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Around the World

Easter means different things to different people. Much of North America and Europe find the meaning of Easter in the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. To the same extent, perhaps, Easter is symbolized by bunnies and eggs, chicks and chocolates.

The celebration of Easter is the celebration of the triumph of life over death, rebirth, renewal. And for some, it is simply an extra-long week-end.

***In Africa** the church is decorated by Vitenge and Kanga, clothes made up in the form of butterflies, flowers, banana trees etc. Christian hymns are accompanied by the beating of drums and Kigelegele, the high-pitched sounds made by women. After the Mass, traditional dances are held outside of the church. Then people return home to continue their celebrations with local food and drinks.*

***In Europe** they celebrate Easter as a major national festival. In many parts of Europe, huge bonfires are lighted on hilltops and in churchyards on Easter Eve. They are sometimes called Judas fires, because effigies of Judas Iscariot are frequently burned in them. The Easter bonfires pre-date Christianity and were originally intended to celebrate the arrival of spring. The burning effigy once symbolized winter.*

***The Spanish** call it Semana Santa. Easter is considered one of the most important festival in Spain, and it is marked with parades, decorations, feasts and gifts. Spain has a rich legacy of heritage and culture, and it is well depicted in their Easter parades. Easter is a week long celebration in Spain, celebrated across the length and breadth of the country. People are seen to be carrying leafy palm or olive branches, large in size, as a mark of the celebration.*

***In Australia** many families arrange for an Easter hunt in their homes or gardens to see who can find the most eggs on Easter Sunday morning. However, there is a subtle difference when it comes to the celebration of Easter in Australia. Rabbits are pests in Australia, destroying huge amounts of crops every year. Hence, more and more people are ditching the Easter bunny or rabbit in favour of the Easter bilby, a creature native to Australia. It is a small, shy mammal, and critically endangered, owing to the invasive species like rabbits.*

Regardless of how you celebrate, enjoy your time with family & friends!

<https://www.theholidayspot.com/easter/world-easter/>

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WHEN THE MOON HITS YOUR EYE

submitted by Barry Morvai

Hello folks. By the time this article hits the stands, we should be well into spring fingers crossed. In this issue, we will take a look at the red planet, Mars.

The planet that seems to instill notions of "Martians" or "little green men" into people's minds. The only planet in our solar system inhabited by robots! When someone says mars, the first thing I think of, is Martians! Since I was a wee lad, Marvin the Martian was my idea of an alien, sure it was a cartoon, but he was still an alien. Any movie I saw that had alien invaders, they were from mars! Although H.G. Wells' novel "War of the Worlds" was written in 1898, it wasn't until the radio broadcast of October 30, 1938, North Americans were enticed into believing that Martians existed. After October 30th, 1938, UFO sightings skyrocketed as people across the nation began seeing things in the skies that they believed were alien invaders. Now, with the Hubble telescope, and soon to be operational, James Webb telescope, we are seeing into the beginnings of the universe and who knows what lies beyond the reaches of our galaxy it's beyond our wildest imaginations, I'm sure.



So now that we're thinking of WHAT'S living on mars, lets face it, when will WE be living on Mars? Over the last 50+ years, we have been sending craft, not only past mars, but too mars. In all the info I can find, there's anywhere from 3 to 8 exploration vehicles on the red planet. Also, at some point in the next 20-30 years, we will see people exploring the surface and who knows, the martians are no longer a figment of our imagination.

So let's explore what mars is all about. Mars is only 4220 miles in diameter and is the second smallest planet in our solar system, only slightly larger than mercury. The red planet has the highest mountain and deepest valley in the solar system. Olympus Mons is roughly 17 miles high and is about 3 times higher than Mt. Everest. Valles Marineris is a system of valleys that reach as deep as 6 miles and runs for roughly 2500 miles, about the width of Australia. The surface temperature is anywhere from -87 to -5 C. It also takes 687 days to make its orbit around the sun. One more thing, Martian gravity is only 37% of earth, meaning you could jump 3 times higher than you could here or 2 times if you're pudgy like me soooooo, on that note, lets see what the night sky has to offer for April.

April 1 - New moon. As always, the best time for night viewing of our awesome galaxy.

April 16 - Full moon. This fully illuminated moon also goes by the name Pink moon, as this is when wild ground phlox starts to bloom. It is also known as Sprouting grass moon, Growing moon and Egg moon. Some coastal tribes called it Fish moon, as this is the time fish started their migration upstream.

April 22,23 - Lyrids Meteor Shower. The Lyrids is an average shower producing about 20 meteors per hour. It derives from particles left behind by comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher, which was discovered in 1861. It runs annually from the 16th to the 25th and peaks on the 22nd. Best viewing is after midnight.

