



BOYS AND GIRLS COME AWAY AS EASTERN C RUNNER-UPS ALL HEADED TO STATE CLASS C TOURNAMENT ACTION

The Thunder Girl's team ran out of steam as they faced Hinsdale in the Friday night championship game of the Eastern C Divisional Tournaments in Wolf Point. One consolation, they had the luxury of knowing they were headed to state tournament action regardless of the outcome. MonDak lead at the end of the first quarter and by 5 at halftime. Kayla Rust had 19 points the first half and finished with 23 points. Following halftime, Hinsdale outscored Westby-Grenora-



14-4 in the 3rd and 13-4 in the 4th quarter, giving them a 58-44 win over the Thunder. Westby-Grenora outlasted Saco-Whitewater in overtime during opening round action on Wednesday, February 20th. Kayla Rust, Sabrina Carter and Kori Gunlickson each contributed 11 points in the 50-48 contest.

On Thursday the girl's tangled with the Culbertson Cowgirls and came out on top with a 39-34 win. Rust and Gunlickson combined for 24 points.

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This advanced them to the championship game against Hinsdale where they were assured a trip to state because Saco-Whitewater ended up facing off with Culbertson for the third and fourth place position.

Both Mon Dak Thunder and Hinsdale will advance to Belgrade for the Class C State Tournament on February 28, & March 1st & 2nd. Their first game is scheduled for 7 PM Thursday.

There was no messing around. The MonDak Thunder Boys came to play ball. They proved this throughout their tournament play, and even in the championship game with Fairview, the boys held their own throughout the game. Although Fairview walked away with their 24th consecutive win, MonDak had nothing to lose. They were guaranteed a spot at the upcoming Class C Boys' tournament regardless of the outcome of this game. The score was all tied at the end of the first quarter and Westby-Grenora led by 1 at halftime. By the 3rd quarter the Warriors had turned the lead in their favor by 4 and the final score came in at Fairview 53-MonDak 45.

Brady led the Thunder scoring with 15 followed by Thomas Field with 13 and Adam Carlson with 7.

Westby-Grenora's first match was against Hinsdale on Thursday afternoon and Thunder dominated the court most of the game leading 16-9, 30-19, 47-31 and finishing with 62-52 win over the Raiders. Sophomore Cooper Olson led the field with 25 points with brother Brady close behind with 19. In Friday's semi-final game MonDak faced Culbertson who they had split with in regular season play. The two teams were tied after the first quarter, but the Thunder pulled away with a 7 point lead at halftime, thirteen points after the third quarter and finished with a 57-44 win over the Cowboys sending them into the championship game against the undefeated Fairview Warriors. Adam Carlson tossed in 18 points and the Olson brothers combined for 26 points.

Fairview and Westby/Grenora will advance to the Boy's Class C Tournament action in Bozeman beginning on Thursday, March 7th and running through the 9th.



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OLSON SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT



WHS senior Brady Olson signed a letter of intent to play football at University of Mary in Bismarck, ND, for the 2013-2014 academic year. Mary is a NCAA Division II athletic program with football currently enjoying one of the most successful runs in its school history. The 5'10" senior had a stellar year with the Mon Dak Thunder 6-man football team earning all-conference and all-state designation while leading the Thunder into the play-offs. Olson's athletic talents don't end there. His junior year he earned all conference and all state recognition in both track and basketball. All indications are he will repeat these feats his senior year. Brady is the son of Kelly and Shari Olson.

Clothing and Costumes needed for the Westby Centennial Program. All items must be clean, in excellent shape and ready to be worn or modeled. All must be tagged with history of garment or accessory if available.

For more information contact :
Diann Kaul.

KATIE CAPTURES COUNTY S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G TITLE



Katie Nielsen outlasted all the rest at the County Spelling Bee recently held in Medicine Lake. She will represent Sheridan County and Westby School at the state competition to be held at MSU-Billings on March 23rd. Katie is the sixth-grade daughter of Eric and Cindy Nielsen.

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We were fortunate enough to spend a little time in Arizona recently. It was wonderful to get away. Besides the fact we arrived home to much longer days, while there, we enjoyed the company of friends including local long-time snowbirds, new snowbirds, and forever residents of Arizona.

We started with Super Bowl fare at the Leininger's literally just minutes off the plane. The "welcome mat" was out in force and we devoured Lynn's wings and Vic's ribs among the many sides prepared by the girl's. It was a great way to start a vacation.

We enjoyed lunch with Connie and Hugh and dessert with Basil and Marlene. It was nice to see their new places, tour the grounds, and see how daily life carries on at "Venture Out". We saw a few other familiar Sheridan County residents during our outing, as well.

