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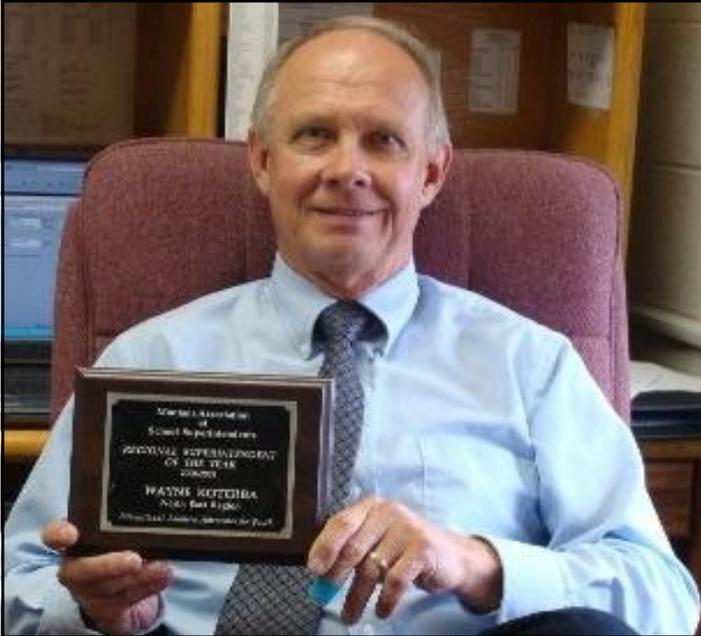
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## SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HONORED



Westby School Superintendent Wayne Koterba was honored recently in Billings at the fall meeting of the Montana Association of School Superintendents. On September 17<sup>th</sup> Mr. Koterba was awarded "REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR" for the Northeast Region which includes 30 schools and all classes from within the region. This award is given to an outstanding educational leader and youth advocate. Because recipients are nominated and voted on by their peers, it is an especially meaningful award. Mr. Koterba is recognized as a trusted and important leader by the Montana Association of School Superintendents.

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Sue Meyer, physical education teacher and activities (formerly known as athletic director) director at Westby School was awarded "ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR" at the Northeast Montana Directors fall meeting held in Wolf Point on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Sue was presented with this award by Chairman Luke Kloker of Fairview. This award, too, includes all schools and all classes within the region. Activities directors are responsible for the scheduling of all games, meets, and matches between schools for all sports and at all levels.

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**Mr. Koterba**

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Currently director of the Sheridan- Daniels special education co-op, a position he has held for years, Koterba is also past president of the Montana Rural Education Association.

Mr. Koterba, who began teaching in Westby in 1971 became principle in 1972 and superintendent in 1995, will be retiring this spring after devoting 39 years to the Westby School system. Wayne and his wife, Vicki, have four children, who all graduated from WHS.

**Sue Meyer**

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They also are required to line up referees for home games and bus drivers for all away games. Although this position can be hectic and sometimes a nightmare (especially when we experience winters like last year where games were constantly having to be canceled and rescheduled due to weather conditions or blocked roads), Sue has willingly taken on the challenge since 2001.

**The Westby School and community at large congratulate Mr. Koterba and Sue on this distinction and thank them for their commitment and dedication to the Westby School system and our area youth.**



*You are invited to a bridal shower*

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## GRAVEL ROAD

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## LYO BUSY WITH PROJECTS

The Westby Lutheran Youth Group is busy with many projects this fall. Through the end of the month the group will be collecting gently used coats of all sizes for all ages for the Salvation Army. Once collected, Model Cleaners in Williston will clean and tend to any small repairs before outerwear is turned over to the Salvation Army. Coats may be dropped off at the school or Immanuel Lutheran Church or call the church office for pick up. A favorite annual fundraiser for the LYO is Little Caesar's Pizzas sale. Pizzas, bread sticks, cookie dough are available again this year from any LYO member or call 385-2277 to have an LYO member stop with a book and order form or to place an order. Orders will be accepted until November 6th. Plans are under way for a rummage sale to be held in the spring.

