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Winterfest 2017!

By Nowell Berg



Fort Steele's Clydesdales, Ben and Baker

Hundreds of Wasa and area residents bundled up and turned out for the Dec. 31st Lions Winter Festival.

Despite the double digit minus temperatures, hundreds of women, men and children enjoyed the afternoon activities including a necessary stop for food and drinks. The hot chocolate was especially good.

Children and adults took part in skating, sledding and sleigh rides.



The Fort Steele team brought Ben and Baker, two black Clydesdale horses, to pull sleigh riders through a winter wonderland.

New Years would not be the same without fireworks. Residents enjoyed an amazing fireworks display courtesy of Gord Felske. He volunteered his time to design and install a great show. Felske sends a big shout out to Larry Gould, Mardis Forest Products, who stepped up in a big way with significant financial support. Felske hopes



someone takes on the fundraising efforts to ensure the fireworks show will happen again this year. See you at the next Lions Winter Fest. May 2018 bring you health and happiness.

On February 28, 2018, we encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying.

**DOUG CLOVECHOK, MLA
COLUMBIA RIVER-
REVELSTOKE**



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**Public Help Needed To
Monitor Spread Of
Deadly Bat Disease**

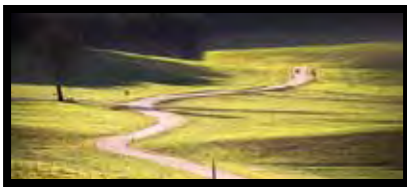
**WANTED: Reports of dead bats
and of bats flying during winter**

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**VOLUNTEER FIRE
SUPPRESSION
STRATEGY
PROPOSED FOR
WASA**

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FOLLOWING THE TRAILS OF

By Judy McPhee

Yesterday

Over the last 2½ years, I have written the life story and journeys of many citizens in our area over 80 years of age.

Unforeseen circumstances happen to us all despite paying attention to our health through diet, exercise and responsible living. Health problems interfere with our life plans.

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Pick one up for EACH member of your family. It could save the life of yourself or a member of your family.

You may want to live to 101 years old just like Dorothy Thring...

GEORGE AND DOROTHY THRING

In 1959, the Thring's leased Crown Land property on Larch Street in Wasa, south of Hanson Channel until the government sold it to them in 1992. They spent many happy months and weekends there with their two children Ted and Patti and they visited amongst their neighbours and friends. They absolutely loved Wasa, having first seen it in 1952.

George and Dorothy went to school with my mother in Coronation and married four houses from where Jack grew up in Calgary. Until 1967, we did not know the Thring's had a cabin at Wasa. The property was a mess, full of junk, debris and pine needles. It took them a few years to clean up, build a cabin and establish a garden and they sold it in 2001 to Sebastian Fichtl.

George and Dorothy were instrumental, as were

others in the idea and the planning of building a path around the lake with the help and expertise of many people including the Wasa Lion's Club.

Raised on farms near Coronation, AB, Dorothy and George experienced first hand the struggle farmers endured to make a living. They both were frugal, knew how to work, were responsible and paid particular attention to healthy eating habits and exercise.

A mixture of: 1 Tbsp Blackstrap Molasses, honey and apple cider vinegar helped to retain their vigor. George was cutting trees down and walking the Kimberley golf course in his late 70's and early 80's while Dorothy's mind was sharp as a tack and healthy at 100.

George, born on June 3rd, 1917 was the son of James Thring. James, an orphan was placed in the care of Dr. Barnardo Homes, Tammer's Lane, London, England. He was sent to Canada with 300 other waifs in 1889 and was lucky to be placed with the Johnson family in Winkler, MB. They were very good to him and he was treated like one of the family. Many were not as lucky. His father came to the Coronation area to homestead with a friend. They built a sod house with 2 to 3 foot thick walls. James met his wife to be, Pearl Dafoe and they married and established a home on their farm where George and his brother Westley were born. The family built up the farm with the boys help as they grew older. The virgin soil was fertile, crops were good until 1925, 1926 and 1927. Milk, cream and eggs were sold by Pearl to augment their income. She kept a diary of every cent they spent and of the farm income for years. George learned to be thrifty, work hard, learned and worked in different jobs as he progressed in his life journey..

He cleaned the school and lit the fire during winter; getting up at 5:00 a.m. to do chores and get the school room heated before the children arrived. His salary was .25 cents an hour. He planted a shelter belt at the farm with over 2,000 trees, watering each one individually for three years with pails of water. He was President of the "Junior United Farmers of Alberta" and later, the "Active Service" of U.F.A., travelling and giving speeches.

George's heart started to take over and he married Dorothy Fleming on December 24, 1941.

Dorothy, born July 6, 1914, ate well and exercised every day of her life. She followed the prevention diet for cancer long before it was in vogue. She ate fruit every morning

at least ½ hour before anything else. She was a teacher for many years.

George and Dorothy married on a three day leave George had from the Army. A short time later he had another three day leave before he went to war. He did not return home for 5 years when he returned a "war decorated veteran" from the effort extended in Italy and other countries during the war. They had to get to know each other again- a difficult time. Dorothy was meticulous in everything she did.

George was passionate about his family, his church, his various careers, singing and was loyal to his country, volunteering at the war museum in Calgary and going into the schools to talk to the children. He had a marvellous sense of humour, a wonderful gift to have. George and Dorothy were the kind of person that when you said goodbye you looked forward to their next visit.

During the war George had a conversation with Winston Churchill in London during a break.

Having trouble with a Russian Military Delegate wanting information, Churchill said to George, "Having trouble Canada?" A conversation with Churchill followed.

George had interesting times with Frank Glover. (See page 531 in the Kootenay Ripples and his family history on page 526.)

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WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

By Clifford Youngs

On this the first Buzz of the New Year the members of the board of the WLLID wish all of you a happy and healthy 2018.

Data Logger: The data logger has been installed and calibrated. This will enable accurate levels of the lake to be taken throughout the spring and summer. The data will be used to monitor lake levels and compare them from year to year.

Tax deadline: The tax deadline for 2018 will be July 15. This corresponds to the regular tax date for property taxes in the region. The tax levy for 2018 is \$50, the same as last year.

Living Lakes Water Conference: In late November (2017), WLLID Trustees Sharon Prinz and Nowell Berg attended a two-day conference called, Water Data Hub – An Open Source Dialogue Towards a Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework. Hosted by Living Lakes Canada, Columbia Basin Trust, Columbia Basin Watershed Network and Selkirk College, over 80 conference attendees arrived from around the East Kootenay and across Canada.

A total of 33 speakers from the East Kootenay, other areas of the province, BC Government, Alberta, Manitoba and two from the USA presented a wide range of information on water monitoring.

The purpose of the conference was to “envision a water monitoring framework and a shared open source data hub for the Columbia Basin.” The data hub will eventually allow water monitoring groups and individuals to access data covering water quantity and quality throughout the Columbia Basin, which includes Wasa Lake.

