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“LITTLE BIT RUSTY” EVOLVES OVER 30 YEARS

“*Little Bit Rusty* could describe many things starting with the memory and ending with my home based business,” stated artisan Julie Leininger. “I don’t remember for sure exactly when I started dabbling in arts and crafts, but I remember having my first craft ‘show’ sometime in the late seventies in the back of the old Rainbow Shack. At that time the newest craft projects involved making soft sculpture items using nylon.



Julie holding a display of her popular necklace line.

it was a barn shaped picture with soft sculpture pigs and a fence made of popsicle sticks. I played around with this medium for a couple years.”

In about 1983 or 4 a picture came out with two little boys wearing overalls with the caption ‘You been farming long?’ on it. Val Moore and Julie, along with their husbands, teamed up to make rustic plaques and pictures incorporating this popular duo. They added other rustic pictures and sayings to the line and

I remember making a LOT of sculptured kitchen witches on little brooms. I think I sold them for \$6.00 each and they took me at least 2 hours to make. Not real profitable! One of the first things I ever sold was to Vera Elm. I remember it vividly,

started attending a few local shows. They did this for another couple years before going a completely different direction. Country was the decorating style of choice for the next several years.

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SATURDAY – Hamburger Steak w/ baked potato, toast & choice of salad

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A DAY IN THE LIFE By Sandy Elm

The Jolly Twelve Card Club met on October 11th at the Westby Community Center. Phoebe Vest was the hostess. Taking first place in whist was Glennly Bervik and Phoebe Vest took second. There was a tie for low between Arlene Herman and Shirley Quam.

Irene Stageberg hosted Senior Citizens at the Community Center on October 14th. Winning in whist were Anita Bjorgen first and Marvin Nelson second. Eileen Overgaard won the door prize. Guests were Edwin and Dorothy Fransen, Mike and Karen Feld, Randy and Kathy Nordhagen, Howard and Irene Nielsen, Bob and Lorna Lagerquist, Marian Shepherd and Bob Sawyer, Mark Nordhagen, Kenny Keldsen, Warren and Chris Barstad, Renetta Westgard, Eileen Overgaard, Glennly Bervik, Arlene Herman, Connie and Hugh Meyer, Marvin Nelson, Adeline Lagerquist, Christine Schmidt, Tom and Delores Nordhagen, Ethel Harshbarger, Ruth Brown, Erwin Olson and Karen Meyer.

Marian Shepherd and Bob Sawyer from White Bear Lake, Minnesota were here visiting friends and relatives. They stayed at the home of her brother Jim and Mavis Weiler.

Darrin Elm from Bismark, ND was home over the weekend for some pheasant hunting with his brother Casey Elm and Casey's mighty dog LUCY. While he was here he stayed with his parents Sandy and Slugger Elm.

GET WELL WISHES

Jason Bjorgen had a hemorrhagic stroke on Sept. 22nd and has paralysis on his left side.

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Wee Bee Quilters Meeting Minutes

On October 5, 2010 at 2:15pm our meeting of the Wee Bee Quilter's was held at the Westby Community Center. There were 10 members present and two guests, Gail Adams and Bonnie's daughter Kristi Schueth. Welcome and glad you could be here. The minutes from the September 7th meeting were read and approved.

Old Business: On September 8th guild members came to work on the Christmas Quilt for the hospital. Everything went good! It was decided that Betty Ellsted should quilt it, and she now has the quilt. The backing was the wrong size, Arlene Hove has the new backing, and Donna Evans offered to exchange it as she will be in Williston. When the quilt is done some of the guild member's will get together to sew the binding. Thanks girls for all your help!

Arlene had emailed earlier and handed out today information for the Swizzle Stick class on October 30th, teacher, Kathy Johnson. The class will be at the school, money was collected for the class, and so far there are 5 or 6 members planning to attend. Also the November 13th class will be the second class for the Swizzle Stick. Any one wishing to attend the class please call Arlene and sign up, it sounds like a fun Quilt!

The Friendship pillow cases were collected and we have a pretty variety. Elaine is keeping the cases, and will keep a few pillows on hand as needed.

