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EXCITEMENT IN MAYBERRY ENDS IN ALLEGED ROBBERS SUICIDE

The tranquility of our Mayberry existence was interrupted when word was received during the evening hours of Monday, September 14th, a manhunt, stemming from an armed robbery at a Williston, ND, bank Monday afternoon, was in and around the vicinity of Westby.

According to Williston Police Department Det. Lt. Mark Hanson, the suspect, who was in his late 30's or early 40's, had fled the scene in a green Pontiac or Dodge sedan after using a gun to demand cash from a teller.

Officers from the police department, Northwest Narcotics Task Force, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the



THE VICTIM'S ABANDONED GREEN 4-DOOR SEDAN WITH RAAUM FARMSTEAD IN BACKGROUND

Montana became involved in the pursuit and the U.S. Border Patrol also was alerted to Monday's incident. A helicopter and airplane were dispatched by the Border Patrol and the North Dakota Highway Patrol to assist in the pursuit.

How exactly the suspect got from Culbertson to south of Westby is unknown, but around 8:20pm, just as it was getting dark, Jerry and Cec Raaum, and Jerry's brother, Ronell, were sitting down to dinner at their home 6 miles south of Westby when they noticed tail lights leaving the yard. Cec said,

Williams County Sheriff's Office converged on the scene to begin interviewing customers and employees.

Thirty minutes later, law enforcement received word that a trooper with the Montana Highway Patrol was in pursuit of a green sedan matching the description of the vehicle that fled the Williston bank.

When the officer attempted to stop the individual, he shot at the highway patrolman and there was an exchange of gunfire.

In the exchange the trooper's vehicle was disabled by a flat tire and the suspect managed to get away at that time. The suspect was later seen in the Culbertson area. Sheriff's officers from Sheridan and Roosevelt counties in

"We stepped outside to see our 1994 black Nissan pickup driving away with no headlights on and not a sign of another vehicle."

Unaware of the bank robbery or manhunt, they called the Divide County sheriff's office and were told everyone was busy. Unsatisfied with the response, Cec called the North Dakota state wide emergency number and left the information on the incident. In a very short time they received a call back asking for the description of the vehicle.

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STAGEBERG REUNION

Sixty three decedents of the family of Ole Torgerson and Ragnhild Andersdatter Stageberg gathered for a family reunion at Polson, Montana August 6th through the 9th. Ole and Ragnhild moved to the USA from Norway in 1856 with their son Anders (Andrew). Nine other children were born in the USA , Thordimus (Tom), Karen, Charles, Oline, Olaf, Nels, Martin, Regina, and Ole Robert. Attending the family reunion were decendants of Anders (Andrew); Thordimus (Tom); Charles, and Olaf.

Everyone gathered at the Polson Senior Citizen Building on Thursday evening for the registration and dinner served by the Darrell Nordhagen children who observed their parents, Darrell and Darleen Nordhagen's 50th wedding anniversary.

Friday morning found them all Julebukking at the Kwa-TaqNuk Hotel going from room to room of family members and having breakfast. The day was enjoyed by going to the Museum, Kerr's Dam, playing golf and a horseshoe tournament in the afternoon with ten teams participating. First place winners were from the Thomas Stageberg family, (Art and Edna Stageberg Nordhagen), Jeff Larson of Opheim, MT and Rush Chamblin of Phoenix, AZ. The evening was enjoyed by visiting and many attending the local John Dowdall Theater with the Port Polson Players doing "Three Voices" a musical tribute to Gary Cooper, Jeanette Rankin and Nat King Cole at the Boetcher Park.

Saturday morning breakfast was served to everyone by Darrell and Darleen Nordhagen at their cabin and families then enjoyed the afternoon river rafting. The evening was enjoyed with a dinner served by Darlis and Daniel Smith, followed by each family introducing themselves and telling a little about their families. Each family brought an item for the auction and proceeds were used to help pay for the reunion and have a fund started for the next reunion to be hosted by the Kwiatkowski family in honor of their Grandmother , Irene Stageberg (Thomas Stageberg's son William Bill) in 2011 for her 100th birthday.