## NEWLYWEDS SURPRISED



Casey and Marilyn (Ming) Elm who were married in Las Vegas on September 3rd were surprised with an old fashioned chivaree on Friday, October 23rd. Family and friends serenaded the couple with honking horns and tin cans tied to the back of their "carriage" (utility trailer) around the streets of Westby before being dropped at Charlie's Place for a celebration of their marriage. Casey who is employed by TAQA Oilfield Services has three children, Tyler who attends college in Idaho, and Alyssa, & Jarrod at home in Billings. Marilyn has three grown boys Jared, Justin, & Josh and is currently employed at Al's Meat.

## Thank you to our wonderful neighbor

A big thank you to Hugh Meyer for keeping Lance's lawn mowed all summer. It means a lot to us.  
Phoebe & Jim

Anyone having items to donate this fall and winter and wanting to get them out of the way may call Shari at 385-2299 for pick up. Immanuel LYO and leaders will be conducting worship October 25th at both Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches and are considering doing the service on November 1st in Pastor Barb's absence.



I am so happy to be tucked in at home with the obnoxious weather we have been experiencing and try not to dwell on the fact it feels like December weather we are contending with, rather than October. I am taking advantage of this time to catch up on my reading-newspapers; recipes, be it from magazines, columns, cookbooks or friends; and books, a wide variety of adventures which had been awaiting me most of the summer. I love all of these venues for the diversions they bring, but I am most happy with picking up a book and discovering a new friend.

My latest read was just that and if ever asked the proverbial question, "If you could sit down to dinner with anyone, past or present....." this new found friend would be towards the top of the list, right behind George Washington, that is. I dug into *My Life in France* with zero knowledge of the author's personal life and little more about her background in cooking. Although, the bases for this autobiography is the six formative years she and her husband spent in France, you learn much about her charming personality as she attends L'Ecole du Cordon Bleu and discovers her true passion in French cooking. This book has not a cooking recipe in it, not her *beurre blanc*, or *pate*, or even her famous *hollandaise* sauce, but rather, without her probably realizing it, only her recipe for life. At six foot two inches tall, Julia Child made a statement just by entering a room. She was intelligent, spirited, driven and spontaneous.

In 1948 Julia's husband took a job in France with the United States Information Service which took them from Paris to Marseille and later from Norway to Germany. In each case, Julia Child took on the challenge with gusto and embraced each location's culture by immersing herself in the region's food and its inhabitants.

Although she was a successful cook, writer, and teacher, after reading this memoir, I have no doubt Julia Child was an **even better** friend to all that had the opportunity to sit at the dinner table with her.

Since going green and recycling is very prominent and important these days, this cookie recipe is right on track. Not to scare you now, we're not talking reusing someone's discarded Oreos (Who in their right mind would discard Oreos in the first place?) or sifting out the bugs from the flour (or, at least, I'm not!), but his recipe, out of *Relish*, is referred to as a post-Halloween recycling recipe. I think you will get the drift and won't be the least bit offended by these "recycled cookies" made from the tail-end of the kids' Halloween candy.

## HALLOWEEN CANDY COOKIES

3 2/3 cups flour  
1 1/2 tsp baking powder  
1 1/4 tsp baking soda  
3/4 tsp salt  
1 cup butter  
1 1/4 cups packed brown sugar  
1 cup granulated sugar  
2 eggs  
2 tsp vanilla  
2-3 cups chopped candy (such as Butterfingers, Reese's Peanut Butter Cup, Baby Ruth, M&M's, jelly beans, Heath Bars, etc)  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift flour, baking powder and soda, and salt. Set aside. Beat butter and sugars together with a mixer until very light, about 5 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add vanilla. Reduce speed to low. Add flour mixture and mix until just combined, 5-10 seconds. Stir in candy bits. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes or until lightly browned and set. Makes about 4 dozen.

The following recipe is a fun way to get the kids involved in the Halloween fun. They can sort the colors and arrange M&M's on top of the dough. Be sure to have extra, though, as it is hard work to sort and arrange candy!