The Comfort Quilt (gal's & guy's) blocks were collected and it's so interesting to see the different patterns, almost like a sampler quilt. We will collect a few more blocks and decide at the next meeting how to finish them.

More Name Quilt blocks were collected and there are still some being worked on.

The Centennial Quilt design is still in discussion. Elaine stated we needed to wait until the Logo for Westby was decided before going further.

Some of the suggestions are a windmill, crocus, sod house, horse & buggy, church, barn, train, water tower etc. Lorna stated she has patterns for a meadow lark and pheasant.

New business: Terri gave the dates for open sewing in Plentywood at the Courthouse, and they are Sept. 25th, Oct. 9th and 23rd, Nov. 6th and 20th, and Dec. 4th, and 18th.

Gail Adams joined our guild, Welcome Gail!

Discussion was brought up about having extra ironing boards and an iron kept at the Community Center. Faye Johnson stated she will donate an ironing board. Thank you Faye! And if anyone has an extra iron, please let us know.

Donna Evans asked if the Comfort Quilts will be tied, and if so she has some polyester batting she would like to donate. It was voted on and passed, we will use the polyester batting and the quilt will be tied when ready. Thank you Donna!

We had discussion about the Quilt Shop Hop and what fun it was! We had show and tell and Esther won the gift from Terri. Meeting next month will be Nov. 9, 2010 at 2pm. (change of day due to voting) Lorna Lagerquist will serve. Meeting adjourned 3:20 pm.

Terri McCauley, Secretary/ Treasurer

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Westby School Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting
October 11, 2010
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Westby School District #3 was held on October 11, 2010. Brenda Ryals, Vance Meyer, Aldon Joyes, Mr. Holecek, Mr. Somppi and Arlene Hove were in attendance. Chairman Ryals called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Chairman recognized the visitor, Suzi Ekness.

The tentative agenda was reviewed followed by a motion by Meyer to approve, seconded by Joyes, AIF.

Arlene read the minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting. Following no corrections, these minutes were approved and placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Clerk's August financial report.

Public Comment: Suzi Ekness distributed some pamphlets on cyber bullying, obtained from the Library in Plentywood. Mr. Holecek responded that he and Nate Olson are in the process of scheduling the Sheridan County Sheriff's office to come and address the student body and staff on this issue. Ms. Ekness also brought to the Board's attention a newspaper clipping on employees possessing a "medical marijuana" card. Mr. Holecek stated that this very issue is to be adopted into policy this evening (policy #5226), following a first reading in September, prohibiting any employee from possessing a medical marijuana card. Westby School is a drug- and alcohol-free workplace.

Committee Reports: **Buildings & Grounds:** Mr. Holecek reported that Mon-Dak is close to completion on the HVAC project and they are still working on a cooling unit for the server room. Ebel Integrators has 10 of the 20 security cameras up and running so that project is also close to completion. The Adult Ed exercise room in the lower level will be open tomorrow and signs will be posted at the school and around town regarding this. The west cafeteria door has been installed.

Unfinished Business:

A. Mr. Holecek reported that four applications were received for the Clerk's position. Mr. Holecek recommended that the Board offer the 40 hour per week position to Donna Sorenson. Discussion on hourly wage followed. Meyer moved to offer Donna Sorenson the District Clerk's position at a wage of \$14.00 per hour, with the wage being negotiable following a six month probationary period, Joyes seconded the motion for hire, AIF. Mr. Holecek will give Mrs. Sorenson until Monday, October 18, 2010 to accept or decline.

B. The following revisions of existing policies were given a second reading:

-1420 – Ryals moved to adopt as revised, Meyer seconded, AIF

-1512 – Meyer moved to adopt as revised, Joyes seconded AIF

-5226 – Ryals moved to adopt as revised, Joyes seconded, AIF

-5255 – Meyer moved to adopt as revised, Ryals seconded, AIF

-8123 – Meyer moved to adopt as revised, Joyes seconded, AIF.

-8450 – Ryals moved to adopt as revised, Meyer seconded, AIF.

