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The Ponderosa: A Wasa Story by Nowell Berg

Part 2

The Wasa pine continues unmolested day by day, year after year climbing an invisible ladder toward the vast cerulean sky ringed with stalagmites of granite pushed high by earthly forces.

For the next 17 years it grows, absorbing the sun's radiation, slurping nutrients from the soil and turning them into wood, sap, bark, needles and cones. The continuous shedding of needles creates a spongy five centimeter thick organic carpet that obscures the rocky understory. Eventual decay turns matter into black arid acidic soil.

In late Fall 1863, the pine, now eight centimeters in diameter, casually spots a group of miners pass near-by following a Ktunaxa trail south toward Galbraith's Ferry, it would later be called Ft. Steele.

While camped at the mouth of Wild Horse Creek (originally Stud Horse Creek), these prospectors pan for, and find, gold. Placer gold, yellow metal, the devil's coin. The next Spring, hundreds of miners push into the Wild Horse moving further up the creek to Fisherville, a bustling metropolis of 5,000 by the following year (1865). The lure of Jason's fleece attracts miners, fortune seekers, merchants, settlers, grifters and ne'er-do-wells. All of the miners' shacks, houses, stables, numerous restaurants, one brewery, six general stores, four saloons, and the provincial jail, built from Ponderosa pine.

The forest and Ktunaxa would never be the same.

Swede Nils Hanson arrives at Wasa in 1885 and starts a sawmill. Over the next 20 years, he turns an area south of the lake into a resort with the best hotel in the district, constructed with Ponderosa pine.

In January 1901, Hanson starts work with a crew of 19 men to build the first bridge, a draw bridge at that, across the Kootenay River at Wasa. The sturdy ponderosa milled and used for the pilings, super-structure and roadbed.

Weather beaten, washed bare and smooth, sun bleached almost white, one post from that bridge still remains. It takes the high mark of June for it to be lost below the muddy water stained by mountain freshet.

Higher, wider, year after year, yet barely visible to the human eye, the Wasa pine swells and stretches, bulking up for the marathon ahead. When it celebrates 47 years and a thirty centimeter diameter, it stands a



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News from the Wasa Quilter's Block

submitted by Linda Sungaard



Hi everyone. We hope you are well and staying safe. This global pandemic has seen a drastic change in all our lives! On the bright side, quilters generally have lots to keep themselves busy and with spring in the air, the outdoor hobbies are also adding to our time demands!

Lots of different projects are under construction from quilts, table runners, placemats, purses, a yoga bolster cover... all for the love of family or friends. The days pass by quickly keeping hands and minds busy.



One of our members had family visitors just as the social distancing order came. As they isolated together, she taught her granddaughters (ages 4 and 6) to make a small quilt for their stuffies. We would really encourage the art of designing, sewing, and quilting to the younger generation. There are computer programs to help young people to virtually design and colour quilt blocks and quilts

with photos, stencils, and motifs. The art of quilting has expanded so much that anything goes! Dust off that old sewing machine and encourage the young ones in your household, male and female, to sew.



This is a time to enjoy your hobby or start up a new one to help give us focus. Hobbies are important to calm the mind and creativity has proven to reduce stress. Hobbies can include collecting themed items or objects, engaging in creative and artistic pursuits, and playing sports or other forms of amusement. Reading is always a good hobby! These days, with social distancing, we have the time to develop hobbies that can carry us through for an undetermined time into the future.



And if all this is even overwhelming....simply watching the birds, the sky, spring evolving is just grand!

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The Ponderosa: A Wasa Story, part 2 continued

silent vigil, witness to the Ktunaxa / ?aqam uprising of 1887. Tensions grow, escalating close to war, after Kapula, a Ktunaxa warrior, is incarcerated in March 1887 at the Fisherville jail charged with the murder of prospectors William Kemp and Mathew Halton (in 1884). Days later, Chief Isadore and twenty-five armed warriors ride into town. They brake open the gaol doors releasing their brother from the pine walled “palace of chains”. At the same time, Isadore orders two provincial officials, Constable Anderson and the Honourable Fred Alymer, to leave the district and never return. Frightened for their lives, they make haste.

These events push the needle of fear deep into the red panic zone. Alarmed officials, settlers and business owners petition the Federal Government. In June 1887, Prime Minister MacDonald orders the NWMP into the Kootenay to resolve land issues and protect settlers. Superintendent Sam Steele, Inspectors Wood and Huot, and 75 NCOs making up “D” Division arrive at Galbraith’s ferry August first. On the flat bench-land high above the ferry, the troops construct barracks, a black-smith shop and stables with ponderosa logs and lumber floated down river from Hanson’s Wasa mill.

