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Donate your pop cans & liquor bottles (no dairy please), to the Wasa & District Lions Club to help with their scholarship fund. Please call Val @ 250.422.3499 to make arrangements for drop off at the Lions Grounds.



Auld lang syne

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind ?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne ?*

*For auld lang syne, my jo, for auld lang syne,
we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.*

*And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp! and surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.*

*For auld lang syne, my jo, for auld lang syne,
we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.*

*We twa hae run about the braes, and pu'd the gowans fine.
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit, sin auld lang syne.*

*For auld lang syne, my jo, for auld lang syne,
we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.*

*We twa hae paidl'd i' the burn, frae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd sin auld lang syne.*

*For auld lang syne, my jo, for auld lang syne,
we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.*

*And there's a hand, my trusty fiere ! and gie's a hand o' thine !
And we'll tak a right gude-willy waught, for auld lang syne.*

by Robert Burns



Serving Skookumchuk, Ta Ta Creek and Wasa Lake

WHEN THE MOON HITS YOUR EYE

submitted by Barry Morvai

Hello and Happy New Year folks.

I'm going to start this article with an apology. Last month we had the opportunity to view comet Leonard, and I knew nothing about it until a few days before. For that I do apologize because for those that are interested in viewing what's in the night sky, it would be nice to know beforehand, what's out there. So from now on, I will be more diligent in finding objects for your viewing pleasure.

Comets are among the most spectacular and mysterious objects to appear in our skies. They can come from as far as the theorized Oort cloud, which, theoretically, surrounds our entire solar system, and as near as the Kuiper Belt, which is a ring shaped region outside of Neptune's orbit, containing comets, asteroids and other smaller bodies of icy material residue. It's thought most short-period comets originate from this area of space and show up within a 200 year span. Some comets are said to come from the Oort cloud and take more than 200 years to reach the sun before heading back out to the abyss.

A comet consists mainly of ice, dust and gas, unlike an asteroid, which is mostly composed of rock and metal. Comets have a long elliptical orbit, kinda like a long fat cigar and as they are pulled towards the sun, the energy from the sun begins melting the ice giving it a dirty snowball effect. This sends debris trailing from the comets center, giving it a "tail". Sometimes the tail can stretch for over 1 million km's and up to 100 million km's. the tail always points away from the sun. Even as it makes its tour around the sun. not all comets are able to complete their orbit because they disintegrate from the suns energy, or their orbit eventually pulls them close enough where they finally dissolve into space dust.

In the early days, and I mean hundreds of years ago, a comet spotted in the sky meant impending doom and bad luck all around. I believe it's the origin of the "conspiracy theory" lol kidding. Now-a-days, if a comet is visible to the population, people will be watching with great anticipation cameras and binoculars and telescopes in tow.

A few famous comets that have been seen over the years are:

1) Perhaps the most famous, **Halley's comet**, which was first discovered in 1531. It makes it's trek around our sun every 75-76 years and was last seen in 1986 and will not return until 2061.



2) **Hale-Bopp** was discovered in 1995 and wasn't seen by the public until 1997, where it put on a spectacular show in the night sky. I was lucky enough to view this over the summer and hope you had the opportunity as well. It was amazing to watch. They do not expect this to return until 4385.

3) **Hyakutake** was discovered in 1996 by an amateur astronomer in Japan using powerful binoculars and became visible to the eye in February. It remained visible for 3 months before vanishing, possibly forever or 70,000 years. Whichever comes first.

4) **Shoemaker-Levy 9** never passed by the earth in 1994, but was pulled into Jupiter's gravitational field where it broke into about 20 pieces and slammed into the surface with the force of 300 million atomic bombs. Only observatories and spacecraft were able to observe it.

https://www.eso.org/public/archives/images/screen/halley_gpo_1386002-cc.jpg

Ok so I'm taking up more space than I'm allowed, so its time to see what's happening in the night sky for January.

Jan 3,4 - **Quadrantids Meteor shower.** This show will give us 40 meteors per hour and is produced by dust grains left behind by an extinct comet known as 2003 EH1. It runs annually from Jan 1-5. Enjoy.

Jan 7 - **Mercury** will be at it's highest point above the horizon, which will be in the western sky just after sunset.

Jan 17 - **Full Moon.** Also known as Wolf Moon, as this was the time of year hungry wolf packs howled around the camps of native tribes. Other names include Old Moon and Moon after Yule.

WOW sorry for the long winded article got carried away. 😊 Enjoy your evening viewing and stay warm.

