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DARLENE DAVIS CONTEST WINNER

For the last year, residents of the "Tri-Village" area have submitted their travel photos in participation of the "Where do you take Your Buzz" contest hosted by the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter.

Diana Perih, Newsletter Treasurer randomly drew Darlene Davis' name from a bucket containing the names of all contest participants. Darlene will win a \$50. gift certificate towards her choice of any one of the newsletter advertisers in 2013. Below is Darlene's submission and featured to the right are 2013 contest submitters.



During a recent trip to Las Vegsas, Darlene Davis takes a moment to pose for a photo in front of "John Mull's Road Kill Grill". This legendary grill was featured on the TV show Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives where the barbecued ribs and bakd beans are the absolute best!.



Dale and Patty Gray just returned from a 3 week vacation in beautiful Antigua located in the West Indies.



Karen and Jim in Mexico

Calgary Airport when we collected our grandson Jake. He is 13 and travelled 4500 miles - all the way from England - on his own! We think he is



awesome and we are so proud of his bravery and independence.



While visiting, exploring and digging for Klondike Gold in the area around Dawson City, Yukon Karen and Jim took a day trip up the Dempster Highway through Tombstone Territorial Park, viewing stunning arctic tundra landscapes and wildlife. In Dawson City and area they experienced the RUSH of the living history of the Klondike.»

Back for another year! Where do you take... YOUR BU7/7



Sharon Prinz with the Buzz on a beach in San Jose del Cabos!

email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.

- Send me a photo of you in your travels pictured with the Tri-Village Buzz.
- Include a brief description of where you went and the names of the people in the photo.
- I'll publish all photos received.
- The name of the person sending me the photo will be entered in a draw for a \$50.00 Gift Certificate redeemable at any one of the advertisers (of your choice)advertised in 2013 in the Tri-Village Buzz.
- The draw will take place Dec 2014.
- One winner will be drawn, enter as many times as you like (one photo per destination please).
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OLYMPIC RECAP

10-10-5 (measurements for a Barbie doll perhaps)-no this is the medal count achieved by Team Canada in the recently completed 2014 Winter Olympics held Sochi, Russia. The count was 4 less gold medals than was achieved in 2010 in Vancouver but was only 1 less overall medal and was still a respectable and admirable showing for an Olympics that was held in a foreign land. A few additional gold medals would have been attainable if a couple of our short track speed skaters had managed to stay upright on their skates (man & woman). Maybe too many press clippings were being read by the competitors in lieu of exhibiting a more focused approach. Excuse my French, but tripping over one's skates (regardless of how long the blades are and doing crossovers thousands of times) is just not acceptable at his level of competition. The answer is simple-revoke their national funding until they can at least stand erect on 2 skates. The good news is that they have 4 more years to figure it out. Another oddity about these games is that bobsled Canada (the national hierarchy of the sport and the treasured brains behind all decisions) decided at the last minute to replace the driver of a 4 mans' team and the result was that (well---wait for it---you guessed it!!!) they crashed, ending up sliding down the last third of the track on their heads and shoulders, I believe that this was not the preferred method. After 1 run of 4 the team was actually a medal contender. I wonder if the other 3 men on the team had any say in this aberrational decision. More so than ever Canada represented them-

Sports Den

selves as a team first oriented mentality concept rather than the individualistic approach that was far too common in past competitions. The obvious crowning jewel of the 10 gold medals was the win by Dara Howell in the Women's Freestyle Slope Style Skiing-how exciting was that competitioneveryone saw it, right, not? No disrespect to Dara, but the hockey gold medal played at 5:00 am local time on Sunday the 23rd of February and apparently watched by many was the symbolic crowning of a superior nation dominating in their native sport. The 1-0 win in the semi final against the Americans was the necklace but not guite the tiara that a whole country was anticipating. The turning aside of a pesky, but not too irritating, team Sweden in the finale was justifiably the demonstrative swiping of a gnat from one's brow. Team Goliath showed up and Team David had no miracles to perform. From skating to goal tending to defense to offense. Team Canada once again (as they did in 2010) admonished a helping of is that all you got philosophy. The gold medal game may have been the best team game ever played by a national team on any stage. Excuse me juniors in 2005 (locked out NHL season where many first round picks and 1st year pros competed in the world juniors), but TRI-VILLAGE BUZZ March 2014

