

# The Westby Border News



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## USPS TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE AREA SERVICE

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, approximately 75 people from the greater Westby area attended a meeting called by the United States Postal Service. Representing the USPS was Ken Bates out of the Billings office. Most, if not all, believed Bates was there to



The first inkling of the possibility of a change in service came in the form of a recently distributed survey. In the survey, the USPS mentioned reducing services with no intent or details about results. The survey left residents few op-

gather information in regards to the reduction of service by the Westby Post Office in relationship to its residents' desires and needs. The audience soon learned the meeting was called to inform about, not to discuss changes.

tions with the best case scenario reducing the hours from eight to four hours a day. Because the letter seemed vague, many chose to ignore the survey as a four-hour-service-day seemed unacceptable.

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## IMMANUEL ACCEPTS BID

Following a meeting of the Immanuel Council and the building and fundraising committees, a unanimous decision was made to accept the bid from Tamerack Construction for the ground level addition to house the new fellowship hall, Sunday school rooms, and handicapped accessible bathrooms. The groups met with architect Alex Tommerup who answered all questions and concerns about the plans as well as addressed his past experience with Tamerack Construction and therefore his recommendation to go with this commercial contractor. Tamerack is based out of Missoula, but has ties to the Bainville area. Weather permitting, construction will begin immediately and if all goes as planned, ready for occupancy long before Easter.

**The Westby Board of Trustees, at its regular meeting October 8, 2012 has resolved to sell or dispose of the following items:**

3 compartment Beverage-Air refrigerator- purchased in early 1980's- no longer holds temperature- runs on 3 prong-110 volt  
Wurlitzer piano- purchase date unknown  
Single stack- four station weight machine- Currently in adult weight room

*If after 14 days there is no appeal to the resolution, the District will sell or dispose of the property.*

## HOUSE FOR SALE IN PLENTYWOOD

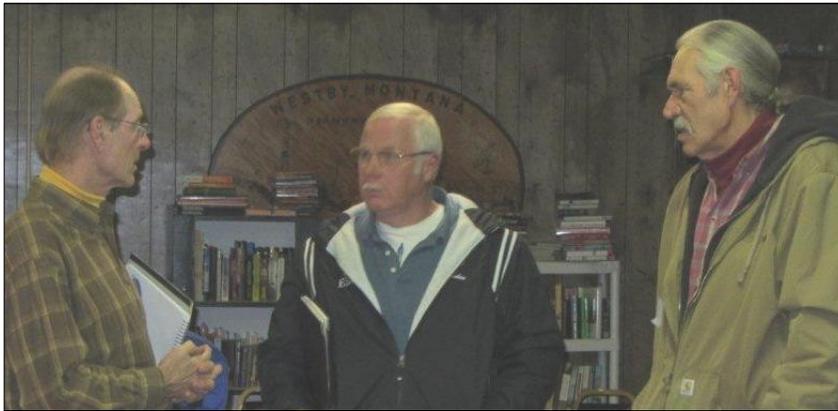


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## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Al Joyes of the Sheridan County Planning Board, County Planner Doug Smith, City Clerk Lyndon Lagerquist, City Councilman Jeff Ekness and approximately 30 interested community members met with Brent Moore and Dave Dixon consultants with CTA



Pictured: Al Joyes, Lyndon Lagerquist, and County Planner Doug Smith

(architects and engineers) to discuss issues and concerns about growth and ways to guide development and organized expansion using an updated growth policy.

CTA, Moore and Dixon specifically, were hired to facilitate these meetings and write an updated growth policy, but it is up to the communities to implement them.

The last growth policy was established for Westby and Sheridan County in 1982 and the need and desire for an update are obvious.

A growth policy covers many issues based on what is important to each community and its residents. Moore, a community planner, listed several areas where new goals are often addressed: land use - namely, where is growth appropriate; economic action- how to financially achieve goals; housing actions-housing and lot inventories; transportation action; public facilities - capital improvements; parks and natural resources; and employment.

Community members voiced their concerns ranging from the capacity of the city water and sewer systems to emergency services and road conditions.

