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TRI-VILLAGE BUZZ

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For the Love of a Donkey

It's a Memory – Sherry Shields (nee Vereshagen)

My story begins in the summer of 1969. At the time, our family lived in Fruitvale in the West Kootenays. Dad loved the East Kootenay area from past years hunting along with his job as a truck driver delivering produce to the East Kootenays.

Dad came up with a plan - a family camping trip to Wasa.

No family adventure would be complete for dad without horses. Frank Glover's campground, which is now the site of Catamount Contracting, was a perfect spot to camp as they would allow us to camp with horses. We loaded up the truck with all our camping provisions, including two horses Thunder and Flicka. I think dad's idea of camping and the rest of the family's idea of camping were a bit different. We were all excited to spend our days at the lake. He thought we would be spending our days riding horses exploring the area we were camped in.

I believe Thunder and Flicka might have found the whole camping experience a bit boring. One morning we awoke to find Flicka was gone. Call it fate.

The search for Flicka led dad to Wolf Creek Road, where he discovered a parcel of land for sale. Apparently, Flicka's adventure also led her to Wolf Creek Road, where she fell in love with Gordon's donkeys. Dad and Mom contacted the owners of the land, Mina and Blondie Blundell. The land was purchased, and on November 1, 1969, the Vereshagen family moved to Wasa along with six horses (Deuce, Sheline, Thunder, Flicka, Snowflake & Rain), one milk cow (Jenny) one dog (Tipper) and two Muscovy ducks (Irvin & Martha).

We are so thankful dad had the insight and the love of the Wasa area to move his family to this beautiful place.

Whenever I hear the neighbourhood donkey brae, I recall the fateful day Flicka fell in love with a Donkey. Wolf Creek donkeys:

Smokey and Jenny were the residing donkeys Flicka was so fond of.

The latest donkey residing on Wolf Creek road passed away October 27, 2019. RIP Donna Mae donkey. I will miss your brae.



Wasa Lions
Christmas Dinner,
Dance, Raffle
December 7th

5:30 pm

Hidden within
this Buzz are 13
snowflakes. Can you
find them?

There's a prize for the
winner :)

TriVillage Kids Club
Christmas Party
on Sunday Dec. 1
from 10:00am to
12:00pm

Did you know
Santa had only
eight reindeer last
Christmas?

Huh?

Comet stayed home
to clean the sink.

**Library closes
for Christmas
-Tuesday,
December 17/19
-- 1:00pm**

**Reopens -
Tuesday,
January 07,
2020 -- 11:00am**

*Kindness is like
snow -
It beautifies
everything it covers.*
Kahlil Gibran

A reminder - there is no
Buzz published in January
Merry Christmas & Happy
New Year Everyone!

Take These Steps for Your Home

Many people prefer to remain indoors during winter, but staying inside is no guarantee of safety. Take these steps to keep your home safe and warm during the winter months.

Check your heating systems.

1. Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
2. Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
3. Install a smoke detector. Test batteries monthly and replace them twice a year.
4. Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available.
5. Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) emergencies.
 - Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check batteries when you change your clocks in the fall and spring.
 - Learn symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.

Helpful Hints



By Sherry Shields
In Memory of Vi Cockell



Wasa Lions Annual Fundraiser

Christmas Dinner / Dance & Raffle

Saturday, December 7th, 2019

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Raffle at 8:00 p.m.

Dance at 9:00 p.m.

Music: Valley Forged

Tickets on sale Saturday, November 16th

For tickets, please call Marilyn - 250.422.3210

\$45.00 each (advance tickets only)

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Season's Greetings!

First of all we would like to extend our greatest thanks to everyone in the community who came out to take part in our second annual Halloween Trunk-or-Treat! Lots of fun had by all, and we look forward to another great event next Halloween.

We are pleased to announce our Kids Christmas Party on Sunday December 1 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. We will have coffee, tea & juice, as well as baked goods for all! Get your photos with Santa, make personalized Christmas Ornaments and join us to all watch Dr.Seuss' the Grinch!

We are also planning to do a monthly "coffee and play" at the Wasa Community Hall. A place for parents (and community members) to gather for coffee, meet & greet, and visit, and free play for the kids to burn off some steam! We will keep you updated (please follow us on Facebook for updates at facebook.com/trivillagekidsclub). We are hoping to host this event on the second Wednesday morning of each month with our first one on Wednesday December 11, 2019 from 9:30am to 11:00am. We hope to see all those bright smiling faces and look forward to bringing local families together.

We would like to wish you all a most wonderful Holiday Season! – From the Tri-Village Kids Club

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!



For Gym Schedule Please Contact:

- Sonia Blackwell at 250.421.3019 or
- Rod at 250.422.3253



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

GYM HOURS AND INFO

Peek-a-Boo Bear



Jim Head and Lorraine Colton had a curious visitor in their yard a few weeks back. The large fellow looks a little confused by the tree art almost seems to want to play a game of peek-a-boo!

Great captures!

But it is a reminder to us that although we are heading into December, our weather has been relatively mild. And the bruins have continued to visit the area. Be bear aware.



It has been noticed in the community, that we have a Good Samaritan among us. **Greg Hluden** is trying to get the citizen of the year award for keeping the Rankin subdivision looking a bit cleaner, lol. He goes for a walk twice a day with his best friend Coco (the dog), and while on his walks picks the weeds along the route. He has pretty much eliminated 2 species and trimmed some of the wild bushes and shrubs in the ditches.

This helps keep the neighbourhood looking good as well as assists with the Firesmart program the community is trying to emphasize. It was thought that mentioning this in the next Buzz might kickstart some others into doing the same as not only is it Firesmart, but assists in making our community look better. He pretty much patrols the Rankin subdivision on his walks.

Thank you Greg!!

for setting such an awesome example for the rest of us.



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The **Wasa Recreation Society** manages the Wasa Community Hall. The main objective is have a Community Hall that is viable for events and recreation of the community. Through fund raising, volunteering and rentals we are able to have an economical community hall for our community. The Recreation Society meets the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 in the basement. The meetings are open for anyone wanting to attend with new ideas or becoming part of the Society committee.