the dominance of this team in these games on a professional level was one of awe inspiration jaw dropping. The juniors competed against other 18 to 20 year olds while the men competed against fellow professionals, making this a more difficult feat. All the players on this team are stars on their respective teams and most are either captains or alternate captains on their teams and are highly regarded in the NHL, most are multi millionaires and most have been pampered and cuddled throughout their careers. Coach Babcock of Team Canada and his assistants managed to instill a unification process whereby the players bought into the idea of door checking egos and heed the team concept being sold by the coaching staff. The result was an overwhelming display of territorial and global supremacy in the game we all love and the bragging rights for 4 more years. From the captain and the planet's best player, Sydney Crosby, to the Olympics' best goaltender, Carey Price, this team will never be duplicated and the trail that they blazed for future teams is a narrow one that only the most talented and imaginative might prevail upon if they succumb to historical measures and utilize the 2014 blueprint

I would be remised if I did not mention that the most exciting hockey game of these Olympics (aside from the Canadian-American men's semi final) was the thrilling come from behind win by the Canadian women's hockey team in the final game against the favored and defending world champions, U.S.A. The Canadian women, down by 2-0 with under 4 minutes left, scored 2 goals before the end of regulation time to tie the affair and then scored in sudden death overtime to retain the gold medal that they received in Vancouver. You Go Girls! Michelle-Philip Poulin scored the tving goal with under a minute to play and then scored the winner in overtime. It looks like our national women's team is in good and capable hands for many years to come. The animosity displayed and projected between the two sides is rather appealing and makes for good press; these two teams actually do despise each other as shown by the amount of penalties taken during the course of a game. In 2013 there was actually a line clearing brawl between the 2 sides and I think one way to spruce things up even further would be to allow clean?? body checking into the woman's game. At the current time, the rules do not allow for any type of body contact (where as there are a lot of oops I'm sorry for hitting you contact-whereby penalties are called) and by changing the rules, players would be forced to keep their heads up and their sticks down. If they want to have brawls and be more like the men's game, then let them. Don't get me wrongthe woman's game is exciting but all sports could always use a bit more ill will in its rivalries and the Canadian-American woman's ice hockey is at the top of any rivalry class.

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What can I say about the women's and men's curling teams?-they rocked it. The Jennifer Jones team from Winnipeg went undefeated to claim Canada's first gold woman's curling medal since the late, great Sandra Schmirler skipped team in 1998 and the Brad Jacobs team from the Soo in northern Ontario survived a 1-2 rocky start to reel off 8 straight wins and successfully defend the gold medal that team Kevin Martin won in Vancouver. Kaillie Humphries and brake woman Heather Moyse successfully defended their 2 woman bobsled team gold medal from 2010 on the icy bobsled run. So, according to the sports den's math, Canada won 5 gold medals on ice. This translates into-Canadians are very good with ice whether its sports that are played upon it or the drinks that have it inside of them! Congratulations to all of the Team Canada athletes for providing us with 2 weeks of memorable events and sporting highlights. Congratulations to CBC, TSN and Sportsnet for providing the viewing public with access to all the sports. Three rival networks competing for the almighty advertising dollar- broadcasting sports to the masses with the common goal of sports entertainment-wake me up in time for the next winter Olympics 2016-I must be in a coma!

ICE SHAVINGS

A month ago the idea of making the playoffs for the Ice was a probability, now it has turned into a reality. The team went on a January and February tear. winning at a rate of 75% and solidifying a top 5 spot in the eastern conference of the WHL. The team currently resides in 5th place -5 points behind the 4th place and probable 1st round playoff opponent, the Medicine Hat Tigers. Sam Reinhart and Jaedon Descheneau sit in 4th and 5th place respectively in league scoring. Reinhart has amassed a total of 32 goals and 58 assists for a total of 90 points while Descheneau has scored 38 goals and 48 assists for a total of 86 points. Swiss import Tim Bozon, acquired from the Kamloops Blazers earlier in the vear, has fitted in nicely with his new team scoring 58 points in the 48 games that he has played with the Ice. Zach Franko, a career point a game player, has also added chemistry and scoring punch since being acquired from the Kelowna Rockets netting 18 points in 18 games. Goalie Mackenzie Skapski is in the top 10 in league goalie stats raking in a 2.99 goals against average and a .902 save percentage. !Go Ice Go!