RDEK NEWS

RDEK NEWS



Another year has 'zoomed' by: we have had to hold most of our meetings by zoom.

The Area Planning Committee (APC) Electoral Area Advisory (EAAC) are made up with volunteers from Area E, they help to guide me and the RDEK Board.

During the past year some of the recommendations for the Planning Committee were applications to change zoning, ALR applications and variances (eg. setbacks)

The EAAC Committee also reviewed 14 Discretionary Grant-In-Aids. Some of these were for the Wasa and Area Lions Club, Wasa Rec Society, Emergency Services.

I would like to thank **Judy McPhee**. She has been a member of these committee's for a number of years, and unfortunately she has chosen to step down. I will really miss her knowledge of the area and the people.

Thank You Judy.

Wasa Facility Tax:

I want to thank everyone that supported the Wasa Recreation Society and the Wasa and Area Lions Club request for support financially to help cover their insurance, utility bills and maintenance of the current structures. This tax will make it easier to stay viable. Both groups will need to still do fundraising.

I hope everyone has a safe month.

My phone number is 250-427-2577; my email is s.janewalter@gmail.com

Thanks, Jane Walter

Cross Country Skiing – Wasa Lake Provincial Park

We are wishing for lots of snow this winter so we can set a cross country ski trail in the park around the campground. If there is enough snow, volunteers will be working with BC Parks to establish a two kilometer loop around the outside roads of the campground. The volunteers have permission from BC Parks to use a snowmobile to pack down the trails as well set a cross country ski trail.

Given the other winter uses in the campground for dog walking, snow shoeing, and even fat tired mountain bike riding, a parallel packed trail will be set close to the ski tracks. The volunteers ask that only skiers use the track as other uses can damage the set ski tracks. Watch for identifying signs.

Thanks in advance to all users for respecting each others trails.

For more information on the ski trails you can contact
Mike Gall at 25—417-9422



ABOUT WILDSIGHT

Wildsight's vision is to inspire a shared community desire to protect our natural world for future generations. We envision extensive and connected wild spaces for wildlife—from grizzly bears to woodpeckers to trout. We envision clean air and clear water running from mountain watersheds to our lakes. We see thriving and sustainable communities made up of engaged and educated citizens.



We live and work in one of North America's most diverse, beautiful and wild regions—Canada's Columbia and Southern Rocky Mountains.

Our region is recognized globally as a critical component of North America's most intact wildlife and wilderness corridor, running from Yellowstone in the south to the Yukon in the north. It is home to one of the most diverse and dense populations of large animals in North America.

This region also includes the Columbia Wetlands—at 180 km long, they are one of the

longest intact wetlands in North America and form part of the Columbia Headwaters, source of the mighty Columbia River. Along with its adjacent mountain ecosystems, the Columbia Headwaters provides source water to the Arctic, Pacific and Hudson Bay watersheds.

Due to our region's connected wild systems, it's been rated by global scientists as providing one of the best opportunities on the planet for successfully addressing the impacts of climate change.

Six local Wildsight branches work at the grassroots level to build a conservation ethic in our communities and a culture of sustainability. These autonomous branches are as diverse as the towns they're located in: Creston, Elk Valley (Fernie), Golden, Invermere, Kimberley/Cranbrook and Revelstoke. All of our branches truly exemplify that small, local steps can make an enormous difference.

<https://wildsight.ca/region/>

Interesting Facts About Comets

- Mark Twain was born on the day when Halley's Comet flew by the earth. He said "I came in with Halley's Comet in 1835. It is coming again next year, and I expect to go out with it." Halley's Comet next appeared on April 21, 1910, which is the day Mark Twain died.
- Jupiter is a "cosmic vacuum cleaner." Its gravitational influence causes comets and asteroids to collide with it. The rate of impacts on Jupiter is about 2000-8000X higher than the rate on Earth. Without Jupiter, the probability of asteroid impacts with the inner planets would be much greater.
- After 11 years in space, the Rosetta probe was intentionally crashed into a comet in order to provide close-up photos on its final descent. Scientists said they wanted it to go out in "true rock'n'roll style."
- The first "picture" of Halley's comet can be seen on the Bayeux tapestry which was possibly completed in 1077.
- On August 13, 1883, a group of comets came 300 miles from obliterating all life as we know it on earth.
- On July 1, 1770, the closest-to-Earth passing of a comet was recorded at 1.4M miles. The light surrounding the comet was noted as appearing as large as the moon. Since that time, the comet has never been seen again.
- On May 17, 1882 solar eclipse observers in Egypt were greatly surprised when they saw a bright streak near the Sun once totality began. By a remarkable coincidence, the eclipse had coincided with the perihelion passage of a Kreutz comet. It would otherwise have gone unnoticed.



