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RDEK Board Passes Third Reading of Wasa OCP Amendment

by Nowell Berg

Despite numerous objections expressed by Wasa property owners at a January public hearing, the RDEK Board, in a "unanimous" vote on February 10th, gave third reading to amend By-laws 2755 and 2756. These Wasa OCP amendments will allow for the construction of a 120 unit RV Park along Highway 93/95 west of the lake.

Several steps need to be taken by the proponent, Mr. Thomas Kiy, before the RV Park would be allowed to proceed.

First, the proposed By-law change must pass approval by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) before the RDEK Board would adopt the by-law changes. MOTI may require the project to have a Commercial Access permit in place before moving ahead. Also, the MOTI may consider reducing the speed limit to 80 km/h along the stretch of highway west of the lake.

In the second step, Mr. Kiy must register a covenant on the subject property. Kiy has agreed to place restrictions on the property title that stipulate a maximum 120 campsites. Further, any new parcels of land created through sub-division would be a minimum 2.0 ha (hectares) and the maximum number of parcels would be six (6).

RDEK Planning staff indicate that "these three items are more restrictive than what the proposed C-1 Zone allows for."

If the RDEK adopts the By-law amendments, then Mr. Kiy would still be required to apply for an RDEK Campground permit. If any structures are proposed, a Building permit would also be required.

People who support the campground proposal suggest it will be good for the lake, attracting more people and enhancing the local economy.

Those property owners opposed to the project point to the negative impact 120 RVs, along with 500 people plus boats and ATVs, will have on the lake, groundwater resources and back-country.

Only the future will tell if Wasa Lake and surrounding environment can sustain this type of commercial development and intense tourist use.



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When turning onto any roadway (left or right) especially a highway, make sure to signal your intention and to WAIT until it is safe to do so. Too many people proceed to turn when traffic is approaching which causes divers to have to slam on their brakes. This is particularly dangerous in the winter when roads are icy.

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Each month we'll feature a few friendly reminders of "Courtesy and Common Sense" that seem to get over looked in our busy everyday lives. Email your suggestions to: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com



Photo Nowell Berg

Yikes, glad I don't have to drive anywhere today!

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FOLLOWING THE TRAILS OF

Yesterday

Frank (Moose) Glover and Belle have secured a spot in many peoples memories.

By Judy McPhee

MAIN BEACH STORE, WASA, B.C. AND FRANK GLOVER

1954-1973

Frank nicknamed (Moose) Glover, owner of Main Beach property and store from 1953 to 1973 was known far and wide as a character and what A CHARACTER HE WAS!

Over the past 64 years, many people who knew Frank have a story (good and bad) to tell. Maybe you even have a memory tucked away.

Born in September 1913 in Langley Prairie, B.C. Son of a magistrate, Frank lived a full life with many adventures and wild experiences. He passed away in June of 1975 and watches over us from the ridge above Wasa (Glover's Lookout) where his ashes were spread.

From taking Nuns for a joy ride in his sporty, super fast, 35 mph red and white boat in the mid 1950's (which incidentally was the first speed boat on Wasa Lake) to boxing, hunting (in and out of season), bootlegging, drinking, carving Totem Poles, entertaining his customers with story after story - some exceptionally witty and looking after his diverse business' Frank was known. Many a laugh about Frank's adventures have kept people amused even to this day. A book should have been written about him and it's too bad no one "stepped up to the gate".

Belle, his wife was a very kind, gracious lady. She worked very hard keeping the business going and keeping up to Franks antics. She always had time for a chat while she prepared food for the customers. Belle often told me she made "Thee Best Hot Dogs and Burgers" and the sign on the front of the store proclaimed this.

Their daughter Lorraine was born in 1959. Frank, Jimmy and Charlie Leask built the store and their home, which was attached to the store, over the fall, winter and spring of 1953 and 1954.

After building their home and store they installed two "Purity 99" gas pumps. During the summer, local youths at Wasa ran the pumps while Frank was busy elsewhere. Whether they were paid or not, I do not remember; but I do remember hearing about Frank's bootlegging for local teens, much to their parents consternation.

