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CLASS OF 1973 REUNITES WITH SIXTH GRADE TEACHER

Barbara Mays began her teaching career in Westby in 1966. Her husband, Gary, was stationed at the radar site in Fortuna and in June of that year they were married. In August he was shipped off to Vietnam for a year of duty. "I couldn't have been in a better pace while he was stationed at Pleiku, Vietnam. I was the sixth grade teacher in Westby that year. The Westby School was crowded so the district had moved a one-room schoolhouse up next to the back of the original school and that was our sixth grade classroom. It was a unique setting, similar to teaching in a one-room school." Barbara continued, "My sixth grade class and their families were very special to me, as were the -



Peggy Oksa Lagerquist, Barbara Mays, Kim Meyer, Debbie Joyes Smithson, Mary Overgaard McMinn, Karla Hove Christensen, Ron Nelson

whole staff and workers at the Westby School. The 26 students in sixth grade

were: Debbie Anderson, Jay Andersonn, Mary Bowman, Janet Carlson, Jill Hagen, Steven Hellegaard, Karla Hove,

Ronny Jensen, Carl Johnson, Stephen Johnson, Debbie Joyes, Leslie Leininger, Alan Mangel, Glen McKinnon, Kim Meyer, Janice Nelson, Ronald Nelson, Dianna Nordhagen, Ken Nordhagen, Peggy Osaka, Mary Overgaard, Jim Petersen, Rhonda Rice, Brenda Ryals, Susan Samuelson and Elgene Tommerup. My first year was very rewarding working with this wonderful group of students!"

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WDC

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A group on the entertainment committee is compiling a power point presentation to represent a century of Westby. Please send photographs from 1900 - present. They want everyone represented. Deadline is extended until --? Send photographs of family, events, and places from all time periods. Along with the photos, any information telling or describing the event and names of people in the picture should be included. Pictures from the entire century will be considered. Once again, there are several ways to get the photos to the committee. They may be mailed to 2013 Westby Centennial, P O Box 61, Attn: Photos, Westby, Mt, 59275, scanned and emailed to Westbycentennial2013@gmail.com . Original photos will be returned ASAP.

RED FLAG WARNINGS MEAN DAILY FIRES

Ten fires in nine days. Record breaking heat and weeks without measureable rainfall coupled with abundant brush and even the slightest of breeze and the only thing missing for catastrophe is a combine, haying equipment, the train, even the sun. All things part of everyday living in northeast Montana. Sparks from a combine, a baler and the train have been responsible for most of the fires. A Plentywood fire was believed to be started from the sun magnifying a piece of glass and a fire on the abandoned Curtis Andersen farm had unknown origins. Another words, everything is a potential tinder box. Of the fires the Westby Fire Department has responded to, the worst one was located 10 miles southeast of Dagmar near the Ivan and Edward Hoff farm. Close to 100 firemen from 12 different departments across state lines were called to the scene.

Over 2000 acres was burnt and despite its enormity without the help of 5 D8 Cats compliments of Tomahawk Pipeline Company, several local trucking companies hauling water, and area farmers pitching in things could have been much worse. Some crop was lost, along with some CRP, but the majority was pastureland. No equipment or buildings were lost. The combined efforts saved the Hoff farmstead.

The Westby Fire Department has 17 firemen on its roster with the oldest checking in at 70. As are most things in our area, the department is starting to show its age. The average age of the men is between 55 and 60 with very few younger members. These daily fires are starting to take their toll, but needless to say they will come running at the first warning. The only one, who can really help us out here, is Mother Nature, herself. Let's hope for relief soon.

Baby Girl!



Kimber Jo Slade was born on August 14th, 2012, in Glasgow, MT. She was 8 pounds 11 ounces and 20 inches long. Her parents are Drew and Season and she has a big brother, Gavin, who is 6 years old. Kimber and her family reside in Malta. Grandparents include Lori and Wade Bjorgen and Great-grandmothers Anita Bjorgen and Joyce McCann.

WESTBY ASSEMBLY TO HOST SPECIAL SERVICE



Bryant and Edna Lavallie, Evangelists with Cross Nations Ministries, will be at the Assembly of God Church on Sunday, September 16th, at 10:30 AM. Their ministry includes preaching, teaching and music ministry to the upper midwest states and Canada. Bryant is from North Dakota and Edna is from northern Saskatchewan. The public is invited to attend.

