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## President's Message

By Frank Reed

Summer is here and the water's flowing. Get your mining gear ready, because it's time to get going. Check out your maps and gear, dig out your pans, it's time to get outta here.

Our June 8<sup>th</sup> outing will be at two old mine sites where we can metal detect the old tailing piles and explore. There should be some good artifact hunting around the old miner's cabins also. If you are interested in these tips call Rodger at 699-8101 for more info. Our last outing was claim identification and was led by Bob Lowe. He really did a good job of getting us from claim to claim and answering questions. Thanks Bob! We have a lot of new members who are needing a little help and encouragement from those of us who actually know a few things. That's why we have the "Helpful Prospectors" contest. I know you have heard me Yab and Yab about this, but the truth is, this is an important subject. So get involved and you might actually enjoy teaching a new prospector a few new things! I promise they will brag on you like you are the best thing since peanut butter!

I want to take the time to thank those who  
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## 2013 Club Calendar

June 12	Meeting
June 15	Outing
July 6	MedStar Picnic @ ECP
July 10	Meeting
July 13	Outing
August 9, 10 & 11	Murray Dazes
August 14	Meeting
August 17	Outing
September 7	ECP Pig Roast
September 11	Meeting
September 14	Outing
October 9	Meeting
October 12	Outing
November 13	Meeting
December 11	Meeting
December 15	Christmas Potluck

## New Meeting Location

**Rathdrum Senior Center  
8037 W Montana Street  
Rathdrum, ID**

(SW corner of Montana St & Highway 41)

## June Refreshment List

*Norman Sabens & Lisa Wenig*

**See page 10 for rest of the year**

We need more volunteers. Would like to have at least 3 people per month. Sign up at the meeting.



**Alfred T. Jackson**  
**The diary of a forty-niner.**  
*Edited by Chauncey L. Canfield*

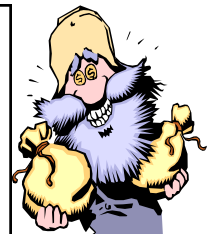
OCTOBER 27, 1850.

--We have had a great week. There is a streak up through the middle of our flat that is lousy with gold. We took out one hundred and eleven ounces and only worked a small portion of what we uncovered. We had a meeting of the miners at our place yesterday afternoon to decide in regard to ditch and water rights, and it was a hot one. Some of them claimed that water was as free as air and no one had a right to monopolize it, and they would have carried the day, but Anderson proposed as a compromise that all inter-

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The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Rathdrum Senior Center located at 8037 W Montana Street, Rathdrum, ID. Our outings are held the weekend following the meeting date from May thru October. November thru March members are invited to meet each Saturday morning at 8:00AM at Kootenai Medical Center Cafeteria in Coeur d'Alene to solve the world's problems. Please join us.



# Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe



## The Last Trip (on the Honda)

In May, Rodger and I took a trip over Moon pass to check out the Lucky Sweede mine in preparation for our June 8th outing. We left for our start out point, Wallace, ID. and unloaded the four wheelers. We

headed up the mountain until we came to a wall of snow 6' high where the county stopped plowing at the top of the pass with a D7 Cat. So while we stared at the wall of snow, two Jeeps and a side by side ATV showed up. They assessed the situation, then said they were going over! So we helped shovel the top ridge down to make a sort of ramp, I watched them let most of the air out of their tires, and over they went. So Rodger said "What do you think?"

I said "If a car can make it over, we should be able to."

Famous last words! After 3 try's I got my Honda over the top. Rodger got over with one try, then we rode about 3 miles downhill in deep rutted snow. I could barely make it, but once again Rodger had no problem. Then we came to the berm at the other end where the 2nd D7 Cat stopped plowing up the hill. Everyone made it over the berm but me. I somehow got my left foot under the left rear tire, I was stuck halfway down the other side and couldn't get free, as gravity was pulling me down.

Well four men came and pushed my 4 wheeler back up the hill a few feet and got my foot free. Everyone knew my foot had to be broken, luckily it wasn't, but it hurt like \*\*\*\*!! So, on with our adventure. We stopped a little ways down the road and watched the guys (and gals) in the Jeeps shoot at some homemade explosives that blew the crap out of a snow bank. They offered us drinks, but we refused. These people were really trying one on.

