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THANK YOU TO WASA FUN DAY VOLUNTEERS

A HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of Wasa Fun Day on May 31st!

As I hoped, it was a positive and celebratory event after a difficult year of losses and illness, even as we miss those friends who couldn't join us.

Thank you to everyone who cooked and served food and refreshments, provided music, sold tickets, built and organized planters, organized and supervised games and lotteries, led and participated in the parade, worked at the garage sale and took care of the advertising and licences. We appreciate the members of the ball teams and the public who came out to purchase food, items and tickets for the lotteries.

Special thanks to Bev Rauch who made most of the phone calls to organize many aspects of the day. His guidance was invaluable. Also thanks to the many people that provided advice and guidance about details that I wasn't aware of. Barry and Greta Garland agreed to stay on site Friday night for security. Apparently they didn't get much sleep!

There were many Lions and non- Lions who came out Tuesday and Friday night to get the grounds in shape and set up, and helped clean up Sunday morning. I hesitate to name volunteers as I don't want to miss anyone. You know who you are and that I appreciate every one of you. Your participation made the coordination easy and your contribution made me look good!

We don't have final financial numbers yet, but the profit will assist the Lions to continue with their valuable programs in the community.

Thank you, Wilma

Thank you to those folks who responded to my request for help preparing breakfast at Wasa Fun days pancake breakfast: Bonnie Meena, Judy McPhee, Brenda Rauch, Nelly Vereshagen, Greta & Barry Garland, Lion's members: Charlie Harding, Jim Hill, Laurie Kay, Peter Manahan, Bev Rauch & Don Konschuh. It was a busy breakfast, a big thanks for a job well done!

Andrea Konschuh



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Word Cup Report

As most of us casual observers relax with a cold one and watch the most important tournament in the World (to the avid soccer fans) unveil itself to us during a month long tedious schedule, we must reflect why football is a worldwide phenomena that has seemed to bypass North America. The World Cup arrives upon us every four years and is watched by more people in the universe (to the most ardent soccer fan-this includes aliens), more so than the Olympics and is deemed as the most monumental four year occasion on the face of the planet. The euphoria that one experiences when their home side triumphs in victory is supposedly unparalleled and the parties which ensue in all the winners' countries are sometimes cause for a national holiday. The sport itself is the most singularly played sport in the world and at its simplest form, can be the easiest of all sports to understand for the majority of laymen: kick the ball into the opponents' goal without using your hands at any times and you are rewarded with a point. The teams with the most points at the end of the game wins-simple enough. This philosophy reigns true in all sports (golf being the exception where the most minuses wins?). There are MINOR rules that sometime creep into the flow of play (offside being one) but we should let the game officials deal with these relative obscure infractions and not let the misunderstanding of these rules curb our ENTHUSIASM for the sport. There are many theories (maybe only one) as to why the appeal of the game has bypassed North America but succeeds in all other parts of the solar system. While most of our children (at one time or another) has played organized soccer, the excitement of the sport seems to wane among the parents. The anticipation of a goal being scored is at times ELECTRIFYING and the twenty minute passing build up by a team to conjure up a shot on net can seem relatively boring, but the true soccer aficionados assure me that this is a well scripted plan that can only be seen by the keen eyes of the most astute fan. These same dedicated fans are the same ones who tell me that television does not do the sport justice for you cannot see the (yawn) build up to that exciting shot on goal in the twenty eighth minute of play. I say that TV is a perfect way to watch the game as one is not subjected to the witnessing of players standing around that are not pertinent to the play. The perfect scenario is that the ball goes into the biggest net in all of sport and there is a change of possession at mid field and the scored upon team takes possession of the ball and begin to create their own magic and time lapses with their own vaulted attack. There are two halves to a game (each forty five minutes long) unless there is injury time (or fake injury time) only known to the referee, is then added on to the half-pretty straight forward, right??? We, as North Americans seem to relish sports that are fast paced, hard hitting

and continuous action (golf and baseball-being prime examples) and the lack of offensive productivity in soccer seems to be the stumbling block in our acceptance of the sport as one of North America's major leagues. We, as parents and grandparents, all seem to think that our children or grandchildren will one day become professional athletes and take care of us in our times of need. We want to be that proud parental figure at their games, cheering them on and watching them develop into stars in their particular sport. Soccer, to us, is not that sport in North America that our siblings can take the next step and earn millions of dollars in a professional career and support us in our twilight years. There are mega dollars to be earned as a pro soccer player but those dollars are earned abroad and the percentile is miniscule when you are competing against worldwide talent. Hockey, football, basketball and baseball are domestic team sports indigenous mostly to North American pro leagues and the rate of success for monetary rewards is more attainable.

