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THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE
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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.

New members can join at the meetings or download the application at
<https://nwgoldprospectors.org>

See page 2 for more information!

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

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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PIONEER GOLD PROSPECTOR

As long as I have lived in California I have never carried a weapon of defense, and never could see much danger. I tried to follow the right trail so as to shun bad men, and never found much difficulty in doing so. We hear much of the Vigilance Committee of early days. It was an actual necessity of former times. The gold fields not only attracted the good and brave, but also the worst and most lawless desperadoes of the world at large. England's banished convicts came here from the penal colonies of Australia and Van Diemen's Land. They had wonderful ideas of freedom. In their own land the stern laws and numerous constabulary had not been able to keep them from

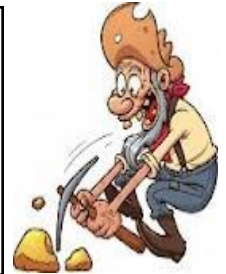
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Again, Sorry About This Issue!

This issue of the Nugget News is combined with the June issue. Again, we were very busy at the Park. On Memorial Day weekend, we were busy and with the short time till the meeting, I was unable to finish the June newsletter in time.



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 potluck at 4pm on Saturday. Other 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.



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Membership benefits do not extend to transports deemed not medically necessary or when
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Meeting Minutes May 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Mark Cook at 7:08PM and everyone asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary's report was not read and at that time it was moved and seconded to be provided in the monthly newsletter for members to read instead.

The treasurer's report was read by Acting Treasurer Mark Cook and it was moved and seconded to approve as read.

Mark welcomed 33 members and 5 guests.

The evening's program was a video on panning techniques.

At this point Wayne McCarroll was asked to give the Legislative and Regulatory Updates, a copy of which you can read and review if you receive your newsletter via email. A copy is filed with the hard copy of the meeting minutes and filed each month.

Under Old Business membership renewals were due in April and if you have any address or email address changes, please advise Mary or Bob Lowe.

As mentioned last month, bring any ideas or suggestions for program material you would like to see addressed at one of the meetings.

The North Central WA Prospectors Assn. is much like ours and their membership is \$35 per year which includes a newsletter and they have several claims for members to work. They are based in the Wenatchee WA surrounding area.

The PLP has an annual raffle and drawing on July 14 and tickets sell 12 for \$20.

Bill Izzard and Mark Cook will be doing the claims tour at this week-

end's outing. They will be leaving Eagle City Park promptly at 10:00. Bring your maps to make notes.

We need people to fill positions of Claims Committee, President, and Secretary.

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publication month.**

There is no news to report on FS Road 152 with regard to a Plan Of Operation at this time, it remains a work in progress. Frustration with the new people in charge and may require a face to face meeting to get resolution. We are not giving up on a resolution.

Under New Business today's gold price is \$1826.40.

The Raven Gulch claim has been deeded to the club by members, Dave and Mary Lou Robinson. The club has also been deeded a new claim in Warren Idaho near McCall. Snow on that claim will keep it closed until later in June. All the paperwork has been completed on both.

Sergeant of Arms has been taken over by Pee-Wee Payment at this

time.

The fairgrounds has approached us about metal detecting during th fair clearing metal debris from the arena. At this time we are working in conjunction with the Northwest Treasurer Hunters to make plans to do so. Our club will be supplying gold nuggets and their club silver rounds as an enticement for participants. The three dates are 8/24, 8/25, and 9/1 including a tailgate barbecue on the last day. Please sign up if you are interested.

If you are doing handwork, no permit is required. If you are working with anything motorized you are required to have a water permit. The determining key is anything using a motor.

A break was called for and after reconvening the video was shown. Mark then asked for any other old or new business, having none, the raffles were held and the meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Mary Lowe, Secretary

crime. A colony of criminals did not improve in moral tone, and when the most reckless and daring of all these were turned loose in a country like California, where the machinery of laws and officers to execute them was not yet in order, these lawless "Sidney ducks," as they were called, felt free to rob and murder, and human life or blood was not allowed to stand between them and their desires. Others of the same general stripe came from Mexico and Chili, and Texas and Western Missouri furnished another class almost as bad.

