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Wasa Golf Course Land Re-Zoning Update

by Nowell Berg

On September 2nd, 2016, at the RDEK monthly Board meeting the re-zoning application by Mr. Kiy to have the Wasa golf course land zoned to C4 from C7 was heard.

Area E Director, Jane Walter, proposed a motion to postpone any decision on the re-zoning until Kiy had presented a detailed plan for the campground. Director, and Kimberley Mayor, Don McCormick seconded the motion. McCormick added that at the last public meeting (24 August) Wasa residents asked many questions which RDEK Planning Technician Jean Terpsma, Director Walter and Director McCormick did not have any answers. This McCormick said was "very embarrassing."

In particular, Wasa residents want to know such basic things as number of sites in the campground, density of sites per hectare, water and sewage system design, protection of the aquifer, traffic and boat congestion and safety. The latter issue arose after questions were asked how campground users, particularly children, would cross the very busy Highway 93/95 to access the lake. With highway speeds well in excess of the posted 100 km limit and little to no RCMP enforcement, Wasa residents were concerned that children carrying water toys and trying to cross the highway would be put at undue risk.

Additionally, Wasa residents want Kiy's detailed RV park plan subject to an impact assessment. With 100 RV sites in the campground there will surely be significant impacts on the land, aquifer, lake water and over-all congestion, both traffic and boats on the water.

The RDEK Board voted to support the Walter/McCormick motion and not re-zone the land. Instead the Board asked Kiy to work with RDEK staff to provide greater detail into what he proposes for the campground – RV park and address Wasa residents concerns.

Additionally, the RDEK Board instructed Kiy to hold another public meeting to allow Wasa residents the opportunity to assess the detailed proposal and comment on it.

The Buzz will keep residents posted on developments as they happen.

Tri Village Buzz Young Writers Contest

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Contest Winners &
Submissions

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FOLLOWING THE TRAILS OF

By Judy McPhee

Yesterday

Continued from September **Alan Askey - A Roundabout Life - Part II**

Near war's end, age 16, I wanted to get out of Winnipeg, so hopped a cattle car to Thunder Bay, signed up with the Merchant Marine and spent a season as deckhand on a grain boat plying the Great Lakes. The next summer I began working for the Manitoba Forest Service timber cruising. Our crew had a 17' Prospector freighter canoe for transport and we moved through the White Shell Reserve and Falcon Lake areas, with tent camps. The seasons were marked by bugs - mosquito hordes in June, then tics, then black & horseflies, and always the little leeches as we dragged the canoe through shallows between lakes. We kept a box of salt in the canoe - a sprinkle and Leeches Be Gone.

I hoped to get into medical school, but the rush of vets and poor marks in the first year scuppered that plan. I opted for a Forestry degree and was off to University of New Brunswick (UNB) in Fredericton the fall of 1946 and again a free cattle car ride to Montreal. At UNB we were housed in old army barracks, with a double metal bunk in each "room" (partition). Our unit housed several Newfies, who promptly installed a 45 gallon barrel at the end and started their beer. Forestry was divided into Engineering and Biology. I chose the latter, which majored in Plant Pathology & Entymology (bugs). I considered myself an informed amateur, after summers in the Manitoba bush.

To earn much needed income, each spring I signed on to a river log drive, down the St. John River recovering logs lost after the first drive. One Christmas break I was in Baie-Comeau to study rats - logs were hauled to the river ice in the winter by horse drawn wagons and vast quantities of hay were used; hence the rats. I was housed with the field foreman, who was fluently bilingual and possessed an excellent little library. However, one day four anglophone "suits" arrived from Montreal to study and advise upon rat extermination. The foreman escorted them around for two days and he insisted on a full-time interpreter.

Fredericton had its first protest march during our stay. Many students had been Army officers, while a number of police had been ex military police. After a late night altercation a student (an ex Major) was hospitalized in St. John with a serious concussion, resulting in an Attorney General investigation. We students had a grand time parading around downtown and the legislative buildings, with placards alleging "police brutality". We were rather benign compared to current protestors. We played poker and bridge and some vets played both games in much the same way. Currently, I try to use this as an excuse after a particularly obtuse move at

the Kimberley Senior Centre bridge or TaTa Creek duplicate bridge, but Jack McPhee (partner) simply looks pained.

After graduation in 1949, I returned West and stopped in Winnipeg for what became the last visit with my parents. I accepted a job with Mac. Blo. at Franklin River, Vancouver Island; they believed that forestry grads should start at the bottom, so I was assigned to a hi-rigging crew. Steep valley sides were logged using a steel cable with carriage and grappling hooks, stretched between a large tree at the top and another at the bottom near the rail line for transport to the mill. These spar trees were very large — after topping the tree at about 60' the high rigger would sit for a smoke break. A swath of trees were then removed and the whole business moved a little way up the valley. At day's end it was customary for the crew in their Paris corked boots, to leap from log to log down the hillside, often 10' from the ground, over the smashed smaller trees. I often think back to the horrible waste of product in those days. Even today we burn huge piles of wood, deemed not economic to mill. It is unfortunate that our forestry industry has not developed a system to utilize more of its product.

