

The Westbank Express....



Ho-Ho Hoo Hoo HOOS IN YOUR TOWN?

GREAT HORNED OWL FAMILY, APRIL 4TH, 2012, PENTICTON TREES, CORNER OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE and ALBERNI STREET.

Photo by Tania Simpson of "Photography Through Tania's Eyes," Peachland.

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Not a sight one may often see, these young Great Horned owls gaze down at Tania's camera from a 'high-in-the-sky' tree loft housing a family of five. Their parents, nestled in a nearby branch, may have chosen this location if a large-bird nest had already existed. As some of the earliest-breeding birds in North America, Great Horned Owls generally breed in late January or early February. The juvenile owls pictured above, still devoid of their signature horns which are actually neither horns nor ears but tufts of feathers, will eventually develop their feather tufts just like their parents. For anyone who is interested in pursuing an owl fetish, or who is just plain curious about owl lifestyle after dusk, check out the Owl Night Prowl as part of the Meadowlark Festival in Penticton, 9:00 pm - midnight, May 17th. Let your flashlight and expert Russell Cannings lead you into forest groves and gullies. Visit www.meadowlarkfestival.bc.ca/booking.html. While the Great Horned Owl is not presently a threatened species, their smaller relative, the Burrowing Owl has been an endangered species for many years; however, a thriving and expanding Burrowing Owl Program in B.C. is proving successful. For more info. look up wildlifepreservation.ca. Anything else 'owl' on today's menu? Hankering for some Cardamom & Wildflower Honey Creme Brulee? Drop in at the Burrowing Owl Estate Winery, Black Sage Rd., Oliver.

WOW is coming to Peachland!

On Sunday May 20th, 2012 Peachland revs up the town with the 15th Annual World of Wheels Show & Shine.

Set aside this May afternoon to meander along Beach Avenue and enjoy the array of cars, trucks, motorcycles and antique boats dressed in their Sunday best that will line the



street for approximately 2 km. The WOW event annually attracts hundreds of participants from the Okanagan Valley, Alberta, the Fraser Valley and Washington State. Past show and shines have seen over 10,000 visitors. Enjoy the local restaurants, the shops, and show vendors.

SHOW CAR PARKING 7:00 am - 10:30 am

CAR SHOW 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

For more information call 778-479-7979 or 250-767-6718 or email

inquiries@peachlandworldofwheels.ca.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Westbank First Nation

