

The Westbank Express....


"Would a plastic owl repel you? No. Therefore neither will it repel a raccoon." - Castle Freeman Jr. "There's only two things that money can't buy: That's true love and homegrown tomatoes." - Guy Clark. American singer (b. 1941)



Your Informative Newsletter

PEACHLAND FALL FAIR


September 7th and 8th



The 94th Annual Peachland Fall Fair will again be held at the Peachland Community Centre, 4450 - 6th Street. A variety of entries will be on display including bean exhibits from scarlet runner or wax to any other named variety. Baking and preserves, flowers, needlework, fruit and nuts, other vegetables, eggs, honey, handicrafts, flower arranging, home-made beer and wine, adult and junior photography plus several junior sections will also be exhibited. Concession stand. Admission: Adults - \$3.00, Youth(13 to 17 yrs.) \$1.00, Child(12 and under) .50¢.

AROUND TOWN

The Westbank Country Opry opens its doors for a new season beginning Sept. 29th. 2466 Main St. Doors open @ 1:00 pm. Show starts @ 2:00 pm. Intermission: coffee, water, soft drinks and snacks available. 250-768-4250.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Westbank First Nation

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

District of West Kelowna - 778-797-1000

Sept. 5 - Agricultural Advisory Committee - 5:00 pm
Sept. 10 - Regular Council Meeting - 1:30 pm
Sept. 18 - Advisory Planning Commission - 9:30 am
Sept. 24 - Regular Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
Oct. 3 - Agricultural Advisory Committee - 5:00 pm
Oct. 8 - Regular Council Meeting - 1:30 pm
Oct. 16 - Advisory Planning Commission - 9:30 am
Oct. 22 - Regular Council Meeting - 6:00 pm.

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

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Kathleen Reece and Poppy Angus of the Westbank Museum pose with photo collages of historic Westbank at the Westwood Retirement Resort on August 16th where Kathleen and Poppy were setting up a display to help celebrate Westbank's 110th birthday. In an effort to preserve Westbank's history, the Westbank Museum Project(a three to five year endeavour) is underway. How you can help: submit photos with address/physical description, either old or recent, of original settlers' homes, barns or businesses. Provide a history of the home or business(when built, who lived/ worked there, is it still in use) and labelled photos of families who lived/worked in the home/business. Submit information and/or photos to the Westbank Museum at 2376 Dobbin Road(phone: 250-768-0110) or scan photos and send to info@westbankmuseum.com.

As part of Westbank's 110th birthday celebrations, residents at Westwood enjoyed a social gathering in their brightly decorated dining area where they could try to identify some of the residents' portraits from then(many years ago) and now. Pictured here from left to right: Elizabeth Hecz, Jean Irvine, Jettie Walstra and Vivian Chevallier.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER?

WESTBANK

Gellatly Nut Farm Regional Park Fall Harvest Festival - Saturday

Sept. 28th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Visit the park and enjoy a farmers' and crafters' market, BBQ, musical entertainment and activities for the whole family. 2375 Whitworth Road.

Okanagan Regional Library

Westbank Branch

Fall Storytime for Preschoolers

Thursdays @ 10:00 a.m. Sept. 5th - Baby Rhyme Time. Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. resumes Oct. 15th.

Wednesday Evening Speaker Series

Sept. 18th - 7:00 pm Okanagan Masters Gardeners presents: Putting Your Garden to Bed. Library located at #31 - 2484 Main St. Phone. 250-768-4369.

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

Wednesdays - Tai Chi starts Sept. 4th - 7:00 pm
Wednesdays and Saturdays - Meat Draws: 3-5 pm
Thursdays - Euchre(the card game) - 1:00 pm; Dart League starts Sept. 26th. Reg. Sept. 12th at 7:30 pm.
Sunday Jam Sessions - 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Thursday Night Dart League registration Sept. 12th at 7:30 pm. The League starts Thursday, Sept. 26th at 7:30 pm.
Fridays - Ladies Auxillary Friday Night Dinners every 2nd and 4th Friday. Call the Legion at 250-768-1106 for more information.

GEORGE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL CRIB TOURNAMENT - Sunday, Sept. 29th, 9:30 am. Maximum of 24 teams. 2 per team. \$10.00 per person. Total payout. Lunch \$5.00 per person. Sign-in 9:00 am. Must be pre-registered and paid at Westbank Legion no later than September 25th.

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

Sept. 4th - Wednesday Night Bingos begin - 6:45 pm
Sept. 27th and Oct. 25th 7:00 - 10:00 pm - Friday night dances featuring Vic. & co. \$5.00 per person. Coffee, tea and cookies provided during the break.

Sept. 27th and Oct. 25th 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Friday night movies. Movies will be announced at Tuesday social gatherings.

Sept. 17th and Oct. 15th - 12:00 Noon. BBQ Tuesdays. Enjoy a hamburger or hot dog with all the trimmings, coffee, tea and an ice cream cone. For further information contact Valerie at 250-707-3494 or email vsolomon@shaw.ca. **New members welcome!** Membership fees \$20.00 per year(May 1 - Apr. 30), must be 50 years of age.