Community members voiced their concerns ranging from the capacity of the city water and sewer systems to emergency services and

road conditions. One very important tool Moore stressed to help achieve community goals is to be prepared and have explicit plans with exact desires and needs in place. He said, "I saw this over and over again in North Dakota. Communities

who knew what they needed and went after it, most often got results because they were prepared when the oil impact money came in. Some communities chose to sit back and do it all on their own. That works too, if in the end your results match your expectations." Financing these goals is many times the biggest obstacle to achieving them. When exact needs and desires are defined, it is much easier to apply for grants, access oil impact monies or approach major companies for gifts.

Moore and Dixon have taken the information they have gathered and are presently working on a draft for a new growth policy for Westby, Medicine Lake, Plentywood, and Sheridan County. In the meantime, Moore suggested the community members come up with "THE TOP TEN THINGS WESTBY NEEDS". This approach worked very well in Medicine Lake and will become the first step in preparing explicit plans with exact desires and needs and hopefully attaining immediate and long term goals.

Watch for further information on a meeting to address "THE TOP TEN THINGS WESTBY NEEDS".

## HONOR AND HONORABLE MENTION LIST FIRST QUARTER WESTBY SCHOOLS 2012-2013

### HONOR ROLL

#### SENIORS

Kayla Rust \*  
Tess Bjorgen \*  
Makayla Westgard

#### JUNIORS

Thayne Ekness \*

#### SOPHOMORES

Cooper Olson \*

#### FRESHMEN

Kevin Rust \*

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

#### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Katie Nielsen

### HONORABLE MENTION

Makenzie Westgard

Logan Olson

Madison Pulvermacher  
Fallon Garman  
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Can you hear the Thunder roar? It has been a phenomenal journey, the birth of the Thunder. In one short season the girls' volleyball team and boys newly formed 6-man football team have made a name for themselves. If you listen, there is newsprint chatter, radio chatter and local sports TV chatter and they are all talking up the MonDak Thunder. With hard work and determination, the formerly unheard of MonDak Thunder have put themselves on the map.

If there was any doubt about the success of the full-time sports consolidation between Westby and Grenora, it can surely be put to rest. The success of the 2012 season thus far has sealed the deal. These kids and coaches will always be responsible for bringing the Thunder together. The two schools' students, coaches and fans are behind them all the way and school spirit and pride has never been better.

The girls' volleyball team has had an outstanding year and is headed for their first ever state tournament after capturing the divisional tournament title in Sidney this weekend. WOW!

The boys may have lost this weekend, but they can hold their heads high. They played like they did all year- with everything they had. They are still winners in the eyes of the fans.

In Brady Olson's words, "It's definitely been a storybook season. I went in with high hopes, but I didn't expect to be as good as we are. I thought we could be competitive, but it's going way better than I ever would have imagined."

And don't think the roar of the Thunder has abated, soon after the girls make their mark in Bozeman, this bunch of talented boys and girls will hit the basketball courts and I expect the roar will be deafening.

I decided not to mess with the traditional Thanksgiving menu and just offer up this little addition to your meal. These flaky spinach pies can be served as your vegetable side and dinner roll all in one. I think a smaller version could make great little appetizers, too.

### SPINACH PUFFS

1 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed

1/2 cup crumbled feta

1/4 cup minced onion

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 teaspoon chopped dill

1 teaspoon minced garlic

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 large eggs

1 sheet frozen puff pastry (from a 17.3-ounces package), thawed, rolled out to a 12" square, kept chilled

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**RECIPE** *(continued)*

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Cut puff pastry into 3 equal strips. Reserve 1 strip for another use. Cut each remaining strip into 3 squares for a total of 6. Place a square in each muffin cup, pressing into bottom and up sides and leaving corners pointing up. Divide filling among cups. Fold pastry over filling, pressing corners together to meet in center. **DO AHEAD:** *Spinach puffs can be assembled 3 hours ahead. Cover puffs and chill.*

Beat remaining egg to blend in a small bowl. Brush pastry with egg wash (this will give the pastry a nice sheen). Bake until pastry is golden brown and puffed, about 25 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack; let puffs cool in pan for 10 minutes. Run a sharp paring knife around pan edges to loosen; turn out puffs onto rack to cool slightly before serving.

