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LOCAL RANCHER RAISES \$510. FOR CANCER



Jess Mallard from Fort Steele raised \$510.00 which was donated to Prostate Cancer research. This was the second year in a row Jess agreed to shave his moustache in lieu of cash for cancer. Following Saturdays Grey Cup game at the Wasa Country Pub, lucky Terry Marvel won the draw to shave the 'stache (rumor has it, the draw may have been rigged!)

Thanks to all of the folks that donated and a very special thanks to Jesse Mallard for sacrificing his facial hair for this very worthwhile cause.

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This past summer 3 NHL hockey players died suddenly of mitigating circumstances. Derek Boogard of the New York Rangers died of an accidental overdose of alcohol and the painkiller oxycodone, Winnipeg Jets forward Rick Rypien committed suicide and Nashville Predators Wade Belak hung himself. What these players had in common was that they were their teams tough guys or resident enforcers. These men would drop their gloves to engage in fisticuffs much more readily than they would score goals. Some NHL players have stated that these deaths were merely a coincidence and that no action need to take place on behalf of the NHL. I tend to differ with this reasoning. When 3 professional athletes die within months of each other in very similar circumstances, there needs to be a close look into the validity of legalized fighting in the NHL. Currently individuals are assessed a 5 minute penalty for fighting in major junior and professional hockey leagues. In all other professional sports fighting is not tolerated and the penalties for such is automatic ejection from the game with possible suspensions to follow. Hockey is a physical sport with tough checking and rough play. The NHL has recently laid down tough penalties and suspensions for head shots and checking from behind to limit injuries to the players. It's about time to eliminate pugilistic warfare from the game and concentrate on the skill of these gifted athletes rather than the boxing skills of a small group of thugs.

Many spectators rise from their seats to cheer on 2 combatants waging war on the ice. There is a theory that attendance would suffer if fighting was eliminated from the sport. Playoff hockey is the most entertaining part of the season and fighting is down 90% compared to the regular season. In fact the majority of these thugs aren't even dressed for these important games. Attendance is mostly sold out for the playoffs and fans have the luxury of witnessing great hockey without the stoppage of play due to 2 assailants settling an old score. The old school theory is that these enforcers are needed to protect the skilled payers of their respective teams. The majority of these tough guys aren't very good skaters or puck handlers and the era of teams carrying such a commodity is

fading. The new regulations that the NHL has brought in are meant to do the job that the enforcer used to provide. The rules state that only 20 players are eligible to dress for a game. When 1 of these roster spots is taken by a fighting specialist, a more skilled payer is forced to sit out. Tough players who can skate, score goals, present a physical presence and play within the rules of the game are now in great demand and will continue to make hockey our great "Canadian Game".

The NHL has to be the leader in changing the rules and setting an example for the future of the game. Leagues below them will follow suit and ban fighting from the sport. In my opinion, Olympic hockey is the most entertaining and exciting brand of hockey on the planet. Does it accept fighting in their sport? The answer is no. The penalties are stiff and severe. Too bad we have to wait every 4 years to experience the taste of these games.

Does it take the deaths of 3 enforcer type players to awaken the rules committee of the NHL to act on their behalf? Hopefully the answer is yes. These players were taken from us way too soon. All of them were battling some form of depression and could not cope with failure. The job of these players was the willingness to fight whomever challenged them. It's a very sad and strenuous affair when there is always someone bigger and stronger to take your place. It can be compared to a fast gun in the Old West; around the corner is a faster gun and around the next corner a still faster gun. These gunslingers lost their lives in these duels, just like Misty Boogard, Rypien and Belak.

Ski Report

Time to wax the gliders and boards as the Kimberley Alpine Resort officially opens on Friday Dec. 16. The provinces friendliest family ski hill looks forward to another stellar season of great powder and cutting edges. For full schedule and lift pass information, you can visit the RCR web site link at Ski Kimberley.

