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HUNTING SEASON

Hunter Etiquette. I was always taught to respect other hunters, the land in which you hunt and the animals that inhabit it. Hunter etiquette goes beyond that, though, and is not just about hunters. We also need to respect the general public and landowners. With a lot of new hunters coming into the mix, it's important



to chat about not just hunting ethics, but hunter etiquette.

Respecting other hunters

First and foremost, we need to respect one another. All of us are out there to have a good time and are all hoping to head home with filled coolers. Many hunters spend months upon months—sometimes all year—scouting in preparation for the fall. The feeling of showing up to your favorite hunting spot and seeing vehicles already there is quite crushing, but it's the way the cookie crumbles sometimes. If they were there first, then we need to respect that and move on. Often, if I see another hunter in close proximity to me, I'll introduce myself and try to come up with a game plan with them, so we don't step on each other's toes. One of the best parts about hunting is getting away from the loud life of the city and decompressing. Treat other hunters how you would want to be treated.

Now, we've talked about this in the past, but we also need to respect what other hunters divulge to us. When they are gracious enough to point you in the right direction, respect that. Keep it to yourself and don't exploit their years of hard work that (let's be honest) you didn't help with.

Public land

Aside from respecting other hunters, we also need to remember to respect the land. We are beyond fortunate to have access to the amount of public land that we have. It's downright beautiful and a privilege for us to walk and hunt on it. Doing things like picking up trash (yours and in general) to leave it in better shape than it was is encouraged. *If you pack it in - pack it out!*

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Tips & Tricks submitted by Sherry Shields

Pine-sol is a great cleaner and it's so versatile that you can use it in just about every room in the home. You can make your own pine disinfectant and save a bit of money plus you will know what's in it and this DIY recipe contains natural ingredients that are a bit healthier than what you may normally be using.

To make your own Pine-sol, you will need:

- a plastic spray bottle which you can pick up for around \$1 at any Dollar Store. Fill the bottle with
- 2 cups of water,
- about 8 drops of pine scented essential oil,
- 4 drops of cedar scented essential oil and
- 2 teaspoons of borax.

That's all you need. Now just shake the bottle to make sure that everything mixes well and remember to shake it each time before you use it. You can spray this on any surface where you would normally spray pine cleaner and wipe clean with a damp cloth.

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Warm German Potato Salad

2 pounds red potatoes 1 teaspoon salt, for boiling the potatoes

12 ounces bacon 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar 3 tablespoons sugar 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard 1/2 teaspoon salt Freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon minced fresh garlic, about 3 large cloves

1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

Scrub the potatoes and cut any large potatoes in half so that all of the potatoes are approximately equally sized. Place the potatoes in a large pot and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil and stir in 1 teaspoon of salt. Reduce heat and simmer the potatoes for 15 to 20 minutes or until tender when stabbed with a fork. Drain

the water. Leaving the potatoes in the pot, return the pot to the still-hot (but turned off) burner. Leave the lid off of the pot and allow the potatoes to steam dry for a couple minutes.

Set another large pot over medium heat and, using kitchen shears, cut the bacon strips into approximately 1-inch pieces directly into the pot. Cook the bacon, stirring occasionally, until crispy. While the bacon is cooking, cut the potatoes into 1/2-inch thick slices, cutting any extremely large slices in half. Set aside. Once the bacon is done, remove the pot from the stove and use a slotted spoon to remove the bacon pieces to a plate or bowl while leaving the bacon grease in the pot (I had about 1/4 cup).mixture.

Slowly and carefully add vinegar, sugar, Dijon, salt, and pepper to the pot of bacon grease. Place the pot back on the burner, bring the mixture to a simmer, and stir for a couple of minutes. Stir the minced garlic into the mixture and cook for 30 seconds to 1 minute, until the garlic starts to turn a light golden. Remove the pot from the heat and toss in the sliced potatoes, gently mixing until potatoes have absorbed all of the liquid. Carefully fold in the cooked bacon pieces and chopped parsley. Transfer the potato salad to a serving dish and serve hot or warm. Potato salad should not sit at room temperature for more than two hours before refrigerating any leftovers.

Make sure that the pot is off of the burner and the bacon grease has slightly cooled before slowly and carefully adding the vinegar (in order to prevent the mixture from potentially bubbling up).



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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

• TriVillage Buzz Newsletter Wasa Recreational Society

• Wasa Lake Land Improvement Armchair Traveler

Wasa Pancake Breakfast
 Wasa Community Library

Tri-Village Kids Club Wasa Gym

Wasa & District Historical Association & Memorial 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

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Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Sherry Shields

Our Community Garden is always looking for volunteers. If interested in being on our volunteer list please call Sherry Shields @ 250-919-7887 ©

There will be a fall clean up of the garden in October. Date to be determined - watching the weather. Will post date on Face Book Wasa Community site.

"Many hands make light work."

A "Point of Interest" sign leading up to the garden is in the planning/permit stage. Hoping to have installed this fall.

2019 Columbarium Niche & Plaque Costs

UNIT 1 Columbarium

Upper levels - \$1000.00 + engraving Bottom Row - \$900.00 + engraving

UNIT 2 Columbarium (new)
Niche cost - \$1100.00 + engraving
Niche Engraving - \$275.00
Memorial Plaque - \$300.00

Contact info:

Pat Walkey @ 250 422-3530 or pwalkey@shaw.ca.