DYNAMITER DYNAMICS

The Nitros finished the season in 2nd place in the division and take on their arch rivals-3rd place Fernie Ghostriders in the first round of the playoffs. The team will rely on the offensive prowess of team leading scorers Jared Marchi and Jason Richter to lead them into a deep playoff run and experienced goaltender Jeremy Mousseau has the ability to backstop the team to a successful run. !Go Nitros!



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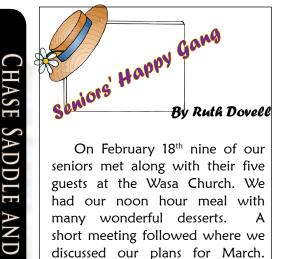
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Thursday Bible Study 7:00 pm.



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On February 18th nine of our seniors met along with their five guests at the Wasa Church. We had our noon hour meal with many wonderful desserts. short meeting followed where we discussed our plans for March. It was decided that on the 18th of March we would meet at the Church at 1 pm for five pin bowling with prizes to be won. Afterwards there would be time for coffee, goodies and visiting. For the April 15th meeting there is to be a contest for the best decorated Easter hat for men and for women.

Birthday wishes go out to Fred. The 50/50 was won by Dale Tagg. Crokinole was played, four tables of 4 each. Prizes went to the two youngest players, Troy and Carter. Other prizes were won by Jean Mc, Gary S, Brenda S and Ruth D.

We all enjoyed the afternoon but to keep our gang going we do need more members. You don't have to be 60 years old to join us. Phone Brenda Schreiber at 422 3548.



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WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

Submitted by Kathy McCauley

By the time you read this, we will have held our 2^{nd} meeting of 2014 on February 24. Meetings are regularly held on the 3^{rd} Monday of each month at the Wasa Community Hall, but occasionally the date is moved to accommodate conflicting schedules. Please confirm the date if you are interested in attending.

The main items on our February agenda were the pending approval of applications to begin work on the flap gate damaged in the 2013 flood and setting a date for the Annual General Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM, but the Government of BC restricts voting privileges to the following people:

- BC resident for past 6 months
- property-owner within WLLID boundary (your name must be on title)
- over age 18
- Canadian citizen

Section 741 of the *Local Government Act* (available at www.govbc.ca) clearly outlines who can vote. You must present your driver's license or health care card for identification. If you are interested in running for a trustee position, please contact Alex Jensen, Chairman of the Board.

Our first electronic newsletter was dispatched at the end of January along with the new boundary map. Thanks to everyone who sent us their email addresses; the response has been excellent. If we don't have your address yet, please send it. In the future, all news will arrive electronically unless you request snail mail.

The new website is complete and will be accessible at www.wasalake.ca by the end of February.

We hope this information has been helpful. Please contact the secretary at wllid@shaw.ca with further questions or comments.

SPINACH & AVOCADO SALAD Fanny's Favorites

1/2 cup sliced avocado

1 tsp lemon juice

- 2 Tbsp Catlina dressing 3 Tbsp Orange Juice
- 3 cups baby spinach leaves 2 Tb
 - 2 Tbsp pecan halves, toasted
- 1 small blood orange or regular orange peeled & cut into sections

Toss avocado and lemon juice in a medium bowl. Add spinache, orange sections, dressing and orange juice; toss lightly. Serve onto dishes and sprinkle with pecans before serving.

