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Our facilities need your financial help

This letter was submitted by Brent McInnis (Magoo)

Over the years volunteers in our community have developed great facilities for the use and enjoyment of everybody. Now we are struggling to raise enough funds each year to operate and maintain these wonderful facilities:

- The rec hall*
- Kitchen and covered pancake breakfast building area and amenities*
- Tennis court*
- Outdoor Ice arena / Summertime pickle ball courts*
- Basketball court*
- Public washroom facility*
- Softball fields*
- Lions' path around the lake*

So, we're reaching out to the Tri-Village residents of Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck, and Premier Lake to ask for a \$45 per lot annual facilities support levy, to be included in our property taxes, starting in 2022.

This money, collected by the RDEK on our behalf, would be earmarked strictly for reimbursement of utilities and maintenance expenses of our community facilities.

Thank you sincerely from volunteers, support groups and community users of the facilities.

Please Stay Safe!

For more information, please read the flyer enclosed in the Buzz, or visit www.wasalake.com/facilities, or send an email to trivillageinfo@gmail.com or call one of the volunteers below:

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WHEN THE MOON HITS YOUR EYE

submitted by Barry Morvai

Well, we are now into our third month, which means another equinox. Which also means we're that much closer to spring. In case you weren't sure, equinox means day and night are the same length, and we get those twice a year. March 21 and September 21. Vernal equinox is the technical term for march and Autumnal for September.

So lets see what's happening for March.

March 6 has Mercury at its highest point above the horizon and will be visible in the eastern sky before sunrise. So if you're an early riser and we have clear skies, keep your eyes peeled.

March 13 gives us a new moon, which usually gives us great viewing of other objects in the night sky. Hopefully by then, I will have had the telescope out and have observed other planets and galaxies!

March 20 is the equinox, and we all know what's happening there.

March 28 is our full moon. Also known as Worm moon, as this was the time when earthworms would start pushing their way out of the ground.....(I might look for those on the 28th). Other names include Sap moon, when the sap started running on the maple trees..... Crust moon, because the ground softens during the day, but hardens at night from the cooler temperatures.

Chaste moon and Death moon are a couple strange names I found. Chaste being the time of rebirth and death being the last moon of winter.

So there you have a little more trivia to amuse friends and family, unless they beat ya to it....LOL....but at least you can say " I knew that"!

Now go out there and enjoy the night sky, whether its with a telescope, binoculars or just viewing with your eyes. There's always something to see and always something to wonder about....like if we're alone or not...lol.

Happy viewing!



The Lions Den

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

submitted by Terry Marvel

Well, we finally got our winter weather albeit a tad late. The skating rink has had a lot of use and is in great shape, thanks to the volunteers that keep it up. With warmer weather on the way, the future of the rink is a little iffy but it was great while it lasted. The Lion's Club is still looking for alternate ways to deal with the top of the rink boards. We may have a lead on some thicker puck board that will hopefully, not shrink or expand so badly.

In these harsh times of no close contact etc., some kind Lion's members have devised a plan to raise money by way of a gourmet dinner for six individuals at a lake side location to be announced later this spring. The raffle will be drawn in the late summer with the dinner to be held sometime in August. This is great news in these times of restricted fund raising. More information will follow in the coming months.

Enjoy the coming warmer weather and get those seedlings planted!



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CALLING ALL ARTISTS - YOUNG & OLD!!

Tri-Village Buzz is partnering with the Wasa Lions to produce a cookbook that will compile all of the recipes published over the last 10+ years. This is a fundraiser for the two organizations and we need **your** support!!

'*Buzzing in the Kitchen*' will need a front cover!! I want to see our community's artistic abilities :) Open to all suggestions; but it will have to incorporate the Buzz bee.



Winner will receive a free cookbook and a \$25 gift certificate to one of our advertisers! I am excited about this project - let's see what you have!!

Contest will end March 31st, 2021

email your entry to trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Are you new to the Community? Recently retired and have time on your hands? Want to meet neighbours? Just love to get involved and give back? We might be able to help with that! Because our Communities are small, we rely very heavily upon Volunteers. And there are so many areas that would benefit from any skills you have to share. I encourage you to take a look at the list below and call existing members to see where you can help out.

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| *Wasa & District Lions Club | *Bingo |
| *Wasa Recreational Society | *Armchair Traveler |
| *TriVillage Buzz Newsletter | *Wasa Gym |
| *Wasa Community Library | *Tri-Village Kids Club |
| *Wasa Lake Land Improvement | *Wasa Pancake Breakfast |
| *Wasa & District Historical Association/Garden Group | |

are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons. We would love to see you!