At one time he had a four unit Motel and showers. Tent camping was available close to the beach.



Photos Courtesy Judy McPhee

The Main Beach Store was definitely "THE SOCIAL HUB" of Wasa for many decades until it was bought privately. People came from Kimberley, Cranbrook and areas and further afield to swim, use the wharf and diving board, sit on the beach, socialize, suntan and of coarse eat: "Thee best fries, burgers, hotdogs, ice cream cones and munchies". The record ice cream cone in the 1950's was 7 scoops, scooped by a friend of mine. Youth were hired to help Belle in the store and many youth of the day have memories of "hanging out" at the store and beach with their friends. I know, I hung out there in the 1950's. Also in the 1950's was a Drive In Movie Theatre situated on the east side of the store. In the 1960's a Beetle Room was built by Frank on the south side of the store for the youth to listen to juke box music, dance and hang out. It was a favourite place for the youth to go in the mid 1960's until he sold the store.

A big hit on Sunday's for a few years was the chicken and corn barbecue that Frank organized on the lake side of the store. Three dollars a plate for particularly delicious chicken and corn. The

Shop Easy store (now A.G.) in Kimberley put it on. A long commercial sized barbecue was put into service with smiling gentleman doing the barbecue.

Frank attended University in the U.S.A. and while there in November 1937 was the first Canadian to win the "American Golden Gloves Award" in boxing. He was strong and a very good boxer. Frank and his uncle invented the curly telephone cord. Frank received "royalties" for a number of years and each year he drove to the U.S.A. from Wasa to pick up his money. He brought the money home in paper bags enclosed in a shopping bag.

Frank, over the years spent a large amount of the money in the Kimberley bars where he often treated friends and customers to a drink or two. One time on the way home to Wasa, he was stopped by a police man who said, "Frank, you're loaded." Frank said "you're darn right!" and proceeded to dump a few paper bags of money on the seat.

Oh yes, and then there was the story from Bob E. who told of the night Frank lost a bet at the bar and had to put his hand in the goldfish bowl, grab the goldfish and swallow the goldfish - whole. I wonder if it was like the "fish swallowing Jonah" story?

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WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

Maintaining a Healthy Wasa Lake

By Laurie Kay

What can the WLLID and all Wasa Lake users do to ensure that our lake remains healthy, with good quality water, and water quantity within our ability and means to control or mitigate?

The WLLID is aware of plenty of valuable, sound, factual, proven, information available from many sources that can help answer that question.

The WLLID sees an obligation to look at ways to access, distribute and create an awareness of that information and to turn that awareness into acceptance, action and best practice.

We are currently looking at the best ways to accomplish that task and ask for your support and encouragement to do so.

Stay tuned.

Native Milfoil

As mentioned in the February Tri Village Buzz the milfoil situation will be brought up at the April Annual Meeting to be followed by an open public meeting at a date to be determined.



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Another time, Frank was on the way home and while driving over the railroad bridge (the only way across the river in those days), a train came. He jumped out of his car, jumped off the bridge and into the Kootenay River. Frank survived but his car did not!

A story I found particularly funny that Frank told my husband and I one night as we were discussing all the guns he had decorating the walls of his store went something like this "We'd win the Vietnam War for sure if we sent the long haired youth in first. The enemy would be laughing so hard they would not see "us" coming and we'd get 'em". That was in the late 1960's when the style for young men in high school was long hair.

At the mention of Frank, his fame as a character is still alive and pulsing 42 years after his death. Memories are not made by buildings, but by the people we meet and our experiences, some of which stay for a lifetime.

Many landmarks in our valley have disappeared including the store and home Frank, Jimmy and Charlie built. Nostalgia lives on!

Check out The Kootenay Ripples History Book if you'd like to read more stories about Frank. They are found on pages 327 and 531. For the history of the Main Beach Stores, refer to pages 165-167.

If you would like to purchase a book contact the Rauch's at 250-422-3335 or borrow a copy from the Library. The book includes many interesting stories of the history and people of this area.