The following are a couple appetizer recipes just in time for holiday entertaining.

**FRENCH QUARTER CHEESE SPREAD**

1 pkg(8) oz cream cheese, softened  
1 tbsp grated onion  
1 tsp minced garlic  
1/4 c butter, cubed  
1/4 c packed dark brown sugar  
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 tsp prepared mustard  
1 c finely chopped pecans, toasted  
-In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese, onion and garlic. Transfer for a serving plate; shape into a 6 inch disk. Set aside  
-In a small saucepan, combine the butter, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce and mustard. Cook and stir over medium heat for 4-5 minutes or until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat; stir in pecans. Cool slightly. Spoon over cheese mixture. **YIELD-8 servings.**

**JALEPENO POPPER CUPS**

1 pkg mini phyllo tart shells  
2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped  
4 oz cream cheese, softened  
1 Tbsp hot pepper sauce  
1/2 c shredded Mexican blend cheese  
bacon bits  
-Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place phyllo cups onto a baking sheet.  
-Stir together cream cheese, shredded cheese, jalapeños and hot sauce in a bowl. Spoon mixture into phyllo cups. Sprinkle bacon bits on top.  
Bake in oven until golden brown, about 15-20 minutes. Serve warm.

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# thunder could be heard from wolf point to grenora and back again

Those who had not heard the Thunder are beginning to notice the rumble. What a weekend for the MONDAK THUNDER. Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> found spirits high and one more hurdle crossed on the road to state competition for both the Thunder football and volleyball squads.

The girls drew a first round bye and opened tournament play on Thursday defeating Culbertson in 3. Stat leaders were Tess Bjorgen with 24 assists, Sophia Ekness with 12 kills and Kori Gunlickson with 11 digs and 3 blocks. On Friday, the Thunder went on to defeat Froid-Lake in 3, qualifying them for the semi-final match against Fairview. The Thunder girls ran into their first hurdle Saturday morning losing in 4 to the Warriors. They would have to do it the hard way.

The girls bounced back with a victory over Lambert in 3. This put them back in the hands of the Warriors.

While the girls were dealing with Lambert, the football team had a mission of their own. A match was scheduled against southern division Custer/Melstone for Saturday afternoon in the first state 6-man play-off game. In short order the mission was accomplished. The thunder built a 42-0 half-time lead and went on to win 50-14. Senior Brady Olson scored 5 of the 7 touchdowns including a 66 yard run. Cooper Olson had three touchdown passes. A two-yard pass to his brother as well as a 69 yard pass to Thomas Field and 50 yards to Thayne Ekness.

Following the football game, the boys headed to Wolf Point to help the girls seal the deal and become the 1-C District Champions. The following sums up the effect the football team had in taking care of the Fairview Warriors and bringing the trophy home.

Virgil Vaupe, a writer for the Hinsdale newspaper shared his thoughts with Westby School regarding the Thunder VB team at the District Tournament in Wolf Point. He wrote, *"That was the most awesome comeback I have ever seen. Down two games twice and to come back and win. Outstanding! The girls seemed to be getting tired and were struggling a bit when the boys' football team came into the gym. It was at that moment I knew the Thunder would take home the heavy hardware!! I believe it might have been otherwise had they (the boys) not shown up to start doing the crazy things that can ignite a team. Their antics on the sidelines made the girls laugh and when the girls laugh and have fun on the court, they are unstoppable."* And so the story goes....The Thunder 6-man football team brings home their first ever playoff win and the Thunder volleyball girls bring home the District 1-C Championship. The boys will square off against Big Sandy on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and the girls are headed to Sidney for divisional action on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LADY THUNDER  
EASTERN "C" DIVISIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS**  
Best of luck at  
State competition in Bozeman, November 8-10

**USPS SERVICE REDUCTION**

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Of those who did return their surveys, the USPS reported the vast majority did select the re-aligned hours (9:00AM-1PM). Many wondered WHY they were being penalized for living in rural America and what it would mean for the future.