So we finished riding to the mine. After leaving the main road, we had to start cutting out the trail to the mine.

We had to winch one large log out of the way

and after we did, I told Rodger "Move your 4 wheeler back, I don't trust that stump." So he moved back about 8 feet and while we stood there the large stump came crashing down Right where his new 4 wheeler was sitting before he moved it. Whew! That was close!

So we finished cutting our way up to the mine and did some metal detecting, we found a few good samples, we looked around and decided to head for home.

We headed back to the snow patch from Hell, when we got there I only made it about 50 yards before I spun out and high centered the Honda. Dig - get stuck - dig - get stuck - dig - get stuck. Then I had Rodger try to pull me. He was able to go right around me after he got out of the ruts from Hell! So he hooked a strap to me and gave it the gas, and then he got stuck! So we unhooked the Honda, Rodger got unstuck, and here comes a side by side and a 4 wheeler down the hill.

We all talked and decided I might be screwed, as the snow got pretty rotten by the heat of the day. Then one of the guys said "We have better luck giving it just enough gas to move and no more." So I try it after shoveling out again and I made it a little further. Then I backed up a little ways and tried again, going slow. I make it a little further and eventually got to go long distances between getting

stuck.

A 3 minute ride turned into an hour ride. I thought I would never make it, but I did. I told the Honda "if you get me out of here I'll sell you to someone who will treat you better!" We got out, and I sold the Honda, just

like I promised. Now I own a 2009 Polaris Sportsman 850 with a lot of clearance and extra tall tires. So what's next.... Rodger lead me through a creek that has an unforeseen deep hole, and tries to drown me on the Polaris!

Thank God I wasn't on the little Honda, I'd be washed down to the pacific by the time you read this story.

Have a wonderful day and try not to get stuck.

Frank Reed

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From the digging's comes this story about our trip [1996] above Maxville, Montana south of Drummond [I 90] all creeks and gulches above Max-

ville offer panning, sluicing and detector nuggeteering. Much ground is claimed or private, however at the time the GPA listed claims at an elevation of over 8,000 feet. Near the head of the divide we found old cabins,

(Continued on page 5) *Items of Interest*

### Wise Words from AA7AF:

There are two theories to arguing with a woman.  
Neither theory works.

### Notice

There is a potluck picnic planned on July 6th at Eagle City Park to commemorate the new Eagle City / MedStar Heliport. Come and enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs along with your favorite potluck dishes. Kicks off at 10AM with MedStar Helicopter landing around noon.

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### Historical Quotes

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretence, raised in the United States. A military force, at the command of Congress, can execute no laws, but such as

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## Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

ested should pitch in and build a ditch on shares. As there were only a dozen or so who had any use for the water outside of the creek bed, this was agreed to. These are the ones who have taken up flat claims like ours and are anxious to prospect them. We give our ditch to the company and have a one-sixth interest in the extension. I don't see what good it will do, but Anderson says common consent makes law and the action will establish our rights. Have had two good letters from home. Mother wants me to return for Thanksgiving and I'd like to be there, but the chances to get rich are too good to leave now. Dad writes that he has bargained for the Slocum Farm for four thousand dollars, and if I have another lucky week I will send him the balance. Somehow I don't feel so eager to go back and live on it as I did three months ago.

NOVEMBER 3, 1850.

--Another fair week, although not so good as the previous one. We are working the flat about forty feet wide and the sides do not pay as well as the middle streak, but we took out sixty-five ounces. The miners have been driven out of the creek bed by too much water and a great many have left for other diggings. There are two men cutting the extension to our ditch. Spent the day in Nevada City, as they call it now. There are over two thousand miners working in the vicinity of the town and most everybody doing well. My little Frenchwoman has gone away. I asked for her and they told me she was dealing over at Centerville.\*

[Note : (Note.--The Grass Valley of to-day was first named Centerville because it was midway between the two more important mining towns of Rough and Ready and Nevada City.)]

There is no particular reason why I should be so much interested, although I was disappointed in not seeing her.