Pet's Place



Kathy's Border Collies, Oso and Ellie having fun in the snow at the Quartz Lake overlook.

the Armchair Traveller

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The Board gave third reading to Bylaws 2155 and 2156 to amend the OCP and rezoning of 23 hectares of land located on Highway 93/95 in Wasa. The Bylaws will change the property to C1, Highway Commercial Zone to permit a 120 site camp ground and other commercial development opportunities. The Bylaw will be sent to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) for approval.

The proponent provided Information on water usage and the proposed septic system. The property will be restricted to allow 120 units, which will include recreation trailers and cabins.

5 Year Financial Plan

The RDEK Board of Directors gave the first review to the draft 2017 - 2021 5 year Financial Plan and is seeking public input.

The Financial Plan lays out how dollars are spent on services throughout the RDEK.

The overall draft proposes a 0.9% increase over the 2016 budget.

However, it is important to remember that within the RDEK model, municipalities and electoral areas are all affected differently depending on which RDEK Services they receive.

The 2017 operating budget is \$28.1 million virtually the same as 2016.

The RDEK is accepting comments on the 5 year Financial Plan until 10:00 am February 27th. To view a copy of the Plan you can download a summary from the RDEK website.

Agriculture Land Reserve

Many residents will receive a letter from the ALR asking if you want your property removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve or if you wish to remain within. Please ensure you fill in and return the form, if you wish for your property to remain within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

I hope that everyone has a good month

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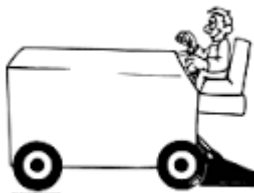
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News From the Pews

By Pastor Paul Brandon

Local Pastor Gets Taken Advantage Of

A couple of weeks ago I was heading into town, when I noticed a man walking down the road in the opposite direction. At the time, I thought it was dangerous as the sidewalks were all snowed in but I guess he had no where else to walk. I felt sorry for him, but was on my way into town to take care of business and had no time to stop. Got to keep going!

When I was finished my business and was headed back home to Wasa the man had come a fair distance. He was now past the underpass and was now walking ahead of me. He was carrying a backpack and he looked cold, so I stopped and offered him a ride.

We talked for a little while and I asked him where he was headed. "Toronto", he told me. The cold spell had been on for some time and he volunteered that he had slept out in the cold for a couple of nights. He had a sleeping bag but no tent. A tent would have been too heavy he said. I asked him when he had his last meal and he told me "A couple of days ago". I told him I would take him to Wasa, where he could have a hot meal and then I would take him to the motel.

When we got to the diner, I told him he could have what ever he wanted and he ordered two meals and then asked for desert. I thought that was kind of looking a gift horse in the mouth but I said nothing.

When I got the bill it seemed kind of high, but I have a one track mind and was thinking about getting him to the motel. I dropped him off at the motel and then went on my way home for supper.

A few days later I was back at the diner and Alison had some fun at my expense. She was laughing when she told me that the fellow had ordered two meals, one to eat then and one to eat later. I had been oblivious to the incident until she mentioned it.

We both had a good laugh and on my way home I thought. You know I have so much and he had so little, so what if he took advantage of me and ordered an extra meal. It didn't break me and besides the church reimbursed me from the helping fund.

The Bible says that there will always be the poor and that we are to reach out to them and help them. I just did my part and hopefully he made it to Toronto even if he did put one over on me. Bless him any way!!

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"Exploration begins by figuring out what you don't know."

Adam Shoalts

Alone Against the North

Adam Shoalts

With super human perseverance, Adam, an explorer since his youth followed a dream of his heart to explore, by canoe, a river that in it's entirety had never been recorded or seen by anyone and had never been surveyed or charted.

He chose the "READY RIVER" after studying maps and government documents. It is located on the PQ/ON. border in the Hudson Bay Lowlands.

Beginning by canoe from Cochrane, ON (all four trips), his first two attempts in 2008 and 2009 failed. His partners quit after they experienced a multitude of mosquitoes, black flies, rain, waterfalls, portages, limited diet and cold. They canoed up rivers, lakes and tributaries on these two trips without finding the Ready River. His partners did not have the exploratory dream Adam had.