WASA HAPPENINGS

Dennis Walker from 102.9 rewind radio took time with Terry Potter - the president of the Wasa Lions Club recently. And this is what he learned:

Wasa facilities are in full use; the skating rink is open and pickle ball is a regular event at the Community Centre. And there are upcoming projects on the calendar for 2022.

The tennis court is due for repairs, as well as the pickle ball courts.

The Lions trail around the lake is in need of repairs; new surfacing, repairing cracks and hopefully at some point, the trail will be widened to accommodate the many varied users.

WASA LIONS TRAIL is an easy walk/ bike on a paved path adjacent to the community of Wasa and Wasa Lake Provincial Park. It comprises a 10 km combination of paved paths, side roads etc that circumnavigate Wasa Lake, a popular recreation area north of the Cranbrook/Kimberley area. It is well signposted, mapped and is maintained by the Wasa Lions Club who have a donation box at one of the access points. Expect this trail to be busy during the summer camping season as Wasa Lake Park is one of the busiest in the region because of its warm and shallow waters.

And on a sad note: there will be no Winterfest this year.



The Lions Den Lions Roar

Wasa & District Lions Club – Serving Wasa & Area since 1976

submitted by Terry Marvel

The Wasa Lion's have had a fairly quiet month for this time of year. We did induct two new members this month. We also awarded Lion Stan Kneller an honorary Lifetime membership. It is well-deserved to one of the hardest-working members of the Club.

The Lion's Club also donated to the Red Cross for the relief efforts of the flood victims of the recent torrential downpours in the western area of the Province.

We would also like to thank Larry and Nonja Gould for their generous donation to the Lion's for maintenance and upkeep of our facilities. We truly have a very generous community!

The Lions had our annual Christmas meeting and gift exchange with appy's on December 7th with a good turnout. A good time was had by all.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and the very best in the coming year. May everyone stay healthy, wealthy and wise! See you in 2022.

January

*Sparkling winter sunshine, faces all aglow
Making resolutions, and angels in the snow-
Steaming cups of cocoa, a year that's fresh and new ...
All of this is magic - unfolding just for you.*



And now we welcome the New Year, full of things that have never been
Rainer Maria Rilke



And the Christmas Light-up winners are:

Sharon Prinz

Dawn and Al Marchi

Doug and Sandy Boyd

Each winner wins a \$25 cheque from the Wasa Lions.

A huge shout-out goes to everyone that went to the effort of putting up Christmas displays!



Did you go artificial this past Christmas? Or did you have a real tree? and now you're wondering what to do with it? There are a few options you may want to consider:

Mulch: Whether it's with the woodchips or needles, mulch is a great way to keep your yard trees healthy and moist during the cold winter season. Pine needles are full of nutrients that enhance the PH of your soil if its more alkaline and allow your soil to breathe without becoming dense and compacted.

Wildlife habitat: The tree doesn't have to be living for wildlife to take over. Hang bird feeders to attract birds and watch your tree evolve into a bird sanctuary. Other critters will soon follow as they nest in the branches of the tree.

Fish Feeder: Check with local officials and see if you can drop your tree in a nearby lake or pond. When submerged in water they become a thriving reserve for fish to congregate in. The weight of the tree acts as an anchor, and as time passes algae starts to form on the tree, feeding fish while protecting them from predators.

Cut for Firewood: Best for firewood when used outdoors. The sap is flammable and creosote build-up can pose a threat when used indoors. Evergreens tend to burn hot and fast, making them ideal for bonfires.

Ash your Garden: Gather the ashes and spread them on your garden. Wood ash contains potassium and lime (among other nutrients), which help plants thrive, or mix the ashes into a compost. The ashes are also useful in keeping insects away. Don't confuse wood ash with coal ash, coal ash does not offer the same benefits.

Insulate your Garden: Cut off the branches of your tree and lay them on your garden bed, the boughs will protect your plants from winter freezes and spring thaws. By laying them on your garden you're giving your plants a steady temperature to brave through the cold months. The limbs also work well as a garden edge.

Use as Fresheners: If the needles on your tree are still green, strip the tree and store the needles in paper bags or sachets to use as fresheners. The needles will retain their scent and freshen your home year-round.