This lumber would eventually be dismantled and transported west to St. Eugene Mission where it would be used to construct buildings for a residential school that opened in 1890.

End Part 2 – Final Part 3 next month



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Greetings Wasa!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our community for your support amidst these troubling times. Unfortunately any and all Kids Club activities and events will be postponed until further notice.

We would also like to congratulate Denice Loutit and Ranaye Matthews as winners of our Easter Flower Basket Raffle, and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in support of our group.

We very much are looking forward to resuming activities within the community once restrictions are lifted and can’t wait to see all those smiling faces in person again.

We are planning to hold a virtual AGM on Tuesday May 5 at 8:00pm. We have not yet decided on a platform to use as most of us are new to “virtual” meetings, so if you are interested in joining, please feel free to connect with us on facebook @trivillagekidsclub, or send us an email at trivillagekidsclub@yahoo.com.

Best wishes to all, The Tri-Village Kids Club

Kate Cooledge, Jessie Dare, Kacey Day, Lena Diesel, Tanya Munro



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Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Sherry Shields

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Aesop



Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.
H.Jackson Brown Jr.



THANK YOU FOR BEING AN amazing volunteer.

Thank you to the volunteers who have been practicing social distancing during the annual spring clean.

The garden is looking well loved.

Clean up is ongoing, but I would like to acknowledge the volunteers to date.

Sarah Shields, Sonia Blackwell, Della Boechler, Mitsuko Oishi, Ron Hrisook, Kate & Bryan Kelly, Kim Koswan, Elisha, Kevin & Gemma Garry, Darcy Jensen.



Thank you also to Sandy and Laurie Kay for the spring color arrangements.

Thank you Kootenay Tree Experts (Chad & Angie) who pruned the trees and shrubs on a blustery COLD windy day.

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

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The Lion's buzz:

As with everyone else in these trying times, the Wasa Lions will not be reporting a lot of happenings for this month. We have suspended meetings in respect of the social distancing guidelines. About the only thing to report are cancellations: such as the Highway Cleanup, which was scheduled for April 25th has been cancelled. We will certainly be resuming this when conditions permit.

The Lions are still welcoming new members to the club and anyone wishing to join only need to contact a member of the club and the rest will be done by us!

I'm hoping this issue of the Buzz finds everyone in good spirits. Don't feel alone in these times of isolation. Everyone is still just a phone call away.

May your seeds sprout and your grass turn a beautiful green. I'm sure the spring weather will put a smile on our faces. So until next month, have a wonderful and social distancing time!

Wasa Lions Pete Vereshagen Memorial Rink

It was a season of fluctuating temperatures. It was cold at times but it was so inconsistent, not exactly what you need to operate an outdoor rink.

We had some cold enough weather in November but as soon as we had enough ice the temps went up and we lost it all. After several frustrating attempts we held off until December. We had ice prior the school holidays and fortunately, enough for Winter Fest. January was hit and miss and by months end we had doubts about continuing very far into February. The black surface on the basketball court gobbled up the heat and it was impossible to keep the ice. We continued, but predictions didn't look great and so we pulled the plug and wouldn't you know it, later in February and early March we had a cold snap. We had been bitten on so many occasions that we couldn't see trying again so the hoses and the Zamboni were put to bed.

Unfortunately some Kimberley Minor Hockey events and the use by Selkirk High School classes had to be cancelled. The weather just didn't cooperate with their schedules. It wasn't the greatest season but hopefully those who used the rink enjoyed some skating and appreciated all those who helped to provide ice.

Thanks to Stan Kneller, J.C. McPhee, Darren Krell, Alex Jensen, Rob Pelley, Terry Potter, Laurie Kay and special mention to Eric Sundgaard for his great contribution. Great job guys!!

To those who signed up on the "I Can Help Sheets" in the event of heavy snow falls, thank you. Your offer was appreciated but not needed this season.

Thankfully, the lake trail was a hit and the thick ice was able to handle the changing conditions. Many thanks to James Swansberg for keeping it open.

The new lights were fabulous! Hydro costs have been reduced by at least 25% The Lions received a grant from The Kimberley Community Foundation to get new hockey goals. Troy, from Flanders Forge has been hired to put a solid set together. The Lions applied to Columbia Basin Trust for material to replace the board toppers. If approved we will need some community help for the job. Stay tuned.

