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NorthWest Gold Prospectors Association



## President's Message

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe

We just got late news that the dates for our 12th Annual Gold Show has now been moved out a week to March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> with setup from 2pm to 5pm on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The military needed the drill hall on our original dates.

Also, there has been a change of guard at the Armory. A lot of negotiation had to go into this year's agreement. There have been problems with some groups using the drill hall in the past. All but one problem concerned other groups. The one with us was that a phone call was made last year during the show by someone complaining about the doors not being unlocked before I got there. The soldier who was to open had not set her clock ahead for daylight savings time and was late coming in. As chairman of the show, I was given instructions and a couple of phone numbers to call in case we had any problems, which did not include the number that was called. To make a long story short, the call went WAY up the chain of command (to someone who didn't really should not have been called) and as a result a few people got their butts chewed and  
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## 12th Annual Gold & Treasure Show March 19th & 20th.

Get your homemade and/or modified prospecting equipment ready for judging at the show. Prizes will be given to the top 3 vote getters. Voting will be done by show attendee's.

Members, bring your equipment to show off at the show.

Members can also buy, sell or trade their used equipment at the show.

See Bob for details if you plan to trade or sell.



## One Man's Gold by Enos Christman

*Pebbles Prizer to Enos Christman Office of the Village Record, Sunday afternoon, October 26, 1851.*

Dear Christman:--Here in the *Record* office, we have hardly recovered from the late political campaign. It made us a great deal of extra work. The smoke of battle is gradually clearing away and we find ourselves licked like thunder throughout the State. In Chester County we did the clean thing and proved ourselves

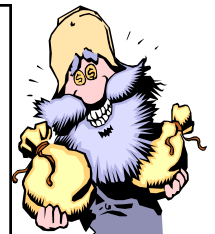
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The **Northwest Gold Prospectors Association** meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Idaho National Guard Armory at 5453 E Seltice Way in Post Falls.

Our outings are held the weekend following the meeting date from May thru October.

November thru March members are invited to meet each Saturday morning at 8:00AM at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene to solve the world's problems. Please join us.



# Letters to the Editor & Other fun "Stuff"

By "GoldFever Bob" Lowe



## "X" MARKS THE SPOT

by "Gold Fever" Bob Lowe  
"Seeking Cures For What Ails Me"

Most of us have at one time or another dreamed about possessing a treasure map. The lure surrounding a buried treasure or lost mine and the map showing the way to its untold riches have been the foundation of many legends.

The Silver Valley has many of these stories. No one knows for sure if a treasure map ever existed for each these tales, but all is not lost. From the descriptions found in these earlier writings, a treasure hunter can retrace the original footsteps of the people who buried their bounty or found a fabled lost mine by using a variety of modern maps.

On private land, the County Assessor's office has parcel maps showing ownership of the land. A trip to this office can keep you from trespassing on private property and discloses who the owner is so you can ask for permission to prospect or metal detect.

On public land, the Forest Service has many different types of maps. The most important of these is the Forest Travel Map. This map shows most of the open and closed roads. It is helpful in planning an enjoyable trip into the forest.

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## NWGPA MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2011

The weather outside was frightful, so most of our miners stayed home to keep the fire going. Our President, Bob Lowe, greeted 20 hardy, miners and 8 adventurous guests. December Minutes were read by Secretary, Lisa Wenig, and approved as read. December Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Mary Lowe, and approved as read.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Wayne McCarroll, has been checking into the paperwork process so necessary to keep us current on the ever changing regulations to keep us confused. I think. Anyway, he says that Oregon is currently requiring a DEQ permit and a EPA permit to dredge. It's possible that trend will be headed our way. Wayne is in contact with officials in Bosie, such as Charles Galloway. One of the officials is in favor of mining as an historical right. Wayne will keep us current on paperwork changes.

### OLD BUSINESS

Bob read thank you notes from Morning Star Boy's Ranch and the Oasis Program, for our Clubs help in gathering canned goods and personal care prod-

ucts for their people.

### NEW BUSINESS

Our Annual Gold Show should be held March 12 and 13, subject to the approval of the Armory Site Manager. We will be needing help for set-up ( Friday 12-5 p.m. ), kitchen help, and Show help. Other local gold show dates are printed in the newsletter.