Speaker topics included best practices for water monitoring, data hub design, structure and operation, water monitoring practices, and BC community-based monitoring success and challenges.

Additional workshops were used to generate ideas around how a water monitoring data hub would work, what it would contain and the challenges in getting it up and running.

Additional details on the conference can be found on the Living Lakes website - <http://www.livinglakescanada.ca/news/water-data-hub-dialogue-exceeds-all-expectations/>

WLLID is interested in these topics as we move forward with creating our own publicly accessible database containing water quantity and quality data gathered over the past 20 years.

The recent purchase and installation of a water level data logger is a step in that direction. In the near future, all water quantity and quality data will be available on the WLLID website – www.wasalake.ca.

Keep checking the website for news and updates.

Spring Cleaning is in the Air!

Gently used items accepted for the:

Wasa Lions Garage Sale



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Sharon 250 417-7654**

THANK YOU

The Wasa & District Lions Club wish to give a big Thank You to the area merchants and residents for their wonderful support to the Christmas Fundraiser. We could not do it without you.

Thank You

The Olafson Family

would like to extend our gratitude to the Wasa, Skookumchuck and Ta Ta Creek communities for all the time and effort into making the spaghetti dinner fundraiser the huge success it was.

There are so many people to thank from the organizers, Wilma, the volunteers who set up and took down the tables, the cooks in the kitchen and the kids who helped clear tables. Marnie for organizing all the people who donated silent auction items or painted a picture. And all of our friends, family and community members that came and showed support on the day. THANK YOU!

Thank you, thank you all!



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the Armchair Traveller

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Mark the dates:

- **Thursday, February 1st** presented by Cliff Youngs New Zealand
- **Thursday, February 15th** video shows by Kimberley's Dave White France and Quebec
- **Thursday, Mar 1st** presented by Alex and Heather Jensen Elephants and People (Africa!)
- **Thursday, March 15th** presented by Kathy McCauley Road Trip Through the American South West



Admission is by donation; all proceeds help support our community hall.

Looking forward to seeing you! Call Kathy at 250-422-3759 for more information.

George and Dorothy Thring...

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George, Dorothy and family moved to Cranbrook for about 4 years. George sold gas up and down the valley for Purity 99. Dorothy and George spent the majority of their careers owning and running an Insurance Business and Travel Agency in Crossfield, AB. They travelled the world finding good places for their clients to stay.

George and Dorothy lived a full, happy and healthy life until George succumbed to health issues on May 31, 2002, at the age of 85. Dorothy felt at 101 she had lived long enough and decided to quit eating and drinking. She passed away in good health with a sharp mind on April 6th, 2015. They are buried at the Wasa Columbarium.

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Helpful Hints

In Memory of Vi Cockell

By Sherry Shields



1. Salt Stains on Leather Boots

Combine 1 cup water with 1 Tbsp white vinegar. Use a soft cloth to wipe clean. Allow to dry naturally – artificial heat could cause leather to fade.

2. Woodstove or Fireplace

How to clean the glass on your woodstove or Fireplace. Make sure glass is cool, wet a newspaper, dip in ashes then rub the stained glass. Amazing how clean the glass will turn out. Finish off with a paper towel.

3. Home Maintenance

Carpet Deodorizer – 2 cup cornmeal 1 cup Borax
Mix cornmeal and borax, sprinkle on carpet. Allow mixture to remain on carpet at least 15 minutes then vacuum. Could also add a few drops of your favorite essential oil to mixture before sprinkling on carpet.

"Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new a day with no mistakes in it"

~ Lucy Maude Montgomery ~ Anne of Green Gables ~

RDEK NEWS

BDEK MEMO



By Area E Director Jane Walter

AREA E Development Applications

Below is a list of the Area E Development Applications received by the Board in 2017:

- 2 Agriculture Land Reserve Applications
- 2 Rezoning Applications • 3 Subdivision Referrals
- 2 Development Variance Permit Applications
- 1 Campground Permit • 1 Board of Variance Application
- 1 Development Permit (Wildfire Hazard)
- 1 Restrictive Covenant Removal

The RDEK Board approved first and second reading for Secondary Suites (excluding Wasa) and they also approved first and second readings for Wasa Area Commercial and Industrial Development Permits. The Public Hearing was held on January 23rd at the Wasa Hall.

The proposed Environmentally Sensitive Development Permit Area was postponed. There will be further consultation with the area residents. If you have property that is located within an environmentally sensitive area and you have concerns please contact Michele Bates (RDEK) at 1-888-478-7335.

I have heard that there is still unfortunately a lot of confusion surrounding this Development Permit area and I was advised of one concern that if your home was located within an environmentally sensitive area that you would not be allowed to change a window in your home. This is not true. In fact if your property is located within the Environmentally Sensitive Development Permit area you would be permitted to add an addition to your residence provided the addition is 25% or less than your foot print. The footprint includes your house, outbuildings, gardens, driveways and barns.

Wasa and Area

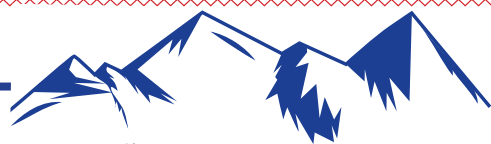
The Wasa Lions Club held their annual Christmas Dinner and Dance and Winterfest. Both events were great. I want to thank everyone that volunteered and congratulations to the new Tri Village Kids Club on holding their first event. They were certainly given the test (no power) but with help from volunteers the party was very successful.

Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser

Wasa and area residents came out to support the Kneller and Olafson families raising money through a spaghetti dinner, bake sale and silent auction.

Thank you to Wilma Harding for organizing the evening. Thank you to Al and Louise Hockley for preparing the spaghetti. Thank you to Marnie for organizing the silent auction. Also, thank you to everyone that came out on Saturday and helped set up the tables and chairs, helped make the salads, garlic toast, prepare the desert trays and helped clean up. The delicious baking was all donated and made up the desert trays and bake sale. The young people that came to help clean up were fantastic.

I hope everyone has a good month, if you have any questions please give me a call or send me an email. Jane Walter, Area E Director
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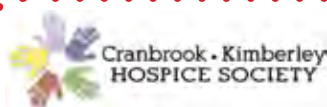
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JANUARY 2018



SOME EVENTS & MEETINGS IN THE RIDING - ATTENDED

- CBT "SHIFT" Symposium
- Salmon Festival in Invermere
- Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards in Golden and Kimberley
- Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Golden and Edgewater- We were also honoured to lay wreaths in Kimberley, Invermere, Canal Flats and Revelstoke in memory of those who gave so much for our freedom
- Met with Paper Excellence, around Forestry Issues
- CPRail stakeholder session
- Meetings with FLNRO
- Meetings with MOTI
- **Mainroad Community Info Session**
- Northern Silica Access Road- working together with their CEO, COO & Director, our CSRD Director & MOTI
- CV Rec. Access Management Plan- working with RDEK Director and Mayor of Radium
- Metis Flag-raising Ceremonies at Golden Secondary School & Invermere Secondary School
- Akisqnuq Meeting & Ground-Breaking for new Rec Centre
- Terra Madre Day Event
- On-Site Presentation & Tour at Teck Elkview Mine
- CPRail Holiday Train- Radium, Golden & Revelstoke
- Wildsight Film Festival
- Canal Flats Hospice Tree of Lights
- Wasa Christmas Dinner
- Invermere Feed the Valley

FROM THE LEGISLATURE

The Legislative Assembly was back in session from September 18 until November 30, which required continual travel between our capital and our constituency. We've been tackling many important issues that are critical to Columbia River-Revelstoke, including Highway Safety, Wildlife Management and Proportional Representation. Victoria has become my second home, but nothing compares to the feeling of returning home to the Columbia Valley. We are truly blessed with beautiful surroundings and great people. For the next few weeks, I'll be focusing my time and energy within our constituency before February 10, when I return to Victoria for the next Legislature session.