My parents' death brought me back to Winnipeg and part of the next year was spent exploring other work options. But in the spring of 1950 I was hitch-hiking back to BC. We stopped just south of Calgary to admire the Rockies, still crowned with bright snow and it was a revelatory moment. As the oil boom was starting, I stayed in Alberta and hired on with a geophysical company, first as a surveyor and then party manager. We worked across southern Alberta and Saskatchewan, the Peace River country and up the Mackenzie Hwy. to the NWT. We had truck crews, all-track crews, and even a portable crew (everything on your back). The northern jobs were all in tent camps reached by all-tracks (predecessor to the ski hill groomer) or by plane (float or ski equipped). One winter when we went south for Christmas break, it was -51° F at our tent camp — wood floor and 3' walls with a tin stove.

We utilized First Nation men and they were reliable, hard-working and good humoured. My rod man was a gifted musician and could reproduce any tune from the radio on piano, guitar, or violin. We had a musicale most evenings by the fire outside our tents. One spring, near Wabasca Lake (no road then), we were trapped by an early thaw with impossible trails, even for our all-tracks. We ran out of food, so a Beaver from Peace River air dropped supplies that were augmented with rabbits and fish.

In May 1953 we had our most miserable camp ever — near Wabasca Lake again. It was inaccessible, so we went portable. We flew into a small lake by Beaver and set up our tents. Our native crew promptly burnt down their tent, so we doubled up. It rained or snowed every day. The extra crew was necessary to carry all the gear — hand augers in 4' lengths, dynamite, caps, recorder, geophones, lots of cable and survey gear. We hand cut the survey lines and each night carried all the soft gear back to camp, as too many hungry bears were around. By the time we were on the last line we were a good hike away from camp, so we slept out in our sleeping bags. I remember waking up under a large spruce tree, wet, cold and coughing bloody sputum. I hiked out to camp with the bull cook who had brought out a pack-sack of food for the crew.

I needed to rest about every 100 yards and the cook agreed to have me sleep behind the stove until the Beaver arrived that evening when I was transported to Peace River Hospital with lobar pneumonia. My hospital neighbour had lost all his fingers of one hand in a drilling accident and his friends regularly brought beer up through the outside emergency exit stairs to the ward. After five days Dr. Alexander and the matron stopped by our beds and said that too much beer was being consumed and one of us had to go — me, the least sick. Later I paid my \$10 medical bill and the company allowed me another week's time off and then back to the bush.

One of my friends & I started discussing a return to university as we both had long been interested in medicine. Eventually we both did, and I enrolled at U of A Medical school in Edmonton in 1956 at age 29. The medical school encouraged diversity in students — age, background and schooling. Anatomy was considered important, so for a year in pairs we dissected a cadaver from head to toe. The first two years was mostly slogging through the basics, then 2 years of increasing clinical work in the hospital. One summer was spent at Charles Campsall Indian Hospital, where a vast amount of pathology was available for study and care and in a medical clinic in Hobbema Reserve. My last summer was spent as expeditor for an oil company doing a geological survey of the Mackenzie River delta with 3 helicopter crews. We were based in Fort MacPherson with a Beaver and Otter to air supply the crews. Supplies came up the Mackenzie River by barge and we off loaded about 50,000 gallons of aviation fuel into 5 gallon barrels. I also assisted the nurse in the nursing station.

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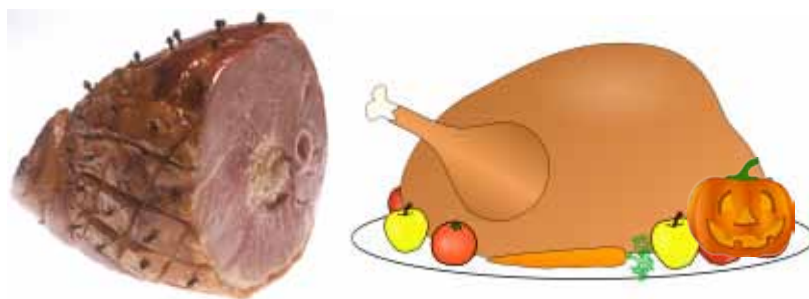
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WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

By Laurie Kay

Proposed Campground Development at Wasa

Trustees discussed the proposal at the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District's September meeting. The WLLID is concerned about the potential impact of the proposed campground development on the quality of the water in the lake, the effect on the aquifer and the septic systems and the effect that significantly increased recreational use of the lake will have on the lake itself. More detailed information on the development is needed and should be examined before the East Kootenay Regional District makes a decision to approve or reject the proposal.

Lake Testing and Level

E. coli bacteria sampling for fecal contamination is completed for the year. All results were in the acceptable range with nothing over 5 counts. WLLID and Interior Health has all results.

Testing for temperature and oxygen levels will continue until freeze up. To date all results have been consistent with past levels.

The lake has approximately 30 cm more to drop in order to be at the lowest level last year.

Native Milfoil

Hopefully you have read the last report on milfoil in the September Tri Village Buzz

The following is part of that report.

"It seems that many, many similar sessions with more snorkel/divers, more fragment control and if possible buoying that area for boaters are needed to gain some control the huge patch of approximately 120 foot by 40 foot patch of milfoil. IS THIS POSSIBLE?? Maybe it is, with a larger based organizing group, many more volunteers, outside help, support of local and visiting lake users and boaters, financial support, equipment and milfoil awareness. With these points in mind the whole issue of native milfoil in Wasa Lake needs to be looked into. At this point however, it seems that the control of the milfoil is beyond the current approach."

