



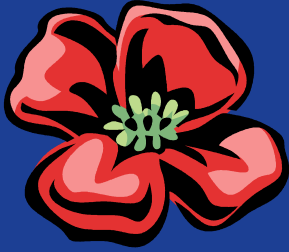
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Travels on the Campaign Trail

By Nowell Berg

The local government elections in Area E are now complete.

Only 34% of eligible voters completed a ballot on voting day.

Table One shows the breakdown of the 496 votes cast in Area E from two advanced polls, mail-in and two voting locations on election day, Saturday, October 20th.

Table One

	N. Berg	J. Walkley	J. Walter	Total
Advance Vote 1	42	9	13	64
Advance Vote 2	32	7	45	84
Wasa	65	37	55	157
Meadowbrook	46	32	107	185
Mail In	2	0	4	6
Total	187	85	224	496
Percentage	38%	17%	45%	

The incumbent, Jane Walter, won re-election for another four year term.

Congratulations.

Fifty-five percent (55%) of votes cast were not for Walter. Her share of the vote dropped from 66% in 2011 to 45% this time.

The campaign began September 24th. During the following weeks, I knocked on over 320 doors and traveled over 560 km to reach those doors.

I spent time in all regions of Area E – St. Mary Lake, Wycliffe, Meadowbrook, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck Prairie, Premier Lake and Wasa – listening to residents.

I met a wide range of fascinating people raising families, enjoying retirement, working at various jobs along with running businesses, ranches and farms. Everyone spoke candidly about various concerns for Area E which they only want to see thrive, prosper and remain as beautiful as it is.

Over the next several months, I'll be profiling many of these people and the unique business and career activities they have chosen to undertake here in Area E.

Democracy is an excellent way to govern, but its only as good as the voters who show up and cast a ballot.

The success and effectiveness of local government is only as strong as the input it receives from citizens. If that input is not respected nor accepted by local government, then they are not legitimate and become autocratic.

The Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter Team is looking for a Treasurer and we'll also be loosing 2 of our monthly submissions - History Bytes and Mario's Fun Page.

If you are interested in submitting a monthly column or would like to volunteer for a position, please email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

This is your newsletter and if you have any ideas we would love to hear from you!

Wasa Lions Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance

**Saturday,
December 1st 2018**

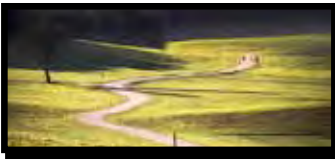
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Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Dance 9:00 p.m.**

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FOLLOWING THE TRAILS OF

Yesterday

By Judy McPhee



Ken And Helen Maine - A Peek Into Their Lives!

The Ladder Of Time

In the late 19th Century and early 20th century, people from the U.S.A. and Eastern Canada were encouraged to settle in Western Canada - the land of opportunity. Land was cheap, opportunity for a better life drew people like a magnet. Ken's grandparents were part of the immigration. Living in South Dakota where Ken's father, Floyd was born on January 20, 1898, his grandparents, Eugene and Cilda Maine decided to immigrate to Canada when Floyd was 10 years old. They moved to Edmonton while they built their home on a section or a 1/4 section at Wizard Lake, 30 miles from Edmonton. As Ken remembers, the land was bought for \$10.00 and Ken's father, Floyd met Mary Jane McBain whose family had immigrated from Scotland. They were married and moved to Thornsby Alberta where son, Ken was born on January 11, 1934. Ken was one of seven children.

Responsibility Started Early

Ken and his family lived in Breton when, after grade eight, Ken left school, ending his formal education. Many boys in those days quit school around grade 8 or 9. Ken wanted to learn all he could in the various trades as he progressed through life. He was handy at everything he tried. He literally started his working career from the ground up with a pic and shovel digging trenches in frozen ground. He remembers when he started working, "number one well" blew at the Leduc oil field nearby.

Everyone wanted Natural Gas in their

homes at this time. The company piping Natural Gas into the townsites around Leduc hired Ken in 1950. He was responsible for punching holes through the concrete walls of the basements of people wanting Natural Gas installed. The Leduc Hotel already had Natural Gas installed before Ken started work. Unfortunately, the valve was left open by mistake. When the gas was turned on, the hotel blew up. Two of his sisters survived

because they left the hotel fifteen minutes before it happened.

When Ken turned 18, he started work for "Pennant Drilling" as a roughneck - doing everything - and he even spelled off the driller!

Ken went from rough necking to driver of a winch truck. He learned a variety of skills as he progressed from one job to another in his self-taught education plan. Ken then went to Drayton Valley to drive a "cat".

After a time he moved to Calgary, ran out of money and took a job driving a truck that moved houses. While in Calgary, he spotted Helen walking down the street in Bowness with a friend. He immediately took a liking to her, asked her for a date and the rest is history!

His next job was driving the milk truck for Model Dairies, this was around 1957.

Ken quit the Dairies and began driving the transit buses and besides his regular runs, he substituted on many routes in Calgary, one of them the Elbow Park bus route which I rode on.

Electrical Career

Ken was drawn to a career in the electrical business and apprenticed in Calgary for about 4 years.

In 1960, Ken with a partner moved to Nakusp, B.C. and started an electrical business. The other man did not pay him so Ken left the business and went back to driving a "cat" in order to accumulate money to move his family to Nelson.

In Nelson, he worked for the CPR doing electrical work on locomotives. He tried to join a union but could not because the CPR had their own system in those days.

He then joined the staff at the "Remac Lead and Zinc Mine" down by the border as an electrician. He thoroughly enjoyed working for them as they were a good company. When tariffs were put on in 1964, the mine was not financially viable and closed.

"Experience Is The Best Teacher"

Ken and Helen and family moved to Salmo B.C. with their four children, Westley, Barb, Lee and Allan.