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Karen Markus 250.422.3514

Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
- Gym-Sonia Blackwell
250.421.3019, Rod
250.422.3253
- TOPS - Susan 778.524.0012

• Library-Judy McPhee
250.422.3766
- Quilter's Club - Linda Sungaard
778.524.4456
- In addition, BINGO's are held on the **2nd Tuesday of each month** at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. and regular at 6:45 p.m.

I don't want much for Christmas. I just want the person reading this to be healthy, happy, and loved. Wishing you Snowflakes, Friendship, and Winter Cheer!

Firewood Permits

Members of the public who wish to cut firewood on Crown land for personal use must have a "Free Use Permit for Firewood" from each Natural Resource District where they intend to cut, issued by the appropriate District Manager or designate.

ONLY DEAD OR DOWNED TREES MAY BE CUT FOR FIREWOOD.

There is no charge for this privilege, only a commitment to abide by a number of simple rules that are outlined in the permit. Each permittee must:

- Carry the permit and associated maps at all times
- Read and understand the conditions of the permit prior to signing, conditions differ between districts
- Produce the permit at the request of a Natural Resource Officer, Conservation Officer or Peace Officer



Wasa Community Church

I would love to have all the wisdom and knowledge of how to help people in the greatest way possible, whether that's to be able to say or do the best things while they're going through grief and hardships, or to give them the best advice if they're asking. In some instances, I'm a helpful person to go to. In other cases, I try my best, but there is someone who can better understand their situation and prove to be of more aid. The best help seems to come from those with experience. If you've gone through the same kind of hardship as another, you better understand their situation. You've been in their shoes. If you've succeeded or failed in an area that someone is asking about, you can tell them how you found success, or warn them which of your mistakes they should avoid. Experience is one of the greatest assets in helping someone, since you have a better understanding of their situation.

It's not easy being human. God cannot be tempted (James 1:13), but we as humans are constantly being tempted. So when God became human, He then firsthand experienced temptation. When talking about Jesus as our high priest, Hebrews 4:15 says, "*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*" He was tempted like us in every respect. He has experienced our weakness as humans, therefore He is able to sympathize with us. Being born like us, He had to grow up from infant to child to teen to adult. He felt pain both emotionally and physically, and He died when raised on the cross. He has felt the agonizing of pains.

This month puts great emphasis on Christmas, reminding us of a child born a little over 2000 years ago who would grow up to be our Saviour, dying on the cross for our sins and rising from the dead, making a sure way for all who repent of their sin and believe in Him and what He's done to be forgiven of sin and allowed into heaven. Don't forget, though, that this child born to Mary, who lived a human life, persevering through great temptations and trials, even unto crucifixion, knows first hand the things we go through from day to day, big or small. When you are in need of help, there is no one with more experience than Jesus. He is the best person to go to.

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



Welcome to one of the grayest times of the year, but there's good news behind those gray skies!

The Wasa Lion's outdoor kitchen received it's new concrete floor and it looks spectacular! No more soft spots in the floor and black mold and mildew. Now all we have to do is put everything back together again. For that we need strong, young help and a few if we can find them all at one time. The stove and the cutting table are the two heaviest things that have to go back in. I'm sure we will have accomplished this by the time this goes to print. Our community is always eager to give a little time for things of this nature.

As always at this time of year, the annual Lion's Christmas Dinner and Dance is up and coming. For those of you who didn't get your tickets on the sale day, there are still a limited amount available from Lion Marilyn @ 250-422-3210.

The Lion's will be doing our annual Christmas Lightup campaign again this year. Watch for posters around the area and light up your yard and house to show your community how you can shine!

The Wasa Lion's grounds are soon to be sporting another addition in the form of a building for the Wasa Fire Suppression. It will house a trailer with a filled water tank and pump and be ready to spring into action at a moment's notice in case of fire. A great addition to the community!

The Lion's will also be hosting another exciting Winterfest this year at the Lion's grounds on December 29. Time to be announced but don't miss out on a chance to have some awesome homemade bannock and hopefully, rides on the horse-drawn Fort Steele wagon or sleigh (depending on the weather) as well as some beautiful bread from the bakery there.

As this is the last issue before Christmas, the Lion's club would like to extend **BEST OF WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON! And a Happy New Year to everyone!**

Rink News.

The Surface has been cleaned and washed. The Zamboni has been serviced and some operators organized.

It's now up to some consistent well below zero weather. On average the rink is usually up and running around the second week of December, but who knows.

Sign up sheets are now up at the Post Office and Gas Station for help needed when snow has to be removed by shovelling and snow blowers prior to flooding and Zamboni use.

Italian Honey Balls

A delectable dessert, these Italian Honey Balls are finger-lickin' good. Bake these for the holidays and you'll be the life of the party! These honey-drenched balls of dough are hard to keep away from!



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|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 cup water | 1/2 cup vegetable oil | 1/4 teaspoon salt | 1 cup all-purpose flour |
| 2 eggs | 1/2 cup honey | 1/2 cup sugar | 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon |

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. In a medium-sized saucepan, bring water, oil, and salt to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and slowly stir in flour, beating with a wooden spoon until mixture forms a ball; remove from heat. Beat in eggs one at a time until well blended and smooth.

Using a 1/2 teaspoon measuring spoon, form mixture into small balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden; set aside to cool.

In a small saucepan, bring honey, sugar, and cinnamon to a boil over medium-high heat. Continue boiling until sugar is completely dissolved. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly, then combine baked balls and honey mixture in a medium-sized bowl until balls are completely coated.

Pile balls into a mound on a serving platter. Do not refrigerate. *Garnish with candied cherries, almond or even multicolored Jordan almonds (candy-coated almonds, also called "wedding confetti").*



WASA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library is open Tuesdays. 11:00 - 1:00 or by appointment
(call Marg Burrin @ 250-422-3565 or Rose Smith @ 250-422-3088)

We close for summer and Christmas holidays



submitted by Judy McPhee

Closes for Christmas -Tuesday, December 17/19
-- 1:00 pm

Reopens - Tuesday, January 07, 2020 -- 11:00 am
Please stock up on holiday reading, if you would like, before closing for holidays.

