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Thursday August 12th @ 7pm



"CALIFORNIA GOLD— AN AUTHENTIC HISTORY OF THE FIRST FIND"

*THIS is an excessively rare item of its kind,
and of vital importance, being the only
printed relation — aside from that by Mar-
shall himself — by an eye-witness of an
participant in the gold discovery.*

I understood then that in two or three
days he decided to construct the two mills
above mentioned, for the greatest obsta-
cle that confronted him had been re-
moved by the propositions that our com-
mittee had made to him. I have not heard
the foregoing statement denied, therefore
it is confirmed in my mind that had it not
been for this opportunity the sawmill at

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LifeFlight Renewal Time

It's that time of the year for renewing your LifeFlight Membership!
If you are just renewing with no changes in status or contact info, just send a
check for \$59 made payable to NWGPA (we have to send one check to
LifeFlight). You need to fill out an application if there are changes
or you are a new member.

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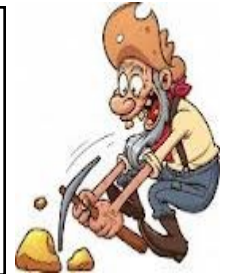
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The Deadline is August 20th 2021! Don't be LATE!

**YOU MUST BE A NWGPA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THIS GROUP RATE!**



The Northwest Gold Prospectors Association meets
at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the
Rathdrum Senior Center located at 8037 W Montana Street, Rathdrum, ID
Our regular outings are at Eagle City Park the weekend following the monthly meeting with a pot-
luck at 4pm on Saturday. Other outings will be announced by the President and posted in the news-
letter. 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.
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Membership benefits do not extend to transports deemed not medically necessary or when

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THIS IS RIGHT ON THE NOSE.
.....READ IT SLOWLY... I DON'T
KNOW WHO WROTE IT, BUT I AM
GUESSING IT WAS A SENIOR!!! I
FIRST STARTED READING THIS
AND WAS READING FAST UNTIL I
REACHED THE THIRD SENTENCE.
I STOPPED AND
STARTED OVER
READING SLOWER
AND THINKING
ABOUT EVERY
WORD. THIS IS
VERY THOUGHT-
PROVOKING.
MAKES YOU STOP
AND THINK.

AND THEN IT IS
WINTER You know. .
. time has a way of
moving quickly and
catching you unaware
of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday
that I was young, just
married and embarking
on my new life with
my mate. Yet in a way,
it seems like eons ago,
and I wonder where all
the years went. I know
that I lived them all. I
have glimpses of how
it was back then and of
all my hopes and
dreams. But, here it
is... the winter of my
life and it catches me
by surprise...How did I
get here so fast? Where did the years go
and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people
through the years and thinking that those
older people were years away from me
and that winter was so far off that I
could not fathom it or imagine fully
what it would be like. But, here it is...my
friends are retired and getting grey...they
move slower and I see an older person
now. Some are in better and some worse
shape than me...but, I see the great
change....Not like the ones that I remem-
ber who were young and vibrant...but,
like me, their age is beginning to show
and we are now those older folks that we
used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a
shower is a real target for the day! And
taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's
mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own
free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new sea-
son of my life unprepared for all the
aches and pains and the loss of strength
and ability to go and do things that I
wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the

winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it
will last...this I know, that when it's over on
this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure
will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I
hadn't done...things I should have done, but
indeed, there are many
things I'm happy to have
done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your
winter yet...let me remind
you, that it will be here fast-
er than you think. So, what-
ever you would like to ac-
complish in your life please
do it quickly! Don't put
things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do
what you can today, as you
can never be sure whether
this is your winter or not!
You have no promise that
you will see all the seasons
of your life...so, live for
today and say all the things
that you want your loved
ones to remember...and hope
that they appreciate and love
you for all the things that
you have done for them in
all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The
way you live your life is
your gift to those who come
after. Make it a fantastic
one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY
TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAP-
PY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

REMEMBER!

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces
of gold and silver.

"LIVE HAPPY IN THIS YEAR AND EVE-
RY YEAR!

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER
BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL
EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE
IT LASTS.

~Your kids are becoming you.....

~Going out is good, coming home is better!
~You forget names.... But it's OK because
other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really
good at anything

~The things you used to care to do, you no
longer care to do, but you really do care that

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publication month.**

least would not have been built, nor the discovery of gold been made at that time. The State of California would have waited indefinitely to have been developed and to be christened the "Golden State," and the entrance to San Francisco Bay might never have received the title of the "Golden Gate."

