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Volunteerism – The Original Energy Drink

I have covid fatigue. Too much talk about covid and all the noise about the pandemic.

What I want is to get back to thinking about what makes our community great, and in my opinion it's the quality of our volunteers and the lives they have lived.

I am looking forward to a time in the not so distant future when we can get together and have fun. Because when we are together volunteering it's magical. It's like an extended family, a community of family members working together.

It's also time to honour and remember a few of our volunteers. Those pillars in our community who have passed away or others who have moved away.

Bev Rauch 1927 to 2020 and Brenda Rauch 1932 to 2021

When you are in your 90's and are still volunteering it not so much about what you did but the type of person you were. If Bev and Brenda were asked to help, they showed up and contributed. If one was asked to help with an event, the other was usually there as well.

Jane Walter recalls trying to get volunteers for an event at the hall. She needed help in the kitchen. The only ones that volunteered that night were Bev and Brenda. Bev was in his 90's and not doing well.

Bev was a founding member of the Wasa Lions. He served on the Lions executive presenting each new member with a wooden badge he had hand crafted. Bev was justifiably proud of helping create many community structures: the hall, the kitchen and covered eating area, the skating rink, the Lions path, all conceived and built by the Lions Club and the community over the decades. He patiently and doggedly met with government members and bureaucrats to secure permission to build the columbarium and the Wasa Memorial Garden and served in subsequent years selling the niches. When area flooding needed a response, he served on the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District board. He provided guidance to our Area E Director Jane Walter, serving on the Advisory Planning and Electoral Area Advisory Commissions.

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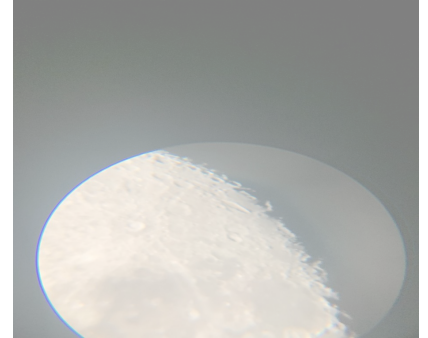


WHEN THE MOON HITS YOUR EYE

submitted by Barry Morvai

Hello and welcome to the eighth month of this, the 21st year, of the 21st century. Sounds kinda ominous saying it like that, if you're into science fiction. Or what used to be science fiction.

60 years ago, people were looking at the stars trying to figure how we can get there even if its only as far as the moon. Movies and tv shows had people blasting into space on a silver rocket and landing with the same rocket sound familiar? Sure, running around on a strange planet with a funky looking disco suit and a helmet that opens with just a touch is pretty far fetched but now the rockets are designed to land back here on terra nova so we can go again. People will soon be punching their ticket to tour the outer atmosphere just to say they were in space. There are people getting prepared to head out to mars. Right now, mars is the only planet inhabited by robots. All this has happened in the last 60 years. Just imagine what will be possible in a hundred years. Space 1999 had a colony on the moon plans are already drawn up for placing modules on the moon to make it easier for long range exploration.



Hyper-sleep chambers are being tested so we can endure flights that could last 30-40-50 years or eventually even longer (planet of the apes). Imagine a star ship capable of carrying hundreds of people to distant solar systems like ours will it ever happen? Not in my life time but it could eventually if you use your imagination. 😊

So, while you're thinking about space travel, here's what's happening in the sky for August:

August 2 - Saturn will be at opposition. The ringed planet will be at its closest approach to earth and will be fully illuminated by the sun. This will be a great time for viewing the rings and some of its larger moons.

August 8 - New moon. Again, great time to view faint objects in the night sky.

August 12,13 - Perseids meteor shower. This is one of the best observable showers in the night sky as it produces upwards 60 per hour. These are particles left over from comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1862. The shower runs annually from July 17 to august 24. Best viewing will be after midnight enjoy!!

August 19 - Jupiter will be at opposition. This planet will be at its closest approach to earth and it too will be visible all night long. A medium size telescope can offer views of Jupiter's cloud bands and a good pair of binoculars should allow you to see her four largest moons, appearing as bright dots on either side of the planet.

August 22 - Full moon, Blue moon. This event only happens once every few years, giving rise to the term "once in a blue moon". There are normally 3 full moons in each season of the year, but they also occur every 29.5 days, so occasionally, we will have 4 full moons in a season. They occur, on average, every 2.7 years. The natives refer to this as the "Sturgeon moon", as the larger sturgeon were more easily caught this time of year. Green corn moon, Grain moon, Wheat cut moon and Moon when all things ripen time to check the garden. 😊

Why be a volunteer? It's not for money, it's not for fame, it's not for any personal gain, it's just for love of fellow man, it's just to give a helping hand, it's just to give a little of oneself.

That's something you can't buy with wealth, it's not medals worn with pride, it's for that feeling deep inside, it's your reward down in your heart, it's feeling that you've been a part of helping others far and near. That's what makes one want to BE A VOLUNTEER!



