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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PIONEER

That night we ate the little, as before stated, more as a duty than as a pleasure. There was some green grass round about where we camped, or, more properly speaking, where we lay, for we did not erect our little tent, but the poor starving animals did not eat a bite of it, but stood over us as if in sympathy with us in our deplorable condition. We rose before the sun, being somewhat rested and refreshed, for the night had been cool, and took up our line of march, I, as usual, in the lead, then came the old mule guided by its precious owner, and lastly, the faithful little horse with the pack on his still quite round back; on over the still dry and barren plain we went, without a Moses, cloud, or pillar of fire to lead us.

About ten o'clock, through the hot glimmer of the down-pouring rays of the sun, we saw what appeared, and afterwards proved, to be a clump of cottonwood trees. Our hopes and courage were renewed, for we well knew the cottonwood usually grows near flowing water. There was no beaten pathway, no signs of animal life, no quails, no manna in that desert; but on we went, almost without a halt, and at

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Updated Website

GoldFever Mining Supply has updated their website:

www.goldfeverminingsupply.com

Additional content & NWGPA info was added. Access to past 2018 *Nugget News* issues are available.

February Refreshment List

Dan Boss, Norman Sabens & Julia McCormack

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



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 regular outings (May thru October) 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.



Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe, Editor



Why Men Are Never Depressed!

What do you expect from such simple creatures? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can be President. You can never be

pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park. Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Same work, more pay. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress \$5000, tux rental \$100.

People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.

You almost never have bra strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.. Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hairstyle lasts for years, even decades. You only have to shave your face and neck. You can play with toys all your life. One wallet, one pair of shoes and one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

NICKNAMES

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.

If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

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Meeting Minutes from January 9 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne McCarroll at 7:06 PM and Wayne led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Mary Lowe and were moved and seconded to approve as read.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Diane McCarroll and was moved and seconded to approve as read.

Wayne welcomed 32 members and 0 guests.

The evening's program was a video, "Finding Easy Gold" narrated by Jeff Williams.

Under Old Business Wayne said there were several people who signed up to run for positions in the upcoming elections, Vice President, Darin Faires; Sargent at Arms, Don Moyers; and sound system, Bryan McKeehan. With regard to the Board of Directors, two year term, Bryan McKeehan and Ron Cowan; one year term, Bob Lowe.

Since Bryan, Ron, and Bob were running unopposed. The election was voice vote (viva voce) to elect them all at one time. A motion was made, seconded and the aye votes elected them to the board. Wayne thanked them for volunteering for those positions.

Membership renewal begins in April as well as the election of officers. The open positions are President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These vacated positions must be filled for the club to continue. Please give it some serious thought and know that members will be supportive and provide assistance for anyone willing to volunteer.

Under new business, the Prospector of the Year award was presented to Mark Cook, who is our gold show chairman and also heads up the claims committee, the award to him is well deserved.

Mark also reminded everyone of the gold show dates, March 16 and 17. He sent out 175 invites and we cur-

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rently have 32 confirmed. He has provided fliers for anyone to take promoting the show and for any additional information, refer to: nwgpagoldshow.com During the show he will also highlight seminars and gold show equipment displays. A sign up list for volunteers was sent around.

Under Legislative and Regulatory Updates Ryan Zinke, Interior Secretary, left the position he held in December. He initiated rules that benefitted miners, farmers and ranchers. However, in order not to be a distraction to the current administration, he vacated the position he held.

The previous administration gave control over ALL water to the federal government, which included seasonal steams, ponds and ditches.

The new proposed rule states the following will not be under federal jurisdiction:

- Ground water
- Ephemeral (lasting for a short time) features that diffuse storm water runoff
- The majority of ditches
- Artificially irrigated areas
- Prior converted crop land
- Artificial lakes and ponds
- Water filled depressions created incidental to construction or mining and pits excavated for obtaining fill, sand and gravel
- Storm water control features
- Wastewater recycling structures
- Wastewater treatment systems

This new rule would provide clarity while still providing protection for our nation's waters.