"Volunteering is a work of heart"

Many of you have a story, adventure or life story about people you know in our area, that happened in years past and you are eager to share, so that the history is not lost. I would like to include them in the "Following the Trails of Yesterday" page. Please phone me if you would like to contribute to the column at 250.422.3766 or email me at -- judymcphoe9@gmail.com --

Why we are asking the Tri Village Area To support a Facilities Operating Tax.

In villages and larger municipalities, facilities such as rinks, pools, halls and other structures are supported through property taxation.

In the Tri Village Area our community volunteers are responsible for operating the community hall, outdoor kitchen, ball diamond, rink, tennis court and round the lake trail.

WHY the current situation is UNSUSTAINABLE: *our volunteer base is at risk.*

1. We are drawing fewer volunteers from an aging population.
2. There is an attrition of our older volunteers, through death and relocation to town.
3. A large population of recreational ownership, means we have a smaller pool of year-round residents to draw from. These volunteers are under pressure to operate and raise funding for community facilities on a “day to day” basis.
4. Costs of operations are rising. Covid-19 is the perfect storm, causing more stress on our core volunteers. *We need to retain our existing volunteers.*

WHAT A FACILITIES TAX WOULD DO

1. It is meant to *assist not replace* the volunteers in our community.
2. It would not cover the \$100 % of all funds needed to operate the facilities. Fundraising will always be necessary for ongoing maintenance and operations.
3. A combination of partial financial help through taxation with community volunteerism **is the most cost effective, long term option.**

WHAT A FACILITIES TAX WILL LOOK LIKE?

- It will be tax of \$45 annually for each property.
- The proposed area of taxation would be the same as the area for the Mosquito Tax.
- There are two options in sending this tax decision out to our community.

**The first option is the most expensive.*

- o Option 1 - A traditional referendum vote – go to the hall cast your vote.
- o Option 2 - Alternative approval – RDEK passes a taxation bylaw, the public is notified by notices in the community. If no more than 10% of electors object to the tax within 30 days, the bylaw is approved.

Volunteers representing the Wasa Community Hall and the Lion’s Club
have been working on this initiative.

These residents will be reaching out to others in the Tri- Village Area
to help answer any questions.

Please Visit www.wasalake.com/facilities

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*People in our community have always “stepped up” when asked.
We need you to consider supporting a facilities tax.*



Norma Williams!!

Norma has graciously offered to take the combined position of **Treasurer** and **Invoice coordinator**. I am so pleased to have her come on board. She and her husband Ed have recently chosen our community to retire in. Let's make them welcome!!

The TriVillage Buzz is still in need of individuals for the following positions:

Helpful Hints: this individual submits an article every month covering helpful hints topics. You can be creative and match the hints to the seasons, specific products, etc. You can make this your own! and have a bit of fun with it.

Fun Page: this individual submits puzzles, word searches, etc. every month. Another opportunity to be creative and make it your own. I have been told there are a number of adults that enjoy this page a lot! so it would be a shame to see it disappear from the Newsletter.

Recipes: this can be a collaborative effort from every member of the community. A recipe that reflects each holiday season, something your family loves, your go-to on a busy evening

Main Article: This is someone I could count on to make regular submissions of local information, infamous residents, community history and so on that will often be used as the front page story. Ideally, it would mean monthly submissions, but even every second month, it would be so helpful!!

At one time the Buzz had regular sports articles, book reviews, history 'bytes' and I would love to see more diversity in our monthly newsletter.

As you can see, no one position is overly burdensome. But at this point in time, I am doing it all. As well as putting the newsletter together and getting it to the printer, picking it up and getting it to the post office, all before the end of each month.

I am reaching (out to community members to help fill a need for the buzz. A plea, if you will. I love the fact that this newspaper has been around for 15 years and would like to see it continue, but as I had stated, this is a community paper.

"May you always be blessed with walls for the wind. A roof for the rain. A warm cup of tea by the fire. Laughter to cheer you. Those you love near you. And all that your heart might desire."

Irish Proverb



and their place in our hearts

I would like to revive an old favourite!

Send me pics of your 'fur babies' and a bit of a story of how they came to be in your heart.



Coco is one of the most awesome dogs I've ever known! She is what is termed a coydog - part coyote and (in her case) shepherd. She was another rescue (we tend to do that alot, lol), the only pup rescued from a car fire that took her mom and siblings. When we first got her at a year old, we went for a walk - we thought she was doing so well, we took her off leash. Well, she was gone like an arrow shot from a bow! We thought for sure we had lost her, but thankfully there was a family in the parking lot with a bowl of dog food out on the ground. She came to a stop to scarf it down and we were able to catch up to her and put the leash back on. Phew!! Nowadays there is no amount of tempting that can get her to leave Barry's side. She is the princess in the home, there is no doubt!