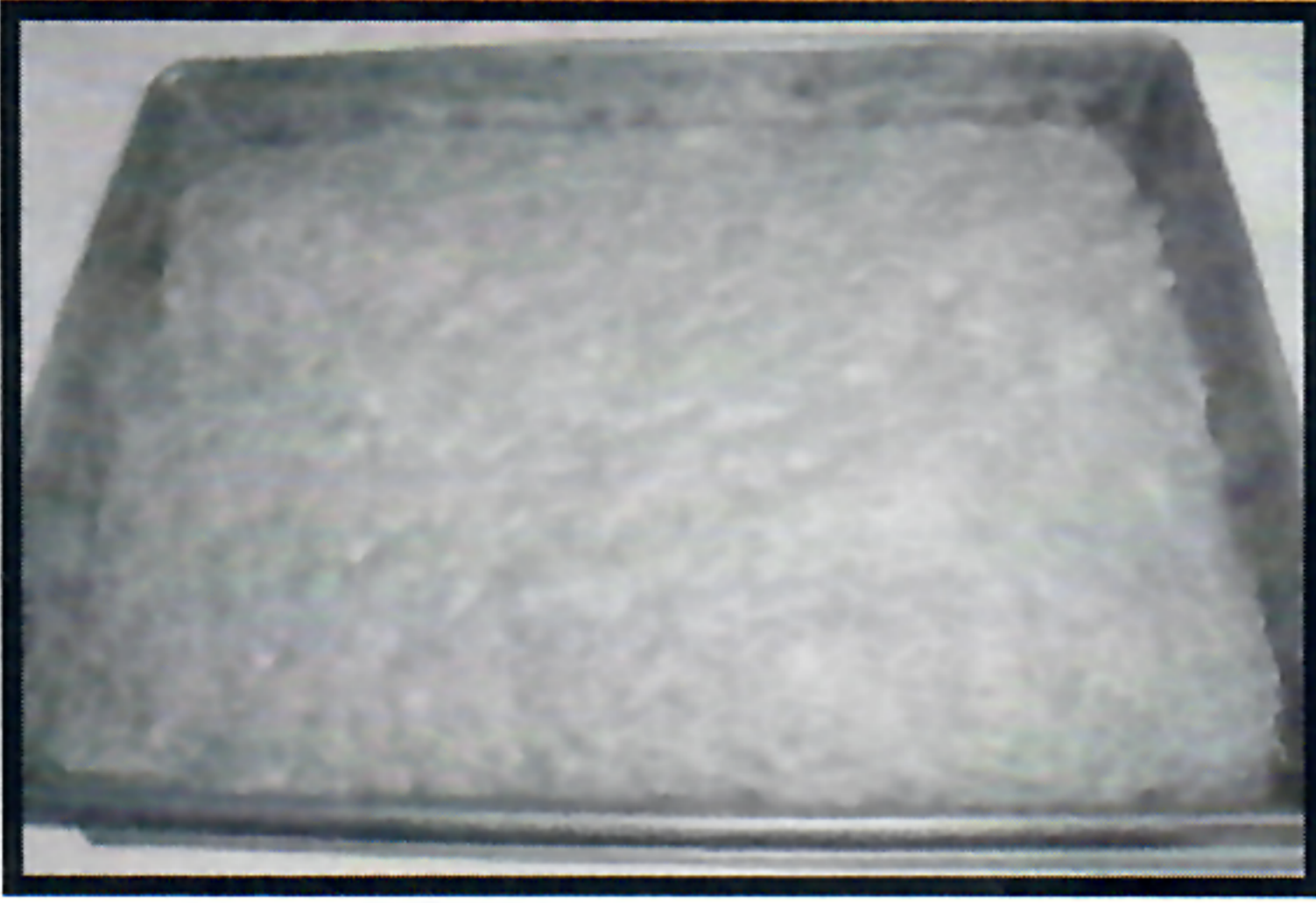
Administrative Office: 250-769-4999
Recreation Dept.: 250-768-7337

District of West Kelowna - 778-797-1000

May 8 - Regular Council Meeting - 1:30 pm
May 15 - Committee of the Whole - 1:30 pm
May 16 - Advisory Planning Comm. - 9:30 am
May 22 - Regular Council Meeting - 6:00 pm

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

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**From the Kitchen Nook: Carrot/Walnut Cake by Rita Pedersen**

INGREDIENTS: 1 ½ cups sugar, 3 eggs, 1 cup vegetable oil, 2 cups flour, 1 ½ tsp cinnamon, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. vanilla, ½ tsp salt, ¼ tsp. ground nutmeg, 3 cups shredded carrots, 1 cup walnuts (optional).

TO PREPARE: Mix sugar and eggs, then oil until well blended, beat with spoon (I use an electric mixer), stir in remaining ingredients except last two; beat 1 minute, stir in carrots and chopped walnuts, pour into a well greased and floured 9x13 pan. Bake for about 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Test. Can be served with ice cream and coffee or tea.

Florence Edwards Recalls the Dobbin Family History - Part II by Gordon Ficke

Photo: Taken at the Dobbin family home in Shannon Lake circa 1940. Back Row, from left to right: Aunt Mame, Florence, Audrey (nee Gellatly), Clifford, Mary, Mrs. Jack Gellatly, Florence Mae (mother), Jack Gellatly (in the back shadow), Olive, Francis Arthur (father). Front Row: Pamela, Doreen and Lorne.

