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## President's Message

By Frank Reed

Well summer's winding on and I haven't found that big claim I intended to find this year...or did I? I have done a lot of prospecting this summer and sometimes I wonder if I have done any good. That's when I get my sample bottles out and look at them 'Then I imagine what my small finds would add up to if I put them all into one bottle. Well I'll tell you. You might be surprised! I just might fill up a small sample bottle! The best part is when I reminisce about all the prospecting trips I made this summer ,that's when I realize that almost every trip was shared with a friend or two.

Believe me when I say "You always find more gold when you include a new friend in your search " Gold isn't always on bedrock or on the bottom of a stream. It's not always near water or located near gravel bars. It's seldom found near Highways or developed roadways . It's not always shiny or even gold colored !

More often than not , it's no more than an arm's length away from where you are standing now, but you are too blind to see it, or recognize it! Gold is very elusive and takes on many different forms. It's not always 19 times heavier than water, and it's not always able to fit into your

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## 2013/2014 Club Calendar

August 9, 10 & 11	Murray Dazes Meeting
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
March 15 & 16	Gold & Treasure Show



## Notice

Eagle City Park has reluctantly accepted the resignation of our camp host, Peewee. Citing a desire to enjoy his retirement and to have more free time, Peewee will no longer be the go-to person during the week or weekends.

Please join Don, Irene, Mary and I, along with everyone whose lives have been

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## August Refreshment List

Liz Canady, Jon Perron,  
Frank Reed & Steve Booras

**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

MARCH 2, 1851.

--In the last month we have taken a little over four thousand dollars out of the claim and it will take us considerable longer to work it out than we expected, as the flat seems to pay pretty well all over. I have got over two thousand dollars on hand beside what I have sent home, so that I have made more than my mark; still I am not going to quit as long as it pays as it does now. Pard tells me that with what he had before we joined fortunes and what he has made since, he has over ten thousand dollars. He has not

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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 will be announced by the President and posted in the newsletter.  
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



## Brains Are More Important Than Hands

The high price of [gold](#) has inspired thousands of people to become amateur prospectors. Many of them are spending their weekends or vacations in search of the yellow metal. High gold prices have also fueled a surge in the sales of [gold pans](#), portable dredges, [metal detectors](#) and other [gold prospecting tools](#).

Anyone who buys these tools will not be instantly equipped to find gold. The only thing that these tools will do is help you recover the gold once you are a few feet or a few inches away from it. Getting to that location - finding gold - requires a more important tool - a human brain that has been adequately prepared with the proper types of knowledge.

The types of knowledge needed to effectively prospect for gold include:

- A knowledge of where gold has been found in the past
- A knowledge of where one can legally prospect
- A knowledge of prospecting laws and regulations
- A knowledge of gold deposits and geology
- A knowledge of prospecting methods

Here is a brief summary of the types of knowledge listed above. These summaries are brief because a complete presentation for each type of knowledge would contain enough information for at least one college-level course.

### Where Has Gold Been Found in the Past?

The United States has been more heavily prospected for gold than most other nations on this planet. Millions of people have been mustered to the search for gold during several gold rushes in various parts of the country.

The term "gold rush" makes most people think of locations such as California, Alaska and Colorado. However, gold rushes have also occurred in states such as North Carolina and Georgia. It is a pretty safe bet that almost any stream in the United States has been panned for gold at least once. In the most famous and gold locations much of the sediment has been through gold pans, sluices or dredges multiple times.

States that have reported commercial gold production include: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming.

The [geological survey](#) in most states with commercial gold production has prepared introductory and technical information about the gold deposits and mining history.

The [United States Geological Survey](#) has prepared detailed maps and reports for most of the major gold mining areas and has prepared many general interest publications about gold. There are also lots of [prospecting guides and maps](#) written for amateur prospectors.

### Where Can One Legally Prospect?

Most of the land in the United States is off-limits for prospecting. Much of it is privately owned by individuals, corporations, institutions and trusts. Do not prospect on these lands unless you have

### Wise Words from AA7AF:

I hate people that say "He's a nice person once you get to know him." They might as well just say "He's a dickhead, but you'll get used to him."