The current government is moving forward with a 2018 vote for Electoral Reform. BC voters will decide if they support Proportional Representation. As it currently stands, the ballot will be presented in a multiple-choice format. We must honour the democratic process and be certain that voters are absolutely clear on the decision they are making. It is for this reason that on November 30, 2017 I put forward an amendment to change the ballot to a "yes" or "no" question. My fellow colleagues supported this motion, but unfortunately, this proposal was defeated by the NDP-Green Alliance. I will continue to fight for rural BC; fairness to all voters in BC is a worthy cause that deserves our energy and attention.

Since becoming your MLA, I have also embraced other opportunities to make a difference. There are four additional roles that I have accepted thus far, which I have found to be very rewarding.

As some of you may already know, I, along with my colleague MLA Michelle Stillwell, share the role of The Opposition Critic for the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, & Culture. As well I am the Opposition Critic for Columbia Basin Trust.

More recently, I was elected Deputy-Chair to the Special Committee to Appoint a Chief Electoral Officer (CEO). I am very honoured and accept this position with a strong sense of duty. Our Committee will recommend the appointment of the successful individual to the Lieutenant Governor of BC. The Chief Electoral Officer has a very important role in our Province, ensuring transparency in our elections.

I have also been selected as a Member of the Select Standing Committee for Aboriginal Affairs. Again, this is a real honour and I look forward to doing this meaningful work.



Eden Yesh, (KES Invermere Branch Manager) stopped by. I was happy to chat with him & give him a tour.

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Wasa Lions Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard

Have you had a recent Injury? or Have 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 or Val 250-422-3499

HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER



The Drama of Antonio Pighan

On April 7, 1906 the SS La Champagne set sail from the port of Le Havre, France for Ellis Island New York carrying 18 people bound for Marysville, BC. It was scheduled to arrive on Easter Sunday but was slightly delayed and finally docked on April 17. The ship's Non-Immigrant Alien Passengers manifest accounts for the following eleven passengers indicating Angelo Pighin of Marysville, BC as their contact on arrival to North America. It is not recorded as to the route this group took from New York. Likely it was on the Great Northern Railway built in 1892 through Montana, Idaho, and Washington states with spurs into Canada. Aside from the nine men listed as laborers, there were two females with the group. You may recognize their names:

Giovanni Girardi	18 Male	Fiume	Cousin of Angelo Pighin
Guseppi Ratti	45 Male	Fiume	Friend of Angelo Pighin
Dominico Santarossa	26 Male	Fiume	Friend of Angelo Pighin
Angelo Iricandia	41 Male	Zoppola	Friend of Angelo Pighin
Luigi Ismaello	32 Male	Zoppola	Friend of Angelo Pighin
Antonio Girardi	28 Male	Fiume	Cousin of Angelo
Sante Mariuzza	39 Male	Fiume	Friend
Antonio Pighin	18 Male	Zoppola	Brother of Angelo Pighin
Giovanni Pighin	28 Male	Zoppola	Brother
Luigia Pighin	24 Female	Zoppola	Wife of Angelo
Maria Pighin	2 Female	Zoppola	Child of Angelo

Angelo, nicknamed "Angus" by a Scottish customs officer, arrived with his brother Umberto in 1904 in the Crowsnest Pass. Umberto opted to settle in Rossland. Angus had worked in Germany prior to marrying Luigia so could communicate in other languages. Angus earned money in a variety of ways, one being harvesting trees then flattening a side with an axe, cutting them into lengths for sale as railway ties. Tie harvesting was a winter occupation.

Savings from a job in Europe and work on jobs closer to Cranbrook yielded enough money to purchase land in Marysville, build a cabin or two ready to welcome his wife, daughter and two younger brothers in 1906.

In family records a photo of young teen aged brother Antonio show a slim young man wearing his Sunday best. He has a stiff high collar white shirt with narrow tie, tweed jacket open to show a waistcoat trimmed with a gold chain looped between watch pockets. Darker wool pants go down to light brown boots. He was posed beside a small window in a cabin built 6 logs high, with his legs crossed and a lit cigar in his right hand. Back in those days the photographer took a long time to prepare the camera with a plate or very early film.

Naturally the subject stiffened waiting for the flash (even outdoors). Antonio became known as "Toni Pighin", working on a CPR track crew. This work was intermittent. On March 18, 1908 this crew had been working at "Fort Steele junction" on a spur line a few miles south of the now quiet little Fort Steele. (The railway extended to the Fort in 1912) The foreman yelled for the men to board a boxcar to return to Cranbrook. Antonio ran to the ladder but fell off. A witness later said that Toni had told the gang foreman that his hand slipped when he caught his hand on a sharp point on the rear ladder of the boxcar. The engineer backed up to couple the boxcar, then moved a few feet. One set of wheels passed over Toni's legs. He screamed and everything stopped. A mattress was obtained from a caboose and the poor lad was

moved a few feet until he could be loaded onto a passing train and delivered to the new St. Eugene Hospital in Cranbrook. There he was seen by Dr. F.W.. Green who reported: "The deceased was brought into the hospital in a state of collapse! Examination showed a laceration of the right hand, also a compound fracture of the left leg above the knee and a compound fracture of the right leg just above the knee joint. He was given a stimulant, the legs were dressed and put in splints. The hand was dressed and the patient put to bed. He gradually sank and died about 8:30 that evening. He died from the effect of the injury" This was a handwritten statement given by the doctor to his friend and neighbor J.F. Armstrong.

A coroner's Jury was selected by Government Agent James Ferguson Armstrong. The citizens were Robert Burns, Bertram Harris Stock, Jonathan Manning, Wm A. Rollins and Joe Campbell. On March 20 several witnesses testified. The Fireman, Engineer and Conductor testified that all crew were told they were to be aboard or on top of a boxcar as they were not coming back. Gang Foreman Michael Provenzano testified that all crew appeared to have got into or on the roof of the box car. Toni told Provenzano that his hand slipped off the ladder when attempting to get on the roof. No one actually saw the fall but several noted that there was plenty of time. Provenzano also certified the declaration of two Italian workers who could not write. The Conclusion reached by this Inquest was: That the deceased Antonio Pighin, while attempting to climb onto a boxcar on the Canadian Pacific railway near Fort Steele Junction, on the 18th of March 1908 through his own carelessness did fall between said car and wheel of said car did partly run over his legs inflicting mortal injuries from which he died at St. Eugene Hospital Cranbrook on the 19th day of March 1908. Toni was buried at the new Catholic cemetery in Cranbrook. Brother Angus signed a declaration that the young man died INTTESTATE.