Avocado Facts:

- An avocado is a fruit even though it may be treated as a vegetable
- Avocados provide more than 25 essential nutrients, they act as a "nutrient booster" enabling the body to absorb more fat-soluable nutrients and is virtually the only fruit that contains monounsaturated fat
- To store cut fruit, sprinkle with lemon or lime or white vinegar, store in an air tight container, refridgerate and eat within a day or two.
- When you have an abundance of avocado's, simply puree and freeze for later use in salads, sandwiches and dips



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By Area E Director Jane Walter

MOSQUITO CONTROL

The mosquito control contract for Wasa, Skookumchuck and Ta Ta Creek has been signed with Marrow Bio Science. They have been providing the service for many years.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Emergency Coordinator and the Deputy Coordinator for the Central Area of the RDEK has signed an agreement with Dan Flegal as the Emergency Coordinator. We also signed Anita Cherest has the Deputy Emergency Social Services Director.

MEDICAL MARIHUANA

We are making an amendment to the bylaws in recognition of the upcoming change in how Medical Marihuana is regulated by the Federal Government. Effective April 1, 2014, the program shifts from small scale individual growers to large scale commercial growers. Under the new regulation commercial growers must comply with local government bylaws.

Staff will be adding the amended bylaw to the Wasa Official Community Plan. The proposed changes were included in the Public Hearing scheduled for February 26.2014.

COMMUNITY DIRECTED FUNDS

The Central East Kootenay Community Directed Funds has formed a new committee. This committee will be consulting with groups and individuals regarding sustainable projects that will assist the citizens of the area. The central area includes Cranbrook, Kimberley, Area B, Area C and Area E. Columbia Basin has signed an agreement to provide \$600,000. in funding over the next three years.

Have a safe month Jane Walter, RDEK Director, Phone: 250-427-2577 Email: s.janewalter@gmail.com

The Lions Den

The Wasa & District Lions would like to thank all the members and community volunteers who have been looking after the skating rink at the Lions Grounds and cleaning the Lions Way Trail. The amount of snow this year has sometimes proved

challenging but our volunteers have accepted that challenge like they would a dare. Thank you!.

WASA FUN DAY MAY 31ST

Wasa Fun Days happens in May which will be here before we know it (ah, Spring!) and one of the popular events at Fun Days is the planter draw, This is the time of year when we ask our Lions members and interested community members to build and donate planters for this draw. If you have some spare time and would like to build a planter to donate (or buy a planter to donate), please contact one of our many members to let them know. Thank you all in advance for your assistance.

As well, if you would like to volunteer a couple of hours to help out during this event, let us know. Many hands make light work and you would be helping out a great cause.

RICK HOLLETT

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of Rick Hollett who passed away on February 12th. We were proud to have Rick as one of our members of the Wasa & District Lions Club. It was a privilege to have worked with him and his passing leaves a gap that can never be filled. You will be missed, Rick, but never forgotten.

SUBMITTED BY KATHY MILES-BOUE

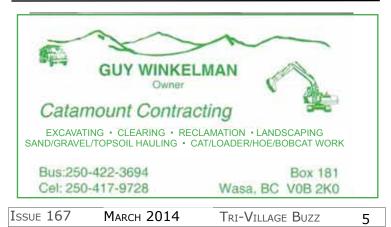
VERIGIN FAMILY

The Lions would also like to extend their sincere condolences to the Verigin family on the passing of husband, father, friend and community member, Andy Verigin. Andy was a Charter Member of the Wasa & District Lions Club, and a long-time resident who did a lot for our community over the years for which we are all grateful. May the ice fishing in heaven always be the best you could ask for, Andy!

WASA LIONS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The Annual Wasa Lions Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, May 31st. We are looking for clean gently used items. No clothing please. Contact Val at 250-422-3499

Please note that the Wasa & District Lions Club can be contacted at P.O. Box 10, Wasa, B.C. VoB 2Ko or by e-mail at: wasalions@gmail.com.





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News From the Pews By Pastor Gary Semenyna

WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

Fairy tales end with "and they lived happily ever after." If you look around our community and see the hurt of people from those loved ones dying we may begin to wonder if there is ever such a thing as being "happy ever after." A lot of things in life just don't make sense for there are tragedies and heartaches and as a result we can become perplexed and yes even in despair.