Last but not least, we closed with a Smear Tournament and the winners were Brad Swartz of Florida and Irene Stageberg of Westby. The last place went to Greg Swartz of Florida and Arlee Chamblin of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Sunday morning we attened a breakfast hosted by Arlee Chamblin and her son Rush in their cabin.

The families then gathered at the Flathead Lake for church services by Dean Stageberg, son of Alvin and Hazel Stageberg, and Jim and Bonnie Major, cousins of Darleen Nordhagen, daughter-in-law of Art and Edna Stageberg Nordhagen (Thomas Stageberg) for the baptism of Azia and Dayne Smith, great- great -grandaughters of Thomas Stageberg.

Family members of the Anders (Andrew) and Bertha Berke Stageberg were Mike and Karen Feld of Westby. Karen was raised by Obert and Gena Nordhagen Stageberg, son of Andrew and Bertha Stageberg, and Andrew and Bertha's son Alvin and Hazel Hultgren Stageberg's son, Dean and Edie Kvamme Stageberg of Tacoma, WA and their daughters Janice and Steve Berg of Tacoma, WA and Joan and Mike Rowe of Edgewood, Wa.

Family members in attendance of the late Thomas and Olga Ugstad Stageberg was their daughter-in-law Irene (Bill) Stageberg who is 98 years old and acts like she is under 50. Others attending were Randy Nordhagen, Warren and Chris Barstad, of Westby; Ed, (husband of the late Phyllis Stageberg Kwiatkowski) and second wife Judy Kwiatkowski, Colorado Springs, Co,.

Also the daughters of Ed and Phyllis's, Mary and Greg and sons Brad and Grant Swartz of Florida, Libby and Jim Wunderlick and children, Michael, Christopher and Brittany of Castle Rock, CO; Karyn and Steve Fast and children Garrett, Kaitlyn and Ryan of Englewood, CO; Cheryl and Tim and Thomas Reed of Castaic, CA. Children of Edna (Art) Stageberg Nordhagen, Darrell and Darleen Nordhagen, Billings and their children, Jeff and Darla and Bryan Larson of Opheim, Darlis and Daniel, Azia, Dayne, and Reeve Smith of Polson , MT, Darcie and Tim, Braden and William Knight of Roanoke, TX; Arlee Chamblin of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and her son Rush Chamblin of Phoenix, AZ; Tom and Delores Nordhagen of Williston, ND and his children Arlen and Wendy Nordhagen, Franktown, CO, Nancy and her son Kyle Helenbolt of Cheyenne, Wy, Naomi Cramer of Ranch Cucamonga, CA; Alan Stageberg Billings, MT son of Victor and Lola Stageberg; Pete and Linda Petry of Mesquite, NV, daughter of Truman and Ebba Stageberg; Paul and Dale Barstad of Phoenix, AZ, Aiden and Janet Barstad of Salinas, CA, sons of Agnes (Clarence) Stageberg Barstad.

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Danny Moore
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A Day in the Life

By Sandy Elm

Senior Citizens met at the Westby Community Center on August 27th. Anita Bjorgen was the hostess. In progressive whist, John Tommerup and Marvin Nelson tied for first. Mary Mendes won the door prize. Guests were Fay Moore, Rose Frickson, Bazil Anderson, Eric Ness, and Arnie Nordhagen .

The Jolly Twelve card club met at the Community Center on August 31st. Irene Nielsen was the hostess. Jennie Nordhagen took first in whist, Phoebe Vest, second, and Doreen Johnson low.

Senior Citizens met on September 3rd at the Community Center. Jennie Nordhage, Shirley Quam, Eileen Overgaard and Renetta Westgard all were hostesses. In progressive whist, Bazil Anderson took first and Renetta Westgard took second. The door prize was won by Glenny Bervik. Fay Moore was a guest.

Alpha Florence Rue

Alpha Florence Rue passed away on August 30 at her residence at the age of 94. She was born on February 3, 1915, in Westby, MT, to Alfred and Augusta (Lien) Hjelm.

Alpha and her husband Stan moved to Lake Havasu City 42 years ago from Denver, Colorado. She was the manager for the Wings Motel, one of Havasu's first motels.

Alpha is survived by her two brothers, Kenneth Hjelm of Kent, Washington, and David Hjelm of Lake Havasu City, as well as 18 nieces and nephews, residing from Hawaii to the central United States.

