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A Hall for all Seasons

by Nowell Berg

Built from volunteer help and a \$100,000 grant from the BC Lottery Commission, the Wasa Community Hall opened its doors to community activities in 1989.

The Hall is operated by the Wasa Recreation Society (WRS). Its volunteer Board of Directors is currently made up of, Stan Kneller, President, Karen Markus, Treasurer, Jane Gendron, V-P and Dawn Marchi, Recording Secretary. Board meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month starting at 7pm. There are no meetings in July and August.

Kneller said the hall has made an "immense impact" on the community. "The Hall brings people and user groups together which helps create a sense of community," said Markus.

The Lions and their Medical Cupboard, Quilters, TOPS and Wasa Lake Land Improvement District occupy the Hall as regular users. These groups provide important activities and support for the residents of the Wasa area. The Tri-Village Kids Club regularly hosts events at the Hall.

The main upstairs hall is large enough to comfortably handle 250 people. Hall rental includes banquet style tables and chairs along with a bar, stage, sound system, piano, wireless microphone and a complete commercial-grade kitchen.

On the lower level, the Hall includes a gym with numerous work out machines. Its open Monday to Friday during the day. **You will also find a fully stocked Library with a range of fiction and non-fiction books including a children's section.** Yoga and circuit training are activities that take place on a regular non-summer schedule.

The primary fund-raiser for the Hall is the bingo held on the second Tuesday of each month. Early bird bingo kicks off at 6:30pm and regular games begin at 6:45pm.



Another source of Hall income are rentals for special events, weddings and family reunions. There is also a ten to twelve person meeting room on the lower level.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

August 1, 1944 - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world." Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.

August 4, 1962 - Apartheid opponent Nelson Mandela was arrested by security police in South Africa. He was then tried and sentenced to five years in prison. In 1964, he was placed on trial for sabotage, high treason and conspiracy to overthrow the government and was sentenced to life in prison. A worldwide campaign to free him began in the 1980s and resulted in his release on February 11, 1990, at age 71 after 27 years in prison. In 1993, Mandela shared the Nobel Peace Prize with South Africa's President F.W. de Klerk for their peaceful efforts to bring a nonracial democracy to South Africa. In April 1994, black South Africans voted for the first time in an election that brought Mandela the presidency of South Africa.

August 4, 1693 - Champagne is invented by Dom Perignon. I'll drink to that!



August 10, 1948 - "Smile, You're on Candid Camera". Allen Funt's wildly popular show debuts.

August 20, 1630 - Lemonade was first served in Paris, France.

August 22, 565 - The Loch Ness monster is spotted for the first time: The story of the Loch Ness Monster was first popularised when a road was built across the loch in 1933. But when scholars investigated, they discovered that the first possible sighting had actually occurred in the days of the semi-legendary St Columba, who supposedly confronted the creature on 22 August 565.

An Irish monk who had sailed to Scotland to spread the gospel of Christ, Columba was visiting the land of the Picts when he reached the river Ness. There he came across some locals burying one of their friends, whom “some water monster had a little before snatched at as he was swimming, and bitten with a most savage bite”.



Columba ordered one of his acolytes to swim across the river and to bring back a boat. But now the water monster made an appearance.

“Not so much satiated as made eager for prey,” explained a chronicler, it was “lying hidden in the bottom of the river.” But now it “suddenly emerged, and, swimming to the man as he was crossing in the middle of the stream, rushed up with a great roar and open mouth”.

All were terrified – except Columba. “With his holy hand raised on high,” the chronicler recorded, “he formed the saving sign of the cross in the empty air, invoked the Name of God, and commanded the fierce monster, saying: ‘Think not to go further, nor touch thou the man. Quick! Go back!’”

The monster fled, while Columba’s followers loudly praised God. As for the locals, they converted on the spot.

August 24, 79 A.D. -



Vesuvius, an active volcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum.





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- ☐ 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!



GYM HOURS AND INFO

For Gym Schedule Please Contact:

- **Sonia Blackwell at 250.421.3019** or
- **Rod at 250.422.3253**



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.

A Hall for All Seasons continued

The Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) and Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) also provide yearly grant funding. The sustainability of that funding has Markus concerned for the Hall's future.

She and Kneller raise this because of recent increases in the liability insurance the WRS must carry on the building. According to Kneller, "They [the insurance company] just upped it to \$7,200.00. We cut it back. We don't have any content insurance now." These changes have reduced the insurance premium to \$6,400 per year.

"If we have another bad year with fires and insurance goes up another thousand dollars, I don't know where the money's going to come from. We'd need a lot more rentals," said Kneller.

The monthly hydro bill is the second highest expense after insurance. It takes the proceeds from bingo and the concession to pay the electricity bill.

"What I want to know, where does the community, residents and non-residents, see the community hall going in the future?" asks Markus. Her concern stems from the fact that, "If we [WRS] couldn't afford it [to run the hall], the land would go back to the RDEK but they would not run it. They don't want a community hall. It would shut down."

There is no short-term issues with keeping the Hall open, but the trend of increasing insurance premiums and electricity bills poses difficulties. Sustainable operating funds are necessary if the Hall is to remain open and viable for the long-term future.

One idea being discussed is implementing a recreation fee through the RDEK. The fee would be collected as a parcel tax just like the current mosquito levy.