C. Elementary Coaching vacancies are boys and girls jamboree and Jr. Hi boys and girls basketball. Joyes moved to offer coaching contracts to Chad Solberg for Boys and Girls jamboree; Misty Solberg for Jr. Hi Girls basketball and Tony Holecek for Jr. Hi boys basketball. Meyer seconded the motion for hire, AIF.

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Westby School Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

New Business:

A. Mr. Holecek proposed a Voice Mail Call Pilot 100 system as an add-on to our existing phone system and presented a quote from Nemont Telephone of \$1,715.80, installed. Following discussion, Meyer moved to purchase this system, Ryals seconded, AIF.

B. Mr. Holecek presented a quote from Bruco, Inc. for a new carpet cleaner of \$2900 w/attachments, less a possible trade-in allowance. Ryals moved to approve this purchase, Joyes seconded, AIF.

C. Mr. Holecek recommended starting an after-school tutoring program, Monday through Thursday and stated that two teachers are interested. Meyer moved to approve this program and set the hourly salary at \$11.00 per hour, Joyes seconded the motion, AIF.

D. The following policy revisions were given a first reading: 2170, 2170P and BP 8421.

E. The need to hire an adult substitute custodian has arisen following a shoulder injury by one of the regular custodians. Cindy Lagerquist has expressed an interest in this position. Ryals moved to hire Cindy as a temporary custodian at the rate of \$8.00 per hour, Meyer seconded the motion for hire, AIF.

Announcements/Discussion

A. MCEL, the conference for Superintendents, Board members and District Clerks will be held in Billings October 20-22, 2010.

Superintendent's Report

A. Mr. Holecek presented a quote from Hartley's School Buses for three different activity buses.

B. A utility pickup is still being looked into.

C. The Board discussed projects for the future.

D. Mr. Holecek reported on what is happening with NEMASS. Meyer moved to approve payment of October payroll warrants #10643-10653 totaling \$163,791.58, and October claims warrants #15918-15969* totaling \$143,943.16. Joyes seconded the motion for payment approval, AIF.

The September Extracurricular Financial Report was reviewed followed by a motion by Joyes to approve; Meyer seconded the motion, AIF.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Arlene Hove, District Clerk
Brenda Ryals, Chairman

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Our new centennial column will keep you informed of the plans, progress, and updates for the reunion, as well as bring you interesting stories, past and present, and tidbits of Westby's history. Anyone wishing to share pictures, stories, or pieces of the puzzle may contact the Border News. Cathy Nordhagen will be our new correspondent for the history portion of this column and she may be reached at renjunk@nemont.net or 385-2364.

Darrell, the eldest of three children born to Art and Edna (Stageberg) Nordhagen, was born in 1930 at the family farm five miles southwest of Westby. The farm had originally been homesteaded by Art's Aunt Gena. Upon graduation from Westby High School in 1948, Darrell joined the Air Force. He spent some time working at the Fortuna Radar Base and lived a few years in Plentywood with his wife and children while working at the Post Office. He and his family eventually settled in Opheim to farm. Darrell and his wife, Darleen, retired to Billings, Montana, where they currently reside. They are well known to many in Westby and the surrounding area. The following is taken from a talk given by Darrell at the 1946-1950 Class Reunion banquet in Westby last summer:

MEMORIES

Our mother was a patient in the State TB Sanitarium from 1934 to 1938. At the beginning of this period, Tom and I lived briefly with our grandparents. I stayed with Grandpa Andrew & Grandma Mathea Nordhagen in rural Westby and Tom stayed with Grandma Olga Stageberg. Grandma Stageberg had married a Barstad who owned a hotel in Ray, ND, after Grandpa Thomas died in 1929. Eventually we settled in with our Aunt and Uncle, Gena & Obert Stageberg.

We moved from the country into Westby in 1937, living in the two-story hotel owned by Uncle Ted and managed by our Aunt Gena and Uncle Obert. This was where the Post Office now stands. We were only there a few months, but I still have memories of that time. When a musical group checked in we saw black folks for the first time! Even though we did not have paved roads, there was bus service into Westby from Minot with the hotel serving as the bus depot. Cousin Wallace delivered the daily Minot newspaper to a few subscribers, and when he was not available, I got the job.