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Brenda helped organize and operate the community library regularly reading to children. She, along with June Clubley, Andrea Konschuh, Bev Falkiner, and Sandy Kay formed the original committee that organized one of Wasa's best known traditions and a critical community fundraiser, the Wasa Country Breakfast. She personally and annually organized country breakfasts for both the library and historical society. She used these breakfasts as a fundraising opportunity selling surplus library books. Brenda was known to volunteer for just about every Lions fundraiser. The organization and operation of the gym in the community hall was another of her accomplishments.

It would be difficult to find any area of community life or service that Bev and Brenda were not involved in.

Don Konschuh 1934 to 2021

Don was like bottled sunshine, always smiling and laughing. He will be remembered as a warm friendly outgoing gentleman with an infectious laugh. "That's what he genuinely was," recalls his niece Marli Price, "Already, I really miss him."

Don kept a toolbox in the Lions kitchen so he could fix everything. The Lions club immediately felt his absence several years ago when he and his wife Andrea, who survives him, moved to Cranbrook. Suddenly out of propane at a pancake breakfast? Oh, that was something Don quietly looked after.

Spring cleanup on the Lions Path would find him and Hugh Campbell piloting the old broom tractor caked from a cloud of dust. Summer would find him early at pancake breakfasts, putting up ropes, starting the grill and cooking sausages. Andrea, his wife, would be working with him. Weekdays would find him fixing the roof or working on the rink boards. Christmas would find him setting the stage and running to pick up supplies for the annual party. Winter would have him making water wheels as community fundraisers. An example of his craftsmanship can be seen slowly turning at the Memorial Garden.

Don remembered everybody's name on hearing it once. *Volunteering with him was fun. He made it that way.*

Anastasia nee Kinakin 1933 to 2020

Known in our community as Nelly, with the last name Vereshagen once she married Pete. Nelly was another lifelong volunteer serving well into her 80s. Her daughter Sherry Shields describes Nelly and her dad as inseparable before his passing 24 years earlier. As part of her employment at Fort Steele around 1970, Nelly drove a Clydesdale team hauling a surrey with passengers around the grounds. This was a skill that she and Pete would use hauling the children at the Wasa school on sleigh rides pulled by their own horses.

Kids were important to Nelly and Pete. Pete was employed by the Parks department in Wasa, which in the 1970s constructed and funded a skating rink. Most days with Nelly helping, Pete would get up at 3:00 AM each day to flood the rink (on his own unpaid time) so it would be ready for kids to skate on before school. The rink at the Lions Grounds is named for Pete.

Nelly would make and serve bannock for the annual school skate-a-thon where students would skate laps as a fundraiser. Over 50 years later, the Vereshagen family continues the tradition, fresh cooked bannock with skating at our Winterfest.

For Nelly, service was cooking, massive quantities of stuffing and desserts for the annual Christmas party, meals when word went out of someone in the community ill and in need. Nelly was famous for her air buns as everyday gifts for the lucky recipients.

Sandy and Laurie Kay

There is a sweet spot when you have an exceptional volunteer like Sandy Kay. During Sandy's working life she operated the Honey Bee Hair Salon. Make no mistake Sandy is a queen bee, possessed of high standards, vision and an eye for beauty. Karen Markus tells a story about Sandy as a volunteer. After over 15 years service on the Recreation Society Board, Sandy left the hall in tip top shape. She had kept a to-do list of small and large projects, with the focus of maintaining, improving, and promoting the facility. One example was sourcing restaurant quality appliances for the kitchen at reasonable prices. Sandy brought these same talents to the Wasa Memorial Garden and the decorating for the Lions Xmas dance. Typically, after these work parties Sandy supplied the food. A heart of gold in a small determined body, it was always a pleasure to work with Sandy Kay.

Like many volunteers, much of Laurie's community contribution was channeled through the Wasa Lions Club, where he served in both local and area leadership. As an educator and principal of the Wasa school prior to its closure, one focus of Laurie's was the funding and awarding of the Wasa Lions - Mike Hrabachuck Memorial Scholarship, which provides an annual \$750 scholarship to an area graduate for each of the first two years. In wintertime, he ran the rink, organizing snow removal and flooding. He was a constant volunteer and cheerful mingler at pancake breakfasts.

Although he and Sandy moved to Cranbrook, Laurie remains a member, recently energizing an effort to attract new members. Laurie's Lament is a closing feature of local Lions meetings, where he somehow succeeds in regaling members with borderline raunchy jokes tastefully. Maybe the Aussie accent helps him get away with it.

Laurie volunteered as a monthly lake water quality tester, a lake height recorder and as a trustee with the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District. Once, I assisted Laurie on the last water test of the year. It was so cold the lake was freezing as we rowed to shore. Now that's commitment.*

There are many ways each one of us can help make a difference in this community. Not everyone is a Bev or Brenda, a Don or Nelly, or Sandy and Laurie.

One voluntary gesture on your part would help make the work of our volunteers easier. In September you will be asked by the Regional District of East Kootenay to support a facilities operating tax of not more than \$45.00/ year.