Brother Giovanni brought a bride to Canada but she, after a brief stay, returned to Italy. Giovanni became a regular migrant worker shuttling between countries. Giovanni died in Cranbrook in 1940 at age 60 and is buried beside his brother in the old Catholic Cemetery.

Angelo/Angus and Louise Pighin had ten children. Their fourth son Victor also had 10 children. A Pighin family reunion is booked for August 2018 with 250 members expected.

Honorary family patrons at this meeting will be David Pighin, son of Nervi and Ange Pighin and Elliott Pighin, son of Victor and Laura Pighin of Fort Steele. These 77 year old become honorary patriarchs for this weekend.

Thanks go to Jamie Reid who researched the drama of Antonio's death as well as the places in East Kootenay society filled by the many descendants of his great grandfather Angelo/Angus Pighin.

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BACK HOME IN COLUMBIA RIVER - REVELSTOKE

I've continued to meet with your locally elected officials. Equally as important, I've been meeting with constituents. Our Constituency Offices in Kimberley and Revelstoke were opened last fall, and I have been travelling to both in order to meet with those of you who have expressed concerns that need to be addressed. I'd like to thank everybody who came to the Official Openings and to those of you who made the time to sit down and meet with me.



With the Akisqinuk & local government officials at the new Recreation Centre Complex's ground-breaking ceremony.

I've been working together with my two Constituency Assistants, Rachel and Stacey, to ensure that your requests for support with all Provincial matters are heard and addressed.

We've also met with Constituents in Golden to ensure that their voices are being heard. You may have noticed some posters and a few newspaper ads, encouraging constituents to book a time to meet with me if they so desire. Thank you for your participation, and thanks to the Golden Seniors' Centre, and to the Golden Employment Centre for working with my staff to help better serve those of you in Golden.

Invermere will be one of my next stops—I heard from Constituents in the Columbia Valley that they too wanted me to have set dates in my calendar to meet with CV Constituents. My next Invermere meeting has been booked for January 30th. One of my continued goals for 2018 is to make myself accessible to each community in this riding. I encourage you to follow my Facebook page "Doug Clovechok" or to visit

my website. These two media's are where I post my most relevant information and meeting dates, please check them out.

IN THE CONSTITUENCY OFFICES

We continue to hear from our Constituents throughout Columbia River - Revelstoke on several topics of interest; listed below are some of the topics that we spent time on this winter.

Entire Region: Wildlife Management, WorkSafe BC, Provincial Nomination Program/Immigration, Francophone School Initiatives, School Bus Route changes, Road Maintenance, Water License Applications, BC Assessments, Timeshare Concerns, Improving Childcare, Provincial Disability Benefits, Road Classification, etc.

- **Kimberley:** Ambulance Fees, Out-of-province MSP, BC Stats, Property Assessment
- **Columbia Valley:** Groundwater Application, Property Tax Application issues, Seniors' Concerns
- **Golden:** Provincial Nominee Program, Access to Medical Equipment, Worker Shortage
- **Revelstoke:** Rural Medical challenges, Forestry Road Access, 3 Valley Gap highway conditions

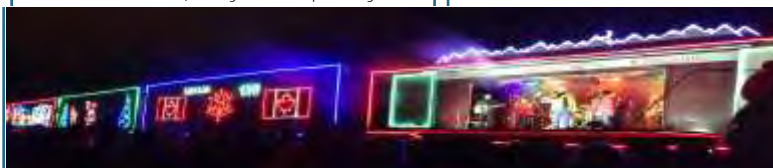


Having too good of a time with the individuals who proudly showcased the "Kootenay" booth at UBCM in Vancouver. Thank you to Jane Walter (Area E RDEK Director) for your hospitality.



Always enjoy speaking to Golden's local radio station EZ Rock. Chris, maybe next time you could ask me some easier questions?!?

I always enjoy meeting with local groups; thanks to the Revelstoke Snow Mobile Club & the Revelstoke ATV Club for coming into the Revelstoke Constituency office to go over some of your plans for the future.



At the CP Holiday Train (in Golden), I was fortunate enough to attend the fundraiser and shows in Radium Hot Springs, Golden, and Revelstoke. In 2017, the train as a whole raised over \$1.5 million & 300,000 lbs for Canadian foodbanks.

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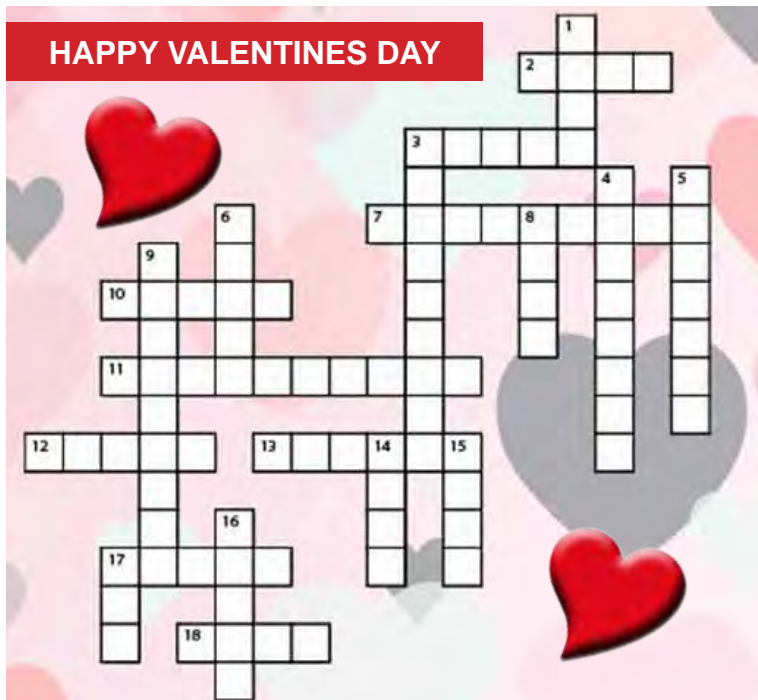
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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



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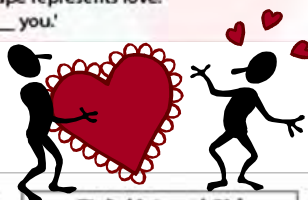
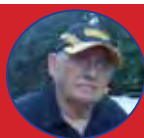
1. In 'XOXOXOX', an X represents this action.
3. Made from roasted ground cacao beans
4. The second month of the year
5. Someone who esteems or respects
6. He shoots invisible arrows to make people fall in love.
8. The most popular flower for Valentine's Day.
9. 'Will you be my _____?'
14. Husband and _____.
15. A man usually gives a woman a _____ when he asks her to marry him.
16. Cupid shoots one of these
17. In 'XOXOXOX', an O represents this action.