The Vigilance Committee of San Francisco was composed of the best men in the world. They endured all that was heaped upon them by these lawless men, and the law of self protection forced them to organize for the swift apprehension and punishment of crime, and the preservation of their property and lives. No one was punished unjustly, but there was no delay, and the evil-doer met his fate swiftly and surely. Justice was strict, and the circumstances were generally unfavorable to thoughts of mercy. I was in San Francisco the day after Casey and Cory were hung by the Vigilance Committee. Things looked quite military. Fort Gunny-bags seemed well protected, and no innocent man in any danger. I was then a customer of G. W. Badger and Lindenberger, clothiers, and was present one day in their store when some of the clerks came in from general duty, and their comrades shouldered the same guns and took their places on guard. The Committee was so truly vigilant that these fire-bugs, robbers and cut-throats had to hide for safety.

Those who came early to this coast were, mostly, brave, venturesome, enduring fellows, who felt they could outlive any hardship and overcome all difficulties; they were of no ordinary type of character or habits. They thought they saw success before them, and were determined to win it at almost any cost. They had pictured in their minds the size of the "pile" that would satisfy them, and brought their buckskin bags with them, in various sizes, to hold the snug sum they hoped to win in the wonderful gold fields of the then unknown California.

These California pioneers were restless fellows, but those who came by the overland trail were not without education and refinement; they were, indeed, many of them, the very cream of Americans. The new scenes and associations, the escape from the influence of home and friends, of wife and children, led some off the dim track, and their restlessness could not well be put down. Reasonable men could not expect all persons under these circumstances to be models of virtue. Then the Missouri River seemed to be the western boundary of all civilization, and as these gold hunters launched out on the almost trackless prairies that lay westward of that might stream, many considered themselves as entering a country of peculiar

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freedom, and it was often said that "Law and morality never crossed the Missouri River." Passing this great stream was like the crossing of the Rubicon in earlier history, a step that could not be retraced, a launching to victory or death. Under this state of feeling many showed the cloven foot, and tried to make trouble, but in any emergency good and honest men seemed always in the majority, and those who had thoughts or desires of evil were compelled to submit to honorable and just conclusions.

There were some strange developments of character among these travelers. Some who had in long attendance at school and church, listened all their lives to teachings of morality and justice, and at home seemed to be fairly wedded to ideas of even rights between man and man, seemed to experience a change of character as they neared the Pacific Coast. Amiable dispositions became soured, moral ideas sadly blunted, and their whole make-up seemed changed, while others who at home seemed to be of rougher mold, developed principles of justice and humanity, affection almost unbounded, and were true men in every trial and in all places. A majority of all were thus fair-minded and true.

Men from every state from New Hampshire to Texas gathered on the banks of the Missouri to set out together across the plains. These men reared in different climates, amid different ways and customs, taught by different teachers in schools of religion and politics, made up a strange mass when thus thrown together; but the good and true came to the surface, and the turbulent and bad were always in a hopeless minority. Laws seemed to grow out of the very circumstances, and though not in print, flagrant violations would be surely punished. Some left civilization with all the luxuries money could buy—fine, well-equipped trains of their own, and riding a fat and prancing steed, which they guided with gloved hands, and seemed to think that water and grass and pleasant camping places would always be found wherever they wished to stop for rest, and that the great El Dorado would be a grand pleasure excursion, ending in a pile of gold large enough to fill their big leather purse. But the sleek, fat horse grew poor; the gloves with embroidered gauntlet wrists were cast aside; the trains grew small, and the luxuries vanished, and perhaps the plucky owner made the last few hundred miles on foot, with blistered soles and scanty pack, almost alone. Many of these gay trains never reached California, and many a pioneer who started with high hopes died upon the way, some rudely buried, some left where they fell upon the sands or rocks.

Those who got through found a splendid climate and promising prospects before them of filling empty stomachs and empty pockets, and were soon searching eagerly for yellow treasure. When fortunate they recovered rapidly their exhausted bodies to health and strength, and gained new energy as they saw prosperity.

