



HERE WE GO AGAIN... WASA LAKE LEVELS RISING QUICKLY

June 24, 2013 - A Forestry Unit crew was diverted to Wasa today as the lake levels started rising quickly. An additional 7000 sandbags are en route to the Community Hall and the automatic sandbagger has been deployed to assist with filling sandbags. Anyone needing assistance with sandbagging of their homes can call 250.919.2776.

In a "Regional Snapshot" provided by the RDEK rising water levels are expected and monitoring continues on Wasa Lake and Cameron Pond.

I don't know about you, but I'm really getting kind of tired of this... I recall a time in this beautiful valley when June brought scorching hot temperatures and flooding was the furthest thing on our minds. The devastation of last years flood was chalked up by many as a "fluke". One of those once in a hundred year sort of events...I guess a hundred years has come faster than we thought.

But even as I watch yet another years garden wash away, as I watch the dock that used to be on our beach drift to the middle of the pond, as I watch the water erode the berm that is home to several very large trees, as I watch the water creep dangerously

close to our home and as I watch my neighbours shed float away... I feel uneasy as I realize that I really have very little to complain about.

Many of our friends and neighbours to the east in Alberta, the Elk Valley and local surrounding areas including Fairmont and Kimberley have lost countless possessions, have suffered innumerable damages to property, have lost their homes and in some cases their livelihoods. This knowledge puts things in a heart wrenching perspective.

So as we brace ourselves for another "once in a hundred year flood" we will all band together (as this community repeatedly does), we'll help our neighbours and do whatever we have to make it through and we'll say a silent prayer for the many people that will take years to rebuild their lives.

Good luck to everybody and I wish you all a very safe summer.

The Editor

Local residents have created a blog to track flood events. If you wish to view go to: <http://wasa-lake.blogspot.ca/2013/06/kootenay-river-at-record-high-levels.html>

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GERICK SPORTS WASA LAKE TRIATHLON...THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY AND A VERY FIRST TRIATHLON

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Photos Courtesy Devon Twarowski

Welcome Wasa Building & Hardware Centre

Steve Wilson is the proud new owner of the "Wasa Building & Hardware Centre". Steve lives in Cranbrook with his wife and hopes to eventually relocate to Wasa. As a former Home Depot employee, Steve brings some valuable experience and knowledge. Stop by and say hello and welcome Steve to our community. You can reach Steve at: 250.422.3123 at 6102 Wasa Lake Park Drive. Welcome Steve!!





Summer is upon us which must mean that ice hockey is still going strong?? As of press time, the Boston Bruins are battling the Chicago Blackhawks for Lord Stanley's coveted mug. Am I alone in this assumption or is hockey season the most drawn out affair on the planet? One hockey season runs almost ten months-more than some Hollywood marriages and definitely more than most celebrity relationships. In fact I know of some tri village courtships that have withered within this time frame. Throw this dinosaur a bone, because I can remember when NHL playoffs ended in May and there were only 6 teams in the league, that's right you younguns', 6 professional teams with rosters that were the cream-of-the-crop North American players. This was old time-Eddie Shore style-hockey where you had to earn your paycheck and the mere mention of 5 and 10 year high priced contracts would make Howie Morenz (google it) roll over in his grave. I can't believe I mentioned Google and old time hockey in the same sentence.

The 2 remaining teams in the playoffs are the NHL's elite and at the same time are exact opposites. Boston has always been known as one of the biggest, baddest and boldest teams to play in the league and Chicago has always had the reputation of being a smooth skating, well-oiled offensive machine, (google 60's, 70's and 80's Blackhawks) from the days of Hull and Makita, to Denis Savard, to current stars Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane. In the past 3 years both teams have a league championship, thus bringing up the debate as to which style is more conducive to winning. When you have a 6'9" giant anchoring the defense, with the wing span of an albatross, and rules thrown out the window, players have little hope of getting by Zdeno Chara let alone scoring while he is on the ice. The reason that he is effective in the playoffs compared to the regular season is that there seems to be a lack of consistency in officiating. There seems to be only 2 types of penalties called in the post season: no.1-shooting the puck over the glass no.2-too many men on the ice; these penalties are no-brainers on the part of the officials and calling these type of infractions takes the onus off the officiating staff to determine the fatal outcome of the game. When a hack and grab team like the Bruins can knock off the leagues' top offensive team (Crosby led Penguins) with minimal power plays being handed out-this seems to send a message that lesser skilled teams can use