Several valid points were raised during the 90 minute discussion.

Since Westby is witnessing vast changes with the Bakken oil exploration moving across the border into Montana, what if the postal employee can't complete the work in four hours? Examples cited included: post office revenue has increased by 37.6 % since 2011, eight new local businesses using postal service, and a man camp north of town in the TAQA oilfield patch. A representative from Nemont reported cell phone usage has tripled in our oil impacted area indicating the amount of growth the area has witnessed.

Bates: "The office will be re-evaluated every year."

The USPS plans to downgrade the current post office employee or OIC (Officer In Charge) to a PMR (Postmaster Relief) with no benefits. The Westby office has not been able to find a PMR to work on Saturdays and fill in for vacations for the past 2 years. It seems the writing is on the wall. The USPS will struggle to retain properly trained employees to work only 22 hours a week.



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This is particularly true when the job market is such that full-time employment and benefits are readily available elsewhere.

Bates: "It is my job to make sure the position is filled."

We are 25 miles from the nearest post office in Plentywood. We are without many of the other services larger communities have to offer-UPS and Fed Ex drop-offs-this could have a huge impact on a business deciding whether to locate here versus another area. Brenda Ryals speaking for New Century Ag, "Rural Montanans rely on the US Postal Service substantially more than citizens in suburban or urban communities. Rural areas need reliable, secure and fast service to conduct business and maintain our way of life. (Continues next page)



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**USPS SERVICE REDUCTION**

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Access to other shipping providers is not available in our rural area. Our Post Office is an important part of our small community, as well as an integral part of our growing business in the Westby service area."

Bates: "All good points. Each office will be re-evaluated every year."

Our biggest fear is once the USPS reduces us to four hours it is our understanding the office can be closed without further discussion or say from us. The post master relief position has been impossible to fill in the past. If you can't get someone to take this reduced position with reduced hours and reduced wages, it seems an easy way to close it with the burden shifted to us because no one was available to take the job.

Bates:" I have seen nothing written that the intent is to close this office permanently. " Since cutting the USPS budget is the objective here, Retired Postmaster Marsha Meyer researched extensively the affect this would have on their budget if this same scenario would play out across America. Believe it or not the facts are: Smaller rural offices are costing the Postal Service 7/10 of 1%. Not a significant saving.

Bates: "Yes, this is true."

Closing unnecessary window service across the country on Saturdays would recoup a significant savings and not discriminate against rural communities. Why has this approach not been taken?

**NEEDED**

A ride to Minot on (leave anytime before 2:00 AM December 26th) Christmas night to catch a plane.

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lutangedal@hotmail.com  
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Bates: "This would take an act of congress. The last time this was brought up was in the eighties and it was shot down."

The bottom line is, the decision has been made and according to Bates, there is no recourse. The Westby Post Office will become a four hour office sometime after Christmas. Probably in January, but it could be as late as February.

Retired Postmaster Marsha Meyer says it is not possible to handle the work load in this amount of time and "never, say never". This area needs to rally together to stop this reduction in service. It is imperative each of us writes our congressman "we adamantly oppose closing rural post offices." Our MT delegates can be reached at:

[www.baucus.senate.gov](http://www.baucus.senate.gov)

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## **Taxpayers of the Westby Community,**

With the 2012 election looming, I feel as though it is important to inform our public about the current legislation we are working under as a result of the last session. The primary objective of SB 329 was to determine how Montana Oil and Gas Tax dollars are distributed to schools. Prior to this legislation, Westby School received a percentage of any revenue generated from oil and gas development within the school district's boundaries. The greater the production, the more income Westby School received. That is no longer the case. Since this legislation has passed, schools are limited to the amount of revenue they are allowed to receive from oil and gas taxes and how that revenue is used.