A minister preached in the United States Hotel dining room and the place was filled, but there were only three women in the crowd. I was told he took up a collection and raked in four hundred dollars. That is as good as mining and not as hard work. Our minister in Norfolk would be satisfied with that much for a year.

NOVEMBER 10, 1850.

--Anderson was taken sick Thursday and has been out of his head for two days. I got a

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doctor from town and he says he has a bilious fever and with good care he will come out all right. I've got to like Anderson mighty well and I should feel bad if anything should happen to him. His crazy talk in his delirium was mostly about his wife. I guess they had a flare-up about her extravagance and other foolishness, and that's why he left and what makes him so grumpy about home matters. Poor old Jack has been miserable, licking Anderson's hands and face and whining like a sick baby, and I had to tie him up. The boys around have been very good, offering to set up nights and bringing in quail and squirrels for him, but he has not eaten a morsel. Doctor says to make him some broth. I've managed to get along, but I'm nearly dead for sleep.

Another begging letter from North. I don't see what right he has to ask me for a thousand dollars and without any explanation as to what he wants it for.

NOVEMBER 17, 1850.

--Pard is all right again, thank the Lord, although not able to work yet. I hired a man to rustle for some chickens and he found three after a two days' hunt. He paid \$24 for them and with his horse hire and time they cost me \$50, but I don't begrudge it for I made chicken broth and Pard said it went right to the spot. We have had another big storm. It rained three days steady. The grass is coming up, the hill sides are all green and it looks like spring instead of fall. While it is mighty pretty, it isn't like autumn back in old Litchfield where the sumachs and the maples are all ablaze at this time of the year. I worked in the claim alone for three days and cleaned up fourteen ounces. After dividing with Anderson I have got over two thousand dollars on hand and will send it to dad next week. Pard says I would do better to buy land in California, but that's foolishness. The gold will all be dug out after a while, and after that I don't see what there is to stay in this country for.

NOVEMBER 24, 1850.

--We both worked this week and took out eighty-nine ounces. When I think of how much

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money I am making it seems like a dream. I used to work for a dollar a day in haying time, and our hired man on the farm gets twelve dollars a month and found. The regular miners' wages here are eight dollars a day and very few men will hire out. I sent the two thousand dollars to dad and told him to buy the farm for me, so whatever happens I will have that, but the more I think of it the less I feel like running it. I don't suppose I could make more than five hundred dollars a year off of it at the best, and then have to work four times as hard as I do here, but then this is not going to last always. We caught an Indian cleaning up our riffle box Saturday night. When the miners found out about it they insisted on his being punished and it was decided to tie him up to a tree and give him fifty lashes on the bare back. Nobody would volunteer to do the whipping, so we drew lots and Dick Stiles got the job. He used a double half-inch rope, but the Indian after the first half-dozen strokes made such a howl that we let him go, although there was not a red mark on his back.

DECEMBER 1, 1850.

--Although there was nothing to show it, we observed Thursday as Thanksgiving, as that was the legal day in the States. All we did was to lay off and eat quail stew and dried apple pie. I thought a lot about the old folks and would like to have been home with them, and I guess I will be next year, although Slocum's farm doesn't seem to be as enticing as it was when I first started out to buy it. Dad writes that Hetty blames me for not looking up her brother, who don't write any letters home. I think she is unreasonable. I didn't take any contract to look out for him and he is as old as I am. Pard and I talked it over and he says why not take a holiday and a trip to Sacramento, and then I can decide what to do. We worked four days and cleaned up forty-one ounces.

DECEMBER 22, 1850.

--This is the first I have written in three weeks. I've been to Sacramento. Pard insisted on my going; said that after nursing him through his sickness I needed a rest, so I bought a mustang and saddle, paid sixty dollars for the horse and seventy-five for the saddle and bridle. Sacramento is the liveliest place I ever saw. There are over five thousand people living there, mostly in tents, and not more than a dozen wooden houses in the place. Hundreds of people from San Francisco are coming up the river every day, and the bank is piled up with all

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sorts of goods and provisions for the mines. About every tent is a gambling house and it made my head swim to see the money flying around. I had a big job hunting up North and then only found him by accident. I was almost sorry that I came across him, for I discovered that he had turned sport and was dealing "monte." He pretended to be very glad to see me and then let out that what he wanted the money for was to start a game of his own, sure that he could win a fortune. Gracious, what would Hetty and his folks say if they knew he had become a gambler. He got very chilly when I wouldn't let him have the dust, but made me promise that I would not write anything home about it. He is living with a Mexican girl and I don't think they are married.