Across

2. 'Be _____.'
3. School children often exchange these on Valentine's Day.
7. _____ and girlfriend.
10. '_____ Valentine's Day!'
11. A stuffed animal often given as a Valentine's gift. (Two words.)
12. School children sometimes celebrate with a Valentine's Day _____.
13. A type of fragrant plant that is often given as a gift.
17. This shape represents love.
18. 'I _____ you.'



MARIO'S FUN PAGE



WORD SEARCH! VALENTINE'S DAY

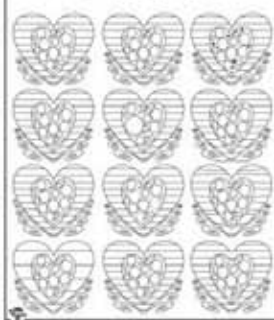
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Submitted by Trudy Sigfusson

Greetings from the Tri-Village Kids Club! We held our First Annual TVKC Christmas Party Sunday, December 3, 2017. The day started out with a power outage but despite that, we were able to set up, get organized and be ready for 34 excited youngsters! We were graced with the support of many people from the community! A

huge thank you to Melinda and Jim from the Wasa Pub for calming our nerves and coming down to help with getting the hot chocolate hot and the hotdogs cooked! Quick thinking by Tanya and Corey Munro with a generator the main attraction, the bouncy castle, was inflated and filled with children! This very active station was overseen by Makayla Munro, Liv Dunna and Zoe Lafaut, who did a fantastic job of supervising the area. There was a craft table, lead by Haley Sigfusson where the children made memories decorating Christmas ornaments. Azaria Jensen took on the cookie decorating station, with icing, gum balls, jelly beans and toddlers, no easy feat! Just as Santa had parked his sleigh, the power came back on! Cheers erupted from all the corners of the room! Santa entered stage left and delivered each child a gift. Allowing the photographer to snap pictures. The day could not have been more perfect! Many thanks go to Mark Creek Market, Wasa Building Supply, Wasa Country Pub & Grill, Kimberley Overwaitea, Wasa Diner, Wasa Library, Skookumchuck Pulpmill and the RDEK. A huge thank you goes to Shawn Fergusson, Mardis and the Mark Creek Lions for stepping up to the plate to help. Without their confidence and belief in the TVKC this day would not have come to fruition. The afternoon was a huge success and a hit with the children of the Tri-Village Area!

Our next event, Feb Fest, is planned for February 10, 2018. Feb Fest is an indoor and outdoor event. There will be a 4x4 Ball Hockey or Ice Hockey Tournament for all ages, weather pending. Inside the community hall there will be activities for the children such as a bouncy castle, crafts and cookie decorating. A concession will be available on this day as well. So, if a bouncy castle isn't your thing, come on down for a hot dog or a bowl of chili and enjoy the days events. To register your 4x4 hockey team please email trivillagekidsclub@gmail.com.

The TVKC has organized and are looking for a Board of Directors. We recently gathered to plan our year of events. We have many more activities planned such as Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and WASA DAYS. TVKC is looking forward to serving our communities through volunteer opportunities and fun activities. The excitement is electric however, we need your help. If you are interested in joining our movement, please email trivillagekidsclub@gmail.com.

The TVKC is currently running a logo contest! Email or mail your submissions to: trivillagekidsclub@gmail.com for an entry form and your chance to win a \$25. gift card.

Check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/trivillagekidsclub> for details on upcoming events!

Building a generation of Volunteers! Tri-Village Kids Club



YOUTH: APPLY NOW FOR FREE LEADERSHIP EVENT

Youth Leadership Summit takes place in Kimberley this May

(Columbia Basin) – Youth aged 14 to 18 from around the Columbia Basin are invited to apply to attend the Leadership Summit in Kimberley on May 4 to 6, 2018 where they will strengthen their abilities, learn about themselves and their communities, and have fun!

"An event like this is an exciting way to connect Basin youth, tap into their leadership potential and help them grow and make a difference," said Aimee Ambrosone, Director, Delivery of Benefits, Columbia Basin Trust. "They'll be developing the skills—including decision making, networking, collaborating and public speaking—that will carry them into their futures and give them the foundation for effectively engaging in their communities."

During the weekend, youth will interact with new people, try new experiences and get their brains and bodies moving in a fast-paced environment. They'll learn about community planning and collaboration, practice public speaking and stage presence, and take part in entertaining skill-building workshops.

Learn more about the Summit and apply online by February 27, 2018 at ourtrust.org/youthsummit. Successful applicants will be subsidized to attend this event for free.

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Public Help Needed To Monitor Spread Of Deadly Bat Disease

- WANTED: Reports of dead bats and of bats flying during winter -

BC bats may be threatened by disease and researchers are asking for the public to help. White Nose Syndrome (WNS), a fungal disease responsible for the death of millions of bats in eastern North America, has moved to the west coast. Confirmed in Washington State in 2016 and 2017, the presence of the fungus is very worrisome for the health of bat populations in British Columbia, with near 100% mortality for some species of bats exposed to the fungus. Although devastating for bats, WNS does not affect humans.

The BC Community Bat Program in collaboration with the BC government is requesting the public's help in monitoring the spread of this disease. "We knew this deadly fungus was moving westward across North America" says Mandy Kellner, Coordinator of the BC Community Bat Program (CBP), "but we thought we had many years to prepare". Instead, the disease has suddenly appeared in the west, spurring BC researchers into action. Because we know so little about where our BC bats hibernate,

researchers are turning to the public for assistance in monitoring for the disease.

The typical first sign of this disease is bats flying during the winter, an unusual sighting at a time of year when bats are hibernating. Another sign of the presence of WNS is the appearance of dead bats as they succumb to the effects of WNS. "We are encouraging the public to report dead bats or any sightings of winter bat activity to the CBP toll-free phone number, website, or email below. Bat carcasses will be submitted for testing for White Nose Syndrome and would provide the earliest indication of the presence of the disease in BC" says Kellner. Reports of winter bat activity will help focus research, monitoring and protection efforts.

If you find a dead bat, report it to the CBP (1-855-922-2287 ext. 14 or info@bcbats.ca) as soon as possible for further information. Never touch a dead bat with your bare hands. Please note that if you or your pet

has been in direct contact with the bat you will need further information regarding the risk of rabies to you and your pet.

Currently there are no treatments for White Nose Syndrome.

However, mitigating other threats to bat populations and preserving and restoring bat habitat may provide bat populations with the resilience to rebound. This is where the BC Community Bat Program and the general public can help.

Funded by the Columbia Basin Trust, RDEK, RDCK, (through the Local Conservation Funds), Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, the Province of BC, the Habitat Stewardship Program, the Kootenay Community Bat Program works with the government and others on public outreach activities, public reports of roosting bats in buildings, and our citizen-science bat monitoring program.