The impact of this legislation on Westby School has been twofold. First, we are required to deposit an increasing percentage of our oil and gas revenue into our General Fund. In 2010-11 25% had to go to the General Fund, increasing to 35%, 45% and eventually 55% by school year 2014-15. (Previously, because Westby School imposes no mill levies on our taxpayers, we were able to deposit these funds where we felt they would do the most good.)

Secondly, and much more profound, is the limitation on the amount of oil and gas tax revenue we can receive. Each school has a limit of allowable revenue based on the school's general fund budget. Once that limit is reached the school district receives no more oil and gas revenue. Last year Westby School reached the limit of allowable revenue before the end of the school year and the State of Montana kept \$218,913 of oil and gas tax money that we would have been entitled to receive prior to this legislation. In total, the state kept over 13 million dollars of oil and gas taxes that had previously been distributed to schools.

Last year all undistributed oil and gas tax went to the State's general fund. Beginning this school year 70% of the excess revenue will go to the state general fund and 30% will be used to assist other schools impacted by the oil boom.

As you can see, this legislation has had a profound effect on our school district. Indications are that this year the amount of Westby School's revenue retained by the state will be even higher. We hold high hopes that through communication with our legislators we can enact changes that will benefit all the schools in Montana while reducing the impact upon schools located in areas of oil and gas development. Recent discussions lead us to believe that there will again be changes to the current legislation. The impact of those changes, positive or negative, are yet to be determined. I anticipate that I will be spending quite a bit of time in Helena during the upcoming legislative session as I work with other schools and legislators to enact changes that will reduce this impact. My door is always open should you have questions or suggestions.

Tony Holecek, Superintendent  
Westby Public Schools

**Who: Westby and Grenora  
Gr. 4-12 students & community**

**When:  
Tuesday, November 6, 2012**

**Where: Grenora & Westby  
Schools**

**What: The "Real"  
Election**

**Why: Vote for a logo for  
Thunder Athletics**

Seven pieces of artwork have been drafted to be voted upon for our logo. This will primarily be used by our Pep Club for gear and may be used by athletic teams.

**Come and let your voice be heard.**

**Public Voting:**

**Westby School: 1:00-4:00 MT  
Grenora School: 1:00-4:00  
Central**

A fun run/ walk is being organized by the centennial committee in conjunction with the 2013 WESTBY CENTENNIAL to be held on July 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2013. The exact date and time are yet to be determined. Sue and Klm Meyer are the coordinators. To register, please fill out the necessary information and return it with the registration fee.

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STRAND

Inez I. Strand, 88, passed away peacefully, at her home in Port Aransas, TX, with her loving family at her side, on October 18, 2012 after a yearlong battle with cancer.

Inez was born on August 5, 1924, in Glen Ewen, Saskatchewan, Canada, one of two children of Walter and Ruth Arnold.

After spending her early years in North Dakota, Inez married Mark Strand, and they moved to Northeastern Montana where they raised their children. They enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening. One of Inez's favorite jobs was being a disc jockey at the local radio station. After moving to Port Aransas, TX in 1982, she was active in voter registration, enjoyed playing cards and traveling to visit friends and relatives. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, great grandchildren and visiting with old friends from Montana.

She is survived by her two children, Allan M. (Alphee) Strand of Port Aransas, TX, and Debra (John) Higgins of Morgantown, WV; five grandchildren, Michele Higgins, Stacie (Rob) Higgins Boyd, Shannon Higgins, Erik Strand and Alisha (Mark) Strand Mueller; three great-grandchildren, Lauren and Alex Martinez and Cadence Mueller; and a brother Allan (Mary Beth) Arnold of Cedaredge, CO.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years Mark A Strand.

A memorial will be held at Community Presbyterian Church in Port Aransas, TX, at 1:30 pm on October 26, 2012. Her ashes will be buried at a later date in Bowbells, ND, beside those of her husband, Mark.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Animal Friends of Port Aransas, PO Box 301, Port Aransas, TX 78373.