KOOTENAY RIPPLES

History of Wasa/Ta Ta Creek/Skookumchuk.

There are a few books still available for sale.

\$50.00/ea

Contact Pat Walkey @ 250 422-3530 or pwalkey@shaw.ca

Loving memories never die, as years roll on and days pass by. In our hearts a memory is kept, of ones we loved and will never forget. If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.



Caring for our Feathered Friends when the temperature drops:

I love birds - all birds, everywhere! I love their songs and conversations, their colours and forms, their social behaviours. So I like to see them in my yard year around. Here's a few tips so everyone can enjoy their presence.

- Stock up: so you have enough food, feeders, houses, in case of an extended storm.
- Buy nutritious bird food: black oil sunflower mix is one of the best and will attract a variety of birds for dinner. Cheaper corn blends are okay for ground foraging birds, but if you want songbirds, etc. you need to look at premium blends.
- Choose feeders carefully: you will want something that somewhat protects the feed from the weather, to avoid damp seed that can breed bacteria.
- Extra feeder: make sure everyone has a 'seat at the table'.
- Windbreaks: provide a protected area for the birds to shelter and/or feed. It can be as simple as your leftover Christmas tree you're only limited by your imagination!
- Birdhouses: leave them up thru the winter for shelter.
- Water: ensure you have a water source available for your feathered friends. Heated dog dishes can be a
 great choice.

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This has been such a wonky year, I think you will all agree! Travel has been discouraged, even locally. And as a result, there have been no contest entries - very sad. So, I have decided that for the December issue, I will make a draw among the names of all the wonderful, faithful submitters! Without which, there really wouldn't be a Buzz to enjoy.

"What Did You Send to Your Buzz"

contest.

Email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

And here is hoping 2021 will see some of our traditions return.

Wasa TOPS

Friday mornings downstairs Wasa Community Hall Weigh-in 9 - 9:30 am Meeting 9:30 - 10:30 am Everyone welcome - Contacts: Susan 778-524-0012 or Irene 250-422-3686



The name October has been derived from the Latin "Octo" which means eight because October was the eighth month of the year, according to the Roman calendar. It was called Winterfylleth, meaning the "fullness of winter", by the Anglo-Saxons because it had the first full moon of the winter season.

A fun fact about October cites that the winter is hard if the deer have a grey coat in this month. The colour of the coat depends on the severity of winters. Shakespeare, the famous English poet, playwright and actor, has never mentioned October in any of his works.

Some other important events that occurred in October include the launching of Sputnik 1 by the Russians in 1957, the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, the beheading of Marie Antoinette in 1793 and the landing of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock in 1620.

Sometimes Bigfoot is confused with Sasquatch. Yeti never complains!

Wasa Lions Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard

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

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The Lions De

submitted by Terry Marvel

As summer wanes, so does the heat. At this writing, the smoke is an issue but I'm sure that too will pass. It has been an interesting summer, to say the least. So different! And so busy. The Lion's have not been able to hold any fund-raising events this year, so our accounts are dwindling. At a recent meeting, our RDEK area E representative

Jane Walters gave a presentation to the club regarding a proposed tax for all parcels in the area to help support maintenance and utilities costs for the Lion's Grounds and the Wasa Community Hall. There will be a referendum vote in the future to decide if the area supports such a tax.

As most everyone knows by now, the Lion's and the community have lost a very important member. Bev Rauch was a charter member of the Lion's Club, meaning he was one of the original founding members in the '70's. He was awarded a lifetime membership in the club and was always willing to help in any way. He will be greatly missed RIP Bev!

The Lion's have a few projects on the go that have to be carried out in the near future or we will lose our grant money allowed for these improvements. One of which is the replacement of the metal roof on the West side of the country kitchen eating area. Another is the replacement of the rink board toppers.

And lest we forget: We're hosting a Highway Cleanup sanctioned by the Ministry of Highways. They supply the garbage bags and safety vests and they pick up the garbage from the side of the road after. This will take place Saturday September 26, at 10:00 at the Lion's Grounds. All you need is sturdy footware, gloves and a willingness to volunteer! The public is cordially invited.

The Lion's are attempting to carry on with our monthly meetings in a safe and proper distancing manner. If anyone wishes to join the Lion's don't hesitate to contact any member.

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." — Edward Everett Hale



by Kathy McCauley

Wasa Volunteer The 2020 fire season is drawing to a close and the community water Fire Prevention trailer will be emptied and stored away for the winter by October 15th. A reminder to homeowners who have set up water cubes and pumps & Suppression to start thinking about getting them emptied, dismantled, and put away before freeze-up.

COVID-19 changed most everything for everyone and the Volunteer Fire Group was no exception. Our fundraising efforts were curtailed by the discontinuation of the Armchair Traveller and the Recreation Society's pancake breakfasts, but we were able to proceed with WASP Sprinkler sales. Construction of the storage building on the Lion's Grounds was delayed but fortunately, not stopped altogether. Several work parties of keen volunteers plus generous donations from sponsors saw the building to lockup stage by midsummer. Although we were unable to hold a public FireSmart workshop, we did achieve a Facebook Blitz during May in which we posted FireSmart news and helpful tips for homeowners. Although meetings were reduced in number, the FireSmart Board, complying with the rules of social distancing, continued to meet and carry on with business. We thereby fulfilled the criteria required to achieve Community Recognition status for the second consecutive year.