Art continued to farm and log to augment their income. Even though that was hard work, in 1945 he added another vocation to his resume – construction. He felt that the time was ripe to build new roads and work on highways and other construction projects. He bought his first bulldozer, followed in 1948 with another bulldozer and a scraper. Many road-building projects were undertaken such as highway construction between Westbank and the ferry docks. As well, Art built the dam at the south end of Bear Lake, cleared land for farmers, dug out basements and driveways for property owners on the newly established V.L.A. in Lakeview Heights. “After my dad died in 1960, my brother Lorne continued on as president with the construction company named

after dad, F.A. Dobbin and Sons Ltd.” Throughout the years the company expanded operations throughout B.C. and included lowbed trucks for moving heavy equipment around the province. Edwards attended the two-room school near where George Pringle Elementary School is today. She graduated from grade 12 and went to Kelowna to take two or three Grade 13 subjects, but didn’t finish. That was the equivalent of first year of university. In the summer, Florence, like the other girls her age, worked in one of the packinghouses, mostly in Reece’s packinghouse, during the summer holidays. She also worked there part time and said, “I really loved packing those apples!”

My sister, Doreen and I wanted to become teachers so we went to normal school. “I didn’t like it at all.” Florence admitted. “I didn’t mind the class preparation, but I didn’t like the actual teaching part!” She spoke with the teacher about it and he asked her if there was anything else that she would like to do? “Well,” she replied. “I like to work in an office, can type and took some courses, like bookkeeping.” The teacher suggested she take another advanced course in bookkeeping and that is what she did. At 22, Florence joined the Canadian Women’s Army Corps in 1943 and was enlisted for three years. “The discipline was good,” Edwards said. “It wasn’t difficult for us in our family because this is how we were raised in those days!” She worked in the office at Little Mountain Army Camp in Vancouver. “It was a very interesting job,” Edwards admits. “I worked in the legal and intelligence office. One of my jobs I had was being responsible for the men that came from Europe that weren’t naturalized. I took them, one at a time to present them to the Colonel to become Canadian citizens.”

“After being discharged at the end of three years,” Florence said, “I came back to Westbank.” She later married and had one daughter, named Donna. Edwards worked at the Bank of Montreal that was located in the building where Amerigo’s Nuraghe Ristoranti Italiano is today. She worked there for eight years. From 1966 to 1970 she worked as a secretary at George Pringle Secondary School. During the summer months while school was out she worked for her brother Lorne in the office of F.A. Dobbin & Sons. After leaving George Pringle Secondary School in 1970 she went to work for Lorne full time and spent another four years or more there.

“My oldest brother, Clifford, died in 2007.” Edwards recollected. “Olive, the second eldest is still here. Mary lives in Vancouver, and Doreen the schoolteacher has passed away. Lorne lives here in Westbank and Pamela, the youngest, lives in Vancouver.” All these years Florence has lived an independent lifestyle. At age 91, she still lives by herself. “I have always been on my own.” She remarks. “I guess it’s in my blood!”

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY?

WESTBANK

Westbank Lions Hall Garage Sale - Nothing but Bargains!

Saturday, May 26, 2012 8:00 am

The Westbank Lions Community Development Society is holding a HUGE, GIGANTIC, and just over-all LARGE Garage Sale on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at the Westbank Lions Hall at 2466 Main Street in downtown Westbank.

The Westbank Lions Hall has been the hub of the community since 1930 and they are getting stuffed to the rafters with all kinds of bargains so they'll have to make some room. Drop in starting at 8:00AM and pick up some great finds - and enjoy a burger and drink supplied by the Westbank Lions Club.

If you have some items of your own and would like to join the Lions, they have a limited number of spaces available for individual booths for only \$20.00 so clean out your garage and take part in the fun! For information or to reserve your space just email info@westbanklionsclub.ca or call Rick at 250-452-9440.

A wise man changes his mind; a fool never will. - Spanish proverb.

Mother's Day Old Fashioned Photo Shoot - Westbank Museum - 2376 Dobbin Road

Monday - Thursday, May 7 - 10, 2012

Connect the past to the present with an old fashioned photo shoot at the Westbank Museum where Caron Ridgeway of Central Okanagan Photographic Society will be on location to snap photos. Hours are Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 5:00 with extended hours to 7:30 pm May 7-10 to accommodate the Old Fashioned photo shoot. "Bring your Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Wife; any woman who has had a positive impact on your life that you would like to acknowledge with a unique photo remembrance," explains Executive Director Carmen Clark. There will be a selection of costumes to dress up in and photo shoots are expected to last approximately 15 minutes. It is recommended to call ahead and book an appointment. Phone 250-768-0110. And gardeners, the Museum still have heritage seeds available!