The next two excursions were sponsored by "The Royal Canadian Geographic Magazine".

On the third trip in 2012, to find the river his buddy quit ½ way through the trip because of the above trials and was flown from a convenient spot to civilization. This was at his own expense. Adam persevered, canoed on, ALONE, found the river and with extreme difficulty, paddled, dragged the canoe in shallow spots in very ice cold waters, portaged around large waterfalls, carried his canoe through swamps and muskeg, rode small waterfalls in his canoe and went over a large waterfall. He had to repair his canoe with tree gum and sap a few times. Adam suffered especially with the rain, cold and myriads of mosquitoes and black flies that swarmed him. His resilience and determination paid off. He was triumphant in fulfilling his dream of exploring the whole river

on this his third try. In 2013, he canoed the Ready River again, ALONE, to survey, map and chart the river. He recorded for the R.C.G.M. the height and number of waterfalls, the topography of the river, the scenery, plus the wildlife, flora and birds he saw along the way on each of the trips. The trip was easier this time because he knew the way.

This is a book of intrigue, determination, joy, triumph and success and it expanded my knowledge of the Hudson Bay Lowlands. I hope he writes about the High Arctic, his next planned trip of exploration for the R.C.G.M.

David Thompson

Graeme Pole

In my quest to learn more about David Thompson, I found this little gem in our library, also available is "The Map Maker" by Perry Wood.

David Thompson, a meticulous, skillful and orderly surveyor and map maker of the British America wilderness (now Canada) and diplomat among the natives faced the same hardships that Adam faced. Thompson walked, snow-shoed, rode horses used dog-sleds and canoed across approximately 88,550 km of wilderness. The two- fold purpose of his excursions was building and establishing trading forts across British America for the fur trade and surveying and mapping the rivers, lakes, terrain and topography of the land with his sextant and compass. He worked for the Hudson Bay Company (HBC) and then The North West Company(NWC). Thompson used the sun and stars for his calculations and the natives called him Koo-Koo Sint (one who looks at the stars). He thought nothing about going from the Edmonton area back to the Hudson Fort or Montreal, bringing furs, building trading-posts, surveying and mapping and spent considerable time criss-crossing across the country. Hunger was often a companion! In studying the maps included in the two books I have read of his life, it has given me a greater insight into the river systems and lakes as well as the position of the trading forts in relationship to the rivers and the different areas of our vast country.

David Thompson spent the winter months and extreme weather detailing his maps on his past encounters and trips. His 3 foot by 2 ½ foot map consisting of 20 maps, have survived over 200 years and are now located in the Ontario Archives in Toronto. One of the maps was stolen by the British and remains in London.

Thompson's last feat and dream was to find the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. He achieved this by arriving at the mouth of the Columbia on July 15, 1811, only weeks after the Americans laid claim to Fort Astoria in what is now in Oregon.

On his many excursions, he eventually passed our way on the Kootenay River. Cheryl Bradford organized the process to have a sign placed in Bummers Flats commemorating his trip, simply follow the dirt road to the river, half way down Bummer's Flats on the way to Cranbrook.

Despite David Thompson's brilliant career as a cartographer, he was poverty stricken the last few years of his life trading his instruments for food. He died in 1857 at 86 years of age and his wife Charlotte died three months later. They are buried together in Mt. Royal Cemetery in Montreal and had 13 children.

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In Memory of
Vi Cockell



One of our readers sent in the following Hints in memory of Vi:

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2. Keep a small bottle of baby powder in your beach bag. When you're ready to leave sprinkle yourself and the kids with the powder and the sand will slide right off.
3. If you seal an envelope then realize that you forgot to include something inside, just place it in the freezer for an hour or two.
4. Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it and take some home to their nest. They can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so (more if it rains) but no harm to children or pets.
5. Use a dry cotton ball to pick up little pieces of broken glass. The fibers catch the pieces that you cannot see.
6. To get something out of a heat register or under a fridge, add an empty paper towel roll or gift wrap roll to the end of your vacuum hose. It can be flattened or bent to get into narrow openings.
7. Reduce static cling on your clothing by attaching a small safety pin to the inside seam.
8. Before you measure sticky things like peanut butter in your measuring cups, fill them with hot water first and don't dry the cup. It should slide out easily.
9. An old fashioned chalk board eraser kept in the glove box of your car is handy for rubbing windows that are fogged on the inside.
10. When you buy a new bike for your child, remove the handle grips and place a photo or "password" inside the hollow handle bar. It will be proof to identify the bike if it is ever stolen.
11. Use plastic ziplock bags to refill salt and pepper shakers, mustard or mayo dispensers, etc. Simply fill the bag, then cut a small hole in the corner to squeeze out the food. The messy bag can be just tossed away, much better than washing a funnel. They are also great to squeeze out cake frosting. Perfect for doing the fine work like writing when decorating a cake.



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HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER



A Mountie Who Became a Reverend

Charles Cummings Raven enlisted as a constable in the Northwest Mounted Police on January 9, 1885. He reported that he was born in Brussels, Ontario, on February 1, 1863 and had worked as a farmhand in Manitoba. Raven was one of 550 NWMP across Canada at a time when 25,000 indigenous individuals were being settled on reserves in territory which later became Alberta and Saskatchewan, along with Metis who were given homesteads on the Battle River. After a brief training he was sent to Fort Battleford, then assigned to a patrol protecting settlers near Batoche. Between March 26 and July 2, 1885, the Metis had many skirmishes with the NWMP and Canadian militia, but when Chief Big Bear surrendered the Northwest Rebellion was over. Raven was promoted to Corporal and moved around the same area until he applied for discharge on April 10, 1890, in Calgary. He went home to assist his parents in Ontario, then re-enlisted at Banff on July 23, 1891, this time stating his birth date as February 1, 1869. Within six months he was given his Corporal stripes and six years later Sergeant's chevrons.

The indigenous residents were mostly settling comfortably into their new reserves. One exception was a young man named Almighty Voice, who shot a steer belonging to the farm instructor. He was taken to Duck Lake lock up and teased that he would hang for his crime, when actually the reprimand was a week or less in jail. Almighty Voice burst out of that jail, killed Sgt. Colbrook and ran to hide. For 19 months he hid by moving from reserve to reserve, though his main retreat was a cellar under his mother's bedroom on the One Arrow Reserve. Finally on May 26, 1897, he was spotted with two companions by Scout Napoleon Venne. Notice was quickly sent to Inspector Allan in Prince Albert and Inspector Wilson at Duck Lake. Next morning Venne was shot and wounded, but was able to pinpoint where Almighty Voice and his companions were hiding. Eleven NWMP led by Inspector Allan and Sergeant Raven surrounded the thicket and shots rang out. Raven was shot through the thigh and Allan had his right arm shattered. They were evacuated and the remainder surrounded the hiding place.

Reinforcements arrived and many shots were exchanged. Three other lawmen and a civilian were killed. Military troopers brought out two small cannons and lobbed into the area where the outlaws hid in a deep pit. Finally on May 30th it had been quiet for many hours so Commissioner McIlree had his men withdraw as he went into the thicket. Almighty Voice was lying in the pit with Little Salteaux on top of him. A third Indian had dropped when a bullet struck his forehead. Sgt. Raven joined the watchful patrols subsequent to this finale for an outlaw. Their observations saw that none of Almighty

Voice's family or fellow band members were about to change the peaceful settlement of their new homes.

Sgt. Raven was soon transferred to the Yukon to assist with policing thousands of gold seekers. In Dyea he was promoted to Staff Sergeant and transferred to Dawson City. Gold fever moderated. Talk now was about Canadians in the Boer War. Raven joined the 4th Contingent Canadian Mounted Rifles in which he served as Lieutenant and Quartermaster. Upon return to Canada in 1902 he was put in charge of the NWMP in Moosomin, Saskatchewan with the rank of Sergeant Major. Other moves followed to Macleod, Alberta in 1903-1904; Regina 1904; Lethbridge 1906-1909; Edson, Alberta 1910-1915; Weyburn, Saskatchewan 1915-1918; temporarily in charge of "E" Division Calgary 1918; Weyburn 1919-1922.