Jane Walter, RDEK Area E Director, said, "We are investigating whether the Wasa and area property owners would be willing to assist these groups [WRS and Wasa Lions Grounds] through a service area. The cost per parcel could possibly be up to \$45.00 per year." See Director Walter's note in the Buzz.

Regardless of what the future brings, you can help support the hall through participation in events, renting or donations.



"Volunteering is a good thing," said Markus. The WRS always needs bingo volunteers; callers, floor walkers and people to contribute baking for the concession.

Another volunteer position the WRS needs is for someone, or some group, to handle sales and marketing. "Someone with expertise in that area would be great," said Markus.

To inquire about rentals and other ways you can support the Wasa Recreational Society and the Community Hall, please call Markus, 250-422-3514.

Special Thank You!

There was a fire on our lot at 4906 Aspen Road. We weren't staying in Wasa at the time the fire started but were advised many of the community came out to fight the fire. We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to community members and friends who put the fire out, saved our cabin and protected the Wasa community! Thank you for the amazing job you did!

Vern and Donna Schneider and family

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 fundraising, volunteering and rentals we are able to have an economical community hall for our community. The Recreation Society meets the last Wednesday 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
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- In addition, BINGO's are held on the **2nd Tuesday of each month** at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. and regular at 6:45 p.m.

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Wasa Community Church

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" (Proverbs 4:23, NIV).

It's common for us to say, "Follow your heart." As life gives you different paths and opportunities, you are faced with many choices. People can give you all sorts of advice on what's the most beneficial course of action, what'll bring you the best results and the greatest satisfaction, but sometimes that's not really what you want. Others advise you to do what your heart tells you, since the desires of your heart bring you the most motivation. When you're doing something or making a decision that leads to something you really want, it makes it so much easier to do it. Your heart drives you. Jesus even says in Matthew 6:21 that, "... where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." However, that can be both a good thing and a bad thing.

People in general seem to want to be good, or at least decent, but no matter how good of intentions there are, there is still a darkness in everyone's heart that holds evil desires. Things that our hearts need to be guarded against. If we let those desires get a hold on our heart, they can quickly take control and convince us to carry out our dark delights. We can try hard to fight that with being as good as we can, but without our hearts in it, none of that is genuine. The change can't only be outward. It has to be inward. It has to involve the heart.

As someone who looks to the Bible for solutions, I've found there that we're powerless to change our own hearts by ourselves. Fortunately, Jesus, the One and Only person pure in heart and void of darkness, God in human form, took all our sin upon Himself and was put to death on the cross with it. He then rose from the dead. If we accept that He's done that for us, then He applies it to us. The evil of our hearts dies. We are cleansed from sin and are completely forgiven. We still do struggle with sin even after we've been cleansed and forgiven of it, but if someone who had no darkness was committed enough to helping us that He took all our sin upon Himself and was crucified for us, then you can bet He'll help us guard our hearts from evil.

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

Wasa Lions Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard

Have you had a recent Injury? or have plans for Surgery?
The Lions may be able to assist with a 3-month loan of Medical Equipment.

For loan information or equipment donations to the Cupboard

Contact: Sharon 250.422.3227
or Val 250.422.3499



The Wasa Lions Club has had a busy summer with our annual Garage Sale taking in a good amount of donations(?) from the event to help the Lions make our community a better place to be. Our draws that were held on that day were a good part of the income from the day with the 250 draw and the planter draws. The winners of the 250 draw were: Cory Canning ,Brittany

Byers, Jess Mallard, Mitsu Ousi and Linda Soel.

At this point, many kudos go out to the people who made the planters for the draw and especially to Gail Heffernan who lovingly and beautifully filled and maintained the pots for the draw day. The winners for the planters were: the Colliers, Judy McPhee, Kathy Miles-Boue, Greg Borle and Kathy McCauly. And one more winner, Stacy?

Without the hard work of the volunteers and all the people who donated gently used items for the Garage Sale, The Lions would not be able to contribute to the community as well as we do. Well done, Sharon and Val for organizing the Garage Sale and everyone else who helped set it up and manned the tables and dickered good-naturedly with all the buyers!

The Lions applied for a grant to upgrade the lighting on the Peter Vershagen Memorial Rink and were approved, so new, energy-efficient lighting will be installed for the upcoming skating season. The Lions country kitchen floor needs extensive work to bring it up to acceptable standards which will be done this fall.

We hope this issue of the Buzz finds everyone enjoying our beautiful area and the no-fly zone for the mosquitoes!

Contact a member of the Lions Club if you would like to be part of our hard-working club. We look forward to as many members as we can get. We have lots of work to do!

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Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID)

Monitoring Lake and Kootenay River Levels and Measuring Lake Water Quality

Trustees have been monitoring lake and river levels throughout the spring freshet, and will continue to sample water quality from beaches throughout the summer. As of 13 July, the water level in the lake was 768.05 masl (meters above sea level), a level that is close to the peak for this season. The water level is lower than 2018 when it was 768.31 masl on the same day. In 2018, the lake water peaked at 768.70 masl on June 12th and 13th. This is the first year the WLLID has been able to obtain a Kootenay River level; on July 14th, the river was at 767.81 masl, but by the time you read this in the Buzz, the levels will have changed considerably. Check www.wasalake.ca for current lake and river levels.

