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Class of 2012 - Westby High School

Speaker: Dan Saint
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Motto: Life's not the
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the moments that
take your breath
away. ~ Unknown



VALEDICTORIAN:
TRISTAN SCHIPMAN

The public is invited to an open house reception to be held at the Westby Community Center immediately following the ceremony for Tristan, Abby and Waylon and to the home of Eric and Cindy Nielsen for Brett's reception.

CLASS OF 2016

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CO-OP SOON TO HAVE ITS OWN IDENTITY

The votes are counted and the results are in. The co-op board, including members from both Westby and Grenora, has announced the winning name, mascot, and colors, chosen by students and community members alike, for the newly formed athletic co-op between Westby and Grenora Schools. The winning name and mascot decided upon was **Mon-Dak Thunder** and the corresponding colors will be **black, metallic gold, and white**. Although it is expected to pass, final approval on this recommendation from the co-op board will not come until boards from the respective schools vote at their upcoming meetings. The Montana High School Association also has given the co-op permission to join the Eastern C, 6-man football league beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. The conference will include Ekalaka, Hysham, Jordan, Terry, Richey/Lambert, Savage and Rosebud. Golf was given the go ahead from the MHSAA as a co-oped sport, as well.

Once final approval is given, the co-op board will go to work on by-laws, expenditures for new uniforms, and hiring a football coach. A school song will also be picked with the help of the band directors from both schools. Superintendent Tony Holecek noted, "Despite the anticipated increase in enrollment in both schools due to oil activity and related services, there is no guarantee the students will be interested in athletics and our combined high school numbers would still be significantly less than most other Class C schools." The time is right to not only build a future and competitive athletic program together, but to build pride with new traditions to serve both communities for years to come.

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5	18	36	47	69

ASSEMBLY WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

The Westby Assembly of God Church welcomes a new pastor. Holly Anderson of Crosby, North Dakota, will serve the local parish the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Pastor Anderson is a graduate of Evangel College of Springfield, Missouri. A lay minister will preside the alternate Sundays. Services are held each Sunday at 10:30 AM. All are welcome.

LYO PREPARE FOR ANNUAL EVENT

The Westby Lutheran Youth Organization is preparing for its annual spring rummage and bake sale. The date has been set for June 9th and will be held at the West Fire Hall. Anyone having items they wish to donate may call advisor Shari Olson at 385-2299 or 385-7023. Arrangements may be made to pick up items or a drop of site will be designated in the near future.

HELP WANTED

Westby School District # 3 is accepting applications for the following positions: for the 2012-13 calendar year:

ASSISTANT CUSTODIAN

Please contact Tony Holecek, Superintendent of Schools Westby, MT, at 406.385.2225 for details.

This may be a good time to clean out those closets, garages, drawers or any other areas where junk has accumulated in preparation for the 2013 WESTBY CENTENNIAL.



I've been sulking. Feeling kind of lost, slighted, left-out as you would when you have been worshiped (or at least highly regarded) all your life and all of a sudden you become second fiddle. My little sister is 12 years younger than I (although we are often mistaken for twins, other than the time I was mistaken for her children's grandmother), so of course growing up she thought her big sister was pretty awesome and I, in return thought it was neat to have a baby sister (except when she tattled on me, like the time when at 4 years old she told our parents I was smoking in the car). As adults, we have continued to be very close, that is, until Betty came into the picture.

It all began back in about November, Pam and her husband decided to remodel their kitchen with hopes of having things back in order in six weeks. Well, we all know how remodeling goes and six weeks turned into almost six months. In the process Pam found Betty. She even went so far as to call her, her new BFF. Betty helped console her and week after week it was Betty who made Pam feel like things would eventually all work out and be worth it. All I heard was Betty this and Betty that. "Every conversation began with "I can't wait 'till you meet Betty. You are going to love her!"

Cooper (Pam's youngest) loved Betty, too (even my nephews were starting to turn on me). I thought, "What does this Betty have that I don't have?" I was starting to get resentful. The last straw was when Pam told me she and Betty were going to be spending a lot of time together cooking and baking. Just because Betty had a reputation for putting out suburb baked goods and her capabilities brought cooking to new heights, doesn't mean I should have to take a back seat. How could she toss me aside so easily? I needed to meet this Betty!

