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Class of 2011 *Commencement Exercises*

Friday, May 20, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Speaker: John Brenden

Westby High School Gymnasium

Colors: metallic blue, black, and silver

Motto: IF YOU ARE NOT FIRST, YOU ARE LAST

Class Flower: Forget Me Not

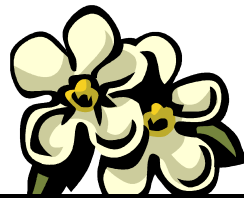
Colton Lynn Hellegaard
Terrance Jacob Bjorgen

The public is invited to an open house reception to be held at The Westby Community Center immediately following the ceremony.



Colton is the son of Clyde & Deanna Hellegaard, his future plans include attending Minot State University

Terrance is the son of Miriam & Ken Melby and Kurt Bjorgen, his future plans also include attending Minot State University.



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Chocolate & Vanilla Soft Serve

Chicken to go (potatoes included) 2 pc – Barrel 200 pc

A little about the WHS Graduation Guest Speaker...

Montana State Senator John Brenden will be guest speaker at the 2011 WHS Graduation ceremony. Senator Brenden has been involved in politics for 50 years and held many titles within the Republican Party including state chairman. He has held his current position as our state senator (SD 18) since being elected in 2008. He is also one of the three electors chosen from Montana to cast their vote for the President of the United States. Mr. Brenden, a farmer/businessman who lives half way between Flaxville and Scobey, is a graduate of Concordia College. Brenden's wife, Carol, also a Concordia College graduate, is a teacher and well known in northeastern Montana as an outstanding vocal coach. Senator Brenden and his wife have three grown children.



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BABY BOY

Talon Reed Netolicky was born in Fargo, ND, on April 22. He weighted 7 lbs, 12 ozs and was 21" tall. He joins brother Xander (5), sister Nadia (10) and parents Chad and Brandi at home in Jamestown. Grandmother is Gayle Overgaard of Westby.

A Day in the Life...

By Sandy Elm

On April 12th the Jolly Twelve met at the Westby Community Center. Phoebe Vest was the hostess. Lorna Lagerquist and Phoebe tied for first in whist. Irene Stageberg got low.

Senior Citizens met on April 28th at the Community Center. Elgene Smith was the hostess. Marvin Nelson took first in whist and his sister Eileen Overgaard took second. Elgene Smith won the door prize. Guest were Howard Hammer, Mark Nordhagen, and Lucy Nordhagen.

Westby Senior Citizens hosted the May 5th meeting at the Community Center. Glenny Bervik took first in whist and Adeline Lagerquist took second. Glenny won the door prize. Kathy Jensen was a guest.

Rose Frickson was a guest at her daughter Teresa Johnson's home over Mother's day weekend. On Mother's day, Rose, her daughter Teresa and husband Cliff, and granddaughter Shannon, husband, Mike and Cole and Rylie along with Sandy and Slugger all had dinner at the Prairie Kitchen.



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I am not sure if I am the culprit for assuming “Spring had Sprung.”, but one thing is for sure, when I mentioned ‘Old Man Winter’ wasn’t going out without a fight, I had no idea how right I was. Close to a foot of snow, hurricane winds, and a couple of inches of rain in a little over a weeks time has made for some grumpy residents. Thoughts on “What is in store for the summer?” or should I say “summer months?” (as summer weather seems nowhere on the horizon) are front and center in everyone’s mind. The middle of May is soon upon us and basically zero seeding has been done. The ground is way past wet and it is anybody’s guess when the drills will start moving. Grain prices are up and the potential is there, if only.....

Despite the weather, this time of year brings us hope and optimism as we watch life on all levels unfold before us. The birds are singing, their birdbaths are full. The Seniors are smiling, the diplomas await. The flowerbeds and gardens are fertile and moist, just waiting for bulbs, young plants and tiny little seeds to settle in. Baby calves run and play in the pasture like all young ones, without a care in the world.

Yes, as tough as ‘Old Man Winter’ is, we obviously are equally as tough, or we would have given up a loooooong, loooooong time ago!