The WLLID has taken two lake water samples from various locations so far this summer. The samples were analyzed by Interior health (IHA) and the results indicated that E. coli levels in the lake water are "acceptable". The Canadian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines indicate that E. coli should be less than 200 per 100 ml of water, and the lake water is far below that.

Location	26 Jun 2019 E. coli per100 ml		02 Jul 2019 E. coli per100 ml	
Pine Road Boat Launch	15	Acceptable	n/a	
Cedar Beach	<5	Acceptable	n/a	
Main Beach	<5	Acceptable	n/a	
Horseshoe Beach	5	Acceptable	5	Acceptable
Campers Beach	<5	Acceptable	<5	Acceptable

(Source: <https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/canada/health-canada/migration/healthy-canadians/publications/healthy-living-vie-saine/water-recreational-recreative-eau/alt/pdf/water-recreational-recreative-eau-eng.pdf>)

Adopt a Highway

Trustees, staff, and families devoted several hours of their time on the afternoon of June 19th to clean up the ditches on both sides of Wasa Lake Park Drive. About 9 bags of trash were collected; lots of bottles and cans (as was expected), but also construction materials, plastics of all sorts and sizes including styrofoam, and dozens of discarded blister packs. We are aware that many individuals pick up trash on their daily walks throughout the year. Thank you!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

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

are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons. We would love to see you!

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Fire Smart

I want to Thank everyone that participated on June 7. Thanks also to everyone that participated in removing the potential fuels from there properties.

The group has worked tirelessly on working towards Wasa becoming a Firesmart community and also getting the suppression equipment. Please let them know how we all appreciate their efforts.

Wasa Seal Coating

I have received many calls and emails from concerned residents about the loose gravel and the rough surface of the road and the shoulders.

Doug Clovechok and myself met with The Ministry of Transportation (MOTI) management on July 5 and toured the roads around Wasa. During this tour we were told that the surface would get smoother over the next year. They stated that the heat and traffic will start the compacting process and after the winter maintenance the roads would be much smoother.

They are also going to direct MainRoads to repair some of the areas that need further repairs.

When I asked why they did not pave the roads, they stated that the cost was too high; as it was they spent 15% percent of the budget for their area on the roads at Wasa. I am forwarding the ongoing concerns to the staff of the Ministry of Transportation

The Wasa and Area Recreation Area

The Wasa Hall and the Lion's grounds have served the Wasa and Area residents for many years. They have provided an area for many groups and events. Some of the examples are the Library, the WLLID office, the Gym, the Lion's medical loan cupboard, the Lion's office, storage for the Tri Village Kids Club and the Quilter's room.

The hall has been used for Bingo, funerals, weddings, dances and meetings. The Rec. Society has worked tirelessly maintaining the hall. The hall is one of the best halls in the East Kootenays

The Lion's Grounds is also a very busy area. The Lion's Trail is used by many residents and tourists; the ball diamond, skating rink, tennis courts, boccie ball and the outdoor kitchen are all used by many residents. The pancake breakfasts help many groups with fund raising opportunities.

Since I have been the Area E Director I have tried to help these groups in helping them to maintain their projects and grounds. During the past few years their insurance costs and utilities have been increasing. And they have asked me if I could help them find a way to help them to maintain what they have built for the community.

I have been giving them support through the Grant-In-Aid Funds, and also helped through the Community Funds (gas tax). These funds can not be guaranteed every year so I am looking at doing a service tax like the mosquito tax.

The fund request would be much lower than the mosquito tax request. At this time I can not tell you how much the amount would be. The staff will have to work out the actual dollars that it would cost per property.

The RDEK will have public meetings to discuss the cost and area being assessed. I am hoping to bring this forward in 2020. I hope that the property owners will support this approach because I believe that these areas are vital areas for the Wasa and Area Community.

I hope everyone is having a great summer, and has a chance to go and enjoy a the pancake breakfasts. If you have any concerns or questions, please call or email me. (s.janewalter@gmail.com).



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Helpful Hints



By Sherry Shields
In Memory of Vi Cockell

BORAX (an essential product in my home)

PESKY ANTS

Mix 1/2 C sugar, 1 1/2 Tbsp Borax, and 1.5 C warm water. Soak cotton balls in the mixture, and put them out near the mess of ants. The sugar attracts the ants, and they'll take the Borax with it back to their home.

LAUNDRY

Laundry booster, but it is also a stain remover, disinfectant and deodorizer and a natural aid in water softening.

Add 1/2 cup of borax in with your regular detergent if you have hard water; it will help your detergent do a better job by removing hard water chemicals. Your clothes will smell fresher and tough stains will come out easier.

CARPET FRESHENER

1 cup Borax. Measure out 1 cup of borax and add it to your mixing bowl, or directly into your shaker if it's big enough for you to shake and mix it after all your ingredients have been added. ...

1 cup Baking Soda. ...

1 tbs dried herbs. ... (eg rosemary, lavender rose petals, citrus zest)

20 drops Essential Oil. ...

SHAKE well. You want your essential oils all mixed in with no lumps.

Homemade shaker can be made using a mason jar with holes punched in lid.

