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NIELSEN'S HONORED AS OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURISTS

Eric and Cindy Nielsen were honored this past week at a banquet in Fargo, North Dakota, as the 2011 Harvest Bowl Outstanding Agriculturist for Divide County. This award is presented annually to agriculturists who have distinguished themselves in the field of agriculture or agribusiness and have given their services to the community and state. The Nielsen's were nominated by Divide County Extension Agent Keith Brown.



The Outstanding Agriculturist Award is part of the Harvest Bowl festivities held each year at North Dakota State University in Fargo. Besides the Harvest Bowl Dinner & Awards Program the honorees also enjoyed a weekend of activities including the Harvest Bowl Bison football game as well as tours and presentations on what's new and -

exciting in the field of agriculture. Topics and tours included beef cattle research, the greenhouse complex, and ND State seed department. Eric and Cindy raise grains and pulse crops using no-till and received the Divide County Soil Conservation Achievement Award. Eric is a past director of the Ag Improvement Association and serves as a Danville Township officer

where Cindy serves as township assessor. The Niensens are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church where they have also held many offices. They have three children: Taylor a sophomore at NDSU, Brett a senior at Westby High School and Katie a fifth grader at Westby School.

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GENE MEYER JOINS ELITE GROUP

Recognizing 21 years of service to America, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service has named Eugene Meyer as a 2011 recipient of the agency's John Campanius Holm Award for outstanding service in the Cooperative Weather Observer Program. The award is the agency's second most prestigious, with less than 30 recipients each year from around the country.

David Brandon, hydrological services division chief with the National Weather Service Western Region Headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Ben Moyer, the meteorologist-in-charge of the National Weather Service in Glasgow, MT presented the award at a small ceremony at The Prairie Kitchen in Westby.

"Eugene Meyer has shown a great dedication to the program, taking daily observations in some extreme weather conditions, with temperatures of 40 below, the coldest he's recorded at Westby, and snow drifts as high as cars," said Moyer. Brandon stated "Eugene, you are in good company as Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin were early pioneers of taking weather observations and in starting the cooperative weather observer program.

Eugene Meyer's 21 years of service have been instrumental in providing dependable, accurate and timely weather observations to the National Weather Service. This past winter, one of the most extreme on record in the region, Mr. Meyer continued to take daily snowfall, snow depth and weekly snow water equivalent observations. This information was critical in forecasting the spring runoff that occurred. The Westby station has been in operations since January 1937, and has a 74 year history of climate records. Being that Westby is an agricultural community, weather is always a topic of discussion. Mr. Meyer enjoys comparing his observations to those of his neighbors, and then reminding them that his are "official."

Cooperative weather observers provide a valuable service to the National Weather Service, our nation and the people who rely on their observations. Eugene Meyer's unselfish service in weather observing and record keeping for the community of Westby and the National Weather Service provide valuable climatic information. The cooperative weather program has a network of more than 12,000 volunteers nationwide. Meyer's reports help the National Weather Service more accurately predict the climate of the region.



Pictured are Ben Moyer, meteorologist-in-charge at NWS Glasgow, Eugene Meyer, and Dave Brandon, hydrology services division chief at NWS Western Region Headquarters in Salt Lake City, UT.

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Danny Moore
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Thank You

I want to thank all who helped me celebrate my awesome 100th birthday. A special thanks to my family for planning and making it a special occasion for me.

Thanks to those who sent flowers (cup and rose), gifts, cards, cakes and candy. A special thanks to Vickie for my birthday cake.

Thanks also to those who traveled from a distance to be in Westby with me. I am thankful to God for my health, my family and my friends.

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Sincerely, Irene K. Stageberg

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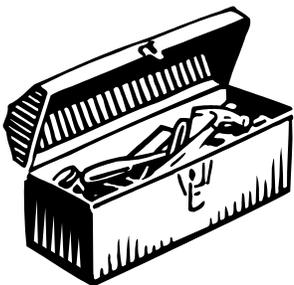
After 21 years, Gene Meyer is ready to hand over the thermometer. Gene has been observing and recording the weather in Westby for 21 years for the National Weather Service. Not only is this information very informative, but crucial for future predictions of climate change and forecast for our area. Daily temperature highs and lows are recorded as well as precipitation amounts. These statistics are sent to the NWS to be archived for future use. Although this is a daily record, observers generally have a neighbor or friend on call to step in when they are out of town.

