



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hope you all had a fun and safe 4th of July.

I am preparing for the meeting, outing and picnic. Lots of fun to be had by all. This is the time of the year for us all to spend some time outdoors. Please be safe, even though the heat is on the rivers are cold. The bees are out.

Have fun mining and see you at the meeting!

Debbie W.



OUTING

Our next outing will be on July 21st at Daybreak Park 10 till 2ish.

Drawing for a piece of gold.

See Debbie 360 695 3215 with any questions.



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PICNIC

Our picnic will be on Sunday August 11th at Daybreak Park from 10 till ?.

The chapter will provide fried chicken, dinnerware and water.

Sign up to bring a dish or 2 and let us know how many folks will be attending from your family.

Please bring at least 1 bag of ice. Bring your chairs, beverages and panning equipment. Remember your gold and fish rules.

We do need some more pop-ups and maybe a table or 2.

We are planning to have a panning contest, but I need someone to run it.

We will have kids' prizes, regular raffle, and draw our miners raffle prizes as well as play bingo.

If you would like to have any other activities, please contact Debbie W.

Please bring a dish or two for all to share. Bring your chairs, beverages, at least 1 bag of ice and any mining items you might need on the river.

The club will provide paper plates and table ware.

MINERS RAFFLE

We will be drawing our miner raffle prize winners at the picnic.

The prizes are:

A piece of gold

Pin pointer

One of a kind figurine

Placer mining kit

Pay Dirt

As always tickets will be available at the picnic. Ticket prices are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winners need not be present to win but must claim their prize no later than the Sept. 8, 2024, meeting. All winners

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We had to cancel having a booth at the territorial days. We did not have enough volunteers to fill all three days. Almost all of the folks were willing to work two days and many of them all three days. I want to thank the following who volunteered, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

David Jones

Steve and Edna Nelson

Van and Charlie Hord

Ron and Maurine Koppi

Preston Griffin

Wayne Tipping

Doug Buckendahl

Tony Hess

Steve Wannamaker

Jamie, Kim and Genna Louie

“Mike” Quackenbush

Michael Kersteter

Greg Wohlson

You guys are all golden.

If we have enough folks signed up for next year, we will try this again.

Any questions or comments please contact me. Debbie 3606953215

JOIN THE GRANGE

The Minnehaha Grange supports our chapter, we have a reduced rent among other perks to our members.

The grange meets once a month on the first Wens. Of the month at 1 o'clock for about 1 hour.

Please contact Charlie, Van, Dennis, Sharon Mick K. or myself with any questions and or sponsorship for a membership. Please consider joining.

By the way the air-conditioning you are now enjoying at the garage was just installed. Cost was over \$35,000. Also new heaters.

SUNSHINE

If you know a member who is sick, or has had a death, birth, etc. in their family, or is in the hospital please contact Ann Erickson 360 606 7823 or contact Debbie W.



JOIN THE GPAA

A reminder for all those who are not GPAA members that we are a GPAA chapter and encourage you to join everyone to join the GPAA. There are a lot of perks to that membership.

See a board member with any questions.

GPAA WANTS SUGGESTIONS

I was contacted by the GPAA to see how we are doing and asked how they can help us. One of the suggestions I gave them was that we need them to represent all chapters at their state levels. They can lobby on our behalf for mining rights. Putting the full weight of all GPAA members nationwide vs the much smaller number that chapter have goes a long way to securing the reasonable mining rights.

SWWGP 6/9/24 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:05

There were 3 guests in attendance

We introduced 4 new chapter members

The April general meeting minutes were read, accepted and approved

The Treasurers report was read, accepted and approved

All of the claims we were transferring over have been claimed

There is a sign up sheet for working the Amboy territorial days, we may have to cancel if we do not get enough people to work the event

We donated a pan, scoop, vial and snuffer bottle to the Territorial days silent auction

You need to sign up or let Debbie know what you are bringing to the picnic and how many people. The chapter is going to purchase fried chicken from Fred Meyers.

If you are going to prospect at the picnic please remember to bring your gold and fish book

Buckets are available and will be at most future meetings

Paydirt is available and more will be coming

There are fake emails going around so be aware we will never ask for money orders from you

There is still a need for an outings director. You do not have to attend all of the events to be the director

DREDGE

The dredge is still available for sale. It is in good working order.

PAYDIRT

We have a new shipment of paydirt. See Dennis with the chapter store.

BUCKETS

There will be more buckets at the July meeting. Please let those folks who have not had a chance to get some, take them first. There will be more.

At the end of the meeting, whatever is left everyone can help themselves too.

FAKE TEXTS AND EMAILS

Please do not open or respond to fake emails or texts. Do not buy things on the chapters behalf if they request you too and do not send them money. These people are trying to get into your accounts and get personal information.

Not sure if it is ok to open or answer call me. Debbie 3606953215

MEMORIAL FOR RICK BEEHLER

There will be a memorial get together for Rick Beehler at the end of the meeting. We will have some extra folks from other groups Rick was involved in. This is a chance to share your favorite story about Rick with his friends.

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Other committees will be formed as needed. Please let Debbie Witcher know if your name was missed or if you would like to serve.

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MINING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

We are planning to have mining items, pans, rockers boxes etc. for sale at the meeting. Pans and classifiers will be \$3, rockers boxes \$10.

We also have a hi-banker for sale that includes lay flat hoses with quick connect fittings and pump.

\$250. Call Debbie for details or to view.

Other hi bankers no hose or pump \$50

Trash pump used \$50 new trash pump \$75.

Some misc. items to be priced.

All monies go to chapter so if you want to be generous?



Thanks to these companies for supporting our activities.

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Please support these vendors as they support us with contributions and in many cases discounts. We will be doing interviews with many of them so we can get to know a little more about them.