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A MOMENT IN TIME

BY IDA CALE AND KAREN MARKUS

What were you doing in the summer of 1986? BC Parks was celebrating its 75th birthday with community parades, sand sculpture contests and imaginative interpretive programs – all with special guests like Jerry the Moose. In August of 1986, Parks staff and friends gathered for a pot luck supper at the old youth crew camp to recognize this special birthday. There was a lot of reminiscing and many stories about the BC Parks memorabilia and personal items that were to be put in a 'time capsule' for a future review.

In October 2012, Parks staff and friends once again gathered to celebrate BC Parks 100th birthday (2011) by opening the infamous container. Memories had dimmed as to what this capsule looked like and how it was secured in the ground by the Parks flag pole but how difficult could it be to dig it up? Well, it took the brute strength of Alex Green, Jim Hill and Brett Yeates along with 'save the day' Dale and his back hoe from Wasa Building Supplies to finally get it out of the ground! It definitely had the mark of Pete Vereshagen, Wayne Meena and Dick Davis for the 'capsule' was a 3 by 5 foot culvert with the top 2 feet filled with a 'lid' of cement!



It was lots of fun to sort through the various maps, signs and posters in use a quarter of a century ago. High lights included a Jerry the Moose

hand puppet, Top of the World Park trail register, an ancient volume on prospecting, a pay slip from Dennis Herman and treasures put in by Dennis Driscoll and Ken Repp families.



Coffee and cake were served at the picnic tables at the Grey Change area. Norm Blackburn and Ida Cale serenaded us with the provincial theme song for BC Parks 75th birthday "We Welcome You to Beautiful British Columbia" This delightful piece was composed by Norm Blackburn and recorded by Norm, Tracy Garvin (Blackburn), Murray Blackburn and Bud DeCosse. Other past employees and friends of BC Parks at the celebration included Lister and Kay Canning, Nellie Vereshagen, Doug Forster, Heather Eave, Bob Cale, Dennis, Jordie, Lola and Gabrielle Driscoll and Wayne Stetski along with present employees Karen Markus, Alex Green, Livia Collier, Greg Chin and Brett Yeates. Except for the challenge and sweat to get the capsule dug up, it was a lovely afternoon of greeting old friends and reminiscing of a special 'moment in time'!



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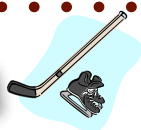
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GOOD OR BAD IDEA???

Recently it has been brought to my attention that Drew Carey (famous comedian and part owner of Major Leagues' soccer team The Seattle Sounders) has given season ticket holders the right to join The Fan Association for a paltry sum of \$125.00. What amazed me was the rights that these fans have been bestowed with. At seasons end these members of the Association have the right to vote on the development of the team-in particular the firing or rehiring of the general manager and/or coaching staff. WOW!! Finally a team that listens to the fan based majority. With a vote in excess of 50% these season ticket holders can hold the fate of the men or women who assemble and coach THEIR team. Mr. Carey's idea is an innovative one and its worth is yet to be determined. The vote takes place at seasons end and not just after a bad outing which could prove catastrophic to a coach who makes a wrong substitution or a bad choice of a starting lineup for that 1 game. If there are more disgruntled fans than there are satisfied ones, then the career of those in charge are in peril.

I say why stop there, if certain players are a pain in the butt and are under performing then the fans should have the right to show that player their displeasure and get rid of him or her (regardless of contract status). You can easily apply this rationale to our local teams. If season ticket holders are not completely satisfied with GM Jeff Chynoweth of the Kootenay Ice, then he can be replaced at the end of the year with a mere 50.01% of the voting season ticket holders. If they are not happy with the coaching staff, then POOF and VOILA they're gone. Let's put ourselves in the seats at Rogers Arena in Vancouver as season ticket holders, Ooh-the things that we may be able to accomplish there. GM Mike Gillis-not being able to deliver a Stanley Cup to the city even though the Canucks were favored 2 years ago-GONZO; Moody and inconsistent goalie Roberto Luongo-GONZO; Even keeled and mild mannered coach Alain Vigneault, not being able to get the most out of his players-GONZO!!! These are just a few examples of what could arise if the power of firing team personnel is given to the masses who may have little knowledge in the everyday workings of their favorite team.