I thought a lot about Pard while I was away. We were strangers a few months ago, and now I couldn't love an own brother any better. He was just as glad to see me as I was to see him, and Jack pretended he was overjoyed. The old dog is so fat he can hardly toddle and with Pard petting him he certainly has a good time. Pard took out of the claim one hundred and twenty-two ounces while I was gone and insists on sharing it, and I could not argue him out of it. He is mighty set when he wants to be.

Jim McCord, who lives about half a mile down the creek, was held up by robbers on the divide about a week ago while on his way back from town. He showed fight and one of the highwaymen shot him in the knee, shattering the bone. Dr. Hunt has been attending him and says mortification has set in and his leg will have to be cut off. That's pretty rough on Jim.

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**Gold is \$1,401.40 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,626.40 an ounce !**

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I disagree with Kay Jewelers.  
I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with a Bud Light than Kay.

### Outings

Our outings are held the weekend after the second Wednesday of the month from May thru October at Eagle City Park (unless otherwise noted). To get to Eagle City Park take I-90 to Kingston (Exit 43), then take the Coeur d'Alene River Road to Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (Mile Post 23), take Thompson Falls/Prichard Creek Road (2.6 miles) to Eagle Creek Road, take Eagle Creek Road (1/2 mile) to Eagle City Park entrance on left side of road. Look for red pump house with a prospector on wall. GPS is 47°38'51"N & 115°54'37"W

Note that Eagle City Park is privately owned and operated and is for the exclusive use of Eagle City Park Members and their guests. It is open to all NWGPA members free of charge for day use during the outings. Overnight camping during the outings is \$20 for the whole weekend.

You are welcome to come and prospect and / or camp at other times as long as prior arrangements are made and the Daily Lease Fee of \$20 per family per day (\$30 per family per weekend) is paid. You must follow all the rules as posted and park outside the gate and to the left the road.

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The widow who married the young fellow at Selby Flat has shook him and come back to the Flat again. She says he was "no account," but the boys think he was glad to get rid of her.

DECEMBER 29, 1850.

--We decided to keep the horse, as it would be handy to ride to town and over the country. Green feed is plenty, but no oats or grain to be had for love or money. We had to have some feed in case of snow, so Christmas day I rode down to Centerville and found a man who had cut some wild oats in a valley below that town. He wanted two hundred and fifty dollars a ton and fifty dollars more for delivering it on Rock Creek, and I bought it at that figure. That would cause dad to hold up his hands, but then they don't make thirty dollars a day on an average in old Connecticut.\*

[Note : (Jackson's figures are verified on the authority of one Johnson, who, in 1851, sold ten tons of hay, which he had cut on a tract of land he had settled on in Penn Valley, at two hundred and fifty dollars a ton, delivered at Rough and Ready, a distance of four miles.)]

While at Centerville I hunted up the pretty Frenchwoman. She knew me and asked where I had been and what game I was running. I could hardly make her believe that I was a miner and not a sport. Her pretty French accent was very fascinating. She says she is coming back to Nevada in a little while and then she will ride over to the claim some day. I don't believe she will, but if she does it will cause a sensation on the creek.

The doctor cut off McCord's leg the day before Christmas and he died the next day. We buried him on the hill along side of Donovan. He

had one thousand two hundred dollars in dust, which we sent to his wife, who lives in New York City. It was pitiful to hear him mourn about her and his children before he died.