Quite a number, say from forty to sixty of us, called on Mr. Sutter between August 29th and September 5th. Some were employed to work on the gristmill, others took contracts on the mill race of that mill, the race was seven or eight miles long and was also designed for irrigation.

Alexander Stephens, Henry W. Bigler, James Berger, William Johnson, Azariah Smith, James S. Brown, and Israel Evans, were 118 10 hired to fallow; James W. Marshall (Mr. Sutter's partner), millwright. Peter L. Wimmer and family and William Scott had preceded us two or three days. I think that they had only two wagons loaded with tools and provisions; the teams were oxen and were driven by two of Mr. Sutter's tame or civilized Indians.

It must have been between the 8th and 11th when we came up to the party who had already commenced the erection of a rough cabin, half a mile from the spot or site that Marshall had selected some time before for the mill.

Now the work commenced in earnest; the cabin was pushed, and a second room put on in true frontier style. Some finished up the cabin, others worked at getting out timbers and preparing for the erection of the mill. The site chosen for the mill was at a point where the river made considerable of a bend, and just in the bank of what appeared to be the old bed of the river, which was lowered to carry the water from the mill.

Sometime between the 15th and 20th of January the mill was started up, and it was found that it had been set too low and the race would not carry off the water, but that it would drown or kill the flutter wheel. To avoid this difficulty several new pieces of timber had to be got out, and as there was found suitable timber within ten or fifteen rods from where the tail race entered the river, all hands were set to work getting out the timber at that place.

It had been customary to hoist the gates of the force bay when we quit work in the evening, letting the water through the race to wash away the loosened sand and gravel, then close them down early in the morning, and a gang of Digger Indians had been employed to dig and cast out the cable rock, such as was not moved by the

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water.

I, having picked up sufficient of the Indian dialect to direct the Indians in that labor, was set to look after that work, and as all hands were getting out timber so near the race, I had stepped away from them and was with the white men when Mr. Marshall came down to look after the work in general. Having talked a few moments, 119 11 he stepped away to where the race entered the river. He discovered a bed of rock that had been exposed to view by the water the night before; the rock that was in sight was in the bottom of the race and was from three to six feet wide and fifteen to twenty feet long. It appeared to be granite, but so soft that it might be scaled up with a pick, yet too solid to be carried away by the water. I, being an all-around worker, sometimes called from one thing to another, and the Indians did not require my whole attention, Mr. Marshall called me to come to him. I went, and found him examining the bed rock. He said, "This is a curious rock, I am afraid that it will give us trouble," and as he probed it a little further, he said, "I believe that it contains minerals of some kind, and I believe that there is gold in these hills." Said I to him, "What makes you think so?" He said he had seen the blossom of gold, and I asked what that was, and he told me that it was the white quartz scattered over the hills. I, being no better informed, asked what quartz was. He answered that it was the white flint-like rock that was so plentiful on the hills. I told him that it was flint rock, but he said no, that it was called quartz in some book that he had read, and that it was an indication of gold. He then sent me to the cabin to bring a pan so that we could wash some of the sand and gravel to see what we could find. (It is well to say here that Alexander Stephens, H. W. Bigler, James Berger, Azariah Smith, W. Johnson and the writer had built a cabin near the site of the mill and were doing our own cooking, and it was to this cabin I was sent.) On my return we washed some of the sand and gravel and also some of the bed rock that we scaled up with a pick. As we had no idea of the appearance of gold in its natural state, our search was unsuccessful. Then he said, "Well, we will hoist the gates and turn in all the water that we can to-night, and tomorrow morning we will shut it off and come down here, and I believe we will find gold or some kind of mineral here."

As he was rather a notional kind of man, I had but little thought of what he said; do not think I even mentioned it to the other men. We each went our way and did not see each other till the next morning. 120 12 We in the cabin, at a very unusually early hour, heard a pounding at the mill, and someone said, "Who is that pounding so early?" Some one of the party looked out and said it was Marshall shutting the gates of the fore bay down. This brought to my mind what he had said the evening before about finding gold, and I said,

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“Oh, he is going to find a gold mine, this morning.”

Nothing but a smile of derision stole over the faces of the parties present. We ate our breakfast and went to work. James Berger and myself went to the whipsaw, and the rest of the men some eight or ten rods off from the mill. I was close to the mill and saw pit, but was also close to the tail race where I could direct the Indians that were there. This was January 24, 1848.