## Northwest Medstar Membership

I'm sure most of you have seen the Medstar commercials on TV, if not go to [www.nwmedstar.org](http://www.nwmedstar.org) and read all about them. Mary Gilmore from Medstar came to the last meeting and gave a presentation about Medstar and their group membership program. Individual membership is \$59 per family per year, but if we sign up as a group of 10 or more the

contacted the owner and obtained explicit permission. Explicit permission includes but is not limited to: (A) where you intend to prospect; (B) when you intend to prospect; (C) what methods you intend to use and any surface or subsurface disturbance that will result; (D) what you intend to remove from the property; (E) how anything found will be reported to and shared with the landowner.

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Getting these permissions is not a "courtesy" - they are a requirement. Prospecting on private property without them could result in your arrest for trespassing, vandalism or theft.

In most states, county-level governments maintain maps of property ownership that you can consult to get ownership and boundary information. Property ownership is usually public information and many local governments make it very easy for you to access it. Sometimes you can find this information online or purchase copies of the official land ownership documents. Some local governments have not invested in making this information easy to use or in keeping it current. If you decide to use this information you will probably need a good bit of mapping skill to transfer property boundaries to maps or GPS devices for easy use in the field. Good luck!

When you determine who owns a tract of land, be aware that the person who owns the surface might not own or control any minerals that are present. The [mineral rights](#) to a surface parcel are often sold or leased to someone else. So, be sure that you find out who owns the surface and who controls any minerals.

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annual fee is \$48. A number of people signed up at the meeting and most of them paid. Before we complete the group application we wanted to get a message to all members about this program.

The checks we already have will be endorsed to the NWGPA and when all the applications and checks are sent in we will cut a single check to Medstar and forward all the applications and the group application to Medstar. We hope to be able to do this right after the next meeting. Medstar would like ALL perspective members to sign up at the same time. If you miss this go around you may

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## Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

sold any of his dust, but has it buried, nobody knows where but himself. He thinks it is too much money to lie idle and has made up his mind to invest it in San Francisco lots. He wants me to join him in the speculation and argues that some day it will be a big city. I haven't got much faith in it and neither has anybody else to whom I have talked about it; but as I owe to him the most of my good luck I did not feel like refusing, so agreed to put in what I have saved. He says we will make a trip to the Bay in a month or so from now and look over the ground together. One thing is certain. We are all fooled in the quantity of gold there is in this country. We thought a year ago that the rivers, creeks and gulches contained it all, although somewhere there would be found the source of it; an immense deposit of pure gold from which all the dust and nuggets were broken off and washed down the streams. Several parties have hunted for this, but they haven't come across it yet. We do find that the gold streaks run into the banks and under the hills and, in some places, as at Rough and Ready, on the tops of the ridges, and instead of being played out there are more and richer diggings discovered every day. I would not be surprised if it took three or four years before it will all be worked out.

MARCH 9, 1851.

--Rode over into Nevada this morning and loafed around all day. Took dinner at the Hotel de Paris and who should I meet there but my little French girl. She recognized me and apologized for calling me a gambler. Said she had made a lot of money dealing Twenty-One, most of which she had saved and sent back to France; but she was tired of the life and thought she would quit soon and go back to her own country. She asked me a lot about myself, where I was working, and said if I didn't mind she would ride out and see me some day during the week. Of course I replied "Come along"; but I have said very little to Pard about her and I guess he will be surprised if she should come. Still, I don't think there is a chance of her making the trip. This is about as pleasant a day as I have passed since I have been in California. Had quite an adventure on my way home. It was after dark, although the moon was shining, and as I struck into the trail beyond Selby Flat some fellow grabbed the bridle and ordered me to get off the horse. My foot at his side had slipped out of the stirrup. Without thinking I gave him a kick in the head which made him let go. Then I jabbed my heels into the horse and started off at a gallop, but I hadn't gone forty feet away when he turned loose his gun. Luckily he didn't hit me and I was soon out of shooting distance.

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Pard called me a fool for taking such chances and I guess I was, but I got off all right anyway.