The moment had arrived. Pam's newly remodeled kitchen was almost done and she couldn't wait to host Easter. We were all excited to see the finished project and of course, Betty would be there, too. Wow! I hate to admit it, but I was blown over. Betty was everything Pam said she was. She was indeed big, beautiful and very capable of cooking and baking on all levels. I guess if I have to play second fiddle, I don't mind if it is behind Betty. In fact, if Betty lived near me, she could indeed become my BFF, too!

Pam and Betty shared a couple (out of a hundred or so) of their new recipes with me. Both look delicious and with berries plentiful, it is a good choice for this issue.

STRAWBERRY BALSAMIC FLAT-BREAD W/ GOAT CHEESE AND FRESH MINT

2 packages (about 5 teaspoons) active dry yeast
1 cup warm water (between 110 and 115 degrees F)

3 cups of flour, divided into 1 cup increments

(Recipe continued on next page)

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1 teaspoon orange zest
1 cup thinly sliced strawberries
coarse sea salt for topping
1/2 cup goat cheese crumbles
good quality balsamic vinegar, for drizzling
1 tablespoon fresh mint, coarsely chopped

In a large bowl, sprinkle the yeast over the warm water. Stir to dissolve. I use a fork so I can mash and stir any yeast clumps. Add the flour and blend together until smooth. Cover and set in a warm place to rise for 1 hour. After the mixture has risen, remove the covering and stir in 3 tablespoons of olive oil, sugar, and orange zest. Add one cup of flour and stir to blend. Add the remaining cup of flour and salt and work together into a dough. Place dough on a lightly floured surface and knead for 5 minutes. If the dough is too sticky, add up to 1/3 cup more flour and knead. Dough will be slightly sticky, and that's alright. Clean out the large bowl and coat with 1 teaspoon olive oil. Place dough in the bowl, and flip it over so that it's entirely coated in oil. Cover and let rise in a warm place for 1 hour, or until doubled in size. Punch the dough down and knead for just a minute, before pulling and stretching the dough into a 16x9-inch rectangle. I used a rolling pin to help me to this. Place on a greased baking sheet and let rise for 30 minutes. Place a rack in the center of the oven and preheat **Betty** to 375 degrees F. When dough has risen, use your fingers to make random indentations in the puffed dough. Drizzle with olive oil. Top with sliced strawberries, and sprinkle with coarse sea salt. Bake bread for 30 to 35 minutes, until golden, crisp and baked through. I rotated the pan once, halfway through baking. Remove from the oven and allow to cool for 10 minutes. Remove from the baking pan, slice into squares with a pizza cutter and drizzle with balsamic vinegar, goat cheese, and fresh mint. Serve.

This bread is best served within 2 days of baking.

Arlene also tried this recipe for the spring We Bee Quilters pot luck to cheers all around.

RASPBERRY LEMONADE BARS

Preheat **Betty** to 350 degrees

CRUST:

9 tablespoons unsalted butter (1 stick, plus one tablespoon)
1/4 cup (50g) superfine sugar (or regular granulated)
1 cup (100g) of unbleached all-purpose flour
pinch salt

FILLING:

1 1/2 cups (287g) superfine sugar (or regular granulated)
3 egg whites
1 egg
2/3 cup (150mL) freshly squeezed lemon juice (from 3 lemons)
2 tablespoons lemon zest (from 2 lemons)
2/3 cup (65g) unbleached, all-purpose flour
pinch of salt
1-2 cups (150-275g) of frozen raspberries, defrosted
1 tablespoon confectioner's sugar