April 29 - Mercury at Elongation. The smallest planet will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky in the west just after sunset.

April 30 - New Moon always a great time for viewing faint objects....as always 😊

There is also a **partial solar eclipse** on the 30th of April, but will only be visible in the southeast pacific and southern south America.

So there you have it people keep your eyes peeled to the skies for those little green men from the red planet not sure why green men are from a red planet but there it is happy viewing. 😊



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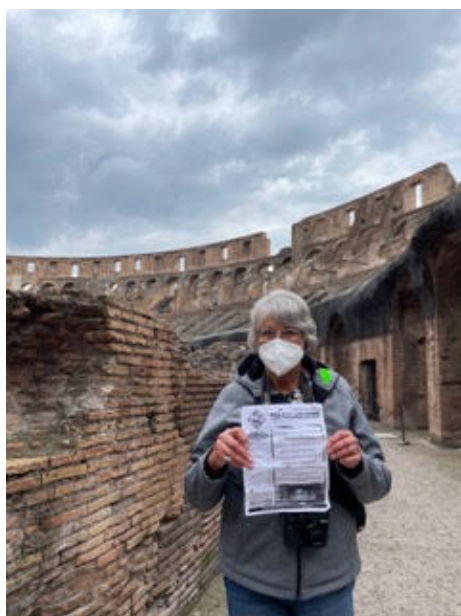
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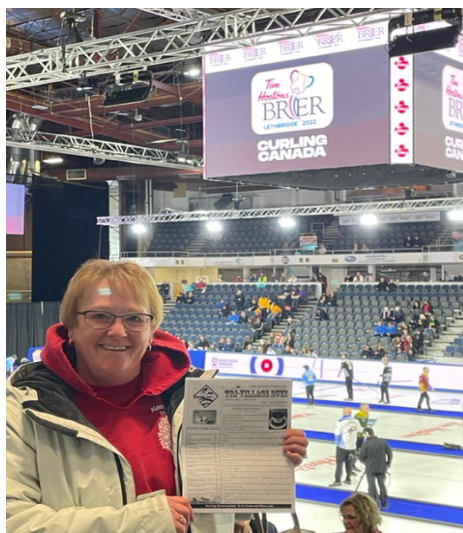
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Sharon & Wendy Prinz are still touring This time in Rome, Italy Coliseum Ruins Tour with Wendy. Trip going well. Off to Venice next.



And Wendy & Sharon relaxing with wine and Bruschetta on a warm Sunday afternoon with the Buzz! in Florence, Italy.



Pat Walkey travelled to Lethbridge on March 4-6 to attend the Briar, Canadian Men's Curling Championships. She took her Mom and met her 2 sisters and one of her brothers there. A great time was had by all!



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Deb & Fred Waterer at the Great Pyramid in Giza Egypt March 2022

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

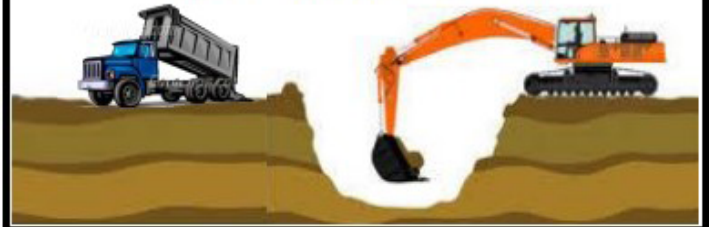
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- All users must sign in with date and time & must sign a Wasa Recreation Programs User Waiver located at the sign in desk
- All users are required to wear "gym shoes" – no street shoes permitted
- All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines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



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



Let's get the most out of our gym. If a group of at least 3 people are interested in using the gym other than Mon-Wed-Fri 8-9 am, when a group already goes, or evenings, & willing to commit for at least 3 months, contact Sonia with the time & she will arrange a key & let others know the time for more to be able to go too.

GYM HOURS AND INFO

Did you hear about the guy who swapped the labels on the pumps at the gas station?

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What monster plays the most April Fools' jokes?

Frankenstein!

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WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE PREVENTION & SUPPRESSION

submitted by Kathy McCauley

GEARING UP FOR 2022

Winter's on its way out and it's time to gear up for fire season once again! For the Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression group, that means getting the community water trailer ready for action by mid-April, and finalizing plans for events and projects in 2022.

For home-owners, the approach of fire season means it's time to start thinking about ways to reduce the fire hazards around your property. If you're new to FireSmart, download the Homeowner's Manual from our website www.wasafire.weebly.com Reduce risks significantly by cleaning up dry pine needles on the ground, eliminating branches up to 6' from the ground, and getting rid of those junk piles around the yard. Simple stuff!