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Pictured above: Art, Edna, Darrell, Tommy & Arlee Nordhagen.

Centennial Central
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The close proximity to the city light plant also brings back many memories from our short stay at the hotel. Some of the town guests would complain the noise from the city light plant, less than a block away, would keep them awake. That brings to mind another incident in regards to the light plant. It contained two single piston diesel engines (at least I think they were single piston because they did not sound like John Deere's!). The smaller engine would run during the day and, about dark, the larger one would be started. One evening, on his way home from school, Brother Tom was walking right by the light plant just as Walter Olson started up the big engine. About that time the big engine backfired, sending soot high into the air through the exhaust system which was similar to a house chimney. Some of it landed right on Tom's bare head. He gladly submitted to hair washing that evening! The light plant was located directly behind the Ford garage and still stands with the year 1925 molded into the cement wall on the north side.

Our stay at the hotel ended abruptly when it burned down the morning of 3 January '38. We just got out with the clothes on our backs. Heat from the fire was so intense it cracked the plate glass windows on Walter Olson's Ford garage across the street. The cause of the fire was the wiring in the basement to the mangle used to iron the hotel sheets. All we had to fight fires with was a small water cart on wheels, which obviously was totally inadequate to put out such a fire. Our mother returned shortly after this and we joined our parents in the little home just a few feet from the ND line.

We may have lost the hotel in '38, but a new gym was built at the school that year, as well as indoor plumbing. I can't forget those large WPA-type toilets we used prior to that!

Old timers tell of playing basketball in John's Hall, which was at the end of Main Street next to the railroad tracks. Players had to contend with a grate in the middle of the floor where heat entered from a basement furnace.

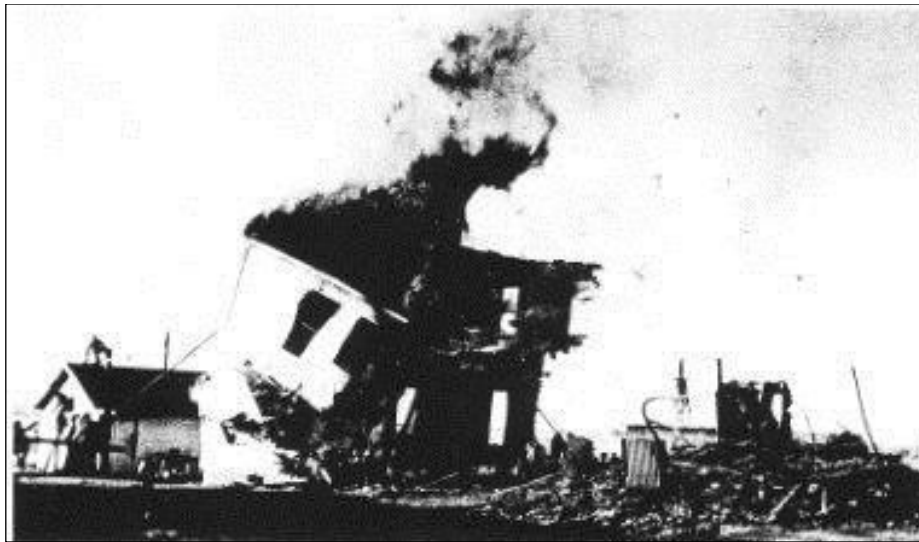


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Centennial Central
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There are many unusual consequences of living in Westby with the state line running through it. One interesting fact is the original baseball diamond was located with the state line running a short distance behind second base. Therefore, in order to get a home run, the ball would have to be hit into North Dakota. By the summer of 1946 the ball diamond had been moved southeast of town completely into North Dakota.

One particular game played on that field may be recalled by many. The game, if I remember right, was between Westby and a Canadian team. Thanks mainly to Ed Ferguson, U S Senator Burton K Wheeler was there and threw out the ball to start the game. This was a unique situation as it was a Montana team playing a Canadian team on ND soil! As far as I know, this was the only time Westby ever hosted a US Senator. Wheeler was a nationally prominent populist statesman who truly believed in a government of, by, and for the people!