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Greetings Buzz Readers

Unfortunately due to continuing COVID restrictions the TVKC will not be hosting any events this spring.

We will be hosting our AGM on March 26 at 7:00pm via ZOOM. Due to ongoing circumstances we will sadly be voting on a dissolution of the group. If you would like to join us please email us at trivillagekidsclub@yahoo.com, or you can find us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/trivillagekidsclub](https://www.facebook.com/trivillagekidsclub)

Stay safe and healthy, and wishing you all a happy spring!

The TVKC



Wasa Community Church

"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord"
 (1 Corinthians 1:31).

Humans are amazing. We are capable of so much. You can look back in the day to the pyramids, or keep to the present with today's advancement of technology, but what you find is that we humans have many remarkable accomplishments. Although we have so many wonderful abilities, one thing that we can't do is build a stairway to heaven.

In the Bible, we find a passage that says, *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."* (Romans 3:23), which tells us a couple of things: we have sinned and, as those who have sinned, we fall short of God. We're not up to His standard. As we look through and study the Bible, what we find is that we're simply not good enough to go to heaven, and there's no level of good we can make ourselves, no matter the good deeds we do and kindnesses we show, that will change God's mind to let us in. We're in this pit of our sin nature that's only been dug deeper by the things we've done against God's Word, and there's no way for us to climb our way out, no matter how hard we try.

Fortunately, that passage continues: *"... and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith"* (Romans 3:24-25). We're able to be made right with God because the only person innocent of sin died, shedding His blood on the cross for us. Therefore, when we accept Him by faith, and are then given access to heaven, no longer stuck in the pit, we cannot give ourselves credit. We cannot boast about how good we are when we get to heaven's gates. We can simply boast in the work of Jesus Christ that was completed on our behalf.

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submitted by Tom Braumandl

Well as the lake nestles under a thin blanket of snow and the temperatures are frigid, the lake ice isn't even making its customary groans. Things at the land improvement district are pretty quiet too. Just a few of newsworthy items--first taxes aren't going up, that's 7 years without an increase, just \$50 per parcel to ensure your lake water quantity and quality are monitored and other neighborly services, and secondly, we have received funds from the RDEK for the Wasa Lake Safety Advocates to create a boating safety sign that will hopefully keep us all safer and happier during boating season. Nowell Berg, a WLLID trustee, is beavering away getting local water level data into the Waterhub, <https://waterhub.livinglakescanada.ca/>, as was reported in the last Buzz, so that all that good data can be shared. We will inform you when that is up and running and as always please visit our website <http://www.wasalake.ca/> not wasalake.com, which will take to the TriVillage Buzz, to see what we do and contact us. Stay warm and safe and enjoy the lake in its winter glory.



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

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MONKEY BUTTER



Crazy good on toast, english muffins or even ice cream!

5 medium-size perfectly ripe bananas (no brown spots)

1/4 cup coconut

20 oz. can of crushed pineapple – not drained

3 cups of white sugar

3 Tbsp bottled lemon juice.

Ground coconut is preferred over flaked coconut it is much finer than the flake coconut.

To start, peel and slice the bananas and then put them into a large pot. Add the rest of the ingredients and put on the stove to bring to a boil, stirring constantly.

After bringing to a boil, lower to a simmer and cook until thickened, still stirring constantly. I was worried that maybe the bananas were going to stay in huge slices but after cooking, they were reduced down into a jam texture. Mmm.....

When properly thickened, spoon the mixture into sterilized glass jars and let cool.

At this point in the recipe, this jam can just be refrigerated and will keep for approx 4-6 weeks. The lemon juice in the recipe will keep the bananas fresh. But once your family tries it, it might not last that long.

Or after putting the jam in the jars, you can seal the jars with sealing lids and rings and process in a water bath for 15 minutes. Just a note that if you process your Monkey Butter in this method, it will turn out to be a little pink instead of the mellow yellow color like this:



**** Update**** Whether or not you just cook this jam or use the 15 minute water bath process, this jam should be kept in the refrigerator or freezer***

A HOME FOR ALL - Kelly Speck - Creative Gardening FB

Since it is almost nesting season I wanted to offer a few hints for building, buying and placement of wren and chickadee and birdhouses. I used to work for a nature store and I'm not endorsing a company and have homemade houses of my own. These birds really love bugs and can help keep pests down in your garden naturally. Wrens can be noisy but I love them. You may not want their house right next to your bedroom window (did that) or maybe you prefer earlier wake-up. Both birds have used the house in my picture for over 13 years I just keep cleaning it out. Entrance holes should be no larger than 1 1/8 inch about size of a quarter. Any larger nuisance birds like house sparrows and starlings can use it. **DON'T USE A PERCH.** They don't need it. It just allows larger birds to hold on and raid your nest. Avoid placing boxes on fence posts, nailing on trees, or hanging in trees where cats, snakes, chipmunks and squirrels can get in and it's over. Use a pole and baffle to keep them out. There are many types online or make your own. A clean out hatch on your house is a good idea. Chickadees and wrens don't need big homes like my big red house but wrens have used it. But chickadees tend to choose smaller cleaned out ones. Wrens fill with sticks and will sometimes return to used houses. You can add a metal entrance protector to keep woodpeckers from making the entrance larger, and they have tried. Happy gardening with birds.