Line a 8x8" square baking pan with a strip of parchment paper (8x14") that covers the bottom and overlaps on either side. (This is so after it cools, you can pull out the entire pan of bars and cut them neatly. You can omit this step completely, though. You don't even need to butter the pan.) Cream butter, sugar, and salt with an electric mixer. Mix in flour until just incorporated. Flour hands and press dough into 8x8" square baking pan, so that it comes up about a 1/2 inch around the sides. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until slightly golden brown. While it cools, prepare the filling. Whisk sugar, egg whites, egg, lemon juice and zest, flour, and salt in a large bowl. Pour raspberries into a sieve and press through to extract all the pulp and juices. Whisk into lemon mixture and pour into crust. Bake for 30-35 minutes until filling is completely set. Let cool completely. (I help mine along in the freezer for about an hour.) Using the overlapping edges of parchment paper, gently lift the dessert from the pan. Cut into 16 squares. Dust with confectioner's sugar.

ENJOY

for

Life is Good!

THORPE

Hulda D. Thorpe, age 98, passed away in Minneapolis, MN on May 2nd, 2012.

Hulda was the fourth of eight children born to Ole and Augusta Haugen, homesteaders in Elkhorn County. Although she was only nine years of age when her father died, she always remembered his gentle love for his children. Her mother was able to keep all eight children together, a great feat at that time. Her uncle, Ray, came from Norway to help until he married a local girl. After that, the children helped their mother and some worked for other families to help with the family finances. Hulda attended North Montana College in Havre, MT and received her teaching certificate, after which she taught two years each at four one room country schools in the Westby, MT area until 1943, living with a local family at each school. She often said all the students were well behaved and wanted to learn. She married Stanley Thorpe in 1939 and they had one daughter, Cynthia. They bought and ran the Gamble Store in Westby and farmed until 1959 when they moved to Vergas, MN. She attended Moorhead State College in Moorhead, MN in the mid-1960s and received her degree. She then taught special education at Frazee, MN until she retired in 1979. She always loved teaching and took an interest in the personal lives as well as the education of her students. After retiring, she moved to the Minneapolis suburb of Brooklyn Park where she lived across the street from her beloved sister, Ethel Dahlin. She joined a local Baptist church where she taught an adult Sunday School class until she was 94. She was an active church participant all her adult life and loved studying the Bible and teaching others.

Stanley Thorpe died in 1974. Six siblings also predeceased her: sisters, Agnes Peterson, Ethel Dahlin and Lillian Darth and brothers, Ingebrit, Olaf and Arne. She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Moore and her sister, Sylvia Day.

Funeral service 11 AM Wednesday, May 9, with visitation one hour prior to service at North Center Baptist Church, 6601 – 68th Ave. No., Brooklyn Park, MN. Interment Glen Haven Cemetery.

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Fundraising will involve efforts to raise an additional \$100,000.00 by August, 2012, in anticipation of groundbreaking this fall. The fundraising committee is in hopes cash contributions combined with planned fundraisers will help attain this goal.

The congregation feels a new fellowship hall is not only essential for its members, but will be a very important asset to the whole community.

Your tax-deductible contribution may be dropped at the church office or mailed to:

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Attn: Building Fund, P.O.
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Thanks again, Westby Prom Party Committee





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The seventh meeting of the Westby Centennial organization was held on Monday, April 23, 2012 at the Westby Community Center. Co-Chair Val Moore called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. with 21 committee members present. The secretary's report was read, corrected, and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved. A new balance of \$28895.94 was noted.

Old Business

Committee Reports

Logo Committee

Karen Meyer stated that Vance Meyer will contact Bob Southland about the signs for the Centennial celebration.

Website Committee

Val Moore reported that there were 40 online registrations, 32 recipes, 171 Facebook friends, and 514 page views to date on the Westby Centennial website. Tracy will update the registrants by class. Mavis Weiler inquired about parade entries being added to the website. A question was asked about the registration process for family members. Val noted that if there are questions, you may contact Tracy at her email address, which is

loopy_fruits@hotmail.com. Some of the classes have a blog and events on the site. Julie Leininger inquired about photos and order forms for the souvenirs for the website. That is something that should be able to be worked out on the website. Marlene Anderson will research the PayPal for the centennial web site for the ordering of souvenirs.

