in
the coal mines

Class Flower: Red Rose

*Class Colors: Black,
Silver, & White*

*Class Motto: We all take
different paths in life,
but no matter where we
go, we take a little of
each other everywhere. -
Tim McGraw*



Class Of 2013

Bobby Bice
Tess Bjorgen
Brady Olson
Kayla Rust
Makenzie Westgard
Makayla Westgard

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

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

A Day in the Life

By Sandy Elm

Westby Senior Citizens met at the Community Center on April 14th. The lunch was pot-luck. Progressive whist winners were Marvin Nelson first, and Renetta Westgard second. The door prize was won by Dennis Kittelson.

The Hi-Line card club met on March 28th at Beverly Olson's. Evadine Lane took first, Joan Olson second, and Violet Larson third.

Michael and Cheryl Anderson, Alec, Natalie, Samantha and Abby from Watertown, South Dakota spent the Easter holidays with Howard and Irene Nielsen, Eric and Cindy Nielsen and family, and Kim and Susan Meyer.

the Chester and Beverly Olson home were Cathy and Terry Tommerup of Worland, Wyoming, Wende Jenness and Kegan and Noelle of Worland, Roxy Cope and Arielle and Zander of Billings, Val Knully of Worland, and Marie King of Reserve.

Karen and Vance Meyer spent Easter in Seattle with their daughter Vanessa and Frank Feldhaus and family.



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NOTICE

**The May
Westby School Board
Meeting has
Been postponed to
Tuesday, May 12,
2009 at 7:00 p.m.**



WESTBY LYO INSPIRING

The Westby Lutheran Youth Organization lead an inspirational worship service, which was a perfect mix of music and message, at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 26th. The service was a culmination of the Western States Youth Gathering the LYO attended in Anaheim, California, this past summer. The group is preparing for a service they will deliver at the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch near Billings this spring. On Saturday, June 6th, the LYO will be sponsoring a Christian concert and pizza party for the students at the ranch and then stay to help with the Chapel Service on Sunday. The Westby group will venture to Red Lodge prior to their commitment to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch to enjoy some of the outdoor activities the area has to offer.



Pictured: Back row- Tristan Schipman, Hallie Westgard, Kylie Ryals, LYO Leader Sue Meyer, Abby Westard, Leader Brenda Ryals, Samantha Olson, Sasha Carter Front row- Taylor Nielsen, Willie Bice, Terrance Bjorgen, Brett Nielsen





Val's Recipe Corner



“April shower’s bring May flowers.” That being said, we should be enveloped in bloom this spring. That is, of course, unless a little snow thrown in the mix negates the theory. Just as spring’s work seemed to be at hand, Mother Nature threw us another curve ball. It was only April 29th, why would we ever, for a minute, believe that ‘old man winter’ was ready to tuck in for his three month hiatus. Moisture is, generally, never a bad thing in NE Montana so in the end we will be happy, but did we really need more snow and bad roads? The morning of April 30th, roads both east and west of town were bad with snow and slush and the plows were once again called out to break trail. Up to eight inches of snow was reported in some areas, with close to three inches of moisture recorded in parts of Sheridan County. In the municipality of Westby, there was about three inches of snow on the ground and an inch of moisture recorded. As I said, in the end we will be happy, but right now we just want SPRING!

I promised to wish my other “old” friend a Happy Birthday at the appropriate time and since May 12th is just around the corner, it seems the time is right. I’ve known her since, back in the days, she was known as Joan Wilson from Watford City and right through the time she became Marlene. However, I am much too young to go back as far as the period of time when she was a significant part of “The Big Four” and the Triple Trio.

Despite her age, she is very young at heart and we had a wonderful time celebrating the two milestone birthdays (hers and the other “old” friend I mentioned a couple weeks ago) this past week. We gathered friends and pulled off a big surprise when classmate Susan (Hove) Arthur, who lives in Seattle, arrived for the party. It was lots of fun, food, and reminiscing about old times. Susan will join the ranks of her classmates in September and plans are already underway to mark the occasion with more of the same.

A party isn’t a party without food and we had a beautiful spread. There isn’t room for all of the recipes, but I will share a few today and, perhaps, more in a future issue. Eileen brought these savory little morsels to the party and they were one of the favorites.