### COFFEE BREAK PROGRAM

Steve Burris introduced Shannon Anderson, of B4MC Mining Corporation, from Hayden, Idaho. His family has been in the mining business since 1896. They have owned the Nickel Hard Rock Mine in Metaline, placer mined in the 1940's, owned mines in southern Oregon and Murray in the 1980's, set up and run fine gold recovery systems, and helped small miners to set up appropriate equipment and process fine gold. They are located in the Tumble Stone building in Hayden and can separate your fine gold and black sand. He was very informative and a potentially helpful resource.

The Raffle was held, and the meeting adjourned..

Submitted by,  
Secretary, Lisa Wenig

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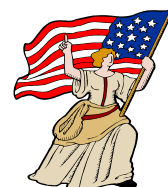
### Wise Words from AA7AF:

Green energy is feeding hay to your horse and riding it to town. Just be careful not to step in the exhaust.

### Quote from the Past

The love of liberty is the love of others;  
the love of power is the love of ourselves.

William Hazlitt (1778 - 1830)



### Check out the following Web Sites

- www.youtube.com
- www.evtv1.com
- www.goldfeverminingsupply.com
- [www.bigskydetectors.com](http://www.bigskydetectors.com)

“*sound corn to the tassel.*” The whole county ticket has been

elected by large majorities. Our mutual friend, Captain Apple, was not elected County Treasurer. It was a “*poor season for Apples.*” This device was on some of the transparencies in the torch-light processions before the election.

Mr. Evans is elected Senator by a large majority, and will again go to Harrisburg. His friends worked hard to keep up his vote.

We have a line of telegraph to West Chester and feel quite proud of the construction. The office is at Mrs. Hunter's.

On Wednesday we will have the Circus. This will bring the negroes to town. We have also a course of lectures at the Methodist Church, which I very much enjoy. We boys have formed a debating society, such as we used to have in your time.

The Gideons are all true to their ancient faith. I acknowledge that I wait upon Miss Sallie Cope pretty regularly. She is a very pleasant girl, fine company and good pastime. But I am not married yet.

Write soon and full.

Your friend,

PEEBLES PRIZER

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**Ellen Apple to Enos Christman West Chester, Pa., October 28, 1851.**

My Dear Enos:--I received your very welcome letter of August 10th and according to your request hasten to answer. I generally look for your letters several days before I get them, but your last one arrived the very day I expected it, which was a great pleasure to me. I read it with eagerness, for it was kind and affectionate. I think you had better make up your mind to come home. Let the hills of gold stay where they are if you cannot get them without risking

## Grubstakin', Swappin' & Peddlin'

**Stop** at the **Sprag Pole Sports Bar & Museum** for Great Food & Good Times. Lloyd Roath & Crew, Murray, Idaho.

**Cedar Village Campground & RV Park** at Prichard, ID offers the best in “ROUGHING IT”. A full service campground that is near some of the best dining and nightlife on the Coeur d'Alene River. Call 208-682-9404 for reservations. (They have showers at reasonable rates for those who are really “roughing it”)

**H & H River Stop** at the “Y” in Prichard, ID. Your one-stop-shop for all your camping needs. Cold Beer/Pop, Food, Fishing Tackle/Bait, Gas, Phone and still the **Best Ice Cream Cones** around.

**Bowen's Hideout** is located at 1917 E. Sprague, Spokane, WA. Dick Turner carries Fishers, White's, Garret, Troy, Tesoro & Minelab metal detectors. He has a full line of Keene Dredges, Gold Wheels, Prospecting Equipment and Books. Phone (509)534-4004 or (509)230-3896 or email: bowens@bowenhideout.com

Visit the **Bedroom Gold Mine Bar** in Murray. Enjoy beer, wine and cocktails while playing darts or pool. See how it looked in the old days. They now have a kitchen with Pizza and deli sandwiches as well as dinner specials on the weekends, we also serve breakfast on weekends during the summer months and hunting season. Many great pictures to look at.

**Prospector Pins** (\$4.00) are available for your own use or as gifts. See at meetings or call (208)699-8128

**Wanted:** Mining videos, books and pamphlets, old owners manuals for detectors, dredges, pumps, etc. for the NWGPA library. Call Bob Lowe @ (208)699-8128.

**The Gold Sniper** by Gold Fever Bob. Get this effective crevice tube for that hard to reach gold in the cracks of bedrock. Four models to chose from. From \$20 to \$65 Call 208-699-8128.