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# school board meeting minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District 3 was held on October 8, 2012. Brenda Ryals, Vance Meyer, Brant Cartwright, Jim Sundsted, Aldon Joyes, Mr. Holecek, Mr. Somppi and Donna Sorenson were in attendance. Chairman Ryals called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Chairman recognized the visitors, Suzi Ekness, Shari Olson, Jennifer Pulvermacher, Mary Shackelford and Susan Meyer.

Donna read the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting. Following one correction, these minutes were approved and placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Clerk's August financial report.

**Public Comment:** Mary Shackelford, Shari Olson and Jennifer Pulvermacher each gave a short presentation on the Differentiated Instruction conference they and Mr. Holecek had attended in July. They appreciated the opportunity to learn different methods of teaching that meet the individual needs of each student, and each thanked the board for allowing them to attend. Mr. Holecek added that he was extremely proud of these teachers and that the cost of the conference was money well-spent by the board.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Buildings & Grounds:** Mr. Holecek reported that the debris has been removed from the yard of the new residence and fill dirt has been hauled in. Yet to be completed are: the front steps, driveway (gravel) and lawn. A decision will need to be reached by early spring whether to install a sprinkler system before grass is planted.

Mr. Holecek would like to solicit bids for the work that needs to be done on the school roof. The school would need to schedule with a contractor by December if the work is to be done next summer.

**Sports Co-op Committee:** As of September the co-op committee had all coaches in place except JH Girls' BB. The new Thunder logo will be chosen by a student vote at both schools the week of October 22. 9 drawings were submitted by students for consideration as the new logo. The band directors for Westby and Grenora will present words and music for the school song at the November meeting. There could be as many as 4 playoff games played in Grenora if the Thunder continue to win their football games. Grenora has offered to let Westby serve concessions at 2 of the games in order to share the concessions income between both schools. Mr. Holecek mentioned that a parent has voiced some concern that volleyball players have to wait for football practice to finish before they can be bused back to Westby after practice when it is held in Grenora, limiting the time students have for homework in the evenings. While he understood their concern, he explained that it is difficult to find bus drivers and cost prohibitive to send 2 buses to practice each day.

## **Unfinished Business:**

**A.** The following policy revisions were given a second reading and submitted for approval by the board.

2312 (Copyright) Meyer moved to approve this revision, Sundsted seconded; AIF.

2312P (Copyright Compliance) Cartwright moved to approve this revision, Joyes seconded; AIF.

2332 (Religion and Religious Activities) Meyer moved to approve this revision, Cartwright seconded; AIF.

2333 (Participation in Commencement Exercises) Joyes moved to approve this revision, Cartwright seconded; AIF.

2335 (Health Enhancement) Sundsted moved to approve this revision, Joyes seconded; AIF.

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# school board meeting minutes

## **New Business:**

**A.** Sue Meyer would like the board to consider purchasing a 4-stack weight machine for the adult weight room. It would be a more versatile option than the existing single-stack machine. B-Fit would also agree to sell the single stack machine on a consignment basis. Sundsted made a motion to purchase this weight machine and have B-Fit sell the old one, Joyes seconded; AIF.

**B.** Mr. Holecek read a letter of resignation from Charles Somppi effective at the end of the 2012/13 school year. Mr. Somppi has been a teacher at Westby School since 1978. Meyer moved to accept Mr. Somppi's resignation, Sundsted seconded and all voted in favor.

**C.** The lease agreement and cost of rent for the new residence was discussed. The board would like Mr. Holecek to contact other schools to determine what they charge for rent and security deposits. This matter will be tabled until the next meeting. Aldon Joyes had another obligation and left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

**D.** Mr. Holecek informed the Board that there are several items that the school is no longer using that need to be sold or disposed of. Cartwright made a motion to adopt a Resolution to sell or otherwise dispose of property and provide notice of such resolution in accordance with MCA 20-20-204. Meyer seconded the motion for resolution, AIF.

**E.** Mr. Holecek presented a calendar of activities for the remainder of the 2012/13 school year. The date of Westby's graduation would be May 17, 2013. Sundsted moved to approve this calendar, Cartwright seconded; AIF.