My recipe for bringing spring indoors, even if it isn’t apparent outdoors, is stirring up a batch of this cake batter and sharing the aroma with family and friends. The addition of pineapple and coconut to an otherwise traditional carrot cake makes it even better than ever. The name says it all!

WELCOME SPRING CARROT CAKE

- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 ½ cups canola oil
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups shredded carrots (2-3 carrots)
- 1 (8oz) can crushed pineapple well-drained (1/2 cup)
- ½ cup sweetened flaked coconut
- ½ cup chopped pecans

FROSTING

- 1 (8 oz) pkg cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 ¾ -4 cups powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9X 13 baking pan with cooking spray. Whisk flour, cinnamon, baking powder and baking soda in medium bowl. Beat sugar and oil in large bowl at medium speed, 2 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating just until blended. At low speed, beat in flour mixture until combined. Stir in all remaining cake ingredients. Pour into pan. Bake 50-55 minutes or until golden brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack. Beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla in large bowl at medium speed until combined. At low speed, slowly beat in powdered sugar until of spreadable consistency. Spread frosting over cooled cake.

This next recipe would be great served for breakfast, but if you are like me it would be preferred as a dessert. Any seasonal berry may be subbed for the strawberries.

CUSTARY OVEN PANCAKE w/ MIXED BERRIES

4 eggs
about 5 1/2 Tbsp honey, divided
1 tsp lemon zest
3/4 tsp salt
1 cup flour
2 1/2 cups milk
2 cups raspberries, divided
1/4 cup butter, cut into chunks
1 lb strawberries, hulled and sliced

Set an oven proof 12-in frying pan or 9X13 baking pan in oven and preheat oven to 425 degrees. Whisk eggs, 4 tbsp (1/4 cup) honey, and the zest in a medium bowl to blend. Add salt, flour, and 1/4 cup milk and whisk until smooth, then whisk in remaining milk. Puree 1 cup raspberries in a food processor until smooth. Strain; discard seeds. Remove pan from oven; add butter and swirl until melted and golden. Pour in batter. Pour raspberry puree over batter in wide ribbons. Reduce heat to 400 degrees and bake pancake until deep golden, 30 minutes. Let stand 10-15 minutes to firm up (pancake will fall). Combine strawberries and remaining raspberries with 1 1/2 tbsp honey in bowl. Let stand at least 10 minutes. Add more honey to taste, if needed. Spoon half of fruit over pancake and serve the rest on the side. Cut pancake in to wedges. May serve with whipped cream or a dusting of powdered sugar.

During this time of year it is always nice to have a good punch recipe on hand. With graduation, weddings, family reunions, BBQ's, and other summer gatherings on the horizon it will always come in handy. Pam tried this one from a local caterer and made mention, "The almond flavoring makes all the difference."

SLUSHY PUNCH

3 1/2 cups sugar
4 cups water
2 quarts pineapple juice
2 quarts cranberry juice
2 tablespoons almond flavoring
1 lemon

4 quarts ginger ale or seven-up
Bring the sugar and water to a boil and boil until sugar is dissolved.

Remove from heat and add the pineapple juice, cranberry juice, the juice from

1 lemon and the almond flavoring.

FREEZE for approximately three days to enable it to freeze completely.

It requires a large container (approximately 2 gallon pail) to freeze it in.

Remove from freezer at least one hour before you plan to serve it. The proper consistency is slushy and the ginger ale will help it thaw even more.

Just before serving put slushy mixture in punch bowl, add the ginger ale.

I am almost afraid to say it, but...

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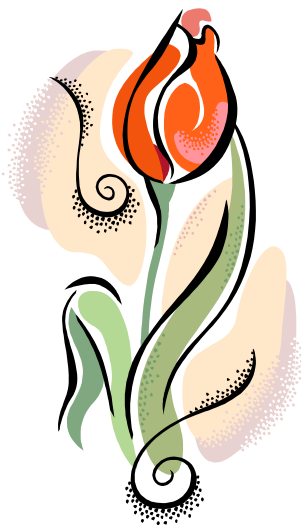
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Prairie Kitchen Burglarized

Sometime late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning (April 26 & 27) an unknown person or persons broke into the Prairie Kitchen. A total of \$1,500.00 in cash was stolen from the business, almost half of which was money collected for Senior Citizen meals and belonged to Sheridan County.