CURIOSITY

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has it's own existence. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of Eternity, of life, of the marvellous structures of reality. We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things because we are curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

Walt Disney

CURIOUS GEORGE

Remember the books on Curious George? Millions of children were introduced to Curious George as children.



Calling all mothers of pre-schoolers- take note!

We have 21 CURIOUS GEORGE books in our library donated by the Wasa School when it closed.

Curiosity is the foundation of learning.

If you are interested in learning many interesting things - read and explore.

I bring to your attention many interesting books in our library to browse through or read in depth.

These books are full of engaging facts about nature and people. Things you may find useful in your journey of life. You just never know when the knowledge you learn from reading may prove useful in conversations with people.

Marg, our head librarian has done an amazing job collecting a wide assortment of incredibly interesting books- easily found in our community library. Marg or Rose are there to help you on Tuesday's or by appointment.

WOMAN OF THE WEST- Vol 5 by Rick Steber

One page stories of 49 woman from the 1780's to early 20th. century, their trials, strength, tribulations, joys and sorrows. The strength and determination of these woman! Amazing! A book to learn from and ponder.

THE COWBOY CAVALRY by Gordon E. Tolton

The story of the Rocky Mountain Rangers. Composed of 114 cowboys, army officers, ex-mounties, ranchers, settlers and trappers, they guarded the ranch country between Lethbridge and east of Swift Current for four months in 1885. This book details the protection of ranchers, construction workers on the CPR and may well have helped during the Northwest Rebellion. Not many people have heard of them.

THE SONG AND THE SILENCE - SITTING WIND

by Peter Jonker

A book about the life of Chief Frank Kaquitts, born a Cree, raised a Stoney, attended Morley Residential School, an artist, politician, a Chief, hunter and rancher. He went to Ottawa to meet Pierre E. Trudeau.

He wants the white man to know what the Indian has to go through in a lifetime.

A book of how they try to cope in a white mans world. A well written book to pique your interest and help you sympathize and be less judgmental of the natives. This book has many, many excellent pictures of native life.

SOURCES OF THE RIVER by Jack Nisbet

Another great book about David Thompson's journey through the West to the Pacific Northwest. A good book to probe the past on what the land looked like, indigenous culture and details of his life and travels. This is a well written, fast moving book.

TIMELESS TRAILS OF THE YUKON by Dolores Cline Brown

Dolores came North to the Yukon to pioneer with her new husband, Louis.

Shedding a few tons of possessions and moving North of the 60th, living in a log cabin they built and experiencing all that life has to offer, this book explains in detail the Yukon, it's beauty, isolation and wildlife. Her friend, Lillian is the wife of Walt Disney.

Many colourful pictures to bring the geography of the Yukon to life.

ON THE WILD EDGE by David Petersen.

Another great book in search of a natural life away from civilization. He and his wife, Caroline spent 25 years in the wilderness observing nature, only killing animals for food.

Both of these two books will open your eyes to life away from civilization.

Both, satisfies ones curiosity about life, as the Australian's say, in the outback.

THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT TO STOP QUESTIONING. CURIOSITY HAS ITS OWN REASON FOR EXISTING. - Albert Einstein

Merry Christmas to you all.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."



Dr. Seuss

What is all the buzz about the Buzz?



Tri-Village Buzz – Past, Present, Future

What is all the buzz about the Buzz? A simple community newsletter with very humble beginnings. Over the years it has evolved into a vital source of information about the area's history, fun facts, biographies of the pioneers that shaped the community, highlighting local services, inspirational stories and teachings, recipes, and the list goes on – and on.

And it is all volunteer run. That's right. Like so many of the services and committees we have access to and enjoy throughout this community, the Buzz is dependent on volunteers. We look to you – residents of Skookumchuk, TaTa Creek and Wasa (both full and part-time), for our submissions:

- Feature stories
- Helpful Hints
- Fun Page articles
- Recipes
- RDEK news
- WLLID info

And everything in between!

Between all the effort from our submitters and compiling those submissions into a readable format for printing, each Buzz requires at least 100 volunteer hours, every month, 10 months of the year. And because of our aging demographic, we are experiencing gaps. So we are appealing to all of you, young and old, to consider contributing, even on an occasional basis, to our Newsletter. It has come so far over the years and we don't want it to end.

- Do you have a favourite recipe?
- Which home or garden hack has never failed you?
- How did you come to settle here? What's your story?

We want to hear from you – this is your paper – we need your input.

Keeping our newsletter going not only takes hundreds of hours from numerous volunteers – it takes money. Our printing / postage costs currently surpass our advertising income. Can we reserve a spot in every issue for your advertising needs? Or would you consider making a donation, either on an ongoing basis – or one-time event - to cover our most basic expenses?

I encourage you to reach out – to friends, family, community. Send us your stories, your tips and tricks, your pictures and jokes - and if this Buzz has made a difference to you and yours, consider sending us a monetary donation to help us keep you in the loop.

Wasa Road Group

If you would like to have a voice going forward in a group format concerning our road conditions, please email: wasagr422@shaw.ca Send your questions, suggestions, experiences and we will see them forwarded to our elected officials and other appropriate persons.

Christmas Memories

by Nowell Berg

At this time of the year, we begin to focus on upcoming celebrations. We get caught up in the gifting excitement and maybe forget about what Christmas really means.

Here are a few stories from local residents recalling their favourite Christmas memories.

Mary-Jane:

The best Christmas I remember is when I was five and got my first puppy dog. A female Bichon that was so cute and friendly. A real white powder puff. I named her Alice. That winter we spent every day together playing. One day, outside, I lost her in all the snow. I searched and searched, then poof she jumped out of a snow pile. It was so much fun! We were best friends for many years.



Robert:



The Christmas I got my first Lego set. Wow, was I excited. I ripped that wrapping paper off and there it was, a fire station. The green base and all the red and yellow bricks. It even had a tower, and I think a flag on top of that. It came with three vehicles, the ambulance was all white. Had a great time building that, then even started building others things out of it, a house, a corner store. Great fun!

Arthur:

It wasn't the presents, but the food that really stands out for me. There was so much great stuff to eat, the usual things like turkey, dressing and gravy. The part were the deserts and sweets, oh man, I was in heaven. My grandmothers' really new how to put on a spread. When we went back to the farm, we got two Christmas meals, one at each grandparents place. The presents were ok too.