The town is all excitement over the discovery of good inside rocks. Over in Grass Valley (Centerville it seems had been discarded) they found veins of a white stone which we call quartz and some of it has great masses and leaves of gold mixed in. It is the same sort of rock that most of the pebbles in our gravel is made of and we have found in our claims several of these pebbles that had gold in them. We thought they were curious and had no idea that there were solid streaks of it. I saw one piece in Hamlet Davis' store to-day that had been brought up from Grass Valley. It was as big as my head and all covered over with gold. Davis said there was as much as five hundred dollars in it. There was a big crowd looking at it, discussing its origin, and a great many were of the opinion that this was the source of the gold we had been looking for. Others agreed that if there was much more like it there would be so much gold taken out that it would get to be cheaper than iron.

MARCH 16, 1851.

--Sure enough, Madame Ferrand--that's her name--came over to Rock Creek Thursday. We were eating dinner and when I went out and helped her off her horse Pard came near falling off his chair. I introduced her and she began laughing and said her ride had given her an appetite and would we please invite her to dinner. Of course we asked her to eat; it was mighty poor grub: tea, beans, bread and dried apple sauce, but she seemed to like it. She talks fairly good English; but imagine my surprise when Anderson began to jabber away in French to her. I was out of the running and was a little provoked, especially as it was the first I knew that Pard could speak any foreign lingo. She wanted to see us working, so we took her up to the claim and showed her how to pan out dirt. Pard saw to it that she had a rich pan, and with our help she washed out half an ounce. Then she sat on the bank chatting until pretty near sundown, when we went back to the cabin and had supper. She wasn't very complimentary about our shanty. Said she would come over some day and tidy it up, and Pard whispered to me: "The Lord forbid." I saddled up the horse and rode to town with her. So far as I know she is the first woman that has ever been on Rock Creek. She told me that she had come to California with her hus-

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band in '49; that he learned her how to deal Twenty-One. After making a lot of money in San Francisco they went to Sacramento, where he was taken sick and died of cholera. Then she came to Nevada with some Frenchmen and won a lot more money here, but she had got sick of it and refused to deal any more. She had an eighth interest in the French claim at Coyoteville and as soon as she sold that out was going back to France, as with what she and her husband had made she had money enough to live on the rest of her life. I got back to the cabin about ten o'clock. Pard was asleep and Jack didn't make any fuss, so I slipped into bed without waking him up.

MARCH 23, 1851.

--I have had to stand a lot of joshing from Pard over the Madame's visit, especially as she has made two more trips out here since last Sunday. Of course, I told him she was only a passing acquaintance and he laughed and said: "She is a fascinating little devil, and if she wants you she will land you sure." That is all nonsense. It is pleasant to talk to a pretty woman, particularly if she is decent. So far as I can learn, nobody has a word to say against her except her gambling, but she is no more to me than I am to her and that is nothing.

It looks as if our flat is going to turn out to be a much bigger claim than we expected. The gravel, which is from two to four feet deep, pays pretty well and there are rich streaks on the bed-rock that pan out big. If it holds out we will have at least four months' more work. We average about forty ounces a week, and at that rate ought to take out eleven or twelve thousand dollars more.

If we do I will be about fourteen thousand dollars ahead for a little over a year's work. That is more than most of the miners are making, but there are lots of richer diggings. Brush Creek has paid a hundred dollars a day to the man and on Coyote Hill they have taken out as high as two and three thousand dollars a day. A couple of miners came down from the North Fork of the Yuba and brought forty-three thousand dollars with them--a pack mule load. They took it from a bar called Good-year in less than two months' work. They say there

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are a lot more claims just as rich. There has been quite a stampede of miners from here. It's a curious thing that our gold is mostly fine, very few nuggets, and the gold from there is coarse. They say there was one piece found which was worth six thousand dollars. As near as we could make out the new diggings are about fifty miles north and farther up in the mountains. There is still a lot of excitement about quartz, although it has simmered down some. A general search has been made for these veins and many found, but, contrary to expectation, the majority have no gold in them or so little that the stone is not worth pounding up.

MARCH 30, 1851.