Only worked three days this week and took out fifteen ounces and a half. Our claim is as rich as those over on Brush Creek, and that ground has been considered the best of any around this section. There are lots of miners tramping over the country from one locality to another and we hear stories of the big yield of gold everywhere in the foothills. I have talked with men from Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties who claim to have left ounce diggings because they had heard of better places North. It is strange what a restless, discontented lot of gold seekers roam around from one county to another. They can't make money fast enough at an ounce a day, but are prospecting for some spot where they can take out a bushel or more of gold in a week, and as there have been plenty of such strikes made it keeps them excited and continually on the tramp. I was chatting yesterday with a miner from Mariposa County and he was telling me of the discovery at a camp called Bear Valley that had set the country wild. It seems there are a lot more Mexicans in that part of the State than here and they do a good deal of mining. It was noticed that for a couple of weeks the "greasers" had been very flush, selling lots of dust at the store and playing "monte" for high stakes. Some of the miners put a watch on them and found them panning on a flat about a mile from the town, and they soon found out that

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shafts and tailing piles. Our 83 mini motor home just quit [carbureted engines don't run as well at high altitudes ] as we got to the lower end of the claims!!

So setting up camp, unloading our vintage chain drive 4 wheeler, discoveries of piles, Shafts and diggings beaucoup. Early in the morning, our rocker was set up, me digging and wife a` rocking. Taking break we rode here and there on other trails and roads. On one side creek was an obviously remediated gulch below an old cabin and mine adit. We found old stove parts and other artifacts.

Next day, again on break, the shaft near our camp was found to be the entry for a heading old time miners had driven on bedrock upstream. They had kept the creek well above them as they went up. Cribs and timber sets still intact! We did not enter !!! At various spots up creek timber had collapsed so water would disappear and reappear. It was quite a trip in to the past. I think we got more out of deja-vue than we got gold.

Yes, gold, not much but two weeks in Montana not only recharged our spirits, but we wound up planning the next trip.

May your pan turn yellow, but if it don't think of all that good air and exercise you had.

Dixiedude AKA Dwight Sutter

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the Mexicans had struck the biggest kind of a deposit. It made them mad to think that a lot of "greasers" were getting the benefit of it, so they organized a company and drove them away by threats and force and then worked the ground themselves. Out of a space forty feet square they took out two hundred and ten thousand dollars and that was the end of it; just a big pocket of gold mixed in the rocks, specimen gold he said, that is, jagged and rough and not rolled and waterworn as the dust is in the creeks and ravines. It was an outrage on the Mexicans, but the jumpers justified their action on the ground that California had been ceded to the United States, and that white men had superior rights to the mines. Anyway, they got away with the gold.

JANUARY 5, 1851.

--Another year and I have been away from the States twelve months. I was desperately homesick for a while, but since Anderson and me became partners I am fairly well reconciled, although at times I long to see the old folks. I have not done so badly, for I have sent father four thousand five hundred dollars, have about a thousand dollars on hand and we have been offered and refused ten thousand dollars for the claim. We will probably work it out in three or four months and then hunt another one. Pard still wants to go to river mining, and maybe we will. We had another big week working up the center of the claim and cleaned up ninety-seven ounces. If it only holds out I will soon be a rich man. Our neighbors have finished the ditch and it is over a mile long. We share the water, each using it for one day, and as it carries twice as much water as when we first dug it, there is enough to sluice off top dirt and keep us five days cleaning up the gravel and bedrock. Kellogg, of Brush Creek, has started to cut a ditch taking the water out of the creek a mile above us, but we have notified him that he must not interfere with the amount we want in our ditch. We do not propose to allow the water to be taken to another creek to our injury.

JANUARY 12, 1851.

--It's been raining all the week and the creeks are running bank-full. Over on Deer Creek it drove all the miners out and filled their claims with rock and gravel. They have struck the richest kind of diggings up on Nigger Hill above Nevada, in deep ground, and they have to coyote to get the dirt. They say that they are making a hundred dollars a day to the man. A dozen Frenchmen own one of the richest of the claims, and a party of roughs drove them out and jumped the ground on the pretext that the Frenchmen were not American citizens and could not legally hold mining claims. There was a big excitement and a miners' meeting called, which decided that the Frenchmen's titles were as good as anybody else's and so the foreigners got the ground again, which shows that we have more regard for other people's rights than the Mariposa miners. We got our hay over last week, but the fellow swore he would not deliver another ton for five hundred dollars. I don't blame him, as there was no road farther than Selby Flat, but we cut away the brush and helped him to get through. Selby Flat is getting to be quite a place. Three families, who came across the plains from Missouri and Illinois, have settled there in the last month. One of the "Pikes" has two daughters, so that there are now seven women on the flat and they talk about giving a dance there next week. <sup>2</sup>