Any person or persons with questions about or interested in volunteering for this position should call Brian Bureson at the National Weather Service in Glasgow at 406-228-2850 or <http://www.weather.gov/glasgow> <https://www.facebook.com/US.NationalWeatherService.Glasgow.gov>

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“Go West, Young Man,” appears the subliminal cry from the media. While the rest of the nation struggles with continuing unemployment, foreclosures, and general unrest, the outlook and economy has never been brighter or better in North Dakota and eastern Montana.

The latest national media attention to the unusual plight of the region was featured on a new, newsmagazine show on NBC hosted by Brian Williams. The show entitled “Rock Center” premiered on Monday, October 31st, and the lead story was on Williston, North Dakota, and jobs, jobs, jobs. Unfilled jobs, thousands of them and according to Williston’s Mayor, Ward Koeser, for every job filled, one and a half new ones open up. You name the field, maybe even your price. To the rest of the world it must seem a ‘too good to be true’ scenario, but those of us watching the saga unfold know there is complete truth in this chapter of the tale. For those unaware of the reason or reasons behind the phenomenon in Jed Clampett’s words, ‘It’s tea, Texas tea.’ In this case it may be “Bakken, Dakota tea”, but it all boils down to the same thing: ‘oil, that is’. As much as 24 billion barrels of recoverable oil in North Dakota according to Continental Resources founder and CEO Harold Hamm, the man behind the discovery which helped unleash the trapped oil from the depths of the yet untapped Bakken formation.

Every week, every day, it seems every hour, a new tale or chapter is written for this book. A tale about boom, about wealth, about greed, about hope, about excess vs shortages, about breathing life into what seemed doomed to a slow death. The change is inevitable even in our remote little corner of the world. Are we ready? Not by a long shot.... Where do we start? We watch as our neighboring communities with many more resources than we have, struggle to stay afloat. Will it be worth it -for my family, for Westby, for our nation? The end of this story is yet to be written, but one thing has been proven over and over in the first chapters of this very short novel-it is going forward with or without our blessing. I guess it is up to us if we want to help write the book or just buy a signed copy. Whether it’s for the greater good or not, may only be determined by the history books.

Note: Additional information is available on the internet on “Rock Center” and the 10 minute clip on Williston as well as articles on the Williston Basin, Harold Hamm, Bakken Field or any number of related topics.

‘Tis the season for wonderful fall fruits and vegetables. At the moment it escapes me which category the beautiful pumpkin falls in to, but regardless, its versatility goes way beyond pie. A recipe I have yet to try, but have towards the top of the list is Pumpkin Mac and Cheese. The blended flavors sound like a marriage of rich and savory- awesome. I will let you know the outcome.

The Wee Bee quilters, hosted by member Terri McCauley, enjoyed this seasonal treat at one of their recent meetings.

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PUMPKIN WHOOPIE PIES

2 cups brown sugar
1 cup oil
1 16 oz. canned pumpkin
1 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
3 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
½ Tablespoons ginger
1 ½ Tablespoons cinnamon
½ Tablespoons ground cloves
Preheat oven 350 degrees. In large bowl, mix all the ingredients together well. Drop 1 rounded tsp batter onto ungreased cookie sheet or for smoother cookies use cookie scoop. Bake @ 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.

Creamy Filling

1 cup Crisco shortening
1 ½ cups confectioner sugar
¼ cup Evaporated milk
½ - 1 teaspoon vanilla
Pinch of salt
Cream Crisco. Alternate adding small amounts of confectioner sugar and evaporated milk and beat until creamy. Add vanilla and salt and continue to beat for 5 minutes or until light & fluffy.
Can be used for cakes also and I have doubled the recipe. Freezes well. NOTE: cream cheese frosting/filling is another alternative. Beat frosting for up to ten minutes to achieve a fluffy consistency.

These yummy little morsels are studded with dried cranberries and flavored with a hint of orange both in the batter and the creamy filling. Great served with a green salad or piping hot homemade chicken noodle soup.

