



# The Westbank Express....



**Westside Food Bank Volunteers from left to right Janet Vallance, Grant MacWilliam and Pat Watniruk prepare for Christmas donations.**

It's all happening at the old Rogers Video Store in the Westbank Towne Centre—a Christmas drop-off depot for the Food Bank. The vacated video store's walls are now lined with boxes of food stuffs and household supplies from canned vegetables and cereals to shampoos and toothpaste and this month the Food Bank is also accepting children's toys (new and unwrapped) for the Christmas season. Not only do the volunteers organize and distribute food stuffs but they prepare many of the items themselves by purchasing bulk products and bagging such items as sugar, flour, beans and rice. They are also designing and assembling a variety of gift baskets for the holiday season. "This is the largest food drive of the year" notes Grant MacWilliam, "and supplies will last well into the New Year," which is what the organization banks on. The Food Bank prefer to store non-perishable items but they do have some refrigeration, so fresh fruit and vegetables, butter or margarine and eggs are acceptable. And neighbourhoods prepare! Santa will be visiting—at least his local firemen helpers will be as they canvass for food bank donations on Dec. 5th and 6th. Food Bank drop-off hours are 9-5 pm every day until Dec. 23rd and Wed(5:30-7:30 pm); Thurs.(9:30-11:15 am) at the Hebert Rd. location. Volunteers are greatly appreciated!

**For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Westside Food Bank at 250-768-1559 or visit their Christmas location at the old Rogers Video store beside Buck or Two in the Westbank Towne Centre or visit the Food Bank's permanent location at 2545 Hebert Road.**

## Winter Carnival



Watch for the Vernon Winter Carnival Feb. 3 - 12th, 2012. Only an hour's drive north of here, Carnival events will include the Hot Air Balloon Fiesta, Parade, Irish Pub Night, Ukranian Food Festival, Appetizers & Art, Outdoor Skating Party, Blues Festival & Sweeping Snowmen Dinner & Dance. Email [info@vernonwintercarnival.com](mailto:info@vernonwintercarnival.com) or phone 250-545-2236 for further information.

## AROUND TOWN

**Sunday, December 4th - 2:00 pm**  
**\*Country Opry - Christmas Concert**  
 A stompin good time; Intermission: coffee, tea, pop, water and cookies. \$5.00 admission at the door. 12 and under free. Westbank Lions Community Hall. 2466 Main St.

**Westside Warriors Home Games - December: Royal LePage Place**  
 Friday, Dec. 2nd - 7:00 pm  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6th - 7:00 pm  
 Friday, Dec. 9th - 7:00 pm  
 Saturday, Dec. 10th - 7:00 pm  
 Thursday, Dec. 15th - 7:00 pm  
 Saturday, Dec. 17th - 7:00 pm  
 More events on Page 3.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### Westbank First Nation

Administrative Office: 250-769-4999  
 Recreation Dept.: 250-768-7337

#### District of West Kelowna

Dec. 6 - Inaugural Council Meeting 1:30 pm  
 Dec. 13 - Committee of the Whole 1:30 pm  
 Dec. 4 - **Winterfest**. Free public skating, Mt. Boucherie Complex, 2760 Cameron Rd. Call 778-797-8800 or email [recreation@districtofwestkelowna.ca](mailto:recreation@districtofwestkelowna.ca).

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### From the Kitchen Nook: Apple Dessert by Rita Pedersen

Ingredients: 2 cups applesauce, 2 cups breadcrumbs, 1 tblsp. butter, sugar to taste, whipping cream. Fry breadcrumbs with butter and sugar until crisp. Spread a layer of breadcrumbs enough to cover the bottom of a pie plate. Spread on a layer of applesauce and then another layer of breadcrumbs. Cover entire dessert with whipped cream and dab with jam (strawberry, cherry or raspberry). Serve with coffee or tea. The dessert should be eaten within a few hours otherwise it becomes mushy.

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### Finished at last! The new Westbank Museum by Gordon H. Ficke



Richard Angus standing beside his former original condition 1936 Ford pickup which will be hoisted onto the roof of the new Westbank Museum. Photo by Cara Photography.

