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Wasa Winter Festival

December 31st

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

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**8:00 p.m.
Fireworks Display**

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WASA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Hours: Tues. 11 am - 1 pm and Wed. 6:30 pm - 8 pm

SUBMITTED BY JUDY MCPHEE

A time to reflect as another year comes to a close and a time to think about Canadian Literary History, the history of Canada, our area and Canadian authors.

In the forward of Stephen Leacock's 1941 book, CANADA, THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE FUTURE, S. Brouhwar wrote *"The history of Canada is, the sum total of the biographies of ALL it's citizens"*.

Our library staff is compiling a section of local and Canadian history. We would like to increase our collection of Canadian books including biographies and autobiographies. If you would like to donate to our library collection or recommend a book, please don't hold back!

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THE FIRST MEADOWLARK** by Joyce Beer, 86 of Cranbrook and donated by Sibell Robinson. An informative, light-hearted book about life on her families farms- 1870's to 1940's around Dauphin, MB. An interesting insight into pioneer farming.

2. **THE KOOTENAY RIPPLES** a history of our area compiled by local women copies can be purchased by contacting Bev Rauch.

3. **FORT STEELE-GOLD RUSH TO BOOM TOWN** by Naomi Miller. It is Naomi's pleasure to share a little of Fort Steele history. Many resources were consulted to prepare and write this well written and comprehensive book.

4. **FLY LIKE AN EAGLE** by Gary Doi. Arla Monteith is a contributor to this book which is a compilation of real life stories of hope, challenge and inspiration. Gary Doi now lives in Penticton but was a school superintendent here some years ago. The book is illustrated by a prominent First Nations artist, Roy Henry Vickers. Arla will be doing a reading from the book on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. in our library. All are welcome to attend.

Discover pleasure in reading and reflecting. Pick up your holiday reading material. The library will be closing on Wednesday, December 17th and will reopen on Wednesday, January 7th.

Merry Christmas from myself and the library staff: Marg, Brenda, Rhea, Dale and Rose.

Nancy Christine Day

was born on September 24, 2014
she weighed 7 lbs 12 oz and was 21" long.
Her very proud parents Mike and Kacey
Day wish to thank the community for the
beautiful baby shower and for all of the
warm welcomes and gifts for Nancy!



ALMOND ROCA

44 soda crackers	1 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup butter	1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup brown sugar	½ cup nuts

Boil butter and brown sugar for 3 minutes. Add vanilla. Lay all crackers individually on a cookie sheet and spread mixture evenly covering all crackers. Place in a preheated 400° oven for 3 minutes.

Turn off oven. Remove pan and spread chocolate chips and nuts (optional). Place back in hot oven until chocolate has melted.

Allow to cool and harden and break into pieces.

Merry Christmas Everyone...from Fanny's Kitchen!

Fanny's Favorites

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



Merry Christmas



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

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Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter

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Belated Birthday Wishes to Warren Cockell
who turned 89 on October 31st.

We are all so happy to see you
out on your daily walk.

Much good health to you.

Hugs from us all on Alder

Crescent & Wasa area



Our little newsletter has sure got around! Thank you everybody for sharing your photos and remembering us at home by bringing along "The Buzz".

Later this month all of the contributors will be entered in a draw to win a \$50. gift certificate from a 2014 Tri-Village Buzz advertiser of their choice. Below is a list of the 2014 contributors:

March Sharon Prinz in San Jose del Cabos, Mexico

April Kathy Mccauley in Puerto Escondido, Mexico

May Sandy and Bill Wilson in China

June Karen Markus & Jim Hill on Route 66

October Dar Davis and Afton MacKay at a BC Lions game

November Ged & Helen Kelly in Kalispell, Montana

December Jim & Melinda Howard in Alaska

December Naomi Miller in Mazatlan, Mexico

The winner will be announced in the February 2015 Buzz. Remember to email me a photo of wherever "The Buzz" takes you over the holidays and we'll continue the contest next year! Merry Christmas everyone!