Ken drove a lowbed truck for forestry and being an excellent worker he was transferred back to Nelson by the Forestry Department to drive equipment and timber all over the Kooteney's including Elk Valley, Kaslo, New Denver, the Flathead and even to Vancouver. Back then, the Forestry maintained their own roads. Being away from home so much was difficult and Ken transferred to the Department of Highways so he could stay home. The family lived in Nelson for 13 years.

Ken decided to put his electrical training to use and started working for "Betts Electric" helping to build the "Kaiser Coal Mine" near Sparwood. There was a camp for the

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WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

Is Your Dock Breaking Down?

By Kathy McCauley

For the past 3 years trustees have participated in the Great Canadian Shoreline cleanup, a national event supported by the World Wildlife Foundation and the Vancouver Aquarium. They have noticed many of the same trends that are reported elsewhere, for example, tiny plastics and cigarette butts are the most common trash found on popular beaches. An alarming trend is the ever-increasing number of Styrofoam bits (the same white granular material used for beer coolers) which are breaking off aging docks and washing up along the perimeter of the lake. Not only are styrofoam bits unsightly garbage, they are hazardous to birds, fish, and other wildlife that ingest them and die. This particular type of Styrofoam is no longer recommended for dock construction because it does wick up water and oil, lose buoyancy and break down over time. **Please check to see if your dock is breaking down and if so, repair or replace it so it is not contributing to shoreline trash.**



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Climate Change, Water and Wildfire

One of the results of climate change is an increase in the prevalence and severity of wildfires in British Columbia. Many communities are already attempting to reduce the threat by encouraging homeowners to FireSmart their properties, developing urban interface zones that fire is less likely to cross and enhancing local fire suppression.

As the availability of water becomes more of an issue, there is provincial research to assess groundwater-surface interactions, and there is a good possibility that money will soon be available to complete an aquifer study of the Wasa area. On a national level, a five million dollar research project funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada aims to provide water security solutions amidst catastrophic fires and other climatic disasters. (Columbia Basin Watershed Network, September 2018 Newsletter).

Concerned about the effects of climate change, and in particular the effects of wildfire on groundwater, trustees demonstrated their support of the local FireSmart/Suppression initiative by voting to contribute \$1000.00 towards the project. As these initiatives evolve, we will keep you informed about the implications for Wasa Lake.

Werner (Dief) Martin Diefenbach January 26, 1932-July 7, 2018

Dearest community members:

Our family came together over the Thanksgiving weekend and lovingly put our Dad, Father in Law, Opa, Great Opa, and friend into his final resting spot with our mother. He was one great man and will be dearly missed by us all.

During my Dad's last couple years he started giving some items away, one item was an album made exclusively for one of his children by my Mom before she passed in 2008. Mom only made three of this size. That album wasn't his to gift and I am really hoping that if one of you in the community was the recipient of this album, that you find a way to return it to me. Please. This album is a black hard covered one with professional pictures of my Mom in it. It breaks my heart that all I have is the empty box and not the album that should be in it. You can message me on FB and I can give you my information. I am willing to pay for the mailing.

Deanne Gratia Diefenbach Gilbertson



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Submitted by Judy McPhee

As I write this column, today is the 23 year anniversary of the "Wasa Library" serving Wasa, Ta Ta Creek and Skookumchuck. Our readership has declined since that first year due to a decrease in population, the internet and other interests.

We have many "bookaholics" who visit our library regularly to pick up books on a wide variety of topics. Marg does a wonderful job of maintaining our library and stocking up on requested and up to date books. Please come and check us out.

Most books are full of surprises and information you never knew! There is power in the written word for the curious. This month, I chose a variety of books to draw to your attention.

Songs Of A Humpbacked Whale by Jodi Picoult. She received a Masters of Education from Harvard University in Boston. This book

is based on the characters relationships and humpbacked whales.

The Golden Edge by Elena Russell A book of her life growing up in Russian Alaska in the 1950's and 1960's.

Metamorphosis by David Suzuki Stages in a life, a time to take stock!

Victoria Line, Central Line by Maeve Binchy Absorbing stories about a cross section of people taking "the tube" in London, England.

The Tiger's Prey (2017) by Wilbur Smith A novel of adventure.

Thomas Carlyle, a man who tried many professions before he discovered writing said, "Blessed is the man who has found his work."

Know thy work, was his lifelong philosophy.

Trails of Yesterday -Helen and Ken Maine Continued from Page 2

out of town employees to live while working on shifts at Kaiser. The family maintained residence in Nelson.

Ken and Helen's neighbours in Nelson, Arla and Rod Monteith moved to Wasa from Nelson to work at the Pulp Mill. Rod told Ken about opportunities for jobs at the Skookumchuck Pulp Mill. Ken applied and worked at the Pulp Mill as an electrician and while working there noticed an advertisement for an electrician at Fort Steele. Ken applied and got the job at Fort Steel and eventually moved his family to Wasa in 1973. Arla and Rod told Ken and Helen about a house for sale on Wolf Creek Road in Wasa. They bought it and have lived there for 45 years.

While working alone on the ceiling of the theatre at Fort Steele, Ken hurt his back by moving scaffolding equipment by himself. He was bedridden for awhile and could not climb ladders anymore, so he bought a gravel truck and hauled gravel and asphalt. One of his jobs was hauling for Crestbrook from Canal Flats. Many men in those days were looking for a way to make a living and bought gravel trucks. The competition was stiff. Ken regrets not staying with Crestbrook Pulpmill.

His next venture was buying a portable sawmill with Norm Gunn where they cut and hauled lumber from their permit land to

the treating plant in Cranbrook.

Expertise As A Mechanic

From an early age, Ken's expertise and hobby was fixing and restoring cars and trucks. He is an all round handyman and mechanic is known around Wasa for his love and expertise restoring and fixing vehicles.

In 1990, his back still aggravated him so much that he went to Calgary for a back operation. It basically relieved his pain and he decided it was time to retire. He turned his attention to projects around the house and yard and fixing cars and trucks.