Shake out evenly on carpet. Let sit 10 minutes and vacuum.

Heirloom Tomato Salad with Pomegranate-Sumac Dressing

SERVES 4

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon pomegranate molasses

1 teaspoon lemon juice

2 teaspoons sumac

Freshly ground black pepper

Fleur de sel or other flaky finishing salt

2 pounds tomatoes

1 small shallot, thinly sliced

1 tablespoon each of fresh basil, mint, and parsley leaves



INSTRUCTIONS

Whisk together the olive oil, pomegranate molasses, lemon juice, sumac, and pepper, and salt to taste.

Slice the tomatoes into 1/4-inch-thick slabs. Arrange the tomatoes and shallots on a platter and drizzle with dressing. Depending on the size of the herbs, you can leave them whole or tear the leaves into smaller pieces. Scatter them on top of the tomatoes. Finish with salt.

Best eaten soon after assembling. Top Tips

Serve the herby couscous (minus chicken) as an accompaniment to grilled fish or roast lamb, or alone for a tasty, meat-free dish.

WASA COUNTRY BREAKFAST Every Saturday

Rain or Shine

**The Wasa Country Breakfast is every
Saturday from June 29th to August 31st, 2019
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<p>Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Breakfast includes: Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Sausages Juice or Coffee</p> <p>Large \$6.00 Small \$5.00</p> <p>Just Coffee / Juice \$1.00</p>	<p>Market from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Come out and visit the vendors</p> <p>Home Baking Crafts Gently Used Items Jewellery</p> <p>Vendor Tables No Charge</p>
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Words of Wisdom



In the Pursuit of the True Self

"An adventure to be followed"
– Part 5

In the previous four articles we clearly stated that the real "you", as Pure and Unlimited Consciousness, is covered by five main layers or sheaths. Since we are in pursuit of our True Self, it becomes capital to experience the clear distinction existing between our True Self and those coverings. Remember that you cannot be what you are observing since the observer is not what he is observing.

From the most exterior moving inward, the coverings on the Self that we find are as follows:

1- the Physical Body, 2- the Emotional Body, 3- the Mind or Intellect, 4- the Superior Mind, 5- the Supramental Consciousness (Pure Awareness)

Fourth covering of the Self: the Superior Mind or Wisdom Sheath

Inside this covering made of mental energy is another element called: "Vijnanamaya Kosha", the envelope made of intelligence (Budhi) that goes from ordinary mind to superior mind and from superior mind to pure consciousness. Vijnanamaya Kosha is the instrument by which everyone lives in the same world.

If your consciousness is completely stabilized in Vijnanamaya Kosha, then egoistic or subjective emotions functioning according to "I like" or "I dislike" will have disappeared. In the place of the

reflective mind appears another level of functioning ... a direct means of knowing and being aware of reality. Here, the world is no longer perceived through emotions but through sentiment. Emotions always say: "me, me, me". Through emotion, if you're happy you need to talk about it to everyone because you're excited and if you're unhappy you have to complain to someone to express your suffering.

Vijnanamaya Kosha implies sentiment that is always positive; sentiment that never refuses, that is always in accordance with the phenomenal world, as it is, from moment to moment.

There is an intellect that works according to Manas (the mind) and there is the functioning of a superior intellect, which truly corresponds to Vijnanamaya Kosha. A superior intellect has the capability of ceasing to function if you want it to. When your waking state of consciousness is identified with the mind (Manomaya Kosha), you cannot stop thinking, even if you want to be silent; thoughts constantly come to distract you. But when your consciousness is fully located in Vijnanamaya Kosha, the covering of the self made of pure intelligence (Budhi), then the thoughts can stop as there is no need for thoughts anymore.

When your waking state of consciousness no longer needs to use the weight of the past through the reflective mind, then you have established yourself in the state of pure consciousness (Vijnana). At this level of awakening you

are no longer limited by the body of flesh, nor by the body of emotions neither by the mind and its thought process. You can then go from one subtle body to another without being stuck in any one of them ... all the while constantly remaining the pure witnessing consciousness.

Remember that I am trying to lead you here to reach the very core of your own true presence, which only exists beyond the false identification to your body, your emotions and your mind. You are not what you think you are... you are way more than that!

The consciousness established in Vijnanamaya Kosha is the only consciousness able to bring you into the dimension of pure Oneness, pure Unity with Reality. Then you discover the closest covering surrounding the Atman, the true Self... the ultimate Self: the Covering of the Bliss of Truthfulness called "Anandamaya Kosha" or Supramental Consciousness, which we will study in our next article.

May this teaching help you in your own Self-Realization.

With Love and Blessings.

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Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha has withdrawn from regular public teachings to intensify his prayers and meditations for the world. To be notified of occasional lectures, you can request to be added to our emailing list. Visits of the Ashram are by appointment only.

For more information, please contact the Ashram at ashram@adivajra.ca or (250) 422-9327.

WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION

submitted by Kathy Mccauley

Sunday, July 7 2019 was a big day for FireSmart in Wasa! The Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression committee hosted an all day event which included an update on local volunteer suppression efforts, and a FireSmart education session led by Alan Westhaver, provincial FireSmart expert. Seventy people attended from the tri-village area of Wasa, TaTa Creek, and Skookumchuck.