--It is astonishing how many people are coming to California. The hills are crowded with miners and prospectors and we hear good reports everywhere. Dozens pass by our cabin every day, bound for the streams farther up the mountains, and as many more on their way back. It don't seem possible, but it is strange the number of hard luck stories one hears, for there are many who are disgusted with the country and are tramping their way back to San Francisco. There was a big fire in Nevada last week and all of the principal stores, hotels and houses were burned down.

We have had a sad case on the creek. Allen Talbot, who is little more than a boy, has been ailing all winter and has been struck with paralysis. He is completely helpless and the doctor says the only chance he

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**Gold is \$1,287.30 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,609.90 an ounce !**

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**Before you diagnose yourself with depression or low self-esteem, first make sure you are not in fact, just surrounded by as\*holes.**

### Notice

Eagle City Park is privately owned and operated and is for the exclusive use of Eagle City Park Members and their guests and is open to all NWGPA members the weekend after the second Wednesday of the month from May thru October, free of charge for day use. Overnight camping during this weekend is \$20 for the whole weekend (Friday thru Sunday). Potluck picnic is at 4pm on Saturday that 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.

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

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A few owners of mineral-bearing lands have opened them for "fee prospecting." These property owners will allow you to prospect and keep what you find if you pay them a fee before you begin or pay a fee based upon what you remove. These can be great places for a beginner to learn because prospecting there is often easy and many of the experience people there enjoy sharing what they know. You can learn a lot and make some great friends. These places can be a lot of fun if you are courteous to others and obey the owner's rules.

Land that is not under private ownership is usually owned by federal, state and local governments. These lands are often off-limits to prospectors because they are being preserved as a park or conservation area. Before you go prospecting on government-owned lands you should contact the agency in charge of that land and obtain explicit permissions similar to what was described for private lands above. Removing a rock or digging on these lands can get you in a lot more trouble than on private property. Here is a quote from a [Bureau of Land Management publication](#).

Persons who remove mineral materials from public lands without a permit or contract are considered unauthorized users and in trespass. In addition, unauthorized users may be fined as much as \$100,000 and sentenced up to 1 year in jail.

The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for 700 million acres of mineral estate lands, mostly in the western United States. A lot of commercial and recreational prospecting takes place on BLM lands. The agency is a good place to start in determining where you can legally look for gold on public land. Start by contacting the field office near the location where you want to prospect.

Finally, before you go into the field it is a good idea to have a map that clearly marks the boundaries of the land you are permitted to prospect. Or you might load the property boundaries into a GPS unit.

Property boundaries are often unmarked in the field and keeping track of your location while prospecting in thick vegetation or on flat open land can be challenging.

### What Prospecting Laws and Regulations Apply?

Whenever you decide to enter public or private land and begin prospecting it is your responsibility to know the local prospecting, land use and environmental regulations that will apply to your actions at that specific location. Sometimes permits are needed, the methods that you use can be regulated, and there can be environmental regulations that prevent you from digging, disturbing streams and using equipment or vehicles. Some of these have no relationship to gold prospecting but it is still your responsibility to know and obey them.

A good place to begin is to determine the government agency responsible for administering the land that you would like to use and contact them for information. They can often provide all of the information that you need or refer you to the proper location.

Some of these areas allow prospectors to "stake a claim" that gives them temporary rights to work on a limited piece of land. If you find a valuable location you will probably want to stake a claim. It is also a good idea to learn how claims are marked so you can steer clear of them. The penalties for jumping an angry prospector's claim are unpredictable!

### Gold Deposits and Prospecting Methods

Gold occurs in two basic deposit types: lode gold and placer gold. A knowledge of how these types of deposits form and where they occur is essential for finding gold. Knowledge will multiply your chances of success. There are many [books](#), [websites](#) and [government reports](#) that describe gold deposits and how to look for them.

A knowledge of prospecting methods is also essential. If you are on a stream that contains placer gold but you don't know [how to pan](#) then you will miss the gold right under your feet. Learning about the types of tools available and how to use them is essential for success. Again, there are many [books](#), [websites](#) and [government reports](#) that describe these methods.

Contributor: [Hobart King](#)

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**My Vacation**  
by Rodger Lenius

The latter part of June, I went to Minnesota to visit relatives and on the way back stopped at Keystone, South Dakota for a mine tour. Seems in the 1870's two miners borrowed \$200.00, filed a claim and in the first 50 feet hit 10 ounces of gold. Gold sold for \$18.65 and ounce back then.