Cheryl:

What I remember the most is the music and singing carols. My family always went out on the days before Christmas to sing at local shelters and old folks homes. I liked Jingle Bells and Here Comes Santa Claus the best, but we sang them all. It was so great to see how happy people were when there is music in their lives, especially at this time of year. You could see them remember. Many had tears in their eyes. Those memories of giving to others are what Christmas is all about.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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LANTZ FARM

What's a good holiday tip?

Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter!

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TRI-VILLAGE BUZZ

ARMCHAIR TRAVELLER RETURNS IN 2020!

Armchair Traveller takes a bit of a "departure" from the normal schedule in 2020! Shows will run on consecutive Thursday evenings from February 20 to March 12. As always, all proceeds (by donation) will go towards supporting other community activities.

Watch for posters and the February Buzz for show topics or email kathyemccauley@gmail.com for further info.



We are looking forward to seeing you in 2020!

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Many of you have a story, adventure or life stories about people you know in our area that happened in years past and you are eager to share so that the history is not lost. I would like to include them in the "Following the Trails of Yesterday" page. Please phone me if you would like to contribute to the column at 250-422-3766 or email me at -- judymcphoe9@gmail.com--

Lister Canning - Tribute to a Pioneer

submitted by Helen Hannah

Lister was one of the few true pioneers of the valley.... He was born here on November 11, 1925, grew up here, married and raised his family here, and now passed away here, he never lived anywhere else. He would say he was born on a rock on bummers flats because they couldn't make it from Sheep Creek to Cranbrook hospital that quick! For quite a few years Helen and Fred thought that Remembrance Day was in recognition of their dad's birthday, and he never told them any different.



When Kathleen Hockley came to the neighbourhood to teach school, Dad had to check the new teacher out. He rode his horse into the one room schoolhouse, where he immediately left a pile of horse poop! It must have impressed Kaye, because she married him in March 1947 and they had many happy years together. Raising three kids, Helen, Fred and Kathy, all who live in the immediate area still.

For the first years of their married life, Lister and Kaye lived on Pete Lum's place up on the Sheep Creek. When Helen had to go to school they bought the present Canning place on the flats north of Ta Ta Creek. They lived there until they moved to the Kimbrook in the summer of 2014, where they stayed until Kaye passed away in 2016. Then Dad moved to the Pines until he passed in 2019.



One of Lister's favorite stories was when his father would take him hunting as a kid. They were way up Ram Creek one time, and saw another man track, his dad got so mad, they quit and went home, grumbling about the country being overrun by people!

As a young boy growing up at Sheep Creek in the fall after school on Fridays, he would ride his horse up the trail to Marmalade Basin to where his dad was camped guiding a hunter..... probably a two hour ride, ending in darkness.... No helmet, no cell phone!! He would spend the weekend and then return home Sunday night, to ride to school the next day.



He spent many summers as a kid at White Swan Lake with his mentor, Billy Stork. The Canning ranch at Sheep Creek was the head of the trail from this end to White Swan..... there were no roads there at that time.

His guiding career started at a young age, guiding for some of the original outfitters in the White Swan... Jimmy White, Pete Lum, Arthur Nichol and his own dad, Fred. In 1949 he guided up the Palliser River for Jim Tegart, where he worked for a few years. In the 1950's he packed geologists for the GSC, into the Purcell Mountains, spending 2 months at a time. He supplied the horses, tents, grub etc. packing and moving camp as needed. During that time he bought his own hunting territory in the St. Marys valley. He hunted there for 16 years, during which time he said he saw 2 other people in that country, both geologists.

Lister always had horses in his life whether it be the team at the farm or his pack horses or rope horses. He chased wild horses in the 40's with the Pommier boys and built a corral on the flats between the highway and the Premier lake road, pieces of it still stand today. In the 1960's along the sheep creek top, he roped and threw down a nice looking black horse and took him home to make him into a good saddle horse. Unfortunately he did not survive a collision with an Arrow chip truck on Skookumchuck Prairie a few years later. At that time Dad had a small string of horses which he used to pack the Parks Branch crews into Mount Assiniboine park. For many years he had a string of pack horses for his guide and outfitter business.

When he wasn't guiding hunters or packing the surveyors, he had his own lumber truck. He hauled slabs from the portable sawmills that were in the bush, mostly from the Finlay Creek and Ram Creek. The slabs were loaded by hand and taken to the railroad siding at Canal Flats and loaded on to boxcars again by hand to ship back east for firewood. He also had a dump box for his truck and hauled gravel for construction of the White Swan road in 1956. He moved his family to Camp 14 and they all lived in a tent during the road construction.



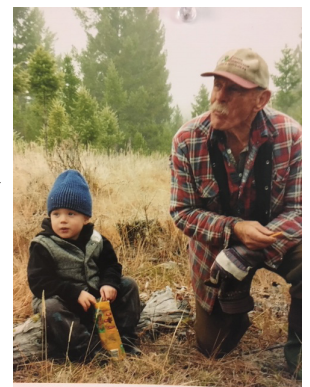
He enjoyed rodeoing with the Pommier and Cloarec boys in the early days. He then bought a good calf horse from Cam Ellis and once the kids got old enough, he hauled us to rodeos, gymkhanas and jackpots. Summer highlights were the trips every year to rodeos in Eureka, Montana and Bonners Ferry Idaho with all the family in the big 3 ton truck..... tent camping at the rodeo grounds were the best! Kaye lost patience in Eureka, the time the kids tried to entice the brahma bull into the tent using her pancakes for bait!! Terrapin was at least 1200 pounds and although he was pretty friendly out of the bucking pen, Kaye was not impressed.

