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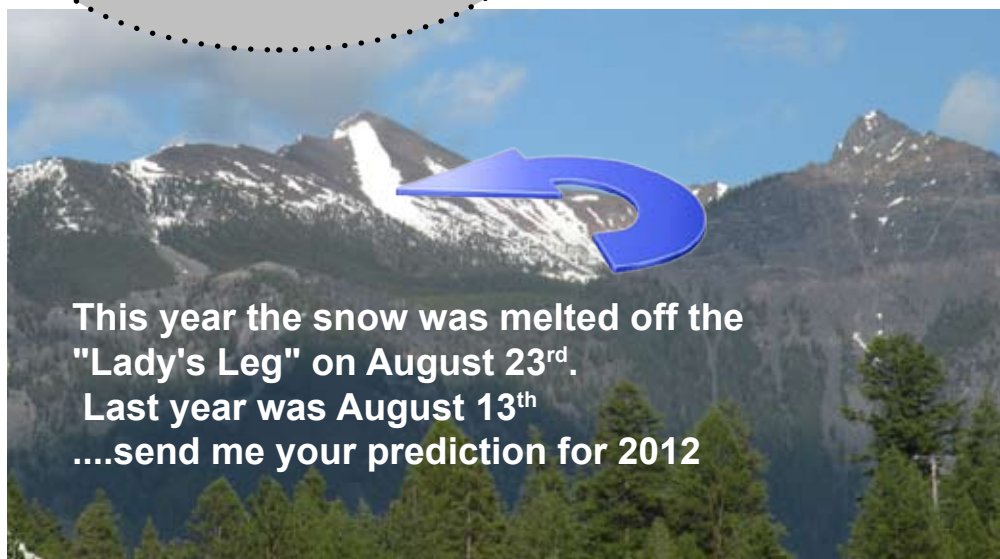
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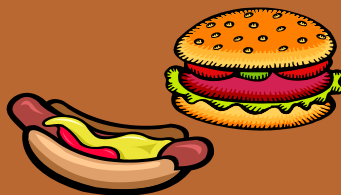
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**Answer in  
October Edition**

WASA LIONS

## Franks & Thanks

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
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WASA LIONS

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**Lions Members  
and  
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# The SPORTS DEN

with Mario Carelli

This past summer young Everett Olafson created quite a buzz around The Buzz winning an archery shoot in Sparwood and finishing 2nd in Libby Montana. In Sparwood, Everett managed to create a stir around the archery community when he shot a Robin Hood (first arrow in the bulls eye-next arrow splitting the first arrow). The odds of this occurring are 10,000 to 1. We at the Buzz would like to congratulate Everett on his successes and would like to wish him many more in the future.

For many years the Wasa Slo-Pitch team was a doormat for many teams playing them in the Kimberley League. This year under the careful and scrutinizing guidance of Murray Blackburn the team ended up with an 8-3 league record (good for 4th place in league standings) and then managed a 3rd place in the playoff tournament losing the semi final game 20-19 to the Kimberley Dodgers. We would like to congratulate Murray and his crew for an outstanding season. Now that the bar is raised higher, next years expectations are limitless. We understand that tryouts and practices commence in April. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome to attend these camps (dates, times and location to be determined). If you are interested in playing for a well oiled machine, please contact the sports editor at The Buzz.

There was a Wasa flavour at the BC Senior Games this year when 3 of our residents competed in the ice curling event held in Trail. Jeannette Abbott, Thressa Carelli and Mario Carelli along with Bryne Blanchard of Kimberley finished with a 3-3 record narrowly missed out advancing to the gold medal with a heartbreaking 7-6 loss to Chilliwack in their final round robin game. With a win they would have played for all the marbles, with a loss they were eliminated from further competition. (Talk about a disappointing tie breaking formula). The team would like to congratulate and thank all the volunteers and residents of Trail-Nelson and Castlegar for all their hard work and dedication in making these games a huge success and making the team feel welcome. Looking forward to next year already.

Well that's all for this issue, see you all next time.