Twenty years and 550 feet more, they still had only found 10 ounces. Not a good investment!

I also stopped in Virginia and Nevada cities to check out Alder Creek where gold was discovered in the late 1800's. Tailing piles stretched for miles where No.15 dredges did their work.

Further down the drainage they had leveled out the piles and were selling home lots. Imagine stepping out your door and finding nuggets that got by the dredges.

I also went through Yellowstone Park and saw very few animals compared to years past. I guess the wolves have to eat too!

Everyone have a great summer and may your pans turn gold..

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gold pan! I've found that it is really quite plentiful when you look in the right places, and learn to recognize it's hiding places. I have actually found more Gold this summer than anyone I know ! When I add up all my gold, I was astounded at It's actual net worth . I am now the richest man in our Gold club and intend to stay that way! You are probably saying " One small bottle of Gold isn't worth that much!"

True, one bottle of Gold doesn't make me a rich man , But the new friends who are" Gold " to me , the ones who have taken the time to help me, show me, befriend me, and also learn from me, are the reason I am the richest man in this gold club!!!!

These helpful prospectors are the greatest friends I have ever had .and if you are not getting involved and helping someone, it's your loss and nobody else's! I would be ashamed of myself if I treated someone like I was better , or too good to help someone else.

The other day I showed a young man how to pan for Gold, and I gave him a small pan and a mortar and pestle and showed him how to use it. I also gave him a sample that I know to contain gold. This young man is home schooled and is having a little trouble with school. He thinks reading is a punishment! So I gave him a half dozen magazines on gold mining and treasure hunting. Strange things happen when you bestow kindness on others. His dad told me that he get's his chores done real fast and starts grinding rocks for panning, then when he gets tired , He sits under a tree , sometimes for hours reading his new magazines. He finished up three of them and returned them to me ,and I gave him three more to read. His parents are astonished at his new found love of reading . Bob Weaver and I had him over to watch and learn how to process gold bearing materials, while we were working on one of our samples. There is nothing like watching an older gentleman take the time to show and instruct a young man how to properly pan for gold, unless it's watching a young man devour every last move and every word spoken by a mentor! "Mr. Bob and Mr. Frank", as this young man calls us ,are two of the richest men I know. All for the price of one afternoon spent with each other, and sharing that afternoon with a very well-mannered young man. Gold is not priceless ... this experience was!

Our Aug meeting will have a program put on by Rick Bunger on historical Gold discoveries in the west and also on mining and extraction.

Our Sept. meeting will be a miners swap meet. Bring all your new and used mining equipment you want to sell or trade to this meeting ! You will not get a better opportunity to pick up that piece of equipment you need!

Thanks for considering the opportunity to change someone's life

Frank Reed

### Helpful Club Members

It's my pleasure to tell you about 9 helpful club members. I had three things that needed to be done;

1. Get my high-banker/dredge combo up to Eagle Creek
2. Set up the portable garage (tent)

3. Set up the dredge combo in the creek.

Well all three of these projects were more then I could do myself. First Randy & Cathy Smick offer to bring up the dredge for me and they did, wonderful.

Then under the expert supervision of PeeWee and Bob Beck, Randy & Cathy along with Clyde & Marjean Hargens helped me set up the portable garage, definitely not a one person job.

Last but not least was the set up of the dredge. I had no idea how to or who would help me Well, to my surprise and delight Pete Didier came to me and offered to take it down to the creek and set it up. With Pete, Lydia and Pete's son, Gideon helping, we had it set up in no time. Pete also gave me some great tips on dredging. Pete was a great help to me and the greatest part he was so happy to help. I did dredge a little over 2 hours till I was frozen.

A big THANK YOU TO THESE FRIENDS.....Linda Shupp

### I CAN NO LONGER SHOP AT CABELA'S

There was a bit of confusion at the Cabela's Sporting Goods store this morning. When I was ready to pay for my purchases of gun powder and bullets, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control whackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When her hysterical shrieking finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card-reader.

I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer!

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## The Unemployment Rate

COSTELLO: I want to talk about the unemployment rate in America .