Most significantly for the community, the water trailer and the volunteers were organized and available throughout the spring and summer. Our group and other community volunteers responded to fire calls on April 27th and August 18th. Big THANKYOUS go out to members of the community who reported the fires and to those who showed up onsite ready to help. We will continue to be available in case of emergency until the water trailer is put in storage for the winter.

With COVID still a looming concern, it is hard to say what 2021 will bring; nevertheless, we are already making plans for next year. We'll tell you all about it in the spring!

LIONS MEMORIAL RINK UPDATE

Seasonal Operation

At this point we are hoping but can't guarantee, that the rink will be available for use in line with any Covid 19 restrictions. However, we need to be prepared. Lions members Terry Potter, Alex Jensen Rick Tarling and several other interested community members will meet to decide on a plan for the operation of the rink this season. This group will not necessarily be the ones to prepare and maintain the ice. That will require help from the community as it has been in the past and the call will go out. The rink cannot operate without community help.

New Goals.

With a grant from Kimberley District Community Foundation The Lions have hired Troy Flanders to make a set of sturdy, regular sized goals.

Board Toppers. A Lions and Community Job

A CBT Community Initiative Grant was approved for replacing the board toppers. This season the Lions are thinking to hopefully remove the old unsafe toppers and replacing them with a blue skin water proof type material with 2X6 boards on top. All work needs to be done by May 2021. Stay in touch.

Zamboni Maintenance

Al Marchi, past Lion and excellent heavy duty mechanic has offered his time to work with a helper or two and do the required maintenance and inspect the breaking system. He will have time off from the oil patch in early October. *Thanks Al.*

LIONS FUNDRAISING

The following events that provide Lions funds have been currently cancelled due to Covid 19 -- garage sale, Grand Fondo, Triathlon. Marysville Days, Christmas Dinner, Winterfest, pancake breakfasts and more. A Lions committee is brain storming possible fund raising activities that will be safe and in line with Covid restrictions. Any ideas? Email to lauriekay40@shaw.a

Stay Safe, be Smart, be Kind

The Autumn Equinox (which occurred on September 22, 2016) is one of two days a year when the sun is exactly in line with Earth's celestial equator (think, the equator projected onto the sky). As a result, Earth receives exactly 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness. The trick to remembering this is in the name: The word "equinox" comes from the Latin meaning "equal night."



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Wasa Community Church



As I look back in history at certain aspects of Christianity, and even see some of the things in this day and age that are done in the name of Christ, there's a quote in Scripture, from the mouth

of Jesus, that comes to mind: "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me..." (Matthew 15:8). There is so much church history filled with lust for power and control, hatred and disregard for fellow human beings, greed and all sorts of other things. As Christians, as Christ-followers, we are supposed to be showing people what Christ is like, but what is instead so often showcased is our own sinful hearts relentlessly grasping at our own sinful desires, using God as justification. I know that, as those who know Jesus, while we are forgiven, we aren't perfect. We still mess up and do wrong. However, there are many who do things in the name of the Lord who, like Jesus says, are far from Him, and when I see this kind of behaviour or look back in history at it, it upsets me. Christ shouldn't be used for our own gain.

When we look at His life, we see that He lived for others. First and foremost for His Father, and then for humanity. Paul wrote of Him, "... though he was in the form of God, [he] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8). As the only human who had never sinned, He died in place of all other humans. He took our penalty for sin upon His innocent self. When we look at Christ, we see humility. We don't see hatred and disregard for human beings, we see love enough to die for them. We don't see greed, we see giving. If you are a Christian, this is who you are representing, and therefore, these are the traits you should be showing.

I know it's not always easy to love others, or to be generous, or even to be humble, but we do have a risen Saviour who has perfected those traits, and we can always pray to Him to help us in those areas. As Christians, following His example and relying on Him, let us work to love and serve others, both God and our fellow humans, distinguishing ourselves from those who may honour the same name with their lips, but who have hearts far from Jesus.

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

There is a harmony in autumn, and a luster in its sky, which through the summer is not heard or seen, as if it could not be, as if it had not been!

Percy Bysshe Shelley

RDEK NEWS

By Area E Director Jane Walter





Bev Rauch was a incredible man. Bev was always willing to help with many projects, which helped to make Wasa the community a great place to reside in.

When I first met Bev and Brenda many years ago, he was a very active Lion's Member. In fact he was a Lifetime Lion's member - this is something that does not happen very often. For many years Bev made Wooden name tags for the new Lion's members.

Bev and Brenda volunteered for many events that were taking place. Some of these events were Pancake Breakfasts, the Lion's Christmas event, Franks and Thanks, were just a few of the things they did for the Lion's.

He was also a member of the Memorial Garden - he put in many hours to get the approval for the columbarium. He also used to sell the niches for the garden.

Bev also was a member of my APC Area Planning Committee and the EAAC Economic Area Advisory Committee for 13 years.