Regional District of East Kootenay Emergency Support Services Manager, Terry Balan, and Area E Director, Jane Walter, were on hand to discuss the role of the RDEK in promoting fire prevention strategies in rural areas. There were numerous door prizes, with the WASP Gutter-mounted Sprinkler System as the main. And that was just the morning!



In the afternoon, attendees could choose between 3 activities: begin their own home FireSmart assessment process, see a demonstration home with the recommended residential suppression system (set up with water cubes, gas powered pump, and WASP Gutter-mounted Sprinklers), or they could participate in a boots-on-the-ground home cleanup. Some people chose all 3!

To top it all off, the RDEK provided the services of a truck and chipper to chip and dispose of any tree branches and debris that people cleared out of their yards in order to reduce the risks of fire.

It was a great introduction to FireSmart for our community, and an event that we hope to repeat at least annually.

If you are interested in learning more about FireSmart strategies to protect your home, download the Homeowner's Manual and the Wasa Community Wildfire Hazard Assessment Report from the home page of the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District www.wasalake.ca For more FireSmart information check out FireSmart Canada at www.firesmartcanada.ca



We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Regional District of East Kootenay, Columbia Basin Trust, and FireSmart Canada for making this event possible.

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"Bees do have a smell, you know, and if they don't they should, for their feet are dusted with spices from a million flowers." □ Ray Bradbury

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It makes the peas taste funny - But it keeps them on the knife!*
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Wasa & District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by Sherry Shields

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

Contact info:

Pat Walkey @ 250 422-3530 or

pwalkey@shaw.ca.

The garden is showing its summer glory. Flowers blooming, water wheel gurgling, leafy trees fluttering in the breeze. Not only is our garden a comforting place to visit our loved ones I discovered facts of local history while reading through the memorial plaques. Unit 2 Columbarium vase units have been installed and an additional bench has been added to the garden.

~ When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. ~



Graydon J. Ford of Wasa, BC, passed away peacefully on May 24th, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was loved and respected by many. Graydon was the son of Graydon Sr.

and Frances Jeannette Dickey (nee) from Vancouver. He is predeceased by his three sisters Abigail (Patrick), Sarah (Trevor), and Nini (Brig). Graydon is survived by his brother Douglas (Karin), nephews Anthony, Brooks, and Scott; and nieces Pilar, Andrea, and Isabel. Special to Graydon was Barbara (predeceased) and her three daughters Britta, Ulla, and Maja.

"Bro", as he was affectionately referred to by his family, grew up in Vancouver where he attended Vancouver College before relocating to Wasa to live and manage the ranch that was eventually bequeathed to him by his grandmother Catherine. He farmed his whole life and always had a few pets to greet folks as they dropped by to say hello and marvel at the lake and mountains. In addition to farming, Graydon's other passion was being a Fire Warden for the area for which he was greatly respected for. His kindness, generosity, and stories will be sorely missed.

A sincere thank you to his friends in the community and to Cherished Memories Funeral Services for their assistance. Details for a celebration of life will be forwarded to family and friends and listed on www.cherishmemoriesfs.com in the near future.

A nice article regarding his life and family history can be viewed at <http://wasalake.com/news/TVB-08-2018.pdf>

Wasa TOPS

Friday mornings downstairs

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Summer has filled her veins with light, and her heart is washed with noon.

C. Day Lewis

Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you.

Langston Hughes

"It's summer and time for wandering..."

Kellie Elmore



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submitted by Judy McPhee

"THERE ARE SOME BOOKS WHICH CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY REVIEWED FOR TWENTY OR THIRTY YEARS AFTER THEY ARE PUBLISHED-----"

J. MORLEY

Most of our summer reading does not fall into this category.

I polled several people this summer to see what books they have enjoyed this summer.

The following books were recommended.

"THE ALCHEMIST" by Paula Coelno

A young man with a vision of finding a treasure goes to Egypt in search of the treasure.

"THE IMPERIAL WIFE" by Irina Reya

The story of Catherine the Great, Empress in Russia from 1762-1796.

She overthrew her husband, Peter the 111, Emperor for 6 months, and took over for her husband.

She did useful things for the people in Russia.

"THREE CUPS OF TEA" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

One mans mission to promote peace, fight terrorism, establish schools in the most dangerous, remote areas of Pakistan, with special emphasis on educating girls,

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A journalist from Red Deer, AB. abducted in Somalia. She spent 15 months in captivity. Her memoir of the unimaginable adversity she faced. Her weapons, hope and compassion.

"SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL" by Romeo Dallaire

Dallaire's account of the event leading up to, and actual genocide in Rwanda 25 years ago.

HISTORICAL CHRISTIAN FICTION

by Susanne Woods Fisher

She writes a series of books on different educational topics.

Her books are exceptionally entertaining.

Available at the Cranbrook Library.

And finally - recommended by Grant MacEwan University, the best two books of the last two decades.

SAPIENS by Yuval Noah Harari

WEST OF EDEN by Harry Harrison (for youth and teens)

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Judith Campbell



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The week of August 17 - 24 2019 is Kimberley Kaleidoscope Arts Festival. An annual celebration of arts and culture in its many diverse forms in the Kimberley region. Local and touring artists have their work showcased. Which provide visitors to see and participate in some of the performances, demonstrations and workshops.