No services will be held. Donations may be made in Alpha's name to Hospice of Havasu, P O Box 597, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405.

Thoughts and condolences may be submitted to the family at www.lietz-frazefuneral-home.com

BENJAMIN BRIAN BROMBERG

Benjamin Brian Bromberg, 23, of Livingston, died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

Funeral services were held at the Livingston Christian Center.

Ben was born Feb. 7, 1986, to Melvin B. Bromberg and Kimberly A. Anderson in Plentywood.

Survivors are grandmother Lorraine Moericke; his parents; brothers, Billy and Ryan; sister Stephanie; and many cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.



Val's Recipe Corner

Here it is the middle of September, 89 degrees and no wind. We have had more summer in the last two weeks than the last two months. And, although it is still technically summer, normally in NE Montana it is 20 degrees cooler and likely we have had our first frost on the pumpkin. I'm not complaining, by any means, as it is perfect combining weather, rather, I am coming up with excuses for myself as to why I can't seem to stay on schedule with my commitment to keep you informed on the happenings in the big city. For having nothing to do, no job, per se, I stay busier than most, even if most of it is monkey business. The weather related dilemma comes in the form of- still having to water and care for bedding plants and pots, which normally would have shriveled up and died from the heat and lack of attention, but because they still look so nice I can't bear to let them go. The golf game comes into play on occasion, too, which by this time most years, I would have already stored away the clubs (not to say, embarrassing myself one last time was really necessary), but the Plentywood Course is still beautiful and beckoning. And another gorgeous day is predicted for us to enjoy one last picnic to celebrate another friend's 60th birthday (boy, I just realized I have a lot of old friends that are getting old!) so once again, I am not complaining about the weather just making excuses.

All kidding aside, we will be off schedule with *The Border News* for awhile, yet, as I will be out of town for a few days, now. So, until the snow flies (which from all predictions will be soon after summer ends), don't look for the paper until you see the fine print. I promise two issues a month, but you will have to put up with me and my schedule unless someone else wants to step up to the plate.

The gardens, like the rest of the crops, have lagged behind this year so much canning and preserving is still going on. I have mentioned before I am not a gardener, so I felt like I had something over on "The Little Red Hen" as I made what I called "community inspired" stew the other day. It seemed each day a new bag or two of goodies appeared inside my door. Potatoes, rutabagas, carrots, onions and tomatoes, the perfect makings for a hearty stew and we enjoyed every bite thanks to all of the hard work of my friends. Cukes have appeared out of nowhere, also, so we have enjoyed many meals of cucumbers and sour cream. Peace and comfort comes from friends in so many ways and this is surely one of them.

Despite the fact I don't garden, I bought a *Ball Blue Book of Preserving* and it has many interesting things from juices to spreads, and relishes to fruit leathers. With the abundance of apples this year, I thought I would share an apple filling recipe followed by a Rustic Galette recipe using the filling. The filling would be great for pies, tarts, turnovers or just enjoy as is in a bowl with a little cream.

APPLES STUDED WITH DRIED CHERRIES AND RAISINS

8-10 pounds of tart apples (such as Granny Smith)
2 cups sugar
½ cup dried cherries
½ cup golden raisins
2 tablespoons grated lemon peel
2 tsp cinnamon
Tsp nutmeg
2 cups water
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Wash and core apples; do not peel. Cut apples lengthwise into thick slices. Treat to prevent darkening. Drain Apples. Combine apple slices and sugar in large saucepan, tossing gently to coat apples. Let stand 20 minutes. Stir in dried cherries, raisins, lemon peel, cinnamon, nutmeg. Add water and lemon juice. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Pack hot fruit in to jars, leaving ½ inch headspace. Ladle hot syrup over fruit, leaving ½ inch head space. Seal. Process 20 minutes in a water bath. Makes 4 quarts.