One of my memories of Bev and Brenda was 3 years ago. I was organizing the food for the first Winterfest and I was having trouble finding people willing to help and I had brought it up at the Lion's meeting. Bev was not well but he said he would come out to help. That was Bev always willing to help.

I will miss him very much.

Wasa Hall

I want to Thank the Columbia Basin Trust for the grant for the solar power installation for the hall. They have installed the system and this will help the Wasa Rec Society with the utility bill.

Covid has put a strain on many people and businesses so *Please* support local businesses and remember to be aware of the stress that many people are dealing with.

This year the groups have had trouble doing any fundraising to cover their insurance and utilities bills. This has also added more stress for the groups. Even before Covid they were struggling with covering their insurance and utility bills. So I have had some meetings with the Wasa Rec.Society and Wasa and Area Lion's Club to see if I can help them. I am also helping the Memorial Garden with the cost of a sign. If you can please help them - the facilities that these groups are maintaining are absolutely vital for the community.

I hope everyone has had a good Summer and I hope you have a good month. Please be safe, keep washing your hands and keep your distance.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me or email me: 250-427-2577 or s.janewalter@gmail.com Jane Walter

Astronomy Events in the October Night Sky



This year, the October night sky is going to be a great one. This month is a fun combination of those meteor showers, close approaches, and oppositions. It turns out to be one of the 'busier' months of the year, from an astronomical perspective.

October 8 – Peak of the Draconid Meteor Shower; visible from Oct 7-9 with peak illumination on the 8th. Because the moon will be at 62%, it may be hard to spot, but always worth staying up for.

October 18 – Peak of the ε -Geminid Meteor Shower; while they only max at 3 per hour, it will be easy to spot because of the waxing crescent moon.

October 21 – Peak of the Orionid Meteor Shower; this shower occurs from the 16-30, but you should be able to spot up to 25 per hour on the 21st. Easy to spot since they originate near the orion constellation.

Wasa Community Library

NEW HOURS: As of October 2020, due to the Corona Virus our new hours until the library closes for the summer on June 30th 2021 hours will be as follows:

PLEASE NOTE, We are open EVERY SECOND TUESDAY FROM 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the following days-

October 13 & 27 November 10 & 24 December 8 & 22 (call Marg Burrin @ 250.422.3565 or Rose Smith @ 250.422.3088)

submitted by Judy McPhee

As winter Is approaching and our fall work finished (or almost), many of you might like to settle in your comfortable chair with a good book.

From now till our community library closes for the summer next June, we will be open every second week except holidays. We are located in the basement of our community hall.

Our library will be open on Tuesdays from 11am to 1:00 pm. Please mark your calendars.

OCTOBER 13 and 27 NOVEMBER 10 and 24 DECEMBER 8 and 22

2021 dates will be published in the Dec. TVB.

For those people who have not availed themselves of our well- stocked library, you will be pleased with the variety of books we have. We also have many children's books.

Our head librarian is Marg Burrin; Rose Smith also volunteers to 'man' our library.

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.

Henry Ward Beecher

We hope many people will take advantage of our community library.

Americans typically refer to this time of year as "fall," while the British use the word "autumn." Both terms date back to the 16th century but before that it was called "harvest. Until about 1500, autumn was just called "harvest." The full moon closest to the autumn equinox is known as a harvest moon. Before cities electrified, the bright night of the harvest moon was essential for farmers harvesting their late-year crops.

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

- $\hfill\square$ 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
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- ☐ Have fun and be safe!

For Gym Schedule Please Contact:

- Sonia Blackwell at 250.421.3019 or
- Rod at 250.422.3253

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





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From the Ashram

Words of Wisdom



There is so much more to discover about what you call "your life"

Why is it that we are here rather than not being here? If you have a sense of existence and presence in this life, then where were you before this life? Being the witness of the total disappearance of all the people you know through the process of death, what will happen when it's your turn? Is what we call "life" just a mirage, a mere momentary pseudo-lucid dream, and after death comes the True Life? Why is it that, like by magic, we are born, we live knowing for a fact that we too will die, yet we continue acting as if none of that must be seriously questioned or inquired about! In fact, we live in a very strange world where people act like these questions are so scary that it's better to forget about them and do like everyone else by diving into intense occupations until the unavoidable end.

The Lord Adi Buddha once realized the awful reality that the entire world is sleeping and dreaming, and in that dream, almost no one questions the very reason for existence. One day, all Men become sick (even if for a very short period), their bodies collapse and they simply cease to exist, remaining a short memory in the mind of their kin until they too die. The Adi Buddha was shocked by the intense level of human inertia, by their fascination with what is ephemeral and their willing enslavement to their world of dreams. Why is it that being in such a doomed situation, their will to find the Truth and get out of the nightmare is almost inexistent? Each of them will be erased from the surface of the earth as the true motto for all the departed is: "leave no trace". It is the same for us today since in two hundred years from now, who will really have been living in this world with us? You and all the people around you

are only passing ghosts! Ephemeral reflections upon the fabric of time and space! That is the reason why places like Ashrams, Gompas and other Spiritual Centers exist.

This pragmatic vision of our situation in the world was a total shock for the Lord Adi Buddha! It was as if he was asking to his contemporaries: "Don't you see how weird our situation is in this world? Don't you think it would be legitimate to make a serious, deep and sincere inquiry about what has happened to all of us, what is happening to all of us and what is going to happen to all of us, and try to remedy it rather than avoiding to face the dramatic suffering with courage?"