Where do you take... **YOUR BUZZ ?**



Jim and Melinda Howard took a trip to Homer, Alaska to celebrate Melinda's 50th birthday. They stayed with Arden Rankins who was their tour guide and Dick Rankins was their water guide. A birthday celebration to definitely remember!

Where do you take... **YOUR BUZZ ?**



Naomi Miller remembered to bring "The Buzz" on a recent trip to Mazatlan, Mexico. Pictured is Naomi on the beach of the Ramada Inn on November 11th - looks a little warmer than the weather we had here!

Wasa Weed Update

-Together we need to create a community of interest, to build and share collective knowledge and "Be the Eyes on the Lake"-

Following the discovery of patches of native water milfoil in several locations in Wasa Lake in mid-August, the WLLID has been in further contact with a representative of Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations (FLNRO) and other agencies to seek more information and advice.

The specific aquatic plant sites in Wasa Lake that were assessed with the FLNRO representative were NATIVE WATER MILFOIL, not the invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil.

The main patches are:

1. in the pond at the far south end of the lake which becomes separated from the main lake at low levels, and
2. where the bay at about midway down the lake on the west side, joins the main lake. The patch in that area is oval shaped and about 65 meters by 25 meters.

It is mainly spread by fragmentation from any motorized boat activity when the milfoil is broken up, spreads and then reproduces elsewhere.

It becomes clearly visible at low lake levels and this is when major fragmentation can occur.

Its growth can be controlled but is extremely difficult to completely eradicate.

Wasa Lake is one of several highly used lakes in

the East Kootenay that is slated for aquatic invasive species assessment in 2015 through partnership with East and Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Councils, Columbia Basin Trust and the FLNRO. Only INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANTS however, that pose a risk to aquatic species and the environment will be considered for further monitoring and possible treatment.

Unless invasive aquatic plants are found in Wasa Lake, Non- invasive native aquatic plants like we have at Wasa that could eventually interfere with lake recreational activities will not be monitored as they pose no threat to aquatic species.

In any case the WLLID has taken a proactive approach and has purchased a basic hand held GPS unit to track, map and download data on the size and growth rate of current and any future aquatic plant infestations.

To date we do not have a ruling if native water milfoil can be tampered with as it does benefit the aquatic environment and does not affect water quality. Any confirmed discovery of an invasive aquatic plant species will require follow up action and possible treatment.

We are working on knowing more and developing a plan of action plan prior to next spring.

The FLNRO representative will keep us posted on the upcoming years monitoring activities and coordinate with the WLLID.

Also, two WLLID trustees attended the Columbia Basin Watershed Network meeting in Kimberley on "Water Stewardship in the Columbia Basin". A session on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) was quite valuable.



Wasa Memorial Garden

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

There is a Columbarium with Niches large enough to hold two sets of cremains or the option to purchase a memorial plaque in honor of your loved ones.

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News From the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyna



December is upon us and I would like to tell you about a couple of things that the Church is doing this month. The first one is our **Dinner Theatre on Friday, December 12th, at 6:30 p.m.** We have been doing this Dinner Theatre for a number of years and personally I really look forward to this evening. It is a great time of eating together, meeting new people and then having a laugh or two. The drama this year is called, "Kings, Shepherds and Me." It is about a street person who tells the Christmas story from his perspective. For those who were at the Dinner theatre about 6 years ago it will be a rerun of that performance but we trust that will not discourage you from coming.

For tickets please call Danella or Rene at 250-422-3384 or email rfd@shaw.ca . The tickets are \$20.00 a person and after the expenses are met, the proceeds will be divided between the Church and to help Annette Hawley as she is off work looking after her daughter Violet after back surgery.

We will also be having our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Wednesday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m.** This is a time where we sing many Christmas Carols and read the Christmas Story from the Bible. The ladies in the Church always decorate the Church beautifully and the ambiance helps all who attend to enjoy the evening. The service usually lasts about 1 hour. If you have no other plans or would like to start a great family tradition by attending the service you are more than welcome to come and be a part of it.