Brunch at the Lawson's followed by a Sheridan County golf scramble made for a perfect Arizona day. To wrap things up, Chel served Moscow Mules, cooked beef tenderloin and marinated salmon and all went to bed with a smile on their face.

Time went way too quickly, but we worked in several gatherings with other friends and made a couple trips to Scottsdale to see Heather's (daughter-in-law) grandmother Pearl and mother Barbara. Grandma is recovering from complications from surgery, but is doing remarkably well. She returned to her own home while we there proving she has made giant steps forward in her road to recovery. It was the highlight of our trip to see Pearl's recovery for ourselves, a true miracle.

While gone we did not miss out on a minute of district tournament action.

This KATQ streaming stuff is awesome. Coverage clear as a bell allowing us to cheer and holler just as if we were right with them in the Sidney gym. (For their sake, I'm glad we weren't!)

Once home, it has been full speed ahead, hit the ground running. No grass growing under these feet. Sub at school a little, tend to church projects, and listen to more ballgames in between putting out a newspaper. Listening to games, in of itself, is a full time job with both girls and boys making it to divisional tournament in Wolf Point. And what exciting games they have been. Real nail biters. All I can say is there is NO ONE who can say they have not heard "The Thunder". No matter what happens from here, it has been an amazing year to call oneself a member of the MonDak Thunder! Pride exudes from every pore of every resident of both communities! It is a great feeling.

And I have recipes to share from my travels. As you can see, gathering, preparing food, and eating, whether at home or out and about, is always an integral part of our lives. This first recipe was shared by Shirlee's cousin, Bev. I have seen recipes for this before, but for some reason was not inclined to try it. Boy, have I been missing out. It was great with ribs and wings, but I can also see it as an appetizer with corn chips.

**Congratulations to
both Mon-Dak Thunder
Teams!**

**Good luck at State,
we're SO proud
of you all!**

TEXAS CAVIAR

Marinade

½ cup cider or red wine vinegar

1 cup canola oil

½ cup sugar

Bring vinegar and oil to a boil and add sugar to dissolve. Cool

1 can whole kernel corn

1 can black beans

1 can pinto beans

1 can black eyed peas

Drain and rinse and combine in large bowl.

1 red pepper, diced

1 cup diced celery

1 red onion, diced

2 jalapenos, diced

Combine vegetables and beans. Stir in marinade. Chill overnight. Drain before serving. These yummy little appetizers were compliments of Shirlee and a big hit at Super Bowl.

COMING SOON

An evening of fun

learning about micro brews and wines. What makes good ones, what food makes them even better, and how to enjoy them on what ever level you chose.

Watch for further details.

CHEESY PUMPERNICKEL SQUARES

Preheat oven 400

1 loaf of pumpernickel cocktail bread

1 cup mayonaise

1 cup fresh grated cheddar

1 2.25 oz can chopped black olives (I use ¾ of can).

1/4 c minced onion

Bacon bits

Place cocktail bread on baking sheet. Mix all ingredients except bacon bits and top each bread with tsp or so of cheese mixture. Top with bacon bits.

Bake 10 min or until bread is crisp! Serve

Next issue I promise to share Chel's marinated salmon recipe and an over the top au gratin sweet potato recipe I made to accompany it. Donna Sorenson gave me this recipe at Christmas time and again, had she not told me how delightful it was, I would not have tried it.

Until then,

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The fifteenth meeting of the Westby Centennial organization was held Monday, January 28, 2013 at the Westby Community Center with 22 committee members present. The treasurer's report was given and approved; Gene Kavon noted a balance of \$32,179.08.

Committee Reports

Sign Committee

Vance Meyer will have the signs in place when the weather cooperates. Vance also brought up purchasing belt buckles for the Centennial. The company that he checked into had a set up cost of \$1000 and a minimum order of 250 buckles.

Vance will continue to check into different companies for pricing options.

Fundraising Committee

Jody mentioned their committee will look at ordering t-shirts, tank tops and golf balls. A discussion was held on how much the group had targeted to raise for the celebration. Beatie Petersen reported the initial goal was \$40,000.00. Val Moore reported that 38 cases of cookbooks were ordered and only 12 cases remain (180 cookbooks). She will check cost of re-ordering cookbooks.

Registration Committee

Bruce Westgard reported that the committee has a total of 315 individuals registered for the Friday evening meal, 327 individuals for the Saturday evening meal, and 237 for the Sunday breakfast. Registration will be set up in the school library from 8-4, Friday, and 8-12 on Saturday. The general consensus was those registered will go thru the food line first, ensuring them the meals ordered. There will be a few extra meals ordered, but in the event they run short, vendors will be available.