The program was presented, a break was called for and the meeting then reconvened at 8:30.

Wayne asked for any old or new business and receiving no responses, the raffles were held and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Mary Lowe, Secretary

Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

one o'clock reached the cottonwood grove, immediately on the bank of the great river down which we had floated in our canoes more than a month before. On reaching the bank of the river we recognized objects which we had seen while on our way down.

We remembered that both men and horses might be water-founded, and that self-preservation is said to be the first law of nature; but it was difficult to prevent the famishing brutes from plunging into the river. We allowed them to take only a small quantity at first, and each of us took only a small cupful; then after a little time all took more, and the thirst was soon quenched. We were surprised to find how little water it took to satisfy the raging thirst of four days of continued fasting. The animals, after taking comparatively small quantities, seemed satisfied, and went off in search of grass.

We now had an abundance of water, but we well knew that water alone would not sustain life very long; therefore our next, and most serious business was to determine how to prolong our lives. According to our map, our recollections of different objects, and present appearances we were now a little above the mouth of the Uinta River which comes in from the northwest, all of which proved true. Our little map pictured Fort Uinta on the Uinta River about one hundred miles from where we were; but whether or not there were any human beings there, we did not know, and in order to determine we must cross this great river and travel a hundred miles, and this seemed a perilous undertaking for us in our present starving condition; but after being refreshed by plenty of good water we determined to undertake it, hoping that good fortune might attend us. After a little rest, the animals with grass, we packed up, and after Field had put on his, once serviceable, life preserver he mounted the old mule behind the small pack and started to swim across the river. He took the lead in this instance for three reasons: first, we thought that the mule, being much older than the horse, had probably had more experience and therefore might be a much better swimmer; then Field had the advantage in having the life preserver; but the last, and most potent, reason was my fear of getting drowned. It was understood that I was to remain on shore and be ready to assist him if necessary, or until he had safely landed on the other side.

In he went, and the trusty old mule was swimming faithfully, and had reached the

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Prospector Pins (\$5.00) are available for your own use or as gifts. See at meetings or call (208)699-8128

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middle of the river, when Field, as he afterwards told me, to hurry the mule, gave a gentle jerk on the bridle, when, to his utter astonishment, the mule made a complete somersault-set backwards plunging Field, the pack, and himself entirely under the water, except his heels which appeared above the water as his head went under. In a moment Field popped up and, after shaking his head as a swimmer will do after taking a plunge, cast about to take his bearings, or to determine just where he was, and began to paddle with his hands, much as he did when the canoes were upset on the river, or somewhat after the style of a swimming dog. On coming to the surface, the mule cast a glance at the still living, but unloaded portion of his cargo, then made a bee line for the shore which he had so recently left. While Field continued to paddle and float down the river, I dismounted and followed along the bank, trying to encourage him to renewed efforts to float ashore. Finally he passed behind a clump of willows out of sight; but soon I heard him call for help and on going a little further down, found him stuck fast in the mud. I waded waist deep into that mud, and literally dragged him out, almost a mile below his starting point.

As we were struggling in this muddy swamp, Field said he wondered why some of this superfluous water was not distributed over those dry deserts from which we had so recently come. I told him, politely, that I thought that a man of his age, ability, opportunities, and nationality, (you know he was quite proud of being an Englishman) ought to know why the moisture was not so distributed, and that I was too illiterate to enlighten him on that point, but that, when opportunity offered, he might consult some one who knew more of natural science than I did. I informed him that I had an idea that if any considerable portion of the water of that river had been distributed over that desert that we would not have had the experience of the last fifteen days, whereupon he very plainly intimated that I did not have much sense, or, in other words, he called me a d—d fool.