If you have any sports related item or tid-bit that you would like published, please contact the sports editor at: [mcarelli@telus.net](mailto:mcarelli@telus.net).

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## Gardening Help & Hints

### Question from July

*"I have a 4 year old Northstar Cherry tree that was doing great up until last fall. The trunk of the tree has now split and most of the tree looks dead. Has anyone experienced this? If anyone has any ideas on how to bring this poor tree back to life, I'd really appreciate hearing from you."*



### Response from Cindy Flanders:

Take a burlap sack and cut it down the middle. Tie the sack tight just below the split on the tree trunk, fill the sack with bark mulch and tie the top of the sack above the split on the trunk. Keep the sack moist. (Note: I tried this shortly after Cindy called me in July - the tree has since come back to life and is full of new green leaves - it even started to bloom recently!!! Thank you Cindy!)



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## Editor's Corner

I hope everybody had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the beautiful weather we had in August.

I will be organizing a September meeting with our newsletter committee and our article submitters to discuss some new ideas for the newsletter. Below are the names of the members of the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter Committee:

- Mario Carelli
- Wilma Harding
- Melinda Howard
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As indicated in the previous newsletters, the purpose of the committee is to establish guidelines for advertising prices, article submissions and content. Please feel free to contact any of the members with ideas or concerns regarding the newsletter.

Please note our new email address: **trivillagebuzz@gmail.com**  
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Remember drop me a line if you have any ideas or submission requests. Have a great month!

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Wendy



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# News from the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyna

The summer has flown by and now it's time to start thinking about school, canning, hunting, and everything else that comes with the month of September. Autumn brings a lot of changes. The trees begin to change colors, bringing a beautiful array of different colored foliage, which eventually drops off into our yards. It also brings cooler temperatures, and as it progresses we begin to put away our summer clothes and bring out our warm sweaters. The Bible says, *"This is day that the Lord hath made, and I will rejoice in it."* Each day He has given me beauty to enjoy, and fall is no exception. In fact I really enjoy the fall season because of the colours. God is the best artist in the world, for only He can

create such different themes. We see many artists that try to capture the seasons on their canvases by painting what they see around them, and they do a wonderful job. However, neither picture nor paint could ever replace the real thing splashed across the sky and spilled over the earth like the Master's display of His finest artwork. God's creativity is unmatched, for every day is different, just like every snowflake in winter. When people say there is no God, I know they do not see with eyes like mine. They must see a plain, white canvas or a black drop cloth and not the blue skies that fade into light pink in the evening. Nor do they see the flowers that no paint on any artist's palate could attempt to match or

the trees that were each given a certain color leaf to change into when autumn arrives. 'No God,' they say. It is just that they do not know the Master of the seasons, the One who has created such magnificent displays of perfect art. What I enjoy is knowing that I know God personally because I have a relationship with Him. If any of you would like to find out more about how you to can have a relationship with the creator of this world, give me a call at 250.422.3344.

For those who have children ages 5 to 12 and who would like them to be a part of our Kids Club Program, can you please let us know as soon as possible so that we can get things organized. If you would like to register your child or if you have any questions about the club, give Patsy a call at 250.422.9226.

Pastor Gary Semenyna

The **WASA RECREATION SOCIETY'S** main objective is to generate funds to keep the Wasa Hall running. Wasa Recreation Society members meet in the basement of the Wasa Hall in the Quilters Room on the last Tuesday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend.

Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

- Hall Rentals and Information  
Karen Markus 250.422.3514  
Sandy Kay 250.422.3288
- Gym  
Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
- TOPS  
Susan 250.422.3510
- Library  
Brenda Rauch  
250.422.3335

In addition, BINGO's are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:45 pm and regular at 7:00 pm.