Just when we had got partly to work, here came Mr. Marshall with his old wool hat in hand, and stopped within six or eight yards of the saw pit, and exclaimed, “Boys, I have got her now.” I, being the nearest to him, and having more curiosity than the rest of the men, jumped from the pit and stepped to him, and on looking in his hat discovered say ten or twelve pieces of small scales of what proved to be gold. I picked up the largest piece, worth about fifty cents, and tested it with my teeth, and as it did not give, I held it aloft and exclaimed, “gold, boys, gold!” At that they all dropped their tools and gathered around Mr. Marshall. Now, having made the first test and proclamation of that very important fact, I stepped to the workbench and put it to the second with the hammer. While doing that it occurred to me that while in the Mormon Battalion in Mexico, we came to some timber called manzanita. Our guides and interpreters said that wood was what the Mexicans smelted their gold and silver ores with. It is a hard wood and makes a very hot fire and also lasts a long time. Remembering that we had left a very hot bed of these coals in the fireplace of the cabin, I hurried off and made the third test by placing it upon the point of an old shovel blade, and then inserted it in among the coals, and blew the coals until I was blind for the moment, in trying to burn or melt the particles; and although it was plated almost as thin as a sheet of note paper, the heat did not 121 13 change its appearance in the least. I remembered hearing that gold could not be burned up, so I arose from this third test confident that it was gold. Then running out to the party who were grouped together, made the second proclamation, saying, “gold! gold!”

At this juncture all was excitement, and all repaired to the lower end of the tail race, where we found from three to six inches of water flowing over the bed of rock, in which there were crevices and little pockets, over which the water rippled in the glare of the sunlight as it shone over the mountain peaks. James Berger was

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the first man to spy a scale of the metal. He stooped to pick it up, but found some difficulty in getting hold of it as his fingers would blur the water, though he finally succeeded. The next man to find a piece was H. W. Bigler; he used his jackknife, getting it on the point of the blade, then, getting his forefinger over it, placed it in his left hand. And as we soon learned how to look for it, as it glittered under the water and in the rays of the sun, we were all rewarded with a few scales. Each put his mite into a small vial that was provided by Marshall, and we made him the custodian. We repeated our visits for three or four mornings to the tail race, each time collecting some more of the precious metal, until we had gathered somewhere between three and four ounces.

The next move was to step and stake off two quarter sections beginning at the mill, one running down the river and the other up. Then we cut and hauled logs and laid the foundation of a cabin on each of them; one was for Sutter, the other for Marshall. Now, this matter being finished, Mr. Marshall was prepared to dictate terms to us, for every tool and all the provisions in that part of the country belonged to Capt. Sutter and Mr. Marshall, and they had full control, and we were depending on the completion of the mill for our pay. He said if we would stay by him until the mill was completed and well stocked with logs, he would supply us with provisions and tools and the first right to work on their gold claims.

So we all agreed to his proposition, and also that we would not disclose our secret of the gold discovery until we learned more

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Gold is \$1,811.6 an ounce! This time last year it was \$2,013.60 an ounce!

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***My dream job would be the
Karma Delivery Service.***

Bill Murray

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 Thursday of the month from May thru October, free of charge for day use. Overnight camping during this weekend is \$20 per family 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. The fees are \$20 per family per day, \$30 per family per weekend (Friday thru Sunday), \$100 per family per week and \$300 per family per month.

Please call 208-699-8128 or 208-682-4661 for reservations.

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 **439 Eagle Creek Road**, the Eagle City Park entrance on left side of road. **GPS is 47°38’51”N & 115°54’37”W**

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about 122 14 it and had made good our claims. Not having the remotest idea of its extent, we pushed the mill as rapidly as possible, for as yet we had not received one dollar's pay for our four months' labor.

There came a rainy day, and it was too wet to work; H. W. Bigler thought it a good day to hunt ducks, so he got on an old coat, and was gone all day. When he returned, we said, "Where are your ducks?" He said, "Wait awhile, I will show you; I have got them all right." Finally he drew an old cotton handkerchief from his pocket, in a corner of which he had at least half an ounce of gold tied up. For a while all were excited, and he was asked a great many questions like the following: "Did you find it on Sutter's claim along the river?" "How far is it from here?" "All in one place?" "Is there any more?" "How did you get it, you had no pick nor shovel?" "Can you find the place again?" He said that he had found it down below Sutter's claim, along the river where the bed rock crops out along the bank, and in little rills that come down the hills to the river, and everywhere that he found the bed rock cropping out. "Then you found it in more than one place?"—"Yes, more than a dozen." It was now proposed that we keep this discovery a secret, as the discovery in the race had been kept. So the mill work was pushed with vigor to completion. But in the meantime Marshall felt it had become his duty to inform his partner of the discovery. Accordingly he wrote a letter stating the facts, and sent me out to find a strange Indian that would take it to Capt. Sutter, fearing that if he sent it by someone that was acquainted with the facts, the secret might leak out. Just about this time W. Johnson found that he had some urgent business below and he must go, and he did; he went to the gristmill and along the camps on that mill race. And somehow or other the bag came untied and our old cat and all the kittens ran out, and to the camps they went, until everybody heard them. But, like all great truths, people were slow to believe the story.