Our big undertaking this year will be the development of the Wasa Lake FIRESMART DEMONSTRATION SITE which is located on the corner of Wasa Lake Park Drive and School Road. You may have noticed the beautiful new kiosk with the red roof which was generously funded by grants from BC Hydro, Columbia Basin Trust, and FireSmart Canada. We are working on some eye-catching signage and making plans to hold our annual Community Wildfire Preparedness Day there on Saturday, MAY 7. There will be more news about that in the next Buzz, and also an announcement (hopefully!) about additional funding that will allow us to achieve our grand plans for the demonstration site.

Stay tuned for details or email kathyemccauley@gmail.com for more information.

Happy Spring!



WHO DO YOU CALL?

In a fire emergency, first call BC Wildfire 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cell phone.

Then call these Wasa volunteers until someone answers.

Mike Gall 250-417-9422
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Sharon Prinz 250-417-7654
Darcy Tagg 250-417-6617
Kathy McCauley 250-427-6637
Debbie Waterer 250-426-9791

The people listed are members of the Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression committee. In the event of fire, they will arrange to activate the community fire suppression trailer and call others with water trailers to help.

The aim is to prevent fire from spreading, NOT to put out house fires.



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There's that four-letter word! W-O-R-K...work! So what's so bad about that?! Well, when it's made into a compound word by putting H-O-U-S-E in front of it to become housework, then I have to admit that it's my profession ... my un-polished one. It's comprised of other four-letter words like ...wash, iron, cook, and dust.

I looked up housework in my French dictionary and in France, or Quebec, they say "faire du menage". Now doesn't that sound much more romantic? Maybe not to them. Further down I spotted the word "menagerie" which means "zoo". Hm? That better describes my house at times. "Menage"...house...menagerie...zoo? Hm? Perhaps my un-polished profession is "houzoowork"?

Friends would come to visit and say "Your house looks okay?" What they don't realize is that I've been dashing about, sweeping dust under the carpet and stuffing things in closets. When they arrive I caution them not to open any closet doors.

If I could find a dust angel instead of dust bunnies, I would be happy. Actually, I did have a dust angel for years ... my mom.

While on the subject of the word "dust" ... I was busy organizing and getting ready to travel to Cambodia and my husband was leaving for the Baja a few days before me. No time to dust. At that time I received a poem on email called "Dust If You Must". It starts by saying "Life is short, enjoy it. Dust if you must but wouldn't it be better to paint a picture or write a letter?" ...and ends with "Remember a house becomes a home, when you can write "I love you" on the furniture." Perfect! Guess what I did?! I also warned my mom not to dust. While away, an email comes from my husband that he had arrived home safely and had read my "love letters in the sand".

I remember, while in Toastmasters, being asked "Describe your life as a vacuum cleaner". I stood up and my mind went blank! Later, I realized there was a good reason for it. My vacuum cleaner doesn't have much of a life!

Before we had a cat, we were dealing with a lot of mice coming into the house. One day I noticed a lot of droppings in my bottom corner cupboard which had a turntable. I wedged myself in there to vacuum them up and in the process came face to face with a mouse! Yikes! My instant reaction was to smack it! Oh dear, it got sucked up the hose! Vacuuming really does suck!

My mom had a quote jotted down "Creative mess is better than idle tidiness." Mine is not necessarily a creative mess. It's been created but not necessarily from an artistic pointed of view. Actually the challenge for me is creating tidiness out of idle mess.

Some people sign up for anger management programs. I sign up for housework management programs and manage to escape from as many of them as possible. After all, I need to maintain my status in housework ... my un-polished profession.





TOPS SPOT

submitted by - Nicky Popowich

The health benefits of fitness (and maintaining a healthy weight) are enormous. We have all read articles telling us that fitness is the magic bullet to improve a myriad of diseases or conditions affecting every one of the body's systems. TOPS Real Life lists six components of physical fitness. They are Body Composition, Cardiovascular efficiency, Muscular strength, Muscular Endurance, Flexibility, and Coordination.

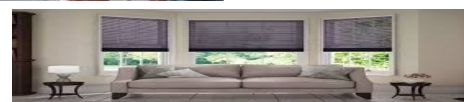
How do you get fit fast? There are three variables to consider: frequency, intensity and time. Of these three; intensity is arguably the one that will increase your fitness level the most quickly.