RUSTIC GALETTE

Filling:

1 quart of Apples Studded with Dried Cherries and Raisins

Pastry:

1 ¼ cup flour

1 tsp sugar

½ tsp salt

5 tablespoons shortening

½ cup butter

2 tablespoons cold water

Sauce:

½ cup maple syrup

Reserved liquid from apples

Confectioner's sugar

Drain apple filling reserving liquid. Cover and set aside. For pastry, combine flour, sugar and salt in bowl. Gradually cut shortening and butter into flour mixture with a pastry blender. Continue until shortening and butter is incorporated and the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Slowly add water stirring until mixture holds together. Form dough in to a ball, then flatten. Cover w/plastic and refrigerate 1 hour.

For sauce combine syrup and reserved liquid in a small saucepan. Simmer until reduced by half. Keep warm.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll out pastry on a lightly floured surface to form an 11-inch circle. Place pastry on baking sheet. Spoon filling onto center of pastry. Fold edges of pastry toward the center to partially cover the filling. Bake 40 minutes or until crust is golden and the filling bubbles. Cool on wire rack. Spoon warm sauce over Galette. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar. May substitute 1 refrigerated pie crust from supermarket for pastry.

Enjoy

For

Life is Good!

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At some point law enforcement officials determined the suspect had ditched the green sedan, and they were again in pursuit, but now of the stolen Raaum vehicle.

The suspect led officers in a chase until the vehicle got stuck in a field three-and-a-half miles south of Fortuna. Det. Lt. Hansen reported, "As officers were approaching, the suspect died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head at around 11:20 p.m., Central Time, Monday night." Inside the vehicle, officers found a large amount of cash which Hanson said law enforcement is in the process of verifying if the money is in fact what was stolen from the Williston bank.

The sheriff's department would later find an abandoned green 4-door Mitsubishi along a tree row one-half a mile east of Jerry Raaum's farm where apparently the suspect was driving north at high speeds and came upon an unexpected rock pile.

Here is what Cec had to say about their 1994 black extended cab Nissan pickup after it was returned to them, "We *can* drive it now that Jerry has cleaned out the radiator, but there is a bullet hole in the window and one of the sliding rear windows has been shot out. There are three additional bullet holes in the body of the truck that have to be dealt with." She added, "All in all, we are very thankful the keys had been left in the vehicle because had we not, there is no telling what would have happened if the guy had walked right into the house with a gun, obviously desperate, as we ate dinner. Things could have turned out a lot differently."

The sheriff department informed the Raaum's, "It was fortunate we were notified about the stolen vehicle as quickly as we were or the odds of apprehending the suspect would have diminished greatly."

The victim has been identified as 42 year old James Krimm of Valley City, North Dakota.

THE GIFT OF LIFE

Pastor Barb Westhoff who has polycystic kidney disease, a genetic disease causing cysts that impact the filtering capability of the kidneys, has known for years the probability of needing a kidney transplant was high. About three years ago it began to become apparent that she, like her Mother and brother before her, may need a transplant, sooner rather than later. The probability has now reached 100% and dialysis is likely in the near future. She was put on the transplant list this summer, but according to the *United Network for Organ Sharing*, there are 100,811 people in the United States waiting for an organ transplant. Organs become available one of two ways, either from a cadaver or a living donor. Those placed on the transplant list will wait two to five years for a deceased kidney. The living donor option brightens the future for those in need two ways. First off, the wait is considerably shorter and second, kidneys from a living donor have a better long-term survival than kidneys from a deceased donor and the patient generally lives longer.

The discussion of becoming a living donor has dominated many conversations in our community, of late, not only because of our ignorance on the subject, but because of the pain felt for what Pastor Barb and her family are going through. Also, the fact a living donor had come forward and, after testing had begun, had to be eliminated due to her own health problems has raised more questions like Who *can* donate? And, where *do* you begin?

Donating a kidney is a major decision and not to be taken lightly, but an informed, well-thought out decision can lead to a new lease on life for the recipient with little or no impact on the donor's life following surgery. Karla Christensen, of Westby, who gave her brother, Dennis (Pete) Hove, a kidney in May of 2008, said there have been no repercussions what so ever from the surgery, but feels becoming a living donor is a very personal decision and one no

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one should feel pressured into or feel guilty about if they can't make the commitment.

There are many things to consider before making a decision and it is important that one fully understands how donating a kidney will affect them and their family. These basic questions and answers come from the University of Maryland Medical Center web site, the leader in number of living donor transplants performed.