**BIG SKY METAL DETECTORS** in Ronan, MT For all your metal detecting and prospecting needs. Call 406-676-0063 or E-mail [jabin@ronan.net](mailto:jabin@ronan.net). If I don't have it I can get it. And remember **NO SALES TAX**

your life or health.

I visited my sister and while in the city I had my ears pierced. I am perfectly satisfied with the saying that pride must be punished for they have been just as sore as they could be ever since.

There is very little news except political. The men all seem to have their heads filled with that. Father was nominated by the Democratic party for the office of treasurer but he did not think of such a thing as being elected. He had not been to a political meeting for years, and never talked politics to any person. He is a strong temperance man. He said he would never have believed that men would have been guilty of the little, dirty tricks that he had seen since he was nominated. He said he would never get an office if it required him to give drinks and lower himself to speak to men that he did not respect or countenance before. Mr. Evans was nominated for Senator. The Whigs carried the whole ticket in Chester County, so of course Father was defeated but not disappointed, for he had made up his mind long ago that if it was to be gained by electioneering he would never be elected.

Mrs. Joseph Henderson requested me to ask you about her brother. He keeps a restaurant and hauls provisions. His name is Jonathan Roberts.

I think it very likely by the time you return, Mr. Prizer will be a married man. Take good care of yourself, and try to make yourself believe that it will be better for you to come home.

From yours sincerely and devotedly,

(Continued on page 4) **One Man's Gold**

ELLEN APPLE.

***Peebles Prizer to Enos Christman Office of the Village Record, Sunday afternoon, December 7, 1851.***

Dear Christman:--You express some desire to return and state that you are tired of California. You want to know my opinion of business. If you have accumulated enough, or any considerable portion towards commencing business, come home at once, by all means. But if you think you are doing better in California than you might do here, hesitate before you return. This is weighing your return on purely business grounds.

To draw a line between the doings of yourself and me for the past two years, I would at once say you have done the better. I do not complain, nor do I despair. But what I state is a fact. I have not the slightest reason to entertain a hope of any proposition to share or have an interest in the profits of the *Village Record* establishment. Not the least. In regard to this you labor under a great mistake. It has never seriously entered my head. Within three weeks Mr. Evans will leave for the Senate, for a three years' absence, when all the duties of the office, editorially and mechanically, will fall under my superintendence. Yet nothing of this kind has been even intimated. This you ought to consider conclusive. At least I do.

From experience, and other causes, my services have become almost indispensable in the office. I labored incessantly for Mr. Evans' nomination, and to my exertions he is probably indebted for his seat in the State Senate. I did not do this out of an interested motive, or with any object of future benefits to myself. I know his character well, and have discovered his weak points. His post in the Senate will be a laborious one. Chester County wants much legislation.

After his arrangements are pretty well fixed for his departure for

## **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**

Harrisburg, I will notify him of what will be to him a startling fact--that I will expect an increased salary in the future--say not less than \$10 and probably \$12 per week. Should he refuse, he will soon lose my services, for I can get \$15 per week elsewhere. I do not think he would be so great a fool as to drive me from him. My services are worth \$20 per week to him now. He can go away for weeks and months, and his business will go on during his absence as if he were at home. This is precisely the position I stand.

Well, that daguerreotype\* has taken us by surprise. You look like a Turk. It made Mr. Evans laugh. I think it is a very true likeness. Your brother Jefferson said he did not know it. He said you looked savage and just looked to him like a sailor.

Do not infer from what I have said that I do not wish to see you home. No indeed. You know me--how I was opposed to your going to California. But since you have risked so much to reach it, give it a fair trial. I have watched your movements there with more than a brother's regard. No one will receive you with a warmer heart than myself when you think it is best to return to your earlier friends. May success crown your efforts. Write often, and in detail, and I remain

In haste,

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**Gold is \$1,361.50 an ounce! This time last year it was \$1,092.10 an ounce !**

***To get your copy of the Nugget News early via email, please send an email to bob@goldfeverbob.com with "Newsletter" in the subject box.***

**This year July has 5 Fridays,  
5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays.  
This apparently happens  
once every 823 years.**

### **Outings**

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

Note that Eagle City Park is privately owned and operated and is for the exclusive use of Eagle City Park Members and their guests. It is open to all NWGPA members free of charge during the outings.