With these decisions bring great responsibilities that should not be taken lightly. Do we actually want that right to determine the livelihood of men and women? Can you imagine if all the season ticket holders in the NHL could vote on the demise of diminutive and arrogant commissioner Gary Bettman. The 8 million dollar-a-year leprechaun would be shown the exit door in a flash and could be replaced with a more personable and tolerant person. 3 work stoppages in the last 2 decades is a recipe for fan indifference and apathy. Let's put someone in charge who understands the true balance between sports and business and can negotiate true collective bargaining to satisfy owners and players.

Let's take this another direction and not relate it to sports. Let's say you're in management at Tembec and your coworkers and staff have a vote in determining the future of your employment. How well are you going to do your job in order to keep your position? Or does this just become an ass kissing and popularity contest? The private sector is not very unlike the sports world in whereas hard working personnel are rewarded with monetary enumeration and prosperous contracts. Fat Cats in charge of mega projects do not always have their hands on the pulse of everyday workings and base the hirings and firings of personnel on personal relationships or hearsay. Maybe, just maybe, this new trend can lead to a better working environment with, God forbid, better production. In this new system management staff may be more apt to ante up for a round of quaffs at the local brew house more often. I'll leave it to the readers to determine if this a GOOD or BAD idea???

ICE SHAVINGS

At press time, The Ice are currently sitting in last place in the Central division and their streak of continuous playoff appearances looks to be in jeopardy. After a slow start, the team showed a spark of life when they shutout the defending WHL champs, The Edmonton Oil Kings, 1-0 followed with another solid effort in Red Deer beating the host team 2-1. Upon their return to friendly confines of Western Financial Place, the team proceeded to lose 2 straight to fall to 4-7. The team seems to be playing inconsistent hockey and are looking to coach Ryan McGill to upright an unsteady ship. This

is not a veteran laden squad and the team has to perform to its utmost potential every game to achieve success. Its early in the season and I'm sure the coaching staff will have the boys playing to top form very shortly. The goal tending tandem of MacKenzie Shapski and Wyatt Hoflin have to improve on their paltry sub.900 save percentage in order for the team to succeed. We at the Buzz would like to encourage all the readers to support our local teams while the NHL sorts out its ugly lockout.

Kootenay Ice Home Games all games start at 7:00pm

Fri. Nov 2	vs	Saskatoon
Sat. Nov 3	vs	Vancouver
Sat. Nov 10	vs	Moose Jaw
Fri. Nov 16	vs	Brandon
Sat Nov 17	vs	Brandon

DYNAMITER DYNAMICS

The Nitros are currently resting in 2nd place in their division thanks to an overall record of 9-5 good for 18 points and 1 point out of 1st. Forwards Jared Marchi, Taylor MacDowell and rookie Eric Buckley as well as defenseman Isaac Schacher lead the team offensively while goalie Jeremy Mousseau has a respectable 8-4 record with a goals against average of 3.06 and a save percentage of.903. Keep up the good work boys.

Dynamiter Home Games

7:00 pm	Fri. Nov 2	vs	Columbia Valley
2:00 pm	Sun. Nov 4	vs	Osoyoos
7:00 pm	Fri. Nov 16	vs	Nelson
2:00 pm	Sun. Nov 18	vs	Spokane
7:00 pm	Sat. Nov 24	vs	Castlegar

Local sports is our passion; Contact me at mcarellitelus.net if you have any anecdotes or sportsrelated tid-bits that you would like covered; See you all next issue:

Mario, our dedicated Sports Writer and Fun Page author gave us quite a scare. Take care of yourself Mario, yours are tough boots to fill!!



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News from the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyna



On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Canadians are asked to pause in memory of the thousands of men and women who sacrificed their lives in military service. At public gatherings around the country, Canadians pay tribute with two minutes of silence to the country's fallen soldiers from the First World War, the Second World War, the Korean War, the Afghanistan conflict and peacekeeping missions. The freedoms that we enjoy today in our great country have been given to us by many who were willing to go and fight for us. Many have gone to other countries and gave of their lives so that they too could enjoy the freedom that we enjoy as a nation. The veterans from the first and second world wars are slowly passing away, but for those still around, "Thank you" for placing your life on the line for our freedom. For those who have participated in the Korean and Afghanistan conflicts as well as for those in peacekeeping missions, "Thank you" for your part in giving, or helping to give freedom to nations who were in need of freedom. May we never forget!