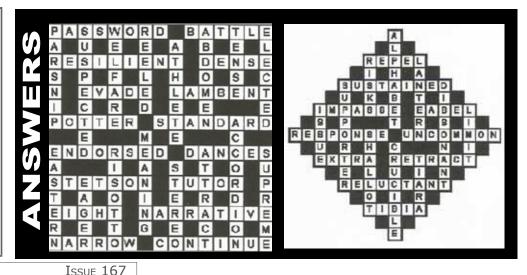
Most of us fail to learn a lot of things we could know by trying to find out what we cannot know. Ever wonder why God put all the vitamins in spinach and broccoli instead of Taco chips or cinnamon buns? But just because things don't make sense to us does not mean they don't make sense at all. My wife cross stitches and the finished products are beautiful, but if you ever looked at the back side, it is a tangled mess of threads with no logical sense. In our life, we see only the tangled side, but God sees the beautiful side. In fact, He wants all of us to have a beautiful life if we would come into a relationship with Him.

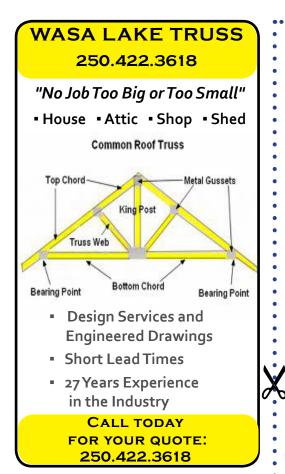
We also need to understand that because some things don't make sense to us now, that doesn't mean that they will never make sense. When you are cooking a recipe for guests, you don't serve each ingredient separately to the guest and then say "here is your meal." Yet that is how some of us may look at life or the problems, trials and disappointments. Instead of seeing each trial in our life as just one aspect of our life we tend to see that one issue as our whole life. We need to see the whole picture. Our life can be made up of a lot of different "ingredients" like pain, suffering and tragedies but as we put them all together they make us who we are. God's plan for our lives isn't determined by looking at isolated events.

If everything made sense all the time, then we would not need faith. God allows things that don't make sense at the moment to make us grow in faith and trust in Him. Our reaction most of the time to such "senseless" events is to grumble, complain, pout, be resentful, or even become bitter. Sometimes, however, we accept the situation and look forward to what God will make of it.

Remember that God loves us and has plans for our lives. He sees the patterned side, we see the tangled side. Remember as well that what we cannot understand, let us trust God to make it clear in His time.

If any of you have any spiritual questions or would like a visit please contact me at Wasa Community Church 250 422-3344.





The one good thing about snow, is that it makes your lawn look as nice as your neighbours!

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. <u>Everyone is invited</u> to attend.

Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

- Hall Rentals and Information Karen Markus 250.422.3514 Lorraine Colton 250.422.3640
- Gym Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
- TOPS Susan 250.422.3510
- Library Brenda Rauch 250.422.3335

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- $\hfill \Box$ 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
- \Box Have fun and be safe!

In the morning 7:30 am to 8:30 am... Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10 am to 11 am Mondays and Wednesdays Contact: Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201



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.



"MARIO'S FUN PAGE"

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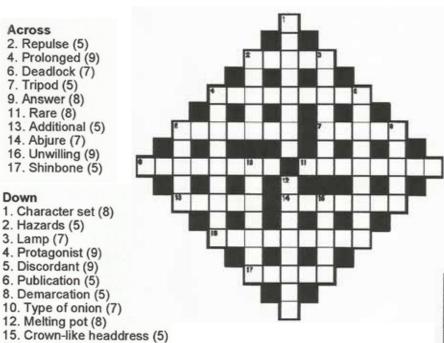
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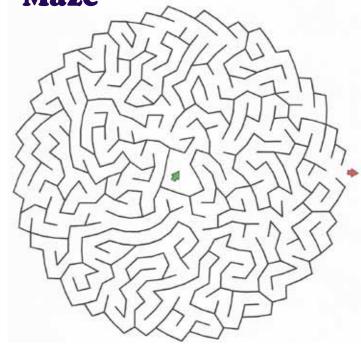
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This puzzle is a combination word search and crossword. There are no clues or two letter words. Just reveal the hidden words by blocking out the incorrect letters. The completed pattern will be symmetrical. Use this fact to help you deice which letters to leave in and which ones to leave out







From the Ashram

Words of Wisdom



Do YOU PERCEIVE REALITY RIGHTFULLY?