ICE SHAVINGS UPDATE

At press time the Kootenay Ice sit atop the WHL standings with 39 points. Due

to the Rec Plex being taken over by the Canada Cup of Curling, the Ice have embarked on a 9 game road trip. The team is presently undefeated on the trip having won all 5 games against the BC division squads. (Victoria 8-3, Vancouver 4-1, Prince George 3-2, Kamloops 7-3 and Kelowna 4-0). Leading the offense on this trip is 16 year old Sam Reinhart who has accumulated 14 points in the 5 games. Brother Max has 12 goals and 16 assists, good for 16th place in overall league scoring. Goalie Nathan Lieuwen continues improving on his strong season leading the league with 12 wins and a goals against average of 1.88! **GO ICE GO!**

Kootenay Ice

December Home Games

Fri. Dec. 9	vs. Medicine Hat
Tues. Dec. 13	vs. Red Deer
Fri. Dec. 16	vs. Swift Current
Tues. Dec. 27	vs. Lethbridge
Fri. Dec 30	vs. Spokane

DYNAMITERS DYNAMICS

The Nitros continue their improvement with a record of 16 wins 5 losses and 1 OTL goal for 33 points and 2nd place in the Eddie Mountain division of the KIJHL. Senate Patton and Richard Hubscher lead the team offensively with totals of 37 and 35 points respectively. Patton ranks 10th in league scoring while Hubscher sits in 14th. The goal tending tandem of Braeden Ostepchuk and Jeremy Rousseau lead the league with Ostepchuk posting a gaa of 1.82 and Mousseau recording a gaa of 2.76 to rank them 1st and 8th respectively. **GO NITROS!**

Dynamiters

December Home Games

Fri. Dec. 2	vs. Kamloops
Tues. Dec. 6	vs. Golden
Sun. Dec 11	vs. Sicamous
Mon. Dec. 12	vs. Nelson
Sat. Dec. 17	vs. Creston
Thurs. Dec. 29	vs. Fernie

I would like to wish all our readers and their families a very happy and safe holiday season, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you all in February and thanks for all the kind words of support for our column.

Remember local sports is our passion!



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*Thanks to Melinda Howard and
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Answer in February Edition

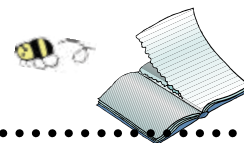


**Novembers
Answer:
White Gas Lamp**

Editor's Corner

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes
for a Happy and Safe 2012 from
the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter
committee. Remember no
newsletter in January!

Wendy



***We the volunteers of the
Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter
reserve the right to refuse
to print submissions due to
legality, length, good taste or
discriminating beliefs.***

The "Rules for Entry" in the Creative Writing contest advertised on
the front page are as follows:

- Submit a short story 500 words or less based on an
experience or memory that took place in the Tri-Village Area
(Skookumchuk, Ta Ta Creek or Wasa)
- No age restriction
- All entries must be typed, include your name and address and
emailed to: "trivillagebuzz@gmail.com"
- Winner must agree that the story and winners name will be
published in the February 2012 edition of the Tri-Village Buzz.
- Contest deadline is December 31, 2011
- Judging will take place in January 2012. Judging will be
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WASA RECREATION SOCIETY

Here we are in December already time sure flies when you're having fun!!

Many things have been happening at the Community Hall since my last submission especially with our monthly Bingo. We are trying to go GREEN. With the cooperation from our wonderful volunteers and the bingo players we are accomplishing just that. The regular garbage goes to the landfill but all the other paper is recycled, HURRAY!!! The Recreation Society thanks all who faithfully come to the monthly bingo and welcome our ever growing new friends to the game. Your investment helps keep the Wasa Hall going for everybody's enjoyment. Our Christmas Bingo is the BIG one so come and bring your bingo friends, enjoy great snacks, good prizes, lots of fun and please **REMEMBER YOUR DONATION FOR THE FOOD BANK** this helps to ease the pain of the season for many.

We have received some very generous donations this fall we sincerely thank:

- The Wasa Country Quilters
- Wasa Tops
- Wasa Community Library
- The Columbia Basin Trust through their Community Initiative Programme

WOW! This will enable us to cross off a few items from the wish list. Without your support we just couldn't make it. Our Hall is over 25 years old and seems to need more TLC all the time. THANK YOU ALL so very much!

When you arrive at the hall next check out the newly refurbished Wasa Community Hall outdoor sign, it is beautiful! Again thanks to Wayne Meena for using his talents and for the help of some friends for the removing of the sign and then the rehanging of it. Our sincere appreciation goes out to Dale Davis of WASA BUILDERS, Terry Marvel and Jack Davis. THANKS GUYS!

Jim Hill has been hard at it again repairing the heat tray in the hall kitchen, installing a large mirror in the ladies bathroom and identifying the circuits in the electrical boxes along with JC McPhee.