SAVORY THREE-CHEESE POCKETS

2 ounces pepperoni, finely chopped
 1 (4-ounce) jar mushrooms, drained and finely chopped
 2 T finely chopped black olives
 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
 1 t dried oregano, plus extra for garnish
 ½ t garlic powder
 4 T grated Parmesan cheese, divided
 1/8 t each, salt and pepper
 4 mozzarella string cheese sticks
 1 (14 ounce) can refrigerated pizza dough
 3 T bottled Italian dressing, divided
 Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine pepperoni, olives, cream cheese, oregano, garlic powder, 2 T of Parmesan and the salt and pepper. Stir well. Cut each cheese stick into six, ½ inch pieces. On a lightly floured surface, roll out pizza dough into a 12-by-18 inch rectangle. Brush dough with 2 T Italian dressing. Cut into 24 equal pieces. Place one piece of mozzarella cheese and a scant tablespoon of pepperoni mixture on each square. Bring all four corners together above filling and pinch to seal. Brush with remaining Italian dressing and sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese and extra dried oregano. Place bundles about 1 inch apart on a baking sheet. Bake 15-20 minutes. Serve with warmed pizza or marinara sauce. Makes 24 appetizers.

This is one of my favorite appetizer recipes, of course, I have so many I’m not sure if that is significant, but this has the perfect combination of cheese, fruits and bread with a great mix of chewy and crunchy, as well as sweet and salty. It pairs beautifully with a great glass of Sauvignon Blanc.

I found toasting the bread in the toaster oven worked better than in the skillet. I also had better luck with thick slabs of Puglese rather than foccacia bread because it is denser and toasts better and is sturdier for the toppings once the crusts are removed.

PEAR AND GOAT CHEESE BREAD TART

- 1 recipe Candied Apples or Quince, below
 - 1 10- to 12-inch diameter sourdough round loaf (boule) or foccacia
 - 2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
 - Sea salt (preferably fleur de sel)
 - 1 cup crumbled goat cheese (about 6 oz.)
 - 2 Tbsp. fresh thyme leaves
 - 2 Tbsp. finely shredded lemon peel
 - 2 semi-ripe pears, cored and sliced
 - Finely shredded lemon peel
- Prepare Candied Apples or Quince recipe, reserving syrup for serving. Preheat oven to 400 degrees .

Remove bottom crust from round loaf by slicing a thin horizontal slice from bottom with a long serrated knife. After removing crust, create a 1-inch-thick horizontal slab of bread by cutting off the top of loaf (set aside remaining bread for another use.) Generously brush both sides of bread slab with olive oil until it is absorbed into the bread.

Preheat an extra-large, heavy-bottom skillet over medium heat for 4 to 5 minutes. Place oiled bread slice in heated skillet. Cook 2 minutes or until lightly browned. Turn; cook the other side 2 minutes more or until lightly browned. Transfer toasted bread slice to baking sheet. Lightly sprinkle with sea salt. In small bowl gently toss together the crumbled cheese, thyme leaves, and the 2 tablespoons of lemon peel; set aside.

Arrange Candied Apples and pears over bread slice, sprinkling cheese and thyme mixture between layers.

Transfer to preheated oven. Bake 10 to 12 minutes, or until cheese begins to lightly brown and the tart is heated through. Top with additional shredded lemon peel and serve with reserved Candied Apple syrup. Makes 10 servings.