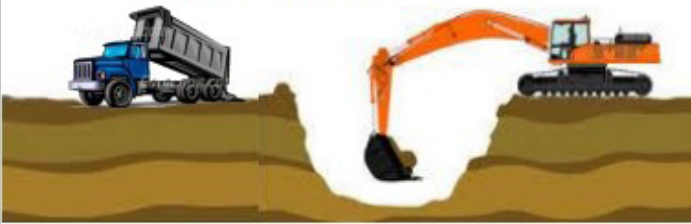
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Wasa Lions Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard

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 @ 250.417.7654 or Trinda @ 250 793-9491



What is Consciousness?

Over the years, I have widely described the reason why we are neither our body nor our mind, but Pure Unlimited Consciousness, eternal and immortal, since consciousness is not temporal or physical.

Experiencing life only through this pure State of Awareness gives freedom from the falsifying mind, and it is not only possible, but it is the next step in Human Evolution. Some great awakened Souls, such as my Spiritual Master H.H. the Lord Hamsah Manarah or before Him, the renowned Master Sri Aurobindo, wanted to prepare Humanity for such an Evolutionary Transformation by giving precise insight into the very nature of Consciousness.

Sri Aurobindo, in His own words, perfectly explained what Consciousness is:

“Consciousness is a reality inherent in existence. It is there even when it is not active on the surface, but silent and immobile; it is there even when it is invisible on the surface, not reacting on outward things or sensible to them, but withdrawn and either active or inactive within; it is there even when it seems to us to be quite absent and the being to our view unconscious and inanimate.

Consciousness is a fundamental thing, the fundamental thing in existence -it is the energy, the motion, the movement of consciousness that creates the universe and all that is in it -not only the macro-

cosm but the microcosm-is nothing but consciousness arranging itself. For instance, when consciousness in its movement, or rather a certain stress of movement, forgets itself in the action, it becomes an apparently “unconscious” energy; when it forgets itself in the form, it becomes the electron, the atom, the material object. In reality, it is still consciousness that works in the energy and determines the form and the evolution of form. When it wants to liberate itself, slowly, evolutionarily, out of Matter, but still in the form, it emerges as life, as animal, as man, and it can go on evolving itself still farther out of its involution and become something more than mere man.

Consciousness is not only power of awareness of self and things; it is or has also a dynamic and creative energy. It can determine its own reactions or abstain from reactions; it can not only answer to forces, but create or put out from itself forces. Consciousness is Chit but also Chit Shakti, the Power of the Ultimate Force called “God”.

The origin, the initial and the ultimate reality of all that is in the cosmos is the triune principle of transcendent and infinite Existence, Consciousness and Bliss (Sat-Chit-Ananda) which is the nature of Divine Being. Consciousness has two aspects, illuminating and effective, state and power of self-awareness and state and power of self-force, by which being possesses itself whether in its static condition or

in its dynamic movement; for in its creative action, it knows by omnipotent self-consciousness all that is latent within it and produces and governs the universe of its potentialities by an omniscient self-energy.

To the Infinite Consciousness, both the static and the dynamic are possible; these are two of its statuses and both can be present simultaneously in the universal awareness, the one witnessing the other and supporting it or not looking at it and yet automatically supporting it; or the silence and status may be there penetrating the activity or throwing it up like an ocean immobile below, throwing up a mobility of waves on its surface. This is also the reason why it is possible for us, in certain conditions of our being, to be aware of several different states of consciousness at the same time. There is a state of being experienced in Yoga in which we become a double consciousness, one on the surface, small, active, ignorant, swayed by thoughts and feelings, grief and joy and all kinds of reactions, the other within, calm, vast, equal, observing the surface being with an immovable detachment or indulgence or, it may be, acting upon its agitation to quiet, enlarge, transform it.”

May these elements of Awareness help you in establishing your life in the Realm of Consciousness.

Warmly with you all always!