Remember, we would love to share your memories, or those of your relatives that have been passed down in your family. I will collect and archive them; maybe one day even publish them. We also would love to acquire old pictures of people, places, and events in Westby. It is important to preserve these memories, which together have enriched our community.

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What a whirlwind couple of weeks! I was literally dashing off to see the grandbabies as the last edition went to press and, bless his heart, since Danny had to stay home and get harvest wrapped up, he also agreed to copy, fold, and label the paper to get it out on the due date. I owe him big time!

As expected, I enjoyed every bit of my time with the boys. Colton celebrated his 3rd birthday the week before my arrival and Bryce is just a little over 4 months. All 17 pounds of him! Colton and I did the usual baking and a couple craft projects, but the best was our shopping day (he may, however, beg to differ). It was decided Grandma would pick Colton up from pre-school for a little lunch date and shopping for his birthday present. As most know, Grandma doesn't always do so well finding her way around, basically because she doesn't pay attention, but Visalia, even with its 100,00 plus people, is very much just a large town and easy to navigate (or so I'm constantly told). Well, off I go to retrieve my luncheon date equipped with two, hand drawn, very precise maps, I might add. Map 1 takes me to school, the Target Center and Costco, Map 2 home from Costco. Very simple. (I really shouldn't tell this stuff on myself. It sounds even bad to me!) Anyway, I pick up Colton without incident and head to the Target Center which consists of several blocks of stores and restaurants situated very close to Costco. Of course, my map tells me exactly what street to turn on to get to Mimi's Café.

But do I turn there? No! I see the area so I turn in, but as I mentioned this takes up several blocks so Mimi's is nowhere to be found. I drive around the parking lot, which I am used to doing, and finally spot it across the road on the next block over. We eventually pull up in front of the café and the first leg of our journey has only taken a half hour (10 minutes should have been more than suffice). We have a delicious lunch and Colton eats every bite of his Mickey Mouse pancakes, his favorite at Mimi's. Just to make sure I'm on the right track, I ask the server which street to exit the area from to get to Costco. "Pull out on the street adjacent to the building, take a right and you can't miss it." She doesn't know me very well! Actually, we did make it without incident and pulled up in front of Costco in 5 minutes (about right!).

Now we are both in our glory because Colton and I like to shop. We head to the toy section and we have some big decisions to make. We finally settle on a large wooden firehouse complete with firemen, policemen, helicopter and all that is needed to equip a state-of-the-art fire department. It is 1:30 and Colton can't wait to get home to play with his new toys. I start to sweat. We get out to the parking lot and I get him and his treasure loaded up. I take a look around and try to think about which of the many entrances into this lot is going to take me out to Caldwell, the street I came in on. I ask a nice elderly gentleman the best way to get out on Caldwell and back to the street that will take me all the way to Chel's. He points and says, "Just take that street right there and Caldwell is the first intersection you come to. Turn and Demaree will be two intersections down."

"OK, sounds easy enough. I think I can make it." I have my trusty map, too. Now, I pull out to the adjacent street and, mind you, there is a little traffic and before I know it (10 seconds), I look up, it is Caldwell, and I am in the wrong lane. Now, this is where Grandma doesn't act very 'grandmotherly'. I say "Oh, s*#!t!" I do manage to get over to the right hand lane with only one horn honk and one hand gesture that I don't think was a wave, and make a right hand turn onto Caldwell.