ABBOTT: Good Subject. Terrible Times. It's 7.8%.

COSTELLO: That many people are out of work?

ABBOTT: No, that's 14.7%

COSTELLO: You just said 7.8%.

ABBOTT: 7.8% Unemployed.

COSTELLO: Right 7.8% out of work.

ABBOTT: No, that's 14.7%.

COSTELLO: Okay, so it's 14.7% unemployed.

ABBOTT: No, that's 7.8%.

COSTELLO: WAIT A MINUTE. Is it 7.8% or 14.7%?

ABBOTT: 7.8% are unemployed. 14.7% are out of work.

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for 13 months, then \$50/mo till paid off

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

*(Continued from page 4) Alfred T Jackson*

has is to go to a hospital. He had no money, so we raised a subscription. Pard and I gave a hundred dollars and altogether we raised seven hundred and fifty dollars. The lad was taken away yesterday and it is a question if he ever recovers.

As a rule, considering the exposure and hardships, the most of us are in the best of health. It's a queer sort of life we lead; back-breaking work all day; doing our own cooking and washing; no amusements, except a friendly game of euchre and an occasional trip to town. There is nothing there worth while, except the gambling saloons and the Mexican girls at the fandango house. We long for the company of decent women, and while there are a few scattered around and more coming, still the miners do not get much chance to associate with them. I am looked upon as particularly favored, because Madame Ferrand rides out to the claim to see me, and it is a pleasure to be with her, but that will all end shortly. Pard and I are going to the Bay next week and she is going along, and will leave for France shortly after. She sold her share in the French claim for seven thousand dollars and tells me she has got about forty thousand dollars put away. That is a pretty good stake for a woman. I have learned quite a lot of French and can talk a little to her in her own language.

Sam Carter was bitten by a rattlesnake last week over on Round Mountain. He was out hunting and set down on a log and the snake struck him in the leg. He cut out the bite with his knife, rushed to town and the doctor brought him through all right, but it was a narrow squeak.

Kellogg has finished his ditch to Brush Creek. It is about three miles long. He has agreed not to interfere with us, but there is plenty of water for everybody.

*to be continued.....*

*(Continued from page 7) The Unemployment Rate*

COSTELLO: If you are out of work you are unemployed.

ABBOTT: No, Congress said you can't count the "Out of Work" as the unemployed. You have to look for work to be unemployed.

COSTELLO: BUT THEY ARE OUT OF WORK!!!

ABBOTT: No, you miss his point.

COSTELLO: What point?

ABBOTT: Someone who doesn't look for work can't be counted with those who look for work. It wouldn't be fair.

COSTELLO: To whom?

ABBOTT: The unemployed.

COSTELLO: But ALL of them are out of work.

ABBOTT: No, the unemployed are actively looking for work. Those who are out of work gave up looking and if you give up, you are no longer in the ranks of the unemployed.

COSTELLO: So if you're off the unemployment rolls that would count as less unemployment?

ABBOTT: Unemployment would go down. Absolutely!

COSTELLO: The unemployment just goes down because you don't look for work?

ABBOTT: Absolutely it goes down. That's how they get it to 7.8%. Otherwise it would be 14.7%. Our govt. doesn't want you to read about 14.7% unemployment.

COSTELLO: That would be tough on those running for reelection.

ABBOTT: Absolutely.

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*(Continued from page 1) Peewee*

touched by Peewee, in wishing him the very best for the future and extending a BIG THANK YOU for all the work he has done on behalf of the Park, its members and guests.

There are no immediate plans to get a new host for the Park, but I'm sure we will have one in place by the start of the 2014 season. I plan, as time allows, to spend a couple of extra days at the Park as needed.

Until we get a new camp host, the Park will be closed to non-Park members during the week unless prior arrangements are made. If you want to visit the Park during the week, call Bob at 208-699-8128 for reservations and instructions. Please call a day or two in advance of your planned visit to insure availability.

Also, ice will only be available on weekends until we figure out how to dispense ice during the week. Please do not impose on Peewee to get or deliver ice, remember, he's retired.