You are welcome to come and prospect at other times as long as prior arrangements are made and the Daily Lease Fee of \$10 per family is paid. You must follow all the rules as posted and park outside the cables and off the roads.

PEEBLES PRIZER.

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***Ellen Apple to Enos Christman West Chester, Pa., Monday afternoon, Dec. 8, 1851.***

My Own Dear Enos:--How shall I express the unexpected joy I felt when I received your kind letter accompanied with your daguerreotype. You could have sent nothing but yourself, that would have been half so acceptable. Although it was such a great pleasure to receive it, it made me feel rather sad to see how much thinner you are. But, oh, that awful California is enough to wear flesh and bones both away. Your hair being short, and you with moustache and whiskers, alter your appearance very much indeed. The eyes and mouth look very natural. The sleeves rolled up and the knife sticking in the belt, make me think that it is a hard country, for one of the very best of men to be in. But I am glad you sent it, for I love to look at it, changed as you are. I do hope the next surprise I meet with, will be the original himself. Do not, dear Enos, put off coming home later than next spring. Let it be sooner. Just to think, beside the glorious pleasure it will be to me, what a great pleasure it will be to your dear mother. That part of your letter which speaks of California being made as good as any new country, if men had their families there, I think is a mistake. Enough of the right kind of men will never go there to conquer the bad part of the community.

You say very little has been said with regard to the fulfillment of our engagement. We both, I think, understand each other. We have the greatest confidence in each other. We love each other. When you return and get settled, it will be an easy matter for us to fix a suitable and proper time. We will have plenty of time then to talk over matters. I know my father and mother have no objections or they would have expressed them long before this.

Should you be successful where you are, I do not know how I should perform the household duties, but it would certainly be my greatest pleasure to try to do them well. As I am always assisting Mother in everything they would not be very new to me. I am very glad Dr. Gunn's family has arrived. It must be so much more comfortable and seem more like living to you.

There seems to be quite an excitement about Hossuth the Hungarian. He has arrived in New York. Great preparations are being made in Philadelphia to receive him. Miss Catherine Hays, the Irish Swan, is now singing in Philadelphia. She does not produce the excitement that Jenny Lind did.

I saw by the papers a few days ago an account of a young man who had left a comfortable home in the South. He had gone to California, been very successful in three years, and returned to Philadelphia. He was taken very sick on his passage and when he arrived in Philadelphia, had not a friend, and went to the

nearest tavern which was an awfully low house in Water Street. He remained there two weeks when he was discovered by the police, almost in the agonies of death. He told the police he had been robbed of nearly all his money while there, but he still had two bags which he wished sent to his parents. One bag contained four hundred dollars and the other gold dust. He had better never heard tell of California.

We had a very heavy fall of snow which lasted nearly two weeks, then we had another snow storm, which made the best sleighing known for many years. West Chester was unusually lively. The cars were not able to run from Saturday till Thursday, the snow having drifted so much. The mail was carried in a sleigh. Elizabeth Hodgson, and Poulson and Baker of the *Record* office, called in a two-horse sleigh for me, to go to Unionville. We had not gone very far before we had an upset in a snow-drift. That is what some people call the fun of going sleighing. Fortunately no one was hurt.

I hope you will write soon, telling me you have made up your mind to come home immediately.

Sincerely and devotedly,

ELLEN APPLE.

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Dearest Ellen:--Your kindly welcome letter of Dec. 8th reached me, acknowledging the receipt of mine of the last of October, together with the daguerreotype. It does the soul good and sends a thrill of joy through the whole system to receive and read letters like that. In the absence of late letters, I reread some of the first ones I ever received from you. I never read them over without being reminded of the night on which we parted the last time, the burning tears that were then shed, the mutual vows that were then made by us both, and then our last parting kiss. Those vows I have sacredly kept and intend to fulfill them all. I'm thinking of you nearly all the time.

You have spoken of our union and you tell me you think your parents would throw no obstacles in the way. That is well. Parents should be consulted in regard to such matters, and it is always desirable that they should approve the choice of their children, but I must own to you that opposition from such a source would never deter me from marrying a lady if she were willing and I had confidence in my own ability to support and protect her. But happily for us no such objection exists, or at least if it does, it has not shown itself yet.