The whole time I am turning the only thing I hear is, "Grandma, What you say s**t about?" Now, I am doing some back pedaling. (Grandma shouldn't have said that, etc.) He doesn't give up easily and repeats the question a couple more times. By now, I realize I have crossed more than two intersections and have not run into Demaree. I bite my tongue to prevent any other expletives from escaping (I am not really a person who uses profanity, but sometimes it just fits.) and try once again to explain to Colton Grandma should not have said it, but she thought she missed the turn. He seemed to except the answer and we traveled on. And on. And on. Now I am thinking maybe this direction will take me back to where I picked up Colton at school. It seems *somewhat* familiar. Heather has just text me to see if everything is OK. In California it is against the law to use your hands to talk on the cell or text so there was no way to let her know what was going on, besides I wasn't too sure myself. Upon driving by a small school house I was pretty sure I hadn't seen before, a nursery, and couple farms and a mostly residential area, I concluded I messed up somewhere (like right from the beginning!). By now Colton is getting restless and asks, "What you looking for, Grandma?" I reply, "I am looking for Demaree, this will take us to your house." It is not long before I hear this cute little sing song voice say, "Demaree, Demaree, where are you?" Now, I have to crack up because I am thinking the same thing. It is approaching 2:00 and I need a plan. I look for a place to stop and look at my map, although I'm quite sure where I sit is nowhere on Map 1 or Map 2. I finally drive by a rural fire department and pull in there. A pickup pulls in right behind me and as a fireman exits his vehicle I ask for help. I try to explain my situation which would make sense to no sane person. He looks at my map rather confused and points to the mountains straight ahead, "Ma'am, whenever you see those mountains you are heading out of town. You need to head back several miles the same way you came from until you cross Mooney and the next street will be Demaree. You should have no problem." Like I haven't heard that before!

I did get turned around and headed back toward my destination enjoying a few more renditions of "Demaree, where are you?" and Colton, who is too smart for his own good says, "Grandma, you ask two mans for help?"

"Yes, yes, I did. Traveling with Grandma is always an adventure."

When I finally pulled into the driveway exactly one hour after leaving Costco (normally a 15 minute trip) I asked Colton, "How do you like traveling with Grandma?"

My heart melted when he said, "I like ventures!" I returned to hunting season in full swing and will touch on those stories next time, but in the meantime wanted to share the recipes for a wonderful meal we enjoyed with the best of friends.

SCOTT'S SWISS STEAK

2 pounds round steak or sirloin cut into large pieces (3-5 inches) 3-4 potatoes peeled and quartered

4 carrot peeled and cut in to large chunks

2 onions peeled and chunked

1-14 ounce can of dices tomatoes

1-8ounce can of tomato sauce

2 cloves of garlic, minced

2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

Italian seasoning, flour, salt and pepper

Dredge flour into meat and season w/ S & P.

Brown in hot oil on both sides. Place in crock pot.

Add remaining ingredients and generously sprinkle with Italian seasoning. Cook on high for 6 hours or low for 10 hours removing lid the last hour. May be eaten as is or serve over egg noodles. Serve with crusty bread and Cape Cod chopped Salad.

This autumn salad is a keeper. The orange juice adds a bit of freshness while the maple syrup in the dressing adds a touch of sweetness.

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CAPE COD CHOPPED SALAD

8 ounces thick cut bacon
 8 ounces baby arugula
 1 large granny smith apple, peeled and diced
 ½ cup toasted walnut halves, coarsely chopped
 ½ cup dried cranberries
 6 ounces blue cheese, such as Roquefort, crumbled


Dressing
 3 tbsp apple cider vinegar
 1 tsp grated orange peel
 2 tbsp freshly squeezed orange juice
 2 ½ tsp Dijon mustard
 2 tbsp pure maple syrup
 Kosher salt
 ½ tsp freshly ground pepper
 2/3 cup good olive oil

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place a baking rack on a sheet pan and lay the bacon on the rack. Roast for about 20 minutes, or until crisp and browned. Allow to cool. In a large bowl, toss together the remaining salad ingredients. For the dressing, whisk together the vinegar, juice and zest, mustard, syrup 1½ tsp salt and ½ tsp pepper. Slowly whisk in the olive oil. Chop the bacon in large pieces and add just enough dressing to moisten. Sprinkle with ½ salt and toss well. Serve immediately. Serves 4-5