To contact the BC Community Bat Program, see www.bcbats.ca, email info@bcbats.ca or call 1-855-922-2287 ext. 14.

Contact: Mandy Kellner, Provincial Coordinator, BC Community Bat Program 250-837-1376 info@bcbats.ca



Little brown bat wing with WNS – photo Progressive Animal Welfare Society The Little Brown Bat affected by WNS in Washington, 2016. The disease caused wing damage and made the bat unable to fly.



Little brown bat displaying WNS – photo by Marvin Moriarty US Fish & Wildlife Service A hibernating Little Brown Bat showing visible signs of the fungus.



Community Fundraiser Huge Success

By Nowell Berg

The evening of January 20th saw over 330 people (plus children) turn out to a spaghetti dinner hosted by the Lions at Wasa Community Hall in support of two local families - Julie and Stan Kneller and Danella and Garth Olafson.

The event raised \$6,600 from ticket sales, a bake sale and silent auction.

Wilma Harding was key to making it all happen along with dozens of other volunteers. Marnie from Skookumchuck also helped organize the event. The young people cleaning tables were a big help.

Kimberley Overwaitea provided a 15% discount on food plus a \$50 gift card that assisted in keeping food costs down.

Thank you to all the organizers, volunteers and residents who turned out. The event truly shows Wasa is a community we are all very proud of.

Check out the Wasa Community Facebook page for photos.

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The **WASA RECREATION SOCIETY'S** main objective is to generate funds to keep the Wasa Hall running. Wasa Recreation Society members meet in the basement of the Wasa Hall in the Quilters Room on the last Tuesday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend. Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

- Hall Rentals and Information
Karen Markus 250.422.3514
Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
- Gym Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
Rod 250-422-3253
- TOPS Susan 250.422.3510
- Library Judy McPhee 250.422.3766

In addition, BINGO's are held on the **2nd Tuesday of each month** at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:30 pm and regular at 6:45 pm.

Wasa Community Church



Forgiveness is definitely not always easy. There are little things that people do to us that might seem silly not to forgive, but people can also hurt us deeply, pushing us to the point where we feel like we can never forgive them. Perhaps we've even been on the side where we've done something unforgiveable toward someone else, where no matter how sorry we are and no matter what we do in order to make up for it, we may never be forgiven by them. We most likely don't even deserve to be.

Whether or not we've done something unforgivable toward someone else or not, we've all done bad things. Things that would be considered sinful. We know ourselves pretty well. We can probably think back and remember the worst things we've ever done. Even if the worst sin we committed was telling a lie, or maybe thinking hateful thoughts against someone else, we'd still have sinned against God and would be guilty before Him. We would still face the penalty of eternal death. And God is just.

Therefore, the punishment of death for the sin we are all guilty of must be carried out. That's why He came to earth as Jesus. He took the punishment we deserved by dying on the cross. Jesus died for our sins so that we didn't have to die for our sins. Then He rose again, and if we admit we are in the wrong, that we have sinned, and choose to turn away from sin, believing that He actually did die on the cross and then rose from the grave, our own sins, every one of them, will be forgiven, even if we mess up and sin again afterward. No matter how young or old we are and no matter how terrible the sins are that we have committed, He will still forgive everyone who believes.

Forgiveness is definitely not always easy. Jesus went through crucifixion in order for us to receive forgiveness. That's what it took. We can't be forgiven by making things up to God in trying to be good enough people or doing enough good things because once we've sinned, we're not good enough.

However, Jesus never sinned. Only He was good enough, and all He requires is for us to repent and believe in Him, His death and His resurrection. Forgiveness is definitely not always easy, but if we think of God coming to earth to die so He could forgive us for all our sins, and if we believe that, then it really emphasizes how we, as those who have received forgiveness for even our very worst, should also choose to forgive others.

- Pastor Jon Malpass, Wasa Community Church - Sunday Service @ 10:30 a.m.
(250) 464-4419

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!

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.



For Gym Schedule Please Contact:
Sonia Blackwell at 250-422-9201 or
Rod at 250-422-3253




GYM HOURS AND INFO

WASA AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION & MEMORIAL GARDEN GROUP

The cost for a plaque in the Memorial Garden is \$300.00. For Columbarium Niche prices contact Pat Walkey at 250-422-3530. by Sherry Shields

We still have copies of the Kootenay Ripples Historical Book – Contact Pat Walkey. Also available at Wasa Country Pub & Grill.

**Share
a Memory**
... do you have
a memory you'd
like to share?

Contact Sherry Shields
Email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com



Share a Memory - Pete Vereshagen -

submitted by Sherry Shields

December brought many memories for me. Twenty-one years ago, December 26th my dad passed away. Cross-country skiing was a sport dad and I shared. I remember skiing with dad, working so hard to keep up with him sweat running down my sides. When he finally stopped for a break I commented, "Boy, it's hard to keep up with you." He looked at me with a grin on his face and said, "I could hear you behind me, I didn't want you to pass me!" I would have to admit we were both a bit competitive.

Horses were his passion - memories of being pulled behind the horses on a cowhide, toboggan or skis; dad with a grin as he managed to dump us off in the snow. Dad would harness up the team of horses complete with sleigh bells and take us for sleigh rides. One winter festival at Wasa dad and mom drove the team of horses with the sleigh to the school or hall and took people for a sleigh rides.

Dad loved making the skating rink and would often include his family on his early morning treks to scrape and flood the rink. There were at least 2 floods at night depending on if we had a snowfall. The rink had to be ready for skaters in the morning. I bet dad would love driving the Zamboni.



VOLUNTEER FIRE SUPPRESSION STRATEGY PROPOSED FOR WASA

British Columbians endured a number of disastrous fire events in 2017. Wildfires threatened many communities causing wide spread evacuations which lasted through the summer, and many homes were destroyed. Wasa had 2 house fires in May 2017 which could easily have destroyed much more than they did if neighbours had not acted quickly to prevent the fire from spreading to the surrounding houses and forest. Nearly every weekend in April and May, residents from the Wolf Creek subdivision extinguished smouldering campfires abandoned by "grad" partiers on crown land behind their properties.

Although Wasa residents spent the long, hot summer worrying about fire, we were fortunate that we escaped a major disaster for yet one more year. Wasa residents have come face to face with how suddenly and quickly communities can be destroyed by fire; but also learned that fast and appropriate action by neighbourhood volunteers can stop fire from spreading and save a community.

With these thoughts in mind, several Wasa residents visited the St Mary's Valley last fall to see what their community has developed for a volunteer fire suppression strategy. In January 2018, several keen Wasa residents formed a planning committee to investigate funding sources and to talk about a community strategy based on the very successful St Mary's Valley model. As a result, an application for funding was submitted on January 22 to the RDEK/CBT Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program to help develop a community strategy for fire suppression. The Wasa Lake Land Improvement

District supports the proposal and has agreed to act as funding agent.

The purpose of the strategy is to protect the community by preventing fire from spreading; it is not to put out house fires, which is beyond our abilities and resources.