Laurie Kay replaced the burned out fluorescent tubes in the main hall and installed hooks in the ladies' bathroom last month. We continue to try to solve the septic venting issue. It has not been resolved yet but we hope soon. Our friend Mike Reimer has agreed once again to share his expertise then VOILA!! . DONE!

The Wasa Rec. Soc. sends out extra special warm greetings to EVERYONE. Thank you for supporting us for so long. We are all on this journey together as the Wasa Community Hall is for each of us.

Merry Christmas may God bless your 2012!

Sandy Kay
VICE PRESIDENT



WASA RECREATION SOCIETY

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

Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

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

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

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

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

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



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



GYM HOURS AND INFO

Do you want help - getting ready for company?

- wrapping presents?
- getting your baking done?
- cleaning?
- organizing?

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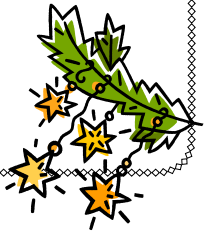
By Vi Cockell



Hello readers! Well we really jumped into winter and what a surprise all that snow was!!! Christmas is just around the corner.... yikes !!!!!!!

1. Prevent your doors from freezing with cooking oil. Spray or spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around doors and rub in with a paper towel. This prevents water from melting into the rubber and prevents ice from forming.
2. Keep your headlights clear with car wax. Apply ordinary car wax on your headlights. The wax contains special water repellents that prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights and will last for about 6 weeks!!
3. Have you got leftover Smukers bars from Halloween? Well you can make a simple and delicious desert. Chop up leftover Smukers bars in a food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples, place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake in a 350 oven for 15 min. Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yummm!!!
4. Party time, did someone spill their wine on your carpet? Just spray VODKA on the wine stain, scrub with a small brush and blot dry. Try it really works!!!

Till next time and Happy Holidays!!



the Armchair Traveller

SUBMITTED BY BEV FALKNER

As I write this article, it is 28 days until Christmas and 45 days until the first presentation of the Armchair series. Of course Christmas is far more important but we do hope you are looking forward to enjoying excellent travel shows and a visit with your neighbours. I'll remind you of the following presentations:

On January 11th, Gary and Patsy Semenyna's tour of Ireland will feature Northern Ireland, Ashford Castle, and the Cliffs of Moher.

On Jan. 25 Sherrin Perrouault will entertain us with photos of Nepal. She will recount her 16 day trip to Nepal in October 2010. You will see pictures of Kathmandu as well as beautiful mountain farmlands and forests as she and 9 other women trekked for 10 days on a guided tour along with 4 guides and 5 porters.

Feb. 8 we get to enjoy Panama. Scott and June Owen cruised 17 days from Vancouver through the Panama Canal to Fort Lauderdale in Oct. 2010. Stops were made in San Francisco, Caba San Lucas, Costa Rica, Panama City, through the Panama Canal and locks, to Cartagena, Aruba and Fort Lauderdale.

We look forward to seeing you at all three presentations and if anyone is willing to bake, please call Bev at 250-422-3359, Brenda at 250-422-3335 or Marg at 250-422-3565. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Marg, Brenda and Bev!

Jan. 11	Ireland	Gary and Patsy Semenyna
Jan. 25	Nepal	Sherrin Perrouault
Feb. 8	Panama	Scott and June Owen
Feb. 22	China	Susan Manahan
Mar. 7	Haida Gwai	Derm and Susanne Kennedy
Mar.21	Australia	Laurie Kay
Apr. 4	Egypt Jordan and Dubai	Sharon Prinz

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News from the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyina

With Christmas just around the corner, life is going to get busier. May I encourage you this year to remember to slow down, and enjoy the Christmas Season. Spend more time with family and friends and don't worry so much about the decorating, the gifts and the food. Take time to reflect on what Christmas is all about and not so much about what you are going to give as gifts.

Quoted from Charles Swindol's book Growing Strong, *"Some gifts you can give this Christmas are beyond monetary value:*

- *Mend a quarrel, dismiss suspicion, tell someone "I love you"*
- *Give something away—anonymously*
- *Forgive someone who has treated you wrong*
- *Turn away wrath with a soft answer*
- *Visit someone in a nursing home*
- *Apologize if you were wrong*
- *Be especially kind to someone with whom you work*
- *Give as God gave to you in Christ, without obligation, or announcement, or reservation, or hypocrisy*

For those of you who are coming to the Christmas Dinner Theatre, and to those who are still wondering about coming, we have moved the Theatre to Community Hall. The Christmas Dinner Theatre will still take place on Friday, December 16 at 6:30 pm. We are looking forward to good food and a humorous look at some of the Christmas Movies that have become very much a part of the Christmas Season. Tickets are \$15.00 a person and will be available until Monday, December 12th.