the system (well coached) to their advantage. President, god, league guru, king Gary Bettman should wield his mighty hammer and implement the upholding of infractions and let the officials call a playoff game as they call a regular season one. More penalties leads to more power plays which leads to more goals-more offense. Imagine if the officials in the Super Bowl stopped calling pass interference penalties, holding, off sides etc.-chaos would reign. Imagine umpires changing the strike zone in the World Series or bringing in the outfield fences-makes sense right?---wrong! Bring some of the regular rules into the playoffs. i.e. stop this archaic notion that you have to play to the death to determine a winner and continue to play into the wee hours of the morning. This is the only professional league that can play a seemingly forever overtime to net a result. Other leagues have a shoot out type formula or have a sport that is conducive to quick scoring (perhaps baseball an exception) but I've never seen a 6 hour baseball game in the World Series. Let's stop this agony for the players (provides for lack lustre hockey at best) and start shoot outs after the 1st overtime period. This was 1 persons rant and another's opinion.

WASA LAKERS UPDATE

The 1st annual Wasa Slim Pickens ball tournament proved to be a tremendous success as Christian and her crew did an outstanding job in preparing the fields, concessions and overall fun attitude for 3 days May 24-25-26. The Wasa Lakers finished the round robin format placing 1st in the B division but waned in the 1st playoff game and thus became victim of another Sunday blackout. Work schedules, injuries, hangovers, bad ball playing and an overall lack of awareness cost the Lakers a podium finish. Other than the aforementioned excuses, the team was stellar as usual. The winners of the tournament was the Ball Breakers as they beat the Gone Batty squad in extra innings. Congrats.

The next tournament for the locals will be July 12-13-14 at the Lions' den in Wasa and the team would like to see the bleachers full for the event. 10 teams are already confirmed for the 3 day long gala and it looks like the park will be rocking.

Well the once mighty soaring 5-0 Lakers, sitting atop the Kimberley Slo Pitch league standings, have plummeted to earth reeling off 3 straight defeats at the hands of the Nads, Dodgers and the Rusty Old Pistols. The team hit their low

point of the season surrendering 40 runs against the Nads and the Dodgers while registering just 9 of their own. The offense sputtered and the defense floundered. The welcomed returns of WP and TA to the lineup couldn't help overcome the teams' inadequacies. Former coach and ailing GO returned to the lineup and pitched 4 strong innings for the blue crew. The team scored 4 runs in the first 2 innings against the Nads only to be bombarded throughout the contest by the Big Nads falling 21-4. Their first defeat of the campaign was fruitless, uninspiring and a model of futility. Coach MB had very few words for his troops but promised that the squad would rebound with a better effort for their next contest. Well the next contest came and went with the team playing their worst contest in recent memory as they were thrashed by their nemesis Dodgers 19-5. The game of slo-pitch is normally a hitting, high scoring affair but it took the Lakers 6 innings to score a run in this contest. Coach MB (master batter) had no dynamic words of wisdom for his menagerie of misfits but promised a stronger effort in forthcoming games. Despite losing 19-11 to the Rusty Old Pistols in their next outing, MB's words of wisdom turned out to be prophetic as the team rebounded with a solid effort. TC was the hitting leader going 3 for 3, driving in 4 runs while TB chipped in a soft 4 bagger going 3 for 3 as well. GO had 2 solid hits in the losing effort. The book of baserunning 101 should be on the teams' list of buys as the crew keeps squandering good efforts with poor judgements. Their play brought back some excitement to the spectators and may have rejuvenated play for future endeavours. Good Luck to the Gang from the TVB.

Playoff dates to be posted at Slim Pickens.

Upcoming Wasa Lakers Games

July 12-13-14

Wasa Lakers Tournament at the Wasa Lions Park

Remember local sports is our passion. If you have an event you would like covered or an anecdote to add the paper please e-mail at mcarelli@telus.net

The crew at the TVB are going to have a well deserved holiday and will see you all in September.

Have a great summer!!!



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Photos Courtesy Devon Twarowski



Paige Chorney of Kimberley experienced her very 1st Triathlon this year. Although a great deal of hard work, Paige says she enjoyed the experience, had a lot of fun and made some new friends. Kudos to Paige and to all the triathlon participants!!!



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Submitted by Arla Monteith

A Tidbit from Wasa TOPS...