Beatie Petersen stated the caterer needs a confirmed number two months prior to the celebration. It was agreed to cut off registration on May 1st.

Food Committee

Beatie Petersen reported she had the completed contracts with the food vendors for the Friday -

evening and Saturday evening meals. She also reported she has five vendors as well as another possible vendor for the celebration. A question was raised as to if craft vendors would be allowed to set up around town during the celebration. It was agreed they could, but a location needs be found for them.

Jody Lagerquist will again contact Sheridan Electric about electrical outlets to determine where the vendors can be located, as well as the kids' entertainment.

Adult Entertainment

Karla Christensen reported she will hear this week from Kenny Nordhagen regarding the band he requested for Thursday night. Darcy Nordhagen reported to Karla the program "Cent-imental Journey" her committee is working on, will be about 1 ½ hours long. Karla asked about having a free stage and a list of events to help determine when

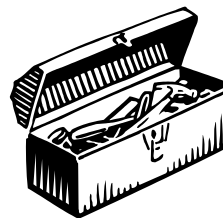
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the program and free stage should be held. Karla suggested a tour of homes, and stated they could possible put the info at locations so individuals could do a tour on their own. A discussion was held regarding a shuttle, elevator tours, school tours, and a tour of homes. Val Moore suggested requesting help on the website from those attending if committees can determine how much help and when they need it. People would then sign up on the schedule. Karla mentioned band times would be 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. both Friday and Saturday.

Athletic Entertainment

Sue Meyer reported the Fun Run/Walk Entries need to be turned in by May 1st. The cost will be \$20.00 if preregistered or \$25.00 if you register the day of the Fun Run/Walk. Sue also reported Dona Oksa will be available to take candid pictures during the Celebration. Dona will place the photos on her Smug Mug site, where they can be purchased. Val reported that Nate Olson will have an Annie Oakley trap shoot event at the Gun Range. They will have some guns available.

Golf scramble headed by Chad Solberg is also a go.

Parade Committee

Mavis Weiler reported that the parade registration has been put on the website. The parade is set for noon on Saturday. Children's entries are welcomed. Mavis inquired about a PA system for the parade. Mavis will contact Rick Orozco regarding equipment for the PA system. Mavis suggested people consider class floats and family floats as parade entries.

Old Business

Gayle Overgaard will talk to Brent Somppi regarding a DVD of the Centennial.

Val Moore reported that Jim Weiler and Travis Ruggles have consented to be involved with the opening ceremonies. They will work on the ceremony as well as possibly Monte Solberg.

New Business

Kim Hendrickson of the Westby Rangeriders 4-H Club presented a project for the Centennial. The Rangeriders would like to construct a Westby Centennial 1913-2013 flower box and fill it with red, white, and blue flowers for Main Street. They will also construct four planters filled with red, white, and blue flowers to be placed on Main Street.

A rough draft of a timeline was sketched out:

FRIDAY

8:00-4:00	Registration
9:00	Opening Ceremony
9:00-1:00	Golf Scramble
10:00-3:00	Elevator Tours
	School Exhibits
10:00	Annie Oakley Trap Shoot
1:00-5:00	Kids Games
3:00	Cent-imental Journey
5:00	BBQ
8:00-12:00	Band

SATURDAY

8:00-11:00	Breakfast
8:00-12:00	Registration
8:30-10:00	Fun Run/Walk
10:00-3:00	School Exhibits
12:00	Parade
1:00-5:00	Kids Games
2:00-5:00	Free Stage
5:00	BBQ
8:00-12:00	Band

SUNDAY

9:00	Breakfast
10:00	Church Service (School)

The next scheduled meeting is for Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.



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Danny Moore

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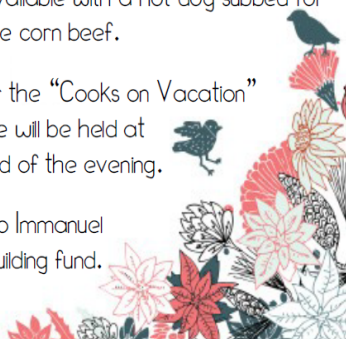
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IMPORTANT CENTENNIAL DATES & UPDATES

The dates of July 12-14, 2013 Westby Centennial is soon upon us and deadlines for final decisions and arrangements are closing in on the planning committee. Because there are still arrangements to be made for various activities and total numbers needed to confirm certain events, we are asking for cooperation from attendees ASAP to make our job easier. The following are dates to remember:

MARCH 15TH Deadline for pictures to be included in history DVD.