## HALLOWEEN BLONDIES

1 cup butter, melted, plus more room temperature, for pan  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 tsp vanilla  
2 cups flour  
1 1/2 tsp salt  
1/4 cup each orange, yellow, and brown M&M's  
Preheat oven to 350. Brush an 8-inch square baking pan with butter, line pan with parchment paper, leaving a 2 -inch overhang on two sides. Butter paper. In a large bowl, whisk in eggs and vanilla. Add flour and salt, stir just until moistened. Transfer batter to prepared pan and smooth top. Arrange candies in 12 rows (2 rows per color, repeating once) on top of dough. Bake until top of cake is golden brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. 45-50 minutes. Set pan on a wire rack and let cool completely. Using parchment overhang, lift cake from pan and transfer to a cutting board; cut into 16 squares. With the abundance of apples again this year, it is a good time to try this quick and easy crisp recipe

## EMERIL'S APPLE AND CRANBERRY CRISP

2 1/2 to 3 pounds sweet, firm apples, such as Gala or Braeburn, peeled, cored and cut into 1/2 inch dice

12 ounces fresh cranberries

1/2 cup sugar

3 T flour

1 t vanilla

1/4 t grated orange zest, plus 1 T fresh orange juice

Crisp topping (below)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Butter a 9X9 inch baking dish. In a large bowl, combine apples, cranberries, sugar, flour, vanilla, and orange zest and juice. Transfer to baking dish and sprinkle with topping. Bake until topping is browned and juices are thick and bubbling around edges, 55-60 minutes. Let cool 15 minutes before serving. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream. 8 servings

Crisp Topping

In a large bowl, combine 6 T cold butter, cut into small pieces, 2/3 cup flour, 2/3 cup oatmeal, 3/4 cup brown sugar, 1/2 t each cinnamon and nutmeg and 1/4 t salt. Using an electric mixer, beat on low until coarse crumbs form.

*ENJOY*

*for*

*LIFE IS GOOD!*



# Happy Halloween



*Chel and his family attended a family Halloween party over the weekend and were requested to bring a cake for a "cakewalk".*

*Chel brought his famous flourless chocolate cake adorned with this cute little witch. I thought this a great way to decorate cupcakes, brownies or cookies for the season.*

*Pull a picture of choice off of the Internet and cut to size. Lay on bars and dust with powdered sugar or cocoa. Remove picture.*

*Thanks Chel.*

## THANK YOU

Thank you Val for cheering me up on the 18th. Thank you for remembering Lance. It meant so much to me.

Phoebe

## PUTNAM NAMED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Courtney Putnam was recently named the “Athlete of the Week.” Courtney, a senior, is on the Panthers varsity Volleyball team in Rugby, North Dakota. During the Panthers’ match against St. John on September 8, Courtney had 14 digs, five kills and three service aces, which assisted in a victory for Courtney and her team.

Courtney’s parents are Brian and Jamie Vest Putnam of Rugby, North Dakota and her grandparents are Jim and Phoebe Vest of Westby.



## BABY BOY LEININGER

Liam Charles Leininger was born on October 21, 2009. His parents are Kory and Dana and they reside in Flaxville, Montana. Liam weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Grandparents include JR & Diann Grierson of Hysham, David & Mary Hoodenpyle of Portland, and Keith and Julie Leininger of Westby. Bobby & Dotty Leininger, also of Westby, are Liam's Great-grandparents.

Liam has a 2 year old sister, Olivia.

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## WESTBY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary met on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Christine conducted the meeting and Irene Stageberg opened with prayer.

Those in attendance remembered their country by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem. We followed this with a silent prayer for our veterans and repeated the Auxiliary Preamble.

Adeline Lagerquist called the roll and presented the minutes of the September meeting.

Treasurer Ethel Harshbarger received \$10.00 from Gwen Meyers and reported there are still 3 ladies left to pay dues.

Christine Schmidt read Shirley Nelson's monthly letter-she reminded us to have *Need a Lift* in our school library. She also mentioned we should take a "poppy bouquet" to our churches on Veteran's Day.