If any of you have any spiritual questions or would like a visit please give me a call at 250-422-3344. If some of you are thinking about coming to Church you are welcome to attend. Our Sunday service starts at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Gary Semenyna

Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell



Hello Readers! The holidays are creeping up on us fast - I hope these hints can help you out!

1. If you're giving home made jars of jam or jelly as Christmas gifts, cover the lids with a circle cut from a used Christmas card, wrap with saran wrap and tie with a ribbon.
2. Add your extra or left over candy canes when serving hot chocolate - the kids love it!
3. To prevent truck and car doors from freezing, spray the rubber with cooking oil and remove excess oil with a paper towel.
4. To keep your headlights clear from slush, apply car wax to them. The wax contains a repellent that prevents the messy mixture from accumulating and will last up to 6 months.
5. When decorating your Christmas tree, use twist ties to hold the lights in place.

Merry Christmas and all the best in 2015!

Wasa Lions Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard

A recent Injury?
Plans for Surgery?

The Lions may be able to assist with a 3-month loan of Medical Equipment.

For Loan information or Equipment Donations to the Cupboard

Contact:
Sharon 250-422-3227 or
Val 250-422-3499

ANSWERS

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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 in 6 Snow by mailbox has moved 7 Zipper on vest has moved 8 Snow under large tree has moved 9 Stripe on pants is wider 10 Branch on tree is shorter 11 Branch on tree beside fence is longer 12 Crest on pants is different

The Lions Den

SUBMITTED BY KATHY MILES-BOUE

December is a busy month for the Wasa & District Lions. We anticipate the **Annual Lions Christmas Party** will be a huge success! Great fun will be had by all who plan on attending. We appreciate all the hard work done by the volunteers getting things ready for this event, which is one of the Wasa Lions biggest fund raisers. We thank them for their countless hours of work, we thank the people and businesses who donated prizes and we thank all of the people who are joining in to make this Christmas party a night to remember!

The **Christmas Light Up Contest** takes place Sunday, December 14th. Turn the lights of your display on at 6 p.m. and leave them on until 8:30 p.m. please. The judges will drive around the Tri Village area and determine the winners, who will be contacted by phone. First prize is \$100, second prize is \$60 and third prize is \$40. We encourage all our friends and neighbors to drive around and see the wonderful displays of the Holiday season. The Wasa Lions thank all the participants and want you to know that your presentations bring a warm smile to all who see them.

At our November dinner meeting, our Lions President performed an induction ceremony for a **new member to the Wasa & District Lions Club – Bonnie Meena**. Welcome Bonnie! We are delighted to have you join the Wasa Lions.

Introducing the upgraded Wasa Lions Rink! There has been countless volunteer hours put into the upgrading of the Wasa Lions Rink this past year. Now that winter is here, the official opening celebration will be held in December (watch for date and time from RDEK). Dignitaries will be in attendance, including the Honorable Bill Bennett, our East Kootenay MLA. This event will acknowledge the various government agencies whose grants enabled the Lions to move forward with this project. (Please look for posters confirming the time of the celebration). We would love to see as many community members as possible come out to attend this event. It is a fantastic rink that is fast becoming the envy of a lot of other communities. The Lions are grateful for all the volunteers who assisted and to the community for their ongoing support.

Wasa Lions would also like to see you at the **Peter Vereshagen Memorial Rink on December 31st between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. for our Winter Festival**. This family event will feature skating, games and will be a great way to celebrate New Year's Eve. There will be hot chocolate, hot dogs, bannock and some other hot food available. Top the evening off by watching the fireworks by Maverick Fireworks. The fireworks can be viewed from any of the public beach areas – bring a lawn chair and have a front row seat for the show that starts at 8 p.m. (The Wasa & District Lions are not sponsoring or responsible for the fireworks but are happy to forward any donations received specifically for the fireworks to Maverick).