The majority of us have ethnic backgrounds that we relate to when cheering on a world cup soccer team. The majority of us are from European descent and therefore lands like England, Italy, Holland, France, Spain and Portugal become the subject of our cheers as we don their colors and chant their cheers (Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole) without ever knowing any of the players' names. This occurrence is quite common every four years as we become honorary, nationalized citizens of our favorite nation as we lay bragdom upon our unsuspecting brethren and boast that this nation, home to our great grand parents', niece and nephew twice removed, has the greatest soccer players in the universe. Having a Dutch mother and an Italian father, I am blessed to be part of two great football powers that are the BEST in the world. For one month I am obligated to wear orange and blue while proudly representing the great nations of Holland and Italy-just don't ask me to name any of the players or watch any of the games in their entirety. Speaking of wearing Blue.....

Wasa Lakers Update

The win one, lose one mighty blue machine is not letting their fans down as they maintain their grip on mediocrity. The team currently has a 4-5-1 record-good for sixth place in the thirteen team Kimberley Slo-pitch league. The top eight teams advance into the playoffs and the Lakers have a solid hold on a coveted playoff position. Coach MB has reminded the team of the NHL playoffs and how bottom feeder teams come playoff time have risen to new heights and have clutched victory and have disposed of top tier talent along the way. This year's edition of the blue juggernaut has been coddled and stroked? to make the post season and then unleash their wickedness upon

unsuspecting over confident opponents. With two games left in the regular season, the Lakers need just one win to solidify their place in immortality and punch their playoff bound ticket. This past month the team recorded some highs and lows (as in our unpredictable June weather) as they squeaked by New Kids 18-14, got unceremoniously trounced by the Nads 31-12 (first time defeat to their braggart brethren), managed to score only four runs in 20-4 drubbing at the hands of the Dodgers, then set a record for runs allowed in a fifty five minute 12-3 quickie win over their friendly Idiotz nemesis. The team also lost gamey outfielder GK for the season as he mysteriously tore his acl while attempting a slick manoeuvre in the outfield.

In the win over traitor's TB New Kids, JG scored three runs added a homer and played flawless "D" in the field. WF and GO chipped in hits and two runs each to aid in the victory. Eleven players chipped in with at least one run each in a complete team oriented win. Despite a four run effort on behalf of WF and a three run effort on behalf of JG, the Lakers committed numerous faux-pas and lacked cohesion in the surprising upset. Dinosaur pitcher MC threatened to pummel a much more fit Nads' player and displayed poor sportsmanship in the rout. A muck more calmer GO managed to sedate the riled MC and order was restored between the two factions without any further sign of hostilities. The win was highway robbery on behalf of the Nads as they took no mercy and no prisoners. Criminal acts can be redeemed, but nothing can save the Lakers from their display of mediocrity.

The Dodgers maintained their history of dominance over the hapless Lakers (only one win in the epic series) as the blue bats went silent for the second consecutive game. In the history setting 3 run against contest against the Idiotz, a must needed and calculated change of lineup positions proved successful as the fairer sex of the Blue Machine rose to the forefront fielding 5 position players and outshone their male counterparts leading the way for victory. Coach MB has reemphasized that: "If one does more things right than wrong in the journey of life, one has more chances for successes than failures: and is now contemplating the fielding of 5 female trend setters for the rest of the campaign. The team wraps up the regular season July 3 at the Lions' Park with playoffs commencing the following week.

The Lakers are hosting their annual invitational slo-pitch tournament July 11-13 at the Lions' Park and are extending an invitation to all to come and enjoy in the festivities.

The TVB staff are going to enjoy a much deserved August holiday and we will see you in September with the muchly anticipated Laker annual awards.



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~ Pastor Gary Semenyna ~

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Sunday

Worship Service

10:30 am

Thursday

Bible Study

7:00 pm.



WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

Submitted by Laurie Kay

Flood Mitigation

Hansen Channel from the CPR track to the Kootenay River, about 200 meters has been cleared of brush, logs and some trees. The WLLID thanks The Ministry of Forests for their in kind support, and what a great job that young wildfire suppression team did.