It is important to realize that the small section we worked on was reasonably cleared and our efforts were not wasted. Awareness of the nature of milfoil is a huge part of control. Information is available and more is on the way. This is not the end of our effort to control milfoil but it will be a huge undertaking and changes are needed. Stay tuned.

To date there are far less milfoil heads visible above the water level than last Fall.

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Ged and Helen Kelly would like to thank the community for all their love and support after the passing of Ged's wonderful mum. We have always appreciated the community spirit and friendship that Wasa has had to offer but, even knowing that, we were both totally overwhelmed by your support at this time of sadness.

Our heartfelt thanks to you all.



GREAT CANADIAN
Shoreline
Cleanup

Trustees of the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District have invited you to join the: **Wasa Lake Cleanup Event as part of the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.**

This is a terrific opportunity to join friends, family, colleagues and community members in an event that helps create healthy waters for everyone, including the wildlife and communities that depend on them.

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The Shoreline Cleanup will take place on **OCTOBER 23 at 2:00 p.m.**

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Bats and Rabies

Information to know on World Rabies Day, September 28, 2016

Bats have developed a poor reputation as being the main transmitters of rabies in BC. This is one of the main reasons that people fear them. What you may not know is that having an occupied bat house in your yard poses very low risk to human health, and statistically is safer than owning a dog. Bats are an integral part of a healthy environment, providing natural insect control and an opportunity to learn about wildlife in our backyards.



Knowing the facts about bats and rabies can help remove fear of bats and promote bat conservation. In populations of wild bats in western Canada, less than 1% of bats test positive for rabies. Also, there are two forms of rabies – 'dumb' and 'aggressive'. The 'dumb' form is where the animal crawls into a corner and dies and this is the most common form in bats.

Only trained specialists should handle bats or any wildlife. Photo: bcbats.ca

Contracting rabies from a bat is extremely rare, but

rabies is a serious illness that may be fatal if not treated in time. Since 1970, five people have died from rabies in Canada; four of these deaths followed exposure to bats.

Bats should not be feared, but as with any wild animal, caution should be taken. Simple steps will reduce any chance of exposure to disease:

- Never handle bats with your bare hands,
- Beware of bats that act strangely, such as flying during the day,
- If you are bitten or scratched by a bat, seek medical attention immediately from the public health department or your doctor,
- Vaccinate household pets.

For more information on bats and human health, please visit: www.bcbats.ca or the BC Centre for Disease Control www.bccdc.ca, or call 1-855-9BC-BATS.

Dilled Beans

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| 4 qt long yellow beans | 6 cups water | ½ cup pickling salt |
| 1 garlic clove | 2 cups vinegar | Dill Head |

Cook beans until almost done. Drain and pack into sterilized jars. Put dill head and garlic clove in jars. Brine: Bring salt, vinegar and water to boil. Pour into jars. Seal jars and turn upside down for 2 hours.

Canned Tomatoes

Any amount of tomatoes will work 1 tsp pickling salt 1 tp white sugar

Sterilize quart jars. Scald and skin tomatoes, then cut in quarters. Place in quart jars and add to each jar 1 tsp pickling salt and 1 tsp white sugar. Pour boiling water over tomatoes until jar is filled to within ¼ inch from top. Put on lids. Place filled jars on a cookie sheet in oven at 275° for 45 minutes. Re-tighten lids.

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HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER



Swiss Guides and the CPR

The Canadian Pacific Railway built lovely hotels and lodges along the route of the new track across Canada. It sought ways to attract tourists to these accommodations, so it hired certified Swiss mountain guides to lead visitors at Lake Louise, Glacier in Rogers Pass and Field. A group of rich members of the American and British Alpine Clubs had initiated a private program in 1897 when they hired Peter Sarbach of St. Nicklaus to lead them to the summit of Mount Lefroy, near Lake Louise. On August 3, 1897, they reached the summit of Mt. Lefroy. Next it was nearby Mt. Victoria, then a third peak which was named Mt. Sarbach. During 1898 CPR drew up a contract with details for bringing two Swiss Guides for the climbing season May 1st to September 30th, returning them to Switzerland for the winter. The two who came in 1899 were Edward Feuz Sr. and Christian Haesler Sr., who were accompanied by Charles Clark, primarily as interpreter. Both worked at Glacier House in Rogers Pass. Next season Haesler was transferred to Mt. Stephen House in Field. Up to 1912 as many as 20 guides were employed for at least part of the summer season.

The CPR started looking for a less expensive, longer lasting way to hold these mountain specialists. Where could they build a Swiss Village? Where could the Swiss families grow gardens and send their kids to school? A hillside one mile north of Golden was chosen and six chalets constructed in 1911. This Idyllic "Edelweiss Village" was easily viewed from passing passenger trains! Guides who were married were notified to bring their families with them in April 1912. Edward Feuz Sr. refused. Edward Feuz Jr., Christian Haesler Jr., Ernest Feuz, and Rudolph Aemmer arrived and moved their families into barely finished houses with no furniture, then departed for their pre-booked guiding assignments. Only one of the ladies spoke English. Two Swiss bachelors working for the CPR moved into the vacant chalets to alternate with jobs and assisting/translating for the new arrivals. The CPR provided a car to drive the ladies to the grocery store once a week. When fall came there seemed to be no work for the guides except returning to Glacier House or Lake Louise during the winter to shovel snow. The guides rebelled at having to leave their families again.