Laurie Kay - Wasa Lions

Lions Garage Sale

Due to Covid 19 the Lions Garage sale is postponed to a future date to be determined. Please keep us in mind as you find treasures for us.

Thanks - Sharon

Many of you have a story, adventure or life stories 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 -- judymcphee9@gmail.com--

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submitted by Judy McPhee

How often do you think of a line from a poem you knew long ago? How often do you wish you could find the whole poem to recapture your memory of it?

The line:

"AND IS THERE HONEY STILL FOR TEA?"

I was wondering what poem that came from. Upon research, it comes from Rupert Brooke's poem-

"THE OLD VICARAGE, GRANTCHESTER"

written in May, 1912.

It is a light poem on the landscape of Cambridgeshire in England.

I love the first few lines. It sets the tone for spring which we are all enjoying now.

Just now the lilac is in bloom,

All before my little room;

And in my flower-beds, I think,

Smile the carnation and the pink;

And down the borders, well I know,

The poppy and the pansy blow.....

And the famous "hit phrase"----the last line--

"And is there honey still for tea?"

There are oddities of syntax and linguistic incompetence in this poem as most of us learned in our school years but "hey" I love it and I think of it as "fun poetry."

I think I will try honey in my tea,

At ten to three." :)

RECOMMENDATIONS

BELLA- A woman of courage by Lyn Thompson, a Calgarian.

A magnificent true story of Lyn's grandmother, Bella, 1863-1953.

Plagued by rickets, she was sent to British Guiana by her parents to regain her health.

Married and widowed at an early age, she immigrated to Boston and settled near Harvard University.

Struggling financially, as an accomplished seamstress, she managed with much

determination to feed and house herself and her three children. She challenged the conventions of the day as a penniless immigrant and business woman, with determination and grit- even insisting that the bank manager give her a loan for a home. It was unheard of in those days to give woman a loan.

A fascinating and compelling story, one to learn from and remember.

A SCATTERING OF SEEDS by Lindalee Tracy

The creation of Canada. An excellent book of immigrants from every nationality coming to Canada to begin a new life and in the process help build Canada into the nation it is today.

Highly recommended by Pierre Burton who wrote the "Forward" in it as a celebration of the efforts of immigrants to establish themselves and develop Canada.

A book of quiet courage.

CAMPING FREE IN B.C. Explored and written by Kathy and Craig Copeland.

Although written in 1995, there must be some of the 1000 plus, free campsites, left for those who like the backcountry and wilderness of B.C.

At any rate, it is an informative book on spots to camp at that I have never heard of and you just may want to visit. A good book which gives you a geography lesson on B.C.!

YES, YES, YES,

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-Dr. Seuss*



Don't be afraid of anything... it will pass!

In regard to this pandemic event, I had to alter the topic of Teaching, though I will come back to you later with the series on “destroying the weight of the past.” It is far more important that you become more conscious of your fear in order to extract your presence from the collective bath of fear which is overwhelming our planet with the spreading of COVID-19. In a strange way, if you are afraid of something, it is because that thing attracts you and you refuse this attraction. It's like a magnet attracting iron and not wood. There are attractions that you do not recognize either, but those attractions are not less active upon you. Iron cannot resist the magnet and the magnet does not ask permission to the iron. When an attraction is active, you get the impression that it is you who controls it, deciding upon that particular attraction, when in fact, there are many attractions at play even when you don't want them and even when you refuse them (e.g. gravity force, romantic attraction for someone, etc.).

In this intense period producing massive collective fear, it is important to learn the necessity of looking at everything in a neutral manner. Proceeding with things in a neutral manner means to not become the slave of any emotional drive. Neutrality is not approval nor refusal; rather, it is acknowledgment, recognition and pacification. An ordinary Mental Man constantly turns in circles in his head because he is the slave of his identification with his body and his mind. He is mostly an agent of fear. All that Men do is not for peace, love and harmony but only against fear. So naturally, it has become a normal, ordinary, and usual human condition. For them, it's always: “let's focus on our next accessible

fear”.

In the same order of ideas, when there are symptoms of disease, you are also attracted to them. Why is that? Because you fear them more than anything; you are attracted to them because you are compelled to think about them. They trigger your thoughts, so you are attracted by the state of the sick person that you could become. Accordingly, in your mind, you can be one with disease, and you can therefore get really sick and die. You feel this attraction like a morbid obsession and you indirectly agree to be attracted by fear like iron is attracted by a magnet.