The overall strategy is based on having a number of portable and residential fire suppression units available and developing a plan of action that volunteers can follow to prevent the spread of fire. Funding has been requested to help build 2 community-owned fire suppression units for the Wasa/Wolf Creek area. These units are not firetrucks; they are water tanks mounted on trailers equipped with gas powered pumps. Notification of acceptance of the application will not be made until the middle of June, after which the committee will move forward.

The planning committee is currently concentrating on informing people about the strategy and gauging the level of interest. If you would like to know more, please contact any member of the committee:

- Sharon Prinz (Wasa)
250-422-3227 prinzsharon@gmail.com
- Lyle Zaksauskas (Wasa)
240-421-2650 zaksauskasl@shaw.ca
- Jane Walter (RDEK Area E Representative)
427-2577 s.janewalter@gmail.com
- Mike Gall (Wolf Creek)
250-422-3759 mikejohngall@gmail.com
- Kathy McCauley (Wolf Creek)
250-422-3759 kathyemccauley@gmail.com



Everyone Survives This Life

While the Lord Jesus Christ once said that there are many dwellings in the House of His Father, it is very important to point out that there are many dimensions surrounding our physical world. For instance, the way you experience life as a human being has nothing to do with the way a dog, a dolphin, a horse or a fly experience it. You see and perceive information that they can't even conceive of. On the other hand, animals, plants and minerals are in touch with elements that we cannot access. This is the case not just because we are humans but because we don't have the same tools at our disposal to perceive what really surrounds us. All is a question of one's ability of being physical, mental or supra-mental through the consciousness.

Do you know what's the most difficult to accept for people who have passed away? It is to integrate the fact that, as a living consciousness, they are now able to witness that their physical body is no longer a part of them... that it's only an inert suit from which they are now freed. In the end, we all wake up only physically dead, while remaining alive outside our physical bodies. From here, we begin the discovery of another state of being in a parallel, more subtle and easier dimension. Even those who don't want to believe that life after death is an eventuality will all wake up only physically dead, but consciously alive, that's it!

For some of us, the deep feeling that we are not just this crude matter or this limited, formatted mind remains a strong absolute and unexplainable certitude. For a lot of people, it is more a process of hope and faith to escape the painful tragedy of the impermanence of life in the physical world. They often turn their hope toward the promises of eternal life described in their religious tradition. No matter what, this process of aspiration to a higher level of existence will make them grow spiritually since they stay connected to the Law of Evolution through their own faith.

Those who are imprisoned in the belief that there is only this life and nothing after tend to seek the pleasures of this incarnation even more frantically, rejecting or even fighting against any form of spirituality. But when they wake up alive after the death of their physical body, they are filled with regret and remorse regarding their stubbornness in physical life. This category of beings are immensely tormented because of the non-acceptance of their new situation and their avidity toward their earthly dependency. Some are so attached to the physical world that they cannot leave it, becoming a ghostly presence so often described in occult literature. They are so attached to physical life that they have become addicted and would do anything to return to it in another physical body, even if that means cohabiting with another soul in the same body. This often explains the cases of demonic possessions or certain forms of schizophrenia. This is called a "karmic incarnation". They don't come back on earth to evolve and learn; they are completely under the influence of the illusion of this world because of ignorance. Fortunately, most people eventually accept this new condition of being alive without their physical body after death and rise to a higher level of reality.

Whatever you believe in, even if you believe in nothing, you too will survive this life and have to accept that there is a big difference

between your body and mind, and you as a consciousness.

The consciousness is supra-physical, supra-spatial, and supra-material; it is never imprisoned in any dimension, it only has the impression, through a process of wrong identification, of being limited to certain dimensions such as time, space, matter, and causality. When the time comes, you will have to accept that you never die and you continue to evolve. This will come as a great big surprise if you are not connected to the very core of yourself during this life, but it will also serve as a good reminder of the way you should experience life in the physical world from now on.

This is where the Teachings of the Wisdom surrounding the process of Self-Realization become so precious... when you have the good fortune of encountering an awakened Spiritual Guide who is able to transmit to you the Art of experiencing, during your lifetime, how much you are not the body while you use it, how much you are not the mind while you should use it rather than be used by it, and how much you are always a witnessing consciousness journeying in this world to gain your freedom from its limitations.

At the Ashram, in order to have the deep experience of the difference between our body, our mind and our consciousness, we practice the study of wisdom, meditation on emptiness and mantra yoga (the repetition of pure original sound vibrations that help develop a direct perception of the reality beyond the conceptual construct of the mind). In fact, you can gain absolute mastery over this incarnation, or remain trapped into it as a victim. Some people constantly complain that they didn't ask to be here and blame all the bad that has happened to them on others. But in fact, we are all responsible for this life since, in one way or another, we have chosen to dive and plunge into it. Most people are down here because they cannot do otherwise, and some very rare free enlightened Beings are here because they aspire to free all beings from suffering. They are called: Bodhisattvas! But that will be the topic of the next article!

There is no death... everybody survives this life! Do not consider yourself as only a body and thinking mind: you are way more than that, and you can feel it in your heart. No one ever disappears, everyone remains the same even though we have been "dead" for a long time. It is time for you to kill the concept of death within yourself. Death as you know it does not exist.

May all good things be granted to you in this New Year 2018.

With Love and Proximity in the Divine.

OM OM OM

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha

Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram, Wasa, BC Canada

If you like these articles by the Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha, you can re-read them in the book **Words of Wisdom**, a collection of the articles published in this column from 2008 to 2015. This book is available at the Ashram and at the Wasa Lake Gas and Food Store.

Since Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha is in a more intense Yogic life retreat, he will be less visible and accessible to the world. Therefore, he will only be giving a public Dharma teaching and meditation class once every two months. The next class will be on **Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6 p.m.**

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The Lion's Roar

Submitted by Terry Marvel

Well, here we are into another year of fundraising and doing what we can for the community of Wasa and area. We, as a community, have had our share of ups and downs this past year with everything from forest fire threats to actual house fires. We have come through it with a stronger and more giving community than ever before.

As always, our Christmas Dinner and Dance was a sell-out and the food was awesome as we have come to expect. Hats off to Orlena who spear-headed dinner. The evening was made even more enjoyable by a live band (Valley Forged) from Canal Flats. The plethora of donations for the raffle was enormous and allowed the Lions club to build up our bank account to assist in the many ways we do for the area residents. See you there next year December 1, 2018 with the same band tentatively booked.

Our annual Christmas Light-up campaign was well received with the winners being: Gina Johnson, Dave Marsh and Jergen Keller. Hats off and kudos to the many other people that lit up the nights for the festive season!

The Lions had our annual Christmas supper meeting at the Wasa Country Pub and Grill this year with a hilarious time being had by all with our re-gifting gift exchange. The hosts Jim and Melinda did a stellar job of supplying us with lots of delicious appys.