However, Sidney Willis and Wilford Hudson began to feel that they would like a little venison, and with that for an excuse took their guns and set out on foot, having been assured that by following up 123 15 the river they would come to the sawmill, which they succeeded in doing the first day. I think that it was only thirty-five miles distant. I think that they stayed one day and two nights with us, then after a thorough examination of the bed rock, sand and gravel, and the surroundings, they gathered a few specimens, among which was one nugget worth about five dollars, the largest by odds that had been discovered up to that time.

As they passed down on their way home they discovered a small ravine or creek in which there was some of the same kind of bed rock that they had seen at the mill race, and by picking around in the sand and gravel they discovered quite a rich prospect that was just opposite what was afterwards called Mormon Island, about twelve or fifteen miles above the gristmill and about the same distance below the sawmill. Then they returned to the mill and told their story and showed the specimens to the boys. Then some went to Sutter's Fort, to a little grocery store kept by a Mormon by

the name of Smith, that came around by the ship "Brooklyn." The story of the find was told to him and specimens exhibited to him, and he wrote to Samuel Brannan, who was publishing a paper in San Francisco at that time, and from that press the news went forth to the world. Brannan was a Mormon elder, and the press was owned by a company of Mormons that had come from New York around Cape Horn and were presided over by S. Brannan.

Having explained briefly the find and proclamation, we will return to the mill race, while from 100 to 150 Mormons flocked to Mormon Island, and then people from every part of the States followed, and the search for gold was commenced in earnest. With jack, butcher, and table knives the search was made in the crevices, after stripping the soil from the bed rock with pick and shovel. Next, we conceived the idea of washing the sand and small gravel in time pans, but these were scarce and hard to get hold of. Alexander Stephens dug out a trough, leaving the bottom round like a log. Filling that with sand and gravel that we scraped off the bed rock, he would shake it, having arranged it so as to pour or run water in on 124 16 the gravel; finally he commenced to rock the trough, which led to the idea of a rocker, which caused the gold to settle at the bottom, and he had it arranged on an incline so that it would naturally not only work to the bottom, but to the lower end of the trough, then at short intervals he would turn it into a tub of water, and at night it would be cleaned and weighed on a pair of wooden scales that he also made, using silver coins for weights, counting the silver dollar equal to one ounce of gold. The rocker above mentioned led to the renowned gold rocker; I am under the impression that Stephens did make the first rocker ever used in California. We made buckskin pouches or wallets to carry the gold in; it was not dust, nor yet nuggets, but small scales.

The next and last process that we used in gathering was to spread a sheet on the sand beach of the river, placing some big rocks on the corners and sides to keep it well stretched, then fill the rich dirt on the upper edge, then throw water on to wash the dirt down in the river, leaving the gold on the sheet, occasionally taking up the sheet and dipping it in a tub of water, thus washing the gold off the sheet into the tub, and at night clean up our day's work, averaging from \$12 to \$15 per hand. Our best paying dirt was carried on our shoulders from Dry Gulch all the way from fifteen to sixty rods, to where we could find water to wash it with.

In the latter part of June, 1848, we left the gold fields of California to meet our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, and our dear friends in what was called the Great American Desert, now called Utah Territory.

To Sutter's capital and enterprise and Marshall's shrewd sagacity has been given the credit of the great gold discovery of California. The facts are that James W. Marshall discovered the first color, and in less than an hour six Mormons found color as well, and in less than six weeks had discovered it in hundreds of places that Mr. Marshall had never seen, the most notable of which was Mormon Island, to where the first rush was made, and from where the news was spread to the uttermost bounds of the everlasting hills and to all the nations of the earth.

As to Sutter's enterprise and capital, he did furnish the Graham flour and mutton, wheat and peas, black coffee and brown sugar, teams and tools, while we, the members of the Mormon Battalion, did do the hard labor that discovered the metal, and it is also true that we were in Sutter's employ at that date, and that we did not get paid for our labor.