Ken's experience, skills and many jobs have enriched his education and enabled him to be an expert "handy man!"

Helen

Helen's father, Darell Huebschwerlen was born in Leeds, North Dakota. Her mother, Grace Debnam was born in Calgary in 1913. Not too much is known about their early life, her father was a mechanic and they lived in various towns around Calgary.

"Common Threads" weave through our lives. In 1975 to 1977 we lived across the street from Helen's mothers youngest brother, Phil Debnam. This was long before I met Helen and Ken.

Helen was born on August. 30, 1938. Helen's mother taught her to sew at an early



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age on a cabinet Singer sewing machine and she became an expert seamstress.

As the mother of five children, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren, sewing is an important talent to have. Helen has altered and sewn things for many people in our communities over the years and also worked at the egg farm for 10 years and at a dry cleaners.

Helen is also a talented artist. Painting has provided many hours of enjoyment since she started drawing and painting as a child. Among many things, Helen also paints boxes with detailed scenes.

Ken and Helen's greatest sadness is losing their granddaughter, T-anna in October 2014 from cancer and their son, Lee, in October 2015 from a heart attack. Their Christian faith has sustained them.

Ken and Helen are very hospitable and welcome all who come to their home. "Come on in!"

SIDENOTE: Helen and Ken are now the longest standing volunteers of the Tri Village Buzz Newsletter. They ensure the paper copies of the newsletters are brought to the post office each month for mail out and pick up. They also ensure the inserts are added and the newsletters are folded in preparation for mailing.

Thank you Helen and Ken!!



DOUG CLOVECHOK, MLA COLUMBIA RIVER - REVELSTOKE

SEPTEMBER 2018



SOME EVENTS & MEETINGS IN THE RIDING - ATTENDED

- Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) Conference
- Women's Business Excellence Awards
- Golden Sikh Temple Celebration
- Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association (ILMA) Conference
- Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- Tour of Bugaboos with Min. of Trans
- Inaugural Flight for West Jet at Cdn. Rockies Airport
- Shuswap Aboriginal Celebrations
- Kimberley Rotary Lobsterfest
- Invermere & IHA's Healing Garden
- New Radium Hot Springs Centre
- Met with BC Wildfire Services, Mayor of Kimberley Don McCormick, heli-tour of Meachen Creek Fire
- Tour of Lake Windermere with Ministry of Transportation (MOTI)
- Skookumchuk Mill Tour, 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Kimberley Cranbrook 2018 BC Games 55+
- Toured the Official Opposition & BC Liberal Leader, Andrew Wilkinson around Kimberley
- First Annual Columbia Valley Pride Event
- Columbia Valley Hospice Fundraiser
- BC Hydro Dam/Waterways Update

AT THE LEGISLATURE

After an eventful summer in the Constituency, I am returning back to Victoria at the end of September. The Legislative House sits on October 1, 2018. Meeting with constituents and community groups face-to-face provides me with the opportunity to hear about what issues are most important to you. When I return to the Legislature I will be well-informed & ready to serve those who live in Columbia River - Revelstoke.

AT HOME IN COLUMBIA RIVER - REVELSTOKE

BC Wildfires: As we know there were many fires in our riding over the season. Unfortunately, some made their presence too close to our communities. The Meachan Creek Fire Complex near Kimberley was pegged at 9,000+ hectares & was responsible for an evacuation 'order' for over 60 homes in the St. Mary's Valley (SW of Kimberley), as well as an 'alert' for the entire City of Kimberley. Residents of Ta Ta Creek (N of Kimberley) were on 'alert' from the Lost Dog Fire. I worked closely with Mayor McCormick and the City of Kimberley to ensure all the necessary Provincial resources were available. There were many long and stressful hours dedicated to ensure the protection and safety of the community, families, and businesses. I want to recognize: The City of Kimberley, Mayor Don McCormick & Council; the RDEK & Area 'E' Director Jane Walter, for their steadfast leadership; Kimberley Fire Chief Rick Prasad and RCMP Detachment Commander Chris Newell - all their members and volunteers for managing evacuation plans, keeping evacuated homes safe, and showing your friendly faces to calm our nerves. The Cross River Fire, also in our riding near Kootenay National Park, received an evacuation 'order', affecting Nipika Resort, Baymag Mines, and Wolfe Mining Inc. Over 60 employees were without work for almost 6 weeks. With that in mind I sent a letter to the Minister of Jobs, Trade, & Technology in hopes of securing some relief for these workers. Fortunately, we were able to get everyone back to work before getting a response from the Minister. I saw first-hand the hard work and dedication the women and men of BC Wildfire Service gave to protect all that we love. To all communities affected by the fires, you pulled together in a calm and rational manner while preparing for the worst: I told outsiders that it was your true Kootenay grit!



*The Meachen Creek
Fire Complex BCWS
Crew in Kimberley*

Proportional Representation (PR): I've been working hard at helping people understand the concept of PR; voters will receive a ballot by mail this October. ****PLEASE VOTE & MAIL IN YOUR BALLOT: there is NO minimum threshold for voter turnout.** This referendum should have been done after BC residents received more info and details from the BCNDP. We are lacking way too many details on the proposed changes. PR represents a change in how you elect your local MLA – the person who represents, & is accountable to you in Victoria. I implore each of you to research PR, to understand the implications of what the proposed system entails, and how it will affect your community in rural BC. In BC & Canada, we use First Past the Post (FPTP): this has worked, and is transparent. On the October ballot we will be asked to either keep FPTP, or start using DM, MM, or RU. Two of the proposed PR's have not been used anywhere in the world; one was created by a University student, and another behind BC NDP's closed doors. Where is the simple yes or no ballot that John Horgan promised everyone? Another promise broken. These 3 options are complicated, but here's a 'Coles-notes' version. **Continued Page 6**

***Dual Member PR:** 2 MLA's will be elected from the same party or differing parties. The riding sizes have not been made public to us; however, we know that they will increase in size. The 1st MLA would be elected based on the highest vote count & the 2nd MLA would be selected based on a party's performance Provincially. I have serious concerns with the Dual Member option because 2 MLA's cannot properly represent such a vast area & MLA #2 is picked from a party list.