There is no easy way to say this other than the costs of insurance, hydro and ongoing maintenance of facilities in Wasa are causing our volunteers to burn out. We are not asking for a free ride, but assistance to continue the spirit of volunteerism with less financial stress.

Please consider supporting this initiative.

Compiled by Susanne Ashmore; Submitted by the facilities tax working group:

Karen Markus, Bonnie Meena, Marilyn Bowen, Sharon Prinz, Clay Tippet, Susanne Ashmore

Phone response team: Brent McInnis, Lois and Jack Morrison, Dale Leask, Tanya Yost-Monro, Laurie Kay.

****We also gratefully acknowledge the work of our community volunteers,
not named in this article, who make a difference.***

Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practise one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them.

Harriet Naylor

Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Sherry Shields

The garden is thriving thanks to our dedicated volunteers. Recognition to the weekly summer volunteers for keeping the garden looking pristine, Jack Walkley for his help on the irrigation system, and Richard Alessio for bringing his lawnmower and whipper snipper to mow the long grass around the perimeter of the garden and the trail leading to the garden. Your dedication is appreciated.

If interested in volunteering at the garden please contact
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There are a few books remaining for sale.
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Wasa Community Church

Just wanted to start out with a little announcement:

On Saturday, August 7th, we will be having a 'yard' sale at the parking lot of the church from 9am-3pm. There won't be prices on the items as it will all be by donation. So come out and take a look and see if there's anything you might like!

Now onto a quick message:

One of the stories I really love in the Bible is the story of Zacchaeus. Perhaps we are familiar with it, remembering a shorter man who had to climb up a sycamore tree in order to see over the crowds and get a glimpse of Jesus. What really sticks out to me, though, is how, when Jesus comes up to the tree and tells him to come down, for he must "stay at his house today," Zacchaeus reacts in this way: "So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully" (Luke 19:6 ESV). I love seeing Zacchaeus' joy once he knows Jesus wants to spend time with him. You see, Zacchaeus was the type of person that would really get under your skin. Not only was he the guy that would come to collect your taxes, but he also took extra for himself to line his own pockets. He was a cheat. He was hated. That changed with Jesus. What we see with Zacchaeus is genuine repentance. After meeting Jesus, One who showed him love, he decides to give away half his riches to the poor, and to give back fourfold to anyone he's defrauded.

Any of us could've looked at Zacchaeus and written him off as a lost cause. Jesus did the opposite, and it changed Zacchaeus' life. When we look at Christ's work throughout the Bible, we find that there's no one too far off for Him. He wants to be with us, and He's gone to some of the greatest lengths in order to make that possible. He's gone to the cross to take our sins upon His perfect self, dying in agony before rising again on the third day. If we, in true repentance, place our faith in Him and what He's done, our sins are completely forgiven and we're allowed into heaven. We don't have to work our way there. We aren't required to earn our forgiveness. It's given to us because we believe in Him. He's done the work Himself, paving the way for us to be able to enter into His house forever. And what a reason that is to receive Him joyfully.

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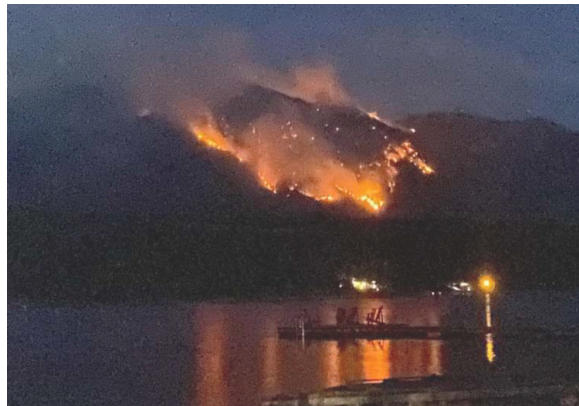


WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE PREVENTION & SUPPRESSION

submitted by Kathy McCauley

WILDFIRE!

Fire season has started one month earlier than normal throughout BC, and Wasa has had a couple of fire wakeup calls already this summer, first on Mount Bill Nye behind Lazy Lake, then near Saugum Lake about 13 kms south-east of Wasa. Fortunately, BC Wildfire Services hit those nearby fires fast and hard. Other parts of BC are not as lucky; the village of Lytton (pop 250) burned up in minutes on June 30, and fires continue to rage in the Cariboo and Okanagan. As I write this on July 15th, the Bill Nye fire has suddenly flared up again and there are 25 new wildfires in BC prompting evacuation alerts and orders. We are grateful that campfires and fireworks are banned throughout the province.