Nevertheless, not really being understood by the people around him, seeing the people acting as if this ineluctable destruction and disappearance were totally normal, he undertook the Journey to the Real on his own. Since nobody, not even the greatest thinkers of his time, could give him a solid answer about this terrible situation of all sentient beings, he concluded that the Truth behind all of Life could not be found outside, but only through internal means within himself. From there, he realized that what is impermanent must obligatorily be experienced by something that is solid, constant, permanent and indestructible: the Unlimited Witness Consciousness. But Consciousness has nothing to do with body, ego, mind, time, space, matter or causality.

Through his own Sadhana (or search for the ultimate part of Himself, which must be constant and permanent), he had the experience that we are all wrong, having been deceived by appearances in believing that we are only this body of flesh, this thinking mind and this personality, and that is exactly what we are not. Words could not describe what his true Presence was made of but,

nevertheless, he now had this permanent experience of being a pure unlimited presence, a witness Consciousness totally united with all that has been, all that is and all that will be.

Later, to express his enlightenment, he employed the term "Nirvana", describing it as the ultimate goal of life. Nirvana has a wide range of meanings, although its literal meaning is "blowing out" or "quenching". It refers both to the act and effect of blowing (at something) to put it out, but also to the process and outcome of burning out, of becoming extinguished as ego-mind while remaining in a pure state of awareness comprised of infinite bliss and felicity. That "Buddha State of being" is called Spiritual Liberation, Self-Realization or Enlightenment. It is important to note that the original meaning of nirvana was in fact not "to extinguish" but "to uncover" the Atman or Supreme Self from that which is Anatman (not atman), thereby extinguishing what we are not. Nirvana must be understood as realizing one's True Nature in which all suffering ceases.

So, behind what you call your "Life", exist many other dimensions which consist of so many planes of elevation of your current Consciousness. The Path of Yoga or Dharma leads to the experience of your True Nature and then to realizing the extent to which you are not at all only this physical body, this mind, and these emotions.

May the Aspiration to realize your True Nature of Buddha bring you the answer to all your questions about the very reason for existence. You are not here only to die one day, but to die to what you are not.

With Love and Blessing in the Lord. Warmly yours on the Path of Life.

OM OM OM H.H. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha



The need to remove trash from shorelines does not take a break on account of COVID-19, so neither did the trustees and other volunteers who once again scoured Wasa Lake's shorelines on September 19th in search of unwanted remnants of summer's activities.

Over the years, 281 kilograms of trash have been removed and disposed of by trustees, their families, and community volunteers, and in 2020, another 6.8 kilograms was added to that number. Year after year, cigarette butts, foam bits, and plastic wrappers are standard fare; this year's unusual items included prescription eyeglasses (posted on Facebook in hopes that someone will claim them), a pool noodle and a lounge chair cushion that were blown away by the recent windstorm, and the remains of a dead deer. Note the blue Styrofoam block just beneath the centre of the photo; if this block (broken off from a deteriorating dock) had remained on shore, it would have broken apart into billions of tiny bits and washed into the lake, ingested by fish and wildlife, and washed to other locations by high water. Deteriorating docks are a serious threat to the health of lake water, and homeowners are encouraged to repair or replace old docks that are falling apart.



photo courtesy of Nowell Berg

The amount, kind, and weight of all the trash collected is recorded and submitted to

Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup and added to the statistics to identify national trends. In 2019, over 83,000 people participated in 3000 cleanups and collected 163 kilograms of trash across Canada. Numbers of registered cleanups, participants, and amount of trash collected is increasing nationally, indicating growing interest in environmental health.

Thanks once again to the community volunteers who came out to help the trustees, and to BC Parks for providing pizza to celebrate the completion of a job well-done!

The *Wasa Recreation Society* manages the Wasa Community Hall. The main objective is have a Community Hall that is viable for events and recreation of the community. Through 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 in the basement. The meetings are open for anyone wanting to attend with new ideas or becoming part of the Society committee.

 Hall Rentals and Information: Karen Markus 250.422.3514

Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795

- Gym-Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019, Rod 250.422.3253
 - TOPS Susan 778.524.0012
 - Library Judy McPhee 250.422.3766
- Quilter's Club Linda Sungaard 778.524.4456
- In addition, BINGO's 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. and regular at 6:45 p.m.
- And TKC coffee is held the 2nd Wednesday of each month

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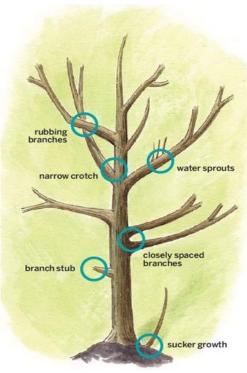


Fall Fruit Tree Care:

Who doesn't love being able to go out into their own yard for a fresh, ripe apple? or plum? But being able to do so comes at a cost - of time and proper fertilizer, preventative maintenance, etc. And fall is a an excellent time to do some of that.



1. Wait for the leaves to fall completely on most fruit trees before beginning your dormant season inspection. Look the tree over carefully for unusual growths, cracks in the bark that may be weeping sticky fluid, bark that's falling off, discoloration or other signs that something is going wrong. Remove severely ill or damaged trees suffering from diseases that are incurable and replace them with more resistant varieties.