Until we secure a new camp host, please direct all questions, problems, complaints and suggestions to Bob (208-699-8128) or Mary (208-651-8318)

## Membership Drawing

The names of all PAID members are put into a drawing for 10% of the net raffle sales collected at each meeting. You have to be present to win.

**Fred Klreid** was drawn, but since he was not present, **\$22.20** be added to the next meetings drawing. Be sure you are paid up and present to WIN.

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance forward</b>	<b>\$ 17,447.95</b>	
<b>Incoming Receipts</b>		
Membership Dues	\$ 442.71	
MedStar	\$ 192.00	
Raffles	\$ 152.00	
Bank Interest	\$ -	
Hospitality	\$ -	
Panning gravel	\$ -	
Patches	\$ 10.00	
NWGPA badge	\$ -	
NWGPA hat/visor	\$ 46.00	
Magnets	\$ -	
Shirts	\$ 128.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 970.71</b>	
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Post Office	\$ 6.33	(Stamps)
Dwight Suitter	\$ 153.11	(Supplies)
SalesTax	\$ 12.77	(1/1/13-6/30/13)
Meeting Room Rental	\$ 65.00	
Diane McCarroll	\$ 50.00	(Raffle Prizes)
Mini Storage	\$ 60.00	
Progressive Printing	\$ 270.07	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$- 617.28</b>	
<b>Balance in checking</b>	<b>\$ 17,801.38</b>	
Diane McCarroll 7/31/2013 Treasurer		

*(Continued from page 8) The Unemployment Rate*

COSTELLO: Wait, I got a question for you. That means there are two ways to bring down the unemployment number?

ABBOTT: Two ways is correct.

COSTELLO: Unemployment can go down if someone gets a job?

ABBOTT: Correct.

COSTELLO: And unemployment can also go down if you stop looking for a job?

ABBOTT: Bingo.

COSTELLO: So there are two ways to bring unemployment down, and the easier of the two is to have people stop looking for work..

ABBOTT: Now you're thinking like an Economist.

COSTELLO: I don't even know what the hell I just said!

ABBOTT: Now you're thinking like Congress.

*(Continued from page 2) Medstar*

have to wait till the annual renewal date to join.

So, in summary, please review the Medstar website, fill an application at the next meeting and make out a \$48 check to NWGPA. If you have already paid, please print and fill the group form (even if you filled out the other form). We will accept checks and forms at the August 14th meeting and will enroll all right after the meeting. So don't wait, join the group membership now.....

If you are already a MedStar member, you can join the group and have you membership fee prorated to the group fee. Please call me at 208-699-8128 if you have any questions.

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Minelab 4500 model detector with one extra battery, three coils, ear buds and a carrying case \$3,500.00  
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### Eagle City Park Membership For Sale

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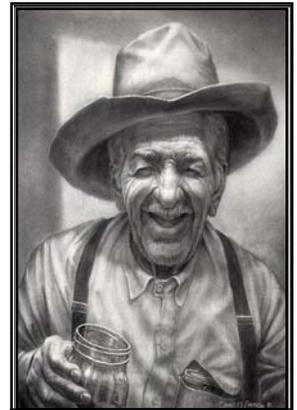
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# Recipe(s) of the Month

## Baked Eggs

- 1) Spray each muffin well with nonstick spray.
- 2) Place a slice of ham in the bottom of each muffin well. I actually used deli ham that was sliced in half. One half into each spot.
- 3) Place about a teaspoon or so of diced tomatoes on top of the ham. (One large vine ripened tomato was enough for all 12 portions.)
- 4) Sprinkle some shredded cheddar cheese over the tomatoes. (I used nonfat cheddar.)
- 5) Break one egg into each spot.
- 6) Sprinkle a little bit of salt and pepper on each.
- 7) Bake at 350 degrees for 18-20 minutes or until the yolks are as firm as you desire and the whites are cooked through.

Serve with toast or an English Muffin if you'd like.

# The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

*I'm not an alcoholic,  
alcoholic's go to meetings,*

*I'm a drunk,  
we go to parties*



If you get this newsletter by email,  
please feel free to forward  
it to everyone in your  
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December = Glen Reamy

September = ?  
October = Steve Burris, Russ Brown & MisBe-  
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November = Diann Brillion

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