After reaching solid ground and resting for a little while, we returned to the place from which he had started out on his perilous voyage, and where I had hastily left my horse. We found the horse and mule quietly grazing with their packs on their backs. The faithful old mule had the appearance of having been wet, but was now almost dry, yet not so dry, internally, as he had been several days before.

What shall we do now? We are perhaps two hundred or more miles from any white settlement. We do not know that Fort Uinta is occupied. Shall we make another attempt to cross the river? I asked my brave friend if he was willing to again mount the mule and make another attempt, when he again exclaimed, "You must be a d—d fool!" I then, pretending to have a little courage, asked him if he would follow pro-

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vided I would lead, whereupon he declared most emphatically that under no conditions would he again attempt to swim across that river. I had not had his experience, but fear of being drowned was quite sufficient to prevent me from undertaking the perilous task, more especially after witnessing his failure.

Well, what next? We could not depend upon fishing and hunting, for we had no fish-hooks, nor means of catching fish, and not more than a dozen loads of shot, and a little powder; so the matter of slaying one of our animal friends was now seriously debated, and, after thoroughly canvassing the whole situation, it was most reluctantly determined that, however hard, this must be done. No doubt our starving condition at that particular time had some weight in making this decision. Then the question was, which of the animals shall be sacrificed? The mule was quite thin, and probably tough, while the little horse was young, and, notwithstanding the many days it had, with all of us, starved and traveled without water, was still quite plump and round, and probably tender, or, at the worst, not so tough as the poor old docile mule; so, at length we decided to kill the innocent little creature, jerk his flesh, pack it on the mule, and thereby try to save our own lives, for a time at least, and endeavor to reach some place of safety. The matter of slaying the horse was determined by casting lots, neither being willing to perform that melancholy, but now absolutely necessary, act. It fell to my lot, and that was one of, if not the most revolting act in my whole life's experience, for I had, probably, become as strongly attached to that little horse as man ever becomes attached to animal. I most reluctantly took the bridle in my left hand, my revolver in my right, stood directly in front of the poor, unsuspecting, innocent creature with the murderous pistol close to, and a little above a line extending from eye to eye, and fired. When the smoke of the powder had cleared off a little, I saw at my feet the quivering, dying body. I staggered off a few steps and sat

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Club T-Shirts Are Available

S, M, L & XL are \$14 each
2XL & 3XL are \$16 each

New caps & visors are available
See and purchase at the meetings and the outings
Makes Perfect Gifts

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), cartoons 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.

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Prichard Tavern – Still home to its Famous Broasted Chicken also serving Alligator Bites, Frog Legs, Hand Formed Hamburgers and Ice Cold Beer! A great place to meet old friends and make new ones!

Editor's Note: Be sure to try their "Flat Iron Steak"

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 \$10 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 \$10 per family per day, \$20 per family per weekend (Friday thru Sunday), \$65 per family per week and \$250 per family per month.

Please call 208-699-8128 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 Eagle City Park entrance on left side of road. GPS is 47°38'51"N & 115°54'37"W

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down, sick at heart.

Field walked several steps away, and turned his back upon the scene until after the fatal shot had been fired; then, after some little time, he entered upon his share of the enforced duty, and, after having removed a portion of the skin, cut off some slices of flesh and brought them to a fire I had started. We broiled and ate a little of it, not through desire or relish for it, but from a sense of duty, knowing that our lives depended upon it.

It is said that for many years Dr. Franklin refrained from eating flesh, having an idea that it was wrong to slay and eat the flesh of other creatures; but that he changed his mind, and his diet, too, after having seen large fish devour small ones. I strongly suspect that if the doctor had been with us, or in a like condition, even before his conversion, he would, more than likely have taken a little flesh, even though it had been a piece of his own favorite horse.