- 2. Examine your tree's structure if it is very young and decide where to make pruning cuts -- generally speaking, wounds heal more quickly during the late fall and winter, because spring rains can encourage fungal and bacterial invaders. Remove much of the recent season's growth, especially those branches at risk of growing into one another or rubbing as they mature. Cut out dead wood on older trees, as well as any portion of any trees that are showing signs of disease to slow its spread.
- 3. Select a dormant oil spray or dormant fruit tree spray based on your tree's species and life history. Apply it thoroughly to destroy chronic pest and pathogenic agents when temperatures will be constantly above freezing for a few days. Avoid spraying general insecticides if your tree has already begun to bud, since these poisons can linger, killing honeybees who visit early in the spring. Apply these treatments any time while the tree is still deeply dormant and weather conditions cooperative.
- 4. Keep a watchful eye on the weather. Apply a layer of mulch 4 to 6 inches deep to young, shallowly rooted fruit trees if your local weather forecast calls for a hard freeze -- although you should wait to prune out frost damage to trees, a hard freeze may do extensive damage to the root systems of young fruit trees and cannot be ignored.

Things Needed:

Pruning shears Pruning saw Fruit tree spray (optional)

Dormant oil (optional) Mulch

Warnings:

Make sure to clean your tools thoroughly and often when working with diseased wood. Pathogens spread easily between trees and branches on tools and clothing.

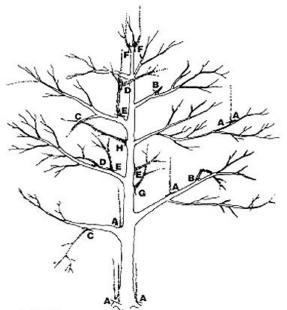
Tips:

Fruit trees that have been properly hardened off before the dormant season arrives are more likely to survive unscathed. Remember to withhold fertilizer and water as your trees begin to go dormant -- even if they haven't lost all of their leaves, a slowing of new growth should tell you to stop feeding. Over-fertilized trees may continue to have spurts of new growth that will be severely damaged by cold

https://homeguides.sfgate.com/care-fruit-trees-fall-winter-59294.html.

Many of you have a story, adventure or life stories about people you know in our area that happened in years past and you are eager to share so that the history is not lost. I would like to include them in the "Following the Trails of Yesterday" page. Please phone me if you would like to contribute to the column at 250-422-3766 or email me at -- judymcphee9@gmail.com--





- A Suckers
- B Stubs or broken branches
- C Downward growing branches
- D Rubbing branches
- E Upward growing interior branches
- F Competing leaders
- G Narrow crotches
- H Whorls

Hunting Season, continued

Or abiding by off-highway vehicle (OHV) laws and not driving your vehicle off trail is another one. The impact of these vehicles on areas can be catastrophic to wildlife, natural vegetation, and can lead to damaging erosion in most areas.



The animals



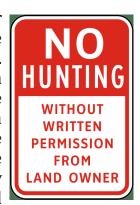
Let's not forget about the animals. And not just the animals that we hunt, but all of them prey and predator alike. They are out there trying to make a living just like you. I'm not just talking about during hunting season either. Shed hunting has gotten pretty popular and has let to a great deal of disrespect for the land and the animals whose antlers are coveted.

The general public

I know that we (hunters) like to live in our own little world and shun most of society out of our lives, but the truth is, the world doesn't revolve around us. We move within it and, because of that, it's important that we respect not only other hunters, but the general public, too. Now, when I say general public I'm not referring to anti-hunter activists or anything like that. I'm talking about the everyday folks. If you happen to be cleaning an animal close to a road or trail, drag the carcass into an area where it is less likely to be seen.

Landowners

Don't worry! I'm not gonna forget about private landowners and neither should you. The fact that these folks would give a stranger permission to come and hunt on their land shouldn't be taken lightly in the least. Think about it. A complete stranger knocking on your door/calling you and asking if they can hunt in your backyard? It's a lot for them to say "yes" and trust that you are going to abide by their laws. So do it. If a gate is supposed to be closed, then close it. If it is supposed to be open, then leave it open. Don't drive your vehicle off of the roads either. This damages the soil and vegetation. The resources the land offers and the ones that are man-made should be treated the same. Many ranchers have stock tanks or water troughs that they have built and managed



for years. When someone does something like put chlorine tablets in a few of those to make an animal have to hit a certain water source, that is absolutely unacceptable.

CLOSING

Hunter Etiquette

Etiquette can be defined as "the customary code of polite behavior in society or among members of a particular profession or group." We don't have to all be friends, but we are definitely all in it together. The hunting community is no doubt a group of people. So, let us be courteous to one another. It's also in our hands for future generations to come. Let us not ruin what was so graciously given to us from past generations. Respect the land, respect the resource and respect the hunt - today and for future generations.

Written by: Josh Kirchner

https://www.gohunt.com/read/life/hunter-etiquette#gs.gj25uu

For more information on hunting regulations in your area, visit:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/outdoor-recreation/fishingand-hunting/hunting/regulations/2020-2022/hunting-trapping-synopsis-2020-2022-region4.pdf

In Memory of Beverly McLean "Bev" Rauch 1927 - 2020

September 24, 1927 - September 7, 2020

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Bev Rauch.