In one of my former letters, I suggested that it would be almost a year from the Christmas just past before I could return home. The announcement surprised and astonished you very much. I could not calculate with any certainty for I then had scarcely enough funds to carry me home. But as I told you, I have now made up my mind to return between now and the time cold weather sets in, and instead of only arriving there about next

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Christmas, I almost hope by that time to call you wife. How do you think that would sound? If I get home in September, it will be a little over the period of three years set down for my absence at the time I started. I don't want you to get tired of waiting.

Money without any other comforts or pleasures is of little value, and for the purpose of being again in your society, I willingly yield up all these fair prospects, although dimes can scarcely be made there where dollars are here. You have complained in several instances of my ambitious propensities. It may be, dear Ellen, that I have too grasping a spirit, but I regard a man without a laudable ambition with a feeling bordering on contempt. Moreover, I have found by my contact with mankind, which has been none of the smoothest, that a man lacking ambition, energy, and perseverance scarcely obtains to even a moderate degree of success.

An office companion, a fellow-printer, who has been in this country five years, and engaged to a young lady in New York with whom he has been corresponding regularly ever since, and congratulating himself upon the happiness he would have next spring when he intended to return and make her his bride, received a letter from his brother recently stating that she had been married to another. Since then the poor fellow has been low spirited and melancholy, cursing the world and all things in it. He had loved her so much and believed her so true that he now regards the whole female race as a set of vile deceivers, and consigns them all to a fate to which the torments of Pluto's dominions would be a paradise. But I tell him they are not all so. I tell him I know at least one who could never act so basely. But she has deceived him so much that his whole future life will be one of misery. He can never love again and will ever be wretched. What must her feelings be? She cannot be happy!

I received a letter from Mr. Thornbury. He said a great many funny things. I told him you had made frequent inquiry concerning him, and he said I should give you his respects and tell you he was flourishing. He is far north in the Indian Country and has lost considerable by Indians, but is doing very well and is in fine spirits. He will probably return home next summer. I would like to go in company with him.

Believe me as heretofore, faithfully yours,

E. CHRISTMAN.

To be continued.....

For information about anything solar energy related, visit:

<http://www.redrok.com/main.htm>

This site has lots of ideas, plans and parts for solar panel operation and tracking devices.

### Wal-Mart versus The Morons

1. Americans spend \$36,000,000 at Wal-Mart , every hour of every day.
2. This works out to \$20,928 in sales every minute.
3. Wal-Mart will sell more from January 1 to St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) than Target sells all year.
4. Wal-Mart is bigger than Home Depot + Kroger + Target +Sears + Costco + K-Mart combined.
5. Wal-Mart employs 1.6 million people, is the world's largest private employer, and most speak English.
6. Wal-Mart is the largest company in the history of the world.
7. Wal-Mart sells more food than Kroger and Safeway, combined, and keep in mind they did this in only fifteen years.
8. During this same period, 31 big supermarket chains sought bankruptcy.
9. Wal-Mart now sells more food than any other store in the world.
10. Wal-Mart has approx 3,900 stores in the USA of which 1,906 are Super Centers; this is 1,000 more than it had five years ago.
11. This year 7.2 billion different purchasing experiences will occur at Wal-Mart stores. (Earth's population is approximately 6.5 Billion.)

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### **For Sale**

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

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

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we lost some goodwill. Since that time, we have had to go by the book on all of our usage of the Armory. This includes additional paperwork for our monthly meetings, deposits and removal of our library, coffee pot and all of the clubs personal items. So, PLEASE, if you have any problems at this year's show or any other time with our usage of the Armory, CALL ME at (208)699-8128 or whoever is the Club President or Show Chairman.

***See you at the meeting!***

12. 90% of all Americans live within fifteen miles of a Wal-Mart.

You may think that I am complaining, but I am really laying the ground work for suggesting that MAYBE we should hire the guys who run Wal-Mart to fix the economy.

This should be read and understood by all Americans....Democrats & Republicans....EVERYONE!

**Now for the Morons:**

A.. The U.S. Postal Service was established in 1775. You have had 234 years to get it right and it is broke.

B.. Social Security was established in 1935. You have had 74 years to get it right and it is broke.

C.. Fannie Mae was established in 1938. You have had 72 years to get it right and it is broke.