Fear has become your ordinary “status”, and the question is: “can we change this fact, this status, this state of being?” The answer is “Yes”, and incredible changes are possible.

What is the point of fear? None!

How does fear help you? In no way!

How can fear help you prevent the coronavirus? It can't!

Only common sense, pragmatism, lucidity, objectivity can save you, not fear!

On the contrary, fear projects you toward the virus because it attracts you... it fascinates you in terms of the number of dead people every day. The medias program you to be captivated with mortality! You don't want to die, yet you think about it constantly; you are weirdly fascinated because you refuse, because you don't want it to happen. Not wanting doesn't make you think about it less; it is the opposite. You are constantly triggered by unwanted thoughts; you think about what you don't want and never disconnect from it! Fear as emotion has spoiled all your life and it continues to spoil your entire existence right now regarding a future which is not yet here. Recognize and admit that fear itself is not only a disease... it

is your lifelong illness that you can cure. The fear of death is one thing but the fear of being destroyed is yet another; it is the fear of being destroyed in one or several aspects of yourself. If you replace the fear of death by the fear of a part of yourself being destroyed, then you will understand the true meaning of the Spiritual Path, because the Spiritual Quest is the search of the “indestructible” within you, which is also the very nature of your true presence called the Supreme Self or the Atman, also known as the Kingdom of Heaven for the Christians or the Non-born for the Buddhists.

Recognize what is destructible within yourself (youth, beauty, body, mind, memories) not in a pessimistic way but in a very simple, enlightening and realistic way. Then recognize, “in what way am I destructible and in what am I not?” By inquiring into the True Self and remembering that the Self never dies, you can prepare yourself to let go of what will inevitably be destroyed, concentrating your attention on the presence within you that exists beyond time, space and causality. Question your dependence on emotional fear and remain conscious, in a natural way, of what is destructible and will be destroyed, and what is indestructible and will not be destroyed: “your Consciousness”. To conclude, come back to the real and strive to live your life in the “indestructible” that you are. Remain lucid, fearless and without rejection. Recognize what is, accept it and create a neutral relationship with it. If you are overwhelmed by fear, breathe “immortality” frequently during the day; breathe joyously all

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Some of My Favorite Wasa Wonders

submitted by Tom Braumandl

Having lived in Wasa only briefly, a little over two years, I marvel at the awakening of the plants at this time of year. We are truly fortunate to live in this open forest/grassland environment that is blessed with a profusion of wildflowers and other interesting plants. Having been a forest ecologist in the Kootenay and Boundary Country for over 40 years now, I can say without a doubt that the nicest rough fescue grassland I have ever seen is in our backyard. While that may not impress most folks, the elk and I appreciate it and think most of you might appreciate the showy wildflowers that come with the grass.

Rough fescue is the ice cream - or maybe more appropriately the filet mignon - plant for elk. Rough fescue is one the most important foods for elk during the winter and it also turns out to be pretty tasty to cattle. Subsequently rough fescue disappears from many areas that are grazed by cattle. Some of the properties around the lake and parts of the provincial park haven't been grazed by cattle and hence have wonderful stands of rough fescue in areas where the ponderosa pine aren't too dense. With the lack of cattle grazing, there is also a lack of weeds, which is another pleasure for me coming from the West Kootenay, where any natural opening in the forest is almost always covered in weeds. With the lack of weeds comes a profusion of wildflowers in these grasslands.



While it's early (April 16), so far this year we're enjoying the cheery sight of sagebrush buttercup, yellow bells, prairie crocus, earless sunress and just today the first shooting star. Last year's list of showy wildflowers on our property ran to 34 species (and I was being a little lax keeping track so there is undoubtedly more). So, until late June when the grassland dries up and the plants set about resting and setting their seeds, we have a continual treat of new flowering pleasures to discover as they pop up - sulphur-flower buckwheat, sagebrush mariposa lily, bitterroot, golden-aster, woodland star, pink twink to name just a few. Way less



labour intensive than planting flowers and more exciting in that you don't exactly know what's coming up this year. The only chore I want to do in my garden is pull up the occasional weed that happens to try and take over.

So, if you have a patch of natural vegetation on your property, I strongly suggest you leave it be. Resist the urge to plant that most boring of landscapes - a lawn - but check out what's growing there and if you can, please pull up the weeds, we have a chance to avoid becoming as weed infested as that mecca of posing, woke hipsters, the West Kootenay. Heaven knows we don't want to emulate them in most any way.