I also want to take some of your time to tell you that we are going to be having our Christmas Dinner Theatre again this year. We will be having it on Friday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Wasa Community Hall. The drama this year is called "The Innkeeper's Dilemma." This dramady (combination of drama and comedy) deals with the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus, which is what Christmas is all about in the first place. This is a great evening of good food, great fellowship with one another and we will try to make you laugh so that your evening is enjoyable. The cost of the tickets are \$20.00 each and if you would like a ticket call Patsy at 250-422-9226. We would appreciate it if the tickets can be paid for before the evening.

Please contact the Church at 250-422-3344 if you have any spiritual questions. You might also want to check out the Church website at www.wasacommunitychurch.ca. You are more than welcome to come and see what we are all about.

Pastor Gary Semenyna

Thank you to All. Wasa is a great place to live.

We are amazed at the community in which we live. Everyone has been so supportive both financially and emotionally. The list is long of the people, businesses and clubs that did so much for us while we were in the Children's Hospital in Edmonton. Lions Club, Wasa Pub, Fort Steele Heritage Town, Wasa Slow Pitch Team, Slim Pickens, Mountain Town Maulers and all of Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Cranbrook, Kimberley, Jaffray and Calgarians (that make Wasa their summer home). Thanks for all of the good wishes, positive thoughts and prayers.

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Submitted by Clay Tippett

We are waiting for an engineering proposal to review the flooding this spring and make recommendations for upgrading the flood protection of Wasa Lake. A wide-ranging study on flooding in the area was done in 1987 by Rick Baker P. Eng. of the BC Water Management Branch in Nelson. This work was the basis on which the flap gates were installed on culverts on Hansen Channel and the Cameron Pond outflow. It is informative reading to anyone with an interest in the dynamics of flooding in the area and we will be making a copy of the report available at the Wasa Library.

Progress continues on the creation of a comprehensive study of the Wasa aquifer. We are grateful to Ron Brooks and Doug Kittle for their willingness to continue to serve on the aquifer committee as we apply for funding to do the study.

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The Lions Den

SUBMITTED BY KATHY MILES-BOUE

ANNUAL LIONS CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE

Plans are well under way and a lot of hard work has already been done to get it all together. These next few weeks will be a blur of activity. The dance will be held on **Saturday, December 1st**. Tickets will go on sale bright and early Saturday, November 17th at the Wasa Hall. Lots of prizes, food and fun while helping the Lions raise money for their "We Care, We Serve" fund. It doesn't get much better than that.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHT -UP CONTEST

Don't forget the **Annual Christmas Light-Up Contest** judging is planned for Sunday, December 16th. It is always so nice to drive around and see all the beautiful ways people have decorated the outside of their homes and/or their yards to show us their Christmas Spirit. I am sure it brings a smile to the faces of all the people that travel through this area during the holidays. Keep up the great work, everyone!

LION JANE WALTER RECEIVES RECOGNITION

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Lion Jane Walter at our last dinner meeting by Cranbrook Lion Bill Inman for all her hard work on the Lions Annual Dog Walk that was held in September. The Dog Walk is a unique fund raiser that has the three local chapters of the Lions Clubs (Mark Creek Lions from Kimberley, the Cranbrook Lions and the Wasa Club) all working together. 100% of the funds raised go directly towards providing Dog Guides at no cost to Canadians with disabilities. Congratulations, Jane on a job well done!

PEROGY LASAGNA CASSEROLE

1 cup + ½ cup chopped onion
2 Tbsp butter
2 cups mashed potatoes
3 Tbsp milk
salt & pepper to taste
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
2 cups cottage cheese

1 egg
¼ tsp garlic powder
9-12 lasagna noodles
6 slices bacon
½ cup butter
sour cream

Saute ½ cup onion in butter until soft, mix in potatoes, milk, salt and pepper stir in shredded cheese. Set aside. In another bowl combine cottage cheese, egg and garlic powder. Set aside. Cook as many lasagna noodles as needed depending on casserole size. Layer dish with noodles, ⅓ cottage cheese mixture, ⅓ potato mixture. Repeat ending with layer of lasagna noodles. Cut bacon into bite sized pieces and cook until crisp. Add onion cook until soft. Spread over casserole. Melt ½ cup butter and drizzle over surface. Cover and bake for 30 min at 350°. Let stand 10 min before serving. Serve with sour cream. Freezes well. **Fanny dedicates this recipe to "Clever Diane!!"**