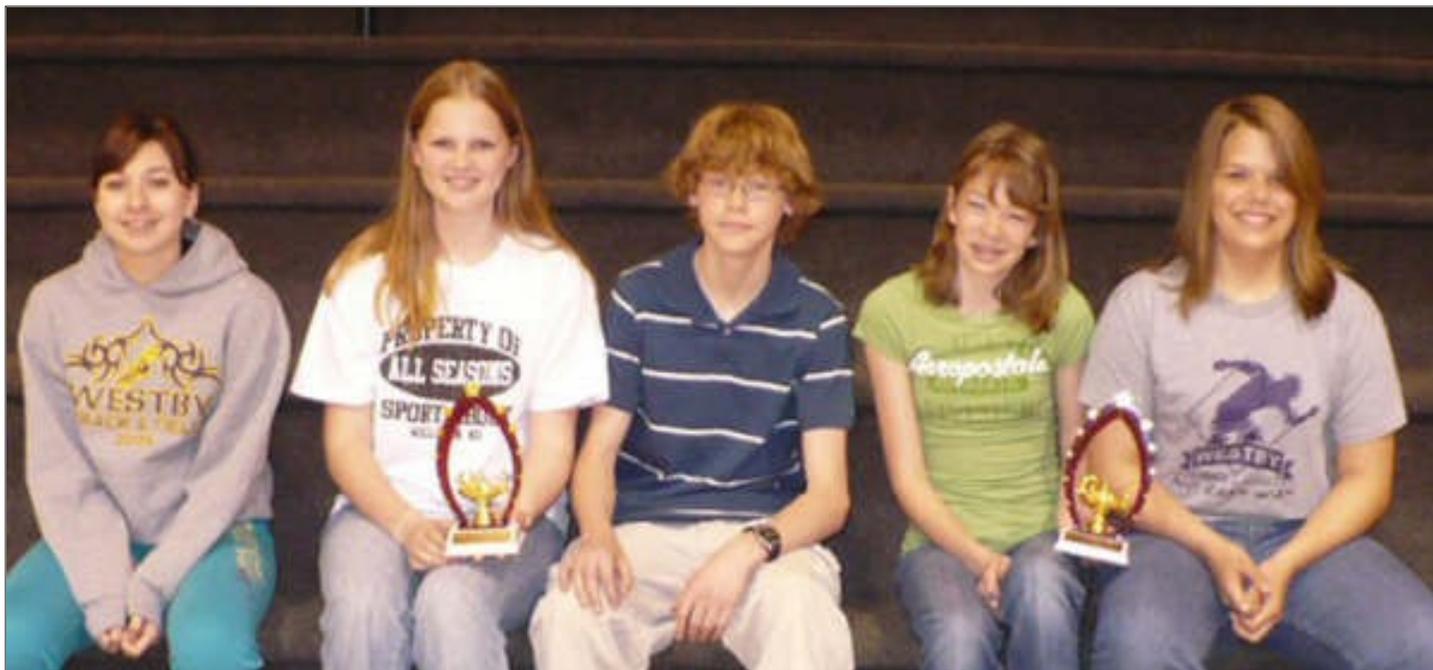
Candied Apples or Quince: Peel 2 large apples or 1 large quince (about 3/4 pound) and quarter lengthwise. Slice the core away from each quarter. Cut each wedge in thin slices. In medium saucepan combine the sliced apples or quince, 1 cup water, 1/2 cup Riesling wine or apple juice, 1/2 cup granulated sugar, 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar, and 1 cinnamon stick. Bring to boiling over medium-high heat. Reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes for the apples or 1 to 1-1/4 hours for the quince, or until tender, stirring occasionally. Strain apples or quince, receiving cooking syrup. The syrup should be the consistency of warm honey. If not, return the syrup to pan to reduce more. Remove cinnamon stick; discard. Stir in 2 teaspoons lemon juice. Cool to room temperature before using.

Asparagus is always a treat and is the one element of spring "old man winter" isn't going to get away with depriving us of. This appetizer is extremely simple and be put together ahead of time and baked at the last minute.

PASTRY WRAPPED ASPARAGUS SPEARS

1/2 pkg frozen puffed pastry, thawed at room temp for 40 minutes
24 stalks of asparagus (thicker stalks work best), trimmed
Garlic & Herb Cheese spread (such as Alouette)
1 beaten egg white
Preheat oven 400 degrees. Spray 2 baking sheets with cooking spray.
Unfold puff pastry on lightly floured surface. Flatten out pastry and spread with Garlic & Herb Cheese to cover. I used about 3/4 of the container. Cut pastry into 12 strips about 3/4" wide. Cut each strip in half so they are approximately 3/4 inch by 5 inches. Wrap one strip of pastry around each asparagus spear, spiraling down the stalk, cheese side in. Lay spears on baking sheet, 12 per pan. Brush pastry with beaten egg white. Bake 10-15 minutes until pastry is puffed and golden. Serve immediately. 12 servings. (I brushed the asparagus with olive oil and sprinkled them with sea salt before wrapping in pastry). The asparagus made be made ahead of time, refrigerated and baked just before serving.