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office is seeking information about this break-in. If you have any information regarding this matter please call 765-1200 or Crimestoppers at 765-3555. Crimestoppers may offer a cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

As of this writing there are still no leads.



THANK YOU

We are very grateful for all the prayers said for Duane while he was ill, and for all the get well cards. It gave him comfort that so many cared. Thank you, Dr. Kirk, for treating Duane before we left for Arizona. It was Duane's desire to play smear with his buddies every Thursday. He played two Thursday's, but was too tired by the third one.

Pastor Berry, your king words gave much comfort to all our family.. Thank you, Dave and Jane for helping us get through each day. Mary Lidahl and Anna Golterman, your music was very beautiful, as usual. Thanks to Valerie Benson and all the ladies who prepared and served the lunch along with Angel Light Catering for preparing the salads. It was delicious. We appreciate all who brought the goodies to Craig and Debbie's house to enjoy, and all the beautiful flowers and gifts of money and memorials in Duane's name. Thanks to Ken and Pat Christensen from Kansas City, Knud Kaae from Billings, and Kurt and Adeline Ueland; you were special classmates to be ushers. Your remarks, Knud and Ken, gave memories through many years. Last, but not least, we want to thank all our family who came from Kansas City, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Boise, and Lewiston, Idaho. Also Minnesota, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, North Dakota, and various places in Montana. We missed many family and friends who were unable to come because they were snowed in their yards. We know you were with us in thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Loretta, Craig and Debbie Anderson and Family

FOUR GENERATIONS



Four generations gathered to celebrate Easter in Great Falls. Pictured is (standing) Steve Ekness and his son Jesse. Sherman Ekness is seated holding his great-grandson Remington.

Jesse and his wife Genny, along with son, Remington, make their home in Great Falls, Sherman resides in Havre and Steve and his wife, Suzi, live in Westby.



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SPRING STORM CRIPPLES AREA

Friday, April 29th, was a beautiful spring day and by late afternoon the anticipated spring showers made their way into the area. The showers continued into the evening as the weather service began to predict a potential blizzard for late Friday night and Saturday morning for most of northeast Montana and northwest North Dakota with high winds and rain turning to snow expected.

By 1:30 AM, when the residents of Westby and surrounding area got their first indications there may be trouble, little did they know, it was just the beginning. It was at this point the power blinked, came on, and blinked again minutes later, not to return for 36 hours (and the residents of Westby were one of the first to have power restored). A direct result of the wind which we would later find out (as recorded from the weather stations northeast of town) had sustained at speeds of 68 mph for much of the night with gusts nearing 80mph. The ground was blanketed with heavy, wet snow which would continue until Saturday well past

noon leaving 8 foot drifts in areas where nary a flake remained hours earlier. In the morning, those who dared leave what little comfort and warmth they found between the sheets would experience what life was like in an igloo as all windows and doors were ice and snow covered with many froze shut. If able to find a hole big enough to peer through, you weren't really sure if your eyes were playing tricks on you or it was an illusion as you could not see 6-8 feet out the window. It was noon before there were any signs of improvement. The snow quit falling late morning and gradually the wind began to subside. It was 2:00 PM before one could say with any assurance the storm was over. But not before Mother Nature had left her mark. The amount of snow is anybody's guess, but estimates are 8-12 inches. The heavy, wet snow combined with hurricane speed winds left downed trees, high-line poles snapped, buildings destroyed, machinery damaged and many cattle, along with their new-born calves, dead. *(Continues page 10)*

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Haugen



Lorraine Haugen passed away on May 3, 2011 at age 91. Lorraine Swartz was born on December 15, 1919 on a farm near Westby, Montana. After she graduated from high school she moved to Minneapolis for a while to do domestic work. She then returned to Westby and married Olaf Haugen on October 8, 1940. Lorraine provided wonderful support to Olaf in his farming and other business ventures. She did a lot of cooking for her family and also for hired men, especially during the harvest season. Olaf and Lorraine were married for more than sixty years. They had two sons, Gregory and Larmon. In 1956, to escape the Montana winters, the family started spending the winters in Phoenix, Arizona but returned each summer to Montana to take care of the farming business. Olaf invested in real estate in Arizona and, after graduating from college, Greg and Larmon eventually got involved in various investments with Olaf and Olaf's brother, Arne.