A motion was made to pay the registration fee for the October 11<sup>th</sup> convention in Wolf Point. Chaplain Adeline Lagerquist of our district will attend.

Our unit will go to the nursing home in Plentywood on October 21 to host the monthly birthday and anniversary party. Melvin Hellegaard had agreed to entertain with his music. Ethel, Christine Schmidt and Christine Barstad and Adeline will provide sandwiches.

A motion was made for our unit to donate to Miles City VA, Children & Youth, and Glendive VA.

Adeline will be in charge of getting coffee and refreshments at the café from 9-11 on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>. She also agreed to take apples to the school for teachers and staff in November.

The meeting closed with the Auxiliary song followed by Irene giving the "peace prayer" and ended with singing "America". The meeting was adjourned and Irene served lunch. Secretary, Adeline Lagerquist

## School Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting  
October 12, 2009  
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District #3 was held on October 12, 2009. Vance Meyer, Donna Sorenson, Marty Westgard, Jim Sundsted, Mr. Koterba, Mr. Somppi and Arlene Hove were in attendance. Vice Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

There were no visitors.

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

Arlene read the minutes of the September 22, 2009 regular meeting. Following no corrections or additions, these minutes were approved and placed on file.

The July Financial Report, as prepared by Mrs. Hove, was reviewed. Mrs. Hove noted that the August County Treasurer's Report has not been received due to a delay in calculating the MOGT distribution.

**Public Comment** None

**Committee Reports:**  
**Buildings and Grounds**

**A.** Meyer inquired about the status of the heating/air conditioning units. Mr. Koterba explained that the engineer is searching for units with one control for heating and air conditioning.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A.** The following 2000 series policies were given a second reading:  
-Delete – 2120, 2120P, 2153, 2163, 2165, 2165P, 2166 2211P, 2240, 2310, 2232P, 2421P Sundsted moved to approve these deletions, Westgard seconded, AIF -Revise – 2000, 2100, 2130, 2167, 2311, 2320, 2332, 2375, 2420

Sorenson moved to approve these revisions, Meyer seconded, AIF  
- New – 2151, 2162, 2162P, 2309, 2312P, 2335 Sorenson moved to adopt these new policies, Westgard seconded, AIF  
-Optional – 2110, 2123, 2322 Sundsted moved to adopt these optional policies, Sorenson seconded, AIF

**B.** There was one applicant for Student Custodial Helper, that applicant being Tristan Schipman. Westgard moved to hire Tristan following her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 25<sup>th</sup>, Sundsted seconded the motion for hire, AIF.

**C.** The Jr. Hi Boys' and Girls' Basketball Coaching positions were discussed. Sorenson moved to hire Chad and Misty Solberg for these positions, Meyer seconded, AIF.

**New Business:**

**A.** The following 3000 series policies were given a first reading:  
-Delete – 3210P, 3215, 3221P, 3255P, 3416P, 3422, 3422P, 3530P, 3610  
-Revise – 3221, 3226, 3340, 3340P, 3510, 3600P, 3612, 3630  
-New – None  
-Optional – 3222, 3235, 3330, 3530, 3535

**B.** Mrs. Mangel, Business Ed Teacher, is actively pursuing the formation of a BPA, or Business Professionals of America. Mr. Koterba explained that this is an extracurricular organization and would require after school student attendance and participation. The Board had several questions and requested that Mrs. Mangel attend the November Board meeting to address these questions.

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## WDC MINUTES

October 19, 2009

The regular meeting of the Westby Development Corporation was held October 19th, 2009, at the community center. President Al Joyes called the meeting to order at 7:40 with board members Jody, Suzi, Val, Kolby, Cyndie & Aldon present.

The secretary's August minutes were read and placed on file. No meeting in September due to harvest.

The Treasurer's financial report was presented. Previous balance was \$7,795.37 with a new balance of \$7,892.50. The Border News Account stands at \$460.20. A balance of \$519.64 remains in the saving account and the Prairie Fest fund holds \$776.87.