We will also be having our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Church. The Church is beautifully decorated and we will be singing a lot of Christmas Carols by candlelight. This is a great way to get us to slow down our hectic pace and enjoy the Christmas Season. If any of you have any questions about Christmas, or about God in general, please give me a call and I will be glad to talk with you.

Have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.
Pastor Gary Semenyina

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SUBMITTED BY BRENDA RAUCH

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by Melissa Fung

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Marg Recommends:

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By Tami Hoag

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ACT OF TREASON

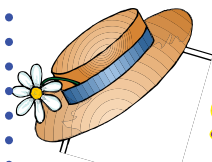
by Vince Flynn

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If you are expecting younger visitors for the holidays, we have books for all ages. Our Christmas books are now on display. Please choose some to enhance your "quiet times".

The library will be closed for three weeks over the holidays, from December 14th to January 2nd. The Library will reopen Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012.

Marg, Brenda, Rea and Dale wish you a Merry Christmas. May all the joys of this special season be yours.



Seniors' Happy Gang

By Ruth Dovell



On November 21st, with only 12 members in attendance due to the poor weather, we held a short meeting. It was decided that we donate \$100 to the Wasa Church for the use of same for all our activities. Another \$100 will help subsidize our meal in Cranbrook. December 11th at 12:30 is the confirmed date of our Christmas party at the Heritage Inn. Individual gifts brought by everyone will be allotted and numbers to be drawn later.

A card is to be sent to the Jensen family in Flo's memory.

Happy Birthday was sung to Rea Tagg, John Harriott and Rudy Goeders. The 50/50 which was won by Bud Dovell was returned to the club.

Following the meeting members snacked on coffee, crackers, cheese and sausages. Seven members remained for an exciting game of bean bag baseball. Ladies won with a 95 to 93 score. What fun when the ladies outscore the men!

The next meeting will take place on January 16th, 2012 at 1 pm with coffee and left-over Christmas goodies. Games with prizes to follow the meeting and lunch.

We are always looking for new members to share in our fun. Call Brenda at 250-422-3548.



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RURAL PROVINCIAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The RDEK Board has sent a letter to the Minister of Environment expressing concerns over inadequate service levels for the Rural Provincial Stewardship Program.

AGRICULTURAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE (APSC)

The RDEK Board appointed 8 of the 10 volunteer members to the Agricultural Plan Steering Committee (APSC). We are hoping to fill all 10 positions soon. This committee's primary role is to provide technical support liaising with the agricultural community during the development of the Agricultural Plan. This plan will provide an overview of current agricultural activities in the RDEK region and will identify opportunities for the RDEK to support agriculture and make recommendations to amend existing policy's and regulations.

WASA LIONS RINK PROJECT

Unfortunately the Wasa Lions Rink Project application for a grant from the Provincial Government Towns for Tomorrow was denied. However, the Lions are in the process of applying for a different grant offered from the Provincial Governments BC Community Recreation Program.

THANK YOU

Thank You for your support during the election, I am honored and I am looking forward to working for the people of Area E. If you ever have any questions or concerns please call me or email me.

Please drive safely and have a good month.

Jane Walter 250-427-2577 or s.janewalter@gmail.com

1. What is the shape of the candy cane modelled after?
2. What year were electric Christmas lights first used?
3. What country created eggnog?
4. What is the average number of lights on a Christmas tree?
5. Biggest selling Christmas single of all time?
6. In the story "Twas the night before Christmas" how many times is Santa Claus said?
7. What year did Hallmark introduce their first Christmas card?
8. When was the first English publication of Christmas carols?
9. What is the country of origin for the poinsettia?
10. How many "la's" in one line of "deck the halls"?
11. What colour are the berries on mistletoe?
12. How many points does a snowflake have?

HOLIDAY TRIVIA

By Alecia Davis

Welcome!