Most people believe that what they think, say, hear or do is based in reality when really it is only a response to their limited perception of it. How many times have you realized after thinking, saying, interpreting or doing something, that you were in fact completely wrong? Then, in reflecting upon it, you were able to realize how deformed your interpretation of the situation was, with all of your exaggerated opinions or convictions?

In the universal Advaita (Non-Duality) yogic tradition, there is an interesting story, which was told to me by my Guru about how wrong we can be in our interpretation of reality.

At twilight, in a small village in India, a young woman screams at the sight of a dangerous snake in the middle of her path. All the villagers run to her side and begin questioning why the snake is rolled up around itself. "What is it doing here? It is of bad omen! What kind of snake is it? Look, it's moving!" Some say, "It must be poisonous, we should throw stones to kill it!" After a few minutes of throwing stones at the snake, they presume it must be dead. A courageous man, armed with a long stick, ventures up to the snake and attempts to touch it with the tip of his staff. He carefully pushes it, confirming the snake's death. Catching the snake around his stick, he brings it back to the light and says, "Oh! Look, it is not a snake at all! It is only a rope, which must have been left

by a fisherman along his travels! We have mistaken the rope for a snake."

In this example, it is easy to see that there was no snake at all but only a rope from the start. This story illuminates the mind's constant deforming



of reality through the fallacious process of unjustified comparison. In the practice of Sadhana (the conscious work for inner spiritual awakening) we quickly learn that comparing what is with what was often leads to aberrations and false representations of reality.

If you have a tendency to believe that your mind expresses the true reality to your consciousness, then it is time for you to become the witness of all the misleading aberrations of your mind. You must understand that it is always through your mind that situations are exaggerated, leading to inappropriate reactions. Then it is important to recognize the difference between facts that comprise reality and the illusory representation of reality that is projected by your mind.

Stay with the facts, and not according to what you like or dislike, want or don't want, but according to the true reality without any preferences. In doing so, you will be astonished how quiet, balanced and calm you can become in any situation of life no matter what. Through lucidity and objectivity, life becomes as clear as a pure diamond.

Do not cherish your opinions or your certitudes; rather observe your mind and question its objectivity!

May happiness, clarity and lucidity be the guardian of your harmony within and with others.

With love and service to all of you Warmly yours in the Lord Om Om Om Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram Wasa, BC, Canada

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THE GOLDEN MUSEUM

A group of citizens in Golden gathered in 1968 dreaming of creating a museum. They duly registered as the Golden and District Historical Society. A local senior, Bill Wenman had accumulated a private collection in his home (500 items) and wished to see them safely shared and cared for before he died. The group started fund raising with small booklets, good guest speakers and one of the earliest walkathons. That Walkathon was from Parson to Golden, 22 miles (before metric conversion) .Sponsors signing pledges visualized that many walkers would drop out at 10 or 12 miles so signed up for several dollars per mile. Virtually every walker from 10 to 70 years of age walked the whole distance. Golden Historical made a nest egg of just over \$10,000.

One prominent lady wanted а Museum/Library complex estimated at \$250,000. Applications for monies were sent to possible benefactors, provincial and federal governments: all met with negative response. Locals were beginning to ask where their \$10,000 was going. At the AGM in March 1970 a new board of Directors was elected. That board's constitution said that Directors would elect a President and volunteer other offices. A new member, Peter Miller, found himself President. He and his new executive followed every lead re existing structures. The old Catholic Church, available at \$5000. had bulging walls and a rotten floor. The former police station was up for sale, then was NOT for sale. Other buildings would have to be moved. The Elks were disbanding so came to the Historical to donate a naked five lots with the proviso that we pay back taxes. Quotes were sought for a basic building but nothing seemed within reach. Then a lady member noted that her son had a farm storage built for a low cost. The company then stated that a 40 by 50 ft. Stiener Arch could be erected for \$7.382. Word spread that the Museum/Library lady was bringing two aldermen to vote against that proposition. Another member made sure that Mayor Zazulak was also invited. Miller outlined the project, stating that if we had volunteers to pour the footings we had enough fundsif not they would need to borrow \$4000.A motion was made to go ahead and borrow if absolutely necessary. The vote was 38 to 2. The footing was poured by volunteers. The shell was installed in June 1971. The cost was only \$32 off the prediction.