Make Coasters: You don't have to be a craftsman to cut the trunk into one-inch wood coasters. They're attractive, practical and protect your wood tables from water damage. Be sure to let the tree completely dry before cutting (or the wood will split) and varnish the coasters before use.

If you don't have a need for recycling your living tree for home use, then search for a local recycling program that will recycle your tree. Many communities have recycle/reuse programs and offer curbside pickup. Living trees are biodegradable, so no matter how it is used after the holidays, it is sure to benefit the environment.

<https://arbordayblog.org/holiday/8-uses-for-your-tree-after-christmas/>

One

*One tree can start a forest;
One smile can begin a friendship;
One hand can lift a soul;
One word can frame a goal;
One candle can wipe out darkness;
One laugh can conquer gloom;
One hope can raise your spirits;
One touch can show you care;
One life can make the difference,
be that One today.*

'It's okay, my dog is friendly ...'

No it's NOT okay! Just because your dog is friendly doesn't mean all dogs are - please remember:

Never let your dog run up to a dog on leash - they could be scared or become reactive.

Try to respect other owners and their need for space.

Not all dogs want the added attention or intrusion.

If you have no voice control over your dog off leash, then keep them on.

VOLUNTEER WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Are you new to the Community? Recently retired and have time on your hands? Want to meet neighbours? Just love to get involved and give back? We might be able to help with that!

Because our Communities are small, we rely very heavily upon Volunteers. And there are so many areas that would benefit from any skills you have to share. I encourage you to take a look at the list below and call existing members to see where you can help out.

Wasa & District Lions Club, Bingo, Wasa Recreational Society, Armchair Traveler, Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter, Wasa Gym, Wasa Community Library, Wasa Lake Land Improvement, Wasa Pancake Breakfast, Wasa & District Historical Association/Garden Group are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons. We would love to see you!

"Volunteering is a work of heart."

January is here, with eyes that keenly glow, a frost-mailed warrior striding a shadowy steed of snow.
Edgar Fawcett

The **Wasa Recreation Society** manages the Wasa Community Hall. The main objective is to have a Community Hall that is viable for events and recreation of the community. Through fund-raising, volunteering and rentals, we are able to have an economical community hall for our community. The Recreation Society meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the basement. The meetings are open for anyone wanting to attend with new ideas or becoming part of the Society committee.

- **Hall Rentals and Information:** Karen Markus 250.422.3514 or Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
- **Gym:** Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019 or Rod 250.422.3253
- **TOPS:** Susan 778.524.0012
- **Library:** Marg Burrin 250-422-3565
- **Quilter's Club:** Linda Sundgaard 250.421.0843
- In addition, BINGOs are held the 2nd tuesday of the month - 6 months of the year, at the Wasa Hall. See details in the calendar. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. & regular at 6:45 p.m.

January

The days are short, the sun a spark, hung thin between the dark and dark.
Fat snowy footsteps track the floor. Milk bottles burst outside the door.
The river is a frozen place held still beneath the trees of lace.
The sky is low, the wind is gray. The radiator purrs all day.

John Updike

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do you
take your
Buzz?

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"2022 Where do you take Your Buzz" contest.

Email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com





Everything You Need to Know to Get Through Life

First of all
You learn how to crawl
Then how to walk
And also to talk.
You learn how to laugh
And then how to bath?
(Well, it rhymed)

You need to know
How to cook,
Read a book,
How to care,
How to share.

Work hard everyday
But, know how to play.
Look after your health
As no amount of wealth
Keeps illness at bay.

Stand up for what's right
With all of your might!
Try to be humble, that's allowed.
But you also need to know
How to be proud.

I haven't mentioned it yet
But, you must not forget,
Along with all of the above
Most important of all is ...

To know how to love -
Your mother, your father,
Your sister, your brother,
Your neighbour, your friend

And that's not the end..
Your husband, your wife,
Your son, your daughter,
And that really "oughter" ...

Be all you need to know
To get through life!

Arla Monteith



Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

- Minimum of 2 people in the Gym at all times
- All users must sign in with date and time
- All users must sign a Wasa Recreation Programs User Waiver located at the sign in desk
- All users are required to wear "gym shoes" – no street shoes permitted
- All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
- Cost is a loonie or twoonie
- Have fun and be safe!



GYM HOURS AND INFO

For Gym Schedule
please contact:
Sonia Blackwell at
250.421.3019 or
Rod at 250.422.3253



We're open to suggestions, give us a call if you know 2 or more people that would like to attend at a time not indicated.



