

The Westbank Express....



Caitlen Pomietlarz, a summer student at the Westbank Museum and Carmen Clark, Executive Director of the Museum stand behind the Museum's recently acquired artefact, a miniature sawmill.

Carmen Clark, who has been with the Museum since February of 2012, intends to raise the profile of the Westbank Museum over the next few years, and encourages locals and visitors to attend the one-year anniversary celebration of the Museum's new location on Saturday, August 18th at 2376 Dobbin Rd. from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. An afternoon of fun, food and festivities is planned including the performing artists The Old Time Fiddlers. As well, there will be a special dedication to Museum founder Clare Small. Of special interest at the Museum is the latest acquisition, the miniature sawmill which is on loan to the Museum from the BC Filers Association. This miniature model—16-feet in length—takes after "the "Jack ladder" type mill that once lined the coast of Vancouver Island, the Fraser River and



the interior waterways of British Columbia." As part of the festivities on August 18th, there will be a saw mill demonstration. The Museum is also working on including two new outbuildings on the property; a Fur Trading Post and a Tool Shed. Carmen regularly welcomes travellers from around the world—including Holland, Tokyo, Germany, Australia, the United States, and Canada—to meander through Westbank's colourful past. Pictured left are only a few of the older items that garnish the museum rooms. For more information about the Museum, call Carmen at 250-768-0110 or email info@westbankmuseum.com.

Friends!



As a local lop-ear munches on an afternoon grass snack, his feline perky-eared friend—or foe—looks on.

AROUND TOWN

Westbank Outdoor Market - Every Saturday until September 15th from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. The Market includes a pancake breakfast served by the Lions club from 8:00 am - 11:00 am.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Westbank First Nation

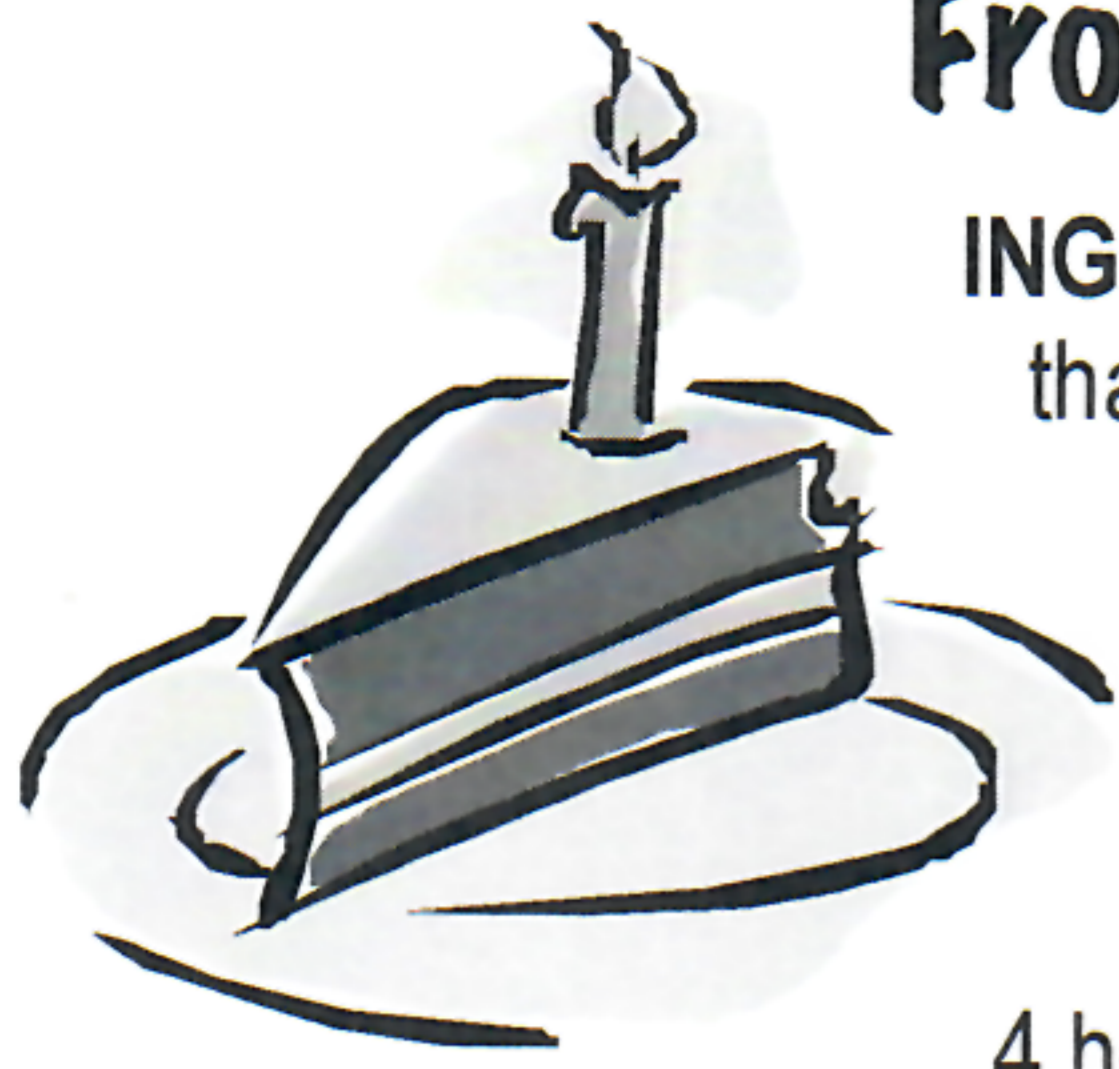
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Recreation Dept.: 250-768-7337