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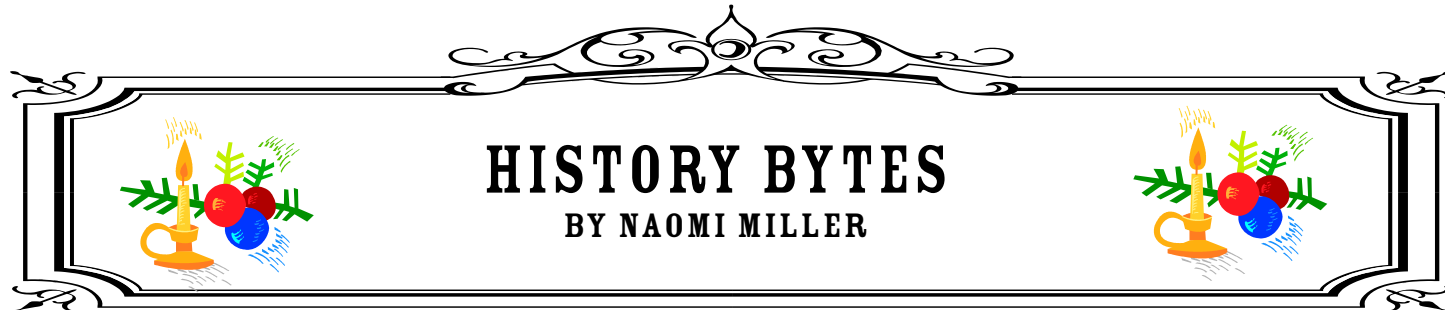
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THE HISTORIC MAASI PEOPLE

The most dominant tribe in East Africa has been and still is the Maasi. Their historic ways are followed where possible. Most live in small villages of mud huts with thatched roofs. Each village is headed by a dominant patriarch with his wife or wives and several adult children with families. In arid areas the village is ringed by a fence of dead prickly branches while an agricultural village grows its own thorny protective boundary. Most families have their own herd of cattle, goats and donkeys. These animals are taken out daily by a young herder to graze and find water (we observed herders adjacent to the highway keeping the animals from going on the road). At night the animals return to a small, spiny fenced corral right in the heart of the village. Each small clay hut, built by women, has a small storage area, a large shelf like "bedroom" for the parents and a nearby bunk or sleeping space for the children. A tiny cooking fire glows under the only window. The community shares one shower stall (bring your own water) and one or two pit toilets. Water must be nearby and is fetched either in bladders or modern plastic buckets transported by donkeys. A new village is created every three or four years.

The agricultural village we visited cultivated beans, potatoes, spinach, sweet potatoes, bananas and rice. The rice paddies were nearing harvest time so small children were sent out daily to chase birds away from the crop. When the rice is harvested the water is drained, each plant pulled by hand, dried then

threshed to obtain the seed. Rice straw is a favoured building material or may be used for weaving mats or similar items for sale.

All children learn to carry a bundle or a water container on their heads. Both sexes shave their heads frequently to keep dust and insects at bay. Boys and girls now attend school from primary to senior level. They learn English and many master other European languages as well. Baby girls are welcomed into this society, as males from other communities pay the father for his daughter, usually in cattle, when they are old enough to marry. The boys still expect to go through traditional ceremonies at puberty. At that time they paint their bodies black with white tribal markings on their faces, must undergo circumcision by an elder (who offers no anaesthetic), then go off into the wilderness alone for three weeks caring for themselves at secret water holes, feeding themselves without fires, and concluding with admission to manhood. These young men, when painted, refuse to let tourists photograph them unless sufficient US dollars or Tanzanian shillings are presented. Many marry shortly after that rite of passage.

Nowadays Maasi are considered reliable employees within tourism or domestic business. Within the village there is emphasis on their carving, jewellery making and bead work. All wear sandals made from discarded tires. While at work the Maasi men wear traditional dress of several colours. Men opt for reds, plaids, stripes or bright blue and purple. These simple swaths of cloth are layered front and back. Women

seem to opt for a single darker robe with large bead collars and huge ear ornaments. Older women may abandon the ear decorations and their ears return to normal below their white hair. These workers are willing and able to walk for miles on their errands. One Houseboy Maasi used his bicycle to take two milk cartons of empty Coca Cola bottles into the village to buy fresh drinks for the tourists at the hotel. Others serve as night watchmen where deemed necessary. Maasi even worked in Zanzibar harvesting seaweed for local market gardeners. Safari drivers have earned their chauffeurs licences. Missionaries have introduced them to Christianity yet these people have adapted and maintain their roots.