OM OM OM

**H.H. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha
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Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Sherry Shields

Story by Sherry Shields

A memory I cherish of my dad was our X country skiing. I recall one trip that I was following dad and having a struggle keeping up. When he finally stopped for a well needed break I commented I was having a tough time keeping up. He got a big grin on his face and said keeping up I could hear you behind me and I was working hard just to keep ahead of you. To say we were both a bit competitive would be an understatement. Sure miss my skiing partner. If there is snow I always pack our trail and have a ski with dad.

2019 Columbarium Niche & Plaque Costs

UNIT 1 Columbarium

Upper levels - \$1000.00 + engraving
Bottom Row - \$900.00 + engraving

UNIT 2 Columbarium (new)

Niche cost - \$1100.00 + engraving

Niche Engraving - \$275.00

Memorial Plaque - \$300.00

(engraving costs are subject to change)

Contact info:

Pat Walkey @ 250 422-3530 or
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*Gone, but
never ever
forgotten*



Our Community Garden is always looking for volunteers. Spring is just around the corner, we will be looking for volunteers for the Annual Spring clean up and summer maintenance. If interested in volunteering at the garden or you would like to share a memory relating to the garden call Sherry Shields @ 250-919-7887 © or email slshields27@gmail.com.

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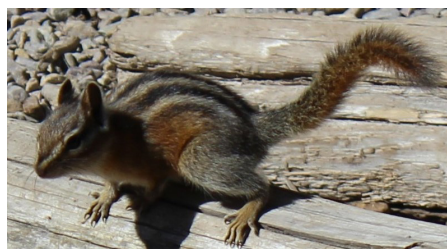
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The March Wind

Anonymous

I come to work as well as play;
I'll tell you what I do;
I whistle all the live-long day,
Woo-oo-oo-oo! Woo-oo!

I toss the branches up and down
And shake them to and fro,
I whirl the leaves in flocks of brown,
And send them high and low.

I strew the twigs upon the ground,
The frozen earth I sweep;
I blow the children round and round
And wake the flowers from sleep.

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- All users must sign in with date and time
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- All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
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GYM HOURS AND INFO

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



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

TAKEN FROM A 1939 NEWSPAPER CLIPPING - submitted by Helen Maine

The committee of dieticians also suggested that such things as soap, talcum powder, toothbrush, dentifrice, matches, replacements of light bulbs, hair cuts and other articles should be included in a family list.

An average Sunday menu for a family of five persons was recommended by the committee as follows: Breakfast, whole wheat cereal, toast, honey, coffee or hot milk, and milk for children; dinner, smothered pot roast, buttered carrots, mashed potatoes, raw celery, brown bread, tea and milk; supper, beet and cottage cheese salad, tea biscuits, plain cake and cocoa. The total cost of the three meals for five persons would be \$1.09, the dieticians said.

The cheapest three meal menu of the week was listed as follows: Breakfast, tomato juice, whole wheat cereal, toast, honey and cocoa; dinner, baked liver and onions, creamed potatoes, buttered beets, apple salad, tea and milk; supper, baked beans, Boston brown bread, plum jam, oatmeal cookies, tea and milk. The estimated cost of this for the same family is 85 cents.

RECIPES ... RECIPES ... RECIPES ... RECIPES

There have been numerous recipe submissions over the life of the Buzz. And we are looking at compiling those into a cookbook for a Wasa Lions/Buzz fundraiser.

What was your favourite recipe?

Submit your vote for a chance to win a gift certificate to a Wasa Advertiser. And feel free to submit a favourite recipe, kitchen tips, food preparation tips, etc. from your home to be included in the publication!!



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Wasa Community Hall

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Meeting 9:30 – 10:30 am

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Contacts:

Susan 778.524.0012

Or Irene 250.422.3686



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COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Codie Morigeau and Aimee Watson join the Trust's Board of Directors

(Columbia Basin) – Columbia Basin Trust is pleased to welcome two new members to its Board of Directors. Codie Morigeau, a nominee of the Ktunaxa Nation Council, and Aimee Watson, a nominee of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, have joined the Board effective January 1, 2021. Larry Binks and Vickie Thomas leave the Board after completing their six-year terms.

"I would like to welcome Codie and Aimee to the Trust's Board of Directors and look forward to working together to support the work of the Trust moving forward," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and Minister Responsible for Columbia Basin Trust. "I also thank exiting Board members Larry Binks and Vickie Thomas for their years of dedicated service and wish them the best."

Jocelyn Carver of Nelson remains as the Board Chair – her second term in that position, and David Raven remains in his position as Vice-Chair for a second term as well.

"We look forward to the perspectives and leadership that Codie and Aimee will bring to the Trust's Board of Directors. Their expertise and relationships in the Basin will be a valuable complement to our team," said Trust Board Chair Jocelyn Carver. "We also bid a fond farewell to Larry and Vickie who brought so much passion and unique experience to the work of this Board – thank you."