“My name is Poppy!” Declared Angus, who was named Patricia by her parents. She stormed out of the grade one classroom when the teacher called her Patricia. There were already five other girls named Patricia in her class. So the Poppy moniker stuck with her. Poppy is a director on the Westbank Museum and Arts and Crafts Society board, and the most available director at the moment to run the museum on a day-to-day basis. Due to illness, the previous museum coordinator had to resign her position. Another museum coordinator will be hired but in the meantime some of the extra funds that are available have been used to buy a storage container that has been converted to an office. It will be placed behind the museum and that will allow the vacated space, once used for their office, to be used to show more exhibits.

Back in 1978 Claire Small, who owned an orchard in lower Glenrosa and worked for the Westbank Irrigation District, realized that much of Westbank’s history was rapidly disappearing. It was time to honour our community’s pioneers and their heritage. With the help of some grant monies and an infusion of Small’s own capital, a block building was constructed on his property to house the many artifacts donated by local residents. That was the beginning of the Westbank Museum which continued to operate until the summer of 2011.

“The pioneers were very interesting ordinary people with lots of ingenuity.” Poppy stated. “The fruit orchards would not exist here unless there was an abundant supply of water. They devised an irrigation system, using volunteer labour, and ran water from those mountain lakes to their orchards. Those early settlers created our irrigation districts. It was amazing what they did!”

When the new Westbank Museum was proposed to occupy the old concrete block building that housed the R.C.M.P. offices, the museum board wanted to take a tour of the facility to determine what was available. Everyone agreed that the new facility should contain a barn, a general store (patterned after Dobbin’s General store), a house and an area for learning. Through many hours of planning meetings the goal of accomplishing all these facets of the museum were met. Katharine Welsh was the designer and Tom McGill was the carpenter that turned those plans into reality. The new Westbank Museum officially opened on August 19th, 2011 to a large crowd of citizens and dignitaries. “We want the Westbank Museum to be an active community museum.” Said Angus. “We hosted our first Westbank Chamber of Commerce After Hours, had the Girl Guides in for a formal tea and fun evening, will have a 6 to 12 year olds science group to come in on Saturdays to do science projects and there will be a senior’s Christmas concert here. They will use the baby grand piano that was just donated to our museum.”

Outside the building are two old trucks; the 1947 Ford C.O.E. that was donated to the museum by the Reece family and the second is a 1936 Ford farm pickup truck that originally worked in the McKinley Landing area. Poppy’s husband Richard acquired the truck when the couple owned Rutland Auto Wreckers. The Ford was to be restored when Richard retired, but instead it languished in the bush on their property. When Poppy began working at the Westbank Museum she asked, “Can we put this truck on top of the museum?” The answer was yes if it didn’t exceed the weight the roof was designed to hold. So the truck was hauled out of the bush. “The tires even held air in them when we pumped them up!” Angus exclaimed. A tilt-a-bed truck loaded up the Ford to take to the Westside landfill site to see if the pickup weighed more than the 1500 lb limit that the roof of the museum could hold. It passed and will be hoisted onto the roof as soon as the construction work on top of the museum to install the mount for the truck is completed. In the future the truck may be sold to anyone wishing to restore it.

Poppy and the board of directors for the Westbank Museum are very proud of what they, with the District’s help, have accomplished. The added responsibility of providing tourist information has resulted in a good marriage. Angus summarized by saying, “We want the citizens of our community to use the museum and work together.”



**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER?**

**SUMMERLAND**

**Kettle Valley Steam Railway - Christmas Express Train**

Dec. 10, 11(4 pm & 6 pm)-Dec 16(5 pm & 7 pm)-Dec. 17 & 18(4 pm & 6 pm)

Enjoy twinkling lights, Christmas music, jolly old Santa and the banjo pickin' of Felix Possak. Each child receives a Christmas goodie bag to take home. Adults \$22.00; Seniors \$20.00; Teens \$17.00; Children(3-12) \$13.00. For more info call 1-877-494-8424 or visit [www.kettlevalleyrail.org](http://www.kettlevalleyrail.org).