The Wasa & District Lions Club can be contacted at P.O. Box 10, Wasa, B.C. V0B 2K0 or by e-mail at wasalions@gmail.com.

The Wasa & District Lions Club wish all our community members a Happy Holiday Season! Best wishes for a Happy New Year! See you in 2015!

Be safe, be happy, be a volunteer!

Ken and Helen Maine's
granddaughter T-Anna Maine
passed away
on October 26th, 2014
at the age of 23 from Leukemia.

T-Anna was the daughter
of Wes Maine and Dawn
Ainsworth and sister of
Amanda Maine



Wasa Community Church

~ Pastor Gary Semenyna ~
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Sunday

Worship Service
10:30 am

Thursday
Bible Study
7:00 pm.



HAY FOR SALE

- Large Round Bales
- Quality Grass Mix
- Alfalfa Mix Hay

Contact Mike
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2015 RDEK BOARD MEETING DATES:

January 9	February 6	March 6	April 10	May 1
May 29	June 26	August 7	September 4	October 2
November 6	December 4			

KEY CITY THEATRE

Electoral Area C Director, Rob Gay and myself have been appointed as RDEK representation to the committee responsible for the development and replacement of the Key City Theatre.

WASA SKATING RINK (PETER VERESHAGEN MEMORIAL ARENA)

The Wasa Lions will be officially opening their beautiful skating rink in December. Please watch for posters and email notifications from the RDEK confirming the date and time. Wasa Lions members and community volunteers have put in many hours to the construction of the new rink and I hope to see them all at the opening to recognize and thank them. This skating rink will provide hours of entertainment for so many people and I feel fortunate and proud to be part of a community with such an active Lions Club that has contributed so much to the community.

I would like to thank Wendy Davis for all of her efforts to make the Tri-Village Buzz a fantastic paper. I'd also like to thank the monthly contributors - I have learned so much from many of the articles!

I hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and best wishes for 2015

Jane Walter, RDEK Director Area E,
Phone: 250-427-2577 Email: s.janewalter@gmail.com



Wasa Community Church presents:



"Kings, Shepards and Me"

DINNER THEATRE

Friday, December 12th

6:30 p.m.

Wasa Community Hall



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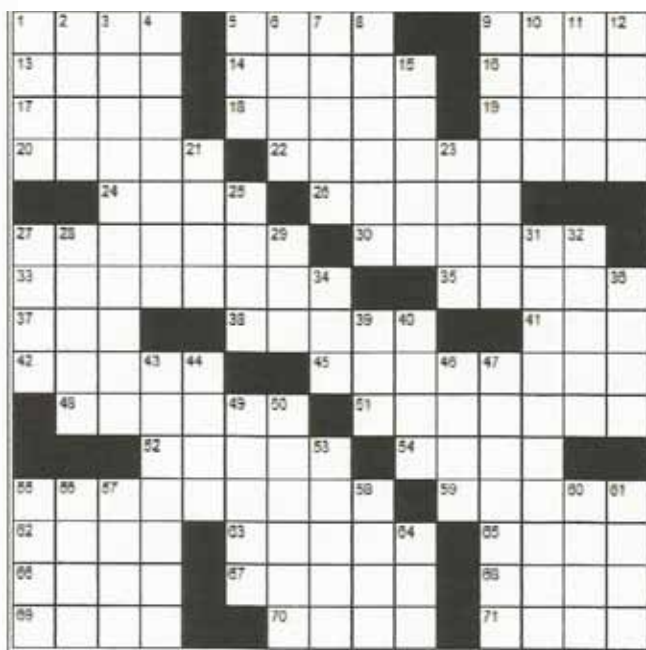
Crossword

"MARIO'S FUN PAGE"