Observers soon complained that the styling of the Chalets was incongruous, colors and styles not Swiss at all. They should have been on level plots, not rocky promontories. (My family checked out one for sale. The verandah had a drop of 25 – 30 feet onto rock. Very unsafe for toddlers! Still heated by wood burning stove in the 1960's) Tourists to this hillside community might ask, "Where are your goats?" The women had to push baby buggies on steep paths, and the children had to walk a mile to school. After one year rent free the CPR asked annual rent of one month's summer pay for each man. The program was enforced for five years.

Gradually the youngest Feuz brother, Walter, took over all of the Swiss houses.

The guides had to learn to speak English, set up hiking trails from resort hotels, survey alternate routes to the summits, to generally enhance attractions and to rescue those adventurous visitors who had problems when they went out on their own. Their central objective was to lead individuals to desired peaks, and return them safely. By 1922 many trails were clearly defined so that summer between contracts the Swiss guides had time to build a stone hut at 9,598 ft. above sea level on the summit of the divide between Lake O Hara in Yoho Park and Lake Louise. The necessary supplies were packed part way by horses and then on the backs of the guides over a treacherous ledge to the site. Guides packed in cement, windows, beds, mattresses, a stove, fuel, first aid supplies, bedding and canned food. This was furnished early in 1923, paid for by the Appalachian Mountaineering Club, and named the Abbott Pass Hut for their president.

Edward Feuz Jr. came to Canada as a teenager 1903-04, working with his father as a porter for climbing parties in the Selkirk. He overwintered in Canada that year while his dad returned to Switzerland. In 1908 he earned his Guide Certificate in Switzerland. The following year he married Martha Heimann, daughter of a notary public. Edward Jr. was assigned to Lake Louise from 1909 onward. Initially he was close to the chalet although he was sent elsewhere in the Rockies at requests of regular summer clients like McGill professor Joseph Hixon, Lilian Gest of Philadelphia, or Katie Gardiner from England. Martha came to Canada with the first residents of Edelweiss Village in 1912. Edward Feuz Jr. stayed in Golden working at a small sawmill in the winter 1912-13. Next winter he was hired as skating instructor and rink manager in downtown Golden. Martha later came to manage the Tearoom at Hanging Glacier, halfway up the Beehive, beside Lake Louise. Offseason Martha and Edward moved to a house closer to Golden in 1915 and their downtown residence after 1960. Brother Walter Feuz was hired by the CPR to be in charge of boats and canoes on Lake Louise. He returned to Switzerland to earn his Guide certification in 1921. Edward was given an honorary membership in Alpine Club of Canada in 1947, and retired from guiding in 1949 with seventy first ascents to his credit and a perfect safety record.

In semi-retirement Edward was asked to train the next generation of guides. From the comfort of the south lawn of Chateau Lake Louise, with a telescope, he could watch the progress of groups going up Mount Victoria. One very zealous internee returned expecting praise after a careful trip. Instead Edward greeted him with, "NO! No.No Bruno! Next time you go pee down the O'Hara side!" Edward never returned to Switzerland for a visit, though most of his peers made that trip. The CPR still remembers the era when their

guides put peak after peak on the map of Banff Park and Rogers Pass. A display of guiding mementoes was created for the Golden Museum in 1974. Edward brought in items including an alpenhorn which he used to blow to entertain folks at Chateau Lake Louise. For his 81st birthday he rose at 3 am and climbed 11,626 ft. Mt Temple, the highest mountain in Banff Park. At age 86 Edward climbed the narrow Pinnacle in Abbott Pass for the filming of a CBC documentary TV series "This Land. I saw the way the Feuz leaders hiked at a comfortable steady pace between viewpoints when Walter led our Brownie Pack behind his home. Edward was named Honorary Member of the American Alpine Club at the same time that Phyllis Munday was honored. When I congratulated Edward, he stated that he respected my friend but did not like hiking with her "because she stops to look at every flower on the way. Her pace is too jerky for me." When he was 95 he made his last climb on the Tower of Babel near Moraine Lake. In 1970 the National Committee for Geographical Names subdivided Lyall Peaks near Banff as Peak Rudolf, Peak Edward, Peak Ernest, Peak Walter and Peak Christian for Rudolf Aemmer, Edward Feuz, Ernest Feuz, Walter Feuz and Christian Haesler. There are peaks in Glacier Park named Mt. Feuz and Mt. Haesler.

The Golden Age of Canadian mountaineering, years of exploration, pioneering and first ascents featured Swiss guides spearheaded by Edward Jr. and the CPR..

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WASA MEMORIAL GARDEN

Submitted By Sandy Kay



Our AGM was held at the Wasa Community Hall on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 with a large number in attendance, thanks everybody. This was a very important meeting for if we didn't get a full executive this hard working Association would have had to be turned over to the RDEK and none of us wanted that. I am so thankful to report that we now have a complete roster of committed folks to take up the challenges of the future.