District of West Kelowna - 778-797-1000

Aug. 14 - Regular Council Meeting - 1:30 pm
Aug. 15 - Advisory Planning Commission - 9:30 am
Aug. 21 - Committee of the Whole - 1:30 pm
Aug. 28 - Regular Council Meeting - 6:00 pm

For questions or further information about the newsletter, please email westbankepress@gmail.com

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From the Kitchen Nook: Ice Cream Cake by Rita Pedersen

INGREDIENTS: 24 Oreo Cookies or cookies of your choice, divided ; 2 cups strawberry ice cream, softened; 2 cups thawed Cool Whip Whipped Topping or whipped cream with a pinch of tartar, divided; 2 cups chocolate ice cream, softened; 2 Tblsp. chocolate syrup.

PREPARATION: Line 9-inch round pan with plastic wrap. Stand 14 cookies around edge of pan. Crush remaining cookies. Reserve 1/2 cup crumbs; spread remaining crumbs onto bottom of pan. Spread strawberry ice cream over crumbs; top with layers of 1 cup Cool Whip, remaining crumbs and chocolate ice cream. Freeze 4 hours. Remove dessert from freezer 10 minutes before serving. Lift from pan with plastic wrap; discard plastic wrap. Let dessert stand at room temperature until slightly softened. Top with remaining Whipped Topping; drizzle with chocolate syrup. For a variation top dessert with fresh strawberries, blueberries, or raspberries.

Keeping Westbank's Past Alive! by Gordon H. Ficke

Pictured left, Margaret Jackson stands at the old Westbank Museum site circa 2009.



Clare Small and his wife Billee, who owned an orchard on the west end of the Powers Creek 'Fill-in' on the outskirts of Westbank, had a vision. By the mid 1970s many of the heritage houses and some of the businesses downtown were being torn down to make way for new shopping malls and housing developments, and something had to be done to preserve what was left of our local history. Small wanted to donate a half-acre of his farm property for the purpose of establishing a museum. When he presented his proposal to the Regional District of the Okanagan (the governing body for our unincorporated area at the time), the idea was favourably received, but it would take a few more years before it came to fruition.