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While attending a craft show in Minot, Julie and Val picked up an oak toilet tissue holder and a magazine rack. Using these as prototypes they designed a new line of useful wood and fabric household items that fit well with the country look everyone was going for. The line consisted of a napkin holder, utensil holder, recipe box, letter holder, magazine rack, and toilet tissue holder. These were very popular for years and kept all four of them busy with the men cutting, sanding and assembling and the women staining, sewing, and putting the final touches on them. At that time Country Coordinates, as they were known, was traveling as far as Minneapolis to shows and the whole state of North Dakota, as well as to a few in South Dakota and Montana. As the country trend continued, geese in any form became very popular. Val and Julie got into the ceramic business in a big way pumping out geese in every imaginable size and for every imaginable purpose. Val mixed ‘mud’ in an old ringer washing machine, poured the molds, cleaned the green ware and brought them to Julie to be fired and painted. They did this in conjunction with the wood and fabric lines. In the early nineties they bought a used trailer house to have a place to work and hold ceramic classes in. In 1994 Val had the opportunity to buy Westby Meat & Grocery and the partnership was dissolved.”

“I used to always tell people I was going to get into jewelry and carry a little suitcase instead of taking 3 hours to set up a trailer full of crafts. I think they thought I was kidding.....I wasn’t!”

For a few years, Julie didn’t do much, but missed the adventure of it. She started back in the business doing Christmas arrangements, wreaths, and garlands with each piece accented with a type of rusty tin. Hence the name “Little Bit Rusty” plus the fact she hadn’t done anything new for a couple years. Julie concentrated mostly on Christmas items and fall shows.

Julie said, “For some reason I’ve always loved candles so naturally that became my next venue. I ordered a water jacket wax melter that could melt 60 pounds of wax at a time. That meant studying all about wicks, the different types of waxes and how to add the oil and fragrances. Eventually I got it all down and have been pouring ever since. I have used several types of waxes over the years but now all I pour are vegetable base or soy. They burn clean and even with no soot.”

Even with all the help from her husband, Keith, pouring candles, building arrangements, attending shows, packing and lugging boxes has taken its toll. Julie recently had her second rotator cuff surgery and decided it was a good time to change direction once again. Something smaller and lighter would be part of the criteria.

“I used to always tell people I was going to get into jewelry and carry a little suitcase instead of taking 3 hours to set up a trailer full of crafts. I think they thought I was kidding.....I wasn’t!”

Her newest venture is making metal jewelry using nickel, silver, copper and brass. This is something Julie had wanted to try for years, she finally found a place where she could take online classes and learn how to solder, oxidize, punch, pound etc.. So far the jewelry line has been received very well at various home parties throughout the region.

Julie said there is only one little problem, “I still can’t quite give up the Christmas line. It’s just too fun!”

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“LITTLE BIT RUSTY” EVOLVES OVER 30 YEARS (continued)

Julie mentioned, “Everyone always asks where I get my ideas and all I can say is ‘they just come to me’. Once in awhile I’ll get a idea from a magazine or website but I like to have items that no one else has. I also try to make each item unique so you don’t see the same item at your neighbor’s. Using these guidelines and managing to come up with new items every year seem to be what makes it so successful.”

This year will be a bit challenging for Julie after recently having her shoulder fixed, but she still plans to do the Westby Lion’s show on October 30th and a couple home shows. The home Christmas shows have proven to be a big hit. Julie says, “It works great to have the host remove all the decor on the walls and tables in their home and then I come in and totally decorate the house for Christmas. Seeing the items in a home atmosphere is what makes it fun. People love to come and shop this way!”

She has decided not to travel any distance to shows in the future. Julie and Keith have plans to move to Westby in the next year and she hopes to have a little shop in their home someday, but she’s not putting that in stone.

Julie summed up the new direction her art has taken her like this, “All in all, I enjoy making everything but I must say I enjoy the people more than anything and that’s what I’ll miss most about not traveling to shows.”