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Prospectors wandered through the mountains in search of new and suitable gold diggings, and when they came to a miner's cabin the door was always open, and whether the owner was present or absent they could go in, and if hungry, help themselves to anything they found in shape of food, and go away again without fear of offense, for under such circumstances the unwritten law said that grub was free.

By the same unwritten law, stealing and robbery, as well as murder, were capital offences, and lawless characters were put down. Favors were freely granted, and written obligations were never asked or given, and business was governed by the rules of strictest honor. The great majority of these pioneers were the bone and sinew of the nation, and possessed a fair share of the brains. In a personal experience with them extending from early days to the present time I have found them always just and honorable, and I regret that it is not within my ability to give the praise they deserve. When a stranger and hungry I was never turned away without food, and my entertainment was free, and given without thought of compensation or reward.

In the chambers of my mind are stored up the most pleasant recollections of these noble men whose good deeds in days gone by have earned for them the right to a crown of glory of greatest splendor.

These noble souls who came here 40 years ago are fast passing away across the Mystic River, and those who trod on foot the hot and dusty trail are giving way to those who come in swiftly rolling palace cars, and who hardly seem to give a thought to the difference between then and now. Those who came early cleared the way and started the great stream of gold that has made America one of the richest nations of the world.

I have a suggestion to make to the descendants of these noble pioneers, that to perpetuate the memory of their fathers, and do reverence to their good and noble deeds in the early history of this grand State, there should be erected upon the highest mountain top a memorial building wherein may be inscribed the names and histories of the brave pioneers, so they may never be blotted out.

THE JAYHAWKERS.

The most perfect organization of the pioneers who participated more or less in the scenes depicted in this volume, is that of the Jayhawkers,

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and, strange to say, this organization is in the East, and has its annual meetings there, although the living members are about equally divided between the East and the Pacific Coast. As related elsewhere, February 4th is the day of the annual meeting, for on that day they reached the Santa Clara Valley.

It is greatly regretted that a more direct and complete account of the Death Valley experience of the Jayhawkers could not have been obtained for this work. To be sure it was from the lips of a living witness told in many conversations, but no doubt many striking incidents were left out. It is, however, a settled thing that these, and other individuals with whom he was immediately connected, were more intimately connected with the horrors of the sunken valley which was given its name by them, than were any other persons who ever crossed that desert region.

It will be considered that this was the most favorable time of year possible, and that during the spring or summer not one would have lived to tell the tale.

The Author, to his best, has done his duty to all, and concludes with the hope that this mite may authenticate one of the saddest chapters in the history of the Golden State.

CONCLUSION

This story is not meant to be sensational, but a plain, unvarnished tale of truth—some parts hard and very sad. It is a narrative of my personal experience, and being in no sense a literary man or making any

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Gold is \$1,770.20 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,784.20 an ounce!

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***Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of
plastic bags in their house or is it just me?***

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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pretense as a writer, I hope the errors may be overlooked, for it has been to me a difficult story to tell, arousing as it did sad recollections of the past. I have told it in the plainest, briefest way, with nothing exaggerated or overdone. Those who traveled over the same or similar routes are capable of passing a just opinion of the story.

Looking back over more than 40 years, I was then a great lover of liberty, as well as health and happiness, and I possessed a great desire to see a new country never yet trod by civilized man, so that I easily caught the gold fever of 1849, and naught but a trip to that land of fabled wealth could cure me.

Geography has wonderfully changed since then. Where Omaha now stands there was not a house in 1849. Six hundred miles of treeless prairie without a house brought us to the adobe dwellings at Fort Laramie, and 400, more or less, were the long miles to Mormondom, still more than 700 miles from the Pacific Coast. Passing over this wilderness was like going to sea without a compass.

Hence it will be seen that when we crossed a stream that was said to flow to the Pacific Ocean, myself and comrades were ready to adopt floating down its current as an easier road than the heated trail, and for three weeks, over rocks and rapids, we floated and tumbled down the deep cañon of Green River till we emerged into an open plain and were compelled to come on shore by the Indians there encamped. We had believed the Indians to be a war-like and cruel people, but when we made them understand where we wanted to go, they warned us of the great impassable Colorado Cañon only two days ahead of us, and pointed out the road to "Mormonie" with their advice to take it. This was Chief Walker, a good, well meaning red man, and to him we owed our lives.