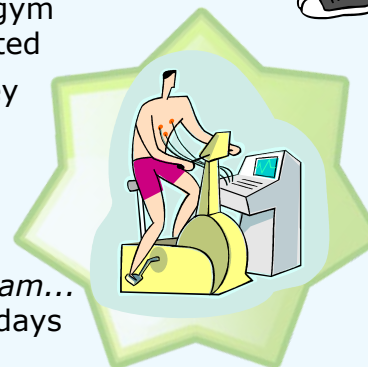
## Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

- ☐ Minimum of 2 people in the Gym at all times
- ☐ All users must sign in with date and time
- ☐ All users must sign a Wasa Recreation Programs User Waiver located at the sign- in desk
- ☐ All users are required to wear "gym shoes" - no street shoes permitted
- ☐ All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
- ☐ Cost is a loonie or twoonie
- ☐ Have fun and be safe!

*In the morning 7:30 am to 8:30 am...*  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201



*We're open to suggestions, give us a call if you know 2 or more people that would like to attend at a time not indicated.*



GYM HOURS AND INFO

## THE TERRY FOX RUN FOR CANCER RESEARCH

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### **Wasa is Set to Outrun Cancer**

*The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Terry Fox Run is coming to Wasa!*

July 11, 2011 (Port Coquitlam, BC) – After raising \$20,000 since inception in 2005, the village of Wasa was absent from *The Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research* last year. On Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>, *The Wasa Terry Fox Run* is set to make a comeback.

*"We are so pleased and feel so fortunate to have such a positive and enthusiastic Run Organizer take on this challenge,"* states Donna White, Provincial Director of the BC/Yukon Division of The Terry Fox Foundation. *"The community of Wasa will once again be able to take part in what has become a tradition for communities across the country and around the world."*

Leading the charge for the *Wasa Terry Fox Run* revival is Lynne Davis, a woman whose family and loved ones have a long-history of being plagued by this terrible disease. *"I feel so helpless when someone is suffering and there is nothing you can do,"* explains the new Wasa Run Organizer, Lynne Davis. *"When I saw the article in the paper saying there was no one to organize the Terry Fox Run in Wasa, I thought this is something I can do. In my own small way maybe I can make a difference."*

The run will start and finish at the Wasa Community Centre and Recreation Grounds, located at the North end of Wasa Lake. Registration begins at 9:30 AM with the run scheduled to start at 11:00 AM. There will be 2 km, 5 km and 10 km courses available, so people of all abilities can choose their distance. Runners, walkers and cyclists are welcome to come out and enjoy the scenic and fully accessible Lions Trail which winds its way around the lake and yes, well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome.

If you would like to volunteer to help with *The Wasa Run* or with any other Foundation initiative, it is not too late. Those interested are encouraged to contact Lynne at 1-250-422-3541 or 1-250-421-4169. For information about The Terry Fox Foundation, please visit [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org).

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For more information, images or interviews please contact  
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The Terry Fox Foundation, BC/Yukon  
1-888-836-9786 or [bc yukon@terryfoxrun.org](mailto:bc yukon@terryfoxrun.org)

## UPDATE

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED**  
**CONTACT LYNNE 240.422.3541**

**THERE WILL BE A BARBECUE AND**  
**MUSIC FOLLOWING THE RUN AT THE**  
**WASA LIONS GROUNDS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011**  
**REGISTRATION - 9:30 AM RUN - 11:00 AM**



# Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell



Hello readers! I hope you had a great summer. Only a few more sleeps and the kids will be back to school....how time flies!!

1. Keep Hummingbirds happy by cleaning their feeders in a flash. Fill the feeder with hot water and drop in one-half of a denture cleaning tablet. Wait 5 minutes and rinse until water is clear. Fill as usual with sugar water and you're back in business.
2. Reheat pizza by placing in a non-stick skillet on top of the stove. Set heat to med-low and heat until warm. This helps keep the crust crisp - no more soggy micro waved pizza!
3. To keep cheese fresh and to help reduce spoiling, place cheese in an air tight container that has a snap closing lid along with 4 sugar cubes. You'll be surprised how fresh this will keep your cheese.
4. Reduce static cling. Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clinging skirt or dress. This also works for slacks that cling to panty hose. Place the pin in the seam of the slacks and Ta Da --- static is gone!!