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Who can be a donor?

Donors need to be between the ages of 18 and early 70s and can include parents, children, siblings, other relatives, and friends. An ideal donor should have a genuine interest in donating and a compatible blood type with the recipient.

Donors should be in good general health. Typically, someone who has high blood pressure (both treated and untreated), cancer, diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease, liver disease, sickle cell disease, HIV or hepatitis will not qualify to be a donor. However, these diseases are not all absolute contraindications to donation. Every donor will be considered on an individual basis.

What is tissue matching?

In the old days, it was important for your kidney to have a similar tissue type as your own. Now that is no longer the case, a kidney can be completely unlike the rest of you and it will still work. You do, however, have to have a compatible blood type.

What is a compatible blood type?

If your blood type is A, your donor's blood type must be A or O. If you're B, you need B or O. If you're O, you need O. If you're AB you can accept A, B, AB, or O. Positive and negative does not matter. After determining the blood types are compatible, a donor evaluation must be completed.

What does the donor evaluation include?

You will complete a medical history and receive a physical, which includes a blood pressure check, to ensure that you don't have any concerning health conditions. A series of laboratory and X-ray tests, as well as an EKG, will be completed to screen for kidney function, liver function, hepatitis, heart disease, lung disease and past exposure to viral illness. Urine testing will also be done to make sure that your kidneys function normally. In addition, results from your routine annual health maintenance tests (e.g., pap smear, mammogram, colonoscopy, etc), as well as any necessary medical clearance for pre-existing conditions, will need to be submitted to the living donor team for review.

Other tests may be necessary depending on the results of these studies.

A CT angiogram (a computerized tomography, or CTA) scan will also be completed. During this scan, contrast is injected into the blood stream through a vein in your arm. The contrast travels to the kidneys and urinary tract while the CTA scan and X-rays are done. These tests help the transplant staff to determine if your urinary tract, kidneys, and the blood vessels leading to the kidneys are normal. These procedures are done in the hospital on an outpatient basis. You will also meet with a surgeon and complete a psychosocial evaluation with a clinical social worker. Once all results from the entire evaluation process are available, they will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary committee who decides whether you are able to safely proceed with the donation.

How will the kidney be removed from the donor?

A living donor will generally have his or her kidney removed laparoscopically. This means the entire surgery will be done using cameras and instruments; the surgeon will not put his hand inside the donor at all. This allows for very small (about 4 inch) incisions.

How will a donor do after the surgery?

Most donors have little pain and generally go home within 48 hours of the surgery.

These very basic questions and answers give a little insight into what is needed or expected of a living donor and hopefully help keep the discussions going and people more aware of Pastor Barb's plight in this fight for her life. Further questions should be taken up with your own physician.

For the past 22 years Pastor Barb Westhoff has served the Westby Lutheran Parish including Immanuel and St. John's. She and her husband, Gaylan, reside in Westby.

NOTICE

The **September**
Westby School Board
Meeting has
Been postponed to **Tuesday,**
September 22, 2009
At 7:00 p.m.



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MOTHER NATURE COOPERATES FULLY THIS HARVEST SEASON

If the farmer could special order harvest weather, this season would be the blueprint. A dry spring put farmers behind on springs work and apprehensive about the coming season. Little did they know, things would turn around and the cool summer and above average rainfall, combined with beautiful warm sunny September days would produce probably the best crop ever to come out of the county.

With harvest 60-70% complete, reports of record breaking yields on lentil, wheat and durum crops are coming in from all corners of the New Century Ag trade area. Peas are reporting about average yields of 30 bushels per acre. According to terminal manager, Danny Moore, the majority of lentil harvest is complete with much of it running 25 and up to 40 bushels per acre. On an average year, lentils will bring around 20 bushels. Lentils were going for \$15.00 a bushel when harvest began, but have since backed off.

Durum yields are also off the chart with reports of fields running as much as 60 bushels an acre and a farm average coming in at 52 bushels. Unheard of, up until now.