To name a few: outdoor concerts, Da-Vin-Ci Paint night, workshop for writers and Carly Angels Drag Comedy Show.



Saturday August 24 is all about the children. All ages (and their parents!) are welcome! FREE entrance!




Between 11.00 am and 03.00 pm there will be music, crafts, face painting by Spark Youth Face Painters and much more. And KIKI, the Eco Elf. A dynamic, enthusiastic and interactive performance. Kiki sings of silliness and ecological awareness. Step inside the belly of a giant salmon!

Opening by the Ktunaxa youth drummers: "Adrumnik". A group of young men performing on behalf of their nation. Closing by: Creative Monkeys: "chooses your own adventure", by Lisa Aasebo.



For more information, tickets and registration: - kimberleyarts.com
- eastkootenay.snapd.com - Centre 64: 250-427-4919 or info@kimberleyarts.com

 Diana Perih - Diana was born at the Kimberley Hospital, July 11, 1950 and passed away in her home, March 13, 2019. She is survived by her two sons Stephen (Sonja), Terrace, BC & Christopher, Wasa, BC, her mother Molly Finch, 6 siblings, her friend Wangert, many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephew & her beloved dogs Abby & Sadie. She was predeceased by her father Dr. Peter Finch in 2002.

Diana grew up in Kimberley and worked at the Medical Clinic for over 50 years. She moved to Wasa in 1992 where she enjoyed gardening, feeding the birds, walking her dogs and entertaining family and friends. She found great joy in joining the Wasa Quilters Guild and quickly became an accomplished quilter. She will be missed by many.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations can be made to the BCSPCA. A celebration of life will be held for Diana on August 17th at the Wasa Hall. RIP.



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I would love to know the details!

NEWS RELEASE - FROM SE FIRE CENTRE

Effective at noon Pacific time on Monday, July 29, 2019, Category 2 open burning will be prohibited throughout the Southeast Fire Centre's jurisdiction, including the Rocky Mountain Natural Resource District and the Selkirk Natural Resource District.

The BC Wildfire Service is implementing this prohibition to help prevent wildfires sparked by Category 2 open burns and to protect public safety. It will remain in place until the public is otherwise notified.

Anyone conducting a Category 2 open burn anywhere within the Southeast Fire Centre must extinguish any such fire by the deadline. This prohibition is in addition to the Category 3 open burning prohibition that was put in place throughout the Southeast Fire Centre on June 12, 2019.

A map indicating the areas affected by these prohibitions is available online: <http://ow.ly/iT5E30pdIDu>

Specifically, a Category 2 prohibition includes:

- open fires larger than 0.5 metres wide by 0.5 metres high;
- stubble or grass fires of any size over any area;
- the use of burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description;
- the use of air curtain burners;
- the use of sky lanterns;
- the use of fireworks; and
- the use of binary exploding targets (e.g., for target practice).

These prohibitions do not apply to campfires that are smaller than a half-metre high by a half-metre wide or to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes. Campfires should not be lit or kept burning during windy conditions. Anyone who lights a campfire must ensure that sufficient water, tools and people are on hand to contain it. Make sure that the fire is fully extinguished and the ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time.

These prohibitions apply to all public and private land unless specified otherwise (for example, in a local government bylaw). Check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any fire.

Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

The Southeast Fire Centre extends from the U.S. border in the south to Mica Dam in the north, and from the Okanagan Highlands and Monashee Mountains in the west to the B.C.-Alberta border in the east.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

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

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judymcphee9@gmail.com--



July 19, 2019

Doug Clovechok, MLA
Columbia River - Revelstoke

To the residents of Wasa,

As the MLA for Columbia River-Revelstoke, I continue to hear from many concerned residents regarding the recent seal-coating on Wasa's roads. It is my duty to follow up on your concerns and to investigate the issue when deemed appropriate. In response to the concerns, I reached out to the Ministry of Transportation (MOTI) and while we had a few conversations via phone, it was clear to me that I needed to see the roads first hand. On July 5th, 2019 I invited MOTI and RDEK Director Jane Walter to Wasa so that we could view the roads, and I could walk the roads myself.

In response to my request for more information about the seal-coating process, MOTI has provided the following two resources. The first video is from the MOTI website, explaining why seal-coating/chip sealing is an effective treatment. The second video is from the USA, explaining the process and benefits of sealcoating.

<https://www.tranbc.ca/2015/05/14/what-is-sealcoating-and-why-are-we-doing-it-on-bc-highways/>
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5cMLAOCGMfA>

I understand the roads feel and sound different right now, however I have been informed by MOTI, that the majority of roads in Wasa were seal-coated (10+ years ago), and this procedure was needed again to keep the roads from deteriorating. The oil in seal-coating fills the cracks in the road, this stops water from seeping down and eroding the road. This is why you will see water pooling at certain intersections, the seal-coating is actually working. During our tour, MOTI made note of the 'pooling' spots and they will look into additional drainage.

Once the oil is applied, a layer of gravel is placed on top and compressed into the oil. The gravel used is fresh new gravel, which means it will be rough and loud on the roads, but over time the gravel will become smoother, and by next year it will become much more compacted into the road. Warm, dry weather assists with this process, and we all know how little of that we had this June and July.