Answers Page 5

ACROSS

1. Nonvascular plant
5. Hearing organs
9. Back talk
13. Countertenor
14. Large tropical American fish
16. Within
17. Place
18. Rock
19. Protective ditch
20. Wrongs
22. Knife assaults
24. Dines
26. Procrastinate
27. Strong and proud
30. On the train
33. Speaking
35. Throng
37. Timid
38. Sacred hymn
41. Website address
42. Slightly intoxicated
45. Conversation
48. Concrete
51. Former Greek currency
52. Warning signal
54. Friends and neighbors
55. Maelstrom
59. Perch
62. Owl sound
63. European currency
65. Throw up
66. Initial wager
67. Expels
68. End
69. Average
70. If not
71. Stitched



DOWN

1. Kiln-dried grain
2. Hodgepodge
3. Mental representation
4. Cassock
5. S
6. Picnic insects
7. Ancestors
8. A musical composition
9. Alike
10. Nameless
11. Male deer
12. Drunkards
15. Souvlaki
21. Blend
23. On-line journal
25. Trim
27. Craving
28. Set of principles
29. N N N N
31. Rough or disorderly play
32. Type of wheat
34. Wander aimlessly
36. Urgent request
39. Cover
40. Assign a grade
43. Spruce up
44. Scream
46. Den
47. Devilfish
49. Scruffs
50. A company of performers
53. Type of mushroom
55. "Pow!"
56. Sharpen
57. Greek letter
58. Not highs
60. Distort
61. Small slender gull
64. South southeast



Sudoku



Find a Word

Christmas Gift Ideas

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 13 letters spell an additional Christmas gift idea.

R S O C K S C E F B T P B D E C G
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| BOOK | EARRINGS | NECKLACE | STUFFED ANIMAL |
| BRACELET | ELECTRONICS | NECKTIE | SWEATER |
| CANDLES | FLOWERS | PANTS | TELEVISION |
| CANDY | GAME | PENDANT | TOOL SET |
| CHOCOLATES | GIFT BASKET | PERFUME | TOY |
| CLOTHES | GIFT CARD | PLANT | TREE ORNAMENT |
| COFFEE MAKER | HERBAL TEAS | SCARF | WATCH |
| COFFEE MUG | JEWELRY | SHIRT | WINE |
| COLOGNE | MONEY | SLIPPERS | |

Maze



Spot 12 Differences



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

From your Fun Page staff



You do believe in Santa Claus or something very close to it: Do not refute it!

The very existence of Santa Claus is not as important as believing in or refuting his existence. The day a child loses faith in Santa Claus is also the day he loses faith in the "extraordinary", the "unthinkable", and indeed "the unimaginable" which could happen at any moment. When you think about it, this is a very strange paradox, since, as human beings, everyone of us is constantly striving for a higher degree of happiness, acting as if the next thing will fulfill us forever and thus, no matter our success in this "unimaginable" task, it is the very reason for everything we do. The gift is not happiness, Happiness is the Gift!

No matter how old you are right now, no matter how much you do or don't care about Santa Claus, or how disgruntled you are about life, I'm telling you that you still regret having abandoned the belief in the "Extraordinary", the "Incredible Unexpected" in your life! And this is an undeniable fact! What wouldn't you give for a miracle in your life right now?

Even those who claim they are "at the end of their rope", when they reflect upon their life, are lacking the sparkle for the "impossible", the "extraordinary". In fact, they unconsciously want to be filled with wonder and regret having lost their ability to do so.

Let me tell you something about this: the very fact that you are alive right now, no matter what situation you are in, is a miracle in itself, since the very "you" that you are is absolutely unique within the entire creation. Yes! For real, there is nobody like you right now in the entire creation, there has never been someone like you in the past and nobody will ever be like you again in the future. To emphasize this reality, my Spiritual Teacher once told me that there have never been two identical Zebras since the beginning of time. You are absolutely unique, you are the only one like you, and this is why you are so precious, no matter who you are and where you are. A kind of "magical universal force" has created you with all kinds of elements coming from the stars. Isn't it amazing, indeed "unbelievable", when you think about it? Why "you" rather than nothing?! You are the very proof of the existence of the "impossible", the "unimaginable" and the "unthinkable"; you are a living "miracle" and you don't even see it.