Farmers have been forced to pile grain on the ground because of inadequate bin space and grain coming so fast, not allowing enough time to haul loads to town before the grain carts would be filled again. Not a bad predicament to me in. Farm averages across the board are likely up 15-20 bushels per acre this year. Moore stated, "As far as yield goes, this is by far the best crop ever cut in this country." When asked about quality he said, "High yields usually produce quality all over the board with a big variation in protein and that's what we are seeing this year." Durum was trading for \$5.40 a bushel at the start of harvest and it, too, had backed off to \$4.75 per bushel by mid September.

Stageberg Reunion (Continued)

From the family of Olaf and Susanna Williamson Stageberg, their son Rolf and Lois Miller Stageberg's daughter, Ed and Carol Kuehnell of Maplewood, MN; from the family of Charles and Lena Avelsgaard Stageberg, their son Chester and Violet Stageberg's son David and Phyllis Stageberg of Willmar, MN.



It's an exciting time at the New Century Ag Terminal as they work through their first harvest.

Gone are the days of trucks lined up down Main Street waiting to be dumped. On one recent day, 79, 000 bushels were dumped from 95 trucks with little or no wait. Good thing, or there would be even bigger grain piles out there!

To assist in getting all this grain to market, New Century Ag recently leased a train engine to have on site. The 3000 horsepower, 6 axle engine is needed when loading cars to keep them in motion as they are filled with grain, allowing each car to be filled in just under five minutes. NCA employees Tom Lee and Dewey Lee have been trained by DMVW engineers to operate the 1969 model SD40 engine during loadout.

Guests also attending were Donna Smith and her son Duane and Duane's son's , Hudson and Kaden Smith of Polson, family of Daniel and Darlis Smith and Jim and Bonnie Major of Seattle, WA and Dorene and Laci Bishop of Great Falls, MT, cousins of Darleen Nordhagen.

WESTBY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The Westby Development Corporation annual report for 2008-2009 year begins with election of new board members and officers. Cyndie Paulsen will replace Ellis Hagen and Jody Lagerquist will fill Eric Nielsen's position as he opted not to run again. Following election of officers, the results are President Kolby Ruggles, Vice President Aldon Joyes, Treasurer Brenda Ryals and Secretary Cyndie Paulsen. Remaining board members are Leann Westgard, Dennis Kittelson, Terry Ruggles, Valerie Moore, Lisa Schipman, Suzi Ekness, Jody Lagerquist, Steve Ekness and Don Christensen.

The WDC bylaws were reviewed. Due to the difficulty in sustaining a 13 member board, a bylaw change was voted to amend the number of board members to 9. This will be in effect for the 2009 election. A second and third proposal to bylaw change also passed. These proposals read, a majority of members present at any meeting will constitute a quorum and annual dues will be \$15.00 per member per year.

The annual Prairie Fest 2008 was held in July with poor attendance likely due to the poor weather. The WDC will work to improve PF events and incorporate more community involvement in planning.

The Haugen house, gifted to the WDC from the family, was sold to the Jack Gibbs family and the paper work was finalized in October.

Besides the Prairie Fest, ongoing WDC projects include publishing *The Border News* and a yearly scholarship awarded to a WDC member's child who does an approved community service project.

The Development Corporation is working on several new projects. The first is finding a location to house a museum. The museum would showcase items unique to Westby and surrounding area. Ideally, the museum would be in place for the centennial in 2013. Another project involves finding an area for semi-truck parking on Main Street that provides easy access and accessibility to local businesses. A new community web site is being designed which will also be home to the online edition of *The Border News*. The current site used for this purpose is being shut down the first of the year.

The WDC began their twentieth year in July of 2009. Elections were held for the current year and a nine member board was put in place. Board members and officers for the 2009-2010 year include: Aldon Joyes, president; Kolby Ruggles, vice-president; Brenda Ryals, treasurer; Cyndie Paulsen, secretary. Remaining board members: Leann Westgard, Suzi Ekness, Jody Lagerquist, Don Christensen, and Val Moore. A reminder, all WDC memberships of \$15.00 were due July 1st.

WESTBY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary met on September 7th at Christina Schmidt's home in Plentywood. Christine conducted the meeting and Irene Stageberg opened with prayer.

The group was honored to have District President Shirley Nelson as a guest and in unison recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Auxiliary Preamble, and sang the National Anthem.