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The Lions Den

SUBMITTED BY KATHY MILES-BOUE

The Wasa & District Lions would like to thank the community for their continued support of our Annual Christmas Dance, held on December 3rd. It is a fun event and is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. We would like to thank the businesses and individuals that donated prizes, the volunteers that put in countless hours preparing everything for the party and to all the people who attended. We would also like to thank Orlena and Hugh Campbell for doing such a great job of chairing the event.



We Serve

Christmas Light Up Contest

A reminder to all that this year the date for this December 11th. First prize is \$100, second prize is \$60 and third prize is \$40. The winners will be contacted by phone on the 12th. This is something we all look forward to each year. It's a great night for families to tour the area and see the beautiful lights and/or decorations our community friends and neighbours have put up for us all to enjoy.

**The Wasa & District Lions Club
wish all our community members
a Happy Holiday Season!
Best wishes for a Happy New Year!
See you in 2013!**

PET'S PLACE

R*I*V*E*R



River was born on May 1, 2011 from a dam of Great Pyrenees and a sire of Black Lab. She is full of mischief and loves to play with her big sister Abby. I'm hoping she will soon stop growing but with the Great Pyrenees you never know... she is already taller than Abby. Those legs of her keep getting longer. She is a ton of fun and a very loved member of Diana's family!

SEND ME YOUR PET PHOTO, INCLUDE HIS NAME, BREED AND AGE

FOCUS ON NON-PROFIT GROUP

BY WILMA HARDING

Rocky Mountain Riders is a small riding club based in Meadowbrook. This year, our membership has consisted of ten families and ten singles. Membership fees are \$65.00 per family and \$35.00 for an individual. We are fortunate to have a wonderful facility in our outdoor arena on Thomasen Road. As well, we have ready access to beautiful wilderness trails.

Our members meet monthly during the year except in midwinter. Members are expected to contribute some volunteer hours and fund raise to maintain our facility and support programs.

We hold regular events during the months of April through October, weather permitting. These events include lessons, trail rides, clinics, gymkanas, training, veterinary information, fun days, and anything else horsie that we are interested in. Often, our activities include a barbecue. The arena is free for members' use at all times that a formal event is not scheduled.

We welcome members of all ages and abilities, encouraging both english and western



riders. Some of our members don't even own their own horses. There is usually a spare horse that we are willing to lend or share.

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CHRIST AND BUDDHA LIVED IN HARMONY WITH THOSE AROUND THEM

Living with human beings requires a certain art to 'adapt' and 'adjust.' It is unnecessary to create conflict over things that have very little meaning or to contradict others over trifles.

In living with other people, be a servant of the Divine within them. Promote happiness around you and try not to create dissension over small matters. Thereby, your mind will not waste its energy, but rather remain bright and joyous. This is one example of certain techniques that promote the positive in your unconscious. On the path of spiritual enlightenment, the life of an aspirant presents many opportunities to adapt and adjust. By learning the art of conforming to situations harmoniously, you become a personality that can move easily and effectively in the world. You are able to bow down to the Divine in others without ever losing your own Divine integrity.

Since you are looking for happiness, then protect it by being the carrier of kindness and attention for others. Forget a little bit about what you want at all costs, and try to care more and more about the needs of those around you.

This is the true spirit to live and to follow in Christ or Buddha's wake, by practicing the teaching of the master during the most ordinary daily situations. Do not do what you want, but rather what is needed for the benefit of others. From there, peace and harmony will never leave you, no matter what.

Merry Christmas to each of you.

May all good things be granted to you.

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2 tsp cinnamon
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Mix sugar, egg, shortening and vanilla. Sift flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Stir into creamed mixture and add pumpkin. Spoon dough onto greased cookie sheet. Bake in 350° preheated oven for 12 minutes. Allow to cool and ice with white icing (optional).

