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2014 AREA E VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This years recipients for the RDEK Area E Volunteer of the Year awards are **Greta and Barry Garland**.

Greta and Barry will be honoured at the Town Hall Meeting. Date and times to be announced.

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Quitters Can Be Winners

A wise old man (presumably WC Fields or could it have been MB?- maybe not quite wise enough) once said "If at first you don't succeed try, try, try and try again." After numerous attempts at trying anything, one should be relegated to the fact that failure is imminent and quitting is definitely a viable option. There should be no pride taken in continuous demise and the acceptance of one's futility is an honorable and ageless profession. By quitting a specific task, one is conceding defeat to an obvious conclusion and opening another door to future failures. Another wise old man (presumably Aristotle or someone with Greek heritage or a Greek sounding name- or maybe it had Italian over tones) once said that success is measured by the amount of failures that one creates along the path for enlightenment achievement. If certain areas of the path have been washed away by erosion or mud slides, one must create a new sustainable and operational diversion to further their desires. Assume that these washed out parts of the path are failures that have occurred in your past and that the detours that you have created around these obstacles are future successes. You can face and tackle these decisions head on or you can simply quit, turn around and quite comfortably walk back down the hill in the direction that you had ascended. Assume that you had decided to create another path with minimal tools, a minimal mind set, and minimal skills to perform such tasks. The make shift path is an obvious menace, and any attempt at a crossing would be perilous and not trustworthy, but possessing that macho man image that you have so brilliantly portrayed yourself to be amongst your brethren, you have decided that this ramshackle detour that you have so magnificently created is sufficient enough to sustain a crossing. The twigs, branches and lumber that you had so meticulously laid out, let loose, you fall, break a leg and have an arduous and strenuous trek back down the path. If you had decided to quit, turn around and succumb to the inevitable decision that the path was not manageable, you would have had an enjoyable excursion down the path once travelled. In this particular instance, quitting was a justifiable option, there would have been no occurrence of failure and you would have been physically able to continue your journey to productivity. About 99% of our historic, enlightened scholars once had menial jobs that they were not very adept at. They decided to quit, broaden their horizons,

give mankind remarkable inventions and achievements and came up with sayings that we so proudly display in our pages from time to time. We salute the failures of these individuals and their acceptance of failures for the acceptance of failures. If members of the Wasa Lakers had decided to continue down that make shift path that they had once created for themselves and not quit the impossible task of repairing that path to join the Laker Juggernaut, the team would just be an menagerie of meandering lost souls looking for the meaning of life, beer, wins and losses. (very deeply I might add) Speaking of the Lakers.....

Lakers Update

The Wasa Lakers slo pitch team opened their 2014 campaign with a 23-13 drubbing of the Brew Ballers. The monumental display of the Lakers' offensive thrust was led by a 2 homer and 4 run game by RF. Not to be outdone, DO chipped in her own home run as well, doming the opposition. Oxygen and breathing apparatuses were readily available in the Lakers' dugout to aid in the quick recovery of the elderly runners. The team managed to score the maximum allowable 6 run inning twice to cruise to their victory. Of course all that explosive offensive display would have been for naught if not for some outstanding defensive plays that were put on exhibition by WF and TJT. The dynamic TJT used every inch of her outstretched tentacles to snare all wayward tosses that were directed her way. She continuously (and somehow miraculously) kept her left foot planted on that first base to get the many outs that were so richly needed. Despite the threat of doing cartwheels (which many of the team members managed to talk her out of-not covered in the injury portion of her contract), TJT was a stall worth during the game. The team also welcomed 2 new comers into the fold, JG and DD, who thankfully lower the average age of the team to a sustainable number. Double D looks like a perfect fit to the already stacked members of the team while JG brings the element of speed (any speed would be an element of improvement) while he patrols the outfield corridor for the Lakers. The team also welcomed back GO after a forced years' hiatus who did a remarkable job in impersonating a missing DA (on the DL for a month-hernia healing) as he sustained some of the upper body bruises that DA is so noted for. Winning pitcher MC had a perfect no hit game (he had no hits during the game) and newly found reliever HP chipped in with 2 exquisite