We extend our sincere thanks to Bev Rauch, our long standing treasurer and founding member for his years of dedicated work. Bev will begin to share his load as he turns over the books to Pat Walkey. Bev and Pat will continue to work together to insure a seamless transition. Thank you both. When making inquiries regarding niches or plaques please contact either Bev at 250 422 3335 or Pat at 250 422 3530.

We are very pleased to welcome Sonia Blackwell as our new President replacing Sandy Kay, thank you for coming forward Sonia. Rene Farwig is Vice President and will share the opening and closing duties as called upon for the Columbarium. Great having you so willing, Rene.

Sandy Jensen our wonderful Secretary will stay on until her search for full time employment has been realized. You have been amazing Sandy. I appreciate you and all you did to support me and our Association. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sandy Kay has stepped down from the President position and the Buzz submissions but has agreed to continue with the Memorial Garden and the Friend's Project. With some minor plans for the spring of 2017 the "Friend's" project will be completed as well. We think that this little area, we so dearly love, will soon need nothing more than just a bit of upkeep following our last push. Clay Tippet has been wonderful, giving me guidance as well as muscles!! Thank you so much, Clay. Naomi Miller will be keeping you posted with news from our group, after this issue thanks, Naomi. Judy Reimer has agreed to be our membership chairperson, I'm really excited about that. New members will bring ideas and energy and all are welcome we especially encourage our Cottage folk to be part of our Association.

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us and as we all gather to celebrate our many blessings, remembering how lucky we are to be Canadian, living in peace in this extra specially beautiful corner of the globe.

This is my last submission. I have enjoyed our time together and thank you all for the time you gave to read what has been happening in "OUR" space.

Cheers



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The **Wasa Recreation Society's** main objective is to generate funds to keep the Wasa Hall running. Wasa Recreation Society members meet in the basement of the Wasa Hall in the Quilters Room on the last Tuesday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend. Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

- Hall Rentals and Information
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Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
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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 pm and regular at 6:45 pm.

Wasa Pancake Breakfast & Country Market

Another Successful Year...

It was another successful year for the Pancake Breakfast and Country Market. We held 11 breakfasts and sold 3,186 breakfasts this year. That is only 19 less than our record year in 2015. The most breakfasts were sold on the August long weekend, which the Wasa Lions served up 444 breakfasts.



It was nice to see a few more local vendors selling their wares this year.

The participating groups this year were Wasa Lions, Wasa Recreation Society, Valley Community Church, Wasa Library, Lakers Baseball Team, Wasa Country Quilters, Wasa Gym, Wasa Historical Society and TOPS which will all receive a portion of the profit.

We would like to thank all the groups for their good work at keeping to the guidelines which helps reduce costs and benefits us all.

Thank you to Sage Grass and the Bunkhouse Boys, our local talent, for entertaining at some of our breakfasts.

And a big thanks to all the locals and regular visitors that came out to our breakfasts throughout the summer. We appreciated your support.

See you next year.

Karen Markus, Treasurer; Bonnie Meena; Val Dmytriw; and Gail Lamb

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!

• Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday Mornings from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

• Monday to Friday Mornings (inclusive) from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon



Contact: Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201

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



GYM HOURS AND INFO

WASA COMMUNITY LIBRARY



**Hours: Tues. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. &
Wed. 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

Submitted by Judy McPhee

"This Marvellous Terrible Place--Images of Newfoundland and Labrador"

By Yva Momatiuk and John Eastcott



"Where I Belong"

By Alan Doyle

These are two marvellous books on the geography, people, culture, traditions and grandeur of Newfoundland and Labrador. For those of you who consider visiting Newfoundland and Labrador or wish to learn more about this mighty area of Canada, please come in and borrow the books. Newfoundlanders love to tell stories, play music and listen to both.

"The habits of good talk of the locals rubs off on tourists" Chuck Meagher

We have about 13 books by Nicholas Sparks. He is a wonderful author and his entertaining books on love, loss and small town life keeps you entertained and thinking about the various issues people confront in life.

Our library is located downstairs in the Wasa Community Hall.

Opening hours are above or by special request. Please phone Marg Burin at 250-422-3565.

Our library is a credit to all the people who established it and keep it up. Thank you to all from Judy.

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Community Church Band Concert

A great time was had by all at the August 27th free music concert presented by the Wasa Community Church.

Seven musicians played to a small but appreciative audience at the Wasa Hall. These great players muscled their way through a 90 minute set of old time country, folk and gospel tunes much to the delight of the toe tapping crowd.

Pastor Paul Brandon played bass guitar and sang several gospel songs including a great rendition of Amazing Grace. Matt Russ took to the mic singing three country tunes from Hank Williams, Tom T. Hall and Leon Redbone. Larry Tuck on the bass ukulele belted out songs from John Prine, Marty Robbins and Alan Jackson. Rounding out the performance was Colin Bunt, aka the man with the golden voice, playing electric guitar on a tune called Old Friends.

Saxophonist Fred Burrin started off the evening with great tunes and wailing sax.

Rounding out the band was Dave Carlson on mandolin and Bud DeCosse on acoustic guitar. Both also provided back-up vocals.

These gentlemen put on a great show. Hope to see you at the next one.