***Mixed Member PR:** Voters will pick local and regional MLA's (at least 40% of the MLA's will be picked from a Party list, & there is zero guarantee that the MLA's will live in your riding). Riding sizes in the rural areas will again become very large to accommodate the extra 'regional' MLA's seats.

***Rural-Urban PR:** Urban voters will select up to 6 candidates per party (in order of their preference); Rural voters will do the same as the Mixed member PR (local & regional MLA's). Riding sizes have not been made public, but will again be very large, also Parties can pick from their own internal lists of MLA's (zero guarantee of local MLA's).

FYI: When I receive the ballot at home, I will only select "Keep FPTP", then I'll mail it back, right away.

*Regardless of your party preference, can an MLA from Surrey truly represent your issues in rural BC?

*You won't have the option to vote for the candidate that you may know personally (and have a good understanding of their values). Party bosses will choose many of the MLA's instead of being chosen by constituents.

*There are 26 registered parties in BC; PR encourages parties to create coalitions...this is where fringe parties achieve great success; such as the far right-wing anti-immigration party in Sweden, where a version of PR has been implemented. If a big-tent party needs to join forces with the 'anti-technology' party in order to get 57% of the votes in the Province – how will that look? What would that coalition do to our Province's programs and future?

*Tour of Downie
Timber Ltd. in
downtown
Revelstoke*



UBCM: The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) was formed to provide a common voice for local government; their role is as important today as it was 100 years ago. The UBCM reflects the truth in the old adages "strength in numbers", and "united we stand, divided we fall". I was very pleased to attend the UBCM conference this month to offer my support to our elected municipal leaders from the City of Revelstoke,

Town of Golden, District of Invermere, Village of Canal Flats, CSRD Area 'A' (Cathcart), RDEK Area 'G' Director (Wilkie), and RDEK Area 'F' Director (Booth). Unfortunately, the City of Kimberley was very busy co-hosting the BC 55+ Games that week... till next year Kimberley! My job as MLA is to understand and support the issues and initiatives our local governments are working on. The following is a list of some of the meetings or presentations I attended at UBCM:

- Karen Cathcart (CSRD 'A') & Minister of Agriculture discussing Class licenses for local animal processing;
- Town of Golden & FLNRORD Minister regarding the creation of a Golden Community Forest;
- FLNRORD Minister regarding the Columbia Valley Community Forest, and the Columbia Valley Recreational Access Management Plan;
- Town of Golden & Minister of Transportation regarding the Kicking Horse Bridge & the Trans Canada Highway;
- FORTIS BC, Canadian Petroleum Producers of Canada, and Craft Cannabis Association, BC Professional Firefighters Association, and Equal Voice: Women in Politics;
- City of Revelstoke & Ministry of Environment regarding the need for a Conservation Officer, and the need for an air quality monitoring system;
- City of Revelstoke & Ministry of FLNRORD regarding wildlife management, and Caribou protection;
- Assoc. of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments, where I accepted an award on behalf of the City of Kimberley

*Ktunaxa
Nation's
AGA at
Akisqnuk in
Windermere*



IN THE CONSTITUENCY OFFICES

Our offices hear from many of you every day; our goal is to offer support for all provincial issues, or refer you to the appropriate agency. Here are some of the issues that you have been bringing to our attention:

Entire Region: Air Quality Monitoring Stations, ICBC driver test schedules, Employee shortage for tourism/hospitality industry, Landlord/Tenant issues

Kimberley: BCHydro crisis fund / Rental housing assistance / Implement notification of swimmers itch

Columbia Valley: New business assistance / Seniors & the arts / Development concerns at Lake Windermere

Golden: Travel for Medical Services / PST exemptions / Burn pile application / Herbicide treatment on crown land

Revelstoke: WorkSafeBC case files / Recreational trail development concerns / Boat launch / E-bike policy


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Proportional Representation—What You Need to Know

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Question 1

Which system should British Columbia use for provincial elections? (Vote for only one.)

The current First Past the Post voting system ☐

A proportional representation voting system ☐

Question 2

If British Columbia adopts a proportional representation voting system, which of the following voting systems do you prefer? (Rank in order of preference. You may choose to support one, two or all three of the systems.)

	1 1st Choice	2 2nd Choice	3 3rd Choice
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Mixed Member Proportional (MMP)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rural-Urban Proportional (RUP)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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"Voters can choose
to only
answer Question 1"
From: Elections BC

First Past the Post (FPTP)

This is our current electoral system. Voters in each constituency pick one candidate in each riding. Whoever has the most votes in that riding is elected the MLA. If you don't like what your elected MLA has done over the 4 year term, you can 'fire' that individual during the next election.

Dual Member PR (DMP)

What would it look like?

Two MLAs would be elected from either the same or differing parties.

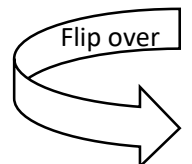
Q: Has this system ever been tried before, anywhere in the world?

A: No; it was created by an Academic at University of Alberta academic in 2013.

Q: How would the geographical boundaries of our riding change?

A: The riding sizes have not been made public; however, we do know that they would increase in size. Potentially, Columbia River–Revelstoke, and Kootenay East would be combined resulting in two MLAs serving one giant riding. The first MLA would be elected based on the highest vote count & the second MLA would be selected based on a party's performance on a Provincially level. This mean the candidate who finished with the second highest vote count may be beaten by the candidate who finished third, forth, & fifth.

Did you know? This electoral referendum does not have a required number of filled out/mailed-in ballots. **What does that mean?** If only 10% of the ballots are filled out & mailed back, then only 10% of British Columbians will have their say in our entire Province's electoral reform. **Please vote.**



Mixed Member PR (MMP)

What would it look like?