A tender has been awarded to Catamount Contracting for further clearing and excavation of the channel. That cost has been shared by RDEK and The WLLID. It will be completed during the week of June 15th to 21st.

As a next step, WLLID is pursuing the possibility of having the CPR culvert height altered to allow an even better flow of flood water back to the river. A quicker return of flood water to the river will also help with mosquito control.

We recommend that you become familiar with the information provided by RDEK in recent mailed bulletins and in The Advertiser, regarding self- sandbag filling stations and safety awareness in the event of flooding.

Water Testing

B C Parks has approved water sampling from the public beaches. "We acknowledge this activity and support the efforts of WLLID and Interior health" (B.C. Parks Kootenay Region).

With the agreement with Interior health to offer support by providing containers, shipping and lab costs, testing will now go ahead. The WLLID will also do some testing in several high risk lake areas at its own expense. The results will provide a bench mark for future test results. Recent bi- monthly lake testing by the WLLID indicates that the annual lake water turnover is occurring. Clarity, water temperatures and oxygen levels are consistent with similar levels at this time.

River and Lake Levels as of June 20th, 2014

River levels have been minimal recently and lake levels have increased by approximately 3 to 4 cm daily. As of June 20th the lake level was approximately 14 cm below the 2013 height. However, in 2013 from June 22nd to June 28th (max height), the lake rose an enormous 180 cm due to the extreme weather conditions.

There is a feeling that at this time we will not have the high water of 2013 but there are no guarantees when it comes to weather.

Let's ensure that our lake stays healthy by being responsible stewards of our wonderful lake. Let's also ensure the safety of lake users with responsible boating and swimming activities.

Have a great July!

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

Check out the several new policies that have been recently updated.

Next Board meeting is 7:00 pm July 21st at the Community Hall

WLLID Trustees



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~ Vi Cockell

A "special" birthday on July 5th
for a special, thoughtful lady.

Also thank you for the many "Vi's Helpful Hints" in our newsletter. Have a great day Vi.

Hugs from Patti & Jim & many others of Wasa & area.



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Were we not just speaking about Spring in the air? My goodness, in a blink of an eye we're well into Summer.

How exactly does that happen so fast? Enough of the nonsense, onto the information for all you inquiring minds.

Think back to the June submission we told you about ALL the exciting Memorial Garden's

Spring improvements they were nearing completion but not quite. The watering system still had to be extended to the fresh plantings. Garry and Christian Verigin got wind of this and cheerfully donated all the necessary bits and pieces. Garry installed the equipment for which we are eternally grateful. Bev Rauch along with Pat Falkiner buried the lines now we can sit and watch our garden grow!

There is something absolutely new for all of you wishing to honour and remember your loved ones. Check out the vases that can hold any posies or bouquets. They are very user friendly just turn the vessel over add water and place in your flowers, voila. We hope you'll enjoy this special addition to the space supplied and installed by that friendly professional team at Kootenay Monument Installations in Ta Ta Creek. So please use them, you'll love them.

We have our Summer garden caretakers in place now. Some new faces and some familiar ones but without their loving care your visits would not be as sweet. I thank them, they know who they are but they'll be a surprise to you. Stay tuned for in September's submission you'll read all about them.

When there is a public space, from time to time there are extra jobs calling out for special attention. Luckily for us we seem to be blessed with fine friends and neighbours stepping forward. So again on our wall of appreciation we place these names; Garry, Christian, JC, Laurie, Bev, Pat, Don and Hugh Campbell, THANK YOU one and all!

Until we chat again, Have a happy, safe and peaceful holiday.



TRI-VILLAGE BUZZ NEEDS YOUR HELP!

I undertook the volunteer position as the Editor of the Tri-Village Buzz in February 2011. The last three and half years editing the newsletter have been very gratifying and at times very challenging. I realize what a valuable and essential service this newsletter provides and I could never give this position up knowing the newsletter might fold. Quite plain and simple... I need help. I am offering an individual an opportunity to provide some relief. I am willing to teach and provide the software - Adobe InDesign. I'm looking for somebody that can take over my duties as the Editor for 2 to 3 months out of the year. Someone who is reliable and has some basic computer knowledge. If you have a few hours to spare and would like the opportunity to apply your creative abilities and learn this amazing and powerful software, please contact me at trivillagebuzz@gmail.com or call me 250.422.3060.