Hope these help

*Shoot for the moon... even if you miss it, you'll land among the stars !!!!!*

A big thank you to Kendra and the crew for all their work this year, otherwise it would have been worse. Warren and Vi

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### INVASIVE PLANTS

The RDEK Board sent a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Environment and Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations to address the long standing problem of invasive plants on Crown Land.

### HOME BASED BUSINESS REGULATIONS

The RDEK will be updating and revising Home Based Business Regulations. There will be a comprehensive public consultation, so everyone is encouraged to provide their input.

On July 5 the Official Community Plan and Zoning for Baynes Lake was adopted by the Board.

### ALR APPLICATION


An application request for ALR subdivision was received by Dick and Margaret Trentham for future family use.

### MOSQUITO CONTROL

As a result of the very wet and cold spring and early summer, the Board passed a motion to review the budget allotment for mosquito control in the Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuk and Wasa Lake areas. I received many calls about the mosquitoes this summer and I realize how frustrated everyone was. Kendra worked very hard but unfortunately could not treat the Bummers Flats area which was where a large number of the mosquitoes came from. There will be a public meeting early this fall to discuss Mosquito Control and aquifer testing, I encourage everybody to try to attend. Mark your calendars for the **Public Meeting on Monday, October 3rd at the Wasa Hall at 7pm.**

### OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

In 2012, the RDEK Board is planning revisions and updating to the Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuk, Sheep Creek and Wasa Official Community Plan. One of the questions we will ask you to consider is: "Do you wish to see development in your area. If so, where would you prefer the development location and what is your preference as far as lot or acreage size? There will be many opportunities for public consultation and discussion and the above is an example of the monthly questions I will be asking you to think about. Please take some time to think about your vision and the changes and proposals you'd like to see. This will be your opportunity to be heard.... please take advantage of it.



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### Wasa Community Church

~ Pastor Gary Semenyina ~

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Sunday  
Worship Service  
10:30 am

Thursday  
Bible Study  
7:00 pm.

### WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

The Cameron Pond culvert repair will be planned for sometime this winter or spring.

Unfortunately due to lack of volunteers and lack of a student we were able to have our WLLID displayed at only one pancake breakfast this year.

Submitted by Sharon Prinz,  
WLLID



# HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER

## THE PERRY CREEK STEAMSHOVEL

The 1901 model Steam Shovel built by Vulcan Iron Works, Toledo, Ohio now sits near the railway station of Fort Steele Heritage Town. This close relation to a railway locomotive arrived at Wanklyn (Wycliffe) in October 1902. The crew assigned to move her 18 miles up a newly cleared road beside Perry Creek had four pairs of steel rails which they laid, moved the machine to the end, set brake, ripped up three pairs of rails and laid these forward, moved, and repeated over and over again. Some steep spots offered extra challenge needing a jack. Later snow and frost slowed all work. The machine was left idle for the winter.

Once spring came the new machine had to be set at a desired site, and sluice boxes built to sit nearby. The weight of the machine on its short track soon had it sinking into the sand or gravel bed. The

operators slowly learned how to position this machine so that its big boom could scoop, swing to dump in adjacent sluice boxes, then swing to dig again.

The steam shovel needed many cords of dry wood to fire the boilers. Possibly a crew worked over the winter to harvest first dead trees then other firewood. It appears that the smokestacks were elongated (probably to minimize sparks getting to surrounding scrub, dead grass or timber). There was a cab for the operator and huge boilers (which have been removed in recent years by collectors) sitting on the rail car base. It was a curiosity when it arrived. Throughout 1903 many off duty miners or Fort Steele citizens came out to view the unusual procedure. Now it may be viewed (without paying to enter the park,) standing tall and proud despite its rust and missing parts. This is the only known surviving steam shovel on rails in Canada.



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# The Lions Den

We have one meeting in July and one in August, then gear back up to two meetings per month (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays) starting in September.