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE MUFFINS

Filling
4 ozs cream cheese, softened
2 tbsp sugar
½ tsp grated orange
½ tsp orange juice or orange liqueur

MUFFINS

1 ½ cups flour
1 tbsp cinnamon
1 ½ tsp ginger
1 tsp cloves
½ tsp baking powder
½ tsp baking soda
½ tsp salt
¾ cup packed brown sugar
½ cup butter, melted
1 (15-oz) can pure pumpkin
1 egg
1 ½ tsp grated orange peel
½ tsp vanilla
½ tsp orange liqueur or orange juice
¾ cup dried cranberries
powdered sugar for sprinkling
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line muffin tin with cupcake liners. Beat all filling ingredients in small bowl at med speed 1 minute or until smooth. In large bowl, whisk flour, soda, baking powder, salt and spices until well blended. Whisk brown sugar and butter in another large bowl until blended, add pumpkin, egg, orange peel, vanilla and orange juice or liqueur and continue whisking until blended. Stir in flour mixture just until combined. Fold in cranberries.
Fill muffin cups halfway with batter. Make a small well in the center of the batter with teaspoon. Drop 1½ tsp of filling into each well and then fill cups with remaining batter (cups will be full). Bake 30-35 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes 12.

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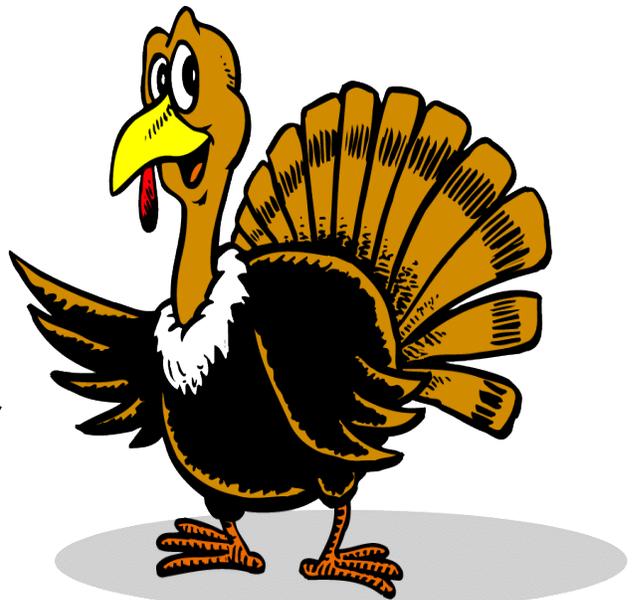
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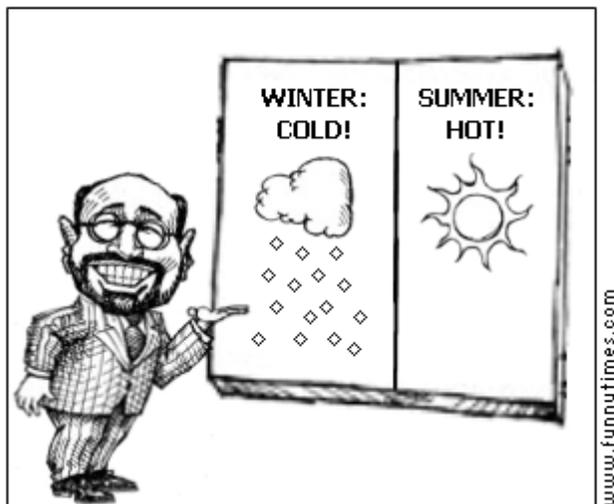
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25, 26, 27***

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CLOSED
November
11, 12, 13***
(Unless a relief cook
is hired)



Totally Accurate Weather Forecast! by Eric Perlin



Westby School Bulletin Board

Tues. Nov. 8 - Parent/Teacher conferences - 4:00-7:00 pm

Wed. Nov. 9 - LYO meeting - 7:00 pm (note change of date)

Thur. Nov. 10 - Senior Citizen dinner - 12:30 pm (RSVP by Nov. 4)

Fri. Nov. 11- JH BB vs. Fairview @ Westby - 4:00-8th Girls, 5:00-7th Boys, 6:00-8th Boys

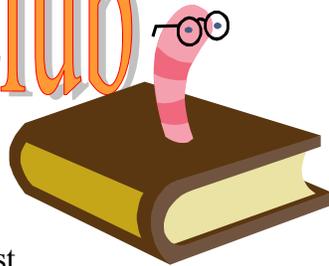
Thur.-Fri.-Sat. Nov. 10-11-12 - State Volleyball tournament in Bozeman