HELP STARTS HERE

VICTIM SERVICES

250.427.5621

Call Anytime 24/7

Wasa Community Library

call Marg Burrin

@ 250-422-3565 or

Rose Smith @ 250-422-3088

We close for summer
and Christmas holidays



Located in our
Community Hall,
Wasa Community Library
will open

Tuesdays in January

From 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

We have a wide variety of
books for you to browse
through and borrow.

The library will be open every
Tues except holidays.

Thank you

Wasa Lions Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard

A recent Injury? Plans for Surgery? The Lions may be able to assist with a 3-month loan of Medical Equipment.

For Loan information or

Equipment Donations to the Cupboard

Contact: Sharon 250 422-3227,

Jocelyn 250 505-4752 or Trinda 250 793-9491



FUNDING SECURED TO EXPAND BROADBAND NETWORK

The Trust collaborates with several partners on fibre optic projects worth \$7.6M

(Columbia Basin) – Funding of \$7.6 million has been secured to expand Columbia Basin Trust's regional fibre optic network between Fruitvale and Nelson and between Kimberley and Wasa. Permitting and other pre-construction work on the projects will start soon, with support from federal, provincial and regional partners.

"Our goal is to help people throughout the Columbia Basin—whether farmers, students or home-based businesses—access the same level of internet service that they would in more populated areas" said Johnny Strilaeff, Columbia Basin Trust President and Chief Executive Officer. "Developing a fibre optic network between communities is the first step of many required to improve connectivity for rural households in another ten Basin communities."

The projects will see 70 km of backbone fibre optic cable installed between Fruitvale and Nelson, benefiting the communities of Erie, Hall, Meadows, Montrose, Park Siding, Porto Rico, Salmo and Ymir; and 30 km of backbone fibre optic cable between Kimberley and Wasa, benefiting the communities of Meadowbrook and Ta Ta Creek.

"Connecting rural communities to affordable high-speed internet service has been an ongoing vision of both the Regional Connectivity Committee and our Regional District of East Kootenay Board," said Regional District of East Kootenay Board Chair Rob Gay. "Today's announcement moves us one step closer to achieving this goal and is an exciting step forward for the Kimberley to Wasa corridor."

Hans Cunningham, Director of Area G in the Regional District of Central Kootenay, stated that he is extremely pleased with the extension of the fibre backbone from Fruitvale to Nelson. "This link will provide Wi-Fi security and extra capability as it completes the tri-city loop, and will also provide high-speed Wi-Fi to the area through which it passes. It is sorely needed."

The goal is to be finished by March 2024, subject to permitting and other factors that can impact the construction schedule. Once completed, internet service providers can connect to the expanded network to provide services to homes. In addition to bringing high-speed connectivity to underserved areas, households that already have high-speed service will see improved network performance and reduced internet downtime due to outages from incidents like accidental breaks in the fibre.

"Affordable and reliable high-speed internet access is so important for so many of us in Rural BC, and that's why our government has been investing more than ever before in connectivity projects for rural communities throughout the province," said Roly Russell, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development. "These partnerships and investments help give our communities and our residents the potential to really thrive economically, socially and individually."

The Trust is providing a total of \$1.29 million to the two projects. Other funders include the federal Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (\$4.9 million through the Broadband Fund), the provincial government (\$800,000 through the Connecting British Columbia program), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (\$400,000) and the Regional District of East Kootenay (\$200,000).

These projects, along with the 185 km of backbone currently being built in the Slocan Valley and South Country, will bring the Trust's fibre optic network in the Basin to 1,250 km. Learn about the Trust's work in broadband at broadband.ourtrust.org.

Columbia Basin Trust supports the ideas and efforts of the people in the Columbia Basin. To learn more about the Trust's programs and initiatives, and how it helps deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the Basin, visit ourtrust.org.

WHEN TO START VEGETABLE SEEDS INDOORS FOR SPRING PLANTING

It is getting to that time when we are looking forward and wondering what we will be planting, where we can fit it in, and when we need to get some of those seeds in the ground. When starting seeds indoors for spring planting, timing is very important. The plants need to be large enough to move outdoors at the normal planting time, without being spindly and overgrown.

To figure out when to start your seeds, you need to know three things:

- 1. Frost Date:** Your average last spring frost date is the key to planting in your area. Farmers Almanac can be a great resource for this information.
- 2. Growing Time:** You need to know the average number of weeks between planting seeds and transplanting seedlings. The growing time varies depending on what you're planting and should be on the seed packet label. The average growing time is usually between 4 and 12 weeks.
- 3. Planting Time:** Warm-season vegetables can't go outside until after the last frost while cool-season veggies can go outside up a month before the last frost.