## Lions Storage Container

This summer, some of you may have noticed a steel shipping container appear on the grounds beside the washroom buildings. The Lions would like to advise that this will take the place of the current storage shed located behind the Hall, and that the storage shed will eventually be taken down. Thank you to our members who donated their time and equipment to install it. Thank you also to Dale from Wasa Building Supplies who responded to our distress call when it was realized that we needed more help and came right over with his Bobcat. And a last thank you to all the Lions members who came out and helped paint the container – it looks awesome!

## Rink Upgrade

The Lions received grant application funds in the amount of \$3,500 from the Columbia Basin Trust to do groundwork on the rink upgrade. This includes removing

trees, making the rink larger (NHL size), and taking away the extra soil and debris. This work will start in the next few weeks. Fund raising for this project is on-going and we are grateful for these grant funds. We know that the rink will be amazing once all the planned long-term renovations have taken place.



**We Serve**

## Franks & Thanks - September 10th

Mark Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendars as this is the afternoon for our Annual Franks 'N Thanks. We look forward to seeing you all there! Look for the ad in this newsletter for event times.

## Farewell to Lion Warren Clark

It is with great sadness that we said good-bye to long time member Warren Clark who recently passed away. Our heartfelt condolences go out to all his family and his partner, fellow Lion member Marilyn Bowen. We are honored to have had such a loyal and dedicated member as Warren, who spent many hours keeping the Lions Grounds maintained and all our equipment in working order. You will be missed, Warren, but never forgotten.

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## Secrets to a long happy marriage



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."





### NO LONGER BE AFRAID

Fear is the most stressful emotion because it paralyzes objectivity and clarity of mind, and makes you see reality as it is not. Fear focuses on what you do not want to happen, what you judge to be unacceptable in your life. Most people spend their entire life fighting against what they call "the worst", that which they think will prevent them from being completely happy. In an ordinary mind, fear is dominant and unconsciously controls one's every action, even the action of thinking.

When you realize that, no matter what kind of fear is within you, it occurs because you are refusing, rejecting and not accepting what is, as it is; then you realize that the conflict created by fear is never related to the situation, but to yourself. In the practice of Yoga in daily activities, I teach aspirants to deal with fear by realizing that,

no matter what they want or do not want, like or dislike right now, what is happening, is happening and nothing can ever change the nature of the situation that has already occurred.

It is wrong to think that it is possible to refuse a situation since, at any moment, the situation is as it is, and it cannot be otherwise for the time being. By being aware of your own fear while you integrate any situation, you will easily see that you cannot make a good decision until you have first fully accepted the situation as it is. To do so, learn to say "Yes" to what is as it is, before taking any action, so that you respond to the necessity of the situation rather than wanting the situation to be different or as you would like it to be. At any moment, nothing can be different from what it is; accept that once and for all to free yourself from all conflicts.

Take your fear into consideration in any situation, and then accept the situation as it is to quiet your mind and to be able to act properly, rather than reacting inappropriately because you refuse the situation.

From there, you will discover that fear was your only true enemy and that you can overcome it easily by accepting more and refusing less. To act correctly, stop reacting and be free from fear.

May all good things be granted to you, since you will face all situations, good and bad, in a balanced manner!

Warmly yours in the Lord.

No longer be afraid!

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**Guruji Hamsah Nandatha**

Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram -  
Wasa, BC

### CABIN ON THE KOOTENAY RIVER For Sale



**Lot 7, Springbrook Resort**  
4527 Hwy 93/95, Skookumchuck  
**[www.cabinsforsale.ca](http://www.cabinsforsale.ca)**  
250-422-3563

this is a joint ownership development of shared interest

## Fanny's Favorites

### CHICKEN SWISS

- 4 - 6 Skinless Boneless Chicken Breasts
- 4 - 6 Slices Kraft Swiss Cheese
- 1 Package Stove Top Stuffing Mix
- 1/4 Cup Butter
- 1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1/2 Cup White Wine
- Salt and Pepper to Taste

Place chicken breasts in a 9" x 13" casserole dish, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place swiss cheese slices over chicken. Mix cream of mushroom soup and white wine in a bowl and pour over chicken and cheese. Melt butter and mix with stuffing. Spread stuffing mixture over chicken mixture. Cover and bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour at 350°. Serve with rice and fresh vegetables.