Codie Morigeau was raised in the Ktunaxa Nation community of ʔaąam and lives in Cranbrook. She has worked with the Ktunaxa Nation since 2001 and is currently the Director of Education and Employment on a temporary assignment as the Director of Traditional Knowledge, Language, and Culture. Codie is also the President of the Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Board and has served on the ʔaąam Chief and Council and the Ktunaxa Nation Executive Council.

Aimee Watson has called Kaslo home since 2004. She led Kaslo's "Lawns to Gardens" initiative, developed a food forum for North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society, and helped establish the Kaslo Food Security project, eventually opening the doors in 2009 to the first accredited Food Hub in Canada. In 2014 Aimee was elected the Electoral Area Director for Area D in the Regional District of Central Kootenay and is currently the Chair of its Board of Directors.



The Trust is governed by a 12-member Board of Directors. The five Regional Districts in the Basin and the Ktunaxa Nation Council each nominate a Director, and the Province of BC appoints the remaining six directors. All Directors must reside in the Basin.

For biographies and more information on the Board of Directors, visit ourtrust.org/board.



Columbia Basin Trust supports the ideas and efforts of the people in the Columbia Basin. To learn more about the Trust's programs and initiatives, and how it helps deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the Basin, visit ourtrust.org or call 1.800.505.8998.

Garden Facts & Fables

We have had such a mild winter so far - that I am concerned about moisture - or more accurately the lack of moisture. What will that mean for your garden? Will it change what types of plants you choose to grow?

Common Drought Tolerant Vegetables

If you love to grow great tasting vegetables but live in a very drought-prone region, there are some delicious vegetables that are just right for you. It seems like weather patterns change every year – some years our area might experience excessive rain, the next year might not find a drop of rain in sight. Be prepared when the latter happens with these drought tolerant vegetables.

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| <i>Cowpeas (Black-eye peas)</i> | <i>'Heatwave II' Tomatoes</i> | <i>'Clemson Spineless' Okra</i> |
| <i>Mustard Greens</i> | <i>Hales Best Jumbo Cantaloupe</i> | <i>Cantaloupe</i> |
| <i>Pole Beans or Snap Beans</i> | <i>Jalapeno and Poblano Peppers</i> | <i>Eggplant</i> |
| <i>Black Aztec Corn (consists of black kernels for roasting)</i> | | <i>'Sugar Baby' Watermelon</i> |
| <i>New Zealand Spinach</i> | <i>Lima beans</i> | <i>Corn</i> |
| <i>Field peas</i> | <i>Edible amaranth</i> | <i>Quinoa</i> |
| <i>Mustard greens</i> | <i>Summer squashes</i> | <i>Sunflowers</i> |
| <i>Black Diamond watermelon</i> | <i>Most herbs</i> | |

Drought tolerant vegetables develop deep root systems to counter both heat and low water levels. Many grow quickly, which also reduces their long-term water requirements. Some normally-thirsty vegetables come in drought-tolerant strains, such as the Black Diamond watermelon and Heatwave II tomatoes. When shopping for seeds and plants suitable for drought resistant gardening, look for labels that indicate the plant loves hot temperatures and has low to moderate water needs.

<https://www.veggiegardener.com/try-using-these-drought-tolerant-vegetables/>

<https://gilmour.com/drought-tolerant-vegetable-garden>

DID YOU KNOW?!

After WWII plants were bombarded with radiation to produce useful mutations known as Atomic Gardening which resulted in today's peppermint and red grapefruit.

According to a study, as little as 30 minutes of gardening can improve a man's sex life. Weeding, digging, or mowing the lawn for 30 minutes almost halved a man's risk of impotence.

Watermelons are actually vegetables and are related to squash, cucumbers, and pumpkins.

There are at least 10,000 varieties of tomatoes. Over 60 million tons of tomatoes are produced each year, making it the world's most popular fruit. The second most popular fruit is the banana.

<https://www.kickassfacts.com/gardening-facts/#:~:text=11-16%20Gardening%20Facts.%201%2011.%20The%20earliest%20gardens, trilogy%2C%20Tom%E2%80%99s%20Midnight%20Garden%2C%20E2%80%9CThe%20...%20More%20items>

<https://www.factretriever.com/gardening-facts>

March Wind

March wind is a jolly fellow;

He likes to joke and play.

He turns umbrellas inside out

And blows men's hats away.

He calls the pussy willows

And whispers in each ear.

"Wake up you lazy little seeds;

Don't you know that spring is here?"

Do not walk across your garden when the soil is wet, which it often will be in many regions in March. Treading all over it can lead to compaction, which can impede root penetration and cause poor drainage.