I said we only ate a little at first: I only ate a little for two reasons; first, I did not relish the food; second, I had heard of persons being killed by eating too much after fasting for a long time, and I had no desire to commit suicide just then. Field ate too much. Night came on, work was suspended, and we retired. The poor old lone, and, no doubt, now lonely, mule, having filled himself with grass, came up near the now terribly mutilated remains of his late companion, and looked on as Field continued his bloody work. Field, with an expression of sorrow, said, "If that mule could reason and look forward to the time when his body might be in a like condition as that of this horse, he would, no doubt, take to his heels, bid us a final farewell, and seek other society." But, fortunately for us, he did not know that he was to be held in reserve for our future security. He was securely tied up every night from that time until the day he was slain for our salvation.

Early in the night following that eventful day, my companion began to complain much as he had done on the night after he had eaten the little red berries; but there was no lack of water now, no need of a special rain-cloud. I got up, heated water in our little camp kettle, applied hot cloths to his aching belly, and did everything else that either of us could think of for his relief. The pain was intense, and we feared that he would surely die, and earnestly prayed all the rest of the night that he might be relieved, and get well. Towards morning most violent vomiting came on, which continued for thirty hours, or more. He was not able to walk for three days, and during that time I nursed him, finished jerking the meat, and built a raft of some partly rotten logs, which I found in the vicinity, on which we floated across the river, on the fourth day after our arrival here. I also looked to the welfare of the mule, and prepared some bags in which to carry our jerk. Manley, I am sure that you know the meaning of the term "jerk" so that a definition of the word is not at all necessary.

The old logs of which the raft was made were remnants of log cabins, a number of which had been built and occupied more than half a century before, but by whom I do not know. Field remarked that the finding of these old rotting logs there was another "God send," as we then had neither ax, hammer, nor any tool of iron with which to cut down a tree. I bound these logs together with long strips cut from the hide of the dead horse. Paddles and poles were also provided. The mule was with difficulty driven across the river.

When the raft was landed on the west bank, the mule packed, and all about ready to start, I took the long strip of raw-hide

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EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

BATHROOMS

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

NATURAL

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

OFFSPRING

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

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A number of us meet at Zips, across the highway from the Senior Center for dinner at 4:30pm on the day of the meeting. Come join us!

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from the raft and tied one end of it around the mule's neck, mounted Field on the mule behind the large pack, which made the whole outfit look quite comical indeed. Before leaving the other side of the river I had discovered that the saddle girth was not very strong, so I cut a wide belt from the hide of the lately slaughtered horse and fitted it to the saddle as a girth, knowing that the pack, now containing all of our goods and a supply of more than a bushel of jerk, would be quite bulky, if not heavy, and more difficult to keep on the back of a mule than it is for the camel to maintain his hump on his back. This girth afterwards made us two or three pretty substantial meals, as did also the long strip of green, wet hide, one end of which I had tied round the mule's neck, allowing it to drag for a long distance through the hot dry sand.

All being ready, I, as usual, took the lead with my shot gun, which I always carried, but with which I seldom killed anything, on my shoulder. The old mule followed with his high, towering pack, and Field almost hidden behind. It was noon, but we did not stop for dinner, but simply reached into one of the great bulging sacks, took out a piece of jerk and ate it as we went marching on; no more trouble now about cooking. Late in the afternoon we reached Uinta river, and, as my two legged companion had grown very tired of the back of the four-legged one, we went into camp early. Our objective point was Fort Uinta, where we hoped to find military. We could not risk turning the mule loose at night, and the long strip of raw-hide was designed and used to secure him, and yet to afford him liberty to graze while we slept. As you will see a little further on, both girth and lariat were used for a purpose not anticipated.

To be continued.....

Most gold ore deposits naturally have a high concentration of arsenic and mercury. The fumes from these deposits would kill off the local plant life. Old timers look for rocky, barren places. Sometimes, there would be a line of dry dirt where a gold vein was underneath. An area of mountainous terrain that was colored light green or orange was a priority.

RAFFLE January, 2019

Number of Members Attended: ?
 Number of Guests Attended: ?