Fred made his dad proud when he became a real competitive calf roper. He and his dad competed at rodeos in the valley from Windermere to southern Alberta and across the line. Lister made a few trips to the B.C. Team Roping finals, either at the coast or one trip to Prince George. Lister was also a member of the Century Team Ropers in Alberta and qualified to go to the finals of the Alberta Team Ropers Assn in Camrose. He was an original member of the Pine Ridge Roping Club in the Cranbrook area and was awarded a buckle in 2015 honoring his many years of involvement. He was an accomplished header and was never short of partners wanting to rope with him. He hosted many jackpots at the arena at home and along with Kathy and her husband Darcy, produced a successful 10 Steer roping for a number of years. That roping attracted competitors from Alberta and the interior of B.C. and was then one of the richest ropings in B.C.

Lister loved his rodeo, and he and Kaye spent many hours camping at rodeo grounds throughout Canada and the US either with the kids in the old 3 ton with stock racks and tents or his truck camper and horse trailer. Later on he and Kaye would go to Pendleton Oregon, Innisfail, Ponoka and Strathmore pro rodeos. In the late 70's and early 80's Kaye and Lister spent a few weeks of the winters in Arizona, camping in Little Canada. Lister renewed many friendships on these trips and treasured all of them, he was a life time supporter of the Cranbrook Rodeo both while it was amateur or professional, running the timed event end, which his kids inherited when Lister retired.

Lister loved his hockey and he played hockey for the Sheep Creek Beavers for many years on the lake at Premier and then at the ice rink he built on the home place. He drove many miles taking Fred to and from hockey games and practices, and in later years supported the Kimberley Knights and the Kootenay Ice.

Christmas treeing was always a family business. When the kids were pretty little, everybody went to the permit up at Sheep Creek. Kaye packed trees out to the road, and trimmed handles, while Fred and Helen "worked" on their own piece of ground that their dad marked out for each of them to prune and cut trees.... However they mostly built forts and ran wild in the bush! He spent hours at the permit.... pruning and fertilizing in the spring and cutting in the fall. In the early days, both Kaye and Lister worked for Hannah Tree Farms, in the yard and loading boxcars at the siding in Wasa. Then in later years he had his own tree lot in Lethbridge for many years and made many lifelong friends doing that. He would take the travel trailer out and spend the month of December living in it and selling trees at the mall lot. He loved that time. For years there was always an assortment of good quality trees for sale in the yard at home for his regular local



customers. He got a contract with the Kiwanis Club in Trail and every November he would ask a few of the neighbours to help load a big load to send over the Salmo Creston. Those days were hard work, but always ended up with Kaye feeding everybody and some good stories shared over a few drinks. Grandson Cody and his wife Claire and boys Levi and Dawson are carrying on the Canning Christmas tree harvest on the same piece of ground.

Lister always loved his farming. He spent many hours on the tractor, making hay – some people still say he had the best horse hay around. He was running the tractor and irrigation into his 80's! And he had learned to repair almost anything that broke down... not just his own either. Bob Cale can attest to that!



He spent a lot of time in his garden and produced more than the family needed! He ran a good cow/calf herd for many years, and then he bought and sold yearlings, running them on the range between the homeplace and the Skookumchuck river. There were more than a few cows that fell victim to the CPR in the days before the train tracks were fenced.

Lister was a good 4H dad, enabling all three kids to raise and market calves every year for many years. He drove to any competitions in the valley, from Windermere to Grasmere, and helped each kid pick out a calf either from neighbouring ranchers or home grown... then hauled to the year end competitions in June. After the summers off the whole procedure began again in the fall!

Lister and Kaye built a Quonset on the place and established a feed business, "Canning Feeds" which Kathy was conscripted to help with in Christmas tree times. He hauled feed from Calgary first, then Lethbridge to supply customers from Windermere all the way down the valley. They made some lifelong friends through that venture.

For a long time, the Cannings had a milk cow that kept them in milk and cream and butter. He never understood why Kaye would not learn to milk the cows, but we know now who the smart one really was in our family! She was pretty glad when Carol joined the family because she inherited the milking job!

Lister worked for BC Parks branch at Wasa for many years where he met so many who remained friends. He also worked at the community stockyards in Cranbrook and was a provincial brand inspector in his spare time.... Yeah right, did Dad have that???

The family would like to thank Brian Clifford, Susan Manahan and Cheryl Shaw for being there for our dad when he was in the Pines. He really looked forward to their visits and enjoyed time spent with them. Lister always did enjoy his country music... Wilf Carter was a favorite in the old days, and the musical entertainers that came to the Pines could always make him smile. Most especially the Bunkhouse boys.... Charlie and Barry.



The Canning kids also want to say thank you to

- the Wasa Lions
- the kitchen crew... Helen, Barb and Josie
- Friends who brought treats
- Those who made donations to the Community Hall in our dad's memory

And everybody who came out to the tremendous memorial to share stories and remember Dad.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
John Quincy Adams

Christmas Safety Tips & Suggestions:

Holiday trees:

- If you put up a live tree, keep it fresh with daily watering.
- Place the tree away from high traffic areas and doorways. Make sure the tree is well-secured in a sturdy stand.
- Place the tree away from heating vents, radiators, stoves, fireplaces and burning candles.
- Dispose of the tree as soon as the holidays are over, or as soon as the needles start to fall.

Holiday lights and decorations:

- Make sure you're being as safe as possible when hanging your lights both indoors and outdoors.
- Choose the right light for the job: light strings and other decorations are rated for indoor or outdoor use. Check all light bulbs before you put them up. Replace broken or burned-out bulbs with those recommended by the manufacturer.
- Check the light strings and extension cords you use, discarding any that are frayed or have exposed wires, loose connections or broken light sockets. Never run electrical cords through doorways or under carpets.
- Avoid plugging too many lights and decorations into an outlet. Overloaded circuits can overheat and start a fire.
- Turn off all holiday lights before you go to bed or leave your home. Placing your lights on a timer will not only be energy smart, but eliminate the need for you to step outside in the cold to shut off or unplug your lights.

Outdoor maintenance:

- Keep your driveway and walkways clear. If you have a neighbour who is finding it difficult to keep up, lend a hand.
- Be diligent with home security. Unfortunately, the holiday season sees an increase in break-ins. Therefore, it's important to always lock your doors, keep the garage closed, lock windows, and make note of strangers in your neighborhood.

Holidays & pets:

- Make sure you keep your pets away from poinsettias, holly, mistletoe and real Christmas trees. They can be toxic for pets.
- Avoid tinsel. Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery.
- Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.