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SUBMITTED BY IDA CALE

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To give away to a new home:

- Three sets of encyclopaedias -Britannica, Columbia and World Book
- Gardening Magazines

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12 Differences

- 1) Leaf on tree is missing
- 2) Latch on mailbox is missing
- 3) Fence is different
- 4) Branch on mailbox is missing
- 5) Bush in background is colored
- 6) Zipper on vest has moved
- 7) Snow under large tree has moved
- 8) Stripe on pants is wider
- 9) Branch on tree is shorter
- 10) Branch on tree beside fence is longer
- 11) Crest on pants is different
- 12) Snow by mailbox has moved

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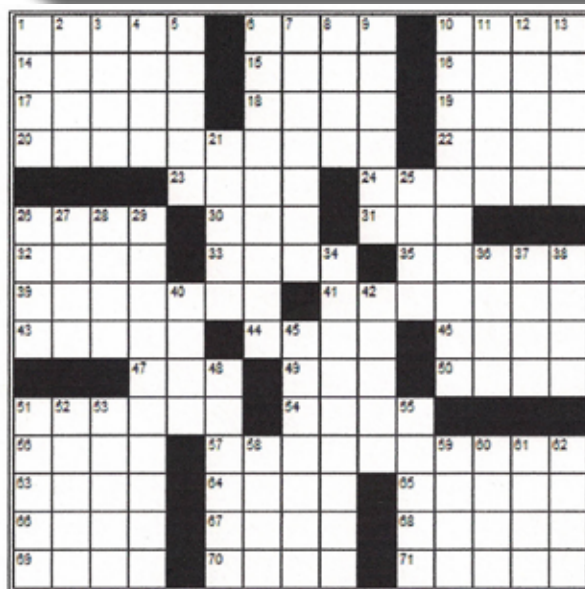
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ACROSS

1. Gander
6. Contest
10. Flower stalk
14. King
15. Nameless
16. Desire
17. Sea
18. Invited
19. Honey insects
20. Middleman
22. Young girl
23. Agile
24. Courageous
26. Have the nerve
30. Commercials
31. Sweet potato
32. Wild goat
33. Liturgy
35. Fertilizer ingredient
39. Char
41. Laughable
43. Small finch
44. Therefore
46. Contributes
47. Also
49. Poetic dusk
50. In order to prevent
51. Astute
54. Electrical or crossword
56. Abound
57. Liberate
63. Sexual assault
64. Satisfy
65. Latin name for our planet
66. Baking appliance
67. Seats oneself
68. Volumes
69. Fur
70. "Oh my!"
71. Beginning



"MARIO'S FUN PAGE"



DOWN

1. Get bigger
2. Ow!
3. Margarine
4. Secure against leakage
5. Sea eagles
6. Flannel
7. Expert
8. Style
9. Power
10. Not consciously perceived
11. Delicacy
12. Excrete
13. Untidy
21. Surplus
25. Hindu princess
26. Claim
27. Competent
28. Back
29. Exhilaration
34. Avidness
36. It ebbs and flows
37. Terminates
38. A musical pause
40. Be cognizant of
42. Relating to audible sound
45. Sailing competition
48. Black Sea port
51. Razor sharpener
52. Throw with effort
53. Fend off
55. Repeat
58. Letters, etc.
59. Hireling
60. Not legs
61. Tall woody plant
62. Where the sun rises

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Sudoku (Medium)

8	5							3
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	6	7				5		
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	7							2
	9							3
	8			9				
6		1	7		9		5	
			4		2			
7				8	3		4	
	1	4		5				9

Can You Spot 12 Differences?



FIND A WORD (Winter)

LSOSEKALFWONSELICICIN
 LEYCEKRAIMNDDRAZZILB
 ASCAWVKAIOECIKCALBRD
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 WERFAITLWCWAFIREPLACE
 OANPIELIGERNHEADBAND
 NITISNCPOLSYESETAKSSW
 SSVSNMETHKEADNDFRNEM
 THAMYOSFSCKTNNLOHAR
 YILLRAWEOICWUEUWOGSW
 EROSCORSWSOIBBGMCOI
 STEWAITSHLHVTOOSNANN
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 ENLTNNLGIIFREEZETFLNI
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Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

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- Gym
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- TOPS
 Susan 250.422.3510
- Library
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In addition, BINGO's are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:45 pm and regular at 7:00 pm.