C.C. Raven was appointed Inspector in December 1909. While in Edson he met and courted Agatha Catton Nash. They were married January 15, 1912. He was 43 and she slightly younger. There were no children from their marriage. Inspector Raven retired to pension in September 1922, two years after his force's name had changed to Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Charles Cummings Raven promptly entered St. Chad's College of Theology (Anglican) in Regina. His biographers suggest that this was a reaction prompted when Bishop Wm. Bompas of the Yukon denied Holy Communion to members of the NWMP! He graduated with honours and was promptly placed in charge of Viscount, Lanigan and Guernsey Saskatchewan. The vicarage was in Viscount where he offered service every Sunday and one evening a week. The district had been without an incumbent and some parishioners had moved to "the United Church", a very aggressive group. On alternate Sundays he drove to Lanigan (10 miles east) or Guernsey (20 miles east). At Guernsey services were held in a rented building as their small church was blown away in a cyclone in 1919. In winter he travelled by train. He visited other tiny communities aiming to set up Sunday Schools for the first time for local children to whom "Our Saviour's name had no meaning: they had heard it only in profanity!"

From Viscount the Ravens were transferred to Mossbank (south of Moose Jaw), then to Vernon, B.C. for 6 months. In the summer of 1930 they were settled into the vicarage of St. Mark's Church in Kaslo, B.C.. They were a good looking couple with white hair, erect posture, bell-clear voices and gentle manners. Mrs. Raven was a most gracious hostess and convener of various gatherings. One such event was the annual Strawberry Tea. A rural parishioner volunteered to contribute some fresh cream for this fete.

This he took to town on the morning of the big day and gave to his four year old daughter to carry to the rectory. The little girl proudly delivered it and using her father's terminology, asked, "Can I come to the Cat Fight with Mummy this afternoon?" The rector's wife, suppressing her laughter, rather hastily said, "No" and sent Joan back to her parents.

Reverend Raven purchased a flat bottomed river boat with an outboard motor. He visited parishioners at Johnson's Landing and north on Kootenay Lake or took his wife and friends to distant beaches for a picnic. He also entered that little boat in the Kaslo summer regattas. He won in August 1931 because he was the only entrant. He was challenged in 1932 and again in 1933 but enjoyed participating. Outside the Anglican circle Reverend Raven participated in Armistice Day Services, hospital fundraising events, the summer flower show and other community goodwill gatherings. He served with teacher T.H. Robson and Rev.T.W. Reed of the United Church on the committee for Children's Sports event in May 1933. In September 1933 he was transferred to Fernie.

His tenure in Fernie came during the depth of the depression and he survived on his Mountie pension. Records show he covered Coal Creek, Cocato, Newgate, Waldo and Baynes Lake but personally he was fading. Parishioners recall his habit of including poems in his sermons... and forgetting the last line. One recorded duty saw him driving Sunday School teachers to Banff for a workshop. He had arranged to stay with the minister in Banff. When they arrived there, no one was home! Raven found a window ajar and crawled in...but his companions followed him through the window rather than have someone open the door! He left Fernie as a retiree at the end of 1934 and moved to Victoria, B.C. He had joined the NWMP at age 16, served in various uniforms and earned the right to a quiet life, passing in 1947.



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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

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 and was confirmed in Washington State in 2016. This 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, "but we thought we had many years to prepare". Instead, the disease was confirmed near Seattle last March and we are gearing up to look for it in BC this winter.

***"We are encouraging the public to report
dead bats or any sightings of winter bat activity
to the Community Bat Project (CBP)..."***

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 Community Bat Project (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 Kootenay Community Bat Project (KCBP; 1-855-922-2287 ext 14; kootenay@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 KCBP and the general public can help.

Funded by the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, the Province of BC, the Habitat Stewardship Program, Columbia Basin Trust, Kootenay Conservation Program in partnership with the Regional District of East Kootenay, and the Public Conservation Assistance Fund, the BC 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: Leigh Anne Isaac, Coordinating Biologist for the Kootenay Community Bat Project



A hibernating Little Brown Bat showing visible signs of the fungus causing White Nose Syndrome.