Lorraine Hagen was the newsletters Item Coordinator for many years before I took over as Editor and has recently advised she can no longer provide this service. Thank you Lorraine for all of your work throughout the years, you were always so helpful and supportive and I'll miss your monthly emails. The Item Coordinator's main responsibilities are to remind the monthly article submitters that their articles are required prior to the deadline. Lorraine would send an email

to each article submitter about a week before the deadline. If you have a few minutes to spare and are willing to take on this essential duty, please let me know.

Also, I am always looking for ways we can improve the newsletter. If you have any ideas on articles or if you're willing to provide a monthly submission let me know - share your wisdom and talents and write a column!

Thanks again to Patti King who faithfully emails the newsletter each month, thanks to Clay Tippettt who, at his own expense uploads the newsletter to the website under www.wasalake.com and thank you to all of our monthly article submitters and advertisers - without you, this newsletter simply would not be.

And lastly, I would like to acknowledge and thank Adi Vajra Shambhasalem International Society for their generous donation. The monthly column "From the Ashram - Word of Wisdom" has been part of the newsletter before I took over and is a wonderful and positive addition.

I wish everybody a safe and happy summer and remember to send me your holiday pictures for the "Where do you take your Buzz" contest and also send me your pet photos for the monthly "Pets Place".

Wendy Davis, Editor

Fanny's Favorites

SUMMER BERRY DESSERT

1½ cups graham wafer crumbs ¼ cup melted marg
1½ cups sugar 6 Tbsp cornstarch
3 cups cold water 2 3oz pkg strawberry gelatin
2 cups fresh blueberries 2 cups fresh raspberries
2 cups fresh sliced strawberries 4 cups whipped topping

Mix crumbs and marg and press into 9" x 13" pan. In a saucepan combine sugar, cornstarch and water until smooth. Bring to a boil and simmer and stir 2 minutes until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in gelatin until dissolved. Refrigerate 15 to 20 minutes until starts to thicken. Stir in berries and pour into crust and chill until set. Cut into squares and serve with whipped topping. Can also be made into 2 ready made graham pie shells.

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News From the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyna



How do we know that God is there when we can't see or feel Him? It is not that uncommon to struggle with the whole "God is invisible" thing. Understanding that God is there when we can't see Him sometimes takes some reminding. A great place to turn when we're feeling abandoned or doubting God's existence is the Bible itself. God's Word reminds us that we don't always get to choose how or when we feel God, but really He never abandons us.

Sometimes we don't feel or see God, because we've been slacking a bit on our end of the relationship with Him. It doesn't mean God's not there, but that we're not looking for Him. May I suggest to you to come to a Worship Service at Wasa Community Church and see and experience what God is doing in people's lives. For those who have never come, we do sing, we pray, and I also have a message from God's Word. As we sing, pray and hear God's Word we learn more about God. Now for some of you, you are thinking "well that may work for you, but I want to believe in something I can see," to that I say, the next time you flip on a light switch you must not believe in electricity because you can't see that either. We see the effects of electricity with the lights coming on, but you can't see electricity. What I am saying is that even though we may not be able to see God, we can see that God exists by the things that we so often take for granted.

Beyond the Bible and prayer and singing, there are many other signs that God is right there with us. Taking a walk and looking at how nature intertwines itself as I wrote about last time is a good way to understand that God is the creator of this universe. Only God could design something so amazing. Hug your family or chat with your friends. Remember that He places important people in your life to sometimes remind you that He is always at work.

If some of you have any spiritual questions please give me a call at 250 422-3344 or better yet come to a Worship Service on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Have a great summer, spend time with family, friends and think about your existence as a person and if there is life ever after.

Pastor Gary Semenyna

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Last month I experienced internet problems while trying to send my report to the Tri-Village Buzz and I have received complaints from many residents experiencing similar problems. Please carefully consider upgrading internet service contracts, as often the speed and accessibility does not change. I would like to thank Wendy Davis for writing my report last month, Wendy you are the best!!

KOOCANUSA AREA

The Board has made a request to both the Provincial and the Federal Governments to engage additional resources from the appropriate agencies to focus on patrol and law enforcement in the Koocanusa Area after the large party on the long weekend. Many of you may have seen some of the pictures of the garbage that was left behind. We have also requested an increase to more patrol's throughout the East Kootenay's.

COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST FUNDING

This funding comes from the Columbia Basin Trust's Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs. The CBT Funding for 2014-2015 was approved by the Board.