Be sure to check the label of each seed packet, since different varieties of a particular vegetable may have different levels of cold tolerance. Here's a general guide to help you plan your spring planting times:

Vegetable	Indoor Growing Time	Outdoor Planting Time
Broccoli	5 – 7 weeks	4 – 6 weeks before last frost
Cabbage	5 – 7 weeks	4 – 6 weeks before last frost
Corn	4 – 5 weeks	After last frost
Cucumber	3 – 4 weeks	After last frost
Eggplant	6 – 8 weeks	After last frost
Lettuce / Spinach	4 – 6 weeks	4 weeks before last frost
Okra	6 – 8 weeks	After last frost
Pepper	6 – 8 weeks	After last frost
Pumpkin	3 – 4 weeks	After last frost
Summer Squash	3 – 4 weeks	After last frost
Tomato	6 – 8 weeks	After last frost
Watermelon	3 – 4 weeks	After last frost

Keep in mind, different plants have very different germination rates as well. For example, it is not unusual for peppers to take up to 3 weeks or more to germinate.

Other factors to consider when planting your garden are which plants share beneficial companion plants? And which plants are what is termed a 'heavy feeder'?

Low-demand Vegetables

Arugula, beans, beets, carrots, chicory, collard greens, endive, escarole, fava beans, herbs (most kinds), kale, parsnip, peas, Swiss chard

Medium-demand Vegetables

Artichoke, basil, cilantro, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, lettuce, okra, peppers (small-fruited), potatoes, pumpkin, radish, rutabaga, scallions, squash, watermelon, zucchini

High-demand Vegetables

Asparagus, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cantaloupe/honeydew, cauliflower, celery/celeriac, corn, garlic, kohlrabi, leeks, onions, peppers (large-fruited), spinach, tomatoes, turnips

Please note that it's compost, not manure, that they need. Adding manure will only improve the green leaves, but actually cause less fruit to grow.

<https://todayshomeowner.com/when-to-start-vegetable-seeds-indoors-for-spring-planting/>

<http://www.growgreatvegetables.com/fertilizers/fertilizer-needs-of-vegetables/>

<http://gardeningjones.com/blog/2013/05/24/what-are-heavy-feeder-vegetables/>

Reviving an ecosystem with ancestral techniques

“This work is an important step for ʔaqam in protecting the remaining grasslands we have left here,” says ʔaqam’s Nasuʔkin Joe Pierre Jr.

ʔaqam enhances biodiversity and reduces ʔa-kinquku risk in its territory

For generations, ʔa-kinquku—or fire—has played an important part in ecosystem renewal in the East Kootenay. In the community of ʔaqam, it also has a significance that connects to a long history of stewardship of ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa.

In 2019, ʔaqam began implementing a five-year project to restore approximately 1,300 hectares of mature forest, open forest and open grassland—using prescribed burns and selective harvesting techniques—to improve biodiversity, reduce wildfire risk and enhance the overall health of this part of its traditional territory.

By thinning dense Douglas fir, the project aims to improve habitat for elk, deer and several rare and endangered species, including the flammulated owl, Lewis’s woodpecker and little brown bat. Prescribed burning increases soil fertility and, in this ecosystem has the potential to aid the growth of rare plant species like scarlet gaura, prairie gold bean and hairstem ground smoke, which are native to the area.

ʔaqam is located in an area of ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa that often experienced low-intensity fires that consumed forest and grassland fuels and revitalized the ecosystem. The fires also thinned younger stands and increased the height of the forest canopy.

Reintroducing the practice of using fire in a controlled way to support ecosystem renewal and health connects back to forest and rangeland management practices that have been implemented in the region by communities like ʔaqam for generations. Historically, ʔaqamnik held vast horse and cattle herds and maintained and stewarded large expanses of range. Cultural burning practices in the past were also used to influence the movement of elk herds in ʔaqam.

Grasslands were very important to the Ktunaxa way of life, and many in our region have been damaged, or lost entirely, in the last century,” says ʔaqam’s Nasuʔkin Joe Pierre Jr. “This work is an important step for ʔaqam in protecting the remaining grasslands we have left here.”

The current project—supported by the Trust’s Ecosystem Enhancement Program—reintroduces this practice. It also connects with and complements other wildlife corridors in the area and aligns with the ways other groups have been working to improve the ecology of the Rocky Mountain Trench.