Happy Birthday Arlene!
And
Happy Mother's Day Mom!
Hope you all Enjoy!
FOR LIFE IS GOOD!



Pictured left to right: Tess Bjorgen, Kayla Rust, Thayne Ekness, Sophia Ekness, & Makayla Westgard

JUNIOR HIGH ACADEMIC OLYMPIC CHAMPS

The junior high academic Olympic team consisting of eighth graders Kayla Rust, Tess Bjorgen, and Makayla Westgard and seventh graders Thayne Ekness and Sophia Ekness captured first place in both the written and oral competition in the meet held in Glasgow on April 22nd. In individual results Kayla placed 1st in Math, 4th in English, & 5th in Science. Tess-5th science and 6th in Social studies. Thayne was 5th in Science, 8th in Math, & 10th in Social Studies. Congratulations to all of you.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Danny & Val for hosting our "over the hill" birthday party. Thanks to Susan (Hove) Arthur for coming home to surprise us. Also, thanks for the gifts, phone calls, cards, wonderful food and all the great company! We had a great time.

Arlene & Beatie

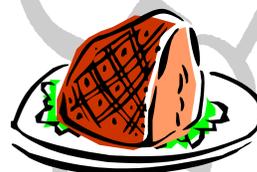
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School Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting
April 14, 2009
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District #3 was held on April 14, 2009. Brenda Ryals, 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.

Visitor at this meeting was Suzi Ekness.

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

The Clerk read the minutes of the March 9, 2008 regular meeting and the minutes were approved and placed on file.

The February financial and investment interest reports were reviewed.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports: Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Koterba reported that the heating/air conditioning units have not been ordered due to differing opinions as to their effectiveness. While one company says they will work well, another company says that the units will not supply sufficient heating. Mr. Koterba would like to hire a mechanical engineer before we proceed with purchasing these units. The Board gave their unanimous approval to hire a mechanical engineer for this task. The new clock system will not be ordered until more information is gathered about such a system. The carpeting for the four classrooms has been ordered, to be installed this summer.

Negotiations were completed last year for 2009/2010. The base on the salary schedule was raised by \$1,000 to \$25,000 which equates to a 5.65% increase for classified staff.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

A. Mr. Koterba reviewed the district's budgeting needs for 2009/10. The General Fund will require 20.84 mills to remain at last years' level; the Building Reserve levy was approved last year for five years @ \$45,000 per year; the Transportation Fund is a permissive levy, probably requiring 0 mills; therefore, a levy election will not be necessary on May 5, 2009. Sorenson moved to approve these budget levels, Westgard seconded, AIF.

B. Sorenson moved to continue the contract with Interquest Detection Canines for 2009/10, seconded by Sundsted, AIF

C. Arlene explained the need to increase the Petty Cash Fund maximum from the current \$150 to \$250, due to a monthly wire transfer fee of \$10.00, necessitated by the 403B common remitter requirements. Sundsted moved to increase the Petty Cash Fund to \$250.00, Sorenson seconded, AIF.

D. A letter of resignation from Greg Janick, music instructor for the past two years, was reviewed by Board members. Westgard moved to accept Mr. Janick's resignation, effective at the end of the 2008/09 school year, Sundsted seconded, AIF for accepting this resignation.

E. Mr. Koterba recommended that all remaining teachers and classified employees be offered a contract for 2009/10. Westgard moved to offer said contracts, Sorenson seconded the motion for re-election of all current staff members, AIF.

F. The 2009/10 bus routes were reviewed, wherein Aldon Joyes will be added to the north route. Ryals moved to approve these routes, Sundsted seconded, AIF.

G. One written application was received for the summer student janitorial positions, that being Hallie Westgard. Sundsted moved to hire Hallie at the Montana minimum rate of pay of \$6.90 per hour, Sorenson seconded the motion for hire; all in favor with the exception of Westgard, who abstained from voting. Mr. Koterba has been informed that Derek Hellegaard, former student janitor and currently a college student, is also interested in employment at the school this summer. Since this will be Derek's third summer as a student janitor, Sorenson moved to hire Derek at the rate of \$7.40 per hour (\$6.90 + the traditional .50 third-year increase), Sundsted seconded, with Ryals and Westgard abstaining.

H. The Grenora/Westby Coop Athletic Board Agreement was reviewed. It was felt that another meeting with Grenora would be in everyone's best interest in order to expand upon the terms of the coop.