tossed innings while executing some erratic and questionable base running. WP arrived half way through the game but her 2 at bats (living up to her reputation as SLUGGER) was an artistic canvas. The chemistry displayed between MC and FR was in mid season form while, at times, HP seemed to struggle with the enigmatic FR. Newly found coach (TC-another player on the DL-foot fetish) ruled the team with an iron fist (despite neglecting a frustrated FR at times) and put players into comfortable positions. GK was an offensive weapon as well managing to score twice during the affair (quite a feat at his age-right HK?). After just 1 game, the team looks like they have a resemblance and continuance of last years' record breaking achievements. We, at the TVB, would like to wish the team much success for the upcoming season.

Future Games are at the Wasa Lions' Park at 7:00 pm... See you all there!

Thursday, May 1st
Wednesday, May 7th
Tuesday, May 13th
Tuesday, May 20th
Thursday, May 29th
Tuesday, June 3rd

Ice Shavings

There must have been something in the water in the East Kootenays this year as both the Dynamiters and the Kootenay Ice blew 3-1 leads in the best-of-seven series to render defeat. Over 85% of teams that have a 3-1 lead in a series manage to win that particular series and to have both local teams fail to finish off their opposition is an odds beating anomaly. The Ice finished the 2013/2014 campaign with a 39-28-2-3 record good for a record setting 15th consecutive season with a .500 or better record. They also entered the playoffs for another record setting 16th consecutive season-tops in the league. Congrats on both records and keep up the good work!

Sam Reinhart was named the Ice's playoff MVP while ranking 3rd in Central Scoutings' North American skaters for the upcoming NHL draft. Also ranked in Central Scoutings' list are: Luke Philip (80) Rinat Valiev (83) Jaedon Descheneau (95) and Tanner Faith.

Good Luck to all the Ice's potential professional hockey players.

Start enjoying the warmer weather and we'll talk at you all next month!



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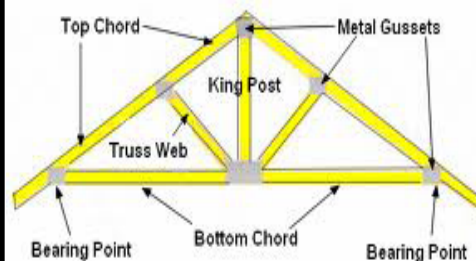
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Thursday
Bible Study
7:00 pm.

Why did the tomato turn red?
Because it saw the salad dressing!

God made rainy days so that gardeners could get their housework done!

WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

Submitted by Kathy McCauley

Dyke Repair

On April 5th, the tender to repair the dyke damaged in the high water of 2013 was awarded to Stillwater Excavating who offered the lowest bid of \$10,520.00. The job, completed by April 11th, involved installing approximately 400 cubic metres of new gravel and re-sloping the north side of the dyke. Stillwater also removed the old culvert in Cameron Pond and installed a fence around the intake culvert as a public safety precaution. Most of the cost was covered by provincial Disaster Emergency Funding.

Hanson Channel

We have applied to the Ministry of Environment for approval to clear out the debris and brush in Hanson Channel from the CPR tracks to the Kootenay River, and also to re-excavate the channel. This will reduce the overland flow of water on the west side of the tracks.

Lake Water Testing

WLLID representatives met with Interior Health in April to discuss a future policy for water testing on public beaches during times of high water.

Annual General Meeting

By the time you read this, our AGM will be history and we will have three new trustees on the Board. More information about the new trustees will be on the website and in the WLLID April newsletter which was dispatched electronically the week of April 14. If you are not yet on our email list, please sign up at the website so you have access to all the news.

As always, you can learn more about our activities by emailing the secretary at admin@wasalake.ca or visiting the website at www.wasalake.ca

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Where do you take...

YOUR BUZZ ?



Our little newsletter has officially left the continent!

Sandy and Bill Wilson remembered to pack the Buzz on their trip to China in March 2014. They are pictured here at the Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River in China.