If you forgot about your New Year's Resolution after the first snowfall don't worry. There is lots of time to improve fitness left in 2022. Moving your body more isn't as difficult as you think. It doesn't have to involve coming to the gym (although we'd love to see you there) and it doesn't even mean you have to leave your house (But why wouldn't you—we live in God's Country). Here are ten tips to get moving:

1. **Get up every hour:** Computers, games, reading, all of our devices can keep us sitting for long periods of time. Get up, stretch, get a drink of water. You know you should.
2. **Length of your workout:** If you focused on intensity then it doesn't matter if you didn't workout for an hour. Did you work out enough to huff and puff? Perhaps sweat a little? Your ability to work increases as you become fitter. (A small hill that is challenging for one person to climb is barely noticeable to a marathon runner.)
3. **Walk approximately 20 minutes per day:** Enough said.
4. **Go Outside:** Practically daily, the research on the benefits of spending time outdoors and in nature mounts. Go on. Explore a trail near you. You'll be thankful you did.
5. **Run or walk quickly for a song:** Challenge yourself to really up the intensity for just one song. Before you know it two or three minutes have flown by.
6. **Switch off (devices) one hour before bed:** Relaxation and sleep are so important for fitness, weight loss, and stress reduction. Give yourself this time.
7. **Work out during ads:** This is the easy way to exercise if you are still watching old fashioned programming. During ads you could do squats, walk the hallway, lift a few weights, dance, the choices are limitless.
8. **Drink copious amounts of water:** Rehydrate before you dehydrate. I know you know this.
9. **If you don't want to leave the house (or couch):** There are numerous "sit and be fit" programs, if you have mobility issues. You don't need expensive equipment. All you need is the right mindset. Try Tabata (if mobility is not an issue). Tabata is a high intensity workout done in just a few minutes. You can do it at home and no special equipment is needed. Beginners can easily modify the exercises. Lots of videos are available on YouTube.
10. **Think 10s:** You don't have to get fit all at once. Ten minute increments of activity is an excellent start. Remember, any movement you do—you are lapping the person on the couch!

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Basin Stories

We recently published a Basin Story on how our **Community Initiatives Program** helped the **Wasa and District Lions Club** secure the future of their well-loved outdoor rink.

Wasa Rink Secured for the Future



Community members pitch in to upgrade an important amenity.

Hockey pucks thwack as they hit the ice and ricochet off the newly installed galvanized steel-framed boards of the outdoor rink in Wasa. In a team effort, the community networked, contributed muscle and brainpower, and repurposed materials from elsewhere to complete the upgrade.

The Wasa and District Lions Club has been serving the East Kootenay communities of Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck and Premier Lake since 1976, including by maintaining the Pete Vereshagen Me-

morial Rink. Loved by residents, as well as visitors from Cranbrook, Kimberley and afar, the rink also doubles as pickleball and ball hockey courts in the summer.

“It’s a beautiful rink,” says club President Terry Potter. “It’s very nice to see the upgraded rink in action.”

On a mission to upkeep the space, the club initially wished to replace only the warped and battered blue board toppers. To do so, it received aid from the Trust’s Community Initiatives Program, which enables communities to decide upon which priorities they wish to support.

To find the best solution for repairs and improvements, the club reached out to the City of Cranbrook, which had recently removed the boards from its Western Financial Place hockey rink. If the Wasa club bought these used boards, it could replace its rink’s entire stretch of rotted and broken boards, not simply the toppers. The Regional District of East Kootenay stepped in to support this purchase, and Columbia Basin Trust added even more of a contribution.

The club also made extra cash and gave its old wooden boards new life by selling them to a Slocan group—because its rink was smaller than Wasa’s, it was thrilled to be able to add boards from the wood that was still useable. “It’s a good use of materials when little’s going to the landfill,” says Potter.

Back in Wasa, about 15 volunteers worked over 650 hours to bring the Cranbrook boards to their new home, plan how to lay them out and install them.

“Our volunteers are the backbone and connectors for this community. With some guidance and a plan, everything lined up properly and came together beautifully,” says Potter. “It’s such a beautiful area and such a fantastic group of people that we’ve got in the community.”

Potter figures that, over winter 2021/22, about 300 people showed up at the rink for pickup games of hockey, team practices, and school and family skating outings—highlighting how this project is supporting community well-being and inspiring people to get outdoors.

“This project is so valuable because it provides the rink with boards for a very long time, like 25-plus years. I think those boards might outlast me!” Potter says. “While we’re pretty small around here, the Wasa rink project is special because it shows what we can accomplish when we work together.”



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

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

"Volunteering is a work of heart."



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Did you know that the RDEK has an Evacuation Notification System (ENS) that will alert residents via landline, cell phone or text in the event their property is under Evacuation Order or Alert? Having been on Evacuation Alert due to a wildfire, I have a new appreciation for how critical every second is and how important these early notification tools can be. In spite of having had several wildfires in Area E including the St. Mary valley, Meadowbrook/ Ta Ta Creek, Wasa/Lazy Lake area and Premier Lake/Island Pond, there are still many residents who have not signed up for the ENS.