[Note : (Note.--"Coyoting" was a local descriptive term of a mining method which meant the sinking of shafts, and running small drifts from the bottom in the bedrock in all directions until the excavated banks became dangerous, when the shaft would be abandoned and another sunk close by. It was dangerous work and many a miner lost his life by caving banks. It was the direct precursor of regular drift mining, when the tunnels were systematically timbered.)]

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wrote news articles for the newsletter. You have no idea how much people enjoy reading them, keep sending them in. Our meeting in the senior citizen center in Rathdrum on Highway 41 was a good one. We will continue to meet there until we outgrow it, or they kick us out (Ha Ha).

I encourage everyone to get involved in the discussions and be Involved in "your" club.

Our May meeting program will be about Metal Detecting for Gold and artifacts, and will be put on by Steve Burris and Steven Booras. Try to attend and learn about these treasure seeking tools. Bring your metal detector for others to look at during "show and tell". And remember that we will have "Questions and Answers" time, where you can get important questions answered by the people who are likely to know the answers. Our June meeting program will be about Dowsing (Witching, for gold.) We're looking forward to this one also! This program will be put on by Jan Almond. She is an experienced dowser who not only talks about it, but also practices it often. I hope everyone can put up with my learning curve as I try to get the process of being in charge down to a science. Bob Lowe's shoes are going to be hard to fill but I'll give it my best.

Thanks for all of your support and let's give Bob Lots of stuff and news for the newsletter.

Frank Reed

The first testicular guard, the "Cup," was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.

### For Sale

Minelab 4500 model detector with one extra battery, three coils, ear buds and a carrying case \$3,500.00  
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Wayne McCarroll (208) 262-6837



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- Vials
- Magnifiers
- Magnets/Trays
- Crevice Tools
- Snuffer Bottles
- Tweezer Sets
- Scoops
- Panning Kits
- Starter Kits
- Miscellaneous Items

### For Sale

Membership #19 at Eagle City Park  
Large campsite with seasonal stream along side.  
\$15,000 Terms possible

**Greg Johnson (360)600-0034**

## Prospecting Partners

Al Martone Athol, Id. 406-250-8981  
Nick, 509-449-1234

There are a few prospectors who would like to go prospecting, but for one reason or another needs or would like a partner to accompany them. If you are interested in being a partner or would like to find a partner, let me know and I will include you in our new Prospecting Partners column in the Nugget News.

### FOR SALE

Eagle City Park Membership  
Space 93  
Enjoy family outings, gold panning, metal detecting,  
four wheeling and hunting.  
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### Notice to Eagle City Park Members

I am in the process of putting together a map with contact info of the lots for sale at ECP. If you are thinking of selling or purchasing an Eagle City Park membership, please call me at 208-699-8128

### Delta Duplex Mineral Concentrating Jigs



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*(Continued from page 6) Alfred T. Jackson*

We had a poor week on the claim. Only took out eleven ounces. The pay seems to be in a streak about four feet wide up the center; still, eleven ounces is not so bad after all. I get the nicest letters from home; think I may go back in the spring. I sent dad a thousand dollars for himself and told him I did not want him nor mother to work hard any more. Wrote him to get a hired girl for her and if he bought the Slocum farm to just lay back and boss the two. We can stand hired men at twelve dollars a month. Some of the claims down below us are doing very well, but none are paying as much as ours.

To be continued.....