**F.** Mrs. Sorenson presented Journal Voucher#2013-3 to transfer the expenditure for the Differentiated Instruction Conference to the proper fund and #2013-4 to transfer expenditures for health insurance costs to the proper line item. Ryals moved to approve these journal vouchers, Meyer seconded and all voted in favor.

## **Announcements/Discussion**

**A.** Superintendent's Report: Mr. Holecek informed the board that one of the school's credit cards had incurred a fraudulent charge. The credit card company has been notified, the charges have been reversed and the card has been cancelled.

**B.** Mr. Holecek will be attending MCEL in Billings October 17 – 19, 2012.

**C.** Mrs. Ryals read a card from Donna Sorenson thanking the board for the Thunder Athletics shirts they purchased for the staff. Meyer moved to approve payment of October payroll warrants #10981 – 10993\* and October claims warrants #17111 - 17152. Cartwright seconded the motion for payment approval, AIF.

There was no extra-curricular report presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Donna Sorenson, District Clerk Brenda Ryals, Chairman

\*Payroll Warrant #10983 was voided for incorrect amount.

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The score seesawed in the second half with the Pioneers coming out on top 46-44 ending the Thunders seven game winning streak.

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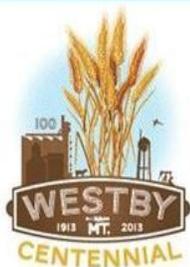
# July 12th-14th, 2013



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The thirteenth meeting of the Westby Centennial organization was held Monday, October 15, 2012 at the Westby Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Val Moore with 8 committee members present. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved. Gene Kavon noted a balance of \$33041.65. Gene explained the new book category as expenses for cookbook material submitted.

### Old Business

### Committee Reports

#### Fundraising Committee

Val Moore reported the cookbook has been submitted to the publisher. Also Gayle Overgaard had finished a brief history of Westby and it was inserted in the cookbooks. She presented a picture of the cover of the cookbook and reported 501 cookbooks have been ordered. She is hoping to have them by December for Holiday sales.

Val requested that the fundraising committee place the souvenirs and pricing on the website for Holiday orders.

#### Registration Committee

Registrations are still coming in; Val Moore plans to put together another ad in the paper to remind people to get their registrations in.

#### Food Committee

Val reported that Beatie Petersen had contracted Angel Light Catering for the Friday evening meal of Hamburgers, Hot-dogs,

Macaroni Salad, Bar, Chips, & Beverage for \$10.00. Beatie contracted Laurel Clawson Catering for the Saturday evening meal of BBQ Beef, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Bar & Beverage for \$9.00. Beatie will have contracts available to be signed by the caterers in January. Beatie contacted the Banks and they will provide napkins and cups, and the caterers will provide the rest of the paper products and condiments. Beatie is still working on the breakfasts and will be contacting a few more groups. She is working on muffins for the continental breakfast for Sunday morning and the food committee will serve that before Church Service on Sunday.

#### Publicity Committee

Deanna Hellegaard stated that the paper would put articles in the paper whenever we are ready. Jody Lagerquist suggested an article be put in the paper before the holidays reminding people of the Centennial dates. Val Moore will put together an article for the paper.

#### Adult Entertainment Committee

Val Moore reported that Darcy Nordhagen and Joylene Novota are working together on their program. Kolby Ruggles reported that she left a message with Brad Wilson regarding the free stage, and she will get in contact with him and the City of Plentywood to check on the stage. Gene Kavon reported that Julie Leininger and Karla Christensen are working on obtaining a tent.

#### Athletic Entertainment Committee

Val Moore reported Sue Meyer has the Fun Walk/Run registration form ready for the paper and website. Sue is working on a logo for the t-shirts for the Fun Walk/Run. Sue lined up Chad Solberg to coordinate the Golf Scramble that will be held during the Centennial celebration.

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## CENTENNIAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

### Kids Entertainment Committee

Val Moore reported that Shannon Gebhardt received a contract from the inflatable company and their committee will look the contract over, sign, and return it with a deposit to the company. Val will ask Shannon to contact Gene Kavon to secure a room for the company. Gene requested we get the rooms that are needed secured by the Motel as soon as possible. Gene is working with Megan Hansen to book the rooms needed for the inflatable company and bands.