The top layer of gravel is then swept and any loose gravel will get pushed to the side of the road; I'll be honest, there isn't much MOTI can do about that. However, MOTI's District Manager toured the roads prior to my July 5th visit and he informed the road contractor that they were to go back and clean up the gravel that sprayed onto resident's front lawns. Keep in mind that if gravel is on the MOTI right-of-way, it is allowed to stay there; you can remove it if you wish.

Maintaining our roads is costly, but important work. The roadwork in Wasa was a \$600,000 road improvement project. This project equated to 15% of the summer budget for this area of the Province (Area is: Elk Valley to Creston to Radium). The seal-coating project for Wasa is now complete. It will stay in its current state until MOTI deems that it is due for more improvements.

I have been working closely with MOTI and they have assured me that in the future, they will work with the maintenance contractor, making a concerted effort to improve communication before undertaking road improvements of this scale. I hope that this provides some additional clarity and I will continue to advocate for improvements as they are needed.

Sincerely,



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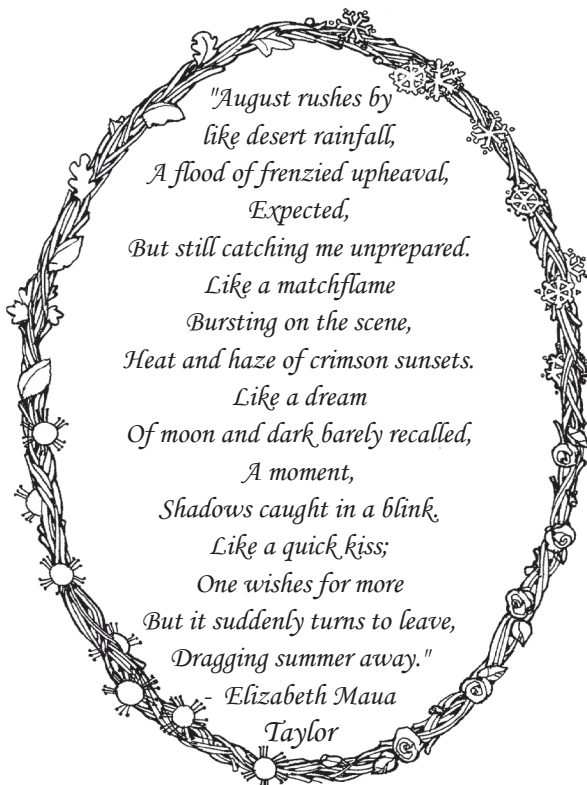
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Garden Facts & Fables

Finally! some SUNSHINE! My garden is doing okay, but it needs the heat of sunshine. Are you eating the 'fruits of your labour' yet? Garden fresh is incredibly flavourful - don't you agree? The Buzz is about community - and sharing with one another, whether it is hard-earned knowledge, a joke you had a good laugh at, a fond memory we all want to hear it!



Top 5 Coolest Facts about Worms:

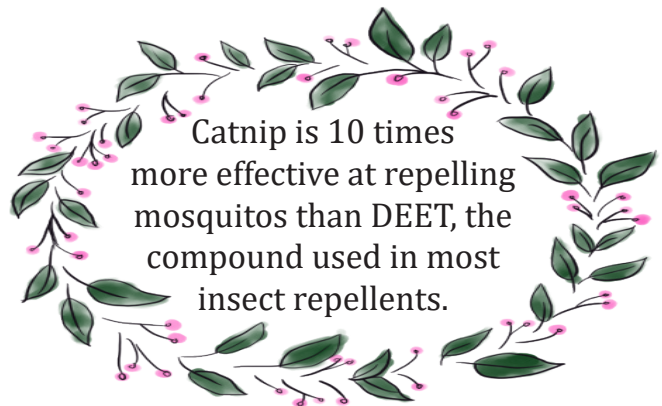
The longest earthworm ever found was in South Africa - it was 22 feet long (6.7 meters)

There are about 2700 types of earth worms in the world. They come in lots of different colours, including purple, reddish-brown and bright blue

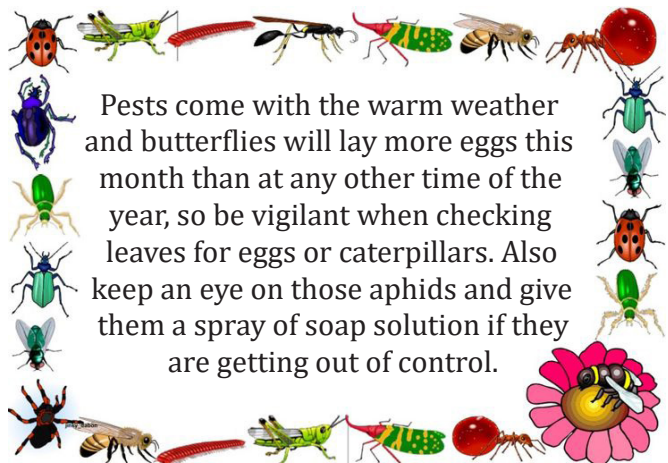
Earthworms have no lungs - they breathe through their skin. That's why they come to the surface after a heavy rain.

In one acre of land there can be up to 1,000,000 worms!