The provincial government was not offering any cash but had a Museum's Advisor to offer advice. We received several "How To" booklets, made occasional phone calls, and when in Victoria visited this Adviser in his office. Someone observed that old Bill was fading so I volunteered to catalogue his artifacts. My daughter agreed to type the lists. We'd visit and go through a certain section, marking each item with a number in approved museum code, carefully keeping removable parts together also numbered. Some visits we'd work for two hours: other times our host would fade at 20-25 minutes. The first winter the museum shell was rented for temporary storage. Finally we poured a floor. Once that concrete set, a huge printing press was extracted from the office of THE GOLDEN STAR. Our member carpenter took off one side of the STAR building and had to replace it once the truckers left for the large side door of the museum. With rollers and much effort the press was set in place. Then we were able to begin finishing the interior with LIP grants. Our carpenter supervised the installation of walls, rooms and cupboards. This program allowed contractors to supervise apprentices doing the plumbing and electrical with us paying wages for those young men. We needed more volunteers to finish the insides, build display cases (which were modelled on cases seen at Taylor, BC's Museum in the Peace River) and clean many of the accessioned artifacts. Members were eager to volunteer but demanded that I direct whatever action was needed. One task given the ladies was to clean leather goods like harness and a saddle.; next was a bee to polish silver and brass; the third, ongoing, project was to identify people

and places in dozens of photos duplicated and enlarged by an enthusiastic teacherhistorian who had access to old timers photo albums. I would act as recorder for those fun times. The Kinsmen created a lawn around the building. RCMP kept an eye on the place, even getting me out of bed at 3 am because there was a light inside. Various groups in the community aided us in some way.

At the official opening on June 1st 1974 Bill Wenman and Mayor Zazulak cut the ribbon. John Kyte , the Museum Advisor from Victoria, spoke congratulating the group for accomplishing this with volunteer labor at an unbelievably low cost. It was open to the public on weekends and summer holidays with volunteers or paid summer students. For three years I was "Joe Girl" but then was accorded title of "Curator." If needed, I could bike to the museum in five minutes. One of the earliest distress calls came when an officious female screamed at the student about a stuffed goose. She repeated her protest to me, "The law says that no wild birds are to be shot, stuffed and in private hands." I composed myself and answered, "We are aware of that new law. These birds were taken and mounted back in 1916 when Mr. Wenman was a teenager..... long before that law was written.!" Exit one silent party.

A longtime resident purchased the Brisco School because his wife had taught there. He did not arrange for a footing to be prepared so the building sat in the yard for months until we could engineer things correctly. There were many happy meetings in the Museum. Donations continued to dribble in-each item with a personal history which left me stating, "History can be Fun!" Cupid followed a boy and a girl who worked at the Museum together for a couple of summers. They were married two years after high school! Several buildings have been added since we moved to Wasa. There is a full time curator now. Golden Museum is a block off the highway through town. It has such diverse displays that you are sure to find it interesting. Plan to visit someday soon.



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PROPERTY DETAILS

3 Beds 2 Baths

\$1,600,000

SELLER NAME **Doug Ross**

SELLER PHONE 250-422-9272 Age: 30 Levels: 2 Space: 2,000 sq. ft. (186 m²) Flooring: Carpet, Hardwood, Linoleum Foundation: Poured concrete Heat Method: Baseboard Heat Energy: Electricity, Wood Zoning: RS1 Lot Size: 2,090,880 sq.ft./48.00 ac (194,243 m²) Watersource: Natural Resource. Well



ID# 166061 **Buck Crescent**, Wasa BC





\$165,000

SELLER NAME **Doug Ross**

SELLER PHONE 250-422-9272



PROPERTY DETAILS

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