Nowell Berg photo



left to right – Paul Brandon, Larry Tuck, Dave Carlson, Bud DeCosse, Colin Bunt (black cowboy hat) and Matt Russ. Not shown Fred Burrin.

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News From the Pews
 By Pastor Paul Brandon

Today, we said goodbye to a good friend of Wasa Community Church. Andrew Boon or Andy to his friends was a member of our church board, a well respected and in many ways a very wise man.

On Tuesday, Andy had a heart attack and by the time he got to the hospital, had all the tests to determine the extent of the damage to his heart, it was determined that there was no brain activity. Ever since then the family has been waiting for his home going. They removed all life enhancing equipment this morning, but his was a strong heart. His breathing was strong and even and when the family stepped out for a little break, Andy decided it was time to go. His nurse (from Nepal) a very nice lady and myself were the only ones there for a short time. As his nurse was attending to him, his face went ashen, and the nurse said I can't feel a pulse. He had quietly and peacefully left this earth and went to join his parents and others that had died many years before.

Andy died knowing where he was going. The Bible says, for the believer, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". A long time ago Andy had given his heart to the Lord Jesus. He is now safe and secure in the arms of Jesus, a place where there are no heart attacks, no pain and no suffering. Today was graduation day. Congratulations Andy, you made it.

Wasa Memorial Garden

Wasa Memorial Garden has something for every soul who should be remembered or needs a final resting place.

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Singer Songwriter Talent Plays Wasa Country Pub

By Nowell Berg

Clayton Parsons, Joelle Winkel and Dan Unger play the Wasa Country Pub on Friday, 23 September, to a packed house.

Parsons has played with Cranbrook band Good Old Goat, but is now working with Winkel on a duo act. This night they asked old family friend and talented guitarist Dan Unger to sit in and play a few licks on electric guitar.

Great original songs, strong vocals and guitar playing made for an entertaining evening of roots and folk music. Parsons' influences include the likes of John Prine, Ray LaMontagne, Doc Watson and Towns Van Zant.

Parsons played ten songs from his new CD called "Little Things" on a guitar that he made himself. Winkel provided strong backing vocals and stepped forward on two duets. Unger laid down some fine guitar riffs on each song, even though he had never played with Parsons and Joelle before.

Check out the music video here – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNSDFVX8Ups>.

You can check out the duo again at the Wasa Country Pub during the annual fishing derby in January 2017.

Be sure to support local musicians.



Photo by Nowell Berg

Right to Left: Clayton Parsons, Joelle Winkel, Dan Unger



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Foundation: Poured concrete

Heat Method: Baseboard

Heat Energy: Electricity, Wood

Zoning: RS1

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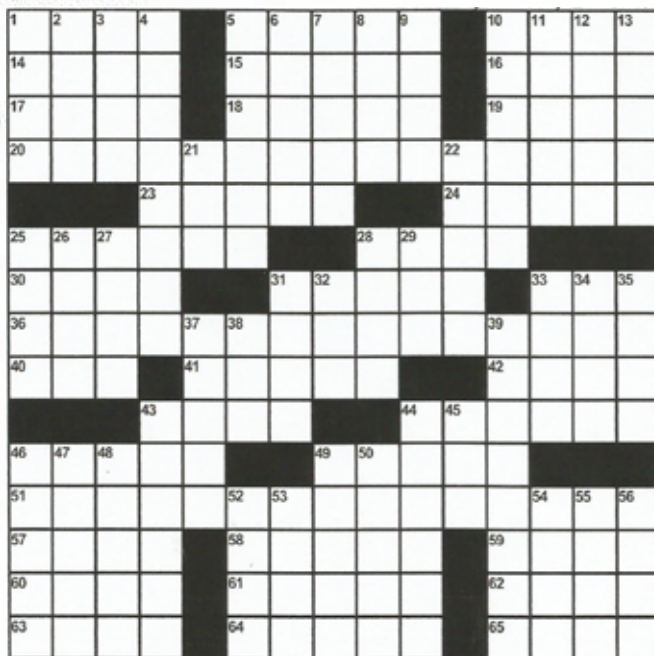
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DOWN

- 1) Concrete section
- 2) African antelope
- 3) Winged
- 4) Traitor
- 5) Group of four
- 6) Deck out
- 7) Sticking points on crows?
- 8) Caffeine-containing nut
- 9) Kill, as a dragon
- 10) Beat in competition
- 11) DeGeneres of TV
- 12) Decrease
- 13) Plasterwork backers
- 21) Addition shape, sometimes
- 22) Dinner jacket material, sometimes
- 25) Fishing in the Atlantic, e.g.
- 26) Reverse or drive, e.g.
- 27) Scottish Gaelic
- 28) All couples
- 29) Apollo letters
- 31) Way, way off
- 32) Title for a married woman
- 33) "Fancy that!"
- 34) Game played with horses and mallets
- 35) Prayer's end
- 37) Like bodies on beaches
- 38) Winter ailment
- 39) Something tested on the vine
- 43) Naturally bright
- 44) Makes noise at night
- 45) Letters from a poor gambler
- 46) Painter Degas
- 47) Not a soul
- 48) Belts, as flies
- 49) ___ de Guerre (French military award)
- 50) Type of angle or pain
- 52) Cut-___ (short shorts)
- 53) ___ podrida (Spanish stew)
- 54) Fruit bearer
- 55) Make upset
- 56) Cry like a pup