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DORIS CELEBRATES 90

Nearly 100 people from across the county and beyond were on hand to help Doris Gunderson celebrate her 90th birthday on August 12th at the Westby Community Center. Doris was the clerk of Westby school for many years and now resides in Plentywood. Also, home to help with the celebration were her daughters, Sandy Martin of Hutchington, MN, and Noreen Rodgers of Scio, Oregon. All three of Doris's children including her son, Gene, were at a family celebration in honor of her birthday a week prior.



Important

In order to make planning as easy as possible, and to guarantee everyone has a great time we are asking people to register to attend the Centennial next summer ASAP. You can register online at: www.westbycentennial.yolasite.com

Thank you!



It is scary out there. The temperature has started to drop, but the dew point and humidity are typical of Arizona not Montana. Anything not under irrigation cracks when you walk on it and some days the dirt and smoke hang in the air like an industrial cities' smog. Hardly a day has gone by, in the last two weeks, where the fire department has not been called out to a prairie fire. Some days it's been two. During the same time span, besides the fires, the department has been called out to several car accidents north of town. We are very thankful for their dedication and often wonder how they do it. Like the rest of us, they aren't getting any younger.

If possible, it sounds like we are better off than the rest of Montana. Mainly, in that we were privy to the early rains. Regardless, this is one year we will take moisture in any form we can get it and that includes the white stuff.



Speaking of not getting any younger, I celebrated another birthday last week and was treated to a picnic lunch. Now, of course, this was no ordinary picnic spread. It was actually almost too pretty to eat, but we talked ourselves into it. Dianna is a big fan of *Pinterest* and found a filled sandwich recipe that resembles a layered cake. See for yourself...Wow! Anyway, other than the fact that I am another year older it was a grand day filled with awesome food, friends, and fun. I am blessed. I settled on salad recipes this issue. Tomatoes are at their peak and make every good salad, great!

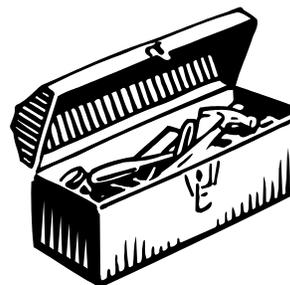
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WEDGE SALAD

SALAD

1 head iceberg lettuce, cored and cut into quarters

3 Roma tomatoes, diced

2/3 cup blue cheese crumbles

12 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

2 green onions, sliced

Fresh ground salt and pepper, to taste

DRESSING

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1 1/2 tablespoons minced onion

1 tsp minced garlic

1/2 cup sour cream

1/2 cup Greek yogurt

2 tsps lemon juice

1 tsp red wine vinegar

1/4 cup blue cheese crumbles

1/4 cup fresh dill

Mix dressing ingredients together and refrigerate for at least an hour prior to serving.

Place each lettuce wedge on a plate. Pour blue cheese dressing over the top of each wedge.

Top with tomatoes, blue cheese crumbles, bacon and green onion. Sprinkle with fresh ground salt and pepper. 4 servings.

Another recipe shared by my sister. The beauty of the salad is the chips. The author recommends eating the salad with chips not a fork. What a novel thought-great picnic fare, better hurry though, picnic days are numbered!

Summertime Grilled Corn, Chicken + Blueberry Chopped Salad with Honey Lime Vinaigrette

2 1/2 cups butter lettuce, chopped

2 ears grilled corn, cut off the cob

1/2 cup grape tomatoes, quartered

2/3 cup blueberries

2 slices of bacon, cooked and crumbled

1 grilled chicken breast, chopped

1 avocado, chopped

1/3 cup crumbled feta

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

2 limes, juiced

2 teaspoons honey

1 teaspoon red wine vinegar

2 teaspoons olive oil

tortilla chips for serving

In a large bowl, mix together lettuce, corn, chicken, avocado, blueberries, tomatoes, bacon and feta. Sprinkle with salt and pepper then toss thoroughly. Serves 2

In a smaller bowl, whisk together lime juice, honey, olive oil and vinegar. Pour over salad, then toss once more. Serve with tortillas chips.

This next salad maybe sounds a little more like fall, but it is nipping at our heels.