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

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Wasa and Area Official Community Plan

The Wasa and Area Official Community Plan and Electoral Area E Zoning Bylaw was adopted by the Board. The new OCP will provide direction on land use decisions and assist in implementing the community vision identified through the planning process.

Non Farm Use Application

The May RDEK Board meeting will include a non farm application from the Ta Ta Creek area to allow a Yoga Retreat.

Agriculture Land Reserve

The Area Kootenay Boundary Local Government (AKBLG) held its annual conference in Creston, where a resolution was passed to request the Provincial Government provide local governments with a clear understanding of what they are doing with the new ALR decisions.

Volunteer of the Year

This years Area E Volunteer of The Year Award recipients are Greta and Barry Garland. We will be recognizing them at our Town Hall Meeting.

Have a safe month.

Jane Walter, RDEK Director,

Phone: 250-427-2577 Email: s.janewalter@gmail.com

Pet's Place



SADIE

Sadie is the newest member of the Perih family. She is a Retriever Lab cross and loves her new family. This summer you will find Sadie enjoying long walks with Abbey and River. For such a young little dog, Sadie is already very obedient and smart. Welcome to Wasa Sadie!!

Send me your pet photos and a brief description to:
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Furniture Sale!

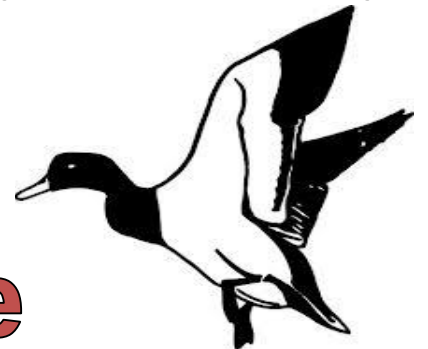
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News From the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyna



The old saying goes, "April Showers Bring May flowers." As we are now in the month of May we do have some flowers showing their majesty and beauty. But the month of May is also a time that we remember our Mother's, who also have majesty and beauty. Please allow me to get a little sentimental this year as this will be the first time that I do not have my mother here on this earth for Mother's Day. I found a writing by Fred Kruse called "What is a Mother."

"Somewhere between the youthful energy of a teenager and the golden years of a woman's life there lives a marvellous and loving person known as "Mother." A mother is a curious mixture of patience, kindness, understanding, discipline, industriousness, purity and love. A mother can be at one and the same, "lovelorn counsellor" to a heart-struck daughter and a "head football coach" to an athletic son. A mother can sew the tiniest stitch in the material for that dainty prom dress and she is equally experienced in threading through the heaviest traffic with a station wagon. A mother is the only creature on earth who can cry when she is happy, laugh when she's heartbroken, and work when she is feeling ill. A mother is as gentle as a lamb and as strong as a giant. Only a mother can appear to be weak and helpless and yet be the same one who puts a fruit jar cover on so tightly even Dad can't get it off. A mother is a picture of helplessness when Dad is near and a marvel of resourcefulness when she is all alone. A mother has the angelic voice of a member of a celestial choir as she sings Brahms lullaby to a babe held tight in her arms; yet this same voice can dwarf the sound of an amplifier when she calls her boys in for supper. A mother has the fascinating ability to be almost everywhere at once and she alone can somehow squeeze an enormous amount of living into an average day. A mother is "Old fashioned," to her teenager; just "Mom" to her third grader and simply "Mama" to a little two year old sister. But there is no greater thrill in life, than to point to that wonderful woman and be able to say to all the world, "That's my mother!"

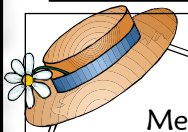
For those of you who still have your mother around, make sure you take some time to let her know how special she is in your life, because one day she will not be there and you will wish that you had either said or done something for her so that she would know.

Our Church Service starts at 10:30 a.m. and all are welcome to come and check us out. If any of you have any spiritual questions please feel free to give me a call at 250 422-3344.

Pastor Gary Semenyna

Seniors' Happy Gang

By Ruth Dovell



Members who were ill or away on holidays forced us to cancel the March and April meetings. Thus it was decided to hold our May meeting on May 20th at 1 pm. We'll meet at the Church for coffee, cookies, a game and this will be our last regular get together.