Wasa Community Church

PRESENTS

THE INNKEEPERS DILEMMA

Christmas Dinner Theatre

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Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

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



In the morning 7:30 am to 8:30 am...
 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
 10 am to 11 am Mondays and Wednesdays
 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



**Property
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ID# 166060

6260 Wolf Creek Road,
Wasa BC



PROPERTY DETAILS

3 Beds

2 Baths

Age: 30

Levels: 2

Space: 2,000 sq. ft. (186 m²)

Flooring: Carpet, Hardwood, Linoleum

Foundation: Poured concrete

Heat Method: Baseboard

Heat Energy: Electricity, Wood

Zoning: RS1

Lot Size: 2,090,880 sq.ft./48.00 ac (194,243 m²)

Watersource: Natural Resource, Well



\$1,600,000

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Doug Ross**

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**Property
Guys.com**

ID# 166061

Buck Crescent,
Wasa BC



PROPERTY DETAILS

Beds N/A

Baths N/A

Zoning: R1

Watersource: Well

\$165,000

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TO ACT OR REACT, THAT IS THE QUESTION

No matter what situation you encounter in life, you will always have two choices : to act or to react. To react is to be under the influence of your emotions, with a more or less rigid attitude. When you react, you do not solve a situation as it is, but rather you are compulsively pushed to act according to what you think about the situation. If your action is only a reaction, then you will never be able to resolve a situation. Actually, your response will often make things even worse.

There are three ways of acting righteously: by thinking, talking and taking physical action.

If you really want to think, talk or act righteously, you absolutely need to prevent your emotions from falsifying situations. Your emotions, under the form of fear, refusal, expectations, and the desire to be obeyed or recognized, constantly poison you and the people around you. But if

you truly wish to be balanced and fair for yourself and for others, it is absolutely possible to do something about them.

To rid yourself of the influence of your emotions, you must try to be conscious of what you are comprised of at every moment, especially when you are faced with challenging situations. Ask yourself what your inner atmosphere is right now. Are you tense, stressed, angry or scared? Then, willingly put yourself in the position of a conscious, kind, logical and pragmatic observer; one who does not want his or her emotions to deform the situation. If you no longer want to be the victim of your emotions, you must always keep alive your will to resolve any situation not for your selfish benefit, according to your wishes or preferences, but sincerely for the sole benefit of the situation and of those around you.

Remove from your heart the expectation of being immediately understood or obeyed. Let people gain in wisdom and awaken within

their own lives. In doing so, you will no longer be afflicted by inner conflict or contradiction, as everything will go smoothly in your life no matter what the conditions. Remember that you can never truly be opposed to what is happening since it is happening. To accept what is as it is, is the best attitude to help any situation unfold harmoniously.

This inner attitude will quickly bring about harmonious relationships with everyone around you and with your life as a whole.

May peace, love and harmony accompany you day and night.

Warmly yours in the Lord
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Hints From Vi

Hello Readers

By Vi Cockell



What a great fall so far!

1. Now that it's cooler the baking pans come out and here is a handy way to store the dough for refrigerator cookies -the kind that needs to cool in the fridge before cooking, Save the container from a frozen juice can and rinse out well. Next fill the can with the cookie dough. This will keep perfectly shaped until ready to slice and bake, Just cut the other end off and push to the edge and slice.
2. Still have some green tomatoes and want to ripen them fast before they dry out. Well--- just place them in a brown bag with a banana and place it in a warm spot for a day or two. Bananas omit ethylene gas a chemical which encourages ripening.
3. Do you have a knotty necklace? You can work out the kinks in a chain by rubbing it with a soft eraser or drop a little baby oil on the troubled spot, then take a needle to pull apart.
4. Toddlers plastic toys seem to be dirty all the time . Instead of hand washing them , place them into a mesh laundry bag with zipper and run them through the dishwasher.

Till next time!

*Congrats to Vi & Warren Cockell on their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 28th.
Many good wishes from us all in Wasa. She also makes time to put Vi's corner in our newsletter.
What a special neighbor she is. Hugs Patti & Jim King*

WASA RECREATIONAL VEHICLE UPDATE

The RDEK Board adopted Bylaw 2381 amending Wasa and Area Land Use Bylaw to permit up to two recreational vehicles to be placed on a residential property around Wasa Lake (zoned R-1 or R-1A).