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Welcome back to two former TOPS Pals! They both realized that it was TOPS that was keeping them accountable. It's wonderful to have them back with us.

James Arthur Baldwin said *"Those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it."* We know that a healthy lifestyle can be achieved through TOPS and we are doing it! Congratulations to all Wasa TOPS who are 'staying the course'.

Celebrating TOPS Friends
TOPS angels, though in disguise
Are never seen by most of our eyes.
Esther Manz and our founding mothers -
Launched the organization shared by you, me, and others.

We have all had some point in our lives that
People looked down on us, saying we were "fat".
In fact, we might have viewed ourselves as inferior -
Just because we had larger exteriors.

It is to feel better about ourselves that we should aim
Which often requires following better rules of the game.
Why have we wanted to just feed our stress -
Thinking food would make it better and create happiness?

Exercise, perhaps, is new to you
But it is another "right thing to do".
Your start doesn't have to be too hard on you -
Just find out what being more active can do.

Look around and you will see
That the weight-loss journey is not "just" you and me.
You aren't in it alone, as you should know -
TOPS friends will be with you as you go.

by Wm. Felton, TOPS NC (TOPS News magazine)

HELP!!! VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED!!! HELP!!!

OUR COMMUNITY RINK NEEDS YOU!!!!

WANTED: Hard working, organized person(s) with mechanical /carpentry skills required to set up and organize the next big project in the completion of our Community Rink - Installing the Rink Boards!!!

Please contact Marilyn at 250.422.3210 for info.



WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

The Board supported an application for Wildfire Protection to the Union of BC Municipalities to commence work on 52.1 hectares of Crown Land in the Baynes Lake area. This area has been identified as having a moderate to high priority in the RDEK's Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The RDEK board of directors approved a total of \$1,014,490.00 in funding for 140 projects around the region over the upcoming year. The funding comes from the Columbia Basin Community Initiatives and the Affected Area's Program.

MOSQUITO PROGRAM

The mosquito program has exceeded the budget that was set by the board during the past two seasons. I had hoped that this year would have been a year that we could have caught up and started to repay some of the deficit. Unfortunately with all the rain this week, it looks like we will be using all of this year's budget to control the mosquitoes.

During a meeting with staff today I made the decision that we will not go over the budget that was set for this year. I realize that this may cause an increase in the mosquitoes in the area; but, I felt that the mosquito tax was high enough.

SAND BAGS

The RDEK has arranged for sand and sandbags to be delivered to Wasa again this year. They are there for individuals to fill bags for their own or neighbors yards. The RDEK staff are presently working in the Elk Valley, but if there is a need they will be available for the Wasa Area.

CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION

At the last board meeting Columbia Basin provided a presentation on what we could see in future years with regard to climate change. Forecasts indicate more precipitation during the winter, hotter summers and an increase in weather events. I found their presentation very informative and interesting.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

We are hoping to have a public meeting during the month of August. We cannot however, schedule a date until we receive some reporting information. The Tri Village Buzz will send out a special announcement advising of the date and time of the next meeting. I hope many of you can attend.

Have a safe and happy summer.

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Molly, is our adorable, high energy, black lab border collie cross.

She is now one year old and loves chasing her ball, swimming, playing in the snow and rounding up anything that moves. Her favorite trick is picking up Pixie (our kitten) and carrying her around the house and yard. This drives us crazy but Pixie does not seem to mind!



WASA PANCAKE BREAKFAST and COUNTRY MARKET

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WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

Submitted by Clay Tippet

Note: When I penned this totally un-serious piece a few days ago, long-time observers agreed that flooding in 2013 would be a non-event. Today is June 20th and as Bill Wilson said this morning, it's been raining in Biblical proportions. If the rain stops, the river will come up and the flap gates will stop the rising Kootenay River from flooding Wasa Lake, which will rise and go back down again without flooding. If the rain continues unabated, it may be a different story. So with all fingers and toes crossed, I submitted this cheeky summertime article for publication anyway. Clay

Part of the excitement of holding elected office is that people are quite willing to tell you exactly what they think. After listening to my Wasa friends and neighbours over the last couple of years, I would suggest that there are probably five major schools of thought with respect to what the WLLID should do with our tax dollars. I've been told a fundamental rule of successful public service is to appear to agree with all of them.