***Fanny dares you to try to eat only one of these delicious cookies...
Impossible!!***

Fanny's Favorites

*Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas*



And a Happy New Year

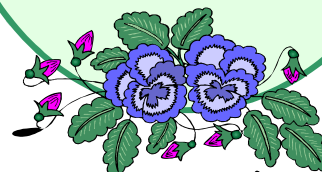
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of

✦ **Harold (Bus) Tapp** ✦

Dec. 8, 1921 - Nov. 17, 2011

Our heartfelt condolences go
out to Edith and family



Thanks to Wayne Meena for refurbishing the Wasa Lions Grounds and Wasa Community Hall signs and to the Wasa Lions members that assisted Wayne in taking down and replacing the signs. A special thank you to Dale Davis (Wasa Bldg. Supplies) for volunteering his time and equipment.



WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

SUBMITTED BY CLAY TIPPETT

Cameron Pond

A team of volunteers has repaired the outlet culvert on Cameron pond. It now has a collar of 220 jute bags filled with a mixture of sand and cement to prevent erosion and engineers McElhanney Associates have inspected the completed works. There's a bit of finish landscaping to do in the spring and we plan to remove the left over failed length of culvert at that time. The control culvert gate valve has been closed and padlocked and Cameron Pond is quickly returning to its normal fall level.

Many thanks to the volunteer work crew of Sharon Demaine, Sarah Shields and Jack Davis who worked last Saturday and part of Sunday to get the job done. We mixed the sand and cement in a mixer in my yard, then trucked the filled bags to the culvert and placed them.

Sharon and Sarah have recently moved to the Wasa area and have started a "We Can Do It" home and yard service business. Jack and I had to hustle to keep up with them. Jack seems to cheerfully volunteer for just about everything that benefits the community.

The WLLID board completed its planning and budget for 2012. Our key projects for 2012 are to acquire grant funding

1) To conduct an aquifer study of the Wasa area so that further community development is not impeded and

2) To purchase and install an electronic river gauge that transmits the river levels. Having this information quickly will allow for better mosquito control in the Wasa area.

In 2011 we purchased and installed new accounting software.

The tax notices have gone out and the new software should help us better record current tax payments and the resolution of taxes due from previous years. We are in the process of creating a website which will show among other things the budget and the audited financial statements as well as the minutes of our monthly meetings.

Special Thanks to Clay Tippett for his hard work, for organizing the work party and for returning to Wasa to attend WLLID meetings and projects!
Thanks Clay!!

Wasa Community Church

~ Pastor Gary Semenyna ~
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home: 250.422.9226



Sunday
Worship Service
10:30 am

Thursday
Bible Study
7:00 pm.

ANSWERS

Holiday Trivia

1. A Shepherd's crook 2. 1895
3. - England 4. 200
5. White Christmas 6. None
7. 1915 8. 1521 9. Mexico
10. Eight 11. White 12. Six

What's The Difference Answers

1. Candy cane in stocking 2. Face in streamer
3. Hat on snowman 4. Ball is different 5. Bow on gingerbread man 6. Dress on Girl 7. Tongue on snake

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November Crossword



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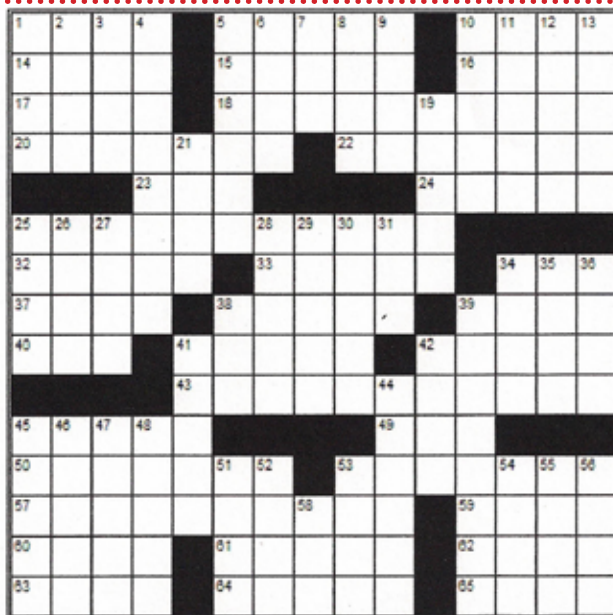
1. Charity
5. Offensively bold
10. Make do
14. Kind of moss
15. Heart artery
16. Historical periods
17. Epic
18. A type of biologist
20. A witty saying
22. Exhaust
23. Indian bread
24. Located near the poles
25. "Magic word"
32. Large long-necked wading bird
33. Electronic letters
34. Dekaliter
37. Shopping place
38. Dweeb
39. Bluefin
40. French for "Summer"
41. Exaggerated nasality in speech