Climate change scientists tell us that as summer temperatures increase and rainfall declines, wildfire season will grow longer and fires will be larger and more intense. The events of the last several decades support that hypothesis. Over the past 10 years, on average, 1,356 wildfires have occurred and 347,104 hectares have burned over a full fire season. (BC Wildfire Season Summary www2.gov.bc.ca)

None of this is good news but we don't need to stand by helplessly wringing our hands. Research proves that homes that are prepared stand a good chance of surviving ember storms flying in from nearby wildfire. Reduce the fire hazard on your property by establishing a 30' non-combustible zone around your house, reduce fuel on your property by spacing and trimming trees, clean up brush and junk piles, and keep basic fire suppression tools and water on hand. For more info check our website at www.wasafire.weebly.com or FireSmart BC <https://firesmartbc.ca>

Report wildfires to 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell. For bulletins regarding fire and other emergency news, sign up for the Regional District of East Kootenay newsletter by emailing lduczek@rdek.bc.ca Ask for the RDEK's 2021 Fire Season Preparedness Guide.

Here's hoping we can dodge the bullet again this summer!

Many of you have a story, adventure or life story about people you know in our area, that happened in years past and you are eager to share, so that the history is not lost. I would like to include them in the "Following the Trails of Yesterday" page. Please phone me if you would like to contribute to the column at 250.422.3766 or email me at -- judymcphee9@gmail.com

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...While creating this newsletter, I logged onto SO Country and was pleasantly surprised! Great music selection, no reception issues, community orientated and so easy! I'll be meeting with Dennis to discuss promoting opportunities with the Tri-Village Buzz as SO Country is in the process of expanding to the East Kootenay. Give it a try! ...

"Radio DJ making Waves with Loyal Country Listeners"

Cranbrook and East Kootenay Radio listeners will be proud to learn that the morning announcer at the new Summit FM, Dennis Walker (came to Cranbrook after over 25 years broadcasting in Penticton) was again selected as the South Okanagan Similkameen's most popular radio hosts.

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Dennis Walker - South Country

Wendy Davis originally did an article on this personable fellow in the February 2016 Buzz. I had the pleasure of meeting him recently, when he invited me to do a live interview on Summit 107, highlighting the Tri-Village Buzz. I thought it would be fun to do an update.

"It was September 11th, 2015 that Summit 107, (now 2-dayfm) hit the airwaves in Cranbrook. After 27 years in country radio in Penticton, my wife and I made the move to the East Kootenay. CIGV in Penticton sold to a corporate group out of Halifax and made changes which included moving the station to Kelowna.

CIGV was one of the last family-owned radio stations in Canada at the time it was sold. The owner, Ralph Robinson died of Alzheimer's in 2003 and the family was finding it hard to carry on without him. At the time, I had started an internet radio station in my kitchen. I knew the incoming company would syndicate and take the truly local, community- feel out of the presentation, which they did.

I was a bit ahead of my time in that people weren't too familiar with going to the internet to listen to the radio. It was also hard to go into a business and sell advertising as the first question usually asked is 'so how many people are listening to your radio station.' Naturally, I had very few so it was hard generating revenue.

The effort didn't make me very much money but the show of ambition did get me a job. The morning show here in Cranbrook.

As we were getting settled here, my brother helped me build a studio in my basement so I could keep doing my internet radio broadcasts back to Penticton. The studio I now use to produce show bits and cut commercials. There weren't enough hours in the day to do both so I stayed focused on my morning show. The Tri-Village Buzz, (Wendy then) did a feature with me when I first arrived from the Okanagan. When I saw the Tri-Village Buzz yellow paper stand at the Wasa Store, it reminded me of the feature. My wife and I frequent Wasa Provincial Park and have since we moved here. While in Penticton we often went to the beach in Naramata just to get out of town and change routine so Wasa has become our "Naramata" here in the East Kootenay.

July 15th will officially mark my 40th year in radio. I have never taken any broadcasting courses. I did volunteer work in my high school years growing up in Creston which lead me to a rewarding career in broadcasting.

Thank You to Wasa and the community for always letting us enjoy our visits the lovely setting you have to offer.

Dennis Walker 107.5 2-day FM"

Wasa Recreation Contribution Service to go to Elector Assent Process

The RDEK Board has given three readings to the Wasa Recreation Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw and submitted it to the Province. If the required Ministry approvals are received, an elector assent process will be held in the next few months.

The idea for the proposed service was brought forward to the RDEK by the Wasa Recreation Society and Wasa & District Lions Club, who are concerned that maintaining the required level of volunteerism and fundraising needed to support several community assets is unsustainable.

If it receives the required support of electors, the new service would provide an annual grant to the Wasa Recreation Society for operation and maintenance costs of community amenities including, but not limited to, a community hall, outdoor kitchen area, tennis courts, outdoor ice arena, public wash-room facility, softball fields, Wasa Lions Trail and playground.

When the proposed bylaw receives the Ministry's approval, the RDEK will be providing detailed public information about the proposed Service, potential costs and Alternative Approval Process, likely in September.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks once the required approvals are in place and the elector assent process can move forward.

Re: July's report: I included a comment about Decibel levels being regulated by Canada Transport. The RDEK Board had a presentation from a group that is asking Canada Transport to put in new regulations regarding decibel levels to be enforced on all Canadian waters. The Board agreed and sent a letter of support.

In regards to the safe boating signs, the W.A.S.A. group had received permission from the Boating Safety Officer Of Boating Safety / Transport Canada / Government Canada.