Country Opry

Sunday, May 27th - 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Enjoy local musicians' country music gathering—last one of the season. Intermission with coffee, tea, pop, water and cookies. \$5.00 admission at the door. 12 and under free. Westbank Lions Community Hall.

Westside Seniors Centre, 3661 Old Okanagan Highway

Annual General Meeting - May 29th - 'Hawaiian Luau' theme. Lunch at Noon. Hawaiian Dancers, Sr. of the Year Award, 50/50 Draw, Election of Officers. Tickets available April 3rd. \$11.00 for members; \$13.00 for guests. For more info. call 250-707-3494.

Wednesday Night Bingo - 6:45 pm (sharp) every Wednesday. You do not need to be a member to play, but must be 19 years of age or older.

Friday Night Jam Sessions - The 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. Bring your instrument and join in, or just visit to listen. Open-mike jam. C & W, Blue Grass, Old-time, etc. For more info. contact Norm Dumont at 250-768-9358.

1. What is North America's highest mountain?

Westbank Legion - RCL Branch 288, 2525 Dobbin Road

While the Legion is still waiting for renovations to be completed at their 2525 Dobbin Rd. location, meat draws continue every Wednesday and Saturday from 3:00 - 5:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Lounge; and, beginning May 1st, Jam Sessions will also be held at the Holiday Inn from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. For more info. call Judy at 250-768-1106.

SUMMERLAND

Kettle Valley Steam Railway - Mother's Day Train

Sun. May 13/12 10:30 am & 1:30 pm

Enjoy live music and the beautiful Prairie Valley view. Each Mom receives a flower and cup of tea. Adults \$22.00, Srs.(65+) \$20.00, Teen \$17.00, Children(3-12) \$13.00. To book tickets, telephone 1-877-494-8424.

PENTICTON

The Dream Cafe - Samarabalouf

Friday, May 11/12 8:00 pm

Francois Petit on the Selmer-type acoustic guitar, Pierre Margerin on rhythmic guitar and Luc

Ambry on double bass; this string trio play works ranging from boogie-blues to flamenco rock. 67 Front St. Phone 250-490-9012.

OLIVER/OSOYOOS

Meadow Lark Nature Festival

May 17 - 21, 2012

Experience a variety of environmental tours and events in the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys. Some events include Vermillion Bluffs & Hoodoos - Princeton, Vaseux Lake Voyageur Canoe Tour, Slimy Salamanders & Totally Awesome Toads - Oliver, Gint's Pond: A Wetland Wonder - Cawston, The Stars Above - White Lake, Desert Night Safari - Osoyoos, Birds & More Bus Tour - South Okanagan, Chute Lake Mushroom & Plant Walk, Swan Lake Sanctuary Tour, and Go Batty in Peachland. For schedule of events go to: www.meadowlarkfestival.bc.ca.

PEACHLAND

Peachland Wellness Centre Speaker Series - Little School House - Shepherd Pie Trip

Tuesday, May 15/12 1:30 pm

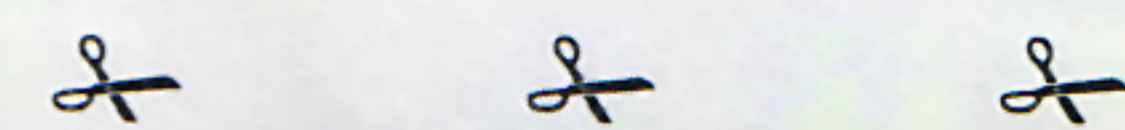
Speaker Keith(Papa) Thom will speak on his recent Shepherd Pie Trip that raised awareness of homeless and working poor issues. Admission by donation. Refreshments will be served. Little School House. Beach Ave & 4th Street.

LOOKING AHEAD!

WESTBANK OUTDOOR MARKET

Starts **June 30th** with lots of new and seasoned vendors, entertainment, pancake breakfasts at the Lions Hall parking lot, downtown Westbank, 2466 Main St. See June Issue for more details.

COUPON CORNER



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