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha published a book entitled, *In the Presence of Truth*. Discovering the Being Within, which is a roadmap to Self-Realization. To learn more about this wonderful book and its author, visit: www.inthepresenceoftruth.com.

So, please, don't ever say that you have never encountered something that surpasses all logic and pragmatic thought. The reality is that there is more to know than what we know and what we do know is only an infinitesimal fraction of what is left to be discovered. So, open your mind and your heart and feel that you are connected to the existence of "marvels and wonders", but that you simply deny it or don't pay attention to it anymore or enough!

That being said, it is capital to reconnect your mind with the dimension of "wonders" and "marvels", since the Force of Life, often called "God" or the "Divine", is in fact the very origin of your presence at the moment you are reading this article. It would be arrogant and stupid to cut yourself off from wonders and unbelievably good "surprises" which will be directly addressed to you during this life and beyond. Life, as you know it, is not the only "wonder" you are going to meet; there is an amazing adventure filled with Love and Joyous Evolution that awaits you after this life. You will see, this is just the beginning!

Believing in this new era is not having blind faith; it is, on the contrary, the act of remaining open to the "unexpected", the "unthinkable", which always happens when least expected, a little bit as if Santa Claus appeared by your fireplace when you thought he'd never come for you or anyone else. Santa Claus is the Symbol, the Expression of the Omnipotent Divine Grace being attentive to each of us. Deep in your heart, you still hope and believe that something liberating and amazing is going to happen to you, and in this you are right because it always happens; you only need to be patient, as nobody is forgotten on the Path of Light. I have seen my share of "unbelievable" and "incredible" Miracles since I met my Spiritual Master. Everything is possible; in fact, nothing is impossible to an open heart!

Merry Christmas, dear Brothers and Sisters of our Community.

May the New Year 2015 be the proof for each of you that miracles still exist in this changing world filled with hope for the happy "unexpected". The Best is coming; believe and hope without any restrictions.

Warmly yours in the Lord!

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BY NAOMI MILLER



PROCUNIER:

REVEREND PIONEER IN THE KOOTENAYS

Charles Ault Procnier was born February 21, 1863 in Bayham , Ontario. He became a Methodist minister at age 22 and earned a Theology degree in 1888. He served in Napinka, Manitoba then in Edmonton where he met and married Jessie Maxfield in 1892. His first BC appointment was in Revelstoke 1893-95. Next he was transferred to Kaslo where a residence was in place and the church being built. This reverend studied classic literature and wrote examinations to earn an MA degree by mail from Illinois Wesleyan University. Notices of service named the topics of his sermons: "Are Angels Visits Few and Far between?" "Reverence and Worship", "Prayer" and "Doubt in Relation to Religion." Later he tried to earn a PhD from Wesleyan with a thesis "Philosophy and Psychology of Doubt." That degree was not awarded.

Mr. Procnier was very active in the communities, assisting in fund raisers for schools or projects. He also joined the Masonic Lodge and several other organizations. He was acting Secretary for the Methodist Diocese of Kootenay. At this meeting in May 1898 he dropped his "resignation as a Methodist with intention to become an Anglican." He was accorded a release "with standing" but not the usual "accepted with regret." In June he was sworn in as an Anglican Deacon in a ceremony in Rossland conducted by the Bishop of Spokane. The first church in his new role was at Fort Steele. He arrived in August but Mrs. Procnier and their three children waited to ride one of the first passenger trains from Kootenay Lake to Cranbrook. While at Fort Steele Mr. and Mrs. Procnier hosted, "Shakespearean readings" every Thursday evening. Mr. Procnier coached Willie Bleasdel to pass entrance exams to McGill University and occasionally substituted in the elementary school if teacher Miss Bailey ever took a sick day. Procnier preached