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
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- Have fun and be safe!



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By Area E Director Jane Walter

Well it has been a very interesting and stressful month. I hope everyone is doing well.

The RDEK office is still closed but we are still doing business. If you have any questions, or want to apply for permits, Contact the RDEK through emails or call and the staff will forward your questions to the right department.

RDEK Board meeting: The Board met electronically for the first time. I believe that we will be repeating the process for May's Board meeting.

The Board sent a letter to the BC Provincial government requesting that the Alberta and British Columbia Border be closed to non essential traffic. Both of the Provincial Health Ministers has been telling everyone to only travel when it is essential, but unfortunately many people were not following their advice. The Board members had been getting many calls from concerned people that were worried about their health being put at risk. The Provincial government did not agree, but later on they did add the restrictions for over night camping and off road use in the Kooocanusa Area for the Easter Weekend.

This decision caused many other East Kootenay residential areas to be concerned about there area and asking why didn't this cover there area. I do not have the answer unfortunately. I am making inquiries on how we can protect other area's that are seeing an increase of recreation use.

I want to Thank everyone that has been helping their neighbors through this event. I also want to remind everyone to stay home and stay safe. Only go out when necessary. Also remember to support your local businesses. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call me at 250-427-2577 or email me at s.janewalter@gmail.com

I hope you all have a good month.
Jane Walter

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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.

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

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"



BC Parks Response to COVID 19: Full BC Parks System Closure



BC Parks is immediately closing the entire BC Parks system, including all parks, protected areas, conservancies, recreation areas, and ecological reserves. All camping (front and backcountry) is now banned until May 31st, 2020. This action is being taken in response to the call for increased action to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the desire of the public to get outdoors, many parks have already experienced peak season levels of use that have resulted in overwhelmed parking lots, trails and trailheads, making physical distancing difficult, if not impossible in some locations. It has also resulted in damage to our facilities and the environment.

This closure is also necessary to ensure the continued health and safety of our visitors, employees, park operators and their staff, volunteers, and park contractors. By taking this action, we align with federal and provincial directives for people to stay home to reduce COVID-19 transmission risk.

This temporary measure means public and vehicle access is prohibited until further notice. All trails, roads, day-use areas, beaches, lakes, boat launches, and backcountry areas are closed to the public. Park closures will be enforced through regular monitoring and patrols and anyone found in a closed park will be evicted and could face a \$115 fine.

In addition to the full system closure, the campground closure has been extended to May 31st, 2020. Full refunds will continue to be automatically provided to those with existing reservations during this time. Please do not initiate a request for refund. The Discover Camping reservation system has been suspended for all new reservations. A public notice will be issued once facilities are reopened and the system is able to accept new reservations.

BC Parks continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic closely and is following the recommendations set out by the Provincial Health Officer and the Minister of Health for decisions related to closure and reopening of parks and facilities.

Please continue to check the BC Parks website for updates.

BC Parks COVID-19 Questions and Answers: bcparks.ca/covid-19/questions-answers/

Media Release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020ENV0019-000645>

For more COVID-19 information, visit the BC Centre for Disease Control: BCCDC: <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>

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swoops in,
it's to remind
us that life is
short, and
not to let
worries cloud
a single day*

The BUZZ needs you!

We are looking for volunteers! How would you like to try your hand at submitting one of the following? Household hints? Fun page? History Bytes (or similar)? Articles of interest. Email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com or call Lori @ 250.417.1570

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WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION

submitted by Kathy McCauley

Fire prevention and suppression may not be uppermost in everyone's minds during the current COVID 19 crisis; nevertheless, we must face the fact that the 2020 wildfire season will soon be upon us and we must prepare now.

Spring is the best time of the year to work towards Firesmartering your property and the most effective things you can do are very simple:

1. Rake up and dispose of fallen pine needles in your yard.
2. Prune tree branches within 2 metres of the ground and thin out bushes.
3. Clean your roof and gutters of combustible materials (eg. pine needles).
4. Remove all combustible materials such as lumber, firewood, ATVs, etc stored under open decks or next to buildings.

Remember wildfires spread less by raging forest fires, than by flying embers that alight combustible materials up to 2 kilometres away. Reducing the amount of combustible materials on your property is the single most effective way to reduce your risk. Download the complete Firesmart Home Handbook and find more info on our website <https://wasafire.weebly.com> or from FireSmart Canada or FireSmart BC.