The ice rink is in full swing this year being used by many locals as well as groups from the neighbouring towns. There will be safety nets installed at the west end of the rink to prevent pucks from going over the end of the rink and endangering people using the ice on the basket-ball court. There are also plans to erect a high netting on the south side of the rink toward the ball diamond to prevent balls from going onto the rink at that side, in the event the rink gets used for Pickle Ball or some other summer sport.

The Wasa Lions Winterfest was a big hit again this year with the Fort Steele Clydesdales pulling a sleigh around the area for donations. There was the usual hot dogs and smokies as well as the ever-popular bannock supplied by Ron and Sherry. Any other ideas for activities for the younger folks would be appreciated, or for anyone else for that matter!

As usual, many thanks go out to JC, Darren, and all the others who work to keep the rink usable for the winter.

As always, anyone is welcome to come to a meeting and see what the Lion's are all about. Just contact a member for an invitation.

Until Spring (hopefully!), enjoy the remaining winter days. And so with everything else happening at this time of year, The Wasa Lions would like to wish Happy Holidays to everyone in the area and have the best New Year!

A very special thank you to the Ashram for the generous donation to the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter. Thank you!

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The public hearing panel was made up of Don McCormick (Kimberley Mayor), Jane Walfer (Area E Director) and Michele Bates (RDEK). - Article & Photo Nowell Berg

On the evening of January 23rd, seven people turned out to a public hearing on two proposed Bylaw changes affecting the Wasa community and Area E.

The first public hearing dealt with Bylaw 2817. It would require "owners of commercial or industrial property to obtain a Development Permit prior to commencing siting, construction, addition or alteration of a building or structure, including fencing."

According to Bates, this form and character development permit is designed to provide building guidelines so that structures "fit into the Wasa area and look aesthetically attractive." Additionally, the Bylaw will help "promote reductions in the consumption of energy and water, and emissions of greenhouse gases." The guidelines suggest the use of green roofs, window overhangs and lighter exterior colours to reduce energy use.

These guidelines will assist businesses and architects in making sure the "exterior elements" of a building fit within the existing commercial buildings at Wasa.

Bates also said, "The development permit would be required before a building permit would be issued."

This Bylaw change was being brought forward at this time in "anticipation of future commercial development", particularly along Highway 93/95 on land zoned highway commercial.

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In terms of public input into the proposed change, no written submissions were received by RDEK and only one person spoke at the hearing, they indicated support for the bylaw change.

The second public hearing held that night dealt with Bylaw 2818. If adopted, it would allow secondary suites within Area E, but not at Wasa.

This proposed Bylaw change would allow detached secondary suites to be constructed on land already zoned for such a purpose. Current zoning allows for secondary suites but they must be part of the existing home, attached or in the basement. The change would allow a detached secondary suite to be constructed on top of a garage.

Detached secondary suites, defined as a self-contained living space with kitchen facilities, will not be allowed at Wasa because area residents were not in agreement on what type of secondary suites, detached or not, on top of garage or not. The Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID) submitted a letter to the RDEK against this Bylaw change citing concerns over increased density on or near the lake and the impact it would have on water quality.

A question arose regarding the suite being located on top of a garage and how elderly people would negotiate the stairs.

Bates and Walfer's offered two possible solutions. One, to have elderly persons stay in the ground level home and caregivers use the secondary suite. The second option would be to seek a "development variance" that would allow the secondary suite to be constructed at ground level.

Bates said the RDEK Board considers each development variance case on its own merits and has allowed such variances for secondary suites in the past.

Only one person spoke at the hearing, they indicated support for the bylaw change.

The RDEK Board will address both Bylaw changes at its February 9th meeting.

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Thank you to everyone - of all ages - that organized, worked and supported the spaghetti fundraiser.

This community and area are beyond awesome and we can never say enough of a thank you.

It's a huge help to ease the financial burden from the costs incurred over the last months, for Stan's life saving medical treatment in Kamloops and then later Calgary.

Major hugs to all !!!

Stan and Julie Kneller

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*"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies.
The man or woman who never reads lives only one."*

We are so fortunate in our area to be able to stay in touch and feel connected through our community newspaper: "The Tri Village Buzz." Since February, 2011, Wendy Davis has donated her time, skill and expertise as editor. She has diligently produced 69 high quality issues. A very special thank you, Wendy. We all appreciate your effort.

Each month, I try to mention interesting books in the Library column. For entertainment and enlightenment on the life of a country vet, Marg and I recommend the following two books:

DON'T TURN YOUR BACK IN THE BARN by Dr. Dave Perrin
A book of his personal life experiences working as a vet in and around Creston, B.C. His adventures are sometimes hilarious, sometimes agonizing and very entertaining.

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Many more stories of his wit, dedication and compassion as a vet in the Creston area. Both of Dr. Dave's books will "grab" your interest. These books are a sheer pleasure to read.

BRITISH GENTLEMEN IN THE WILD WEST by Laurence M. Woods

An intriguing book of men who came from England to the U.S.A., formed the exclusive Cheyenne Club and grazed huge herds of cattle, free of charge, on large tracts of Crown Land in the 19th. Century. A book of history in the Wild West, it's people and lifestyle.

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Jim & Melinda Howard present a cheque for \$1,100. to Brenna Baker for the EKFH Palliative Care

Jim & Melinda Howard from the Wasa Country Pub & Grill wish to thank everyone that came out to support the Annual Memorial Fishing Derby 2018.

"We had 95 entries, seven of which were in the under 19 category and a total of 46 fish were brought in for weigh-in", said Melinda Howard.

"\$1100.00 was donated to the East Kootenay Foundation for Health, directed to Palliative Care. **Looking forward to 2019!"**

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February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We the volunteers of the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter reserve the right to refuse to print submissions due to legality, length, good taste or discriminating beliefs.				1 Armchair Traveller 7:30 p.m. New Zealand	2	3
4 Church 10:30 a.m.	5	6 Wasa Lions Meeting 7 p.m. Wasa Hall	7	8 RDEK Board Mtg	9 RDEK Board Mtg	10 Tri-Village Kids Club FEB FEST Wasa Hall Noon to 4
11 Church 10:30 a.m.	12 BC Family Day	13 BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 ● New Moon Armchair Traveller 7:30 p.m. France & Quebec	16	17
18 Church 10:30 a.m.	19	20 Wasa Lions Meeting 7 p.m. Wasa Hall	21	22 Ashram - Dharma Meditation & Teaching 6 p.m.	23	24
25 Church 10:30 a.m.	26	27 Columbia Basin Deadline to Apply Youth Leadership Event	28 Anti-Bullying Day Rec Society Mtg 7 p.m.	● Full Moon		

LEGEND

- Church 10:30 a.m.
- Rec Society 7:00 p.m.
- Quilters Tues. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Library Tues. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- TOPS Fri 8:30 a.m. Weigh in & Mtg. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- Lions 7:00 p.m.

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Sunday March 11th, 2018
Daylight Savings Begins
- June 9th & 10th
2018 Wasa Triathlon
- TBA Wasa Lions Garage Sale

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