Income: Club Raffle: \$ 85.00
 50/50: = \$6 Payout: \$ 3.00
TOTAL \$ 88.00

DOOR PRIZE ITEM	DONATED BY
Light Stick 2 Pk	Ken & Skip Lindahl
Tabletop Lighting	Bryan McKeehan
Camo Hat	Ken & Skip Lindahl
Peanut Brittle	Bob & Pat Beck
Camo Hat	Ken & Skip Lindahl

RAFFLE ITEM	DONATED BY
16-1/2" Gold Pan	NWGPA
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Diane McCarroll, Treasurer

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Treasurer's Report January 2019

Balance forwarded December 31, 2018	\$ 14,200.70
Income	
12/31/18 Interest	.45
1/31/19 Interest	.49
1/10/19 Raffles 50/50 = \$3.00 + Club Raffle = \$85.00	88.00
1/10/19 Membership	20.00
1/17/19 Membership	25.00
1/10/19 Gold Show	261.00
1/17/19 Gold Show	309.00
1/14/19 Gold Show (Credit Card)	280.66
1/28/19 Gold Show (Credit Card)	260.40
Total Income	\$ 1,245.00
Disbursements	
Rathdrum Senior Center (January Meeting)	80.00
Bidwell Graphics – Design Gold Show	50.00
US Postal (2 Books Stamps) (Membership mail outs & bills)	20.00

Consumer Cellular (Club Phone)	17.72
ProPrint (Newsletters)	229.76
ProPrint (Flyers 100 + 100) Gold Show	24.38
Huckleberry Press (Invoice #6151) Gold Show	28.40
Awards Etc. (Trophy Engraving for Prospector of the Year)	6.36
Huckleberry Press (Invoice #6165) Gold Show	248.00
Walmart (Receipt Book & 1 Roll Tickets for Gold Show)	11.61
Top O' Deep (Two .085 gold nuggets ea. + .09 gr gold)	205.00
Top O' Deep (One .077 gold nugget + .325 gr gold) (grams are for 100 vials free to 1st 100 paid at gold show Sat & Sun) (Nuggets are for Club Raffle)	502.00
US Postal (2 Books Stamps) (Mail out gold show booth receipts)	22.00
Lewiston Tribune & Daily News Gold Show	326.00
Evo Industries (Gold Show Banners)	360.40
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,131.63
Balance in checking as of January 31, 2019	\$ 13,314.07
Diane McCarroll, Treasurer	

Jinger's Gold-Con Fluid Tube

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Assembled \$50 - DIY Plans \$20

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February Meeting Program

Dean Yongue will speak on

“Mines and Minerals of Pend Oreille County”

The Prez Says

Crunch Time Is Here

The April 10th meeting is officer election time and we still need candidates for President, Secretary and Treasurer. I know that out of 269 active members, we should have three qualified members. Don't procrastinate too long as the stability and strength of the club is at stake.

When looking through maps search for geographical names that have “gold” or “golden” in them: for example, Golden river, Golden stream, Gold nugget etc. It may sound stupid from the first sight, however sometimes it happens that these are the places where gold mining used to be popular years ago.

Go treasure hunting with a partner, a friend or someone from your family. This way you'll double your chances of finding a treasure and you'll have somebody to help you in case of emergency situations (like breaking a leg etc.)

Investigate geological data about the site where you want to go detecting gold nuggets. You have to learn what kind of subsurface rocks appear around the places where gold can be found. These are three most important types of minerals, which should attract your attention in the first place – granite, shale rock and gneiss (quartz, feldspar). These three types of rocks are encountered in most sites where gold nuggets are found.