With flood and wildfire season approaching, now is the time to help yourself and your family be better prepared and signing up for the ENS is a free, simple and anonymous tool that you can add to your toolbox.

This notification system is powered by a program called Voyent Alert! is only be used for evacuation alerts or orders in the East Kootenay. The sign-up process is simple and you do have to register at least one property/location to receive notifications. You can choose to be notified via text/SMS, phone or alerts with the Voyent Alert! app.



- **To receive notifications via text or phone, registration is available online at: <https://ca.voyent-alert.com/vras/register.html>** Choose "My Locations" from the menu to add locations. Make sure you enter at least one East Kootenay location when you register (such as your home, your property, your summer cabin). There's no limit to how many locations you can add, but you must have at least one for the system to work.



- **For those who use a smart phone**, there is also an app you can download to receive notifications via the app on your phone. The Voyent Alert! app can be downloaded from the Apple App or Google Play stores.

For email notifications of evacuation alerts/orders, please sign up for one of the RDEK's email groups.

The ENS will ONLY be used for evacuation orders/alerts. To receive general information on emergencies, please sign up for one of the RDEK's email groups, follow our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/eastkootenay) or other social media, rely on local media or local municipal information sources.

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I hope everyone has a good month. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 250-427-2577 or email s.janewalter@gmail.com

Thanks, Jane Walter

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Wasa Community Church



One of the stories in the Bible that most stirs my heart is one that's quite short, about a man coming to Jesus so that he might be healed of his leprosy – the word 'might' referring not to whether Jesus had the ability to heal him, but rather to whether Jesus was willing to heal him. I don't have to tell you that there are times where God doesn't grant our requests. Sometimes we look back and see that that's turned out to be a great thing, but other times we still long for things to have been different. Prayers spoken with even the strongest of faith can often be left unanswered. We don't always know the reasons why God works the way He does. We just trust that He knows what He's doing. However, there is a prayer that, if asked in genuine faith, will always be answered, and this brief story points me right to it.

Matthew 8:2-3 says, ***"And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.' And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I will; be clean.' And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."*** I love thinking of how that man must have felt as Jesus said, "I will." There is such a sense of the overwhelming realization of, "He does care for even me." This leper came humbly to Jesus, knowing that He could heal, and he received such a gift!

Easter time puts such an emphasis on the death and resurrection of Jesus. We, as sinful humans, needed a perfect Saviour. The Son of God fulfilled that when He was crucified for our sins. When you put it as simply as that, it may not seem like much, but Jesus would still feel all the pain and agony as He was scourged, beaten and nailed to the cross. Beforehand, He was understandably hoping there could be another way, saying, ***"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done"*** (Luke 22:42). But when there wasn't another way, He still went through with it as if humanity had asked if He'd save them, and He'd responded with, "I will."

The prayer that will always be answered doesn't have to do with the removal of physical leprosy or sickness. It has to do with the forgiveness of sins. If we place a genuine faith in Jesus and what He did for us, coming humbly before the Lord, acknowledging our sin, but desiring to be cleansed from it, we can be sure that cleansing will come. Asking Him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean so I can live with you in heaven," will result in Him telling you, "I will; be clean."

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INVASIVE SPECIES ENTER FOUR LEGGED FURRY

Who knew?! We have opossums?! Even though it's considered an invasive species, I would really like to see one :)



Virginia Opossum is the only species of marsupial found North of Mexico, it is native to Central America, much of Mexico, and the Central and Eastern United States. It was introduced to Washington state in 1925 and has been present in Southern BC since 1949.

Opossums are omnivores, and feed on a variety of small mammals, amphibians, bird eggs, insects, slugs, fruits, and foliage. In urban environments they will eat garbage and pet food that has been left outside. Although Virginia opossum is considered an exotic (non-native) species in BC and has been present for over 60 years, not much is known about its impact on native species. The priority for this species is to prevent its spread to new areas in the province, where it could potentially have unforeseen effects on native ecosystems.

Virginia opossums are around the size of a large cat, and are very distinct from any other mammal in BC. They have a pointed snout with a pink nose. Their head is covered with white fur, except for the ears, which are black with white tips. The rest of their body is covered in mottled gray fur, except for the feet and tail, which are naked. They have five toes on each foot, with one toe sticking out at an angle away from the rest, similar to a human hand with a thumb.

Eastern Cottontail Rabbits are native to Eastern and Central North America from the Great Lakes down to Central America and Northern South America. They were introduced to the Sooke in 1964 and have since spread throughout Eastern Vancouver Island from Victoria to Campbell River.



Eastern cottontails live up to 15 months. They reproduce rapidly, capable of 3-4 litters during their lives, with up to 8 offspring per litter.