Out of this trouble we were once again on the safe road from Salt Lake to Los Angeles, and again made error in taking a cut-off route, and striking across a trackless country because it seemed to promise a shorter distance, and where thirteen of our party lie unburied on the sands of the terribly dry valley. Those who lived were saved by the little puddles of rain water that had fallen from the small rain clouds that had been forced over the great Sierra Nevada Mountains in one of the wettest winters ever known. In an ordinary year we should have all died of thirst, so that we were lucky in our misfortune.

When we came out to the fertile coast near Los Angeles, we found good friends in the native Californians who, like good Samaritans, gave us food and took us in, poor, nearly starved creatures that we were, without money or property from which they could expect to be rewarded. Their deeds stand out whiter in our memories than all the rest, notwithstanding their skins were dark. It seems to me such people do not live in this age of the world which we are pleased to call advanced. I was much with these old Californians, and found them honest and truthful, willing to leave the last bit of food with a needy stranger or a friend. Their good deeds have never been praised enough, and I feel it in my heart to do them ample justice while I live.

The work that was laid out for me to do, to tell when and where I went, is done. Perhaps in days to come it may be of even more inter-

est than now, and I shall be glad I have turned over the scenes in my memory and recorded them, and on some rolling stone you may inscribe the name of WILLIAM LEWIS MANLEY, born near St. Albans, Vermont, April 20th, 1820, who went to Michigan while yet it was a territory, as an early pioneer; then onward to Wisconsin before it became a state, and for twelve long, weary months traveled across the wild western prairies, the loft mountains and sunken deserts of Death Valley, to this land which is now so pleasant and so fair, wherein, after over 40 years of earnest toil, I rest in the midst of family and friends, and can truly say I am content. **THE END.**

Editors Note: The next story is by James S Brown

"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 Marshall himself — by an eye-witness of an participant in the gold discovery.

BUT FOUR OF THEM LEFT Herald, Nov. 26, 1897 COMPANIONS OF MARSHALL WHEN HE DISCOVERED GOLD Three of These Aged Pioneers Live In Utah and May Attend the Golden Jubilee

San Francisco Call: Four men, their bodies bent and faces furrowed by the cares of life and passing time, riding before the society of California Pioneers, will be one of the most interesting, if not striking, features of the Golden Jubilee procession, to be held in this city on Jan. 24. These old men, Henry W. Bigler, James S. Brown, Azariah Smith and William J. Johnston, are the sole surviving companions of Marshall, and were with him when he discovered the shining bit of gold at Coloma. They now live in distant lands, and far from one another, but they will be brought together on the day of the jubilee, perhaps for the last time.

Some time ago Mr. Hittell, pioneer, author and historian, wrote to Mr. Bigler in an endeavor to ascertain the whereabouts and condition of health of his companions. The following answer, written in a hand that portrayed the writer's age and feeble condition, shortly arrived:

"St. George, Utah, Oct. 9, 1897. "Dear Mr. Hittell.—Yours of the 3rd inst. to hand, in which I learn that the society of California Pioneers is considering the project of celebrating, the 24th of January next, the semi-centennial of the discovery of gold at Coloma.

"You wish me to give you a list of the survivors, with their precise names, post office address and any information I have in regard to their health and strength.

"James S. Brown. I met him at our great Jubilee in Salt Lake City last July. He was in his usual health, quite lively and talkative as ever. His address is 31 North First West street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

"Azariah Smith a few years ago was living in Manti, Sanpete county, Utah. I have not heard of his death, nor of his leaving that place. At last accounts his health was pretty good, though he was at time afflicted with fits.

"William J. Johnston. His address at last accounts was Ramah, Valencia county, New Mexico. His health was good then.

"My comrades who were with Marshall at the time he found the gold at Coloma are all dead, so far as I know, except myself and the names I have just mentioned. My health is pretty good for a person of my age, as I am in my 83d year.