I. Mr. Koterba explained possible scenarios for next year's Montana District, Divisional and State Basketball Tournaments.

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FOR RENT

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.

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Upcoming Events

May

- 5th HS Top Ten Track Meet at Glasgow
- 6th Westby Golf Meet at Plentywood
Awards Night—6:00 PM
Jr./Sr. Banquet in cafeteria following
Awards Night
- 8th Elementary Music Festival Gr. 6-8
in Plentywood
- 11th Golf Meet at Scobey
- 12th Grades 5-12 District 2-C Track Meet
in Sidney
- 15th Westby Graduation—7:00 PM
- 18th—20th State Golf in Malta

Lutheran Parish May

- 4th-5th Cluster Pastors' Retreat &
Meeting at UMM
- 6th Imm Afternoon Bible Study—1:30 PM
- 10th WORSHIP
SJ—8:45 AM, Aff. Of Baptism,
Holy Communion, I—10:00 AM,
Confirmation—11:00 AM, Last—SS
- 12th Immanuel Men's Fellowship Meeting
7:30 PM
- 13th LYO Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14th Immanuel Evening Bible Study 7:30 PM
- 17th WORSHIP
SJ—8:45 AM, I—10:00 AM, Aff. Of
Baptism, Holy Communion



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School Board Meeting Minutes

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Announcements/Discussion

- A. Mr. Koterba gave the 2009 Legislative update.
- B. Mr. Koterba reported that Westby Schools has been granted regular accreditation in all three schools.
- C. No property and liability insurance quotes have been received to date.
- D. The MREA Rural School Conference will be held on June 22-23, 2009 in Billings.

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- E. Westby School recently underwent an asbestos inspection and it was noted that this inspection will be held every three years.
- F. Some of the asphalt surrounding the school and at the track is breaking up, although not badly. Mr. Koterba has visited with the county about patching some of the small holes.

G. Mr. Koterba felt that the Legislative trip for Juniors and Seniors went very well. Trip expenses were reviewed.

Sorenson moved to approve payment of April payroll warrants #10355-10367 totaling \$83,985.25, and April claims warrants #14987-15064 totaling \$83,309.11. Sundsted seconded the motion for payment approval, AIF.

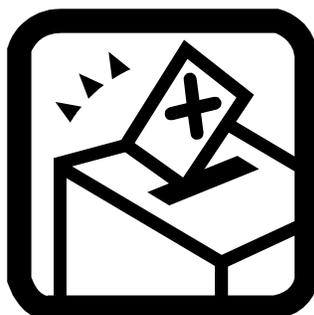
The March extracurricular financial report was reviewed followed by a motion by Sundsted to approve, motion seconded by Westgard, AIF.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Arlene Hove, District Clerk
Brenda Ryals, Chairman

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

Westby School WILL NOT be holding a Special Levy or Trustee election this year.



Therefore, there will be NO VOTING on May 5, 2009.

WDC Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Westby Development Corporation was held April 20, 2009, at the community center President Kolby Ruggles called the meeting to order at 7:40 with Jody, Susie, Val, & Aldon present.

The secretary's minutes were read and placed on file.

The Treasurer's financial report was given. Previous balance was \$7,314.20. There is a new balance of \$7,316.36. A previous balance of \$1,100.95 in The Border News Account was reported with a new balance of \$812.3. A balance of \$518.60 remains in the saving s account and the housing CD balance is \$17, 951.88
Old Business:

MUSEUM

Susie will check with Steve (Ekness) on his thoughts on donating the old Assembly of God parsonage to be used as a museum. If he is in agreement, a walk through would have to be done to assess what repairs would be needed to make it possible to house a museum. Next, it would have to be approved by the city council and a board would have to be formed to oversee.

PARKING LOT

Susie reported she had not checked with all the owners of the lots on the corner, but WDC feels the city council needs to be brought in on this project before we move forward. She will take care of this. The state application will be sent in after all other necessary steps have been taken.

WEB SITE

Steve has not yet talked to Tracy-we need to move forward with this to transfer the Border News over to the new site. There have been problems with the old site.

BY LAWS

Aldon brought the proposed changes in the by-laws for a first reading. The first proposal will change the number of board members from 13(thirteen) to 9(nine).