D.. War on Poverty started in 1964. You have had 46 years to get it right; \$1 trillion of our money is confiscated each year and transferred to "the poor" and they only want more.

E... Medicare and Medicaid were established in 1965. You have had 45 years to get it right and they are broke.

F.. Freddie Mac was established in 1970. You have had 40 years to get it right and it is broke.

G.. The Department of Energy was created in 1977 to lessen our dependence on foreign oil.. It has ballooned to 16,000 employees with a budget of \$24 billion a year and we import more oil than ever before. You had 33 years to get it right and it is an abysmal failure.

You have FAILED in every "government service" you have shoved down our throats while overspending our tax, dollars.

AND YOU WANT AMERICANS TO BELIEVE YOU CAN BE TRUSTED WITH A GOVERNMENT- RUN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM?

*Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him.. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Yep," said the young boy confidently. 'It means carrying a child.'*

**O.M.G., I'm rich!**

Silver in the Hair  
Gold in the Teeth  
Crystals in the Kidneys  
Sugar in the Blood  
Lead in the Ass  
Iron in the Arteries  
And, an inexhaustible supply of Natural Gas.  
I never thought I'd accumulate such wealth.

**Colors**

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these, yourself!"

**Treasurer's Report**

<b>Balance forward</b>	<b>\$5,767.87</b>
<b>Incoming Receipts</b>	
Membership dues	\$130.00
Raffles	\$10.00
Special Raffle	\$-
Interest	\$0.77 Dec/Jan
Hospitality	\$0.50
gold show prize donation	\$25.00 Wortley's
donation	\$10.00 Wortley's
deposit correction	\$6.01
checks not cashed	\$130.00 from 2009
debit card usage promo	\$10.00
Panning gravel	\$-
Patches	\$-
NWGPA badge	\$-
NWGPA hat/visor	\$-
Magnets	\$-
Shirts	\$-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$322.28</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Post Office	\$88.00
Idaho State Military	\$95.00
Progressive Printing	\$101.76
Irene Rower	\$76.19 Christmas meat
Idaho State Tax	\$8.76
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$369.71</b>
<b>Balance in checking</b>	<b>\$5,720.44</b>

Mary Lowe 8-Feb-11

*My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.*

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) also maintains a variety of maps, the most popular of which is the Topographic Map. This map not only shows the roads and the streams, but also the contour (lay) of the land. This map is a must for prospectors looking for old stream beds or flowing float up a hillside.

Ortho-photos are like the topo maps, but show the contour lines overlaid on an aerial photograph of the ground. These are helpful in locating clearings, old roads and possible cabin sites. Ortho-photos and topo maps are available at BLM and Forest Service. Most sporting goods store carry the more popular topo maps.

With any of these maps, a good compass (I recommend the Silva Brand compass) and prior research, a treasure hunter/pro prospector is prepared to begin his search.

There is not enough time to go into the use of a map and compass in this article, but a trip to the library can help refine your map reading ability. The Silva compass comes with very good instructions on the use of the compass and map reading.

The national forest has many man placed objects that can keep a person from getting lost. These objects consist of mostly yellow aluminum tree tags that depict the location of a nearby survey monument/corner or where a survey line crosses a road.

The tags are marked with the Section, Township, Range and corner information. With this and a topo or travel map a prospector can see where he/she is and determine where to go next.

Now you are ready. Re-read the stories and pick out the things that can be found today on a map. A creek or river crossing, large rock outcrop, old cabin or barn, so and so's place, old bridge, water flume, mouth of creek, top of pass or mountain, adit or tunnel, valley floor, top of ridge, old railroad grade and the list goes on. All these are clues in seeking your treasure.

Keep your maps updated and protected. I have a set laminated and write on them with a grease pencil. I can erase them over and over again and they are protected from coffee stains and rain.

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An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly.

## Prospecting Partners

Bob Reavis @ 208-623-6233

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

*White's new Pulse Scan TDI is in stock. Priced at \$1598.00 and I will include a 7.5" coil with it. It will also accept Minelabs GPX coils. You can see it at <http://pulsescantdi.com/intro.htm> and read comments at <http://tdi.invisionplus.net/index.php?mforum=tdi&showforum=3>. Available at Big Sky Metal Detectors 406-253-1678 NO SALES TAX*

## Tell It Like It Is

The United States Department of Labor claimed a North Idaho prospector was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to investigate him.