Roasted pears are equally as good.

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2 tablespoons apple juice
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon honey
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 apples, preferably Fuji, peeled and cut into wedges
2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus 1 table-
spoon
4 sprigs fresh thyme, or 1/4 teaspoon dried
1/4 cup walnuts, chopped
3 cups baby spinach, or torn spinach leaves
3 cups Boston lettuce, torn
3 cups curly endive, torn
(or 9 cups of mixed greens of choice)
2/3 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
freshly ground pepper, to taste
Preheat oven to 400°F.

To prepare dressing: Whisk vinegar, apple juice, 1 tablespoon oil, honey, mustard, salt and pepper in a small bowl. To roast apples & prepare salad: Toss apples with 2 teaspoons oil and thyme in a medium bowl; spread evenly on a baking sheet. Roast, turning once or twice, until the apples are soft and golden, 25 to 30 minutes. Discard fresh thyme. Let cool. While the apples are roasting, toast walnuts in a small baking pan until fragrant, about 5 minutes. Let cool. Just before serving, combine spinach, lettuce and endive in a large bowl; toss gently to mix. Divide the greens among 6 plates, drizzle with dressing and top with cheese, roasted apples and walnuts. Serve immediately.

ENJOY
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Life is Good!

CLASS OF 1967 UNITE



Three good friends and members of the WHS class of 1967 took time for a visit at Doris Gunderson's birthday party.

Left to right: Beatie Meyer Petersen, Arlene Samuelson Hove and Sandy Gunderson Martin.

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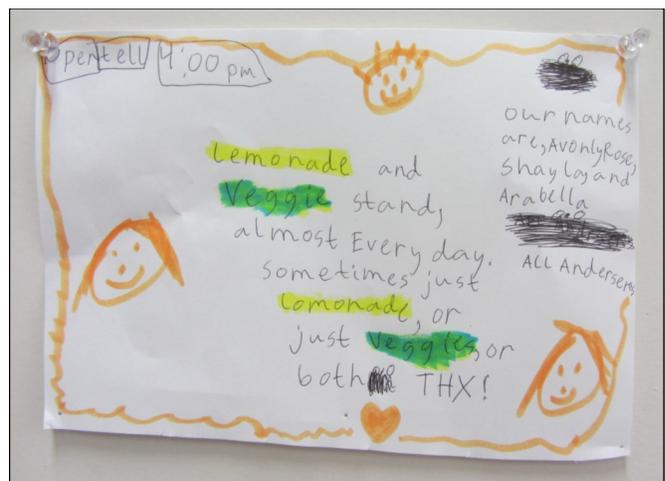
Avonly Rose, Arabella, and Shayla Andersen (not pictured) have been busy this summer selling produce at a Main Street stand in Westby. They have brought all the elements of the best farmer's markets.

Along with offering a wide variety of garden produce, Arabella may be entertaining her customers with flute music and lemonade and homemade cookies are often part of the offerings. The girl's are the daughters of David and Shane Andersen.

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Lorna Lagerquist 385-2280

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son Val Moore
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From the desk of Mr. Holecek



I am Tony Holecek, superintendent in District #3. It has been a very busy time in all school districts as we prepare for another wonderful year with our students.

I would like to begin by thanking our entire staff for their wonderful attitudes and hard work in coming back to school this year. We started back on the 20th with a variety of activities, including our staff orientation, presentations from outside entities, and an all day PIR opportunity in Plentywood on the 21st to begin the school year. I

would like to thank Rob Pedersen at the Plentywood school and Tiffani Anderson at Medicine Lake for their willingness to organize the event. What a great opportunity to get Northeast Montana's fine educators in the same room before school started! Neila Cooper, our guest speaker from Florida presented a great message to our educators in an effort to start a great year and keep that great year going throughout!

With the start of school comes the thrill of fall activities. We are very fortunate to have 34 football players grades 7-12, and 26 volleyball players grades 6-12 at this time. Congratulations to both the Grenora and Westby communities for their part in making Thunder Night this past Friday a success. We fed nearly 300 people at our picnic. The scrimmages went great! Thank you to the parents for sitting through parent meetings as we prep for success in the 2012-13 year! I certainly hope as parents you can support our efforts and remember activities isn't only about supporting your child, its also about supporting the coaches and everyone else's child as well! Our kids deserve to feel that they belong in our school and sports cooperative and that job is EVERYONE's responsibility!!!