The amount of funding this year was \$1,008,354. and will be distributed to 131 projects throughout the Area. The Wasa Recreation Society, Wasa Lion's and the Wasa Flyer Project will all receive funding this year.

WASA ZONING AMENDMENT

The Board considered Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2527, which would amend the designation of the Price property on Wasa Lake Park Drive to accommodate the Post Office. The Bylaw was given the First and Second reading and the Public Hearing was held on June 16th.

NOXIOUS PLANTS

A letter was sent to the Honourable Bill Bennett Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Core Review, expressing gratitude for funding provided to the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Control (\$190,000.00) and the RDEK (\$23,000.00) to assist in the control of invasive plants.

I hope everyone has a safe month.

Jane Walter,

RDEK Director,

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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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Karen Markus 250.422.3514
Lorraine Colton 250.422.3640
- Gym
Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
- TOPS
Susan 250.422.3510
- Library
Brenda Rauch
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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
Contact: Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201



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

"MARIO'S FUN PAGE"

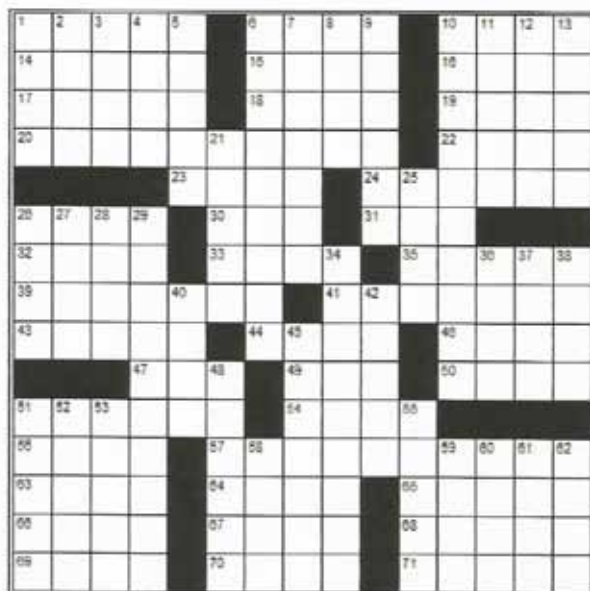
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Sudoku

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Crossword



- ACROSS**
1. Outfit
 6. Wacky
 10. Contributes
 14. A drama set to music
 15. Small island
 16. No charge
 17. Small finch
 18. Leave in a hurry
 19. Give and
 20. From now on
 22. Barely managed
 23. Indian dress
 24. Exit
 26. Shocked reaction
 30. Top part of an apron
 31. Thorax protector
 32. Ancient Peruvian
 33. Dregs
 35. Mature
 39. Make "not smooth"
 41. A dais
 43. Female demon
 44. Not this
 46. Anagram of "Wort"
 47. Louse-to-be

49. Utilize
50. Skirt lines
51. Besmirches
54. Outbuilding
56. Words
57. Avatar
63. Decorative case
64. Rip
65. Hard to pin down
66. Start over
67. Rational
68. Leave out
69. Biblical garden
70. Terminates
71. Ascended

1. "Geel!"
2. Type of sword
3. Small slender gull
4. Relating to urine
5. Windows
6. Befuddle
7. Attribute
8. Level
9. Leash
10. Placenta
11. A male duck
12. Fakes opponents

- DOWN**
13. Sows
 21. A short moral story
 25. Encircle
 26. Lass
 27. Dwarf buffalo
 28. Pond gunk
 29. Paging
 34. Coasts
 36. Cut back
 37. Anagram of "Dome"
 38. Recent events
 40. Found on most heads