Voters would elect one local and several regional MLAs per riding.

Q: Would my MLA be from my area?

A: There is zero guarantee that your MLAs would live in your riding. At least 40% of the MLAs would be regional, (aka picked from a party list).

Q: How would the geographical boundaries of our riding change?

A: Zones have not been made public; “With MMP, local ridings become about 67% bigger to accommodate the regional seats without requiring any more MLAs”. (www.Fairvote.ca)

Rural-Urban PR (RUP)

What would it look like?

Urban & Semi-Urban voters would elect multiple MLAs through Single Transferable Vote; while rural votes would be counted via the Mixed Member PR (local and regional MLAs).

Q: Would my MLA be from my area?

A: There is no guarantee that your MLA would be from your area. Parties could pick from their own closed lists of MLAs.

Q: How would the geographical boundaries of our riding be changed?

A: Rural and urban riding sizing have not been made public, but would need to increase to accommodate the extra ‘regional’ MLA’s seats. If the regional MLAs “are elected using an open list rather than by best runners-up, a second ballot with an open list (like MMP) would be required.” (www.Fairvote.ca)

If We Switch to Proportional Representation...

Q: Do we know how many MLAs there would be?

A: *Elections BC* literature states “between 87 to 95 MLA’s”. Currently, we have 87 MLA’s.

Q: Constituents have asked for the thoughts from the MLA of Columbia River – Revelstoke...

A: We asked MLA Clovechok about PR, and he will be selecting to keep *First Past the Post*. “The proposed PR options mean that rural ridings will increase in size to accommodate regional MLA’s. Further, the government has not given us a diagram or map to understand what the ridings will grow to, or look like. How can anyone make an informed decision on something so important, with nothing concrete given to the voters.”

Q: How many votes/ballots are needed to decide the referendum?

A: Out of the mailed in ballots, only 50% + 1 ballot are required to make a decision on our electoral system. This means that 50% plus one ballot will decide BC’s fate. It is important to look for your ballot in the mail (on or after Oct 22nd), and please vote.

Did you know in BC there are 26 political parties registered with Elections BC? *How many are single issue party’s?*

Did you know? The *BC Family Holiday* date will change in 2019 because 803 British Columbians filled out an online (paid) survey? **What does that mean?** Voting is a right we should all participate in; every vote counts. Don’t let others decide what is best for your democracy.

Do your research on PR, and vote this October 2018.

Helpful Hints

By Sherry Shields
In Memory of Vi Cockell



1. Pull-Tab Picture Frame Hook

If you're hanging pictures and run out of hangers, just grab the nearest pop can. Bend the pull-tab back and forth until it breaks off. Then screw it to your picture frame. Bend the free end out slightly and hang the picture.

2. Flash Finder

When you drop something small and can't find it, turn out the lights and shine a flashlight across the floor. Transparent items like a contact lens will glimmer. Other objects will cast a shadow marking their location.

3. Touch-up Without Cleanup

No need to mess up a brush to fix a wall wound. Just dip an old washcloth in the paint and throw it away when you're done. A washcloth leaves the same texture as a paint roller, so your repair will blend nicely.

"It's been my experience that you can nearly always enjoy things if you make up your mind firmly that you will."

~ Lucy Maud Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables ~

Thank you!

Thank you to all the people of Area E who came out and voted.

Respectfully
Jack Walkley



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YOUR BUZZ?



Pat and Bruce Walkey and Pat's Mom took the buzz to High Prairie, AB for a family reunion and to celebrate 100 years of the Keay family settling on this farm land. Keay is my mother's maiden name. It was her grandfather that settled on this farm.



Patti King remembered the Buzz on a trip to the infamous OAK ISLAND, Nova Scotia. The Curse of Oak Island Nova Scotia is on the History Channel and the TV cast (below) including top guy Rick Lagina came out to say hello.



Email your photos with "The Buzz" and your name will go into a draw for the "2018 Where do you take Your Buzz" contest. email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

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**Event Date:
Sunday, December 30th
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Columbia Basin **trust** NEWS RELEASE

NEW ENERGY GRANT TARGETS COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Columbia Basin Trust supports renewable, alternative energy generation

(Columbia Basin) – From town halls to seniors' centres, community purpose buildings are well-used gathering places that can use a lot of electricity and be costly to operate. The new Energy Sustainability Grant from Columbia Basin Trust can help these buildings generate energy, increase energy efficiency and sustainability, and reduce energy costs.

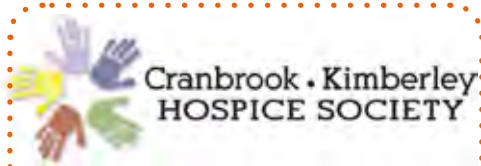
"Basin residents told us that alternative and renewable energy are important to them," said Johnny Strilaeff, Columbia Basin Trust President and Chief Executive Officer. "We've already supported a few successful projects in the region and we have now created the Energy Sustainability Grants program to support even more. The goal is to support community efforts to generate energy, while reducing energy costs, saving money and becoming more environmentally and economically sustainable."

The program provides funding for community buildings that will generate their own energy using alternative and renewable methods such as installing solar panels, biomass energy boilers or wind turbines. There's additional support for energy conservation and efficiency efforts, such as upgrading lighting, insulation or the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The buildings must be actively used by the general public and owned by a non-profit organization, local government or First Nation.

Depending on the project scope, available support ranges from 50 to 75 per cent of project costs, up to a maximum grant of \$100,000 per category. Funding is also available to help install level 2 electric vehicle charging stations. There is \$900,000 available for this first intake which closes January 7, 2019. Learn more at ourtrust.org/energygrants.

This program is one of the ways the Trust is helping communities conserve energy and generate renewable and alternative energy—one of our strategic priorities. The Trust has also supported the East Kootenay community energy manager and community energy diets, as well as an electric vehicle charging network across the Basin (acceleratekootenays.ca). In addition, the Trust has helped improve energy efficiency and sustainability in 47 affordable housing buildings in the Basin.