The Disbanders - The WLLID is unnecessary. Disband it now and refund the taxes. Turn everything over to the RDEK and let them manage the flap gate culverts. The WLLID used to do mosquito control and the RDEK have taken it over OK. The lake was better when it was flushed by the river anyway. There was no duck-itch back then. We just don't need another level of overhead and taxation.

The Habitat Preservationists - The long term health of the lake ecosystem has been damaged by all the development and habitat degradation. We should work towards restoring the natural state of the lake by monitoring, recording and reporting to the Ministry of Environment all foreshore infractions such as the heinous crime of beach grooming. Reduce power boating in favour of swimmers and human powered watercraft. Happiness to the ducks!

The Status Quoers - Leave things as they are! The flap gates work to control overland flooding which is all you need in most years. For the once in 50 years floods –live with it. If you were dumb enough to buy land in a flood plain you should be willing to put up with the consequences. Cut the taxes way back. Why should the people who are high and dry pay taxes to support the waterlogged waterfront people?

The Nature Tamers – Everything can be solved by engineering and construction. Lake level rising? Build better dykes and pump the rising water back to the river. Lake level falling? Find a bunch of clean water and pump it into the lake. And while you are at it, dredge out the sandbars in the lake so the unsuspecting high-octane Albertan boaters don't come to a surprise shuddering sandy stop.

The Naysayers – Do nothing! Regardless of the idea, it's wrong, it won't work, it's too much work, it can't be done, it shouldn't be done and with certainty the Ministry of Negative Rules won't allow it.

Regardless of which philosophical camp you find yourself in today, have a great summer enjoying Wasa Lake. For updated info on the WLLID visit www.wasalake.com/WLLID



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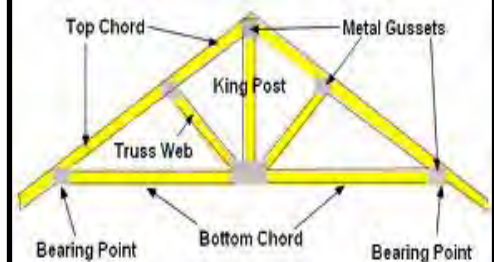
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WASA LIONS WAY TRAIL REPAIRED

The Wasa & District Lions Club have had a very busy May! The Club received a Discretionary Funds in Aid grant from the RDEK in the amount of \$20,000 which was used to repair the Wasa Lions Way Trail. The trail gets a lot of use and it is great to have it back in tip top shape. Thank you to the RDEK, the Lions members, BC Parks members and volunteers who helped make it happen.

LIONS OUTDOOR FACILITY - PANCAKE BREAKFAST LOCATION

When you attend one of the many Community Pancake Breakfasts this year you will notice a few changes. The old canvas floor is gone and in its place is a beautiful new cement floor! The main entrance way now has a nice wide ramp. There are no step-up platforms to the serving windows due to the height of the new floor. The tables have new covers. A nice place made even nicer.

OUTDOOR RINK PROJECT

And finally, the new rink surface is done! Before, during and after the rink surface was poured, a small army of volunteers helped out when and where they were needed. As noted in the last edition of the Buzz, many volunteers helped with unloading the Styrofoam and putting it in place. This had to be done before the cement surface could be poured and due to a shipping issue, the volunteers were kept on stand-by and came back with a last minute notification. You are all awesome and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. Our club is extremely grateful for all the help and we are very proud of completing this stage of the rink.

WASA FUN DAY - JUNE 29TH

The Lions Club is also gearing up the upcoming Wasa Fun Days (June 29th) where we have lots of family fun and festivities happening. See the posters at Slim Pickens and in the Buzz for further information.

During July and August, the Lions Club will be taking a well-deserved break. We will be working one of the Community Pancake Breakfasts and meeting once in July and once in August (on the third Tuesday). Otherwise, we will be resting and relaxing and will be back at full speed in September. We wish you all a safe, healthy and happy summer!

Remember the Wasa & District Lions Club can be contacted at:

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If you gaze up at the stars and galaxies amidst a clear night while the full Moon shines upon the earth like a giant golden disk, it would be easy for you to reflect upon the fact that we are not alone in the creation, with billions and billions of inhabited planets in existence. We now know that in our galaxy alone exists the possibility of 100 billion inhabited planets. Knowing this easily removes our planet and humanity from the center point of the Universe, let alone the center of the entirety of creation. All of this to say that we know for sure that we are not the only Humanity in the creation and to oppose this assertion is simply irrational. We are not alone!