Photo: US Fish & Wildlife Service



The Little Brown Bat affected by White Nose Syndrome in Washington, 2016. The disease caused wing damage and made the bat unable to fly.'

Photo: Progressive Animal Welfare Society



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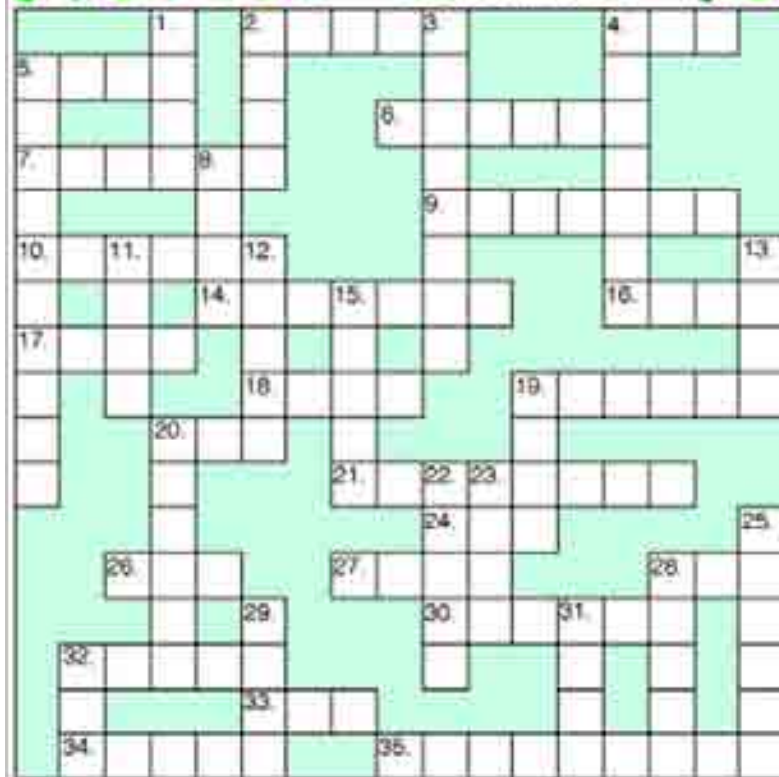
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Crossword



Down

1. Body covering?
2. Heal
3. 3 leaved clover
4. St. Patrick was a missionary there
5. Mystical being
8. Short form for corporal
11. Actor's part
12. _____ Patrick
13. X marks the
15. Peels of fruits
19. Layer
20. Procession or march
22. To arrive at a final destination
23. Walkway
25. Wrist or ankle injury
28. Household task
29. Measurement
31. Destroy
32. Valuable stone

Across

2. Loose change
4. Pens need this
5. Good _____
6. Conditional release
7. King's son
9. Let go
10. Mistakes
14. Saint _____
16. Let fall, rain _____
17. Give aid
18. Number less than 10
19. Leprechaun's head wear
20. _____ of gold
21. St. Patrick rid Ireland of these
24. Hearing organ
26. Opposite of good
27. One of the food groups
28. Drink container
30. God's house
32. St. Patrick's Day colour
33. Feline
34. St. Patrick's month
35. St. Patrick's day #



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Place dough on parchment paper-lined or greased rimless baking sheet. Using sharp knife, cut large X in top of dough. Bake in 425° F oven until bottom is browned and loaf sounds hollow when tapped. About 35 minutes. Serve warm.

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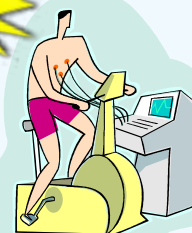
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GYM HOURS AND INFO



You can meditate anywhere, anytime

What is meditation if not a direct way to come back to yourself. We have been raised and educated to externalize ourselves. We have been seeking to fulfill our hearts through never-completely satisfied desires, hoping that the next expectation, the next new way of being happy, will at last be the right one. After decades of life, we often find ourselves still hoping to attain total balance through ephemeral outer projects. This worldly journey has often taken us far from where we were born. We go from one place to another, traveling near or far for work, groceries, theater, sports, health, career, wealth, fame and so on. And no matter what, we need more!