**PEACHLAND**

**Jerry Dober Breakfast - Peachland Wellness Centre**

Every Sunday - 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Includes pancakes, french toast, eggs, bacon, sausage, homemade hashbrowns, toast, coffee and orange juice. \$5.75/person Please contact the Peachland Wellness Centre to confirm dates: 250-767-0141. Everyone Welcome!

**PENTICTON**

**A Louisiana Hayride Christmas**

Friday, Dec. 9th 7:30 pm

Performers singing Christmas favourites of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Roy Orbison, Patsy Cline. To help the Penticton Food Bank, please bring a non-perishable food item to the show. Bethel Church, \$29.00. For more info. call 250-833-0003 or email [gohayride@telus.net](mailto:gohayride@telus.net).

**The Santa Rec Run**

Saturday, Dec. 10th 9:00 am

River Channel Walkway. Run or Walk 7 kms. Donations \$15.00/person. Wear your best Xmas costume. Receive a Santa Hat, win some prizes. Start at Skaha Lake-head to Okanagan Lake. Finish with hot chocolate, cookies and draw prizes. For more info. email [team@hoodooadventures.ca](mailto:team@hoodooadventures.ca) or call 250-490-6084.

**Tom Jackson - 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime'**

Saturday, Dec. 10th 7:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of festive song and celebration at the Cleland Theatre, Penticton Community Centre, 325 Power St. \$25.00 per person. Non-perishable food items will be accepted and shared 50/50 between Salvation Army Food Bank and Soupateria. For more info. call 250-493-4055 or 1-800-663-5052.

**WINFIELD**

**Last Chance 19th Annual Christmas Craft Sale**

Sunday, Dec. 4th 10 am - 3 pm

Over 50 crafters. Come and enjoy homemade goodies at the concession. Please bring a donation for the FOOD BANK. Winfield Memorial Hall. For further info. call Kathy at 250-863-0649.

**OSOYOOS**

**Kiwanis Craft Fair**

Dec. 3 - 9, 2011 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Christmas Craft Fair including a Breakfast with Santa and photos on Dec. 3rd from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Osoyoos Legion Hall. For further information please call 250-449-2191.

**LOOKING AHEAD!**

**VERNON**

**Feather Fancier & Antique Collectible Sale**

Feb. 12, 2012 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

View fancy birds, pigeons, bantams and crowing roosters. Tables of antiques and collectibles for sale. Bag raffle. Concession. Entertainment by the Backyard Band. Admission by donation. Vernon Recreation Complex 3310 - 37th Avenue. Sponsored by Vernon Pigeon & Poultry Club.

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**WESTBANK**

**Last Chance Craft Sale and Bake Sale**

Saturday, Dec. 3rd 9:00 am - 12 Noon

Westbank United Church, 3672 Brown Rd. Many crafts, jewellery, baby things, afghans and Christmas wreaths. Coffee, tea and a muffin served for only a loonie.

**Westside Seniors Centre, 3661 Old Okanagan Highway**

Wed. Night Bingo: 6:45 p.m. SHARP!

Held every Wed. night. Do not need to be a member to play but must be over 19 yrs. of age.

**Westbank Museum Christmas Songs for Seniors**

Tuesday, Dec. 13th 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Singers to lead in Christmas songs accompanied by players on the Baby Grand piano. Tea and goodies served. No charge.

**Westbank Legion - RCL Branch 288, 2525 Dobbin Road**

🍏 Tuesday & Thursday Night Darts

🍏 Wednesday Night Poker

🍏 Dec. 2nd: Ladies Auxiliary Dinner(5-7pm)

🍏 Dec. 3rd: Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale(3-5)

🍏 Dec. 16th: Friday Night Legion Dinner and entertainment. 5:00 pm.

🍏 Wed. & Sat. Meat Draws(3-5 pm)

**SEASONS GREETINGS!**

**Orion's Fish Bus**

Dec. 17 & 18/11 by The Cherry Pit

70 peeled Tiger Prawns \$20 or 2 for \$35 or 3 for \$50--Sole, Snapper & Basa \$12.00 each or 3 for \$30. Stop by the Truck and join the email list to get tasty Seafood recipes and a free bonus every \$100.00. For more info. go to [tritonsage@yahoo.com](mailto:tritonsage@yahoo.com).





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