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Treasurers Report July 2021

Balance Forward \$19,325.94

Income

Interest:	\$0.16
Memberships & Life Flight Renewals:	\$819.00
Monthly Meeting Raffle Sales:	\$80.00
Monthly Meeting Merchandise Sales:	\$25.00
Total Income	\$924.16

Disbursements

Mary Lowe: (Membership Card Printing)	\$48.76
Black Sheep Sporting Goods: (Raffle Items)	\$26.44
Rathdrum Senior Center: Monthly Rental	\$80.00
N.W. Printing: (Newsletter)	\$269.84
Consumer Cellular: (Phone Bill)	\$17.99
Idaho State Tax Commission: (Sales Tax)	\$50.82
Total Disbursements:	\$493.85

Summary

Starting Balance:	\$19,325.94
Total Income:	\$924.16
Total Disbursements:	\$493.85
Ending Balance:	\$19,756.25

Submitted by Mark Cook

Remember!!
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Important!

If you have any digital photos of any prospecting / mining activities, outings, meetings, wildlife, etc., that you would be willing to share, please email or send copies of them to me to be included in a digital photo slideshow.

Also, I would be interested in getting future photos covering the same topics as above. Slideshows are a great draw at meetings and gold shows. Also, I can use them in the Nugget News.

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I worked 100 days for the firm, and never received one farthing for it. I heard a number of other men say that they never got their pay. Then it was our labor that developed the find, and not theirs, for many of them were never paid; and when we went for a settlement we were told by Capt. Sutter that he could not settle with us for his bookkeeper had gone to the mines and his books were not posted. He cursed Marshall and the mines, and declared that he was a ruined man, that the discovery was his ruin, for it had drawn off his laborers and left everything to go to rack, and he was being robbed.

I do not wish it to be understood that I charge them with being dishonorable, for I do not, but I charge it to the general confusion of the country. I think they were honorable men in a business way. But the facts are they were perfectly overrun with all classes of people, and confused, so that the people took advantage of them, and their business affairs were undermined, and there was a general collapse of every industry and business. The cry was "gold! gold! more gold! away for the gold fields!" Every other enterprise was sacrificed at the sight of gold.

With all due respect to Capt. John A. Sutter and James W. Marshall, to whom the world has given the credit of the great find, I do believe if they had been taken out and shot to death the day of the discovery they would have suffered less, and would have met their Maker just as pure, if not more honored in this world, than to have lived and endured what they did.

As far as I am concerned, I say peace to their remains, for on this earth they have been greatly wronged, if I have read their history correctly. Like a lynching scrape where there is an outburst of the 126 18 people, it is very difficult to find those who are responsible for the crime; so with the wrongs done these men, it seemed as if the whole country or people picked upon them.

The above has been written from memory, as it has been indelibly impressed upon the mind of the writer by the greatness of the results flowing therefrom, and the numerous inquiries that have been made of him, which have been answered by reciting it so repeatedly—if not all at once, it has been at different times—so that after reading and revising it, I can testify from the best of my knowledge, it is strictly correct.

To be continued.....

I've learned so much from my mistakes, that I'm thinking of making a few more!

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(Continued from page 2) And Then It's Winter
you don't care to do them anymore.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "What?" "When?" "What?"

~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!! Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!"

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Wife's Birthday Wish

A man asked his wife, "What would you most like for your birthday?"

She said, "I'd love to be ten again."

On the morning of her birthday, he got her up bright and early and they went to a theme park.

He put her on every ride in the park - the Death Slide, The Screaming Loop, the Wall of Fear. She had a go on every ride there was.

She staggered out of the theme park five hours later, her head reeling and her stomach turning.

Then off to a movie theater, popcorn, cola and sweets.

At last she staggered home with her husband and collapsed into bed.

Her husband leaned over and asked, "Well, dear, what was it like being ten again?"

One eye opened and she groaned, "Actually, honey, I meant dress size!"

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of any changes of your email address or home address to ensure delivery of your newsletter each month!

2021 Club Calendar

Look to this calendar for any changes in meeting dates, times and other activities. Stay safe and try to enjoy yourselves.

*August 12th
August 14th
September 9th
September 11th*

*October 14th
October 16th
November 11th
December 9th
December 12th*

*Meeting
Outing
Meeting
Outing, Pig Roast & Civil War
Reenactment
Meeting
Last Outing & Chili Feed
Meeting
Meeting
Christmas Potluck (Tentative)*

All dates are subject to change & other events will be added when dates are known. Check back often.