If you could travel on most of these inhabited planets and spend some time with these different civilizations, you would soon find that each of them believes in the Divine under varying Forms or Names. On each planet also exist several major belief systems, which on Earth are called "religions". Like on our own planet, these inhabited planets also have a multitude of religions that turn toward the Divine Consciousness, each using different Names of Saints, Sages and Prophets, and each embodying Divine Wisdom and Revelations to define their creed. Since you can expect as many different

languages as inhabited planets, you can also expect that the Names used to express God are just as varying and different from ours.

My Spiritual Teacher, H.H the Lord Hamsah Manarah, used to remind us that one should not be deceived by the physical appearance or the "Face" of the Lord, as there are so many that each humanity favors at least one, if not several. In the history of religions, their quarrels and conflicts were all born from the differentiation between the Faces of God and their false opposition.

Can we oppose the Light of the Eternal to another Light of the Eternal? It has been done too often by dark forces which leaned on human weaknesses and the jealousy between religious people. When God takes a body of flesh and matter, He does not limit Himself to the field of a planetary bodily consciousness. Above this Divine Embodiment of God exist different planes of consciousness, which put Him in relation with multiple other Divine Energies projected into matter, such as other Saints, Sages and enlightened Human Beings. These connections don't establish a hierarchy between different Divine Incarnations. They are each pure manifestations of the Aspiration of the Divine to see the Principle of Unity of all the Faces of God be respected and introduced in Man's heart.

When you turn your heart towards God (the Divine), always remember that not far from you exists another Brother or Sister from another Tradition, a Religion other than yours, who is praying in his or her own way to the same God as yours. No matter what Form or Name under which you pray to God, God is One and the Same for all sentient beings.

Love, Blessing and Unity be among all of us who turn our hearts toward the Unity of the Divine.

May peace and harmony be between the followers of all different Traditions!

Warmly yours in the Supreme Lord!
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In July and August, visitors are welcome by appointment. Our teaching and meditation sessions will resume in September. For more information call (250) 422-9327.



Vi Cockell

Happy Birthday!

*Thanks for all you do helping
with the newsletter and your
"corner" as well as just being
a caring neighbour.*

*Hugs from
The Tri-Village Buzz Team
& The Neighborhood*

Where do you take...

YOUR BUZZ?

email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

- Send me a photo of you in your travels pictured with the Tir-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.
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- The draw will take place December 2013.
- 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.

Code Word

Arrow Word



Every letter in this crossword has been replaced by a number, the number remaining the same for that letter wherever it occurs in the grid. Can you substitute numbers for letters and complete the crossword? It may help to cross off the letters either side of the grid to keep track of progress, and the reference box showing which numbers have been decoded can also aid solving.

Three letters have already been entered into the grid, to help you on your way.

A	15	20	22	16	11	18	19		15	9	14	14	18	18	N	
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Reference Box

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Maze



Red Herring

Six of the seven words listed below must be entered into the grid, so one of these words will not fit. One letter is already in place. Can you spot the 'red herring'?

- AZTEC FLATS STAFF
- EXTRA FLEAS SWEAR
- RACES



Find a Word (4th of July)

L	B	C	E	L	G	A	E	D	L	A	B	N	T	H	L	O	D	S
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BALD EAGLE
BALLOONS
BARBECUE
BASEBALL
BEN FRANKLIN
BETSY ROSS
CAKE
CARNIVAL
CELEBRATION
COLONIES

CONCERTS
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FLAG
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GREAT BRITAIN
HAMBURGERS
HISTORY

HOLIDAY
HOT DOGS
INDEPENDENCE
JOHN ADAMS
LIBERTY
NATIONAL ANTHEM
NATIONHOOD
PARADE
PARTY

PATRIOTIC
PHILADELPHIA
PICNIC
RED WHITE BLUE
STARS AND STRIPES
STREAMERS
THOMAS JEFFERSON
USA
WHITE HOUSE

Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell



Hello readers. What a great time of year - flowers are blooming and the birds are busy feeding their young. Here are a few hints that I hope you can use.