In the meantime, Small's family formed the Westbank Museum and Arts and Crafts Society in 1978. Clare made a trip to Victoria to visit the provincial museum, where the museum officials advised him to make a request for a Recreational Facilities Assistance Programme grant. This agency provided up to one third of the cost of materials to a maximum of \$30,000. This grant was in addition to the Young Canada Works grant that provided the labour to build the concrete block building to house the artifacts. However, there

was a glitch in the approval process, as the half-acre of land had to be removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). That did not occur until December 1980. As expected, there were further delays and finally, Mr. Small was permitted to sell the half-acre plot the Westbank Museum and Arts and Crafts Society for the nominal sum of \$1.00. The building construction had actually begun previously, in June of 1979 and stopped over the winter months. The cornerstone of the concrete block building was laid on June 16th, 1979. Sealed in the stone was a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation for the society, plans for the building, a copy of the second edition of 'A Bit of Okanagan History' by Dorothy Gellatly and copies of our local newspapers.

On Thursday, July 15th, 1982 Premier Bill Bennett cut the symbolic ribbon and declared the museum open. The premier praised Mr. and Mrs. Small for their insight in providing this facility for the Westbank residents to enjoy, and will become more valued with the passing of time. Clare's dream finally came true! There was now a repository for the artifacts of Westbank's early history, a meeting place to serve the local arts and crafts groups, a community cultural center for arts and trades displays, collections of local school history projects and future programs of Westbank's cultural history. Clare and his wife continued to operate the museum until 1990, when the burden of running the museum became too great for him. Billee's health was failing and he spent a lot of his time caring for her. Clare asked his daughter Margaret Jackson for help. She, like her father, was passionate about vintage memorabilia and volunteered as the secretary, kept minutes of the meetings and did the paperwork. She graduated from Okanagan College in 1978, one of the first graduates from the arts program there. She packed her bags to work in Medicine Hat, Alberta and did accounting work for an electrical contractor. Later she managed an insurance company. Margaret made a life decision and moved back home to take over the museum full time. She also bought a personal tax and financial services business that processed 1200 tax returns a year. As a volunteer she initiated a number of community projects of which her board was very supportive. One of the more popular projects was establishing a video library of the local pioneers. A change in local government resulted in reduced funding for the museum. To make the museum user-friendlier for both the new operator and guests, the Westbank museum received a complete makeover. The future of this valuable community resource was up in the air, and in the interim the facility was kept open for the public to enjoy. Margaret was committed, "Moving back home to raise my son in the same environment I grew up in," Margaret says, "was the best thing I have ever done."

An appeal to our local District of West Kelowna council resulted in an opportunity that resulted in a better museum facility with greater public exposure. Not only do the Westbank Museum Arts and Crafts Society provide a window into our local community's past, but also the new facility provides valuable information to the many tourists that pass through or stay to visit our many attractions. Clare Small would be amazed to see what his dream has become! Come visit the Westbank Museum on Saturday, August 18th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to help commemorate the first anniversary of the museum in their new facility!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST?

WESTBANK

Orion's Fish Bus

Aug. 11th & 12th by The Cherry Pit

70 peeled Tiger Prawns \$20.00 or 2 for \$35.00 or 3 for \$50.00. Stop by the Truck and join the email list to get tasty seafood recipes and a free bonus every \$100.00. For more information go to tritonsage@yahoo.com.

Have room to board horses in Westbank! Call 250-768-1267.

Westbank Museum - One Year Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, Aug. 18th 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Come out and watch the miniature sawmill demonstration, enjoy The Old Time Fiddlers and meander through decorated rooms of historic memorabilia in the Museum. 2376 Dobbin Road.

Westside Seniors Centre, 3661 Old Okanagan Highway

- Snooker** - Mondays at 1200 Noon.
- Duplicate Bridge** - Mondays at 1:00 pm
- Cribbage** - Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.
- Pool 8 Ball** - Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon.
- Carpet Bowling** - Thursdays at 12:45 pm.
- Pool-Snooker** - Saturdays at 1:00 am. Bridge, woodcarving and Monday line dancing continues during the summer. "New members are welcome to attend any of these activities." For further information contact Valerie at 250-707-3494 or email vsolomon@shaw.ca.