Sat. Nov. 12 - JH BB @ Froid/Lake - Times TBA

Mon. Nov. 14 & Tues. Nov. 15 - Honor Band & Choir in Bainville. The following students will be attending: Makayla, Brett, Cooper, Sophia, Thayne, Kayla, Makenzie, Sabrina, Logan, Waylon, Abby, Tess and Shayla. **Monday** - Bus @ 11:30 - Music students will go to lunch at 11:00 am. Rehearsal from 1:00-5:00 pm; **Tuesday** - Bus @ 9:30 am. Rehearsal from 11:00-7:30

JH BB practice - **Mon. Nov. 7** - Girls-4:00-5:30 (W), Boys-4:00-5:30 (G); **Tues. Nov. 8** - Girls-4:00-5:30 (W), Boys-4:00-5:30 (G); **Wed. Nov. 9** - No practice for girls or boys; **Thur. Nov. 10** - Girls-4:00-5:30 (W), Boys-4:00-5:30 (G); **Fri. Nov. 11** - Games. Vs. Fairview @ Westby; **Sat. Nov. 12** - Games @ Medicine Lake

Book Club



If Wishes Were Horses

Author: Robert Barclay

Hostess: Lorna Lagerquist

A few of us were out of town for our October meeting, this being Teacher's Convention week-end and no school for a couple of days. But book club must go on, so four members met at Lorna's to discuss this fictional work by Robert Barclay.

In the prologue, Wyatt Blaine, a wealthy lawyer/Florida rancher, is celebrating his 35th birthday. His wife and son have gone to the store to buy ice cream for Wyatt's party. As the guests wait for their return, the phone rings. Wyatt's brother Morgan takes the call and with an ashen face turns to Wyatt and delivers the news: Wyatt's wife Krista and son Danny are seriously injured in a car crash. The other driver was drunk, also seriously injured.

Enter Gabrielle Powers and her nine year old son, Trevor, as they rush to the hospital where Gabrielle's husband has been taken following a horrible car crash. Regrettably, it was Gabrielle's drunken husband who had caused the accident that later claimed his own life and the lives of Wyatt Blaine's wife and only child.

Fast forward five years. Wyatt and Gabrielle's lives cross paths at church each Sunday, where they sit on opposite sides and ends of the sanctuary. Wyatt is searching for something he cannot find, peace and forgiveness, since the tragic deaths of his wife and son and always leaves church near the end of the service when Reverend Jacobson calls for the blessings. Wyatt has not been blessed and will not go there. However, following church one Sunday, he relates to Rev. Jacobson that he has decided to reinstate the New Beginnings Program at the family ranch, a program that his deceased wife Krista was passionate about. "New Beginnings" incorporated equine therapy and professional counseling for troubled teens and this time it was going to be free of charge.

Since the death of his father, Trevor Powers has become an increasingly troubled teen, dressing as James Dean and emulating his idol in every way. Gabrielle, as a single parent, tries to provide for her and Trevor's needs on a teaching salary. She does a good job, but it isn't enough. She can see and feel her son slipping away from her and reality.

Need we go further? You can pretty much write the rest for yourself. Although a bit shallow in plot, a few of the characters kept the story line interesting. There's Wyatt's "old man", Ram. "Crusty" would describe Ram to a T. He is the patriarch of an estate of mammoth proportions and in the early stages of Alzheimer's but still adept at dishing out sage advice to everyone. Then there's Aunt Lou and Big John, employees at the ranch for 40 years and now more like family; Mercy, also a ranch hand whose unrequited love for Wyatt causes her many a sleepless night.

If Wishes Were Horses would make a good made-for-T.V. movie, the kind they feature on Lifetime and the Hallmark channels. The one thing everyone agreed upon, having visited with Lorna after-the-fact, is that this was a very easy but somewhat interesting novel, albeit VERY predictable.



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Centennial Central

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The dates have been set and plans are underway for the

2013 WESTBY CENTENNIAL

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, July 12th, 13th, & 14th, 2013

Registration for the upcoming event, as well as updates, questions, and thoughts may be directed to the dedicated website at www.westbycentennial.yolasite.com

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The Centennial email address is Westbycentennial2013@gmail.com

Plans are in the works for a Centennial Cookbook. To get previously 'unpublished in another Westby Cookbook' recipes in for the Centennial Cookbook, email, post on the website, or mail them to 2013 Westby Centennial, P. O. Box 61, attn: Marlene, Westby, MT 59275

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Val's Recipe Corner (cont.)