Fundraising Committee

Marlene Anderson reported that approximately 6 souvenirs are ready to be ordered at a cost of about \$7500.00. These items will be offered for sale at the Prairie Fest and thru the year, as well as other items that will be added to the list of souvenirs. Some of the items mentioned were hats, jackets, sweatshirts, pottery mugs, wine glasses. The committee would like to have a souvenir stand for the Centennial Kick-Off at the Prairie Fest day on July 14, 2012. They would also like these items available on the Centennial website. Gene Kavon made a motion to pay for the souvenirs ordered out of Centennial funds. Leann Westgard seconded the motion. Motion carried. A few of the souvenirs will be ordered within the next few weeks. The fundraising committee is planning a raffle that will be held during the Centennial kick-off on July 14, 2012. They also have some activities planned for that day.

Registration Committee

Sandy Elm reported that they have an additional 7 registrations and some donations that she received in the mail. She passed the donations on to the treasurer, Gene Kavon. The registration committee has a letter composed that they intend to send out to reach some of the public that do not use a computer. They are hoping to reach everyone with a registration form and schedule. Sandy will talk with Tracy Johanson to discuss the website registration. Beatie Petersen noted that there is not a charge for the registration, but noted how important it is for people to register for a food count.

Food Committee

Beatie Petersen contacted a vendor in Williston for the Friday night meal and the Saturday night meal.

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The contact had favorable references and is willing to cater the meals with help from the food committee and volunteers to serve the meals. They have not provided a cost estimate at this time. They are looking at a menu of hotdogs, hamburgers, and beans for Friday night. They will not make salads due to the lack of refrigeration for the salads. The Saturday night menu includes BBQ beef, corn on the cob, and rolls. Al's Meats will cut up the beef that has been donated for the event, and will also make up the hamburger patties for Friday night. The food committee is looking for a group to provide the breakfast for Saturday. Beatie has checked with some of the local groups, and will check with a few groups out of town. The food committee will put out some ads for interested parties. The Sunday morning breakfast will be taken care of by the Food Committee.

Publicity Committee

Deanna Hellegaard reported that Arlene Hove brought in a flyer from a prior celebration. An approximate cost of \$940.00 was quoted for about 3000 flyers. That price would include 1 color. 2000 would be included in the local paper and that would leave 1000 for handing out. The ads for the Westby Centennial will begin in the paper after the Plentywood celebration is over. One ad may soon be placed for recipes, registration, web site information, and souvenirs. Val Moore will work with the fundraising committee to set up the ad. Marlene Anderson stated that she has only received about 80 recipes to date, and 500-800 recipes are needed. Marlene encouraged people to submit recipes on a form she passed out. If you need a form, please contact Marlene.

Adult Entertainment

Karla Christensen reported that the tent she tried to get for the band is unavailable. Karla will check with Williston to see if there is a tent available. A discussion was held on the band for Friday night. Karla had checked on Dudley and the Deadbeats, a 5 man band that has played in Williston and Crosby. They are noted for playing to all age groups. The cost would be \$600.00. It was agreed that Karla should book the group. Karla also contacted some individuals about a fashion show; she is waiting for an answer on the fashion show. Instead of a talent show, Karla is inquiring with some locals to do entertainment on a free stage. Also, Karla will check into a time slot for Chuck Ubben, who is interested in a wine tasting event. Robin Solberg reported that they have not received any pictures for the power point presentation. She encouraged people to submit pictures for the event presentation.

Kids Entertainment

Leann Westgard reported that Shannon Gebhardt and Misty Solberg will work on this committee. They are making inquiries and will have a report for the next meeting. Robin Solberg stated that Cheri Jensen is willing to serve on this committee. Inflatables were discussed, and will be considered.

Parade Committee

Mavis Weiler reported that she had visited with Paul Hanson from the Plentywood Centennial group and will get contact information from him for the parade.

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Clean Up Committee

A discussion was held on identifying what needs to be cleaned up, and the idea of a letter being sent out to remind people about cleaning up their property for the Centennial celebration. Val Moore mentioned that there was a discussion being held about having 3 days designated for free dumping at the Plentywood Landfill in the next few months. Warren Overgaard suggested that the Centennial crew help identify and contact owners to cleanup lots. A suggestion was made to send letters to the public and post signs concerning a designated cleanup day or days, and maybe that would help involve the community to assist with the park and city clean up. A discussion was held on which group the letter should originate from. A suggestion was made to set up a scheduled community clean-up day.