In future we'll phone the group just for a time together and no regular meetings will be planned.

ANSWERS



1. Cat's whisker is hidden 2. Stripe on sleeve is missing 3. Bottom rung on ladder is missing 4. Top flap on carton is missing 5. Knothole on branch is colored in 6 Top of axe blade is colored in 7. Door handle on tire truck has moved. 8. Toy mouse has moved 9. Cat's tail is longer 10. Buckle on coat is lower 11. Top of ladder is taller 12. Handle on net is longer



WASA MEMORIAL GARDEN

There is a lovely little quiet garden beyond the Community Hall. It becomes an even prettier place with small beds of flowers during the summer. Volunteers spend a short time twice a week to groom and care for our special area. Are there any gardeners out there who would like to take a turn for one week? Please phone Naomi at 250-422-3594

The reason it is called "Memorial" is that we have a nice acknowledgement to district pioneers plus a Memorial Wall where small plaques have been placed by family and friends . Perhaps you have someone whose name should be added to that wall? Contact Bev Rauch for details.

Sally Diefenbach left a major legacy to the district when she engineered the acquisition of a columbarium and the space which is now our Memorial Garden. Each niche can hold the ashes(cremains) of one or two deceased individuals. These niches are very special resting places for your loved ones.

We invite readers to visit the Memorial Garden. If you wish to arrange for a plaque to be made for your loved one or to buy a niche please contact Bev Rauch at 250-422-3335.



The **Wasa Recreation Society's** main objective is to generate funds to keep the Wasa Hall running. Wasa Recreation Society members meet in the basement of the Wasa Hall in the Quilters Room on the last Tuesday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend.

Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

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Lorraine Colton 250.422.3640
- Gym
Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
- TOPS
Susan 250.422.3510
- Library
Brenda Rauch
250.422.3335

In addition, BINGO's are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:45 pm and regular at 7:00 pm.

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

- ☐ Minimum of 2 people in the Gym at all times
- ☐ All users must sign in with date and time
- ☐ All users must sign a Wasa Recreation Programs User Waiver located at the sign- in desk
- ☐ All users are required to wear "gym shoes" - no street shoes permitted
- ☐ All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
- ☐ Cost is a loonie or twoonie
- ☐ Have fun and be safe!

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



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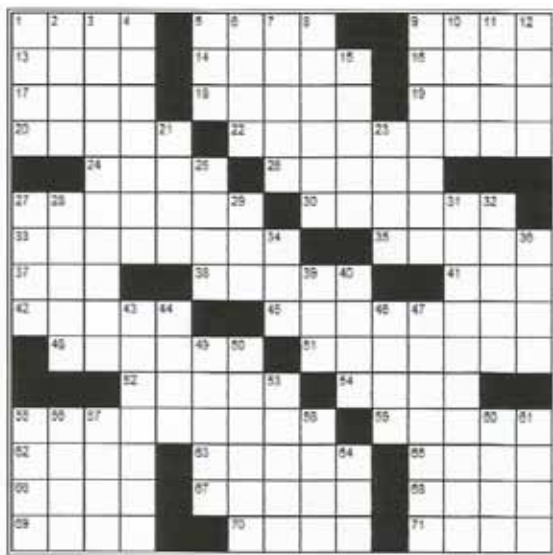
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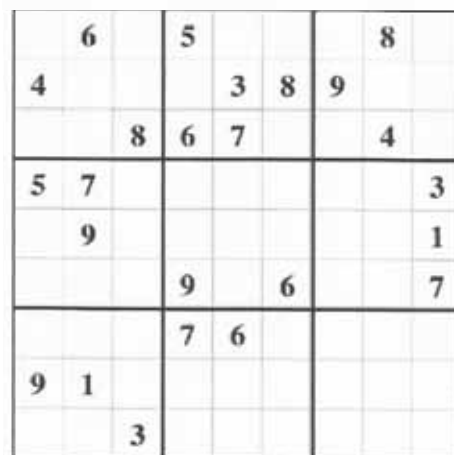
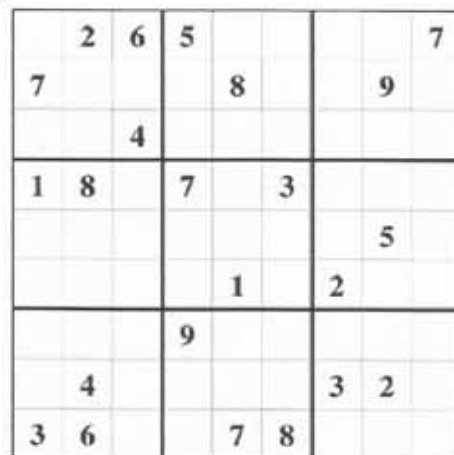
ACROSS