Dad instilled a true sense of the importance of family and community in us all. Dad never said no to anyone who needed a helping hand, and was usually the first to volunteer to set



up or work community events. You could always find him organizing and working at events in Wasa, such as Pancake Breakfasts, Wasa Fun Days, Wasa Historical Society events, always with a smile on his face. He was in on the ground floor of getting the Wasa & District Historical Association Memorial Garden up and running from concept to completion. He was an active member of the Wasa Lions and never missed a meeting if he could help it.

As everyone knows, Dad had a great love of horses. I remember many a quiet and fast drive home from Kelowna with Mom. Dad had this thing where he would phone Mom in Kelowna (the morning we were driving home) to tell her he had bought a horse while she was gone. He knew what he was doing! Her anger had usually dissipated by the time we arrived in the driveway. He spent many a weekend at horseshows with Bay, and has a wall of ribbons to prove what a great horseman he was.

Special thanks to Dad's Doctor, to the Care Aids and Nurses who looked after Dad with love and great care when he was still at home, and then when he moved to Joseph's Creek. We appreciate your kindness and compassion very much. Dad and Mom could not have stayed in their home in Wasa for as long as they were able to without the unwavering support from friends in the community. Rides to town, picking up groceries for them, dropping in just for a visit or to see if they needed anything, making sure they were safe – all these moments of kindness were very much appreciated by us all. Thank you.

Bev leaves to mourn his wife of 66 years, Brenda, his children Scott (Sophia) Rauch, Kent (Debbie) Rauch, Lisa (Dave) Hiebert, grandchildren Derek (Sanchia) Rauch, Danny (Dianna) Rauch, Brianne (Memphis) Vondracek, Cameron (Jordyn) Osterhold, Jordan (Megan) Osterhold, and great grandchildren Chase, Micah, Elise and Bethany. He also leaves his sisters Norma (Ken) Dietrich, Ardith Speaker and Betty Richter, and many other family members and friends. He will leave a big hole in our family, but we are so lucky to have had him for so many years.

Immediate family will be putting Dad in his final resting place at the Wasa & District Historical Association Memorial Gardens, and we will be planning a Celebration of Life (Covid permitting) in the summer of 2021. Anyone wishing to can donate to the Wasa Lions Club Scholarship Fund in his memory.

"Rest in Paradise Dad - You are loved and missed."

Arrangements entrusted to McPherson Funeral Services. Condolences for the family can be offered at: www.mcphersonfh.com

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



Lost Words from our childhood:

Mergatroyd!. Do you remember that word? Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word Mergatroyd? Heavens to Mergatroyd! The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her quizzically and said "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old. But not that old. Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

So let's illuminate some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. Phrases like: Don't touch that dial, Carbon copy, You sound like a broken record, and Hung out to dry. Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right. Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy



moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley; and even a regular guy couldn't: accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China! Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore. We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" Or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!" We discover that the words we grew up: with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards. Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those great phrases: gone? Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the: chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses. It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has little liver pills. This can: be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!) We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that: has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour: upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging. Leaves us to wonder

taken from 'Today's Special' facebook post:

The BUZZ needs you!

In order for our paper to grow with the community, we are looking for volunteer submitters to accomplish this goal ... and you'll have fun doing it:) I know I do! We have opening for an invoice coordinator, helpful hints writer, as well as a 'fun page' submitter. There is always a need for community related stories and I know these are out there. If you would like to be a part of the community paper, please feel free to email the Buzz at trivillagebuzz@gmail.com, with your ideas and/or suggestions. I am excited to see what's out there



TRUST RELEASES 2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT

Region sees nearly \$100 million in benefits; register for virtual AGM

(Columbia Basin) - Columbia Basin Trust provided

\$97.3 million for programs, initiatives and capital investments to positively impact the communities and people of the Basin, as released in its 2019/20 Annual Service Plan Report. This includes \$68.6 million in grants, \$12.2 million in capital projects to support economic development and broadband infrastructure, along with \$9.2 million in business loans and \$7.3 million in real estate and commercial investments.

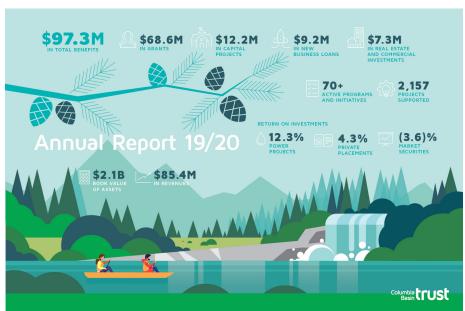
Continued efficient and reliable operations of its jointly owned hydroelectric facilities in the West Kootenay along with investments in real estate and business loans, saw revenues increase to \$85.4 million, helping the Trust continue to address the 13 priorities set out in the Columbia Basin Management Plan. These priorities guide the Trust's efforts to support communities and were advanced in 2019/20 through 2,157 projects along with the introduction of new programs and initiatives.

"Working with partners and communities, we've kept moving forward on the things that the people in the Basin have told us matters to them including affordable housing, childcare and the environment," said Johnny Strilaeff, Columbia Basin Trust President and CEO. "We are grateful for their vision, support and collaboration over the last 25 years and are deeply appreciative of how we have been able to grow and evolve as we worked together to serve the people and communities in the region.