Eastern cottontails eat a range of vegetation, including young trees. They are considered a serious threat to sensitive Garry Oak habitats on Vancouver Island and are also known to feed on several at-risk plant species such as Golden paintbrush, Yellow montane violet, and White-top aster.

Eastern cottontail rabbits have grey-brown fur with rusty-red patches between the ears and shoulders. Their tails are brown on top and white underneath. Adult rabbits are typically 44 cm long.



Eurasian Collared Doves seem to be everywhere in Wasa! They are an invasive species throughout the United States and Western Canada, including BC. They first appeared in Southwestern BC in 2005 and have since spread throughout much of the province.

Eurasian collared doves prefer to nest in areas where people live and food is readily available. There is no evidence to suggest they are pushing out native bird species in

these areas.

Eurasian collared doves are a medium-sized bird, larger than an American robin but smaller than a crow. Their feathers are a mottled tan colour, with the wing and tail feathers becoming darker towards the tips. They have a thin, black blunt beak and a distinct ring of black feathers at the base of the neck, which is open at the throat.

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submitted by - Sherry Shields

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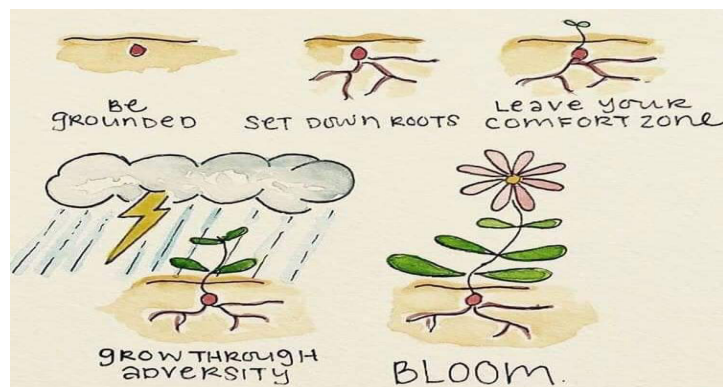


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And Jesus said:

"Do not worry about tomorrow"

Sensing His Disciples were worrying about the near future, he told them: *"Don't worry about tomorrow, tomorrow will worry about itself, each day is enough."* – (Bible - Matthew 6:34) It is Jesus who spoke these words. He thus affirmed to those who listened to him that they should not worry excessively about future problems. It was better for them to face the facts of life one day at a time. He was thus warning his disciples not to collaborate with the delusions created by the anti-God of their own mind, who always amplifies evil and paralyzes the Power of God within them.

Jesus did not mean that we should not think about tomorrow or plan for the future (Proverbs 21:5). Rather, he advises us not to worry too much about what might happen tomorrow. This kind of worry could cause us to lose our joy, our objectivity and our connection with the Divine, and distract us from the tasks we need to accomplish to solve any problem from where we are, here and now. We can't fix problems that haven't happened yet by worrying about them. It is often that the things we worry about never happen anyhow; and if they do, they are not as severe as we had anticipated. Jesus also said that when we put God first in our life, we don't need to worry about the future. As God cares for plants and animals, we can be sure that He will also care for those who connect with Him (Matthew 6:25, 26, 28-33).

On the other hand, in this anxiety-provoking time filled with misinformation more than information, in this period when anguish is a tool of rulers to deprive the people of all their freedom, it is capital to stay vigilant and not swallow everything the media present to us as an obvious caricature of truth. Most of the official media are brazenly lying to us. The so-called "official media" work for those who take us for easily

orientable usable pawns. Remember the alleged presence of chemical weapons in Iraq used to justify an attack on that country; there were none in truth but...oops! No one talked about it "officially". It was an invented pretext to go to war in order to gain more control over the natural resources of a foreign country. So, unfortunately, we can no longer trust the official media to inform us because they only offer political propaganda in a completely biased way. And don't believe the fear they spread everywhere either.

If we want to overcome the present-day challenges that worry individuals and generate a constant current of fear around the world, then we need to rely on a stronger Ally, a Force, a Higher Power more enlightened and illuminating than we as Mental Men. The Human World has become blind and arrogant. Self-centered lobbying groups comprised of beings who are full of themselves are doing everything to keep the working Divine Power out of our lives under the pretext of secularism, consumerism, and materialism.

Don't deviate from the Divine Force, it is the only real way out of individual and collective karma!