*(Continued from page 2) Noah Webster*

the people perceive to be just and constitutional; for they will possess the power, and jealousy will instantly inspire the inclination, to resist the execution of a law which appears to them unjust and oppressive."  
Noah Webster

## For Sale

Eagle City Park Membership  
Lot 83

Call Doug @ 425-327-9721 or rittskid@hotmail.com

### Proline High Banker For Rent

Prices include high banker, motor/pump  
And all the hoses you need.  
You supply the gas

#### Prices

1 day \$30.00  
2 days \$50.00  
1 week \$150.00

Club members only. Must sign a rental agreement

To make reservations, contact

**Clyde Hargens**

(509)482-0721 or [hargens2@comcast.net](mailto:hargens2@comcast.net)

## For Sale

4 Eagle City Park Memberships

Sites 1, 2, 3 & 4

Call

Mark Ritts @ 509-592-5927

## Misc Mining Equipment For Sale

**Mountain Goat Trommel  
Camel Spiral Panner  
Jobe Sluice / Dredge Combo  
Bounty Hunter Metal Detector  
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3 Bucket Screens  
Pans, Classifier, Gloves and Hoses**

**Most of the items are unused**

**\$1,200 for ALL**

**Call Bob @ 208-699-8128**

A woman from Los Angeles who was a tree hugging liberal and an anti-hunter purchased a piece of timberland near Colville, WA. There was a large tree on one of the highest points in the tract. She wanted a good view of the natural splendor of her land so she started to climb the big tree. As she neared the top she encountered a spotted owl that attacked her. In her haste to escape, the woman slid down the tree to the ground and got many splinters in her crotch. In considerable pain, she hurried to a local ER to see a doctor. She told him she was

*(Continued on page 9) Tree Hugger*

## May Raffle & Door Prize Results

Donated by	Item	Won by
Lynette Bird	Candle	Paula Carlson
Mark Cook	Shovel	Frank Reed
Loni Hopkins	Mini Flashlight	Ernie Estes
Loni Hopkins	Multi Tester	Ron Cowan
Loni Hopkins	Note Pad	Dean Young
NWGPA Club	NWGPA Hat	John Garcia
Bill Jones	Decorative Flag	Jim Knight
Bill Jones	6 pcs Cultery Set	Loni Hopkins
Mis Behaven	Raffle ticket for Cam - am	John Garcia
Mis Behaven	Raffle ticket for Cam - am	Duane Wright
Mis Behaven	Raffle ticket for Cam - am	Loni Hopkins
Mis Behaven	Raffle ticket for Cam - am	Joy Ulmer
Roger Lenius	Multi tool	Dean Yongue
Roger Lenius	Pan	Bill Izzard
Gail Muckey	Huckleberry BBQ sauce	

#### Door prizes

Ken Lindahl	Funky Flame	Pete Marchiando
Skip Lindahl	Match Holder	Ron Clemens
Loni Hopkins	Post - its	Lee Hopkins

Total: \$56

Drawings occur at the end of each monthly meeting. These drawings not only account for some entertainment but are **also used to raise additional money for the club. This helps in keeping our membership fees low.** As most of you know, the club recently voted our first fee increase since we started the club in 1997. Every penny helps. So, please bring an item for our door prize and raffle and help offset some of our expenses and make the meeting livelier. Thanks to all who donate!

## OLD FART PRIDE

I'm passing this on as I did not want to be the only old fart receiving it. Actually, it's not a bad thing to be called, as you will see.

- Old Farts are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old Farts remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.
- Old Farts remember World War II, Pearl Harbour, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.
- If you bump into an Old Fart on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Fart on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old Farts trust strangers and are courtly to women.
- Old Farts hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

*(Continued on page 9) Old Farts*



## Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance forward</b>	<b>\$16,187.53</b>
<b>Incoming Receipts</b>	
Membership Dues	\$ 880.00
Raffles	\$ 107.00
Bank Interest	\$ .66
Hospitality	\$ -
Panning gravel	\$ 51.00
Patches	\$ 5.00
NWGPA badge	\$ -
NWGPA hat/visor	\$ 34.00
Magnets	\$ -
Shirts	<u>\$ 28.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 1,105.66</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Post Office (PO Box/Chg of addr)	\$ 1.00
Rathdrum Senior Center Rental	\$ 90.00
Progressive Printing	<u>\$ 126.25</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ - 217.25</b>
 <b>Balance in checking</b>	 <b>\$17,075.94</b>

Diane McCarroll      5/31/2013  
Treasurer

*(Continued from page 8) Old Farts*

- Old Farts get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.
- Old Farts have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.
- It's the Old Farts who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country. This country needs Old Farts with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values. We need them now more than ever.  
**Thank God for Old Farts!**
- I was taught to respect my elders, but I find it's just getting harder to locate them.