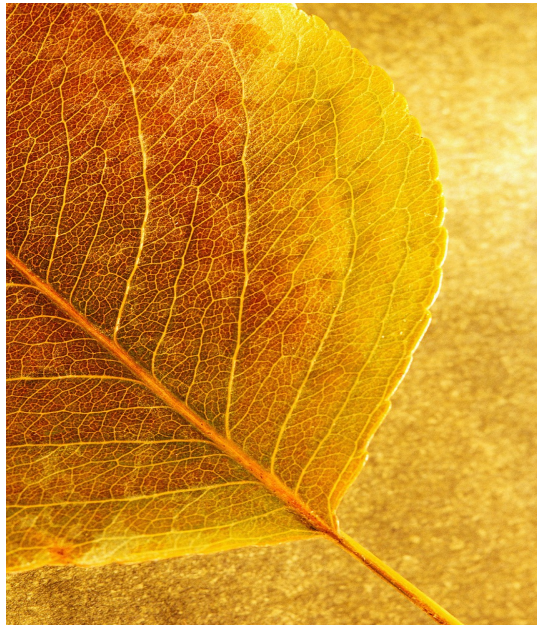
Julie and Keith Leininger are 1971 WHS graduates.

Julie’s line of jewelry and a few Christmas items can be viewed at www.lbrdesign.shutterfly.com orders may be made over the phone at 385-2585 or by email juliel@nemont.net



SOLBERG

Word was received Sunday, October 24th, long time Westby resident Chester Solberg passed away at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood. Chester recently celebrated his 90th birthday. A complete obituary will appear in the next issue of *the Border News*.



ORDAHL

Hailey Jo Ordahl, baby daughter of Brad and Shauna (Finnesgard) Ordahl of Dickinson, North Dakota, passed away Monday, October 18, 2010. She is survived by her parents and sister Alexis of Dickinson, her grandparents, Lincoln and Dana Finnesgard of Ambrose, ND, and Bud and Janel Ordahl of Beach, ND; Great-grandparents, Charles and Frankie Christy of Westby, MT, and Orvin and Jeanette Finnesgard of Alamo, ND, Dominic and Margaret Begger of Wibaux, MT, and Elaine Ordahl Warner of West Fargo, ND. Also surviving is Aunt's Brianna (Jake Hahne) Finnesgard and cousin, Cody, of Dickinson and Angie (DJ) McCloud of Bismarck.

COMING EVENTS

Wed.-Sat. Oct. 27-30 – District Volleyball tournament @ Culbertson

Fri. Oct. 29 – End of 1st quarter

Sat. Oct. 30 – Jamboree BB @ Brockton

Sat. Oct. 30 – Adult Ed. Quilting class in the school cafeteria – 9:00-4:00 – Kathy Johnson, Instructor

Sat. Oct. 30 – Westby Lion’s Craft & Bake Sale – 10:00-2:00 – Community Center

Attention Teachers & Students – Thur. Nov. 11 – Grades 6-12 will be attending a “sexting” workshop put on by the Sheridan Co. Sheriff’s Dept. **Grades 6-8** @ 10:55 in Shop classroom, **Grades 9-12** @ 12:12 in the Shop classroom – All students will be dismissed for the day at 12:59 pm – **Staff PIR**-1:15-3:15

VB schedule – **Tues. Oct. 19** (G) 4:00-7:00; **Wed. Oct. 20** (G) 4:00-5:30; **Thur. Oct. 21** (G) 4:00-6:00; **Fri. Oct. 22** (G) 2:00-4:00; **Sat. Oct. 23** – Culbertson @ Westby – JV-5:00 +20 min. Varsity; **Mon. Oct. 25**-(W) 3:30-6:00, **Tues. Oct. 26**-No practice, **Wed.-Sat. Oct. 27-30**-District Tournament @ Culbertson-TBA

Jamboree Boys & Girls BB practice in Westby

Tues. Oct. 19 – 3:35-4:50

Wed.-Fri. Oct. 20-22 – No practice

Mon. Oct. 25 – 3:35-4:50

Tues. Oct. 26 – 3:35-4:50

Wed. Oct. 27 – No practice

Thur. Oct. 28 – 3:35-4:50

Fri. Oct. 29 – 2:35-3:50

JH Girl’s BB Practice – Be at the school by 4:45 for practices in Westby

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