Whatever happens out there, in your heart, you know that this Superior Power exists for real, even though it has nearly been erased from our modern life. It is the Divine Consciousness, the Omnipresent Divine Force Who surrounds us and unites us all in His grand Principle of Evolution and Awakening. Some used to call this Supreme Power "God" or "The Absolute" but remember that all names trying to define God are far from what the Divine Power truly is. When Moses asked God who He was, God said to him: "I AM WHO I AM." When Moses came back to his people, he said: "I AM" has sent me to you." So, the definition of "God" should not be locked into our limited mental conceptions... let's remain very opened here... The Divine is not hidden, He does not hide Him-

self from you, never! He will show Himself to you in a very unique way which perfectly corresponds to you. You are not alone, never alone, the Divine Power is always in action inside and outside of you. Grow in Consciousness, in simple Presence, and diminish in mind, and the Divine will become everything that you already are.

The Lord Jesus was right. Worrying and doubting, there is hardly any other sin against which the Lord Jesus warns His disciples so much. But what is 'to sin', really? To sin, etymologically speaking, means "to miss the goal". Every time we work locked in our egoistic and isolated mind, without taking into consideration the Divine Force in Whom we exist, then we miss the Goal, "we sin", since the great Goal of Life is to live in Unity with the Divine who encompasses all aspects of life.

By eliminating God, the Divine Force, from our lives, we believe ourselves free to do as we see fit, and we lose the sense of good and evil, the sense of ethics and virtuous conduct. So, as Spiritual Aspirants, don't worry, as worries are only a lack of trust in Divine Power. Worry shows that our trust in the Divine Force is not genuine. We profess to trust Christ, Buddha, the Divine Force in our Self-Realization of God; can we not trust the Divine Power for the comparatively lesser needs in our present life?

Worry no more, but rather remember that the Supreme Lord is willing to help you, so adopt an attitude of grateful prayer. Don't worry about your life, especially its duration; rather leave it to God to lengthen or shorten it as He needs; our time is in His Hands, and They are such good Hands!

Warmly with Love to all! You are not alone! Our Prayers are with you always!

OM OM OM

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Researchers ask public for help protecting BC's bats

The province's bats are threatened by disease and researchers are asking the public for help.

The Kootenay Community Bat Program, in collaboration with the Province of BC, are asking the public for help in the effort to detect and prevent the spread of White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) in BC's bats.

Residents are asked to report any bat activity observed in winter, when they should be hibernating, and any sick or dead bats found before May 31st.

White-Nose Syndrome is a fungal disease that is harmless to humans, but has devastated North American bat populations. The fungus attacks bats while they are hibernating, appearing on their wings and faces to give an appearance of a white nose. Bats often wake to clean the fungus from their skin. This uses valuable energy, and finally the bats die from hypothermia and starvation.

Across North America, millions of bats have been killed, and populations have declined by more than 90% in some species. Two species present in BC—Little Brown and Northern Bats—are now listed as Endangered under federal Species at Risk legislation. As a key predator for many invertebrate species, bats are essential parts of BC's ecosystems, and they provide billions of dollars of economic benefit to North America by helping control agricultural, forest, and urban pests.



Sleeping bat – reporting sleeping bats helps researchers learn what is “normal”, such as this Silver-haired Bat hibernating in a woodpile. Photo: R Pineau

The disease was first detected on the west coast close to Seattle in 2016, and has since spread to several counties across Washington State. Biologists say the arrival of WNS in BC is imminent, and people should be on the lookout for affected bats in all regions of southern BC. Without help from the public, detection of WNS is challenging because bats in B.C. hibernate alone or in small groups across the province. Increasing the number of reports from the public is the best chance to understand how WNS might spread and affect local bat populations, and how to respond. Though there is not yet a proven cure for WNS, several promising treatment options are being developed, and it may be possible to mitigate the effects of this wildlife health crisis.

“We are encouraging the public to report dead bats and sightings of winter / early spring bat activity to the B.C. Community Bat Program,” says Elodie Kuhnert, regional coordinator for the program. Bat carcasses can be tested for WNS, and activity reports may alert researchers to regions with unusual activity. If you find a dead bat or have sightings of winter bat activity, please report to the B.C. Community Bat Program online at www.bcbats.ca, via email at info@bcbats.ca or by calling 1-855-922-2287 (1-855-GOT-BATS).

As a result of this ongoing research, biologists are finding that healthy bats are also occasionally active in winter, and that a few bats even choose to hibernate in woodpiles or under house trim. These sleeping bats should be left alone — keep your distance, snap a photo and report it to the B.C. Community Bat Program. If you must move a bat, visit www.bcbats.ca for advice and never touch a 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.

In partnership with the BC Ministry of Environment, and funded by the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, Forest Enhancement Society of BC, Habitat Stewardship Program, and the Kootenay lake local fund, the BC Community Bat Program provides information and promotes local stewardship and citizen science. You can find out more about the BC Community Bat Program and options for helping local bat populations at www.bcbats.ca, info@bcbats.ca, or 1-855-922-2287 ext.14.



Dead bat - Dead bats can contribute important information on disease spread. Always wear gloves when handling dead animals. Photo: Miller.