### Logistics Committee

Jody Lagerquist wanted to know when he should have the port-a-pottys in place on Thursday. Jody will schedule them to be placed in Westby by Noon on Thursday. Jody is waiting to hear from Sheridan Electric regarding power for the vendors, he will contact them again.

### Old Business

Val Moore hasn't been able to contact Brent Somppi regarding a DVD on the Centennial, but will continue to try to get in contact with him. Val has contacted a few people about the possibility of taking charge of the Opening Ceremony. We will try to put up a board at the next meeting to put the daily schedule of events on. Val talked about the BBQ for the Sheridan County Centennial being held on Thursday prior to the Westby Centennial celebration. She talked with a Sheridan County Commissioner regarding-

the BBQ and the Commissioners will be having a meeting soon and will contact her after their meeting regarding the Sheridan County Centennial celebration.

### New Business

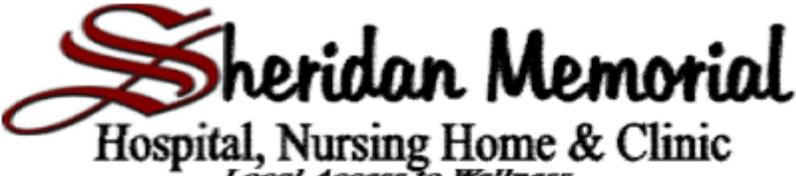
Val Moore reported that Jandy Jorgenson has around 100 koozies that have "Centennial Splash" written on them that we would be able to use for an activity during the celebration. Jandy will come up with an activity to use them with.

Gene Kavon reported that he and Randy Rice had traveled around the Plentywood area to check on areas for motorhomes and campers; they mapped the area so that people coming in to the community would know what area was available to them. Gene suggested we do something similar to that for the Westby Centennial celebration. A suggestion of using the football field for that was made. Val will check with the Parking & Transportation committee to see if they could handle this project. A suggestion was made to work on this in the spring so it could be placed on the website.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Westby Community Center. It will be a combined November/December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Westby, the persimmon of North Dakota towns, is getting its name upon the map.—The Plainsman

Ay, it is true, brother. The News will add, watch Westby develop into a city of permanent business houses and comfortable homes. Five solid business blocks have been bought up to date and, daily, people are coming here looking up locations. This will be a busy place and the glad hand will be extended to me with "git" and "grit" but the men, who will not work, should give this town a wide berth.

## Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Marsland of Clinton were in town Thursday, the former paying the News a visit while his wife called on Mrs. Knutson.

H.E. Grapette, the genial manager of the Hamm cold storage plant, is enjoying life these days with a new automobile sent him by the company. H.E. is a hustler for the interest of Westby.

D.H. Cady of Minot was a Westby caller the first of the week looking up an opening for his brother, a cement contractor, and a good location for himself as an auctioneer. He has not fully decided on what they will do and will make a canvass of the business house for contracts.

## Pleasant Valley Pointers

The ladies aid met at the P.A. Nass home Sunday

The ball players in this vicinity are getting in good trim for the coming season. Two practice games were played at the Nass place on Sunday.

Peter Hjelm and Jack Nass built a house one mile north east of Comer on Monday for Caroline Hallberg.

Hans Nelson of Dooley called on friends here Sunday.

Fred Hjelm went west this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hessenauer were out on their homestead Sunday.

The farmers are nearly through wheat seeding.

## Additional Local

Mr. Slocum came up from the Magic City Tuesday

Dora Jacobson of Ambrose is visiting friends in town.

The family of Wm. Schlosser joined him this week.

Abart Stageberg was in town on business Wednesday.

Bill Petersen paid the News a visit this week and we observed that digging rocks agreed with him.

Geaorge Kittleson was in town Wednesday looking after business. As a director of the Farmers Elevator company, he is, naturally, much pleased that work on the elevator has begun.

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