Additionally, as part of this project—building on findings from ʔaqam’s Heritage Management Plan, also supported in part by the Trust—several locations within the project boundary found potential for significant pre-contact archaeological features and deposits, and have been designated as no-work zones.

With completion of this project set for 2023, ʔaqam plans to continue the use of cultural burning to help manage its reserve lands in perpetuity. “We are returning this land to a state where the practice of burning can be revived by ʔaqamnik, safely, to keep our lands healthy and protect our homes from wildfires,” said Nasuʔkin Joe Pierre Jr.



NEW YEAR TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Wear White & Jump Seven Waves

In Brazil everyone wears white for good luck and peace. They also believe you can increase your luck by heading to the water and jumping over seven waves. You get one wish for each wave.



Smash a Plate or Jump Into 2022



In Denmark, broken dishes are a good thing — people go around breaking dishware on the doorsteps of their friends and family. The more shards there are in front of your home the next day, the luckier and more well liked you are (unless you're the one who has to sweep). Also in Denmark, people stand on their chairs and “leap” into January at midnight to bring good luck and banish bad spirits.

Eat 12 Grapes

In Spain they pop one grape for every month of the New Year. According to Atlas Obscura: "Eating one grape at each of midnight's 12 clock chimes guarantees you a lucky year — if and only if you simultaneously ruminate on their significance. (Each grape represents an upcoming month.) If you fail to conscientiously finish your grapes by the time the clock stops chiming, you'll face misfortune in the new year."



Smooch a Loved One

You've heard of this one before: When the clock strikes midnight, you're supposed to kiss someone you love. According to the Washington Post, this is borrowed from English and German folklore, which stated that it's "the first person with whom a person came in contact that dictated the year's destiny." Choose your partner wisely!

Pack Light

In fact, pack nothing at all. In Colombia, people take empty suitcases and run around the block as fast as they can. It's supposed to guarantee a year filled with travel, which will hopefully be possible in 2022. If not, there's nothing wrong with getting some brisk January air.



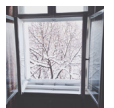
Smash the Peppermint Pig



In upstate New York, they sell special peppermint pigs all throughout the holiday season. Everyone gets to take a turn hitting it with a special candy-size hammer and eating a piece for good fortune in the coming year. The peppermint is very strong, so only take a small piece — but at least you'll start the year with fresh breath!

Keep the Windows Open. Doors too!

It's a common superstition that opening the doors and windows will let the old year out, and the new year in unimpeded.



Choose Your Underwear Carefully



Certain countries, especially in Latin America, believe that the color of your underwear can bring good things to you in the next 12 months. Yellow is for luck, red is for love and white undies bring peace.

Throw Water out the Window

In Puerto Rico, they believe that dumping a bucket of water out the window drives away evil spirits. If that seems a little too unfair to the people who might be passing by, Puerto Ricans also sprinkle sugar outside their houses to invite the good luck in, which is a little sweeter (if you can forgive the pun).



Buy a New Lucky Charm

In Germany and Austria, there are a few different lucky symbols that you'd gift to friends and family to bring them good fortune. These include pigs, mushrooms, clovers and chimney sweeps.



Save a Wish for Next Year

Or, instead of burning the wishes, you can have everyone write down a resolution, goal, wish or note to their future selves, put it in a jar, then save it for the year. On the next New Year's Eve, you can retrieve the jar and read the notes to see how far everyone has progressed.



Looking for a New Year's Resolution--TOPS just may be right for you!

It has been said that "The Boulevard of Broken Dreams is littered with goals that were not inspiring, focused, tied to a timeline or backed by action."

Someone else said that a goal without a plan is just a wish.

TOPS is wonderful because the first thing you do is set that goal. Then through support from the Wasa chapter and through TOPS material you learn to systematically work towards your goal you have set.

For most of us the struggle to lose a few pounds seems as if we are losing and finding the same pounds over and over again. TOPS will encourage you to lose the weight and maintain the weight loss for life. For myself, I am looking forward to the day when I become a KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) and can maintain a healthy weight.

The Wasa chapter meets on Friday mornings at the Wasa Community Hall, starting again in January. Each week we talk about topics such as fitness, weight loss, share recipes, weight loss strategies, inspirational thoughts, health and lifestyle. We encourage each other in a non judgemental way. TOPS is a nonprofit organization and membership is a very affordable \$48 for the year. It changes slightly depending on the US dollar. But includes a great magazine every 2 months. There are no weekly fees.