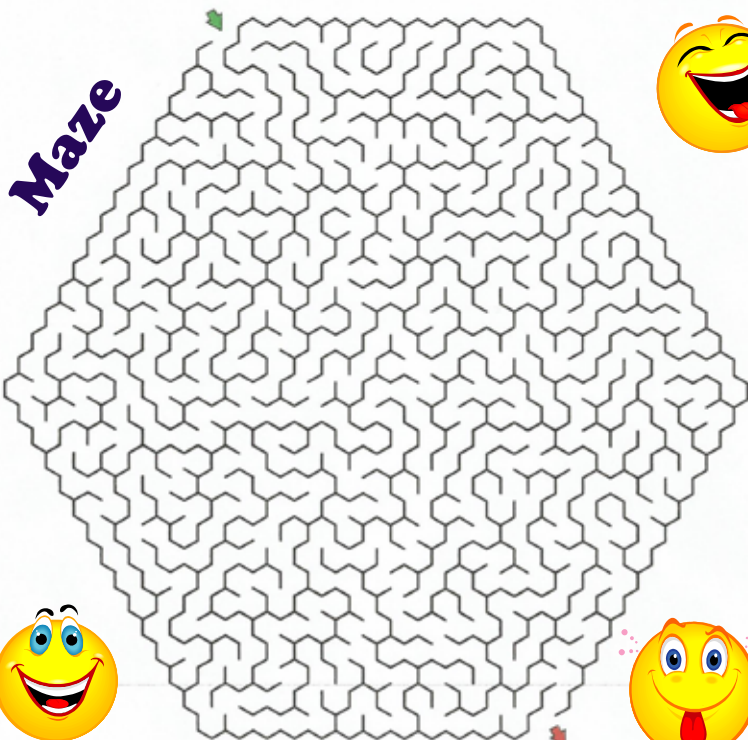
42. Horse
45. Spouse
48. Sleeping sickness carrier
51. Cubic meter
52. Doled out
53. Give off
55. Frogman
58. Average
59. A landlocked African republic
60. Auspices
61. Naked
62. Adolescent

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Reincarnation:

What if you had other lives before this one?

When you approach the High Tradition of Yoga or get closer to Asian Religious philosophy, it seems obvious to believe in the “transmigration of the soul” from one body to another after death.

Considering how different people are in thought and temperament, even those raised in the same family conditions, it is interesting to question why each individual seems to carry their own unique perceptions and reactions to the outer and inner worlds.

In the Buddhist and Hindu traditions, like at the Ashram, reincarnation is not a system of belief but a direct knowledge based upon observation and a specific work of inner inquiry pointing towards what we really are rather than what we think we are. What makes each of us so different is our unique way of perceiving the world according to the sensations and impressions we already have about it. For example, you can say that a rose is a rose only because you have already been in contact with roses in the past. You say “that is a rose”, not realizing that this assertion is based upon an experience you had in the past. In reality, you don’t know this rose as it is; you only know the roses you’ve seen before, and you therefore deduce that you know this rose. How can this rose, which is so unique because it exists for the first time, be exactly the same as all those you’ve seen before? This is impossible! You don’t know what you see; you only know what you have seen. Therefore you don’t know the reality as it is; you only know your reality, which you project upon what really is. Your own mind makes you deform reality and constantly makes you live in your past.

For everything you perceive in this world, be it another human being, a landscape, a situation or an object, your mind immediately goes deep into your unconscious to compare what is with what was, a memory of something similar to what you are observing. This comparison process makes you unable to simply and fully evaluate the present moment as it is. Every human being’s mind is like a computer trying to recognize reality according to ancient data, and making you react according to your past rather than according to reality as it is. For every situation in life, there exists within you a series of memories in the form of emotional impressions and desires which always work as pairs of opposites. There is always what you like and what you dislike or what you want and what you don’t want and thereby refuse. Even in a newborn, the mother immediately notices that the baby naturally likes certain foods or conditions and dislikes others. Every baby is absolutely different from the start; it does not cry for the same reason or at the same moment as another infant. All these behavioral reactions have been widely

studied by highly competent pediatricians, and the result of these studies is stunning: at the moment of our birth we are already psychologically and emotionally different from everyone else. At such an early age, it is not the weight of this life that makes us different; rather it is an older kind of weight coming from previous lives encompassing the many painful experiences and emotions we have accumulated, against which we now strive to protect ourselves.

Through the practice of meditation, the gate of the unconscious opens before the Yogi’s eyes and from here, neutralizing his own past becomes a liberating challenge. For the Yogi, it becomes evident that a human being is not comprised of memories coming only from this life, but from thousands and thousands of impressions coming from far beyond this life. Why do you really do what you are doing? Do you really do what you want to do or, with a bit of observation, would you conclude that you are constantly “compelled” to do what you are doing, say what you are saying and think what you are ceaselessly thinking? Your present situation cannot be explained only through what you have experienced in this life, as there are so many unconscious impressions that trigger you through this long journey you have undertaken on the Path of the Evolution of your own consciousness. Each new incarnation is an attempt to overcome this in order to reach a higher level of Oneness with the Ultimate Reality, also called “God”, “the Divine” or “the Absolute”.