The kids, along with their coaches, have been working extremely hard! Our Thunder Volleyball coop finished third this past Saturday at the first ever Thunder Invitational here in Westby! The girls travel to Nashua for volleyball this Thursday the 30th. Game times are 4pm JV with varsity game following immediately after. They are back in action this Saturday September 1st, in Grenora with contests against the Culbertson Cowgirls. JH game time is 4pm Mountain time with JV and Varsity to follow.

Our Thunder Football campaign begins this Friday, August 31st, with our first home football contest versus Billings Christian in Grenora. Game time is 7p.m. Mountain. Come out and support the black and gold in our first ever cooperative football home contest. Our Junior Varsity football team begins its season this Tuesday Sept 28th in Stanley. Football action continues on next week with both JH and JV action in Lambert. Game times in Lambert are 3:30pm for the JH and 5:00pm for the JV.

Our cross country schedule begins also Tuesday, September 4th, in Glendive. Good luck to Parker Westgard as he participates for his second year with the Plentywood Wildcat cross country team.

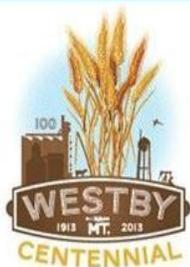
Another upcoming event is ping pong pictures on September 12th, 2012. Preschool pictures begin at 8:00am, and Grades 1-11 photos begin at 8:30 and continue through the remainder of the morning. Heil Photographics will take our photos this year. These photos are a must for our yearbook, but you are not required to purchase a packet. In the spring of the year, Life Touch pictures will be an opportunity if you do not choose ping pong photos. Be advised you can purchase both if you choose. Please call the school if you have questions.

Our annual Muffins with Moms will be held on Tuesday, September 18th, at 7:40am. Please come and join us.

I would like to thank our entire staff, student body and community for a wonderful start to the 2012-13 school year.

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A Note from the Editor:

Again, there are words faded beyond recognition and I hesitate to fill in the blanks.

Farmers Build Large Elevator

Saturday, work was started on the foundation for the Farmers elevator. The building, which will be on the North Dakota side, will have a capacity of 30,000 bushels. Honstain Bros. of Minneapolis has the contract. The xxxxxxxxxxxx the ground and will begin the construction at once. The building will have two legs, automatic scales, a man lift and a big cleaner.

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BAZIL ANDERSON TURNS 80



Bazil and Marlene Anderson and their children gathered in South Dakota to celebrate Bazil's 80th birthday. The family met near Deadwood in mid August to golf, fish, do a little site seeing in the Black Hills, but mostly enjoyed the amenities of their rented home and family fun.

Bazil and Marlene's 4 children and families include: Dawn, Patrick, Ali, and Philip from Reno, NV; Diane, Randy, and Lexi Leibrand from Billings; Michael, Cheryl, Alec, Natalie, Samantha, and Abby Anderson from Watertown,SD; Cindy, Joel, Brady, and Kevin Miller from Billings.

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In 1973, Barbara returned to Westby to take part in the classes' graduation exercises and in 2000 she was happy to visit again for the WHS All-School Reunion. This past August on the way to attend a wedding in Bozeman, Barbara planned a stop off in Westby and had an impromptu visit with 7 of her former students who live in the area. It didn't end there though, from Westby, Barbara traveled to Billings and where she visited with Janice Nelson Bechtold, along with Warren Peterson, brother of her former student, Jim. While in Bozeman, Stephen Johnson of Great Falls, his wife and 3 of their 6 kids came to visit Barb in her hotel.

After the wedding it was off to Helena where she was a guest of Audrey Anderson and had a chance to visit with Jay and his wife. "Audrey taught 5th grade while I was in Westby and she and her husband, Orris, were very supportive of me while I taught my first year of school."