We are so captivated by what the world is offering us that we have become alien to ourselves. We are so occupied, and even preoccupied, that we have lost contact with ourselves. We have played and continue to play so many roles in order to become someone who is loved that, if we reflect upon it, we'll realize that we don't know who we are anymore beyond this life in which we have been, for the most part, forced to pretend. We continue to pretend, to wait for, to want, to hope for, and to expect the thing that will finally end this intense lack of truly being ourselves.

So here we are... as it is exactly when you try to understand the meaning of everything you have done or do in your life that you come to realize you have spent most of your time fleeing yourself. Through a very active and worldly life, you have quite simply lost contact with none other than yourself. You've extracted yourself from your own heart to satisfy or please the outer world. But when you are truly alone for a while, not knowing the purpose of the next thing you're supposed to do, then the true questions arise: "What do I really want? What am I looking for?"

This is in fact the very principle of meditation: becoming an observer of one's own motivations. As long as you are not clear about what you really seek in the next action you take, you are still alien to yourself. Indeed, if you don't know the very core of what you seek, then no matter what you do, you will end up frustrated, or at least dissatisfied. We are all seeking a state of being in which every sensation and every feeling will be fulfilled and at peace. In the teaching of meditation practice, we call this the "Quest for Self-Realization" or experiencing the actual essence of our own Presence, our own true

Being.

So, the meditation practice begins with the aspiration to come back to oneself, to observe with a neutral attitude the very nature of what composes one's inner atmosphere. The more you age, the more you will have the need to understand the commonality of all your desires. Like all seekers of truth, you will realize that you are seeking total happiness, the absolute absence of conflicts and contradictions. But the only way to reach this unified state of being is to cut yourself from worldly activity, even if only for a short period of isolation. For five, ten, thirty minutes, you sit somewhere, breathing quietly and consciously, closing your eyes, relaxing your body, wanting nothing but to just "BE" here and now, without any past or future. And there you will be: Practicing Meditation! Congratulations!

In today's world, most people lack the capacity to return to themselves. They are exhausted, tired, disappointed and even lost in the constant "doing" of this world. After having done so much, each of us reaches a point where we need "to be" rather than constantly "doing" or "wanting".

At the Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram, we learn how to practice meditation, not only seated for an hour on a cushion, but also during our daily activities. No matter where you are or what you are doing, it is always possible to breathe deeply and to become a gentle observer of your true presence. While seeking calmness with a neutral attitude, you can simply come back here and now, letting go of any egoistic involvement with the world. Ten minutes of this practice is sufficient to bring you back to yourself and make you realize that what you have missed the most in life is the "true You", the very simple You who needs nothing more than to Be.

During the day, you have the right to take a few minutes to meditate in order to regain contact with your Central Being. One should not meditate because one has to, but because one needs to do so. Meditation should not become an exotic habit but a natural necessity for you to develop awareness and express righteous actions. If you want to act properly, you need to perceive the world properly. As long as you perceive the world through a stressed or emotional mind, the result of your actions will carry negative or disharmonious conditions. The quieter you are, the more clearly you will perceive the world and the people around you, and the more you will act according to what is needed at every moment. Thus, you will foster harmony and peace in everyone and

everything that comes in contact with you.

Remember that you can meditate anytime, anywhere, even if it's only for five minutes. By practicing meditation repeatedly, you will quickly discover that everything that you aspire for in this life is already within you.

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5	6 WHIST 7 pm	7 LIONS MTG	8  Armchair Traveller	9 Teaching at the Ashram 7 p.m.	10	11
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LEGEND

- Church 10:30 a.m.
- Gym (M,W,F 7:30-8:30 a.m. Mon to Fri 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.)
- BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- Rec Society 7:00 p.m.
- Lions 7:00 p.m.
- Library Tues. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- TOPS Fri 8:30 a.m. Weigh in & Meeting 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- Quilters Tues. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Sunday, April 16th
Easter Sunday
- Date TBA Wasa Lions Garage Sale
- June 10th & 11th, 2017
Wasa Triathlon
- JULY 2017 - NO NEWSLETTER

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