Worms don't have eyes, but can sense light at their front end and will try to move away from it.

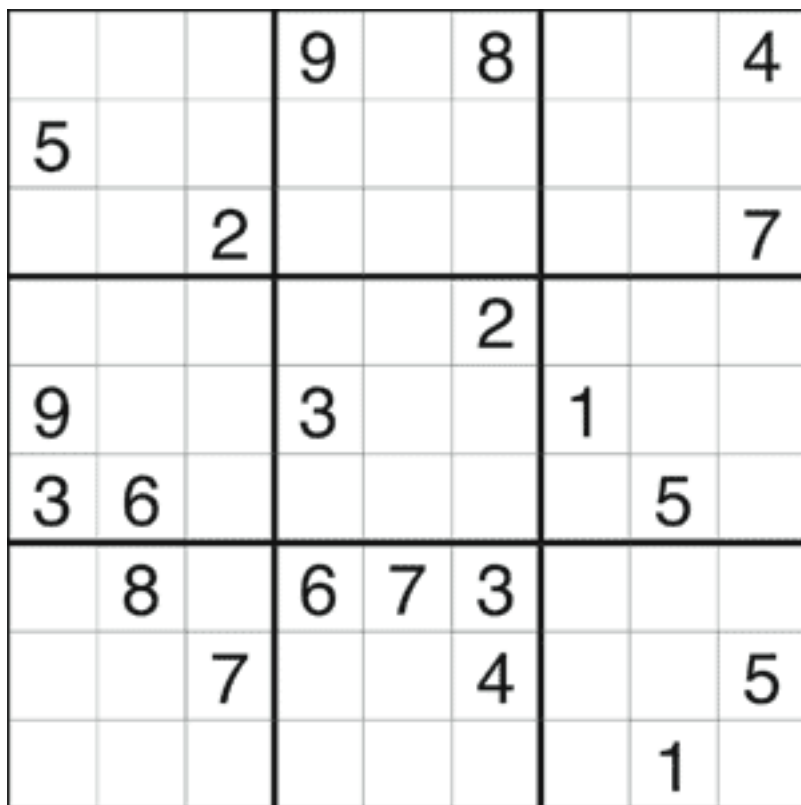


Before the existence of garden gnomes, people were hired by wealthy estate owners to live as ornamental hermits and maintain their landscaping



Pests come with the warm weather and butterflies will lay more eggs this month than at any other time of the year, so be vigilant when checking leaves for eggs or caterpillars. Also keep an eye on those aphids and give them a spray of soap solution if they are getting out of control.

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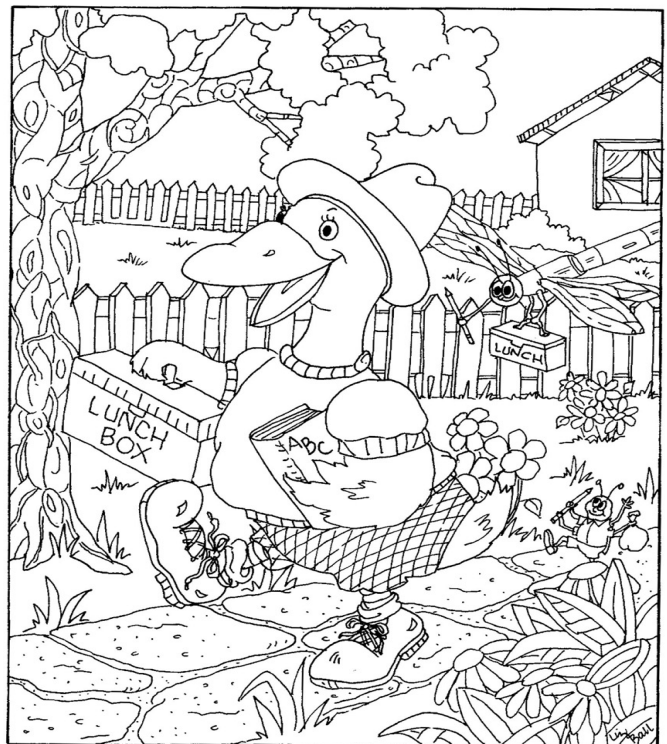
Want something fun to do with your spare time?

We are looking for a new "Fun Page" submitter

Summer Word Search

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August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3  National Watermelon Day
4 Church 10:30 a.m.	5  B.C. Day	6	7 	8	9	10
11 Church 10:30 a.m.	12	13 BINGO 6:30 Early 6:45 Regular	14	15 	16  National Tell a Joke Day	17
18 Church 10:30 a.m.	19	20  World Mosquito Day	21	22	23 	24
25 Church 10:30 a.m.	26  National Dog Day	27	28	29	30 	31

LEGEND.

Church Service 10:30 am
Rec Society 7:00 pm
Quilters 10 am - 4 pm
Library Tuesdays 11 am - 1 pm
TOPS Fri 8:30 am Weigh in & Mtg. 9 -10 am
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BINGO 6:30 pm
Lions 7:00 pm

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- Every Saturday - Wasa Country Breakfast
- August 17 - Memorial for Diana Perih
- August 17-24 Kimberley Kaleidoscope Festival
- September 14 Sheep Creek Adopt a Highway Clean up