# September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Bible Study	<b>2</b> Yoga	<b>3</b> Pancake Breakfast
<b>4</b> Church	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Quilters Lions	<b>7</b> TOPS Library	<b>8</b> Bible Study	<b>9</b> Yoga	<b>10</b> Lions Franks & Thanks
<b>11</b> Church	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Quilters BINGO Library	<b>14</b> TOPS Library	<b>15</b> Bible Study	<b>16</b> Yoga	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Church Terry Fox Run	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Quilters Lions Library	<b>21</b> TOPS Library	<b>22</b> Bible Study	<b>23</b> Yoga	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Church	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Quilters Rec Society Library	<b>28</b> TOPS Library	<b>29</b> Bible Study	<b>30</b> Yoga	

## LEGEND

- Church Service 10:30 am
- Quilters 10am-4pm
- BINGO 6:45pm
- Rec Society 7:00 pm
- Lions 7:00 pm
- Library Tues 11am - 1pm
- Library Wed 6:30pm -8:30 pm
- Gym (M,W,F 7:30-8:30am)
- Bible Study 7pm
- Yoga (Ashram) Hatha 5:30 pm
- Yoga (Ashram) Mantra & Meditation 7pm
- TOPS 6:30 pm

## Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Saturday, October 1st  
Adopt a Highway  
meet at Lions Grounds  
at 9:00 am
- Monday, October 3rd  
Mosquito Control & Aquifer Testing  
Public Meeting with RDEK at 7:00  
pm at Wasa Hall
- Monday, October 10th  
Thanksgiving
- Monday, October 31st  
Halloween

## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

Burger BarN.....	250.422.3563
Chase Saddle and Leather.....	250.427.5517
Doug Ross (Property Sale).....	250.422.9272
Kootenay Kwik Print.....	250.489.4213
Kootenay Monument Installations....	422.3414
Rake N Hoe Landscaping Ltd.....	250.422.3136
Springbrook Resort.....	1.877.422.3562
Victim Services.....	250.427.5621
Wasa Community Church.....	250.422.3344
Wasa Building Supplies.....	250.422.3123
Wasa Lake Diner.....	250.422.3366
Wasa Lions (President).....	250.422.3272
Wasa Lions Ground & Rental Information - Ernie Kurze.....	250.422.3121
Wazza Pizza.....	250.422.9223

August 2011

# 2011 Mosquito Control Program Update



In 2011, we have treated an area **9 times larger** than in 2010!

## Separating FACT from MYTH

**MYTH:** The reason there are so many mosquitoes this year is that the RDEK ran out of money. This is absolutely false.

**FACT:** A lack of money was not a reason for the mosquitoes. The wet spring/summer and high water are to blame. Although we did exceed our forecast budget, we utilized reserve funds and will continue to treat the area as required.

**MYTH:** The product we used (Aquabac 200G) is ineffective, causing the bad mosquito problem. This is also false.

**FACT:** Our contractor does a very good job of making timely and thorough treatments in waters within the service area. Having said that, we cannot realistically target every single water source within the control area, so some larvae are missed. However, most of the mosquitoes that people experienced in 2011 hatched outside of the Mosquito Control Service Area or in areas of the service area that we cannot treat (i.e. Bumpers Flats) and were 'blown in' once they hatched as adults.

## Mosquito Season 2011: The Perfect Storm

This year was really the perfect storm for mosquitoes.

We had high snow loads, a cool and wet spring and sustained high flood waters. It was the most challenging year of mosquito control that our contractor Kendra Lewis of Morrow Bioscience Ltd. has experienced in 13 years.