ACROSS

- 1) Three-player card game
- 5) Thumbnails
- 10) "Then it's settled"
- 14) "Little" girl of early comics
- 15) Flynn of old Hollywood
- 16) Napoleon exile spot
- 17) Jewish month after Shevat
- 18) Sung syllables
- 19) Like a useless tire
- 20) Back fill x 3
- 23) Sculpting materials
- 24) Decreases in strength
- 25) Ancient
- 28) A pair's air
- 30) "Buona ___" (Italian greeting)
- 31) Cause to laugh
- 33) Scholastic stat
- 36) Back fill x 4
- 40) "What ___ the odds?"
- 41) Fabled slipper material
- 42) Place of desertion
- 43) Bit of defamation
- 44) Steal gas, in a way
- 46) Follow as a result
- 49) Birchbark craft
- 51) Back fill x 3
- 57) Shot for one?
- 58) Baking need
- 59) Lake that's great
- 60) Certainly not for
- 61) Top-___ (golf ball brand)
- 62) Move merchandise
- 63) Medical advice, often
- 64) Jazzy instruments
- 65) Ooze through cracks



Find A Word

Old West 2

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 30 letters spell a Will Rogers quotation.

D W H I S K E Y B U N K H O U S E T H A
N L D A V Y C R O C K E T T E W R O S A
A G U N S L I N G E R P C R Y A R W T S
H C S T L E P T S R I O O N D S A A I K
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I N U P G M E W A F P O O L T L O D P I
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DAVY CROCKETT

MINE SHAFT
OUTLAWS
PELTS
PIGS
PIONEERS
POST OFFICE
RANCH HAND
REVOLVER
RUSTLER
SADDLER
SALOON GIRL
SCHOOLHOUSE

DOCTOR
DRESSMAKER
FENCE
GENERAL STORE
GOLD NUGGET
GUNSLINGER
HATS
HIRED HAND
HORSES
ICE HOUSE
LASSO
MARSHALL

SCOUTS
SHOOTOUT
SHOTGUN
SPURS
STIRRUP
TOWN HALL
TRADING POST
TUMBLEWEED
WAGON
WANTED POSTER
WHISKEY
WILD BILL HICKOK



Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles,
one letter to each square,
to form four ordinary words.

VELGA
PLUIT
SICCUR
IMPAGE



Now arrange the circled letters
to form the surprise answer, as
suggested by the above cartoon.



"MARIO'S FUN PAGE"

ANSWERS PAGE 7



Suduko Medium

Town Hall Meeting for Area E

The Town Hall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2016, at the Wasa Hall. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and we will begin the meeting by recognizing and thanking Area E Volunteers of the Year, Karen Markus and Jim Hill. Please come out and enjoy a coffee and piece of cake with Karen and Jim.

During the meeting we will also review the mosquito control program, the 2016 budget and the transfer station (also known as Wasa Walmart). There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

Public Hearing Report

The RDEK Board postponed the decision on the proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaws 2709 and 2713. The property owner was unable to attend the hearing and explain his intentions. If he chooses to have a new Public Hearing he will have to pay the fee of an additional \$1,000.

During the hearing we heard concerns about the aquifer, safety concerns surrounding the number of boats on the lake and the potential for danger when pedestrians and children would have to cross the highway. When I questioned if the RDEK would fund an aquifer study, they responded that the board does not fund aquifer studies and that the taxpayers would be responsible for paying for the study, which would work out to be approximately \$125 per property owner over a 2 year period. Currently there are Aquifer Maps available for the Wasa area which indicate that there is water, but the concern is that the water could become contaminated (e.g. septic systems not built properly).

Through discussion with biologists I have been informed that there are septic systems that have been developed that allow minimal impact to the area and water. I will consult with staff from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Environment to find out if this is true. I am hoping they can advise on various types of septic systems which could be used in the Wasa area which would provide minimal negative impact. I will report any new information that I receive.

I have sent a letter to Wayne Stetski, Member of Parliament for Kootenay-Columbia about discussing boating concerns heard at the public hearing with the Minister of Transportation. I have requested that signage be installed reminding boaters of speed limits around the shoreline and I also made it clear that I am not trying to ban boats on the lake, but I hear many concerns regarding public safety and boaters travelling too close to shorelines. There are also many complaints about shoreline erosion caused by wakes created by wake boats. Wasa is a small lake and boat operators must follow the rules or there will be an increasing public push to have these boats banned from the lake.

Grant-In-Aid

The Wasa Recreation Society has been allocated funds to help cover costs for the Food Safe Course many members are taking due to Ministry requirements. The Pancake Breakfast

crew were told that they needed to have someone with the Food Safe certification attend each breakfast. Thank you to everyone that has agreed to take the course so that we can continue to enjoy the Pancake Breakfasts for years to come.

WLLID

I received a letter from the WLLID Board about concerns regarding Cedar Road and the boat launch. The letter identified concerns about parked vehicles and boat trailers and the use of quads on the shoreline and how these activities could impact the water quality of the lake. The RDEK does not have the mandate to enforce these types of issues so I contacted the Ministry of Transportation (Cranbrook office) about the parking issues and have asked them to please check to ensure the parking is not damaging the plant life and that lake users are parking in the right areas. I have also have contacted BC Parks as there is Park property in that area and they are responsible for the boat launch. Finally, I also contacted the RCMP about the vehicles, the quad complaint and about the boating issues.