"I hired
a plumber
and he
found a...



leek."

Spring has sprung. The time for planning the garden is over, and the time for working in the garden has arrived.

- Apply compost to the soil.
- Plant summer bulbs.
- (Late March:) Plant peas.
- Deadhead early bloomers.
- Practice slug control.
- Set out maggot traps to protect your apple trees.
- Prune your rose bushes and fertilize them.

Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation - CBBC is proposing to build a backbone and last mile infrastructure to 57 of the eligible under-served communities across the basin, utilizing backbone fibre and fiber to the home.

The RDEK portion of the project proposes connecting an estimated 1,254 under served homes within Electoral Area B, C, and E. The estimated cost for the RDEK portion will be 13,567,431 excluding GST. The RDEK is asked to contribute 5% (\$678,372). These funds would be paid out over the time of the project. The guidelines that the project must be complete by March 31, 2027.

There would be no effect on taxation due to the funding being provided through the Community Works Funds. This is a big project but it will only happen if CBBC received approval from ISED through the Universal Broadband Fund. Also CBBC receives approval from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) through the Connecting BC Program.

The Area's in Area E are Meadowbrook, TATA Creek, and Skookumchuk.

I have been trying to find a way to improve Rural Connectivity for Area E since I have been elected. If this project is successful it should solve many of the issues for the rural residents connectivity.

RDEK Planning summary for Area E applications for 2020

Wasa

3 Development Variance applications

Wycliffe

1 ALR application

2 Development Variance Application

1 Family in Care Housing Permit

1 subdivision

St. Mary's Lake Road

2 ALR applications Meadowbrook

3 subdivisions

2 Development Variance Permits

2 ALR Exclusions

6 Development Permits

1 Family in Care Housing

Look for the RDEK budget which is on the RDEK website. I hope everyone has a good month. Please stay safe. If you have any concerns or questions please call me at 250-427-2577 or email me at s.janewalter@gmail.com. Thanks, Jane Walter

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

- **Hall Rentals and Information:** Karen Markus 250.422.3514 or Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
- **Gym:** Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019 or Rod 250.422.3253
- **TOPS:** Susan 778.524.0012
- **Library:** Judy McPhee 250.422.3766
- **Quilter's Club:** Linda Sungaard 778.524.4456
- In addition, BINGOs are held the 2nd tuesday of the month - 6 months of the year, at the Wasa Hall. See details in the calendar. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. & regular at 6:45 p.m.
- TKC coffee is held the 2nd wednesday of each month

Beware the Bruin:

B.C. is lucky to have both black bears and grizzly bears. Bears come out of hibernation in the spring, but the timing can vary depending on local weather conditions and terrain. For example, some bears on the coast have been spotted roaming during mild winters. But when they come out of hibernation they need to build up the weight lost during hibernation. Bears looking for quick and fatty foods may get into human sources like compost, bird feeders, garbage, fruit trees, bee hives, chicken coops or pet food.

Human-sourced food is rich in calories, and requires less time and energy to get. Unfortunately, eating these foods brings bears and people closer together. Over time, bears may lose their natural fear of people and start to associate people with food. Sadly, being careless with our garbage and other attractants results in hundreds of "problem" bears killed by conservation officers in B.C. every year.



Photo by Michael Beckett

- How to avoid attracting hungry bears:
- Keep garbage, recycling and compost inside until pick-up day
- Regularly clean garbage and recycling bins, cover food compost with dry leaves or grass clippings
- Pick up ripe and fallen fruit daily, harvest ripe vegetables
- Clean barbecue grills after every use, store when not in use
- Don't leave pet food outside or use bird feeders April to October

Black bears are omnivorous animals with vegetation making up about 80% of their diet. They are renowned for their acute sense of smell that allows them to locate food at great distances.

Black bears account for 14,000 to 25,000 calls per year to the Conservation Officer Service. Bears are most active from April to November, but in milder climates, or where they are continuously finding food, bears may not go into their dens. While most bear encounters result in the bear leaving an area, they can become more assertive or destructive when they have learned to associate humans and their activities with food. All bears that are aggressive in nature, or sightings in urban areas, should be reported to the Conservation Officer Service (1-877-952-7277). These reports can be viewed on WildSafeBC's Wildlife Alert Reporting Program.

<https://wildsafebc.com/species/black-bear/>
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Tips & Tricks

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*** When you drink pineapple juice you help dissolve mucus in the lungs. Pineapple juice is a great cough suppressant because it contains an enzyme known as bromelain, which has strong anti-inflammatory benefits.