42. Coming up
43. Marvelously
45. Ski jacket
49. Mistake
50. Hard rubber
53. Splashed
57. Rejuvenate
59. Bird of peace
60. Hint
61. Negatively charged particle
62. Largest continent
63. Part of a foot
64. Lure
65. Scream

1. Church alcove
2. Jump
3. Wise men
4. Still
5. Yellow fruit
6. Wander
7. Paintings
8. An upright in a wall
9. Rabbit
10. A stringed instrument
11. Bay window
12. Noodles
13. Banana oil, e.g.
19. Dismay

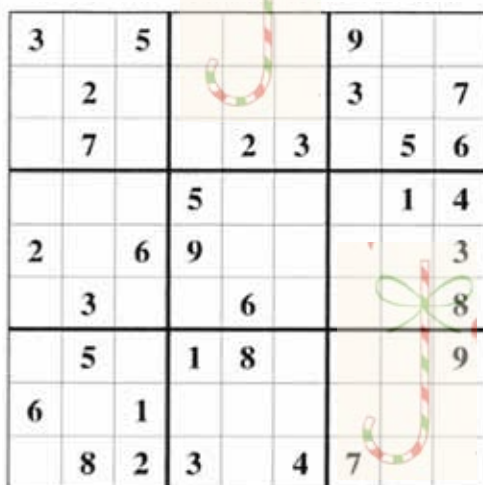
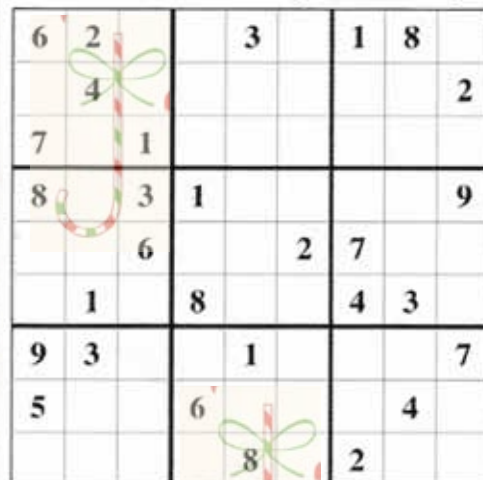
21. Dash
25. Highest point
26. Rascal
27. Unusual
28. An official in India
29. Alter
30. Flatboat
31. Tear
34. Affaire d'honneur
35. A Freudian stage
36. Gentlewoman
38. Pair
39. Day after Wednesday

41. Author Mark _____
42. Hairdo
44. Yield
45. Alight
46. Poplar tree
47. Scoundrel
48. Drop to one's knee
51. Nipple
52. Sea eagle
53. Cease
54. A flexible pipe
55. Wicked
56. Trade
58. Ambition



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What's the Difference?

Find the seven differences between the two holiday pictures below.



Angels

Bells

Berries

Cards

Carols

Celebration

Chestnuts

Decorations

Families

Feast

Frost

Gifts

Holly

Hymns

Presents

Reindeer

Rudolph

Santa

Sleigh

Snow

Turkey

Yule log



"MARIO'S FUN PAGE"



December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Effective February 2012 the newsletter will be available for the 1st of each month. The cut-off will be moved up to the 18th of the month. NO NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012				1 Bible Study	2 Yoga DYNAMITERS HOCKEY	3 Lions Christmas Dinner
4 Church	5	6 DYNAMITERS HOCKEY Quilters LIONS Library	7 TOPS Library	8 Bible Study	9 Yoga ICE HOCKEY	10
11 DYNAMITERS HOCKEY Church Christmas Light Up Judging 	12 DYNAMITERS HOCKEY	13 ICE HOCKEY Quilters BINGO Library	14 TOPS Library	15 Bible Study	16 ICE HOCKEY Yoga Wasa Church Dinner Theatre at Wasa Hall 	17 DYNAMITERS HOCKEY
18 Church	19	20 Quilters Library Lions Dinner Meeting	21 TOPS Library	22 Bible Study	23 Yoga	24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm
25 Church	26	27 ICE HOCKEY Quilters Rec Society Library	28 TOPS Library	29 DYNAMITERS HOCKEY	30 ICE HOCKEY	31 Happy New Year!!!  Writing Contest Ends

LEGEND

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

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- **JANUARY 2012
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