1. To clean your gardening hands, simply wet your hands and then rub with cornmeal and rinse clean.
2. To keep ants away from the food on your picnic table, take some chalk and make a couple of wide lines around the edge of the table.
3. Stiff paintbrushes? Don't throw them out. Just lay them flat in a pan submerged in fabric softener for about 2 to 4 hours. Rinse clean!
4. How to weigh a letter without a postage scale: Place a 12 inch ruler on a desk or flat surface. Balance the ruler on a pencil at the 6 inch mark. Place the letter on the 9 inch mark of the ruler. At the 3 inch mark place a stack of quarters (approximate weight is one ounce). The side of the ruler with the quarters will stay down if the letter is less than one ounce. Amazing!!

Till next time and have a great summer.

...we should resolve to be more understanding of the very young, the elderly, the weak and the sick. Because sometime in our lives we will have been them all...

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August 30th

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Sunday
Worship Service
10:30 am

Thursday
Bible Study
7:00 pm.

HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER



HAROLD NATION

A biography of this early Kootenay citizen was prepared from a collection of letters written 1897 to 1907. Harold Nation was born in 1876 in New Zealand, schooled in California and Nevada 1880-1891, attended private school in Bedford, England then the University of London until 1896. His first job was out of Creston, BC surveying a possible railway route to Bonners Ferry. Then he found work in a lumber camp at Swansea. Rather than living in a cramped bunkhouse Nation opted to live in his own canvas tent. With a 'fly' overtop, the tent even served him in winter. From August to January he was the unofficial postmaster for Swansea. The train crew would throw him a bag of mail once a week. He, in return, bagged outgoing mail and threw this bag onto the baggage car going east. The crew cut trees, dragged them down to the lake where they were boomed and taken down to Moyie Lumber Mill closer to the mining community. Crews worked six days a week yet many Sundays young Nation would ride horse or bicycle into Cranbrook to go to church. In September 1900 he noted that "Procurier (Anglican minister from Fort Steele) has preached his last sermon here." After that he attended whichever church had service. He tried Presbyterian, Methodist and reported on December 28th, 1900 he had attended Catholic service where he was invited to sing in the choir.

Early in 1901 he lived in Moyie helping a friend build a home there. He described having to fetch water from the lake, 200 yards away. Others further up the hill were able to buy water delivered by a horse drawn tanker----- which was better than any service offered in Cranbrook. When that project finished he declared that jobs were scarce in the Kootenays so perhaps he should go to Vancouver Island to get on a crew surveying for a railway planned for the middle of the Island. But before he moved he found work building a road from Moyie to Palmers Bar. This road would connect with one being built by Cranbrook. This road, parallel to the railway, would be shorter than the earlier connection (Hidden Valley Road). He then found work at Palmers Bar so set up his tent, cleared a garden, built a windmill to pump water on to his garden and soon raved that he had served friends a meal of new potatoes, lambs quarters, fish caught close by, with strawberries for dessert. Later that summer the district was plagued by forest fires.

Harold was invited to visit the McVitties at Fort Steele for 1st/ 4th of July celebrations. He was quickly included in all festivities like horse races on Main Street, and an evening dance. His favourite partner was the newly hired nurse at Fort Steele Hospital. Next day Mrs. Armstrong arranged for him to play tennis with her daughter Winn. When rain chased them indoors, Winn played the piano and Harold his flute. This young man enjoyed music, sang bass, and was a "catch" sought by mothers for their daughters.

Young Nation made good money working for the logging company but intermittent shut downs gave no certainty of income. Government Agent J.F. Armstrong asked for his help to produce year end reports which included the mapping of mineral claims, plus doing field notes, photographs and sketches. Nation's careful work was much appreciated by locals and by the Government Minerologists in Victoria. When the Government Office moved from Steele to Cranbrook, Nation was invited to set his tent close to Col. Baker's home. He ate mostly in restaurants. During the weeks in Cranbrook he'd note, "played tennis with Rev. Beacham." "I took part in a fund raising minstrel show." "I played baseball - hitting in 2 runs. First time I have had a baseball bat in my hands for 13 years." Nation was not a Remittance man. When he was paid he frequently sent money orders of \$30 to his mother often apologizing that his pay of \$60 per month had been delayed.


The summer of 1904 saw him surveying near Michel with T.T. McVittie. He described the struggle to keep in a straight line over cliffs, through dense bush or where the river rushed. He noted that he found where his first marker was 66 feet off expected normal, "Mother, that is the absolute maximum accepted error when creating blocks 1 mile square."