1. An indistinct shapeless form
5. At one time (archaic)
9. Rascallions
13. Magma
14. Promises
16. Half-moon tide
17. Poems
18. Surplus
19. Lyra's brightest star
20. Brusque
22. Plodders
24. Boo-hoos
26. Peal
27. Detaches
30. Orchards
33. Malice
35. Schoolbooks
37. What we sleep on
38. Strange
41. Spy agency
42. Smells
45. Stealing
48. Piece of cloth
51. Kitchen set
52. Donnybrook
54. Head
55. Captained
59. Young sheep
62. Dwarf buffalo
63. A cook might wear one
65. A noble gas
66. Stitched
67. French for "Queen"
68. Annul
69. Warmth
70. Chair
71. Goulash



DOWN

1. Smudge
2. Stow, as cargo
3. Eclipse
4. Double-reed instrument
5. Dawn goddess
6. Whacks
7. Follow stealthily
8. Multitude
9. Entail
10. Docile
11. Use a beeper
12. Resorts
15. Waste conduit
21. Black, in poetry
23. Conspiracy
25. Distort
27. Part of an ear
28. Requires
29. South southeast
31. Exhilaration
32. Scrimp
34. Take in slowly
36. Wise one
39. Disencumber
40. Trickle
43. Unrestrained
44. Stair
46. A Freudian stage
47. Lockjaw
49. Transparent
50. Shingles
53. Creepy
55. Cumberbund
56. Leg joint
57. Hawkeye State
58. Spanish lady
60. Portend
61. Winter precipitation
64. Mesh

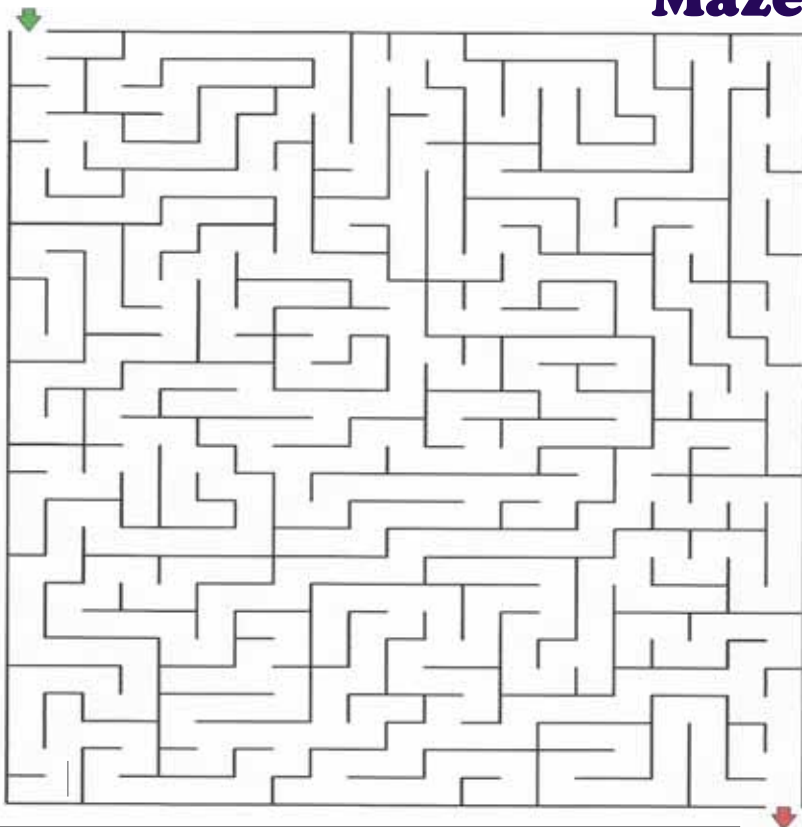


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| FAHRENHEIT | HURRICANE | SQUALL | WINDY |