It is also time think about what you will do if a wildfire does start on or near your property. Set up your water cubes and pumps, test your roof top sprinklers, and organize small tools so everything is ready in an emergency.

We have WASP Gutter-mounted Sprinkler Systems for sale at a price guaranteed less than you will pay anywhere else. Find out more about them at www.waspwildfire.com COVID or no COVID, the Volunteer Fire Group will have the community fire trailer ready to use before the end of April.



photo by Nowell Berg

Please remember, though, that its purpose is to stop fire from spreading, not to put out house fires. If you are willing to help us or if you would like to purchase a WASP Sprinkler system contact kathyemccauley@gmail.com

All events such as workshops, chipper days, or demonstrations are on hold for now. Until next time, stay safe! We are all in this together.

Need a face mask and do not have one? Try constructing some by using old shoulder pads. Or— a bra cup. They work too!!

Think you're bored? When Sir Isaac Newton invented calculus it was during the plague. Do you have any idea how bored you have to be to invent calculus?

On average a giant panda eats 12 hours a day. A confined human eats like a panda. Hence the name pandemic.

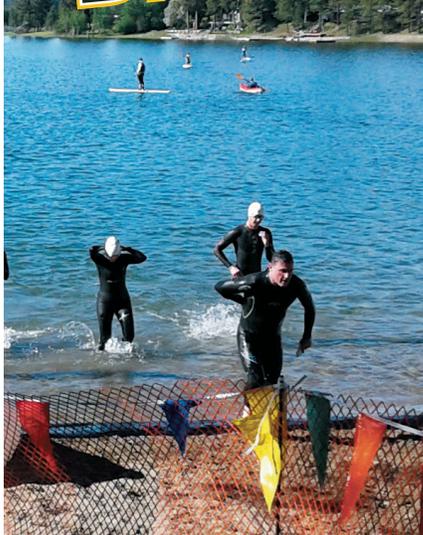
The **Wasa Recreation Society** manages the Wasa Community Hall. The main objective is have a Community Hall that is viable for events and recreation of the community. Through fund raising, volunteering and rentals we are able to have an economical community hall for our community. The Recreation Society meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 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
Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
- Gym-Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019, 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, BINGO's 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. and regular at 6:45 p.m.
 - And TKC coffee is held the **2nd Wednesday** of each month

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Yesterday

submitted by Bev Falkner

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?



Would you believe I have lived in the Wasa/Wolf Creek area for 60 years?

Would you believe that is 720 months or 2120 weeks or 21,900 days?

There is no doubt about it-- I am old!

When I moved to Wasa in 1960, it was a different community than today. Ranching, logging and mill workers at Cameron's Sawmill made up the bulk of the population.

Wasa Provincial Park was started. We had no power so outdoor "biffies", coal oil or gas lamps and packing water were part of everyday life. Mrs Norton, who lived on the east side of the lake at the S.E. end had a telephone. The only other one was a pay phone at the Ta Ta Creek store. That is also where we received our mail or visited the store. School was held in the back of the Wasa Hall (today church).



There were a number of summer cabins on the lake, many open spaces, and a small permanent population. The most important thing was that from Cherry Creek to Sheep Creek we all lived in warm caring communities. Power came (how wonderful) in the early '60's'. One of my friends was a tiny bit disappointed because she could see the cobwebs.

In 1968 the Pulp Mill began production and the nature of our communities changed. Many more families moved to our rural area. That resulted in a new school and a wonderful new Community Hall. It was good for our children as it gave them many more friends to socialize with. The most important thing was that we still had a warm and sharing place to live.



The next major change was an influx of oil money. Land prices soared so many of our young families had to leave and the school closed. Beautiful vacation homes replaced summer cabins. However even with those changes our communities are still a great place to live.

I count myself extremely fortunate to have lived here for so long. I think we have done most things the area has to offer from dancing at the Hall to climbing Teepee. The biggest whine I have is that getting old will probably mean we have to move to town. However I will have many wonderful memories to take with me.

Spicy Macaroni and Cheese

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| 4 cups cooked macaroni or cavatappi | 1 tablespoon olive oil | Salt |
| 1/4 to 1/2 finely diced red onion | 1 finely diced jalapeno | Pepper |
| Equal amount diced red bell pepper | 1 cup frozen corn | 2 tblsp butter |
| 1-4 oz can chopped green chilies | 2 to 3 cloves garlic, chopped | |
| 1 cup cream | 1 generous cup grated Pepper Jack cheese | |



Boil pasta until al dente. In a large skillet, add olive oil and saute garlic and vegetables over medium heat for a couple of minutes. Add in canned chilies and stir around, then turn off heat. Drain pasta and add it to skillet. Pour on cream, add cheese, then add salt and pepper to taste and stir gently. At the end, add 2 tablespoons butter and stir again. Check seasonings and serve.