*meows
christmas*

Wasa & District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by Sherry Shields

Fall was a perfect time for repairs before a winter blanket covered the garden. Thank you to Murray Blackburn for repairs to the water wheel. Along with repairs an extension to the roof was added. Thank you to Bruce Walkey for repairing our bridge over the dry creek. The bridge looks great and also resolved safety issues.

2019 Columbarium Niche & Plaque Costs
UNIT 1 Columbarium
 Upper levels - \$1000.00 + engraving
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UNIT 2 Columbarium (new)
 Niche cost - \$1100.00 + engraving
 Niche Engraving - \$275.00
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Contact: Pat Walkey
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 for sale.

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 3530 or
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"And don't think the garden loses its ecstasy in winter. It's quiet, but the roots are down there riotous." – Rumi

"I realize there's something incredibly honest about trees in winter, how they're experts at letting things go." – Jeffrey McDaniel

TOPS Tidings

To TOPS pals so dear, it is very clear
 As through the holiday season we steer,
 We watch out for distortions of those
 sneaky proportions
 "Be mindful!", the message is clear.
 Too long do not sit, keep moving, be fit
 As we avoid the holiday "abuses"
 KOPS do the same, live up to our name,
 Keep to our plan, no excuses.
 It's easy with a TOPS group like us
 Support, advice, accountability plus...
 We give love from our hearts, by
 doing our parts,
 We focus and are victorious!
 Come see what we're about, laughter
 always rings out,
 We are sensible, intelligent, and kind.
 To your face bring a smile, with a
 healthier lifestyle,
 What a difference it can make, you will find.
 Now be of good cheer,
 As we wish one and all...
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Wasa Roads

I asked Hilary Barnett from the Ministry of Transportation to give some information for future work on the roads at Wasa.

This is the list for next spring.

1. Mainroad is planning on completing shouldering along many of the roads. This will help address some of the berming and water ponding, as well remove some of the additional material that has deposited on the shoulder from the sealcoating this last spring.
2. As always in the Spring Mainroad will be completing their typical sweeping program. Should any surface deficiencies become apparent over the winter, they will also be repairing those.
3. The Ministry has installed new "confirmatory 50km/h" signs along the back side of Wasa Lake Park Drive to help address speeding concerns. They will also be looking at upgrading the pedestrian signage and other signage to address some of the concerns that have been brought forward this past year.
4. The Ministry will be bringing back the speed reader boards next summer for two weeks over the August long weekend. They will be parked along Wasa Lake Drive.

They have also stated that the road surface will be smoother next spring after the winter maintenance will further the packing of the road surface.

FireSmart

The RDEK Board has made an application to receive a government Grant to continue the firesmart program through out the area.

If we are successful this will allow more communities to receive financial aid.

I hope everyone has a great holiday this year. I also hope to see everyone at the Lion's Winterfest.

If you have any questions or concerns Please contact me at s.janewalter@gmail.com or call me 250-427-2577

Merry Christmas



Email your photos with "The Buzz".
Your picture will be featured in the current issue of the Buzz and your name will go into a draw for the

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CONGRATULATIONS!! Winners of our 2019 Where do you take your Buzz contest are Arla & Rod Monteith! They submitted photos from their Thailand / Maui trip in the April edition. They will be the recipients of a \$50 gift certificate from one of the Buzz advertisers. This could be you, next year! Take your Buzz with you on your next road trip. Good luck! And congratulations again, Arla and Rod!



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FOLLOWING

THE TRAILS OF

Yesterday

submitted by Judy McPhee

TRADITIONS

As Christmas approaches, a time of traditions, many of us remember the warmth of get-togethers with family and friends where the spirit of the Lord's birthday was truly the centre of all festivities. Most families- some who have been here four, five or even six generations in our valley celebrate their own traditions and cultural customs which they adhere to.

These customs and rituals are often handed down from generation to generation by experience or word of mouth. They link us to our family, our roots, our community and awaken in us the gift of memory. Story telling, in some families is often full of colourful details and laughs and is closely meshed with the passing on of family traditions.

May God bless you all as you celebrate this season according to your families tradition and culture. Many summer residents at Wasa, over the years, have created their own summer traditions.

BEGINNING OF OUR HISTORY BOOK



In the late 1990's, a committee of women spearheaded by a group of library volunteers including co-editors, Bev Falkner and Brenda Rauch. After much talk Bev and Brenda decided to get "cracking" and collect our areas history. The word was put out and after intensive advertising, submissions were sent in. Women in our community met weekly at the home of Bev under the auspices of "Wasa and District Historical Association" to edit the submitted articles

on family histories, business' mining, logging, ranching, etc.

Bev and Brenda were most grateful for the family histories, pictures, reference materials, proofreading and most especially to those who were consulted repeatedly for clarification of details.

It was indeed a "Labour of Love" and hundreds of hours of work putting together the history book.

KOOTENAY RIPPLES

WASA - TA TA CREEK - SKOOKUMCHUK

The committee spent hours editing and checking facts. June Owen spent countless hours firming up the editing and typing the finished product for the publisher--"Friesen's Publisher's Altona, MB. What a marvellous job! Thank you, June.

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General Education / Awareness Information:

1. Carbon Monoxide:

With the cold weather settling in and winter just a whisper away, it's a good time to share some information on Carbon Monoxide awareness. Last week was Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week in BC, and although I wasn't able to get this out to you last week, the importance of being aware of carbon monoxide poisoning is just as relevant this week :)

CO is a colourless, odourless and tasteless gas produced by burning carbon fuels such as propane, natural gas, oil, wood, charcoal, alcohol, kerosene or gasoline. Exposure to CO interferes with the body's ability to absorb oxygen, which can result in serious illness or death. Common sources include gas-fired furnaces, boilers, hot water tanks, stoves, dryers and fireplaces. These items — along with the venting systems and fresh air supply into your home — should be checked at least once a year.

Visit www.gov.bc.ca/FireSafety/CarbonMonoxideAwareness or www.CO.safety.tips for more information on carbon monoxide including tips on staying safe and preventing CO exposure.