Although now we are getting information from the Navigation Protection Officer / Navigation Protection Program Transport Canada / Government Canada that they are not legal.

I find this very confusing because **one branch is stating that they are legal and another branch is saying they are illegal.** Both of these branches are with Transport Canada. I have asked both branches to have a zoom meeting with the RDEK CAO and myself so we can learn what is the best fit for the Wasa Lake users. I will report to everyone what we learn. Until I do learn who is right or wrong please follow common sense and recreate safely.

I hope everyone has a safe summer and can get together with your friends and family.

If you have any questions or concerns ,please contact me at s.janewalter@gmail.com or call me 250-427-2577
Thanks, Jane Walter

The **Wasa Recreation Society** manages the Wasa Community Hall. The main objective is to have a Community Hall that is viable for events and recreation of the community. Through fund-raising, volunteering and rentals, we are able to have an economical community hall for our community. The Recreation Society meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the basement. The meetings are open for anyone wanting to attend with new ideas or becoming part of the Society committee.

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- **Library:** Judy McPhee 250.422.3766
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- In addition, BINGOs are held the 2nd tuesday of the month - 6 months of the year, at the Wasa Hall. See details in the calendar. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. & regular at 6:45 p.m.



CORRECTION - RDEK STATEMENT - Funding BUOYS and SIGNAGE

In this month's BUZZ, RDEK CAO Mr. Shaun Tomlin stated, "In 2017 the RDEK provided a grant to the WLLID through the discretionary grant-in-aid program,"

This statement is incorrect. This grant was provided to the W.A.S.A. group for the purchase of buoys and signage.

At the request of the RDEK and W.A.S.A., the WLLID acted, as an agent to handle the funding the RDEK Area E gave to the W.A.S.A. group. This was WLLID's only involvement.

WLLID did not communicate or work with lakefront owners on signs or buoys at anytime before or since 2017. The purpose and use of signs and buoys were the sole responsibility of the W.A.S.A. group.

WLLID would like to reassure all Wasa residents that it no longer works with the RDEK to handle "discretionary grant-in-aid" monies.

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2.Operation of Vessels

(7) No person shall operate a power-driven vessel at a speed in excess of 10 km/h within 30 m of the shore in the following waters:

- (a) the waters of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta;
- (b) the rivers and lakes in British Columbia;

Safe Operation

15 (1) A person who operates a vessel shall

- (a) take into account any circumstances that could pose a danger to the vessel or to other vessels; and
- (b) avoid endangering the safety of persons involved in any activity in any waters.

The operator of a pleasure craft shall take the following actions when sharing the waterways with others:

- 1. Stay well clear of swimmers, paddle craft, wildlife, and waterfront properties**
- 2. Adjust your speed to reduce noise whenever possible so as not to be an irritant to other users or to waterfront residents.**
- 3. Adjust the speed of your craft so that your wash and wake will not disturb others (such as swimmers and paddle craft), erode shorelines, disturb wildlife (such as nesting waterfowl), or damage property. Follow the Collision Regulations requirements regarding maintaining a safe speed depending on visibility and water conditions;**
- 4. Know and comply with all boating restrictions (engine power limits, speed limits, etc.) in effect where you are operating, and**
- 5. Use courtesy and common sense so as not to create a hazard, a threat, a stress, or an irritant to others or to the environment.**

W.A.S.A. THERE ARE ATTEMPTS BY FACEBOOK USERS WHO ARE NOT WASA RESIDENTS TO MISINFORM, DIVIDE AND ALARM WASA RESIDENTS .

1) The INFORMATIONAL Buoys in Wasa are 100% legal. These do not impede navigation. These buoys were made under the direction of Transport Canada in 2017. The RDEK recently installed similar buoys in Columbia Lake, near Canal Flats. These are Informational Buoys and are also legal. These are not navigational buoys nor are they mooring buoys. Informational buoys are legal and are approved by Transport Canada and the RDEK.

2) Both Transport Canada and the RDEK approved the Informational boating safety signs. These are also legal.



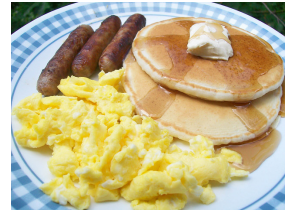
Wasa Country Breakfast

The Wasa Recreation Society (non profit Society which operates the Wasa Community Hall) and Wasa and District Lions work together to bring you the Saturday morning Wasa Country Breakfast. Different groups from our community volunteer each Saturday to prepare the breakfasts for locals and visitors.

2022 we hope to bring you the Wasa Country Breakfast back each Saturday throughout the summer.

To get things rolling we are having two Saturday breakfasts this year August 28 and September 4 put on by the volunteers of the Wasa Recreation Society and the Wasa and District Lions Club.

Breakfast served from 8:30 am to 11:00 pm. Includes: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee (or juice) Price: Large \$6.00; small \$5.00.



Come out and join us.