Recreational vehicles must be sited in accordance with the setbacks required by this bylaw and at least one of the recreational vehicle's must be registered to the owner of the property that the recreational vehicle is located on.

ST. MARY LAKE ROAD

The RDEK Board sent a letter to the City of Kimberley requesting the city repair St. Mary Lake Road within the city boundary and to place stop signs at the new subdivision located between the Kimberley Golf Club and the Kimberley Riverside Campground. The board received a request from the St. Mary Valley Residents Association asking for the board to support them because of concerns safety.

CHERRY CREEK FALLS

The Meadowbrook Society is currently trying to raise \$51,000.00 dollars to buy out the proponent that has the mining claim. If you wish to make a taxable donation please contact Bob Johnstone at 250- 427-3277.

If the association is successful in raising the funds the RDEK will be creating an Area E Day Use Park at the Cherry Creek Falls. In the past this area has been used by many people for recreating.

AGRICULTURAL PLAN - OPEN HOUSE MEETING

During the past year there has been a community that has been working on creating an agricultural plan for the East Kootenay. They are going to have open houses throughout the area where they are going to discuss the land use inventory and will also discuss the future of agriculture in our area.

The first meeting will be held at the Wasa Community Hall on Thursday October 25 from 7:00 pm to 9:00pm . The second meeting will be held at the Wycliff Exhibition Grounds on Monday October 29 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

There will be an information meeting on the Wasa and Area Official Community Plan. The meeting will be held on Tuesday November 27 at the Wasa Community Hall from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. I hope that many of you will attend. This is your opportunity to let us know what you would like to see in your community plan.

Jane Walter

250-427-2577 email: s.janewalter@gmail.com

WASA LIONS COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST COMMUNITY INITIATIVES PROGRAMME FUNDING

The Community Initiative Committee has received funding to support eligible R.D.E.K. Area E residents and groups in a variety of activities.

Funding for the current year is \$8,240.00

Grants from June 1st 2012 to May 31st 2013 are available in three broad areas.

- A. Community activities and facilities
- B. Youth and adult educational assistance
- C. Youth and adult health and recreation.

Last year the programme assisted 29 Area E groups or individuals for a variety of activities within the above broad areas.

Area E consists of the communities of Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck, Meadowbrook, St. Mary Lake and parts of Wycliffe.

A committee of representatives from the Area E communities receives applications and distributes funds to those meeting the criteria. All applications will be read and those successful will be contacted. Grants do not necessarily cover all requested amounts.

Applications are available at Slim Pickin's Gas and Grocery at Wasa.

Please check the criteria to ensure that you are eligible.

Contact the following committee members for further information

Community Initiatives Committee Members

- Julie Kneller 250 422 3448
- Laurie Kay 250 422 3288
- Betty L Barrett 250 427 4509 Meadowbrook
- Hans Kaufmann 250 422 3754 Skookumchuck
- Dean Buchignani 250 422 3272 Ta Ta Creek / St. Mary Lake/ Wycliffe

The committee would like to thank The Columbia Basin Trust and the R.D.E.K. for their support over the years of this valuable, appreciated funding programme.



HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER



T.T. McVITTIE PIONEER SURVEYOR

Thomas Thane McVittie was born in Barrie, Ontario in 1855, schooled there and attended Upper Canada College to become a surveyor. His first job was laying out townsites, then he signed up with the railway. He came to British Columbia in 1879. In 1881 he arrived at Galbraith's Ferry, built a small cabin and settled in as the first private practicing surveyor in East Kootenay. He was still there after the North West Mounted Police left, a bridge replaced the ferry and the settlement renamed Fort Steele. That same year, 1888, he was appointed as Justice of the Peace. When he resigned just prior to his death in 1918, McVittie had served longer than any other JP in the Kootenays.