Park Clean Up Committee

Cliff Johnson reported that there is still a lot of work to be done at the Park. He reported that Tony Holecek mentioned that he could probably get some of the school students to help with some clean-up for Earth Day. Cliff mentioned there are still a few trees that should be cut down, and some stumps that need to be removed. A discussion was held on a community clean-up day that would include the park. Warren Overgaard stated that the park bathrooms are ready for use.

The Community Center clean-up was discussed. Marlene Anderson has asked the city for some materials for the improvement of the community center.

Val Moore reported that she hasn't had a response yet on the Air Base Memorial site or representative. She will continue to work on that project.

An inquiry was made as to the status of the Museum. The museum board will be meeting soon concerning the museum plans.

New Business

A report was given on the Centennial Kick-off scheduled for July 14, 2012 in conjunction with Prairie Fest

Some of the Prairie Fest events include the Lions Breakfast & Bingo, Carnival, Raffle, Slider, Suds, & Soda Competition, Souvenir Stand, and possibly a rummage sale. The fundraising committee is looking for carnival prizes.

Val Moore asked Kolby Ruggles to check into music for the Prairie Fest Day.

A discussion was held on the next meeting date. It was suggested that the group meet monthly, with the meetings to be held on the third Monday of the Month. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

A discussion was held on a float to be entered in the Plentywood Centennial Parade. Gene Kavon has taken care of a location to build the float, and will secure a trailer. Please be considering float ideas. Val Moore mentioned that after the Plentywood celebration, the Plentywood motels would be able to book rooms for the Westby Centennial celebration. Mavis Weiler suggested that Val check into motels in Crosby.

Gene Kavon reported that the Plentywood Centennial group felt that they had enough help for their events.

Marlene Anderson reported there was a fundraising and registration event held in Arizona this past winter for the Centennial. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Brenda Ryals
Secretary

ELM

Funeral services for Frances Elm were held at 2:00 PM Friday, April 27, 2012. Frances died Monday afternoon, April 23 at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood; she was 99.

Frances Elm was born December 30, 1912, to Martin and Mary Carlson at Browns Valley, MN. She passed away at the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home April 23, 2012, at the age of 99. She and her parents moved to a farm southwest of Westby when she was one year old.

She attended a small rural school; riding her horse through snowstorms at times. There were many interesting stories of her life during the dirty thirties. She worked as a hired girl for neighbors and threshing crews in the fall during harvest. Then in July 1936 she married Alfred Elm. They bought a farm near Westby and dedicated their lives to farming until Alfred suddenly passed away in October 1981. They both enjoyed their grandsons who would ride their motorbikes across country to visit them. Her grandsons and great grandchildren were the highlight of her life, and she was a loving grandmother to all of them.

Frances was an excellent cook and took pride in keeping a nice home. She loved spending many hours working in her flowerbeds and garden. Frances stayed on her farm until July, 2001 and then she moved to Westby for a short while until she required assisted living. So LaCasa in Plentywood became her home for a number of years and then the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred, her parents, her two younger brothers, Floyd and Loren Carlson, and her son-in-law, Charles Mangel. She is survived by one daughter, Dolores Mangel (Bob Spoklie) and five grandsons, Alan (Carol), Darrell (Sonja), Russell, Douglas (Carla) and Chad (Lisa). She is also survived by ten great grandchildren, Bridget (Brian) Kalloch, Cote (Staci) Mangel, Brent (Jenna) Mangel, Scott Mangel, Heather (Dusty)Wirtz, Dustin Mangel, Derek Mangel, Spencer Mangel, Zoe Mangel and Charlotte Mangel. She also has six great-great grandchildren,

Savannah Kalloch, Mason Kalloch, Mallory Kalloch, Carson Mangel, Gracee Mangel and Parker Wirtz.

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