Heather has shared this recipe for pumpkin bread. Chel tells me it is delicious and even the kids at Colton's school devoured every crumb after Heather made the batter into 'cupcakes', brought frosting and plastic knives, and the class had a blast frosting their own treats.

Pumpkin Bread

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened, plus more for the pan

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon fine salt

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground allspice

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

1 1/2 cups sugar

1/4 cup vegetable oil

Scant 1 cup canned pumpkin puree, *not* flavored pie filling

2 large eggs

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Butter a 9-inch loaf pan. Whisk together the flour, salt, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, and cloves in a small bowl. Beat the butter, sugar, and oil on high speed in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, scraping down the sides and bottom of the bowl a few times, until light and fluffy, about 1 minute. Add the pumpkin puree and mix until combined. Add the eggs, one at a time, and mix until just incorporated. Mixing on low speed, slowly add the flour mixture and 2/3 cup water and mix until just combined. Spread the batter into the prepared pan and bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes. Let cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove from the pan and let cool completely.

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A Day in the Life...

By: Sandy Elm

Jeremy Sorenson, son of Donna and Daryl Sorenson and Megan Janz were married this summer at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Moorhead, Minnesota. Megan is the daughter of Jerry and Sue Janz of Osage, Minnesota. The couple reside in Moorhead, MN where Jeremy is employed by Trane Air Solutions as a Commercial Service Technician, and Megan is employed by Wells Fargo Bank as a Service Manager. Many friends and relatives attended from all over, including an Army Buddy of Daryl's and his wife from Kansas, whom they had not seen since before they (Donna and Daryl) were married. It turned out to be a great family reunion for the late Palmer and Mabel Sorenson. They must have been smiling down from heaven as their children were together, 12 out of 13 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. Also many cousins and of course many of their great friends from right here in Westby.

The Jolly Twelve Card Club met on October 10th at the Westby Community Center. Phoebe Vest was the hostess. In Whist, Renetta Westgard took first and Eileen Overgaard took second. Irene Neilsen took low.

On October 13th, Irene Stageberg hosted Senior Citizens. It was also Irene's 100th birthday that day. If we can all be as spry as Rene when and if we get to 100, wouldn't it be great!! I am sorry to say that I could not make it that day as I was working, but I heard she had a wonderful birthday. In Whist, Shirley Quam took first and Gene and Arlene Herman tied for second. Guests were Warren Barstad, Mary and Greg Swartz, Randy and Cathy Nordhagen, Dan and Val Moore, Karla Christensen, Pastor Barb Westholff, Howard Hammer and Mark Nordhagen

Senior Citizens met again on October 20th. Marvin Nelson was the host. Anita Bjorgen took first in Whist and Chris Barstad took second. That 100 year old chick won the door prize, Rene Stageberg. Guests were Kenny Keldsen and Mark Nordhagen.

Sheldon and Lisa Johnson and sons, Trent and Evan, were here from Cohasset, MN to visit with Rose Frickson. Sheldon is Rose's grandson. Lisa and boys went back early and Sheldon stayed on for a few days as a group of his friends from Minnesota came to join him for hunting. Sheldon and Lisa and boys stayed with his parents, Clifford and Teresa Johnson while they were here.

On October 20th, Floyd & Diann Kaul went to Billings and then on to Missoula on Friday with daughter, Jermaine, and granddaughters. They watched their granddaughter Kennedy Robbins place 14th in the State AA Cross Country Meet, qualifying her for the All State Team. Her time was 18.53.57. She runs for the Falcons of Skyview High School of Billings. They also watched Logan Tangedal of Plentywood and Parker Westgard of Westby compete for Plentywood.

And don't forget to save the date for our big Centennial Celebration in 2013, July 12th, 13th, and 14th. Westby is already in the early planning stage for this great celebration. Please check us out on the web at westbycentennial.yolasite.com. We can also be found on Facebook under WESTBY MT Centennial. And, we also have an email address Westbycentennial2013@gmail.com Please tell everyone you know who has ever had any connection with Westby to please look us up and come and have some fun. Looking forward to hearing from all of you,
Sandy





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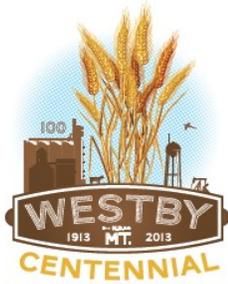
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