*** Use a staple remover to save your fingernails when trying to add things to your key ring.

*** To get the build up of residue off of your shower head, tie a baggie of vinegar around the shower head. Leave it there overnight, and it will clean everything off with no work.

Make A Difference
Volunteer

DEVELOPMENT OF A PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pest Management Plan Number RDEK-PMP-2021/2026

The RDEK is renewing a Pest Management Plan and will submit the plan for approval under the *Integrated Pest Management Act*. This Plan will describe a Mosquito Control Program using Integrated Pest Management, including the use of insecticides.

Purpose: Mosquito Control for the purpose of nuisance control.

Application Method: Treatment of mosquito larva development sites by hand and helicopter application.

Location: The areas to be included in this Pest Management Plan application are limited to public and private lands within the following existing program areas:

- Wasa lake and surrounding as covered by mosquito control extended service area; and
- Ta Ta Creek and surrounding as covered by mosquito control extended service area; and
- Skookumchuck and surrounding as covered by mosquito control extended service area.

Pesticide: Yearly totals up to, but not exceeding:

- 2,000 ha with Aquabac (PCP No. 26863) (*Bacillus thuringiensis var israeliensis*)
- 2,000 ha with Aquabac XT (PCP No. 26860) (*Bacillus thuringiensis var israeliensis*)
- 2,000 ha. with Vectobac 200 G (PCP No. 19466) (*Bacillus thuringiensis var israeliensis*)

A selection of insecticides has been chosen to increase the ability to target mosquito populations in the most environmentally responsible method possible. All products listed are registered in Canada for the intended use. *Bacillus thuringiensis var israeliensis* has been chosen to control larval mosquitoes in their development sites. **These pesticides are target specific, non-residual, and nontoxic.**

The RDEK will not treat the total area of all the products listed above but will choose the best method to treat with the least environmental impact. All products are registered for mosquito control in Canada.

This project will begin April, 2021 and be completed by April, 2026.

Regional District of East Kootenay Attention: Jamie Davies

Mosquito Control Program Phone: (250) 489-2791

19 24th Ave. S. Cranbrook, BC, V1C 3H8

A person wishing to contribute information about a proposed treatment site, relevant to the development of the pest management plan, may send copies of the information to the applicant at the address above within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

Any member of the public wishing to view the application or associated material can do so online or by requisition a digital copy at the contact number above (arrangements can be made if digital access is not possible). If clarification is required regarding this application, please contact the applicant.



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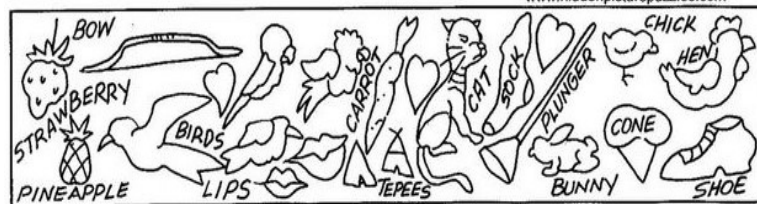
MARCH WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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All the words below have something to do with the month of March.
See if you can find all 21 of them.

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| Aquamarine | Flowers | ★ | Roman God Mars |
| Arise | Fresh | | Spring |
| Basketball | Green | | St Patrick's Day |
| Blooming | Ides of March | | Third month |
| Change | Lighter out | | Trees |
| Daffodils | March madness | | Warmer |
| Final Four | Pisces | | Windy |

March



Hidden Picture Puzzle by Liz Ball

What job did the leprechaun have at the restaurant?
He was a short-order cook

St. Patrick's Day Word Scramble

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Smith @ 250-422-3088

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Recreational Gear

Lotto ~ ATM

Gas & Diesel ~ Propane

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| March 2021 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  DRESS IN BLUE DAY | 6 |
| 7 Church 10:30 am | 8 | 9 | 10 Yoga 6pm | 11 | 12 | 13  K9 Veterans Day <small>Saluting the Courageous Dogs of War</small> |
| 14 Church 10:30 am | 15 | 16 | 17 Yoga 6pm  | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21  Church 10:30 am | 22 | 23  WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY | 24 Yoga 6pm | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28  Church 10:30 am | 29 | 30  VIRTUAL DAY VACATION | 31 |  Families on the Path | | |

LEGEND

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

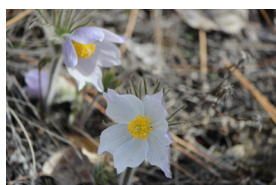
**SPECIAL
EVENTS**

and Days Down the Road

- Wednesdays @ 6 pm; Yoga

Wildsight Winter Speaker Series

- March 10th - Human & Wildlife Coexistence
- March 24th - Swallow Identification
- March 26th, 7 pm TriVillage Kids Club zoom AGM



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