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at 4:30pm on the day of the meeting.
Come join us!*

Treasurers Report May 2021

Income

Balance Forward	\$18,920.43
Interest:	0.17
Memberships:	580.00
Monthly Meeting Raffle Sales:	223.00
Monthly Meeting Gold Cup Sales:	90.00
Total income	\$893.17

Disbursements

Consumer Cellular: Phone Bill	17.98
Shoshone County Recorder: Claim Recording	15.00
Rathdrum Senior Center: Monthly Rental	80.00
Northwest Offset Printing: Newsletter	176.54
Square Credit Card Fee:	.62
BLM: (Claim Recording Fee)	30.00
Office Max: (Copies for Claims Administrative)	0.38
Total Disbursements:	\$320.52

Ending Balance **\$19,493.08**

Submitted by Mark Cook

THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE

Unless you've renewed your membership, this will be your last issue of the Nugget News. Don't loose your rights to the club claims and miss out on future editions of the Nugget News, not to mention, participating in our club outings. Please check the mailing label on this issue. It should read **2021 Member #** or later. If it shows **2020 Member # or earlier**, then you are past due and need to renew.

If you have a question or you think we are in error, please call Bob or Mary Lowe at 208-699-8128 or 208-651-8318.

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.

Send to: bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com

Thanks.....Bob

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"My appetite is good, and people say I hold my age splendidly, and my walk is brisk, though I have to use a cane to steady myself, as I am so light-headed and liable to fall. I am pleased to hear of the move about to be made to celebrate the 24th of January, 1848, and hope you will have a nice time, and it would please me to witness and to be a partaker in the grand festivity on that occasion.

"Any information I may have that you would like to know you only have to write and it will be a pleasing task for me to give it if I can. Respectfully yours, HENRY W. BIGLER."

The pioneers are confident that all will accept the invitation, and they look forward for a jolly reunion on their part. SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 24, 1894.

Just forty-six (46) years ago to-day the great and memorable discovery of the California gold was made at Capt. John A. Sutter and James W. Marshall's sawmill, on American Fork River, California.

Now to give a clear conception of that most notable event, we must go back to the time when the project of building the mill was first conceived by Messrs. Sutter and Marshall, which was on or near the 1st of June, 1847. But, for want of skilled labor, the matter was delayed for a time, as the class of white men that was to be hired could not be trusted so as to justify a man in the undertaking of an enterprise of such importance as building a gristmill, which he already had under contemplation, and a sawmill forty miles away, in an Indian country; and again, the unsettled condition of the country as it was, so soon after the war, and considering the scarcity of money, caused Mr. Sutter to hesitate until a detachment of 150 men of the Mormon Battalion came up, August 26, and camped on the American Fork River about two miles from Sutter's Fort. After they had a short consultation it was decided that about one hundred of the party would remain over till the next year, and seek employment as best they could. Accordingly, a committee was appointed to wait upon Mr. Sutter, to learn from him what the prospect for employment was. The committee informed Mr. Sutter that we had carpenters, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, millwrights, farmers and common laborers, and that we should want horses, cattle, and a general outfit for crossing the plains early the next summer, and if we could not get all money, we could and would take a part of our pay in the above mentioned stock and supplies. This proposition seemed to meet with favor from the Captain, as he had an abundance of the above mentioned property, and, if my memory is not at fault, he told the committee to call again, or for the men to come in two or three days, and he would speak further with them.

To be continued.....

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Announcement

The G&G Riverstop has opened a Smokehouse BBQ Stand outside at their store.

Hours are:

Thursday 2PM to 8PM

Friday / Saturday 11AM to 8PM

Sunday 11AM to 5PM

Holiday weekend are open on Monday

Menu includes: Chicken, Pulled Pork, Brisket and Tri-Tip. Can be purchased as sandwiches with sides or as meat by the pound.

Ribs are also on the menu.

Side choices are: Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans or Mac & Cheese.

Pulled Pork Nacho's, Nacho's /w Cheese, 12" Pizza and Huckleberry Lemonade are also on the menu. Take it from me, these are GOOD EATS!