Columbia Basin Trust supports the ideas and efforts of the people in the Columbia Basin. To learn more about the Trust's programs and initiatives, and how it helps deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the Basin, visit ourtrust.org or call 1.800.505.8998



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- Hall Rentals and Information
Karen Markus 250.422.3514
Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
 - Gym Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
Rod 250-422-3253
 - TOPS Susan 250.422.3510
 - Library Judy McPhee 250.422.3766
- 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.

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!

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.

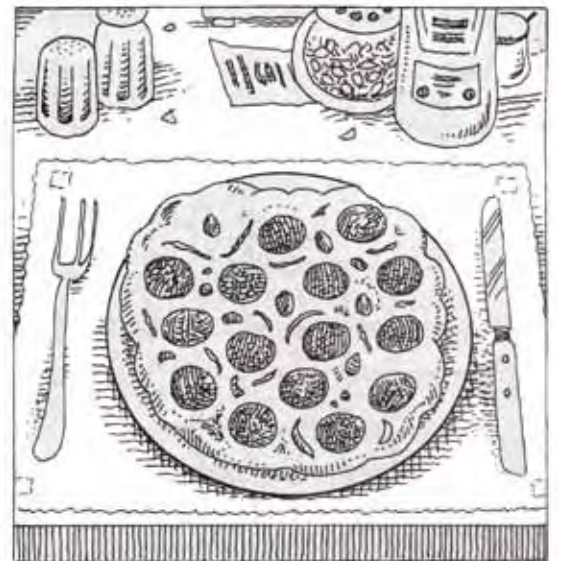
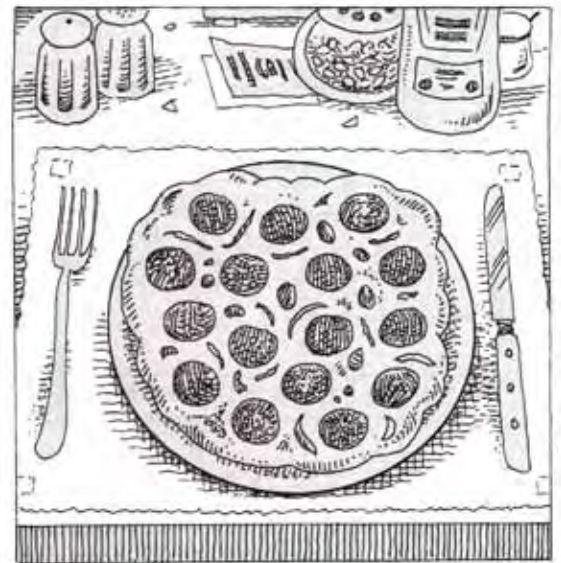


GYM HOURS AND INFO

**For Gym Schedule Please Contact:
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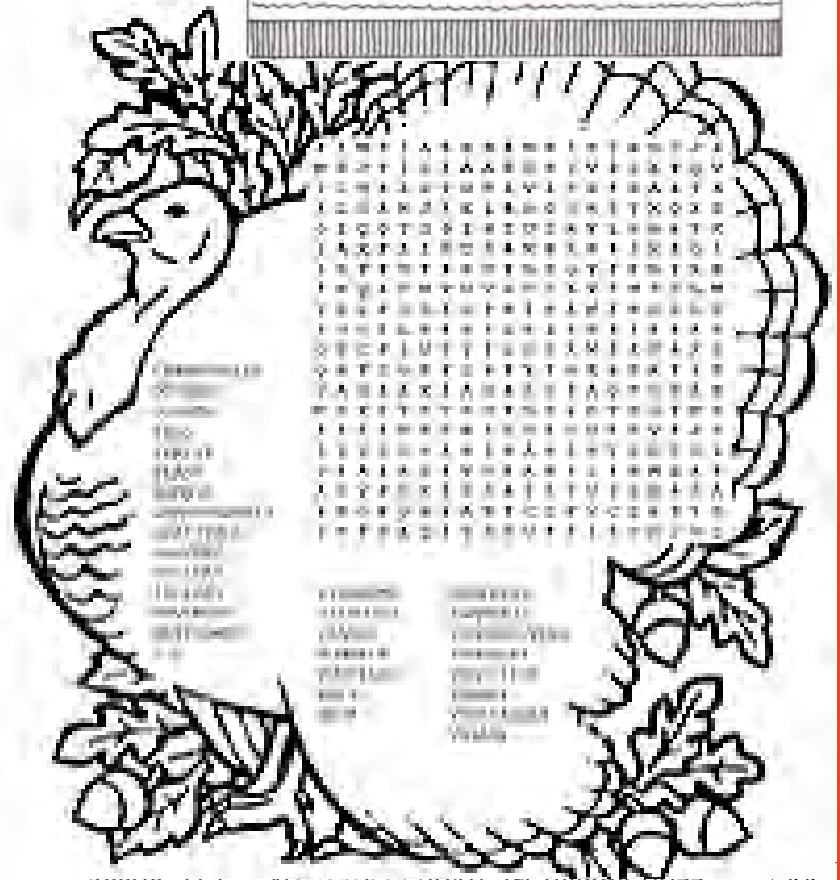
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Big Troubles! Big Prayers!

It is not always easy to understand the role of Prayer in our daily life and how powerful it can be when going through challenges. One should not consider the Act of Praying as being associated with a blind faith attitude. The Power of Prayers must be deeply experienced and verified by oneself! Praying is the Art of Attracting Superior Forces in order to be helped when we find ourselves stuck at a dead end.

Long ago, I was studying medicine in France, and the heavy load of scientific disciplines we were expected to learn was overwhelming. I went to visit my Spiritual Teacher, His Holiness the Lord Hamsah Manarah, to express how much this period of my life was burdening me.