Serve with juicy steak, with grilled shrimp, chicken, or on its own.

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 Susan 778-524-0012
 or Irene 250-422-3686



TAKE OFF POUND SENSIBLY

Wasa Community Church



Jonah and the whale... or... the big fish, as the Bible states. Perhaps it was a whale shark, as that would check both off the list. Either way, that's not really what I'm writing about today. Upon re-reading the book of Jonah near the end of March, I feel like there was a big part of it that I had previously misunderstood. Close to 2800 years ago, God told Jonah, an Israeli prophet, to go to the ancient Assyrian city of Nineveh (in modern day Iraq) and let them know that in forty days, they would be overthrown because of their evil. Instead, Jonah ran away to Joppa (in modern day Tel Aviv) and hired a boat to take him far in the complete opposite direction (to a place known as Tarshish).

Now, I grew up having the impression that Jonah ran away because was afraid of going to Nineveh, where they might kill him. It didn't seem to me like He was someone who had a lot of trust in God. However, upon my re-reading, he actually seems like he has a lot of trust in God, and I didn't find anything that told me he was afraid of going to Nineveh. What I did find was that, after he was thrown from the boat, swallowed by the big fish and spit back aground, ended up going to Nineveh with that message after all and the people repented of their evil, Jonah was upset and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster" (Jonah 4:2). The reason Jonah ran away was because he did not want the people God saw as evil to be given mercy.

This story indeed shows us that God is merciful. Christianity is based off God coming to earth as Jesus to die for the sins we've committed and rise again so that if we repent of our sin and put our faith in Him, we too will be safe from judgment. We will receive His mercy, just as Nineveh did. God is the same merciful God as He was back then. However, what I really see here in this story is someone who thinks that, in a way, he's better than the people of Nineveh because he hasn't done as much evil as them. The truth is, though, that we have all done wrong. We've all sinned. No Christian is better than any non-Christian, just like nobody is better than anyone else. It's amazing to me that someone who had so much faith in God, who knew God so well, thought that while the mercy he was shown was acceptable, the mercy shown to others was unacceptable. Let us not think that way.

- Pastor Jon Malpass, Wasa Community Church -
 (services Sunday @ 10:30am), (250) 464-4419

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



FOOD FOR FAMILIES with PHOTO FUN!!

Tanya Yost-Munro graciously offered her photography skills around the community for donations to the Kimberley/Cranbrook food banks. The result was a fun look at how we are all coping with the physical distancing and long days at home. She will be taking in a generous total of almost \$2000 in food and money which will be split between the two food banks.





What a bunch of great looking people, eh? Coming 'together' to benefit others. This was fun! And while this only took a few moments of our day (much more for Tanya - thank you!!), the needs we met through this event are ongoing, especially so at this time.

To donate to the Cranbrook Food Bank, please call: 250.426.7664

To donate to the Kimberley Food Bank, please call: 250.427.5522

Let's keep spreading our generosity as a community around!



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Garden Facts & Fables

What a spring so far! Balmy weather in February, cold and snow in March, significant improvement in April! For many, things like potatoes, carrots, peas will already be planted - and we're waiting on the passing of the last frost date to get our tomatoes, peppers, etc. outside. I would really love to hear from other gardeners in the area - what do you love to plant? Is there something new you want to try this year? Where do you buy your seeds? Bulbs? Plants? Talk to me!

*I'm a gardener and I'm OK
I sleep all night and I plant all day!
I dress in grubby clothing,
and hang around with slugs.
Oh I'm happy in the garden
With dirt and plants and bugs
(to the tune of Monty Python's 'I'm a Lumberjack')*

ARE PEAS GOOD FOR ME?

In one word – yes! But if you need more details...

Peas are a good source of vitamin A, vitamin C, folate, thiamine (B1), iron and phosphorus. They are also rich in protein, carbohydrate and fibre and low in fat.

A 100 calories serving of peas contains more protein than a whole egg or tablespoon of peanut butter.