If you ever thought you need to lose some weight to improve your health, don't let another year slip by. Set a goal, make a plan and join us, we'd love to have you. Everyone is welcome.

Nicky Popowich

You can set a New Years resolution to lose weight, but to achieve your goal, you have to make a lifestyle change. There is no quick fix, fad diets, cutting out certain foods, depriving yourself, only gets you frustrated and is hard to maintain.

I was overweight and had trouble getting on my horse, getting up off the floor while playing with my granddaughter, and my clothes size was increasing, so I joined Wasa TOPS in 2014. With support from our wonderful Wasa chapter I reached my goal in 2015. It felt really good to loose 65 pounds and become a KOPS member. Reaching my goal was a challenge, but maintaining the weight loss is a constant awareness of staying with my lifestyle change. I eat more fruits, vegetables, less fat, sugar and processed foods. I exercise regularly and count calories. The plan has been successful for me. Weighing in weekly keeps me accountable and with help and encouragement from our group I'm in my 6th year as a KOPS. Don't just dream it, do it, join TOPS and be a healthier you.

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Wacky & Weird - rearranged

dormitory	dirty room
presbyterian	best in prayer
astronomer	moon starrer
the earth quakes	that queer shake
the eyes	they see
eleven plus two	twelve plus one
the morse code	here come dots
slot machines	cash lost in me
animosity	is no amity
election results	lies let's recount
snooze alarms	alas no mor z's
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DID YOU KNOW??

Not only does the TriVillage Buzz make every effort to keep you informed of community events, historical trivia, etc. We will also be honoured to publish personal thank you notes, obituaries, etc. free of charge.

I cannot stress enough, the Buzz is here to serve the community, keep the community informed of past and upcoming events, and entertain with thought provoking human interest articles.

So send in your poems, your anecdotes, your stories, your birthday wishes, your events -
to trivillagebuzz@gmail.com





Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID) held regular Board meetings in November and December with their new Corporate Officer Becky and new Trustee Darren Plested.

They reported on several projects, one being the installation of an information kiosk that you'll see in Spring 2022 on the south-west side of the Wasa Community Hall building. WLLID will be displaying communications on why and how they measure the lake levels (photo top left), what systems are in place to manage possible flooding (photo top middle) and who makes sure the data is recorded and reported (photo top right of Becky & data collector Trustee Nowell Berg). We all love the water, that's why we live here! WLLID's mandate is to maintain a good quantity and quality of water. We look forward to sharing more about what we do and what we're learning about Wasa. Happy New Year and all the best in 2022!



Helen & Ged Kelly were on a sunny vacation in Guayabitos, Mexico. What a fabulous week away from the office!

Clean out and Downsize time!



Wasa Lions Club is accepting Clean, Gently Used Donations For the Spring Yard Sale



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No clothing or TVs accepted



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Why English is so hard to learn:

Marlene Davis

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was cultivated to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that the workers had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture shown at the store.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his tasty dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present to his girlfriend.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object which he showed me.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid in his hospital bed.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about who would row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does (females) are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail around the mast.
18. Upon seeing the tear in her painting she shed a tear.
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Heteronyms





These are brilliant. Homonyms or homographs are words of like spelling, but with more than one meaning and sound.

When pronounced differently, they are known as heteronyms.

Six Important Guidelines in Life

When you are Alone; Mind your Thoughts.
When you are with Friends; Mind your Tongue.
When you are Angry; Mind your Temper.
When you are with a Group; Mind your Behaviour.
When you are in Trouble; Mind your Emotions.
When God starts Blessing you; Mind your Ego.

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Church 10:30 am	3 <i>Fruitcake Toss Day</i> 	4	5	6	7	8
9 Church 10:30 am	10	11	12	13  HAPPY National Rubber Duckie Day!	14	15
16 Church 10:30 am	17	18  WINNIE THE POOH DAY	19	20	21	22
23 Church 10:30 am	24	25	26	27	28	29  National Seed Swap Day!
30 Church 10:30 am	31					

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 Wasa Post Office.....250.422.3122

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

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EVENTS**

and Days Down the Road

- January 11: Library reopens



LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 am
 Rec Society 7 p.m.
 Library; tuesdays 11 - 1
 Armchair Traveller 7:30 p.m.
 Tops; friday 9 am
 Lions 7 p.m.
 Quilters 10 - 4
 Bingo 6:30 p.m.