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2019 Club Calendar

Feb 14	Meeting
Mar 9-10	Rock, Gem & Mineral Show, Kalispell, MT
Mar 13	Meeting
Mar 16-17	NWGPA's 20th Annual Gold & Treasure Show
Mar 30	Saturday Morning Breakfast Ends
Apr 10	Meeting
May 8	Meeting
May 11	Outing—Claims Tour
Jun 12	Meeting
Jun 15	Outing
Jul 10	Meeting
Jul 13	Outing
Aug 14	Meeting
Aug 17	Outing
Sep 11	Meeting
Sep 14	Outing & Eagle City Park Pig Roast
Oct 9	Meeting
Oct 12	Outing—Chili Feed Potluck
Nov 13	Meeting—Annual Food Drive Begins
Dec 11	Meeting
Dec ?	Christmas Potluck

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

Just an early reminder, April is membership renewal time. Memberships, car tags & driver's licenses are a few items that require a little reminder along the way. As usual, you can sign up early at the gold show March 16-17.

Notice

The phone number for the NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association is
(208)262-6518

Email: info@nwgoldprospectors.org

Website:

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Please email bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com of any changes of your email address or home address to ensure delivery of your newsletter each month!

Refreshment Volunteers

Let's sign up for this years refreshment volunteers list. Pick a month that you will be willing to bring snacks to the monthly meeting. Make note of the month you choose so if by some chance you can't make it to he meeting on that date, you can give us a call to find someone to fill in for you. We would like to get at least three volunteers for each month for variety.

2019 Refreshment Volunteers

Feb:	Dan Boss, Norman Sabens & Julia McCormack
Mar:	Wynn Perron, Frisque's & Bill Pease
Apr:	John Ohlson , Mike & Dee Ferry, Jim & Anne Stephens
May:	Mike Fisher, Mike & Dee Ferry & Steve Goodman
Jun:	Julia McCormack
Jul:	Bob & Pat Beck
Aug:	Julia McCormack
Sep:	Wayne & Diane McCarroll, Mike & Dee Ferry & Bob & Pat Beck
Oct:	Jim & Anne Stephens, Russ Brown & Steve Burris
Nov:	Mike Fisher, Bob & Mary Lowe, Mark Cook
Dec:	Christopher Custer

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

Thanks to all who have signed up!

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(Continued from page 5) Depressed

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A married man should forget his mistakes.

There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

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 carat?

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

24K = 100% Pure Gold
18K = 75% Pure Gold
14K = 58% Pure Gold
10K = 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

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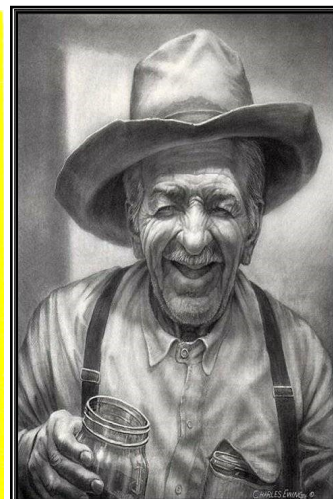
★ Food Concessions Available ★

2019 Refreshment Sign-Up

Need at least 3 volunteers to bring refreshments to each months meeting. Please sign up at the meeting and do your part to help out. See page 8 to find dates we need to fill. Thanks!

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Recipe(s) of the Month

Southwest Chicken Skillet

Ingredients

1 Tbsp pure vegetable oil
 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into 1 inch chunks (about 12 oz.)
 1 cup uncooked long grain rice
 1 (10oz) can Rotel diced tomatoes with green chilies
 1 (8oz) can tomato sauce
 1 cup water
 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 2 green onions thinly sliced (optional)
 sour cream optional

Directions

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat.
 Add chicken and cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently, until chicken is no longer pink.
 Stir in rice, tomatoes, sauce, and water.
 Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to low. Cook about 20 minutes until rice is tender.
 Stir chicken and rice. Top with cheese and green onion.
 Cover and cook 5 minutes more or until cheese melts.
 Serves 4

The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

Common Sense is not a gift, it's a punishment. Because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it!

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We have many openings for officers. Please step up and put your name in the hat to help guide the club into the future.

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