His answer to my complaint was at the time both straight-forward and surprising. He said: "I see. Well then... big troubles, big prayers!" He instructed me to pray right away with diligence, which I did, as the Power of His Wisdom was established among the most renowned Great Yogis of our world. The result of that prayer was very successful. It helped me beyond my greatest expectations. The regular practice of prayer has since helped me to recognize that there are things in life that one cannot solve alone. I had to accept my limitations and surrender by offering myself to a Superior Power that managed to positively improve my situation. The thing is that I had to let go of my personal will in order for this Superior Activity to start moving within my life. The instruction of my Master gave me some mental rest and made me think: "why do it alone when you can be assisted by a superior force?" It was also a way for my Spiritual Preceptor to let me know that I was never alone; that I could count on the Superior Assistance, so long as I was humble enough to let It intervene in my life.

While continuing to study with a more relaxed attitude, I engaged myself in turning my mind towards That Superior Power surrounding all of us through a very simple prayer called "Mantra Repetition." I would simply say mentally: "Dear Lord, thank you for helping me according to your Divine Plan and not mine." Naturally, following the instruction of my Guru, I would not try to force my prayer to grant me what I wanted; I would simply let the power of my prayer follow its own natural Divine Course, as no one can control the Divine Force according to an egoistic demand or expectation.

So the message was pretty simple. When we are going through a difficult situation, we must do what is demanded of us as responsible human beings. When one has done what must be done, if the challenging situation is not yet resolved, then the rest of the unfoldment is no longer up to us. It now requires the Intervention of a Greater Force to be harmonized.

How does the principle of praying really work? The way we perceive any situation from our human head is extremely limited. Through the power of our mental reflection, we use a level of ability which is no bigger than our cranial box compared to the potential of the incommensurable Force sustaining and orchestrating the entire creation. When we stop trying to change the outer world with the limited power of our brain and start attracting the Universal Force by connecting ourselves to it, then we become a channel

directly supplied by That Almighty Intelligent Universal Force.

So when you pray, you have to let the power of your prayers follow its own course. Do not try to comprehend it, to control it or doubt it. A sincere prayer always reaches its target! If your prayer is simple and pure, it will connect you to the Supreme Force, who is everywhere penetrating everything. There is no more Divine Power in some heaven than where you are on earth right now. The ability to connect with It is possible exactly where you are, here and now.

Now, the power of prayers is not something you should believe in. It is something that demands to be experienced, so it can be reproduced as often as necessary. When you experience the Power of Praying, you reach two very important conclusions:

1. If you pray, you must let go of your preference in the outcome.
2. If you pray, observe the effect of that prayer in solving the situation.

If you are honest, you will often notice that, as a result of your prayer, a new element has been included in the salvation of the situation and has facilitated its perfect resolution. You will also notice that when you don't pray, things go more chaotically, leaving room for imperfections and frustrations.

You may pray when you are amidst big troubles, but the best way to enjoy the Power of Prayers is to add them to your daily life to remain constantly in touch with the Supreme Universal Divine Power, always within your reach.

May my humble testimony on the Power of Prayers be at your service... especially if you need help and assistance during this period of your life.

With Love and Blessings on the Path of Light.

Warmly yours!

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha

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Visits by appointment only. Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha has withdrawn from public teachings to intensify his prayers and meditations for the world. However, meetings can sometimes be arranged through a special request to our secretary. For more information, please contact the Ashram at ashram@adivajra.ca or (250) 422-9327.

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By Area E Director Jane Walter

Thank You to everyone who supported me during the election. I also want to acknowledge Nowell Berg and Jack Walkley for running for the position as the Director for Area E. It is not easy to let your name stand.

I also would like to thank the Wasa Recreation Society for sponsoring the forum and a big thanks to Josie Cale for moderating the forum and the sweet treats.

During the forum it was quite apparent that many of the attendees did not understand the roll of the Area Planning Committee (APC) and the Electoral Area Advisory Committee (EAAC). All of the members serve on both committees, they are all volunteers, with varying experiences. There are people with agriculture back ground, business background, environment knowledge, history of the area and also active members of the communities in Area E.

The APC advises me and the RDEK Board on their thoughts about Planning applications (zoning and variance applications). The EAAC committee also recommends the grant in Aid and the Columbia Basin Initiative funds. Some of the criteria is: Will the application impact Area E residents in beneficial way? Do the groups do other fund raising projects for funds? These are just a few examples of some of the decisions they make.

Rural Dividend Fund Application

The RDEK has taken over a funding application to the Rural Dividend fund on behalf of Living Lakes Canada for a study on understanding the link between groundwater and residential development. If the funding application is successful, the RDEK will over see the funds and Living Lakes Canada will complete the project and the reporting.

Support of Connectivity

The Board endorsed the Regional Broadband Committee Connectivity Strategy. The vision is to plan to have a highly connected region. This strategy will be overseen by the Regional Broadband Committee and covers the Columbia Basin and the Boundary Area.

I attended the fire information meeting on October 6th. The information provided was very informative and I hope more people will come out for the next meeting.

I hope everyone has a good month.

Jane Walter, Area E Director

Phone: 250 427 2577

email: S.janewalter@gmail.com

PEPPERMINT HOT CHOCOLATE

2 cups whole milk	1 cup heavy cream
2 Tbsp pure vanilla	1 cup sugar
2 cups semi sweet chocolate, chopped	1 tsp salt
1 tsp peppermint oil	

Combine the milk, cream, vanilla and sugar in a saucepan over medium heat. When mixture is hot, add the chopped chocolate and stir until completely melted. Stir in the salt and peppermint oil. Serve immediately. Makes 6 demitasse servings.

Peppermint has therapeutic qualities. It aids in the digestion after a heavy meal. That's why mints and mint-flavoured liqueurs are best consumed after a dinner. However, you must use the pure oil or liqueur and you must use good quality chocolate.

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Wasa and District Lions Club Serving Wasa and Area since 1976

By Laurie Kay

Seniors' Study

Wasa Lions Club is sponsoring a study and survey into the Health and Housing Needs of Seniors in the Tri Village Area. Updates to follow.