WASA PARADE OF CARS

It was fun to see the variety of cars that swung through Wasa on the evening of June 30th. If I have missed posting a pic of your 'classic' car, I do apologize. Y'all were going too quick to catch every one :)



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: Seeking reprieve from smokey skies;

Although, in our immediate area, the forest fire situation is not as bad as it has been in past years, we are still battling the smokey skies. And there are a lot of individuals who take to the back country, in an effort to get away, even for a few hours. Which can be a risk in and of itself. New fires start up randomly from unseen lightening strikes and what may have been a safe area when you left home - are safe no longer. ***What do you do?***

BEFORE YOU HIT THE TRAIL:

- Check online for current conditions, news bulletins, closures, etc.
- Contact the local conservation officers for any info on the location you plan to hike.
- Let someone know where you are going to be and when you are expected to return.

NATURE OF A WILDFIRE:

- Fire burns uphill faster, due to updrafts and smoke rising. ****Note;** in the case of Mt. Bill Nye, the steep terrain resulted in burning trees tumbling **downhill**, so the fire was spreading just as fast downhill as up. Be aware of the terrain you are in and the anomalies that may result!!
- Fire needs wood and vegetation to travel.
- Natural or man-made firebreaks like streams and roads help to slow down wildfires, but do not always work.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF A WILDFIRE IS SPOTTED:

- Call it in!! Plan an escape route well in advance.
- Travel upwind and downhill.
- Aim for areas with little to no vegetation.
- Stay away from canyons, saddles and draws as they will funnel heat towards you.
- Head towards streams or any areas that have already burned out.
- Look for natural or man-made fire breakers, like cleared areas, roads, streams, etc.

IF YOU GET CAUGHT IN A FIRE:

- Keep your clothes dry; wet clothing will scald under high heat.
- If you are in grasslands, try to clear the vegetation so there is nothing near you to burn.
- Lie face down with your feet towards the fire, and dig a hole to stick your face in, to avoid breathing smoke.
- If the wind is blowing toward the fire from your position, run into the wind. If the wind is behind the fire, blowing toward you, run at a right angle (perpendicular) to the wind.

IF YOU SURVIVED:

- Find an escape route through an area that has already burned or has minimal vegetation. Watch for falling branches from fire-damaged trees. Seek medical help for unseen/unknown injuries.

What's in your pack? What are some of the safety items you should always carry when hiking in the back country?

Choose a backpack that is made from a non synthetic, fire resistant material while visiting high-risk zones. Carry a detailed map of the campsite with accurate information of water sources; canyons cleared land, etc. Make sure you carry the top 10 hiking essential with you, in case of emergency. These include navigation (map and compass), sun protection (sunglasses and sunscreen), insulation (extra clothing), illumination (head lamp/flashlight), first aid supplies, waterproof matches or lighter, repair kit and tools, extra food, extra water, whistle, and mirror, camera. And I would add, perhaps one of those lightweight thermal blankets? Wear non-synthetic clothing - nylon based material will fuse to your skin!

If you pack it in - pack it out. Be aware of fire bans / restrictions in the area. Don't smoke (and if you do, don't leave the butt behind!)



Do you still love? Because Love is essential, vital and capital!

If one doesn't feel Love flowing in their veins, then there is no joy, no flame, no happiness, no passion, no elevating thrilling vibrations and their life feels empty. For life to be invigorating and dynamic, it needs to be infused with a devouring Love which allows one to vanquish all obstacles and colors life with beauty.

It is not uncommon to be emptied of Love. We don't pay attention to it, and more than that, we end up getting used to living without the Force of Love. We often fail to pay attention to the fact that the excitement of Love is no longer with us. For most people, it's as if Love is only for lovers and when the passion is over, we should forget it. But when the passion is over, it is replaced with moroseness, sadness, dryness of heart and emptiness. Yet, we are made to Love one another.

In one of His Main last Commandment, **Jesus** told His disciples: ***"Love one another, as I have loved you." (...)*** ***"This is my commandment, that you love one another, even as I have loved you."*** John 15:12.

Remember the time when you fully sought love everywhere. Even though it was the search for "human love", which is both physical and emotional... it was thrilling. Remember the first time you felt that this particular person could be the One, the One to whom you would give everything. When love strikes, there is no limit as long as the recipient of your Love feels it, shares it, accepts it, receives it and keeps it. We call that the "Flow of Love". It is a palpable river of

intense energy that runs between two bodies and two hearts. This energy is so strong that it can dry up your mouth, accelerate your heartbeat, and make your hands sweat, leaving your legs without strength. All this to prove to you the real Power and the real Strength of the Force of Love on our body, our mind and our entire life. **For those in Love, the world is only Love!**

So now that you read this about Love, if you think about it, you must admit that being in Love is the best feeling ever because Love is an instantaneous experience... you love now and at every single "now". When you love, there is no "between Love", there is just Love. It is a continuum of thrilling, nice, elevating and powerful experience. "I am in love" means that you dove into it, like diving into water, that you are surrounded by it, immersed in it, you like it, you want it, there is only it and it is all that matters.