When a school was organized in Fort Steele, T.T. was elected school trustee. Then he became a warden in the newly formed St. John's Anglican Church, secretary of the Fort Steele Mining Association, and later a member of the Board of Trade. Records report that he helped with Christmas concerts, visiting dignitaries and campaigning politicians. Always having some project on the go he was recognized throughout the district. Some examples of his work include maps of the Fort Steele Mining Division, St. Mary's Trail (1896), Sullivan Group of Mining Claims, Townsites of Kimberley, Marysville, and Wardner (1897), Fernie (1899), Moyie River Placer Mining Company (1899), Fort Steele Townsite (1898), Marysville Smelter and additional Townsite (1901), Kootenay Central Railway (1903) and Estella Mine (1903). When surveying for a camp extension for workers at the Estella and Alice mines above Wasa, two helpers were caught in an avalanche. One was rescued quickly but Peter Raymer's body was not found for several weeks. That episode made McVittie more cautious.

the Armchair Traveller

SUBMITTED BY BEV FALKINER

We are delighted to offer you a most interesting schedule of travel from our very own Wasa Hall. We are certainly fortunate to have those folks who go on these exciting adventures share their photos and experiences with of us. I hope that you will take the time to clip out the following calendar and post iton your fridge....your bulletin board....your bathroom mirror....wherever! We do look forward to seeing you!

In his bachelor years he had a Chinese houseboy to care for his home and make meals. Robert Galbraith appointed him Townsite Agent to receive mortgage payments on the many lots sold locally. Next Robert became a match maker, introducing Tom to a niece in USA. The courtship must have been by mail. T.T. resigned from the school board in June 1899, enlarged his house then traveled to Oneida, New York in November to marry Anna Galbraith. This was a very happy marriage. Anna McVittie was a wonderful hostess, a keen gardener and member of the Anglican Church Ladies. The couple was gifted musically. Anna loved to play the piano and Tom enjoyed singing old favorites. They had one son in October 1900 but he lived only a few days. Anna died in 1916 and Tom in March 1918.

The McVittie house and Assay Office now stand near the Perry Creek Water Wheel at Fort Steele. They were moved from the south end of Riverside Avenue at the request of members of the BC Land Surveyors Association. The house is being restored by members of that organization. Because the building was a series of add-ons it did not move like most houses. The sagging McVittie house stood part way to its destination for many months. The original fireplace fell out during the move and regrettably the replacement stone fireplace is not as dramatic as the beautiful one built by Tom and his helpers. The Surveyors started by peeling off wallpaper to find what pattern had been applied when Anna and Tom resided there. It was a lovely home and will be extra special when the restoration is complete. The house had a bathtub when others still used the laundry washtubs once a week!

Wed. Jan 16th Korea
Andrea and Dan Bailly-Kaufman

Wed. Jan 30th Famous Cities on the Danube
Donella MacIntyre / Rene Farwig

Wed. Feb 13th Turkey
Bob and Rhonda Gyurkovits

Wed. Mar 13th Spain/Portugal/Morocco
Sharon Prinz

Wed. Mar 27th Paddling the Columbia
Karen Proudfoot



November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Ashram Meditation & Teaching Sessions Dynamiters Hockey Ice Hockey	3 Ice Hockey
4 Church Daylight Savings Ends 	5	6 Lions Meeting	7	8	9 Ashram Meditation & Teaching Sessions Dynamiters Hockey Ice Hockey	10 Ice Hockey
11 Church 	12	13 BINGO	14	15	16 Ashram Meditation & Teaching Sessions Dynamiters Hockey Ice Hockey	17 Lions Christmas Dinner & Dance Tickets go on Sale Ice Hockey
18 Church Cut-off for Dec newsletter Dynamiters Hockey	19	20 Lions Meeting	21	22	23 Ashram Meditation & Teaching Sessions Dynamiters Hockey	24 Dynamiters Hockey
25 Church	26	27 RDEK-Wasa OCP Mtg - Wasa Hall	28	29	30 Ashram Meditation & Teaching Sessions	

LEGEND

- Church Service 10:30 am
- Gym (M,W,F 7:30-8:30am & 10-11 M,W)
- BINGO 6:45pm
- Rec Society 7:00 pm
- Lions 7:00 pm
- Library Tues 11am - 1pm
- Library Wed 6:30pm -8:30 pm
- TOPS 6:30 pm
- Quilters 10am to 4pm

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012
Lions Christmas Dinner & Dance
- Friday, Dec. 14, 2012
Wasa Community Church
Dinner Theatre
- Sunday, Dec. 16th, 2012
Lions Christmas Light-Up Contest
- No Newsletter January
- Wednesday, Jan. 16th, 2013
Armchair Traveller Begins

*"Think big thoughts,
but relish small pleasures"*

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Wasa Community Church.....250.422.3344
Wasa Building Supplies.....250.422.3123
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Wasa Lions (President).....250.422.3272
Wasa Lions Ground & Rental Information -