**Orion's Fish Bus - by the Cherry Pit
Sept. 7th & 8th AND Oct. 12th & 13th**

Mix 'n Match Deal: Shrimp, Sockeye, Fillets, Cod Fillets, Panko Shrimp, Coconut Shrimp, Battered Cod. \$20.00 each. Any 2 for \$35.00. Any 3 for \$50.00. Stop by the Fish Truck and join the email list to get tasty seafood recipes and a free bonus every \$100.00. Also, check out Orion's debut album "If you're feeling cute..." Clever, fun pop/rock. Available on iTunes, etc. and at the Fish Bus! Just \$20.00. 2565 Main St. by the Cherry Pit. For more information go to tritonsage@yahoo.com.

**Westbank Country Opry -
Sunday, Oct. 27th - 2:00 pm.
2466 Main St.**

PEACHLAND

Oktoberfest at the Gasthaus

Sept. 13, 14, 15 and 20, 21, 22, 2013

Celebrate Oktoberfest with a special Oktoberfest menu, live oompapa band(Al Pichler and the Alpiners). Specials include Schnitzel Hubertus, Chicken in the Woods, Salmon West Coast and Vegetarian Delight. Call 250-767-6625. 5790 Beach Ave.

SUMMERLAND

Autumn Garden Tour

Saturday, Sept. 28th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tour nine venues including two public gardens and seven private gardens. Several venues will be displaying local art work and serving food and wine. Advance tickets are available at Summerland Ornamental Gardens. For further information call 250-494-4494.

Summerland 104th Annual Fall Fair

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 14th and 15th

This year's motto for the fair: "Celebrating our Roots!" Summerland Curling Club, Jubilee Rd. East. \$5.00 gate fee. Children 12 yrs. and under free when accompanied by an adult. Enjoy exhibits, informational workshops, local entertainment, a Pioneer workshop, a Medieval Village small animal 4-H displays and more. For further information call 250-583-9178.

PENTICTON

The Dream Cafe presents The Sojourners- Sunday, October 27th

Show-time 8:00 pm. Tables are yours from 6:00 pm. Enjoy gospel soul with Marcus Mosely, Will Sanders and Khari McClelland. With singing experience from their hometown churches in Texas, Illinois and Michigan, the Sojourners are sure to delight their audience. Tickets \$30.00. Reservations and ticket sales 250-490-9012. 67 Colourful Front Street.

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2nd Annual Lobster on the Beach

Saturday, September 7th at 6:00 pm

1.5 to 2 lb. PEI lobsters plus a live auction, music and \$5.00 cocktails. Tickets \$60.00 per person. Reserved tables of 8 are available. Call 250-495-7751 for more information. The event will take place at Gyro Park.

OLIVER

**The Freak'n Farmer Adventure
Obstacle Race - Sept. 21 at Covert Farms**

Race the farm - Eat the farm - Drink the farm. Race 5 ks, conquer 10 obstacles, wine tastings, live entertainment. Okanagan wine and food. For more information and registration go to www.thefreaknfarmer.ca.

Festival of the Grape

Sunday, October 6th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 pm
Wine tasting, food vendors with foods from the basic to the exotic, trade vendors, kids zone, art show, and live music. oliverfestivalofthegrape.ca. Oliver Community Centre. 6359 Park Drive.

COUPON CORNER



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From the Kitchen Nook: Zucchini Gratin by Rita Pedersen

Ingredients: 2 zucchini, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices, 2 plum tomatoes, thinly sliced, 1/2 cup finely chopped red onions, 1/4 cup Italian dressing, 2 tblsp. chopped fresh basil, 3/4 cup shredded cheese. HEAT oven to 425°F. ARRANGE 4 rows of zucchini alternately with 3 rows of tomatoes on bottom of 9-inch square baking dish oiled, overlapping rows as necessary. Sprinkle with onions; drizzle with dressing. Cover. BAKE 30 to 35 minutes or until zucchini is tender, uncovering after 20 minutes.

TOP with basil and cheese; bake 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Add extra colour by preparing with a mixture of green and yellow zucchini.

Westbank gets Irrigation Water...the Dawn of a New Era! Part II by Gordon H. Ficke

During the unusually dry summer of 1924, the Westbank Irrigation District's main water supply ran out. The Trustees moved "that we get a pair of rubber boots, a bucksaw and twenty sticks of powder for Mr. Paynter." Edwin trudged up to Paynter Lake with his supplies and blew up the beaver dam that obstructed the flow of water from that lake, thus providing enough water for the orchardists to save their harvest.

In 1942 Edwin's son Henry Oliver enlisted for World War II and Edwin accepted his elder son's duties as Irrigation Secretary until relinquishing his position on the board on February 29th, 1964. At that 1964 Westbank Irrigation District's A.G.M. Edwin Coleman Paynter received a tribute letter for his 43 years of continuous service to the W.I.D. and was presented a gold watch on the occasion of his retirement in appreciation for a good job done. When Henry Paynter's son Geoffrey was on the board of the Westbank Irrigation District from 1974 to 1981, the original ditches and flumes were replaced in twelve months, with pipes laid underground to prevent evaporation.

David Paynter was on the Westbank Irrigation District board for 21 years. He also served as Chairman of the board. David revealed, "We were always working for the future. When we went up into the bush, we were on the lookout for ravines and gullies. If it was summer we would see if there was any water running down them into a lake. If it was winter we would be up there on snowmobiles and still had water on our minds." During David Paynter's tenure on the board, Tadpole Lake was added to the drainage system for W.I.D.

Three generations of the Paynter family have been on the Westbank Irrigation Board. What a wonderful legacy to leave for Westbank!

A collection of photos from Westbank's 110th birthday celebrations on Saturday, August 17th, 2013 at the Westbank Lions Hall.