Hi Wasa residents,

As you read this the ice on the lake is either receding quickly or is gone, the birds are returning, and people's minds turn to sprucing up their properties. For lake front residents this "sprucing up" might include the foreshore in front of their properties.

The foreshore, that is owned by all British Columbians, is an important part of the lake ecosystem and keeping it naturally vegetated is a key to a healthy lake. Foreshore vegetation functions in several ways: by anchoring the soil from wave erosion; and providing food, shade, and hiding cover for fish and invertebrates. **Any alteration of the foreshore requires the permission of the Province and DFO**

(for more information visit https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/water/working-around-water/wsa-cias-users_guide.pdf).

The Wasa Lake foreshore has seen extensive alteration, which was documented in the 2009 Foreshore Inventory (available at <http://www.wasalake.ca/reports.html>) and which WLLID is hoping to re-inventory to see how conditions may have changed over the past decade. We are also interested in canvassing lakefront residents who might have altered foreshores that might wish to participate in a pilot restoration. This project could benefit your foreshore by helping to keep the sand or other beach material in place and provide habitat to keep our lake ecosystem healthy. What we envisage doing is planting out local sedge (grass-like aquatic plants) and other native flowers and if needed anchoring logs or rocks to stabilize the beach. We hope to involve the Green Shores Project

(<https://stewardshipcentrebc.ca/green-shores-home/gs-about/>)

to aid in design and permitting. If you are interested in this project please contact admin@wasalake.ca

The video introducing the WaterHub starring our own Nowell Berg, trustee and chief water monitor of WLLID, is now posted on our website wasalake.ca

Enjoy the wildflowers and the lake coming alive.

submitted by Tom Braumandl



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submitted by Terry Marvel

Is it possible that spring has finally arrived? After this long, trying winter, it certainly is a treat to not have freezing temperatures, at least in the afternoons. Lets hope the snow all goes away everywhere soon and it warms up enough to get the gardens tilled and the seeds in the ground. The Lion's Club has a lot of irons in the fire, so to speak. As always, we are trying everything in our power to fund raise money to support our grounds and the many other projects that benefit the community.

The RDEK and the Columbia Basin Trust Fund are a huge help in letting us obtain some of our goals. If all goes according to plan, we may get repairs done to the tennis court and the basketball court this year. Towards the end of April we'll be installing the soffitt on the ceiling of the eating area of our country kitchen. It's a big job and the more help we have, the sooner it can be completed. If you can spare a day, let us know.

We are always looking for unique ways to fund raise and would appreciate any ideas the community has to offer. Any Lions member will relay ideas back to the club.

As usual, we are always on the lookout for new members and just plain volunteers to help us as we take on the many projects we have upcoming.

The Lion's will once again be doing our annual Highway Cleanup tentatively April 30th.

So, until the May issue, get out and enjoy the Rocky Mountain spring!

DID YOU KNOW THESE THINGS HAD NAMES?

1. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
2. The way it smells after the rain is called petrichor.
3. The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an aglet.
4. The rumbling of stomach is actually called a wamble.
5. The cry of a new born baby is called a vagitus.
6. The prongs on a fork are called tines.
7. The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
8. The tiny plastic table placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.
9. The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
10. Your tiny toe or finger is called minimus.
11. The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe.
12. The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called bocables.
13. When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark (like this ?!), it is referred to as an interrobang.
14. The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
15. The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armscye.
16. The condition of finding it difficult to get out of the bed in the morning is called dysania.
17. Illegible hand-writing is called griffonage.
18. The dot over an "i" or a "j" is called tittle.
19. That utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.
20. The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called Bannock device.

HOW MANY OF THE ABOVE DID YOU ALREADY KNOW?



Fawning season (for deer) and calving season (for elk) will soon be upon us. For those of us who like to "wander the woods", this is important information to know. You may run across a wee one in a thicket, or secluded spot - please keep your distance! The young have not been abandoned, mom is off somewhere feeding and will return to her young. If a doe (cow) knows you are there, she will not return. If you have a serious concern, simply make note of the spot and check on the young the next day. Chances are, it won't be there because mom has moved on. Do NOT take matters into your own hands, call a CO to monitor the situation.

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Signs that the fawn is in distress are bleeding, it has flies or ants on it, it is panting or sprawled out instead of curled up, its ears are pinned back instead of standing up and, of course, if it is laying next to a deceased doe. In these cases, the fawn needs help.

Mothers can be very aggressive at this time of year, as well. So while you are out enjoying the wonders of the woods, respect its inhabitants - give them space.

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17 Church 10:30 am 	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Church 10:30 am	25	26	27 	28	29	30

LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 a.m. Lions 7 p.m.
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