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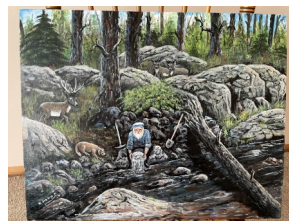
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are our new camp hosts.

They are from Phoenix AZ, and were vacationing for the second time at the Park. While here, we mentioned that we had a need for a camp host and without any arm twisting, Jim jumped in and volunteered. Janine had to return to Phoenix for her day job and we hope to have things setup for her to spend next year up here, helping to control Jim. Please join Mary and I in welcoming

Jim & Janine to our Park family.

See jacobsbrand.com for their Youtube channel.



**Sourdough
Jack**



Bob Beck has donated "Sourdough Jack" in memory of his late wife Pat. We will place Sourdough Jack at the end of the drive, next to the Eagle City Park sign. We will get a large rock to mount Jack on and he will welcome all visitors to the Park. Thank you, Bob!

DID YOU KNOW.....

That 1 oz. of pure gold is approx. the size of a cube of sugar? That 1 oz. of gold can be flattened out to 300 sq. ft.? That a mixture of one part nitric acid and 3 parts hydrochloric acid (*aqua regia*) will dissolve gold? That in 1966 all the refined gold in the world would make a cube 50 feet on a side?

What is gold?

Symbol: AU
Atomic Weight: 196.967
Atomic Number: 79
Melting Point: 1063° C (1945° F)
Boiling Point: 2966° C
Specific Gravity: 19.2
MOH's Scale of Hardness: 2.5 - 3

What is a karat/carat?

Pure gold is expressed as 24 karats/carats. When alloyed (mixed with other metals) the following table is used to determine the karat/carat.

24K donated by 100% Pure Gold
18K donated by 75% Pure Gold
14K donated by 58% Pure Gold
10K donated by 42% Pure Gold

How is gold weighed?

0.0648 grams = **1 grain**
24 grains = **1 pennyweight (dwt.)**
20 pennyweight (dwt.) = **1 troy oz.**
12 troy oz. = **1 troy pound**

Editor's Note

We are always looking for stories to fill our pages. Please take a minute to jot down a story (fact or fiction) and send it into me.

Tell us about your experiences, plans or ideas. Letters to the editor, pictures, jokes (clean, of course), car-toons and ads are all welcome.

Recipes, web pages of interest, email, magazine and news clippings are also needed.

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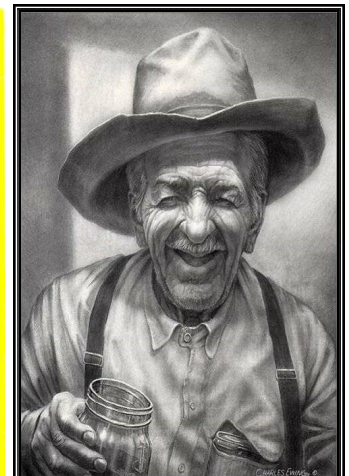
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Recipe(s) of the Month

Shipwreck

Ingredients

1 pound lean ground beef
1 (7.25 ounce) package macaroni and cheese mix
1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
1 cup milk
1 cup frozen peas
1 cup frozen corn
1 teaspoon seasoned salt (such as LAWRY'S®), or to taste
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, divided

Directions

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir beef in the hot skillet until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes.

Stir pasta and cheese mixture from the macaroni and cheese package into the beef. Add tomatoes, milk, peas, and corn to the beef mixture; stir. Bring the mixture to a boil, reduce heat to medium-low, place a cover on the skillet and cook at a simmer until the noodles are tender, about 12 minutes.

Season the dish with seasoned salt. Stir about half of the Cheddar cheese into dish to melt. Top with remaining cheese.

Tips

So this is the good version, but the better one would use the pasta shells and cheese with the ready-to-apply cheese stuff. It's going to be essentially the same, still add the milk as you'll need it along with the juice from the tomatoes to cook the noodles. For variety you could add Ro*tel(R) instead of plain tomatoes and use one cup of frozen prepared fajita veggies and some taco seasoning to make a "Gulf of Mexico Shipwreck." Italian seasoning, garlic, onions, and mozzarella would make it a "Sicilian Shipwreck." You get the idea: the combinations are pretty well unlimited. Although the recipe calls for frozen vegetables and uncooked ground meat, leftovers work just as well. Use Creole-style seasoned salt if you like a bit of spice in your easy dinners.

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