May this deeper understanding of the principle of reincarnation and the respect due to it, help you develop the passion for the true “You”, “the Self”, called the “Atman”, beyond your body, your emotions, your mind and the story of this life.

With blessing and love to all of you.

Warmly yours in the Lord.

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha

Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram, Wasa, BC Canada

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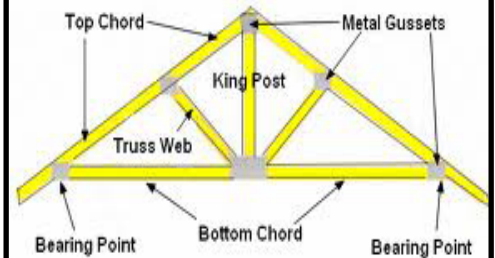
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B.C. Residents Making Bats Count

Do you want to become a Citizen Scientist contributing valuable data towards conservation of bats in BC? The Kootenay Community Bat Project (KCBP) is seeking volunteers for the Annual Bat Count. This citizen-science initiative encourages residents to count bats at roost sites to provide valuable information on bat populations.

“This event is a wonderful opportunity for residents who care about wildlife to be involved in collecting important scientific information” says Juliet Craig, Coordinating Biologist for the KCBP. “You don’t need any special skills and kids can be involved.”

The Annual Bat Count is being promoted by the Kootenay Community Bat Project in partnership with the BC Ministry of Environment to collect baseline data on bat populations before the devastating White Nose Syndrome enters the province.

“White Nose Syndrome is decimating bat populations in eastern North America” says Purnima Govindarajulu with the Ministry of Environment. “We are lucky that this disease is not yet in BC but it is predicted to arrive here within ten years. Monitoring bat populations is essential for detecting sudden declines associated with White Nose Syndrome caused mortality.”

Residents wait outside a known roost site, such as a bat-house, barn, bridge or attic, and count bats as they fly out at twilight. They can video the emergence or use a hand tally counter to count the bats. They record the final count along with some basic information on weather conditions. Ideally, two counts are done between June 1 and 21 before pups are born, and two more between July 21 and August 15 when pups are flying with their mothers.

“We know relatively little about bats in this region including basic information on population numbers” says Craig. “This information will be extremely valuable, particularly if it is collected annually. If people want to get involved but don’t have a roost site on their property, we do our best to match them to a roost site nearby.”

Funded by the Columbia Basin Trust and with support of the BC Conservation Foundation, the KCBP also provides educational programs and information for landowners dealing with bat issues on their property. To download the Annual Bat Count instructions and data forms, to register for the bat count, or to get assistance dealing with bat issues, visit www.kootenaybats.com or call 1-855-9BC-BATS ext. 14.



Yuma Colony: Large colony of Yuma bats in attic of house.



Participants in annual bat count: Volunteers counting bats as they emerge from a roost site at sunset.

ANSWERS

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HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER



THE J.F. ARMSTRONG FAMILY

James Ferguson Armstrong was born February 14, 1847 in Sorel, Quebec. His father and uncles were merchants in an Anglophone community while his grandfather captained a freight steamer on the St. Lawrence River. James courted Gertrude Ranney. The couple chose to be married in St. Louis, Missouri on October 31, 1871. The couple returned to Sorel where all their children were born. Maud was born on July 29, 1872. Twins Gertrude and Louise arrived July 18, 1875 but both died ten days later. Edith was born July 29, 1876 and moved to British Columbia with the family in 1893. Sadly Maud died before her 5th birthday. Winnifred was born in September 1882 and Marjorie on September 10, 1889.

James Ferguson followed his younger brother "Captain Frank" Armstrong of riverboat fame to Golden, BC. His first job was with the Navigation Company, then he became bookkeeper at the large sawmill on the waterfront. An opening for a Government Agent in 1893 made his life more politically correct with year round assignments ensuring a good income. He had a log home constructed at Golden and arranged for his family to join him. His district extended from Donald south to Fort Steele. Also taking up residence in Golden was Dr. J.N. Taylor, age 22, fresh out of Mc Gill University. This athletic young physician spotted Edith Armstrong, courted, and they were wed on September 10, 1895.

Fort Steele was booming. A Government Office was built to his plans in the summer of 1897. Mr. Armstrong was transferred from Golden in the fall. For several weeks he lived in the jailer's quarters in the Government Building while their house was built nearby. Mrs. Armstrong took daughters Winnifred

and Marjorie to board at the new All Hallows School at Yale, then she went back east to visit family and friends.