**US Govt. employee:** I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them.

**Prospector:** Well, there's my sluice tender who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board.

Then there's the mentally challenged laborer. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night so he can cope with life. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally.

**US Govt. employee:** That's the guy I want to talk to...the mentally challenged one.

**Prospector:** That would be me.

## Wanted

1 - 5 gallon bucket of black sand that has been left over from panning.

Please call Alan @ 208-623-8255

## Pickles' Mining Supply

42 N Kelly Drive  
Cusick, WA 99119  
(509) 442-3196

PANS \* SLUICES \* DREDGES \* ETC

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There are many other maps available showing geology, soils, vegetation, population, etc. Local book stores, libraries, and the government offices listed above are good sources for these and many other maps. Don't forget to check with the State Department of Lands, Army Corps of Engineers and local mining companies. They have maps covering things that are of interest to their operations and could be helpful to you.

Happy prospecting and may the bottom of your pan turn yellow.

### 2011 Gold Show Schedule

**Washington Prospectors Association**  
Evergreen State Fairgrounds  
Monroe, Washington  
February 26th and 27th

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**NorthWest Gold Prospectors**  
Idaho National Guard Armory  
Post Falls, Idaho  
March 19th & 20th

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**North Central Washington Prospectors**  
Chelan County Fairgrounds  
Cashmere, Washington  
April 16th & 17th

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**Montana Gold & Treasure Show**  
Fairgrounds  
Kalispell, Montana  
April 30th & May 1st

### Monthly Trip to Town

After loading his monthly supplies in his rusty old truck, an old prospector shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?'

'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'



### Just what are the odds of that?

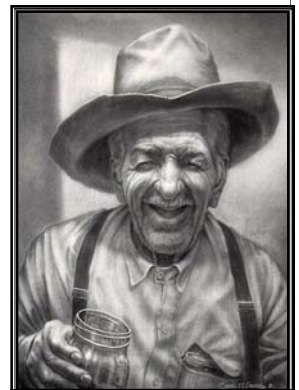
**DETECTORS FOR THE NUGGET HUNTER**  
*cash, money order, or check-no credit cards*

**Looking for Gold**

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# Hospital regulations.....

require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. 'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'



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

## Recipe(s) of the Month

### CINNAMON JUMBLES

2 cup soft shortening (part butter)  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
mix these ingredients.  
ADD  
3/4 cup buttermilk  
(can substitute 3/4 tbs. apple cider vinegar  
in 3/4 cup milk - sit one min.)  
1 tsp. vanilla  
mix again, then add :  
2 cups flour  
2 tsp. soda  
2 tsp salt

Mix dough, then chill till firm. Heat oven to 350 degrees.  
Spoon dough onto cookie sheets and sprinkle sugar and  
cinnamon mix on top. (1/4 cup sugar and 1 tsp. cinnamon)  
Bake 8 -10 min. until set but not brown.

Submitted by Lisa Wenig

## The Wisdom of Eagle City Ed

The government can just  
get their hands out  
of my pocket. I can  
stimulate myself.

### Correct Time to Drink Water....

I drink plenty of water but never knew that WHEN I drank it  
made this much difference. Did you know, drinking water at  
the correct time maximizes its effectiveness on the Human  
body?

2 glasses of water after waking up - helps activate internal  
organs

1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal - helps digestion

1 glass of water before taking a bath - helps lower blood  
pressure

1 glass of water before going to bed - avoids stroke or heart  
attack

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### 12th Annual Gold & Treasure Show

Come and join us at the 12th Annual Gold & Treasure Show. Learn all about the exciting hobby of recreational gold prospecting/mining. See the latest in small scale mining equipment and metal detectors. Try your luck at our panning booths. Learn how and where to prospect for gold or look for treasure. Get ideas on how to turn your treasures into keepsakes and collectibles. Visit our gold display and talk to our members about their equipment display and experiences. Vote in our homemade/modified equipment contest. Food and beverages available. Admission \$3, children 12 & under are free. Fun for the WHOLE family. Saturday, March 19th. (9AM to 5PM) & Sunday, March 20th. (9AM to 4PM) at the Idaho National Guard Armory at 5453 East Seltice Way, Post Falls, ID For info call 208-699-8128 or email bob@goldfeverminingsupply.com.