In 1906 his summer was spent north of Fort St. James, hired to define Hudson's Bay Company holdings. During that summer his news in a letter to family, "We called on Fr. Coccola and the Bishop. We had rowed 160 miles (on Stuart Lake) to get here." When finished there Harold did get to Duncan on Vancouver Island for a holiday, then he was asked to join staff in the Department of Mines in Victoria. The letter of recommendation from Chief Minerologist Mr. W. Fleet Robinson was very complimentary to this young man who had been doing the East Kootenay reports, Nation was praised for accuracy with figures, maps,

typewriting, draughting, surveying, photographing plus he can handle a canoe, horses or an axe. He is clean living, strong as an ox, can camp with the best and I would like to add him to staff before he goes with one of several surveyors who are after him."

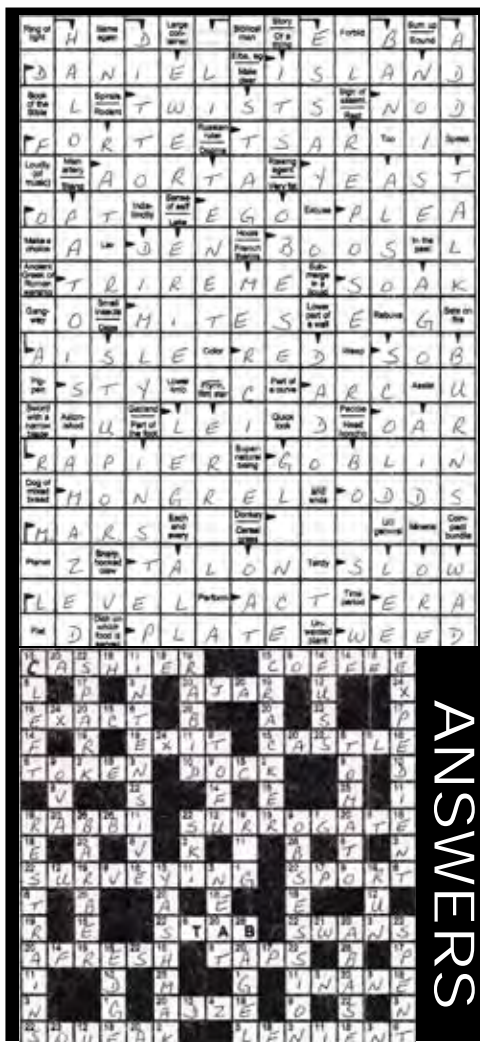
His Government appointment commenced in January 1907 starting at \$75 a month. Letters after that described a series of boarding houses in Victoria, the dances he had attended, the girls he had been introduced to and a candid admission that he was beginning to enjoy the company of older people, particularly when the young females he had met were so colourless compared to those he had met at Fort Steele. When Kootenay friends happened to be in Victoria they made sure to visit with Harold. (Dr. King and his bride, Miss Moss and her husband, J.W. Harvie, a lawyer from Cranbrook.)

His brothers Arthur and Philip (Pip) joined him in or near Victoria. The three of them joined the army shortly after WW I began in 1914. While overseas Harold courted, then in 1916 he married a Devonshire girl. "Pip" was killed in France so the baby born in 1918 became his namesake. The couple and baby came to live in Victoria permanently. Two more children were added to the Nation clan. Harold joined the BC Natural History Society and spoke with early radio broadcasters promoting protection of wilderness. Nation worked for the BC Department of Mines well into WW II. Harold Nation died at age 91 having outlived his seven younger siblings.

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Help Wanted

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Call or email if you are interested.

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.

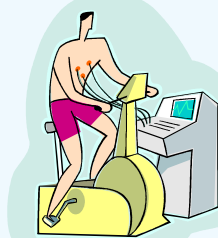
Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

- Hall Rentals and Information
Karen Markus 250.422.3514
Sandy Kay 250.422.3288
- 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!



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.