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Mark Cook

Activities: Open

Nomination: Open

Law and Regulations: Wayne McCarroll

Legislation Liaison:

Internet Website: Bill Izzard

Programs: Open

Financial Audit: Open

Note: If you would like to become an officer of the Association or a member of any of our committees, please contact one of the board members above. A club or association is only as good as those who volunteer their talent and time!

Sprag Pole Museum ATV Ride

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Join us for this annual all day event to raise money for the museum which is a big part of North Idaho History.

All proceeds benefit the Sprag Pole Museum in Murray, Idaho.

Entry Fee is \$25 per rider
Includes: dinner, poker hand & a raffle ticket

Door prizes, delicious BBQ, Scenic trails and fun stations along the way!

If you have any questions or concern, please call Peggy Wells @ 509-998-7712
or

Email: wellsp67@yahoo.com

Sprag Pole Restaurant & Museum
6353 Prichard Creek Road
Murray, ID 83873
208-682-2009

spragpolerestaurant@yahoo.com

Non-riders are welcome to join us for the BBQ Dinner at \$7.00 per person. Raffle tickets are extra!

Please email:

bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com

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.

July 8th	Meeting
July 10th	Outing
August 12th	Meeting
August 14th	Outing
September 9th	Meeting
September 11th	Outing, Pig Roast & Civil War Reenactment
October 14th	Meeting
October 16th	Last Outing & Chili Feed
November 11th	Meeting
December 9th	Meeting
December 12th	Christmas Potluck (Tentative)

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

Field Guide to Recreational Prospecting in Montana

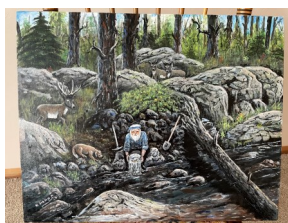
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It comes with electric ramp door, Onan Generator, 30 gallon gas tank, diamond plated walls, self-leveling jacks, 14-ply tires with sliding glass door between garage & living area to keep out gas-line fumes.

Sleeps 8 with plenty of storage areas, bath w/ walk-in shower, cherry cabinetry, Corian counter tops, kitchen peninsula with bar stools, dining area, 10 cu ft. refrigerator, microwave, stove, & built-in U-Line ice maker. 600 watt Stereo system (iPod ready).

3 Remote control slide-outs w/awnings, patio awning, security light & so much more.

It sold for \$81,000 new; listing for \$34,500. Bring your best offer as I am willing to negotiate.

Please call or text Peggy @ 208-691-5444 or email
mtdesertlady@gmail.com

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.

A newsletter is only as good as the article and content submitted.

Please give it a try and wake up the writing genius in you.

Rugged Country Outpost

Located on Beaver Creek Road (red food trailer behind G&G Riverstop Store), RCO serves the best "made to order" breakfast & lunch food items around.

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New Hours for the Sprag Pole

Fridays from 11AM to 8PM

Saturdays from 8AM to ?

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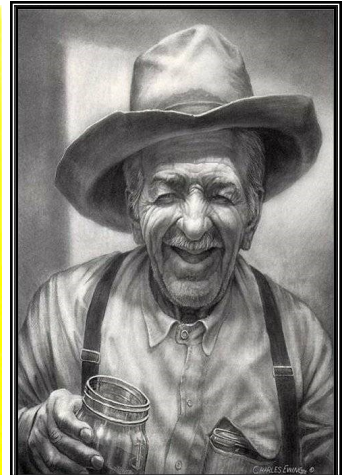
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Recipe(s) of the Month

Easy Hamburger Veg-All Supper

Ingredients:

Half pound of nicely ground or minced hamburger meat

Half can of mixed vegetables, veg-all is more preferable

Half can of good quality mushroom cream soup

Seasonings and spices as per your taste requirements

Directions:

Mix all the ingredients together along with all the condiments and spices according to your taste buds.

Put the entire mixture in the middle of a piece of foil sheet. Wrap it up in the form of tent pack.

Place the foil parcel on red hot coals for 25 minutes.

Eat & Enjoy!

Editors Note: Some of you may recognize this recipe from you scouting days!

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