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The Other Dimension of Life

Whether you come to the Friday evening Meditation at the Ashram in Wasa, travel through the Himalayas, in Northern India, or traverse the high plateaus of Tibet, if you listen to the teachings of great yogis or enlightened ascetic monks, they will tell you the same thing; that you are not what you think you are, but that you are the Supreme Consciousness, the "Atman". This message serves to wake up the Seeker of Truth so he can realize his inner condition as a deluded being.

Most people spend their entire existence enduring a life limited to the small perimeter of their intellectual knowledge. The entire world as they know it is nothing but a projection of what they have learned since birth. They don't know the world and they don't know life; they only know what is in their heads. They do not question the pertinence of their perceptions and ideas about the world. They totally believe that the way they comprehend the world is the only possible, right and true way.

Most human beings live in their intellectual representation of the world. In their reflective world, everything seems so real: pleasure and joy, pain and sadness, acceptance and refusal, brief periods of harmony followed by tenacious uncertainty, fear silenced by their opinions, which are no more valid than those of others. Through the mind, they question the nature of the world and they all end up with a certain body of knowledge concerning the outer world. The only thing they will die without knowing is themselves, the very nature of what they are beyond their name and form.

It is interesting to hear the most common assertion echoed in the teachings of all great Sages, Saints, Yogis and enlightened Gurus: "You are not what you think you are, you are the Supreme Self, the "Atman", and there is no difference between the Atman that you are and God, the Absolute or ultimate Reality." The remarkable thing is that, no matter where you meet these enlightened Self-Realized Beings along the ages, over thousands and thousands of years, they all denounce the deluding power of the human mind and claim the freeing power of the Supreme Consciousness within us. They share their wisdom with love and help anyone who wants to experience the reality of his own true Self, beyond any identification to his body, emotions and opinions. The teaching about realizing one's own true Self beyond the mind is always followed by a rigorous practice, which is a blend of logic, lucidity, pragmatism and intense observation of one's mind.

Once you realize that the mind prevents you from

directly perceiving reality, because of its ideas and opinions about everything, then you are able to clearly differentiate between the life colored and deformed by the autonomous activity of your mind, and the other dimension of life as perceived by your consciousness, which is free from the process of mental comparison. Through your mind, you constantly see the life that you know, and not life as it is. Through the consciousness, freed from the mind, you see the reality of life as it is and with this comes a delightful experience of Oneness and Unity with everything. In yoga, to achieve this state of total direct perception of the world and life, without any conflict or contradiction, is called "Ananda" (bliss/felicity), a state in which there are no obstacles between you and the ultimate Reality.

Experiencing this amazing other dimension of life is within reach for anyone who is passionate enough to make the efforts required to control the mind and master the unconscious, through a well-understood teaching and a clear practice of meditation. Beyond the apparently tangible experience of life that you believe to be real through your mind, there really exists another overwhelming dimension of Life, and this intense perception immediately liberates you from all suffering and sorrow.

May all of you discover in this life the wonders of the other dimension of Life beyond the mind.

With love and all my encouragements on the path of life. Warmly with you in the Supreme Lord

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The Flour Sack

By Colleen B. Hubert
Submitted by Arla Monteith

In that long ago time when things were saved,
when roads were graveled and barrels were staved,
when worn-out clothing was used as rags,
and there were no plastic wrap or bags,
and the well and the pump were way out back,
a versatile item, was the flour sack.

Pillsbury's best, mother's and gold medal, too,
stamped their names proudly in purple and blue.

The string sewn on top was pulled and kept;
the flour emptied and spills were swept.

The bag was folded and stored in a sack
that durable, practical flour sack.

The sack could be filled with feathers and down,
for a pillow, or t'would make a nice sleeping gown.