Adeline Lagerquist called the roll and presented the minutes of the May meeting. Treasurer Ethel Harshbarger received \$20.00 from Hulda Brensdal to be used to remember our veterans as the auxiliary is doing. Thanks goes out to Hulda for this generous gift.

We have 6 VIM members now as Gail Merrill has recently joined. A reminder to members to get dues sent in to Ethel. Ethel stated she has paid the "Band" of the auxiliary

A letter of thanks was read from the VA Center in Miles City for the gifts we have sent them. Christine read the letter of the month from Shirley Nelson which stated we should fly our flags on important days. It was noted the group has a Gold Star Mother amongst them, Christine Schmidt.

District President Shirley Nelson said, "You can pack 'Hero Packs' for parents who have been or will be deployed to the Iraq or Afghanistan war areas. It is nice for them to receive the packages."

Certificates were received from Home Volunteer Service; Public Relations; Children & Youth Leadership; Chaplain Americanism; Legislative, Constitution & By Laws; Community Service; Poppy Program and Goal Unit.

The next meeting will be at the Westby Community Center, October 5th at 1:30 with Irene Stageberg as hostess. Plans are for the group to visit the Plentywood Nursing Home on October 21st.

Ethel paid for Shirley's attendance at the September meeting.

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

Secretary, Adeline Lagerquist

Coming Events September

Mon. Sept. 21 – JH Football @ Scobey – 4:30

Mon. Sept. 21 – JV Football @ Wolf Point – 5:00 – Brett & Brady leave at 12:45 pm

Fri. Sept. 25 – Football @ Wolf Point – JH-4:00; V-7:00 – Bus @ 2:00

Fri. Sept. 25 – Volleyball @ Culbertson – JH-4:00 + 20 min. JV +20 min.-Varsity – Bus @ 2:00

Sat. Sept. 26 – Volleyball @ Lambert – JH-2:30 +20 min.-1st Varsity + 20 min.-JV +20-2nd Varsity (4 games) – Bus @ 11:30

Lutheran Parish September

23rd—Immanuel Council Meeting 7:00 pm

24th—"Book of Faith" Bible Study 7:00 pm

27th—WORSHIP

SJ—8:45 am

I—10:00 am SS—11:00 am

Conf—11:00 am

Stewardship Meeting—Glasgow

29th—Bible Study Leaders Meeting 7:00 pm



First Day of Autumn
September 22nd, 2009

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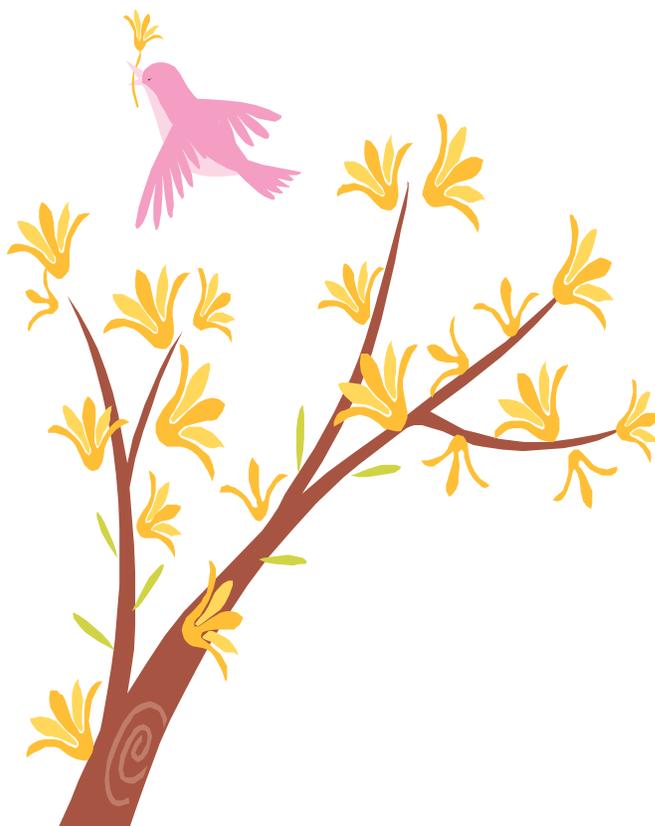
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