"Now, as we continue to adapt to the public health challenges of COVID-19, we are looking ahead and asking residents what's most important to them over the next 18 to 24 months, what matters most to their family, what matters most in their community, and how can we work together to address those priorities."

The Trust is working on finalizing a short-term strategic plan to determine its focus over the next 18 to 24 months. Residents have until September 11 to provide their feedback online at ourtrust.org/feedback or by phone at 1.800.505.8998. The new plan is expected to be released later in September.

"The past six months have been difficult for communities and residents, but it has also shown how strong and resilient we are as a region," said Strilaeff. "As an organization, there have been valuable learnings for our staff and Board about how we work with communities in ways that are most meaningful for them. We are looking forward to hearing from residents and incorporating their feedback to develop a short-term plan that is relevant and purposeful as we continue to navigate a challenging and evolving situation together."



The Trust's Annual General Meeting will take place online on September 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. PT / 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. MT. We will present highlights of the Trust's fiscal performance from the 2019/20 Annual Service Plan Report, share progress on our strategic priorities and the development of the new strategic plan. We also welcome your questions and comments. To participate in the AGM, register online.

For 25 years, Columbia Basin Trust has been supporting your ideas and efforts. To learn more about the Trust's resources and support, visit ourtrust.org or call 1.800.505.8998

Garden Facts & Fables

This has been quite the summer. Seeds sold out in the stores - everyone wanting to try their hands at gardening. Cold and wet the first half of the summer - and then the heat struck!

I have to confess, my garden was a disappointment this year :(But when I tour the community, I see others that appear to have had great success! Kudos to all of the successful gardeners out there! And for me? I will try again, lol.

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.
- George Cooper

DID YOU KNOW?

- a notch carved in a tree will remain the same distance from the ground as the tree grows? True fact!
- an average spider's brain possesses a greater mental capacity than the world's most brilliant scientists. According to the study, if a spider's brain didn't lack a cognitive lobe, they'd be more intelligent than Einstein!
- the ghost orchid has no leaves or stem; it is simply a system of roots when it is not flowering.
- the sandbox tree, also known as the dynamite tree, is covered in spikes full of poison and grows exploding fruit.

October Tips & Chores:

- Clean up your garden beds, disposing of any diseased plants. Compost what you can.
- Now is the time to plant new trees and shrubs. Be sure to water well, to give them abundant hydration to get thru the winter.
- Save seed from some of your favorites. Dry it, place it in a paper envelope (writing the plant name and year on it), put the envelope in an airtight container, and store it in a cool, dark, dry location.
- Plant spring bulbs and your garlic!
- Harvest your root vegetables. If you don't have a root cellar, potatoes can be kept in a cool, dry space amid layers of straw or shredded paper. Carrots can be kept covered in moist sand in a rubbermaid tub (covered).
- Did you know you can protect the ground you grow in by planting a cover crop? You can grow wheat, barley, and other grains in individual garden beds or in your larger garden. This keeps the ground protected from the elements over winter. Therefore, if you'd like to protect your garden spot(s), plant a cover crop this month.

https://morningchores.com/october-gardening-tips/ https://www.thespruce.com/gardening-to-do-list-october-in-thegarden-

Leave leaves on the ground - they have a lot of benefit to wildlife and your garden.

Many wildlife species live in the leaf layer as their primary habitat – including salamanders, chipmunks, wood frogs, box turtles, toads, shrews, earthworms, millipedes and many insects species.

Many butterfly and moth species overwinter in leaf litter such as luna moths, great spangled fritillaries, woolly bear caterpillars (which become Isabella tiger moths) and red-banded hairstreaks. Some overwinter as eggs, some as pupae and some as adults. If you rake up and throw away all of your leaves this fall, you'll be getting rid of these beautiful and beneficial insects, many of which are pollinators. Butterfly and moth caterpillars are also a critically important food source for birds in the spring when they are feeding their babies. If you remove all of your fallen leaves, there will be fewer of these insects in and around your yard and fewer birds too.

From a gardening perspective, fallen leaves offer a double benefit. Leaves form a natural mulch that helps suppress weeds and at the same time fertilize the soil as they break down.

https://blog.nwf.org/2014/11/what-to-do-with-fallen-leaves/

When I do the gardening, I alphabetise my herbs, people often ask how I find the time. I respond with "Easy, Thyme is right between the Tarragon and Turmeric"



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What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?

Straw-berries

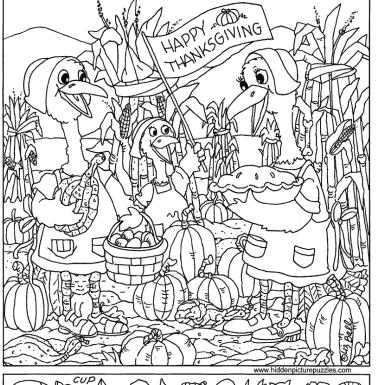
How do leaves travel from one town to town?

With autumn-mobiles.

What's worse than finding a worm in your apple? Finding half a worm.

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October 2020

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25 Church 10:30 a.m.	26	27	28	29	30	31

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