That is Love! Bravo! You have experienced it, you know what it is: it's good, it's peaceful, it's not only pleasurable, it's totally fulfilling!

Why is it that we can lose it then? How can we lose something so amazing, so wonderful and so fulfilling? It's like winning the lottery and suddenly not knowing where your money went!!! Whoops!!! What's wrong with this picture?

When you love, you don't think, you just love! You cannot be reasoned, you cannot explain it, there is no mind, there is just your heart open to someone else's heart... it is simple, it is obvious, there is nothing you can do about it and nothing you want to do about it; you like the feeling and you let it flow. So, we

can say that love is simple, natural and the source of an unconditioned experience of joy. When you love, you don't think... you feel! "I love you!" That's it! If you think, if you reflect intellectually upon your love, then you don't feel it anymore. You are in a state of analysis and comparison, and you immediately lose the freshness and simplicity of the Presence of Love. Thus, we can assert that thinking is a "Love killer". The more you think about "why" you love, the further you get from experiencing the Flow of Love, and the more dried up your fulfillment becomes. Thinking or reflecting about Love closes the Flow of Love immediately. Because when you think, you are in the mechanics of the thinking process, so you don't feel with your heart, you only work with your head. And when you're in your head, you are in your individual world, while Love can only be experienced here and now in the real moment. It is not that love can go away, it is that most people depart from love by living in their individual world of thoughts and opinions. Come back here now and seek Love again!

What do you Love unconditionally at this very moment of your life that makes you immediately happy? The return of the Flow of Love is possible no matter your life situation or how old you are! In fact, Love is of the Spiritual Domain! I will go further into this interesting topic in our next article.

With Love to each of you since Love is only something we can give, offer and share!

I Love you!

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H. H. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha
Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram

WHAT IS TOPS—TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY?

TOPS is a non-profit international wellness support group that has thousands of chapters in the United States and Canada. There are several chapters in our local area—Cranbrook, Creston, Invermere, Fernie to name just a few. There is a chapter here in Wasa. It is BC 4999 Wasa.

TOPS is inclusive of men, women and teenagers. TOPS supports members to make lifestyle changes that help to reduce weight. Reducing weight leads to a healthier life allowing one to have energy and stamina to do the things one loves.

Meetings are once a week and last for one hour. A program is presented that gives information on topics such as nutrition, exercise, emotional eating, etc. TOPS has a wonderful manual – “REAL LIFE: THE HANDS-ON POUNDS-OFF GUIDE” that is available to members. Meeting once a week helps to keep one mindful of making healthy choices. Membership includes a magazine that is published every 2 months. This magazine has tips, recipes and inspirational stories to support wellness.

Our group also gets together for fun activities. Swimming at Fairmont Hot Springs and attending performances at Key City Theater are two favorites.

Success is caring for yourself. When one becomes a member, they set a goal weight. Two local members have achieved their goal weight.

Arla Monteith is an inspiration to all members. She lost 50 lbs to goal. Once reaching goal a TOPS member then becomes a KOPS—that is ‘Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly’. Arla in 17 years never lost her KOPS status. Arla even became a cover for the TOPS magazine. Imagine our surprise when Arla appeared on the cover riding her bicycle in the Wasa Triathlon.

Even Arla did not know that she was the ‘cover girl’. That was a great day when we picked up our mail!!

Sonia Blackwell is another member to reach goal. Sonia has been a KOPS for 5+ years and has not ever lost her status. Sonia makes wise eating choices and counts her many steps daily. Sonia is on the executive of the local group. She inspires us to follow her lead, be mindful and to make healthy choices.

Because of Covid restrictions the group has not been able to meet over the last 16 months. However we have kept in touch via email. We now have been meeting outdoors for coffee and some socialization.

With Covid restrictions being lifted and vaccinations taking place, we hope to have our meetings in the community hall sometime this coming September.

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Sharon Prinz 250-417-7654
Darcy Tagg 250-417-6617
Kathy McCauley 250-427-6637
Debbie Waterer 250-426-9791

The people listed are members of the
Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and
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community fire suppression trailer and call
others with water trailers to help.

**The aim is to prevent fire from spreading,
NOT to put out house fires.**



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We have been receiving a number of questions about buoys placed on Wasa Lake, and the regulations around placement of private buoys. **Private buoys are regulated by Transport Canada, and are *not* within the jurisdiction of the RDEK.**

The following information can be accessed through Transport Canada publications:

Owner's Guide to Private Buoys Guide. Private buoys must have certain characteristics and must not impede navigation (or else it may be removed as outlined under the ***Private Buoy Regulations.***)

With regard to the queries about speed limits within 30m of shore: The ***Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations*** state, in part, that restrictions for operating a vessel in excess of 10km/h within 30m of the shore doesn't apply if the vessel is operated for the purpose of towing a person on water skis or on any other sporting or recreational equipment, if the vessel follows a course away from and perpendicular to the shore (Section 2, paragraphs 7 and 8). For further information on this, please contact the Office of Boating Safety as the legislation falls under their program. They can be reached by phone at (604) 666-2681 or email at ***TC.PAC.TM.OBS-BSN.TC@tc.gc.ca.***