occasionally in Moyie and alternate Sundays in Cranbrook just as their Anglican congregation was organizing Christ Church. (Fort Steele had two Lay Readers, R.L.T. Galbraith and James F. Armstrong). Later in his stay he conducted Confirmation lessons for three adults: Mrs. Procnier, Mrs. Anna McVittie and Mrs. Levitt plus teenager Hubert Clark. The Bishop from New Westminster came to this small schoolhouse, now church in June 1900. Suddenly a request came from Revelstoke Anglicans. Their minister was killed in an accident, his intended replacement appointed Dean of Calgary so they remembered the Procniers, urging them to come back to live in a different vicarage.

So the Procniers moved to Revelstoke in August 1900 in time for son Charlie to start school. The family soon were back in groups such as the local branch of Alpine Club of Canada, curling, skating, music lessons, and Masonic Lodge. Mr. Procnier was elected to the school board. Mr. and Mrs. Procnier led groups of young people hiking up Mt. Revelstoke, helped to build a cabin atop that mountain or went snowshoeing in winter. They met troop trains carrying recruits to first the Boer War then WW I. The vicarage was enlarged because dignitaries from church or lodge chose to stop over in Revelstoke when on long train journeys across Canada. The Procnier children were very popular with their classmates. Elizabeth played the organ at church and the piano in school for singing or dances. Iona Maxfield, "Max" was a lively 11 year old when admitted to hospital in August 1909. Doctors were unable to save her after her appendix ruptured. She died and school closed for an afternoon to allow all to attend her burial. Mr. and Mrs. Procnier visited Ontario for almost two months. There was deep mourning. Rev. Procnier investigated Teacher Training and was granted short term status to work in small schools along the rail line. His thoughts about Doubt in Religion

resurfaced. UBC was being built to serve the province. Rev. Procnier served from 1910-16 on a committee to plan for a theological college within the university.

Son Charlie joined the 54th and went overseas in 1915. Mr. Procnier managed to buy a lot out of town, clear it himself, and build a new home. There he grew a vegetable garden, many flowers and kept bees which yielded prize winning honey. He wished to resign in 1916 but needed to collect wages from the previous 24 months, unpaid because wartime charities superseded the collection at church! However when news came that Charlie had been injured and was now a prisoner of war a new choice appeared. Procnier joined the army as a chaplain with a commission. When war was over "Captain Procnier met Sergeant Procnier at Rogers Pass" and rejoiced. Following that Mr. Procnier never wore a clerical collar again. His daughter Elizabeth married in 1922 and moved to the east coast. Charlie found work in Ontario. Mr. Procnier taught at a series of small schools as long as his health permitted, his wife passed away and he died at age 77 in the Old Man's Home in Kamloops.

When I interviewed Charlie's son David Procnier, he remembered his loving, friendly grandparents but was unaware, till Revelstoke Museum contacted him, that his grandpa had spent 28 years as a reverend.



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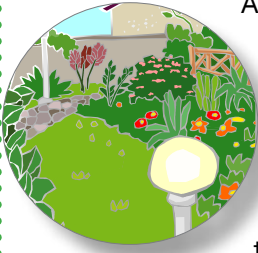
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A great year in our precious corner of the world will soon come to an end. Before we bid farewell to 2014 we want to thank our wonderful community family for supporting our efforts at the Memorial Garden each season but especially this season. Without the countless hours of volunteering our special space would not be worth your visit.

We salute you all and wish you a blessed Christmas season. May good health, love and friendship be yours in 2015.

As you may have heard, we have exciting plans for the spring and look forward to many happy hours together sharing the load. This ambitious project will enjoy the co operation of private citizens, local businesses and the Wasa Lion's Club. We still have space for 'YOUR' tree if you would like to join the 'FRIEND'S OF THE GARDEN' simply call Bev Rauch at 250-422-3335 pay your \$170.00 and we'll happily do the rest. Thanks again one and all. Go now and enjoy the fun of the holidays but be sensible and safe.