2. Radon

Radon is a radioactive gas that occurs naturally when uranium in soil and rock breaks down. It has been known to be present in the East Kootenay and the RDEK Board wanted to pass along some information to residents about how to learn more about it. Radon is invisible, odourless and tasteless. When released from the ground into the outdoor air, radon is diluted and is not a concern. However, in enclosed spaces such as homes, it can sometimes accumulate to high levels, which can put people's health at risk.

The only way to know if your home has a radon problem is to test. Testing for radon in your home is easy and inexpensive. There are different types of devices that can be used to test for radon. For more information on radon, visit www.radonaware.ca. You'll find all kinds of information on this site including info on the radon test kits. Alternatively, radon test devices are also available at select Home Hardware and Walmart locations, as well as at all Home Depot stores throughout British Columbia if you are interested.



Destroying the weight of your past, the true poison of your life – Part 2

As we began explaining in our last article, behind every thought lies a hidden power of past emotions; even behind the most ordinary thought such as that of a table or a spoon. To disengage the weight of the past, one needs to cease to be drugged by these thoughts. Remember that thinking is never ever the process of deliberate will. You do not think... you are thought! You have never thought; you have always been thought! Your consciousness has been enslaved by your uncontrolled mind and this is an absolute fact! You can only be free in life if you can choose not to do something. But you are constantly compelled to think, so you are not free; consequently, you do not think, you are thought... you are the slave of your own hypnotic mind!

A thought is always an association of comparisons, representations and identifications. When I say: "you are thought", I mean that you, as pure and direct consciousness, disappear as such to become what you think.

What you think is not what you are, but always what you were. Thinking makes you unconscious of yourself as witnessing and immaculate consciousness. When you think, you superimpose your representation of the world upon the reality of the world. In fact, sooner or later, you will realize that this process of superimposing has been the only way you've ever been in touch with your world. From here, I can assert that you don't actually know the world; you only know your mental world made

of past impressions, memories and emotional collection.

By observing your thoughts, you extract yourself from their hypnotic power of identification. You create a space (Akasha) of freedom within you from which you can see what actually triggers and motivates your thoughts. It is possible to cease being drugged by your thoughts and to overcome their power of imbalance over your consciousness.

A thought is always made of emotions from the past (Samskaras) and expectations about the future (Vasanas). These two elements are the very foundation of the unconscious (Chitta). If the mind is the surface of your waking state of consciousness, then Vasanas and Samskaras are the foundation of your mind. Thoughts arise through the influence of your continuously active unconscious. A thought is always the tip of the iceberg of karmic accumulation of false impressions experienced in your past. The only way to stop being drugged by your mind is to constantly question the motivation of your thoughts and their pertinence in your head regarding the reality of what surrounds you at this very moment.

By observing your thoughts and the emotions that nourish them, you destroy their power of attraction and illusion toward your free consciousness. This is a true Yogic Work called "Chitta Shuddhi", that of purification of the unconscious. It can only be done through a conscious effort of attention and observation on what composes you at every moment. It is an inner training called "Vigilance" (Jagarti in Sanskrit).

Now that you understand the danger of being the slave of your own past through the burden of your thoughts, emotions and expectations, you may wish to seriously engage yourself in the destruction and annihilation of everything that deforms your perception of reality. If you really want to experience the nature of your true consciousness, your ultimate presence, you need to accept that a life made only of thoughts, emotions and ideas is not the true life, but a mere virtual representation of it.

In the yogic point of view, life has nothing to do with what is happening in one's brain... there is a direct, superior, higher way of living life without the intermediary of the mind. One could live an amazing life without being the slave of "a mind". For thousands of years, this has been the goal of all great Yogis and Spiritual Masters; to experience life beyond the mind. This is exactly what I am trying to offer you in introducing to you this subject. In our next article, I will describe the practical knowledge that will assist in exiting the despotism of one's mind activity.

With Love and Blessing on the Path of Life.

Warmly yours,

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Following the Trails, *continued*

Susan Bond, (now deceased) was the last person to read the final disks before they went to the publisher. Many people fund raised to help with the printing of the book. Francis West, (now deceased) did a most magnificent job fund raising. Dale Tagg (now deceased) organized all the photos submitted for the history book.

And a very special thank you to all who submitted articles.

Many of the old timers have passed away and it would be most difficult now to collect and collate such a comprehensive history which included the early years in our valley.

1250 books ordered-----45 books now left for purchase at a cost of \$50.00 a book.

Available from Pat Walkey at 250-422-3530.

LAUNCHING OF HISTORY BOOK

The gala party and reunion at the Wasa Hall to launch the history book took place on the weekend of Aug. 1-3, 2002. People from our area and with roots in our area came from far and wide to attend the pancake breakfast at the "Lions Centre" and the party in the beautifully decorated Wasa Hall.

First copy auctioned off for \$500.00 to Mario Liberto at the breakfast.

CHERISHED HISTORY - recorded in a diary-

The land up Wolf Creek Road was first deeded in the late 1800's as payment for serving in the Boar War. "Prospector and city of Fernie founder, William Fernie and his brother, Peter Fernie both had land up Wolf Creek Road."

Along with J.E. Humphries, the Fernie brothers were the first owners of "The Grange" Ranch-home/hotel up Wolf Creek Road.

The diary of the ranch for the years 1890, 91, 92, 93 is in our Wasa Library to borrow. This "Stagecoach Hotel" is written up in the Dec. 2015 of the TVB.

All editions of the TVB are available to read on the internet at <http://www.wasalake.com/buzz>

Apropos Christmas, a "**CHRISTMAS TREE DANCE**" was held every year at the old Wasa Hall, now the church, to raise money to buy every child a present and a bag of candy at the annual "Wasa School Christmas Concert." Both events were well attended by the people in the communities around here.

THANKFULNESS

Volunteers are the gold of the community and Christmas is a special time for each of us to offer our thanks to the many volunteers and people in our lives who have enriched our community and made our area of BC a very special place to live.

I believe each of us have things to be thankful for. Do show your appreciation by thanking someone this season.

I am especially thankful to the many multifarious talents of volunteers in our community and for the many people who have shared their photographs for us all to enjoy.