Old Business:

MUSEUM:

Val reported visiting with the County Commissioners on the status of the Crystal Bar building. They reported it is in the county's possession because of unpaid taxes. She discussed the idea of the Crystal as a museum site with them. They (Gerald Kohler and Bill Nyby) stated to bring back feasibility and estimates to them after

Jody and Don have checked over the building and they will discuss further if they would be able or willing to help with the project.

Because of the condition of the roof on the old bar building, it was also brought up to check with Bill Dodge, owner of Gladys Wirtzbergers place, on the condition of that building for a museum. Both buildings hold a lot of memories for people and being on Main Street would make them great locations for a museum. Suzie agreed to check with Mr. Dodge. SHOOTING RANGE: Progress is being made on the shooting range. Electricity has been installed and Myron has finished the dirt work. Only half of the building supplies had arrived, but the rest would follow soon. Much of the building will have to resume in the spring. A financial report will be provided for the next meeting.

WEB SITE

The new web site has been started for the on line edition of *the Border News*.

Geocities, the site used in the past, is scheduled to be shut down on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Tracy worked hard to get the new site up and running. The address is [www.wbn.yolasite.com](http://www.wbn.yolasite.com) PRAIRIE FEST

July 10, 2010, is scheduled date of Prairie Fest. Val reported two separate class reunions are being organized for PF weekend. Westby and Comertown classes of 1946-1950 and the WHS classes of 1959-1964. Activities and funding for the PF weekend were discussed. Jody had agreed to donate 200 pounds of hamburger for a raffle. The hamburger will be given in two, one hundred pound bundles with tickets selling for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. Ticket sales will start immediately and the drawing will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at the school Christmas program.

Cyndie brought up the idea of a picnic basket auction to be held close to Valentine's Day. She agreed to head up this fundraiser.

Val reported contacting "JUMP-N-FUN-INFLATBLES" in Williston. They have several inflatables for kids

available for rent. Their service provides for setup and delivery. Several package options were discussed. Val reported for Brenda the music and light show from Williston we had contacted for PF 2007 was available for July 10<sup>th</sup> and their price was \$675.00 for a 4 hour show. Suzi made a motion to book \$425.00 inflatable package and the music and light show for \$675.00. Cyndie second, AIF.

Val will talk to Quilt Club about doing a quilt show for PF. Val mentioned asking Kirk (the falcon man) about a doing a demonstration with his birds during PF and having Nate do another chainsaw carving during the 2010 event. Suzi will talk to Kirk and Val will talk to Nate.

Other ideas brought up were face painting for the kids, elevator tours, tours of Westby using trailer from SC tractor club. Brenda will check on face painting, Val on elevator tours and Jody on trailer from tractor club.

NEW BUSINESS

One scholarship application was received from Kylie Ryals.

Meeting adjourned  
8:35 Valerie Moore,  
acting secretary

School Board Meeting Minutes

(Continued)

**Announcements/  
Discussion**

**A.** Mr. Koterba will be attending the MREA conference in Billings on October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**B.** MTSBA legal training will take place on Wed, November 18, 2009 at the Plentywood School from 6-8:00 p.m. All Board members are encouraged to attend.

**C.** Mr. Koterba would like to postpone the November Board meeting until November 16, 2009. The Board was in agreement on this and voted to have Arlene pay the Visa bill in advance of that meeting in order to avoid finance/late fees.

Meyer moved to approve payment of October payroll warrants #10461-10473 totaling \$88,310.92, and

October claims warrants #15286-15336 totaling \$48,386.25. Sundsted seconded the motion for payment approval, AIF.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Arlene Hove, District Clerk

Brenda Ryals, Chairman

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## Coming Events October

27th JH Girls BB vs. Plentywood at Westby 4:00 & 5:00

28th—30th  
District 1-C Volleyball Tournament at Savage

29th Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00—7:00

31st 1st Round State FB Playoffs  
Jamboree BB at Brockton (Westby, Culbertson & Brockton)



## Lutheran Parish October

27th Bible Study Leaders Meeting 7:00 PM

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*Christina Petrowsky*

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