SUMMERLAND

Friday Night Movies in the Park

Movies start at dusk(around 8:30 pm) in Memorial Park in downtown Summerland. Popcorn, chips and beverages for sale. Bring chairs, blankets and pillows. August 3rd - "Mars Needs Moms;" August 10th - "Dumbo;" August 17th - "Pirates Band of Misfits."

"Why not go out on a limb? That's where all the fruit is."

- Mark Twain, American writer(1835-1910).

Great Train Robbery & BBQ

Aug. 5th 1:30 and 4:00 pm

Aug. 12th & 26th 4:00 pm

Ride the Kettle Valley Steam Railway as the Garnett Valley Gang robs the train for local charities. The train meanders through lush orchards and vineyards while passengers can view breathtaking lake scenes. Fare includes a tasty barbeque and musical entertainment. Adults/Teens \$52.00; Children(3-12) \$23.00. For reservations call 1-877-494-8424.

PENTICTON

65th Annual Peach Festival

August 8 - 12, 2012

Entertainment from Lighthouse, Killarney, Stan Foster, 54-40, West Coast Lumberjack Show and the Checkerboard Guy. Aboriginal Cultural Village, Grand Parade, Sand Castle Competition, Square Dance Festival and much more. For more information visit www.peachfest.com.

Subaru Ironman Canada

August 26, 2012

Running since 1986, the Ironman attracts participants from around the world. Swim 2.4 mi/3.8 km; Bike 112 mi/180 km; Run 26.2 mi/42.2 km. Come out and support the visiting and local athletes. Race starts at 7:00 am. For more info. go to www.ironman.ca.

NARAMATA

37th Annual Naramata Fair

Aug. 5th - Parade starts at 10:30 am

Festivities in Manitou Park including a variety of tasty foods, beverages and snacks. Also at the fair will be artisans, crafters, games and activities. Shaded rest areas, a licensed beverage garden, an attractive beach and the Loonie Raffle. Featuring live entertainment—instrumental and vocal music throughout the day. For more info. call 250-492-7717.

PEACHLAND

Rocky J's Beach Hut Saturday Night Entertainment

- Aug. 4 - Jaycee 7:00 - 11:00 pm
 - Aug. 11 - Donovan & Sweet 7:00 - 10:00 pm
 - Aug. 18 - Marty Edwards 7:00 - 10:00 pm
 - Aug. 25 - Country Stars of Yesterday 7-10
- On stage at the Outdoor Patio, 5866 Beach Avenue. Phone 250-767-2454.

The Peace Concerts

Music at the Rotary Pavilion, Heritage Park. Food Kiosk from 3:00 pm, Music 4:00 pm

August 12th - KV Brakeman(Okanagan Railroading History in Songs & Stories).

August 19th - West African Drumming(Bobby Bovenzi's drummers). Free Concerts for all of the Family! Bring blankets and lawn chairs. No entry charge - Donations to Rotary Community Projects appreciated.

The Annual Rattlesnake Island Swim - Saturday, August 11th

3.1 K or 7 K swim. Contact the Peachland Community Centre for registration details. Phone 250-767-2647 or email info@peachland.ca.

OSOYOOS

Tumbleweed Film Festival

August 16 - 18, 2012

Enjoy nights of wines and films. Watch short films from around the world including comedies, documentaries and animation. Talk with filmmakers, sample tasty foods and enjoy live entertainment provided by the Osoyoos Indian Bands. 100 Rancher Ck. Desert Cultural Center & NK'MP Resort. For tickets and more information visit tumbleweedfilmfest.com.

LOOKING AHEAD!

OLIVER - Covert Farms

Festival of the Tomato

Sunday, Sept. 2nd Noon - 6:00 pm

The day includes family games, a chef competition, wine tasting from local wineries, beer tasting from local breweries, acoustic musical performances. For tickets call 250-498-2824. For map and directions, visit www.covertfarms.ca.

COUPON CORNER



***Ice Cream Cone*
* 2 for 1***

Purchase one ice cream cone at regular price and receive a second ice cream **free!** At **Paynter's Fruit Market**, 3687 Paynter Road, Westbank 250-768-7313 Present coupon at the Ice-Cream Counter. Expires August 31, 2012.



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