After Olaf passed away in 2001, Lorraine was no longer able to live alone so her sons chose Best Care Home of Moon Valley as her residence. The family would like to thank Ron and Tess Baylon (the owners of Best Care) and Judy, Lucy, Maria and the many other caregivers who took such good care of Lorraine for more than nine years. The family would also like to thank Dr. Thomas Cuomo for the care he provided for Lorraine at the group home. It was so nice not having to take her to a doctor's office when she needed medical attention. Lorraine enjoyed nice clothes, dressing up, shopping at department stores (including Goldwater's), cooking, baking (she made the best apple pies), going out to -

lunch often, spending time with her grandchildren, singing in the choir at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, vacationing often at The Bahia Resort in San Diego and one trip to Hawaii with her husband and another trip to Hawaii with her close friend, Mickey Fleck. She rarely missed The Lawrence Welk show on television and always tuned in to the Miss America pageant. She was an avid reader and subscribed to both The Arizona Republic and The Phoenix Gazette while it was still published. Lorraine is survived by her son Larmon (Linda), sister Carol Lowe, brother Duane Swartz (Jan), grandsons Brent (Megan) and Scott (Cassie) and granddaughters Stephanie and Heidi (Craig) and six great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Olaf, son Greg, brothers Wallace, Alden, Lyle and sister Hazel Johnson. Contributions in Lorraine's memory can be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014. The following quote was found handwritten in Lorraine's Bible: "Death is not extinguishing the Light, It is putting out the lamp because the Dawn has come". Graveside services will be held at 10:30 am on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at Resthaven Park Cemetery, 6450 West Northern Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85301. Please visit www.hansenmortuary.com to send online condolences.

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SPRING STORM *(continued)*

We were not alone. Williston was out of power, for the first time in anyone's recollection, along with 6,500 Williams-Mountrail County REC accounts. Besides the electricity, telephone land-line service was also out in certain areas. Nemont employee's worked diligently to restore and keep telephone service to its customers who included much of the affected area (Williston is also in Nemont's territory).

The state road crew who thought they could finally rest easy as far as Highway 5 was concerned, once again brought out the snow removal equipment to open the road between Plentywood and Westby. At approximately 1:45 PM on Saturday, the state snow plows pulled into town after a several tough hours on the road with poor visibility and blocked roads.

As was mentioned, power was restored to the town of Westby by 2:00 PM Sunday, but rural areas were not fully restored until Wednesday, May 4th. Williston, who relies on MDU for their power, was back on line by Monday, May 2nd.

At this writing, power has been restored to all of Sheridan Electric's customers, but many poles still need to be replaced and it will be some time before things are "back to normal".

City residents have been picking up the pieces ever since. New Century Ag lost both of the west overhang doors in the terminal. A 70 foot auger owned by Leininger Ranch was laying on its side just inches from the semi cab. After succumbing to the gale force winds, a 25 foot evergreen lie in the path of all who wished to enter Immanuel Lutheran Church. This was one of many evergreens toppled over night.

Although, it seems whatever is present most in our minds is the worst, this storm truly was a first of its kind for many and the worst for most. Having said that, all agreed "It still isn't as bad as the tornadoes and what the poor people in the south are dealing with." But they also wished to add, "We hope Mother Nature is ready to put a wrap on this winter, though. Enough, is enough!"

WANTED



Rummage Sale Items

Immanuel LYO would appreciate any and all donated items for an upcoming rummage and bake sale. Donated items may be left in the back of the Westby Community Center or call Shari Olson (385-2299) to arrange pick up of your donated items.



Terminal doors at New Century Ag destroyed by wind.



One of many evergreens lost in the storm.



Joan Killens' home. Notice the roof of her car barely peeking out from the snow.



Gene Meyer checking the storm damage to his trees.



New power line coming into New Century Ag all poles snapped, but one.



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