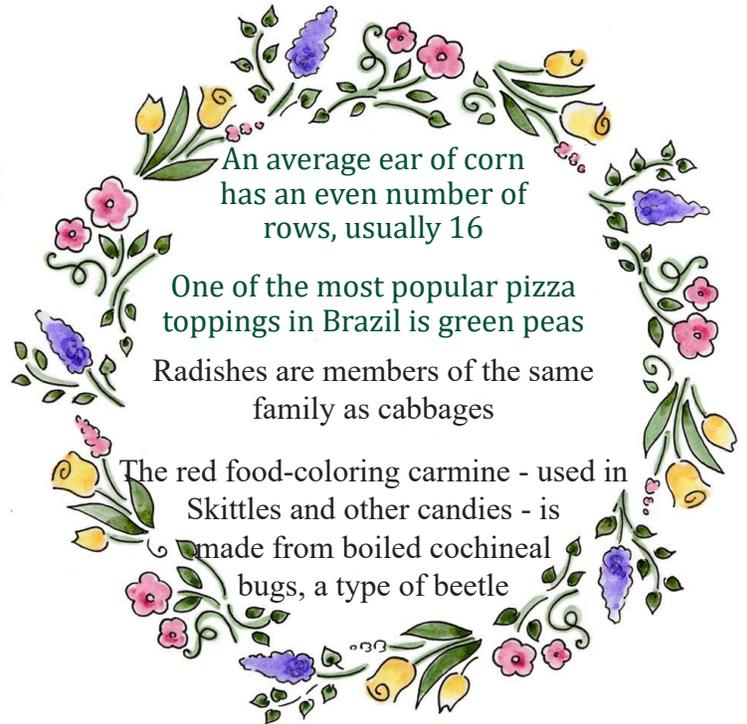
Just one serving of freshly frozen garden peas and petits pois contains as much vitamin C as two large apples!

Half a cup of frozen peas has only 5% of the daily limit for sodium. Foods low in sodium are good for your heart.

Peas are thought to have originated in Middle Asia and the central plateau of Ethiopia.

The oldest pea ever found was nearly 3,000 years old and discovered on the border of Burma and Thailand.

Peas were known to the Greeks and Romans (the Romans grew 37 different varieties at one point) and these early types were first mentioned in England after the Norman conquest.



Spring

Spring appears in whispers and hushed tones, as the bellowing winter bows away.

Drowsy flowers come to attention, waking from their sleep - yawning; with heads turned upwards towards the Maestro called Sun - I watch with anticipation as..... the concert begins.

Garden Tips & Tricks:

- Lettuce and other greens tend to grow particularly well in the cool weather of April and May. These crops are easy to grow -- and allow you to make your own salads from fresh, homegrown leaves! Go for the gourmet look and select a blend of lettuce types, including romaine, butterhead, and leaf. With leaf lettuces, plant a variety of hues to craft colorful salads.
- Wait to prune spring-flowering shrubs (such as lilacs, mock oranges, weigelas, many types of viburnum, etc.) until after blooms fade. Prune immediately after flowering to avoid hindering next year's show.
- Wait to mulch planting beds and vegetable gardens until later this month -- when soil has warmed. Don't cover soil until after self-sowers have sprouted and there's a need for mulch to retain soil moisture and shade weeds.
- Divide summer- and fall-flowering perennials before plants exceed 6 inches tall. If spring rains are scarce, don't forget to water newly transplanted divisions.
- Insert stakes now to prevent flopping later with plants like peony, aster, or false sunflower. To avoid accidentally spearing dahlia tubers, add stakes at planting time when you still tell where the tubers are.

<https://www.buzzfeed.com/justinabarca/food-facts-that-will-blow-your-mind>

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Countries of the World Word Scramble



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May 2020

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3 Church 10:30 a.m.	4	5 	6	7 ○	8	9
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17 Church 10:30 a.m.	18 	19	20	21	22 ●	23
24/31 Church 10:30 a.m.	25	26	27	28	29 ◑	30 

LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 am
 Rec Society 7:00 pm
 Quilters 10 am - 4 pm
 Library Tuesdays 11 am - 1 pm
 TOPS Fri 9 am Weigh in & Mtg. 9:30 -10:30 am
 Armchair Traveller 7:30 pm



Special Events and Days Down the Road

- May 5 -TVKC virtual AGM
- May 10 - Mother's Day
- July 14 - Bingo, 6:30 p.m.
- August 8-9 - Wasa Triathlon
- August 11 - Bingo, 6:30 p.m.
- September 8 - Bingo, 6:30 p.m.
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