It could carry a book and be a school bag,
or become a mail sack slung over a nag.

It made a very convenient pack,
that adaptable, cotton flour sack.

Bleached and sewn, it was dutifully worn
as bibs, diapers, or kerchief adorned.

It was made into skirts, blouses and slips.

And mom braided rugs from one hundred strips
she made ruffled curtains for the house or shack,
from that humble but treasured flour sack!

As a strainer for milk or apple juice,
to wave men in, it was a very good use,
as a sling for a sprained wrist or a break,
to help mother roll up a jelly cake,
as a window shade or to stuff a crack,
we used a sturdy, common flour sack!

As dish towels, embroidered or not,
they covered up dough, helped pass pans so hot,
tied up dishes for neighbors in need,
and for men out in the field to seed.

They dried dishes from pan, not rack
that absorbent, handy flour sack!

We polished and cleaned stove and table,
scoured and scrubbed from cellar to gable,
we dusted the bureau and oak bed post,
made costumes for October (a scary ghost)
and a parachute for a cat named jack.

From that lowly, useful old flour sack!

So now my friends, when they ask you
as curious youngsters often do,

"before plastic wrap, elmers glue
and paper towels, what did you do?"

Tell them loudly and with pride don't lack,
"grandmother had that wonderful flour sack!"

The Lions Den

Submitted by Kathy Miles-Boue

WASA FUN DAY MAY 31ST

A parade, food, games for kids, games for adults, fun for everyone! Come down to the Lions Grounds on May 31st, enjoy a pancake breakfast, watch a baseball game, have a burger, play games, buy a ticket for a chance to win a planter, visit with your friends and neighbors. This is a great way to spend the day while helping the Lions Club raise money. We hope to see you there!

Ppssttt.....if you would like to volunteer a couple of hours to help out during this event, let us know. We are always in need of extra hands to help out.

ADOPT - A -HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

Every spring our Club participates in the annual highway clean up. This year, the Club has decided that due to the continual cold weather, we will postpone the clean up until fall.

LIONS ANNUAL DOG WALK - SUNDAY MAY 25TH

Please watch for all our furry four-legged friends and their humans who participate in this event every May. A walk around the lake along Lions Way Trail helps raise money for the Lions International Guide Dog training program. The Dog Walk helps the three local Lions Groups – the Cranbrook Lions, Mark Creek Lions Club from Kimberley and the Wasa Lions – work together to raise money for a cause important to us and to Lions International. Sign in is at noon at walk starts at 1:00 pm

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Hey Horsie People!

Weather's great, time to dust off our saddles and helmets and help our horses shed those thick winter coats.

Our March meeting at the Hardings was well attended and executive was named. We ended with some plates full of goodies, both sweet and savory. That makes a meeting worthwhile for sure, even as we get our business done.

Next meeting will be held at the Gwinners home at 2294 Thomasen Road at 7:00 p.m. on April 28th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our first official event will be held at the arena on May 3rd at 3:00 p.m. It will include a few games and a gentle trail ride followed by a BBQ supper. There will be no charge for members and a \$5.00 charge for each visitor.

Annual membership is \$35.00 for single and \$65.00 for family. We welcome any ideas or suggestions for activities and would like to increase our membership and participation.

Wasa Fun Daze will be held in Wasa on Saturday May 31. There will be a parade, games and prizes. Breakfast and lunch can be purchased. Insurance costs are prohibitive if we take horses in the parade as a club. However, it is likely that your property insurance will cover you if you enter as an individual. Please check with your insurance carrier and plan to dress up your horses and make a welcome addition to the festivities.

Our executive is as follows:

Chair: Wilma Harding
Co- chair: Torben Winther
Treasurer: Charlie Harding
Secretary: Denise Daigle

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HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER



Upgrading the Dewdney Trail

Opening a travel route from the Pacific coast to the Rocky Mountains was not easy. Edgar Dewdney was assigned that task because of the 1864 gold rush on Wild Horse Creek. He followed faint Indian and animal trails with an extra admonition! That route must be north of the 49th parallel- the newly declared boundary between Canada and the United States (this meant that he had to find somewhere to cross the Creston Flats north of the Indian portage at Porthill). Once his survey was complete he had crews slash and grade a 4 foot wide trail for use by men on horseback with packhorses. Upon arrival at Fisherville, Dewdney commissioned Peter Fernie to build a wagon road to Galbraith's Ferry.