Annual Winter Fest - Sunday, December 30th 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Lions Grounds

This is a growing, enjoyable event and two willing residents are needed to co-chair the organization of this event with The Lions Club. Helpful informational notes from past Winter Fests are available. Call 250-422-3288 or 250-422-3227 to volunteer.

The Wonderful World of Pickle Ball

Visiting Dinner Meeting speaker, Ron Corcoran shared his vast experience of Pickle Ball. It is regarded as the fastest growing sport on Nth America and is suitable for all ages. It has elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis.

Four courts are available for use on the Lions Rink. There is a Kootenay Pickle Ball Club with opportunity to play indoors in Kimberley and Cranbrook.

Why Pickleball? The first games played were interrupted when the family dog named Pickles would bound on the court and steal the ball, so go figure.

Wasa Lions Annual Christmas, Dinner, Raffle & Dance Saturday, December 1st

Tickets on sale Saturday, November 10th 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Wasa Community Hall. Tickets are \$35.00 each. What a great deal! This is a popular event so get your tickets early. Great music once again by the Canal Flats band Valley Forge.

Pete Vereshagen Memorial Outdoor Rink Operation

Brett Clark, Kimberley Manager, Parks and Facilities has willingly confirmed he will help with the Zamboni training for our rink operation at Wasa at a time to be arranged.

Local guys, Darren Krell and J C McPhee who operated the Zamboni last winter will also be a valuable part of helping our rookie Zam Team members handle the monster.

The blades have been sharpened and the Zam fired up without a problem. Copies of the basic Operating Instructions for the Zamboni 440 are available. Call me (Laurie Kay) at 250-422-3288.

Unfortunately, the rink safety screen has been further delayed as the contractor has work related opportunities away from Wasa.

Membership

We are growing. Four new members confirmed and just need to be inducted at an upcoming dinner meeting. Another 2 possibilities, and still several other names on our list to be contacted.



Lions Clay and Laurie doing some clean up on Lions Grounds.

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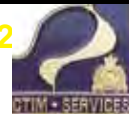
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Wasa Community Church



Love is one of the main themes of the Bible. Jesus says the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind, and the second is to love your neighbour as yourself (Matthew 22:36-39). 1 Corinthians 13:13 says, "So now faith, hope, and love

abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." It shows that love is extremely important.

The English language doesn't do the word 'love' the same justice as the Greek language, as there are many different types of love. The Greek language, which the New Testament of the Bible was originally written in, has different words for each different kind of love. For example, the Greek word 'phileo' means a friendship type of love, or brotherly love, which is why they call Philadelphia the city of brotherly love. John 13:34, on the other hand, uses a different Greek word for love. In the English Standard Version, Jesus says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." The Greek word that translates to love here is 'agape.' Unconditional love. Love no matter the condition. That is the hardest type of love to give because, naturally, we have conditions. If someone does something bad to us, or annoys us, or something along those lines, it makes it hard for us to show love to them. Love without condition means that no matter what, you still show love to them, which might be one of the most difficult things we can do depending on the person.

I think of those words, though. I think of Jesus saying, "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." Jesus loves us even at our worst. Even at our lowest point. Even if we hate Him. He loves us without condition, and when I think of my own lowest points, when I was at my worst, and realize that He still loves me, that in the past, knowing what I'd do thousands of years in the future, He still died on the cross for me. He died on the cross for all of us before rising again so that everyone who believes in Him and what He's done would receive eternal life. When I think of all that, I also think, "How can I not show love to others who do wrong toward me when Jesus even had love for the people who nailed Him to the cross?" Nobody really deserves God's love. Every one of us has sinned against Him. However, He still loved us enough to die for us. So whether people deserve our love or not, we should still strive to show them love. No matter the condition.

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Wasa and District Historical Association & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Sherry Shields

Fall is a peaceful time at the garden. The wooden benches and water wheel have been covered for the winter, leaves have fallen from the trees and soon the grounds will have their winter snow blanket.

This community never ceases to amaze. After the install of our 2nd Columbarium we required a load of gravel to level the grounds for safety. A BIG thank you to Clay Tippet, Econobuilt (Jim Large), Wasa Building (Steve) along with Sandy & Laurie Kay for your time and donations of a load of gravel, delivered, spread and packed.

For at-need or estate planning purposes, it is anticipated that niches in our 2nd columbarium will be reserved relatively quickly as was the case with our first Columbarium. For information or reservations, contact Pat Walkey at 250-422-3530 or pwalkey@shaw.ca

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Columbarium Niche & Plaque Costs

UNIT 1 Columbarium

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UNIT 2 Columbarium (new)

Niche cost: \$1100.00 + engraving

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Memorial Plaque: \$300.00

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

Reminders: Please keep gate closed at all times. Pets are welcome visitors in the garden their poop is NOT.



*~Those we love don't go away;
they walk beside us every day.*

*Unseen, unheard, but always
near, so loved, so missed,
so very dear~*

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Church 10:30 a.m. 	5	6 Wasa Lions Meeting 7 p.m. Wasa Hall	7 ● New Moon	8	9	10 Tickets for Wasa Lions Dinner & Dance on Sale from 9:00 am to 11:00 am \$35.00 each
11 Church 10:30 a.m. 	12	13 BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular	14	15	16	17
18 Church 10:30 a.m.	19	20 Wasa Lions Mtg 7 p.m. Wasa Hall	21	22 ○ Full Moon	23	24
25 Church 10:30 a.m.	26	27	28 Rec Society Mtg 7 p.m.	29	30 Referendum Ballots must be received by BC Elections	

LEGEND

- Church 10:30 a.m.
- Rec Society 7:00 p.m.
- Quilters Tues. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Library Tues. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- TOPS Fri 8:30 a.m. Weigh in & Mtg. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- Lions 7:00 p.m.

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