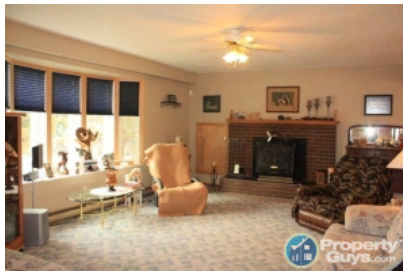
GYM HOURS AND INFO



**Property
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ID# 166060

6260 Wolf Creek Road,
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PROPERTY DETAILS

3 Beds

2 Baths

Age: 30

Levels: 2

Space: 2,000 sq. ft. (186 m²)

Flooring: Carpet, Hardwood, Linoleum

Foundation: Poured concrete

Heat Method: Baseboard

Heat Energy: Electricity, Wood

Zoning: RS1

Lot Size: 2,090,880 sq.ft./48.00 ac (194,243 m²)

Watersource: Natural Resource, Well

\$1,600,000

SELLER NAME

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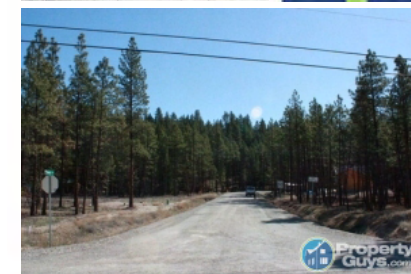
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PROPERTY DETAILS

Beds N/A

Baths N/A

Zoning: R1

Watersource: Well

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4	5	6 
7 Church	8	9 BINGO	10	11	12	13 
14 Church	15	16 Lions Meeting	17	18	19	20 
(Wasa) Lakers Ball Tournament						
21 Church	22	23	24	25	26	27 
28 Church	29	30	31	<p><i>We the volunteers of the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter reserve the right to refuse to print submissions due to legality, length, good taste or discriminating beliefs.</i></p>		

FORT STEELE CEMETERY SOCIETY

The Fort Steele Cemetery Society is a group of volunteers managing the Fort Steele Cemetery which was set aside in 1898. This land offers local citizens the choice of traditional full body burial, or the discrete in-earth plot for cremains/ashes.

Wasa has a columbarium in the Memorial Garden.

Each of us should give some thought to planning for the end of our life. Why leave decisions to others?

For appointments to choose a plot phone Manager Dallas Mackie 250-426-5792.

For further information phone Naomi Miller 250-422-3594.

MEMORIAL GARDEN AND HISTORY

Wasa has a Memorial Garden tucked in behind the baseball diamond and near the new skating rink. Have you ever been in that comforting little area? With flower baskets, a water wheel, and benches one can let thoughts ramble to persons past and present. The little plaques on the Memorial Wall are set there to honour loved and half forgotten citizens. You may even word it to include yourself.

The lovely columbarium has only a few of its 56 niches occupied.

The Memorial Garden was created by the group which prepared and published KOOTENAY RIPPLES- A HISTORY OF WASA, TATA CREEK and SKOOKUMCHUK. This book is still for sale.

All purchases from the Wasa & District Historical Association can be arranged with Bev Rauch (250-422-3335). So, visit the Memorial Garden, buy a plaque to honour someone \$250, or get a copy of the history book for only \$50. If you plan your own burial you may choose to buy a niche in the columbarium in Wasa Memorial Garden \$1000. Become tied into the history of Wasa.

August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Church	5	6	7	8	9	10 
11 Church	12	13 BINGO	14	15	16	17 
18 Church	19	20 Lions Meeting Cut off for Sept. Newsletter	21	22	23	24 
25 Church	26	27	28	29	30	31 

LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 am
Gym (M,W,F 7:30-8:30am
& 10-11 M,W)
BINGO 6:45pm
Rec Society 7:00 pm
Lions 7:00 pm

- Library Tues 11am - 1pm
and Wed 6:30pm -8:30 pm
- TOPS Wed 6:30 pm
- Quilters Tues 10am to 4pm

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- No Newsletter in August

"Our lives are filled with thousands of objects that have to be cared for and repaired. You reach the end of your life and you realize you spent half of it fixing and cleaning things. And you say, 'what kind of stupid life did I have in the end?'"

Beppe Grillo (Italian comedian, actor, blogger and political activist)

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HD Railings.....	250.422.3457
Kootenay Kwik Print.....	250.489.4213
Kootenay Monument Installations....	422.3414
Mardis Lumber.....	250.422.9229
New & Used (Skookumchuk).....	250.422.3563
Slim Pickens Gas & Goods.....	250.422.9271
The Girls (Sharon & Sarah).....	250.581.0780
TOPS.....	250.422.3510/422.3686
✂ Post Office.....	250.422.3122
Victim Services.....	250.427.5621
Wasa Community Church.....	250.422.3344
Wasa Hall.....	250.422.3514 or 422.3288
Wasa Lake Truss.....	250.422.3618
Wasa Lions (President).....	250.422.3210