As horse drawn wagons were replaced by motor vehicles, roads were created for local convenience. These were slowly extended to make connections. My first Greyhound ride from Nelson, BC to the coast saw us go south to Spokane, across Washington State then up to Vancouver. The Hope- Princeton section was opened in 1945. Five years later the Grand Forks to Trail section was still a very winding road that dropped deep into a valley then over a hump to the bare hills of the smelter city. From Trail the Greyhound went north to Nelson, then Balfour, across Kootenay Lake on the Nasookin steamer, down the east side of Kootenay Lake to Creston and eastward to the prairies.

When the revision survey of highways was done for Grand Forks Gerry Andrews, the Surveyor General wryly admitted that the Dewdney Trail was actually a few yards south of the 49th and brushed it again in Midway. The road eastward was changed from Christina Lake to Castlegar over what is now labelled the Blueberry-Paulsen.

Lobbying for upgrades to highway status was going on all across the province. A group from Salmo, Creston and Cranbrook hiked a proposed southern route in 1952. Leading the agitators were Frank Rotter of Salmo, Jack Wiggins, Creston, and Al Hunter, a telephone pioneer from Cranbrook. There was, however, a

minor wave of dissension along the East Shore because businesses fed from the Kootenay Lake ferry visualized, and did experience, considerable drop in traffic. Many men with big machines created the 82 km. eastern section over "StagLeap" summit. The Salmo- Creston Skyway was officially opened in October 1963, almost 100 years after Dewdney. The route has the highest elevation of an all- weather highway in Canada. Recently that Skyway, renamed "Kootenay Pass" by some in Victoria, has been headlined in travel publications for the experimentation with avalanche control methods. There were seven avalanche related deaths in the 1970's and road clearing routines closed the route for many hours. By 2013 operators attempted to drop slides and clear quickly so that the route could reopen in about two hours. Commercial trucking can accept a two hour delay but estimates losses of \$50,000

per hour after that. Now the Salmo- Creston maintenance crews have a better record than those in Rogers Pass, especially for reopening quickly. After the opening of the Salmo-Creston a more direct route was cut between Castlegar and Salmo. Trail is no longer on the east- west route for Greyhound. Greyhound loops north from Castlegar to Nelson then east via Salmo to Creston. There have been many changes to Highway No 3 in my lifetime. I drove my first car over the then new Hope -Princeton section. Our family joined the 1963 opening day cavalcade from Salmo to Creston. The 50th anniversary of that opening was celebrated last October. Now as we move into the 150th year since the surveying of our section of the Dewdney Trail upgrading will likely continue. East Kootenay citizens should be thankful for our connections across British Columbia.

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4 Church	5	6 Lions Meeting	7	8	9	10
			Lakers Ball 7pm		Ashram Meditation 7 pm	
11 Church Mother's Day 	12	13 Lakers Ball 7pm BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular	14	15	16	17 
					Ashram Meditation 7 pm	Pancake Breakfast 9:30 am - 11:30 am
18 Church Cut off for June Newsletter	19	20 Lions Meeting Lakers Ball 7pm	21	22	23	24
					Ashram Meditation 7 pm	
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- LEGEND**
- Church Service 10:30 am
 - Gym (M,W,F 7:30-8:30 am & 10-11 M,W)
 - BINGO 6:45 p.m.
 - Rec Society 7:00 p.m.
 - Lions 7:00 p.m.
 - Library Tues 11 am - 1 pm and Wed 6:30 pm -8:30 pm
 - TOPS Wed 6:30 pm
 - Quilters Tues 10 am to 4 pm

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Sunday, June 15th - Father's Day
- Tuesday, July 1st - Canada Day
- August no newsletter

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Than the rain came down to soak us,
And now before the eye can focus -
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Lilja Rogers

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