We have also received queries about the RDEK's involvement in a potential Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation (VORR) application to implement additional boating or speed restrictions on Wasa Lake. The RDEK is aware of the community group (W.A.S.A.) currently surveying community members regarding speed restrictions on Wasa Lake. **At this point, no request has been submitted to the RDEK to sponsor any application.** If a request is received, there would be consideration by the RDEK Board before undertaking such a process, and the process (if undertaken) would certainly involve public consultation. The survey is being undertaken independently by the W.A.S.A. group to gauge support. **It is not an RDEK initiative.** For questions regarding the process around a VORR application, the Office of Boating Safety can be contacted by phone at (604) 666-2681 or email at ***TC.PAC.TM.OBS-BSN.TC@tc.gc.ca.***

Finally, we have received questions about recently-posted signage. In 2017 the RDEK provided a grant to the WLLID through the discretionary grant-in-aid program, for the purpose of boating safety signs and for the purchase of buoys to post the existing speed limit along the shorelines of Wasa Lake. They were to work with lakefront property owners interested in co-funding the buoys, who would then be responsible for their installation. In December 2020, a further grant was provided for the safety signage at the BC Parks boat launch. The discretionary grants-in-aid are provided at arms length, and the RDEK has not reviewed or sanctioned the content of the signs.

We hope this provides clarification on some of the issues surrounding buoys and provides the correct contacts should you have questions as this is not within the jurisdiction of the RDEK and is not our initiative.

Jennifer Wurz, from Transport Canada, has made it very clear that no one should be reprinting any portion of the information they have online. If you have any questions, you are directed to either call 613-993-0055 or email: media@tc.gc.ca

Materials already available to the public can be found at Transport Canada's website. Although she has sent me two items regarding buoys, I cannot print them here.

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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, Bingo, Wasa Recreational Society, Armchair Traveler, Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter, Wasa Gym, Wasa Community Library, Wasa Lake Land Improvement, Wasa Pancake Breakfast, Wasa & District Historical Association/Garden Group are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons. We would love to see you!

"Volunteering is a work of heart."

Things to Remember Heading Into Wildfire Season:

- *If you see smoke or a fire, report it. *5555 or 1-800-663-5555
- *Sign up for the Regional Evacuation Notification System.
- *Rely on trusted and factual information sources.
- *Look around your property and remove potential hazards.
- *Have and practice a family emergency plan.

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Wasa Lions Dinner for 6 Raffle
winner was Jane Gendron.

Congratulations to Jane and
thank you to all who support-
ed our Raffle.

Lion Alex with Murray Black-
burn made the draw



Wasa & District Lions Club

*Be a responsible "Butt-er-Outer"

*Gather your supplies



EDITOR'S NOTE:

It appears - according to social media and emails I have received - that the July Buzz stirred up a fair bit of controversy and not a few accusations. So I would like to address some of them here.

* Concerning the article of the boating incident in 2003. The individual submitting the article (who experienced the trauma), requested to be anonymous. I had to honour that. I believe he withheld specific info so he could remain anonymous. And while the W.A.S.A. committee does not post their names on their articles, they are not the only submitters that choose to simply use their committee names as the submitter; the Lions have done the same and so does WLLID. It's not meant to 'decieve' anyone, simply a preference to not be in the limelight. Articles are committee approved - no one individual wants the acknowledgement.

* Concerning RDEK & WLLID involvement; I believe they can answer for themselves. But I will point out it is very easy to point out others' wrongdoing when you are sitting back, uninvolved.

* It was my understanding that the current survey would act as an indicator to the RDEK if an additional survey was required. The survey itself is legal and unbiased.

* It was also my understanding the CNWA article was a legitimate submission - and it was, but it was not the entire article, and so may have been misleading. In future there will not be any articles printed that do not originate 'from the horse's mouth'.

The fact that erroneous or misleading information was printed is on me, as editor. And I apologize for that. This is a small community and I have always trusted everyone to submit honest, accurate articles - and want to continue to trust in that. But I will be a lot more careful in the future - so if I question your sources, please do not be offended. I am simply trying to keep our community paper reliable, ethical and informative. Also, keep in mind, I am a volunteer! that puts a huge number of personal hours into producing the newsletter you hold in your hands, for your enjoyment, and I do not always have the luxury of chasing down every minute detail in every article. Again, it comes down to trust.



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DEANN HOLLIS

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 BC Day 	3	4	5	6	7
8 Church 10:30 am	9	10	11	12 	13	14
15 Church 10:30 am	16 	17	18	19	20	21
22 Church 10:30 am	23	24	25 	26	27	28 
29 Church 10:30 am	30	31				

LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 am Lions 7 pm
 Rec Society 7 pm Quilters 10 - 4
 Library; tuesdays 11 - 1 Bingo 6:30 pm
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 Tops; friday 9 am



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