I include a picture of the main street in Wasa (date unknown), looking west at the south end of Wasa. It was recently given to me by Bill Rankins.

I conclude with this thought:

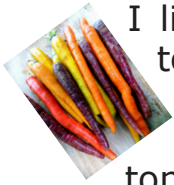
Rituals and Traditions-- "**THE PAST IS NOT MASTER OF THE PRESENT**" - Paul St. PIERRE



Blessings to you all this wonderful season and to each of you, the traditional, '**Merry Christmas**'

Garden Facts & Fables

Gardens have been put to bed. Soaked by fall rains and probably covered in snow. Spring bulbs have been planted. Now we sit by the fire, browsing seed catalogues or googling seed companies and different varieties of flowers and vegetables to try in the spring. And there is so much to try!!



I like colour! I grow rainbow carrots every year - it's so pretty to see red, white, yellow, purple and orange on a plate. And I have begun growing coloured potatoes - my violet queens were an incredibly dark purple, even after cooking! So cool! And tomatoes! oh my! Did you know they come in orange, green, yellow, striped, strawberry shaped, pear shaped, and the list goes on.....



I tried a few different types of garlic this year, too. Creme de la rosa, persian star, wildfire



It is absolutely amazing how many different types there are to any and every vegetable you want to try. And if you're anything like me, it's fun trying new things. In fact, I have so many tomato varieties to try, I have planted some to grow indoors - maybe have fresh tomatoes by Valentine's? Some things work, some don't. But being a gardener is doing one experiment after another. Whether it is trying different varieties of vegetables or flowers. Or experimenting with different fertilizers to see what your soil needs.

So google - browse - dream of something odd and wonderful to try next spring. Maybe check out a few of the following. Who knows what may inspire you to experiment?

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<https://www.rareseeds.com/>

<https://www.botanus.com/>

<https://www.veseys.com/>

And if you want to check out specifically Canadian seed companies, check out this link:

<https://seeds.ca/sw8/web/diversity/seed-catalogue-index>

I am looking forward to seeing pictures next year of any and all of the odd and wonderful things **you** have tried in your garden. I want to hear what has worked for you and what has not. I will even come to you to take the pictures, if you like. I have seen some absolutely awesome gardens around the area, and it would be great if you could share what makes you a successful gardener.

In the garden, pull the weeds, dig a hole, plant the seeds!

Cover them up, water them too. Watch them grow in front of you!

Make sure the sprout gets lots of sun. To grow a plant is tons of fun!!

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CHRISTMAS WORD SCRAMBLE

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2. escrogo
3. asnat lacsu
4. teesrnsp
5. uhrdplo
6. ejssu
7. mashcrist eert
8. bwos
9. enol
10. wnmosan
11. rwehta
12. ndyca ance
13. yollh
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15. girgch
16. emyr
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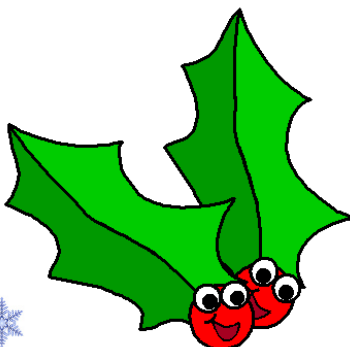


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*I took a lick of a peppermint stick, and oh it tasted yummy!
It used to be on the Christmas tree, but now it's in my tummy!*

Christmas Word Search

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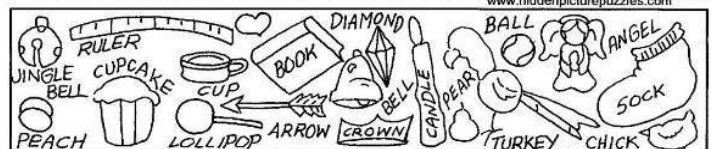
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Christmas
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Santa
sleigh
stockings
stuffing
tinsel
turkey

Want something fun to do with your spare time?

We are looking for a new "Fun Page" submitter



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December 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-----------|---|---|---|-----------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3  | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Church 10:30 a.m. | 9 | 10 BINGO 6:30 Early 6:45 Regular | 11  | 12 | 13 | 14  |
| 15 Church 10:30 a.m. | 16 | 17  Wright Bros Day | 18  | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Church 10:30 a.m.  1st day of winter | 23 | 24 | 25  MERRY CHRISTMAS | 26 Boxing Day | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Church 10:30 a.m. | 30 | 31  New Year's Eve | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 |

LEGEND.

Church Service 10:30 am
Rec Society 7:00 pm
Quilters 10 am - 4 pm
Library Tuesdays 11 am - 1 pm
TOPS Fri 9 am Weigh in & Mtg. 9:30 - 10:30 am
Armchair Traveller 7:30 pm

BINGO 6:30 pm
Lions 7:00 pm

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Dec 1 - TriVillage Kids Club Christmas Party
- Dec 7 - Wasa Lions Christmas Dinner and Dance
- Dec. 10 - Bingo
- Dec 11 - TVKC coffee & play
- Dec 17 Library closes, reopens Jan 7
- No Buzz in January

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

Ashram Meditation & Yoga.....250.422.9327
BC Wildfire*5555 ...or.. 1.800.663.5555
Brunos Plumbing.....250.342.5105
Catamount Contracting.....250.422.3694
Cranbrook/Kimberley Hospice...250.417.2019
Conservation - Emergency ... 1.877.952.7277
Econobuilt.....250.421.7813
EMERGENCY.....1.800.663.5555 (*5555)
Hi Heat Insulating.....250.422.3457
HD Railings.....250.422.3457
Kootenay Kwik Print.....250.489.4213
Kootenay Monument Installations....422.3414
Lantz Farm (Hay).....250.420.1660
Rascal Dock Systems.....250.421.1746
TOPS.....778.524.0012.....422.3686
Wasa Hall.....250.422.3514.....422.3795
Wasa Hardware & Building Ctr...250.422.3123
Wasa Lake Gas & Food.....250.422.9271
Wasa Lions Med Eqp.250.422.3227..422.3499
Wasa Lions Trail Donations.....250.422.3773
Wasa Memorial Garden (Pat Walkey)422.3530
Wasa Post Office.....250.422.3122