MAY 1ST Deadline for registration to be included in meal count.

MAY 1ST Deadline to preregister for fun run/walk cost \$20.00. After May 1st- \$25.00. Please include t-shirt size (youth-S, M, L, XL), (adult-S, M, L, XL, XXL).

Registration forms are now available for parade entries. Forms may be accessed on the website, picked up at various local businesses, or be requested by emailing:

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Next, talent is needed to entertain on the FREE STAGE during the Centennial. This event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 6th from 1 to 5:00 p.m.

If you'd like to be part of the fun, please contact one of the following people by phone, e-mail, or message them on Facebook:

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Kolby Ruggles: (406) 385-2327

Mary McMinn: (406) 765-1214

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MAY 1ST DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION

March 15th deadline for pictures to be included on dvd

Fun run/walk deadline May 1st 20.00 after \$25.00

PAULSON

On January 29, 2013, the world lost a beautiful spirit who had battled with her health for many years. Cynthia Gene Paulson was born on June 28, 1957 to Gene and Rosemary Paulson.

Cynthia spent her early years in Outlook, Mt but graduated from Plentywood when her family moved into town. As the only sister in a family of 5 boys, she had babysitting duties often and consistently attempted to keep the younger boys from destroying the house. She left home after graduation and went to a vo-tech school in Great Falls. She later pursued and completed her cosmetology degree in Miles City. She came back to Sheridan County to practice her profession and was well known for her great haircuts.

Cynthia was married for a time to Lynden Lagerquist and they raised a son, Alex Lagerquist in Westby.

Some of Cynthia's favorite times were when the extended family would gather especially around the 4th of July. She had her routine of spoiling the younger kids with DQ treats and fireworks. She also loved to put care packages together around the holidays for the families and would spend hours making baked goods and crafting. She had a beautiful singing voice and a laugh that could fill an entire room.

Cynthia leaves behind her parents Gene and Rosemary Paulson of Plentywood, her son Alex of Westby, brothers; Kent (Joan), Kerry (Cindy), Keith (Bobbie), Kraig (Jody) and sister-in-law Norma. She also leaves behind nieces and nephews; Kale, Krista, Kurt, Kristin, Ryan, Keogh, Elias, Rokken, Henry, Audrey and one honorary niece who was dear to her heart, Leia and mom Lynne. She also has many aunts, uncles, cousins and long time friends that will miss her. Cynthia was preceded in death by her beloved brother Kevin and she is with him now and at peace with herself.

Cremation has taken place, with services to be planned in the spring.

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The Cooks on Vacation

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"The Cooks on Vacation" is a raffle being sponsored by the Immanuel Lutheran Church fundraising committee and tickets sell for \$10.00 a piece or three for \$20.00.

The drawing will be held at Immanuel's second annual Corn Beef and Cabbage Feed on Sunday, March 17th and you need not be present to win.

Construction continues on Immanuel's new fellowship hall. The roofing material has arrived and this past week the windows were installed.

Tammerak Construction has assured Immanuel Lutheran's congregation Easter breakfast will be served in the new addition. Fundraising efforts continue for this very worthwhile project.

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HAMMER

Funeral services for Howard Hammer will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, March 2. Pastor Barbara Westhoff will officiate at the service at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby; interment, with military honors will be in Scandia Cemetery. Howard died Thursday evening at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood; he was 91.

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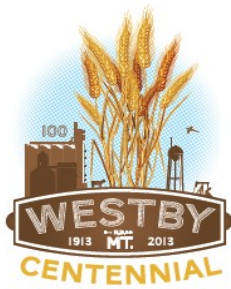
Memorial services for Phoebe Rae Vest will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, February 27. Pastor Barbara Westhoff will officiate at the service at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby; interment of cremated remains will be in Westby Cemetery. Phoebe, 69, died at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood Tuesday evening, February 19.

Phoebe is survived by her husband, Jim Vest, of Westby; two daughters, Terri Milton,-

of Georgetown, Texas and her husband Bill, and Jamie Putnam and her husband Brian, of Kalispell; by 5 grandchildren, and 5 great Grandchildren. She is also survived by three brothers, Warren (Eileen), David (Laurie), and Mike Overgaard.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Wes Schoepper, in 1967; her son, Lance Schoepper, in 2009, and by a brother, Bill, and by her parents, Irene and Ervin Overgaard.

Friends may call at Fulkerson's in Plentywood.



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