*(Continued from page 8) Tree Hugger*

an environmentalist, a Democrat, and an anti-hunter and how she came to get all the splinters.

The doctor listened to her story with great patience and then told her to go wait in the examining room and he would see if he could help her. She sat and waited three hours before the doctor reappeared. The angry



**If you can't afford a doctor, go to an airport - you'll get a free x-ray and a breast exam, and; if you mention Al Qaeda, you'll get a free colonoscopy.**

### FOR SALE

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Due to illness and age; 6000 feet placer claims in Western Montana. Old timers claim 1 to 3 Oz nuggets; we have mined several 1 Oz nuggets; but no 3 Oz yet. Call **208-765-6918 or 208 755 2493** and if no answer; leave a message and we will contact you when we return home from the claims. Also grandson has one claim set up for dredging now on Cedar Creek in Montana; it is Placer; Claims are 10 miles south of Superior, Montana; good road and access; Claims have been dowsed for gold, etc.

### DETECTORS FOR THE NUGGET HUNTER

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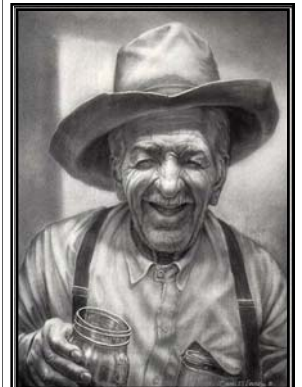
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woman demanded, "What took you so long?" He smiled and then told her, "Well, I had to get permits from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management before I could remove old-growth timber from a 'recreational area' so close to a waste treatment facility. I'm sorry, but due to Obama-Care they turned you down.



**Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.**

**Tomorrow**, (noun), a mystical place where 99% of all human productivity, motivation and achievement is stored

# Recipe(s) of the Month

## Crock Pot Taco Soup

### Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) cans pinto beans
- 1 (16 ounce) cans white beans or 1 (16 ounce) cans kidney beans
- 1 (11 ounce) cans niblet corn
- 1 (11 ounce) cans Rotel tomatoes & chilies
- 1 (28 ounce) cans diced tomatoes
- 1 (4 ounce) cans diced green chilies
- 1 (1 1/4 ounce) envelopes taco seasoning mix
- 1 (1 ounce) envelope hidden valley ranch dressing mix
- 1 lb shredded chicken, ground beef or 1 lb any meat

### Directions

Cook meat and drain. Shred if needed. Add all ingredients to crock pot. **DO NOT DRAIN CANS.** Stir. Cook on high for 2 hours or low for 4 hours. Keep on low until serving to keep hot. Garnish with sour cream, shredded cheese, chopped green onions, or tortilla chips.

**Editors Note:** This recipe freezes well. Make a double batch to freeze for later use. I just made this with pork and had no leftovers to freeze.

# The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

Friends are far more dangerous than enemies, they know everything about you and will not pause to use it against you.

## Notice

In the spirit of keeping a 17 year tradition alive, Eagle City Park will continue hosting a potluck picnic at 4PM on the Saturday following the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Eagles Nest. All members of the NorthWest Gold Prospectors are more than welcome to attend. As before, bring your table service, beverage of choice and a potluck dish or two.

Day use at the Park is still free and overnight camping is \$20 on the weekend following the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

All other use is \$20/family/day and \$30/family/weekend (includes Friday setup). A family is a husband & wife or significant other with kids, grandkids, etc. 18 years and under.

If you get this newsletter by email, please feel free to forward it to everyone in your address book.

**Refreshment List**  
 June = Norman Sabens & Lisa Wenig  
 July = Mike Fisher  
 August = ?  
 September = ?  
 October = Steve Burris, Russ Brown & MisBe-  
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 November = Diann Britton  
 December = Glen Reamy



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