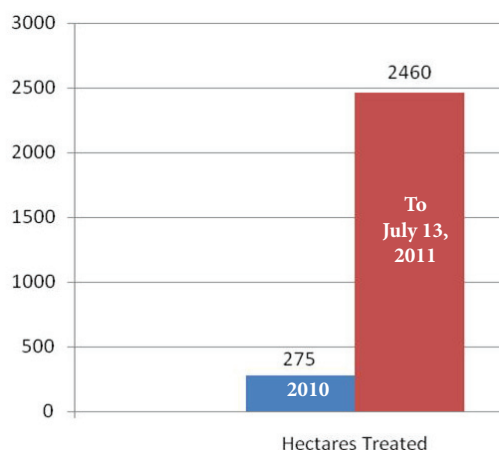
Kendra and her team have been working very hard all season to combat the mosquitoes. This newsletter will provide an update on the control efforts that have taken place and how you can help as the late summer hatch continues.

## Thousands of Hectares Treated

As of July 13, Morrow had treated over 2,460 hectares since it began control treatments in May.

These treatments have been completed by Kendra and her assistant either by hand using a backpack blower or aerially via helicopter & hopper.

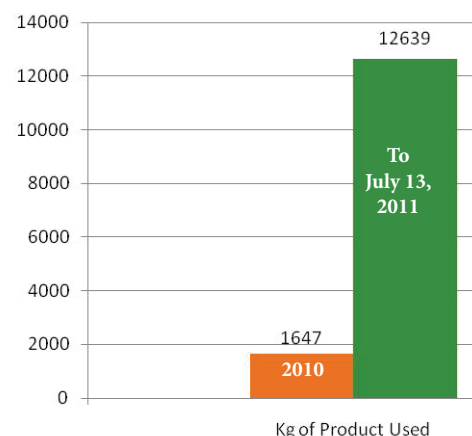
To give you an idea of the magnitude of the treatment required this year, in 2010, less than 275 hectares were treated over the entire field season.



*Above: the chart above shows the hectares treated in all of 2010 compared to May - July 15, 2011.*



*Below: the chart below shows the amount of product that has been used over the same time frame.*



**Mosquito Control Hotline:**  
**250-421-1294**

## Treatment is Continuing

While control of flood water mosquito species is now complete, Morrow Bioscience Ltd. will be completing some larviciding treatments of the mosquito species that emerge in late-summer, stagnant water.

The contractor will continue to monitor the situation in our Service Area for as long as needed.



## Treatment Methods: Targeting Larvae

The Mosquito Control Program targets the larvae. Sites containing larvae are treated with a granular mosquito larvicide called Aquabac 200G.

This larvicide contains a naturally occurring bacterium known as Bti, which targets mosquito larvae, but does not harm people, birds, mammals, beneficial insects or amphibians.



One of the greatest challenges of the program is that we are not permitted to treat Bummer's Flats Conservation Lands. Southerly winds routinely blow mosquitoes into Wasa from this untreated area which has an impact on our larviciding efforts.

The larvicide is applied by hand using back pack blowers and by air using a helicopter.

Given the high number of mosquitoes this year, the RDEK did look into the possibility of using fog or adulticide to kill adult mosquitoes.

The use of adulticides is something the RDEK takes very seriously. After careful consideration it was decided not to pursue this form of mosquito control, at this time.

## Keeping You Informed

A meeting will be held for residents to learn more about and ask questions related to our 2011 Mosquito Control Program, sometime in the fall.

To report a mosquito development site (within our service area) or for more information on the Wasa-Ta Ta Creek-Skookumchuck Mosquito Control Program, contact 250-421-1294.

Landowners play a key role in any effective mosquito control efforts and eliminating mosquitoes before they emerge as adults.

The best way to stop mosquitoes before they start is to remove all sources of standing water from around your home. Some great places to look include:

- Clogged gutters
- Old tires
- Trays under flower pots
- Outside pet dishes
- Kid's pools and toys
- Bird baths and feeders
- Canoes / boats

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Once mosquitoes have hatched, landowners should keep grass cut at a short length and refrain from watering. These actions will help to reduce key mosquito habitats.