Merry Christmas!

Submitted By Sandy Kay

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24th

7:00 p.m.



Wasa Community Church

FALL IS BAT EVICTION TIME

Summer is the season when property owners notice bats in their buildings. They may find guano on the deck, hear bats in the walls, or smell a build-up of guano. The Kootenay Community Bat Project (KCBP), funded by the Columbia Basin Trust and the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund, has received hundreds of calls over the years with these issues. In many cases, landowners are happy to leave bats where they are. However, for landowners who would like to have bats move out of their buildings, now is the time to do something about it.

“With the decline of natural roost structures in the wild, such as large trees or undisturbed rock crevices, some bat species have adapted to use buildings for their roost sites” says Juliet Craig, Coordinating Biologist for the KCBP. “Groups of related females can form large colonies called maternity roosts where they get together to have their one pup. These colonies may use attics, walls, chimneys, siding, barns, sheds and other structures.”

Under the BC Wildlife Act it is illegal to exterminate or harm bats. In order to “get rid of bats”, the best strategy is to wait until they have left the building and seal up all the entry and exit points. However, in summer months, bat pups can become trapped inside.

In general, bats in the Kootenays leave buildings in the late summer or early fall. They use fall roost sites where they mate and then go into mines or caves to hibernate. Although there is a possibility that bats can use buildings over the winter, it is unusual.

“There are several approaches to managing bats in buildings” continues Craig. Some landowners don’t mind having bats and simply leave them be or clean up the guano once a year. Others want to ensure that the bats are no longer using the building. In those cases, this is the time of year to check that bats are no longer inside the roost and then work on sealing up all entry and exit points.”

One of the most important strategies in excluding bats from a building is to install a bat-house nearby. These wooden boxes comprised of various chambers provide the bats with an alternative habitat. They are less likely to be persistent in entering their old roost site in a building if they have somewhere else to roost.

To find out more about how to do a bat eviction, bat-house plans, or bat biology, visit www.kootenaybats.com and download the “Frequently Asked Questions” booklet. Or call 1-855-9BC-BATS ext. 14.



Accumulation of guano (bat droppings) around chimney in an attic



Local resident, Marlene Hebert, puts up bat-houses on her shed.



Cleaning out an attic and sealing up the roost site in fall. Photo courtesy of Nina Andermatt.

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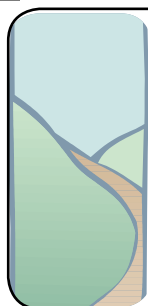
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Watch for the date and time of the Peter Vereshagen Memorial Arena Official Opening	1	2 Lions Meeting 7 p.m.	3	4	5 Ashram Teaching & Meditation 7pm	6 Lions Christmas Dinner & Dance
7 Church	8	9 BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular	10	11	12 DINNER THEATRE Kings, Shepherds and Me Ashram Teaching & Meditation 7pm	13
14 Church Christmas Light up Contest 6-8:30 pm 	15	16 Lions Meeting 7 p.m.	17 Get your books Library closes for the holidays	18	19 No teaching at the Ashram	20
21 Church	22	23	24 Candlelight Service 7 pm 	25 Merry Christmas	26 No teaching at the Ashram	27
28 Church	29	30	31 Wasa Winter Festival 12-4 pm Fireworks 8 pm 			

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We the volunteers of the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter reserve the right to refuse to print submissions due to legality, length, good taste or discriminating beliefs.				1 	2 No teaching at the Ashram	3
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- LEGEND**
- Church Service 10:30 am
 - Gym (M,W,F 7:30-8:30 am & 10-11 M,W)
 - BINGO 6:45 p.m.
 - Rec Society 7:00 p.m.
 - Lions 7:00 p.m.
 - Library Tues. 11 am - 1 pm and Wed 6:30 pm -8:00 pm
 - TOPS Wed 6:30 pm
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