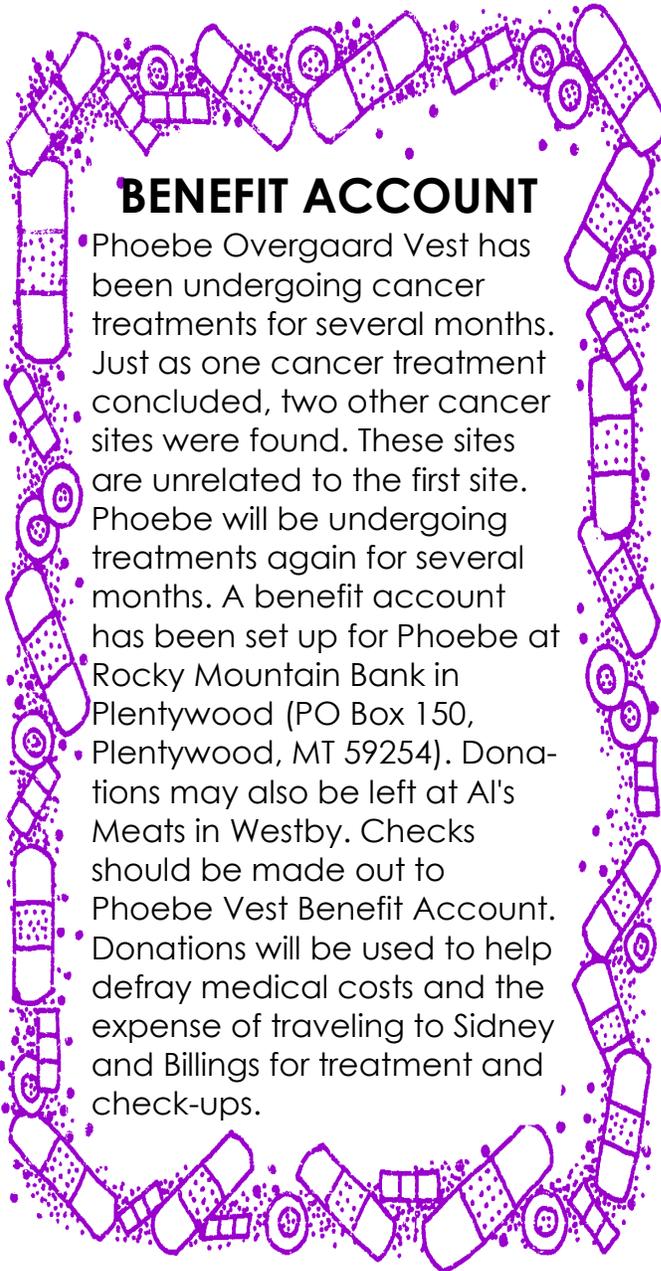
Sixth-grade-teacher Mrs. Mays wrapped up her trip across Montana visiting former students in Missoula where she had the opportunity to visit with Jill Hagen McNeal, Mary Bowman Peterson and Steven Hellegaard.

She summed up her trip with former students like this, "It was great to reminisce about the year in the one-room school house! I am planning to attend the 100th anniversary of Westby next July and hope to visit with more of the Class of 1973." After leaving Westby, Barbara Mays continued her teaching career in several locations throughout Minnesota. She is now retired and living in Maple Grove, MN. Her husband, Gary passed away in 1997 from colon cancer. Barbara's son, Daniel, and his wife live in Minneapolis along with her 14 month old grandson, Asher. Besides caring for Asher, she enjoys her flower garden, sewing, knitting and crocheting to keep busy. And, of course, visiting with family, friends and former students!

WESTBY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thanks for helping with the fire. I appreciate it very much.

Curtis Andersen

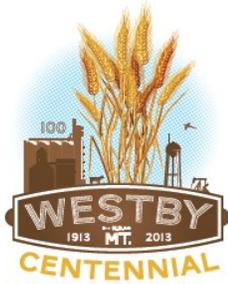


BENEFIT ACCOUNT

- Phoebe Overgaard Vest has been undergoing cancer treatments for several months. Just as one cancer treatment concluded, two other cancer sites were found. These sites are unrelated to the first site. Phoebe will be undergoing treatments again for several months. A benefit account has been set up for Phoebe at Rocky Mountain Bank in Plentywood (PO Box 150, Plentywood, MT 59254). Donations may also be left at Al's Meats in Westby. Checks should be made out to Phoebe Vest Benefit Account. Donations will be used to help defray medical costs and the expense of traveling to Sidney and Billings for treatment and check-ups.

"Summer, please
restart yourself. "

—Unknown



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