The second proposal reads a majority of members at any meeting will constitute a quorum.

The third proposal reads annual dues will be \$15.00 per member per year.

These proposals will be voted upon at the May meeting.

PRAIRIE FEST-July 11th

There have been a few changes in the agenda. The Old Time Fiddlers were unable to attend this year, but Kolby booked in the Hellegard Trio. With Hellegard's Westby roots, we were very happy to have them. We will check with the 50's reunion for their interest in and the Hellegard's on whether they would like to play after the BBQ, as well.

Val asked Nate Olson and Carrie Gibson about their willingness to display their taxidermy collection. Together they have quite a number of examples of wildlife. They were in agreement if a location can be found. Jody will check on using the firehall.

Confirmed events include:

Lion's Breakfast 7:00-10:00 at the school cafeteria

Community Auction 9:00

Jody Lagerquist talked to Butch Haugeland about consignments. A 10% fee is charged by his auction service. Anyone may bring items to the auction. Items may be consigned or donated to the WDC. Jody will be making a list of items to be posted on the auction bills so anyone with items of interest should notify him. This needs to be done ASAP. Any questions may be directed to Jody at 385-2474. The location has tentatively been set at the ball park. Susie will take care of any lunch that will be served.

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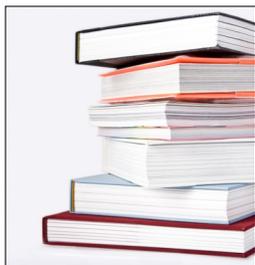
TAXIDERMY EXHIBIT location TBA

HELLEGARD TRIO 3:00-5:00 Community Center

BBQ 5:00 Main Street

Susie has a call into someone in Crosby about pony rides for the children.

Meeting adjourned 8:49 Val Moore, acting secretary



Book Club

By
Arlene Hove

Whistling in the Dark

Author: Lesley Kagen

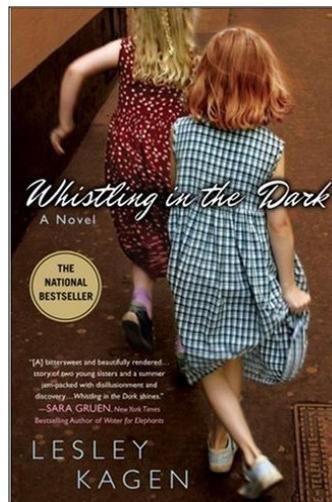
If you know that a “soda jerk” is not really a guy with a bad attitude drinking a Cola, or your mother saved S&H green stamps and wore Evening in Paris perfume and “red light, green light, hope to see a ghost tonight” was a game you played with your friends after dark, then this is exactly the book for you. Our book club members really, really liked this book.

“It was the summer on Vilet Street we all started locking our doors.....” Sally O’Malley made a promise to her daddy before he died. She swore she’d look after her younger sister, Troo. Keep her safe. But in the summer of 1959, ten year old Sally is finding that promise increasingly hard to keep. Their mother is hospitalized with a serious infection, their abusive no-account stepfather abandons them for the bottle, and their big sister, Nell, who was left strict instructions to take care of the girls, is too busy making out with her boyfriend to notice that her charges are on the loose. And so is a murderer and molester.

The highly imaginative Sally is pretty sure of two things: who the killer is and that she is next on his list. Sally does her utmost to protect Troo and herself, in whatever way she can, relying heavily on the kindness of neighbors.

We are introduced to an interesting, endearing and varied cast of characters, all the while the sisters are experiencing disillusionment and discovery in the summer of ‘59. Kagen’s novel is all at once charming, mysterious, and bittersweet.

Do read this beautifully rendered story of a time not so long ago, when life was not as innocent as it appeared.



*Enjoy a Weekend Filled With
Scrapbooking & Card Making.*



Date: Friday May 8th 7:00pm-Tired
Saturday May 9th 8:00am-Tired
Sunday May 10th 8:00am-Tired

Place: Westby Community Center

Questions: Call Jody Bednarczyk 385-2252

“There will be little rubs and disappointments everywhere, and we are all apt to expect too much; but then, if one scheme of happiness fails, human nature turns to another; if the first calculation is wrong, we make a second better: we find comfort somewhere. “

Jane Austen



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