The Armstrongs were soon involved in the social scene at Fort Steele. There were card games, fund raising for the hospital, the beginning of a chapter of the Masonic Lodge, creation of a separate church for the Anglicans, musical evenings, the opening of the Kootenay Men's Club and more. Mrs. Armstrong was elected President of the Anglican Women's Guild with Mrs. Bleasdel (druggist's wife) Vice President and Miss Bailey, teacher, as Secretary. Mr. Armstrong shared duties with Mr. R.L.T. Galbraith as Lay Reader when there was no minister available for the Anglican Church. When the railway missed Fort Steele businesses started up in Colonel Baker's townsite. The Government Agent and staff had to give some time to duties there, commuting from the Fort by wagon or horseback. Early in 1904 Armstrong wrote to Premier Richard McBride requesting a transfer for himself and staff into Cranbrook before the date that their gardens needed to be planted. "Currently there is much loss of time and revenue." The move was allowed and officially made on May 16, 1904. Meanwhile Armstrong was advising what buildings were needed for Fernie to have Government Services. Once into Cranbrook he had to appeal for pay raises for his youngest staffers at the Fort. Secretary, Miss Taenhauser had lived with her parents at the Fort and could not afford rent in Cranbrook. He praised her efficiency as a "typewriter" so she was accorded a raise to Salary 3 Group. Herbert Clark remained at the Fort as Mining Recorder.

Gertrude chose a building lot close to Christ Church. A gracious home was built. A lovely Government Building was erected on Baker Street. Winnifred was

at home, attracting potential swains. When Lillian Taenhauser left to get married, Winnifred was hired to replace her. Marjorie finished school at All Hallows and came to live in Cranbrook. Soon she was being courted by Inctis Ariel (Myles) Beale. The wedding was set for September 28, 1908. The morning before the ceremony Marjorie, on her knees, scrubbed the church floor. After a honeymoon Marjorie and Myles returned to Cranbrook. Mr. Armstrong served as a Lay Reader at Christ Church Anglican until his transfer to Victoria in 1911. The Women's Auxiliary presented him with a clock as a "Thank You and Farewell Gift."

James Ferguson served on the Provincial Water Board almost until his death. J. F. appeared as very stiff and correct much of the time but would tell a good joke at the Men's Club and be a loving husband and father when out of the public eye. Winnifred went to Victoria with her parents and found a husband in 1912. Gertrude died in 1914 at age 63. Meanwhile Myles and Marjorie had their first child Winifred, who many of us knew as Win Weir. Young Win remembers her Grandma and called Grandpa "Fergie" and was "a bit stuffy". But Grandpa Armstrong was a wonderful guest whenever he chose. Win remembers him eating his morning porridge with milk in a separate bowl. Grandpa always brought a new book or two with a dedication written in his copperplate writing. Marjorie would have a list of jobs to be done as Myles had scant talent as a fixit guy. Myles Beale and Edward Elwell started Falkins Insurance. Win swore that her mother was the brains of that company. Myles died in 1938. Marjorie carried on for a couple of years then retired to Victoria. J.F. Armstrong died in December 1930. His ashes joined Gertrude's in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell



Hello readers. Hope your gardens and flowers are starting to grow.

1. If you want clear icecubes -first boil the water, let cool and pour into trays.
2. To store onions, place them in the legs of a pantyhose one at a time and tie a knot between each onion and hang. They will last months.
3. To easily remove egg shells, add 1/2 tsp baking soda to the water when boiling eggs.
4. To prevent eyes from watering when chopping onions, wipe the cutting board with white vinegar before you start chopping. The vinegar will not affect the taste of the onion.
5. Use a cupcake liner to cover drinks in the summer to prevent flies or bugs from getting in your drink. Place a straw in the centre to hold in place.

Till next time, have a great summer!

Did you know.... Falling air pressure causes pain in birds ears. The next time you see birds flying low it may mean a thunderstorm is coming.

July 2014

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6 Church	7	8 BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular	9	10	11	12 
13 Church	14	15 Lions Meeting	16	17	18	19 
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27 Church	28	29	30	31		

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17 Church	18 Cut off for September Newsletter	19	20	21	22	23 
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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

- **Pancake Breakfast** - 9:00 am to 11:30 am Every Saturday from June 28th to August 30th
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