



Esterbrook Community Association  
November 2010

I believe winter has arrived. Since the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, we've had over a foot of snow, lots of wind, Ron Broten has had to move snow off his road, I brought my cows home, and it may get below zero in the next couple of days. I hope you elk hunters are happy! I was kind of enjoying what we had.

Martha Beardin tells me that the Historical Committee's cookbooks are still selling well. So well that they have ordered another 200, which should arrive the first week of December. If you haven't gotten one for yourself or some for Christmas gifts, there is still time.

The Esterbrook community got together for a Thanksgiving feast at Esterbrook Lodge on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. I believe I heard Beth say that there were about 47 folks there. By all accounts, there was plenty of food and it was all good. Mike and Tina provided the turkey, once again.

The ECA's annual chili feed and associated activities will be held Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will start things off with the chili dinner at the ECA building at 5:30 pm with the singing of carols and cookie exchange to follow over at the church at 7:00 pm. The chili and drinks have been taken care of and there will be plates, bowls, cups, and utensils if you don't bring yours. You don't have to bring anything, but if you do, salads or other side dishes will be welcomed. This is just part of the whole fattening up process for the holidays. You have to add some body fat to keep warm, you know.

This should have been in the last issue, but it is time once again to ask you to send \$7.00 for newsletter postage and expenses. I'm going to try to keep better track of it this year. There should be a date printed on your label. If this date is July of 2010 (7-?-10) or earlier, or there is no date, you owe us \$7.00 in order to keep receiving the newsletter. I will give you a grace period of a couple of months. Please make your checks out to ECA and mail them to me at 628 Braae Rd., Douglas, WY 82633. I appreciate your help in making this an orderly process. If you know of any other interested parties, please pass this on.

Continuing with some of the history of the Newell's in the Esterbrook area, Dennis' grandfather. Guy Sr. played a large part in the establishment of the town of Esterbrook. In the early 1900's, Guy and two brothers, Emmett and Frank filed on mining claims at Esterbrook. In addition to working the claims, Guy established a store and freighted supplies in from Glendo and Douglas by team and wagon. He built an eight room house where the Esterbrook Lodge now stands. Brother Emmett built the Rustic Inn which was torn down not too long ago. At the time, the whole town was inhabited by Newell's or their relatives. Guy was the Esterbrook postmaster for 17 years before he and his wife Myrtle left in 1929 to return to ranching where Dennis now lives. Guy Sr. died in 1970 at the ripe old age of 95. Myrtle died ten years later at the same age. I remember them well and I can see Guy Sr. clearly in my mind, sitting in his easy chair and I can still hear his high pitched voice when he spoke.

If anyone has some bits of history of the area, I would like to include them here if I can.