I hope everyone can make it out to the Town Hall meeting on October 4th and have some cake and coffee. Please have a safe and happy month.

Jane Walter, RDEK Area E Director

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The Mystical Power of Pine Trees

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Did you know that all trees are symbolic of Life in constant Evolution, as they evoke verticality and the cyclical nature of Cosmic Evolution: death and regeneration? A tree brings together the three levels of the Cosmos: 1- the underground through its roots; 2- the surface of the earth through its trunk and lower branches, and 3- the heights through its upper branches and top. A tree reunites all five elements of nature, namely Water comprising its sap, Earth surrounding its roots, Air nourishing its leaves, Fire bursting from its friction and Ether consisting of the space it fills. A tree is universally considered as a symbol of the relationship between Earth and the Spiritual "Sky". It is synonymous with the Axis of the World, linking the material world to a more subtle reality.

All the species of pine trees that we can enjoy here in British Columbia are generally a symbol of Immortality, demonstrated by the persistency of their foliage and the incorruptibility of their sap. In many Oriental countries, pine trees are used for the construction of Temples and the crafting of ritual instruments. Pine and Cypress trees are often associated as being gates towards spiritual dimensions. The Pine tree also appears as a symbol of vital force or power. It is always an auspicious sign and it has the reputation of increasing fertility as well as productivity in the arts. The pinecone is one of the most renowned symbols of immortality and longevity.

The pine tree exerts a beneficial influence on health recovery, fertility, protection, exorcism and wealth. For instance, one can carry a small pinecone to increase fertility or to remain vital until a very old age. A seeded pinecone picked up during the summer solstice constitutes a very potent magical object, as the one possessing it becomes invulnerable to accidents.

Pine needles are often burned during winter to purify and cleanse the house. Having a large bowl of fresh pine needles in the living room or any room thwarts evil forces. When burned, they remove negative influences and destroy dark forces, which is why burning pine incense is considered to be an auspicious practice. When one is troubled or anxious, a warm bath with some fresh pine needles helps to remove negative and disharmonious elements. Placing a few



branches of pine near or above one's bed can protect from diseases.

Because the pine tree is an evergreen, a popular Japanese custom is to place a branch of pine above the front door so that constant joy is maintained within the home.

Symbolic objects or furniture made with pinewood are considered to be very auspicious and powerful elements for protection. Praying with Rosaries or Malas made of pine beads is deemed as highly sacred, protective and inspiring.

Pine tree essential oil, with its resinous and coniferous aroma, is generally used for purification, protection, wealth and health. Due to its perfume of fresh forest and sap, pine tree essential oil is also known to be a powerful pulmonary antiseptic; just a few drops in a bowl of hot water or on your chest can help to clear up the lungs. This essential oil energizes and tones the body while harmonizing and pacifying the thought process.

No matter the case, since we live in a region surrounded by vast, powerful forests of pine trees, nothing is better than walking among them and breathing in their Celestial Powers, while holding in mind all of their beneficial qualities.

I hope that these very practical elements regarding pine trees will help you to be thankful for the majestic environment in which we have the privilege to live. Pine trees are symbols of truthfulness, rectitude, honesty, lucidity and spiritual growth.

May all of you enjoy the Divine Touch placed within every Pine Tree on Earth for our well-being.

Happy Fall to you all, as the evergreen Pine Trees will keep the power of life alive during the next snowy winter.

Warmly yours on the Path of Light
Om Om Om

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha
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| We the volunteers of the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter reserve the right to refuse to print submissions due to legality, length, good taste or discriminating beliefs. | | | | | | 1 ● New Moon |
| 2 | 3 | 4 Town Hall Mtg 7 p.m. LIONS MTG | 5 | 6 Hospice Training Teaching at the Ashram 7 p.m. | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Thanksgiving Smorg Wasa Country Pub | 10 Happy Thanksgiving | 11 BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular | 12 | 13 Teaching at the Ashram 7 p.m. | 14 | 15 |
| 16 ○ Full Moon | 17 | 18 LIONS MTG | 19 | 20 Teaching at the Ashram 7 p.m. | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Shoreline Clean Up ● New Moon 30 | 24  31 | 25 | 26 Rec Soc Mtg 7pm | 27 Teaching at the Ashram 7 p.m. | 28 ● New Moon | 29 Coffee House Halloween Dance Wasa Country Pub |

LEGEND

- Church 10:30 a.m.
- Gym (M,W,F 7:15-8:15 a.m. Mon to Fri 11 a.m. to noon)
- BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- Rec Society 7:00 p.m.
- Lions 7:00 p.m.
- Library Tues. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. & Wed 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
- TOPS Fri 8:30 a.m. Weigh in & Meeting 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- Quilters Tues. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6th, 2016
- Lions Christmas Dinner & Dance Ticket Sales, Saturday, Nov. 19th
- Lions Christmas Dinner & Dance Saturday, December 3rd, 2016
- January 2017 - No Newsletter
- Remember to email your "Where do you Take your Buzz" photos

*When all the chores are done,
the avid gardener will invent new ones*

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

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