



THE TRI-VILLAGE BUZZ CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

The Tri-Village Buzz Creative Writing Contest was won by Wasa resident, Judy McPhee. Our judges: Bev Falkiner, Brenda Rausch and Jessie Jenson had their work cut out for them, *"We were impressed by the high quality of the stories submitted; we felt they were all quite good"*, says Bev Falkiner. In total 14 stories were submitted. Thank you to everyone that entered and a huge thank you to our 3 judges - Bev, Brenda and Jessie.

A very excited and surprised Judy McPhee was presented with the "Kindle Keyboard Reader". Judy, a very avid reader will make good use of the Kindle. See Page 5 for Judy's story titled "Three Strikes - You're Out".

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WLLID member Clay Tippet has launched a website which features WLLID meeting and financial information. The site also hosts and provides easy access to the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletters. All 2011 newsletters have been uploaded and Clay has agreed to post future editions as they are created. Viewing the newsletters through the site may eliminate many problems associated with retrieving the large files through e-mail.



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RDEK AREA E DIRECTOR JANE WALTER AT THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY NOVEMBER 2011. JANE WALTER WON THE AREA E DIRECTOR SEAT IN THE 2011 ELECTION. SEE PAGE 10 FOR JANE'S MONTHLY RDEK UPDATE

RDEK AREA E TOWN HALL MEETING

Monday Feb 6, 2012
7:00PM

WASA COMMUNITY HALL



Local Curlers Qualify For Masters and Mens Provincials

There will be a local flavour in this years curling provincials as the Hill rink from Kimberley qualified for the +60 side of the event. The team consisting of Jim Hill (Wasa) skip, Mario Carelli (Wasa) 3rd, Gord Jenkins (Kimberley) 2nd and lead Bryne Blanchard (Kimberley) gained the birth with a 5-0 record in the recently completed zones trials held in Cranbrook Jan 16 thru 18. The team scored 2 in the dramatic 8th end, then stole 1 in the extra 9th end of their final game for the win against a stubborn Jim Robertson team from Cranbrook to secure their entry into the provincial championships.

There was nothing on the line for the Cranbrook foursome but their determination was unmeasured against the local squad. The Kimberley-Cranbrook rivalry was flourishing as 90% of the fans were cheering for an upset. Earlier in the competition the Hill rink scored a dramatic last rock win against the favored and defending champions Bothamley team from Creston to keep their record unblemished. Hill and Jenkins have experienced the thrill of provincial play before while Carelli and Blanchard succeeded on their first attempt at a provincial qualifier. The team would like to thank all their athletic supporters who made the trek to Cranbrook to cheer them on. There was some great curling over the 3 day round robin spiel and there should be even more when 16 teams collide at the **Kimberley Curling Club March 6th thru 9th at the provincials.**

The Nesbitt rink from Kimberley cruised to a 4-0 record at the same trials to gain the +70 birth into the same provincials. The team consists of Murray Nesbitt (skip), Bill Olmsted (3rd), Dunc Robertson (2nd) and lead Ted Giesbrecht. All reside in Kimberley and will be a strong local representative. The local squad swept all their games single handily and were never challenged during their 2 days of qualifiers. Olmsted subbed in for an ailing Carl Larson (Canal Flats) and vice skipped a very formidable 4 games for the victors. Our thoughts go out to Carl and his family for a speedy recovery and we'll see Carl at the rink next year.

During the same week Giesbrecht was informed that his 1959 junior hockey team will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Hockey

Hall of Fame. Congrats goes out to Ted on a job well done. Ted joins the likes of Gordie Howe, Glen Hall and all the great hockey players from the prairie mecca. There will be 8 teams in each division at the provincials and local curling enthusiasts are being urged to attend the event to cheer on their local favorites. Your support can be felt on the ice and is always greatly appreciated.

Locals will also be represented at the Mens Provincials this year as the Buchy and Shypitka teams qualified for this years event to be held in Parksville from February 8th thru 12th. Both teams curl out of the Kimberley Curling Club and are looking to qualify for the Tim Horton's Brier (curling's Holy Grail). The Buchy team consists of skip Tom Buchy (Kimberley), 3rd Ken McHargue (Elkford), 2nd Dave Toffolo (Kimberley) and lead Darren Will from Fernie. For Buchy, Toffolo and Will it will be their 7th time representing the East Kootenays at this level. McHargue has been to 1 Brier and 1 National Seniors competition. Tom Buchy, Dave Toffolo along with wives Laurie and Robyn respectively have represented BC at 2 National championships.

The Shypitka rink consists of skip Tom Shypitka (Cranbrook), 3rd Josh Firman (Creston), 2nd Steve Tersmette (Kimberley Curling Club president) and lead Greg Terrill (Creston). Shypitka has curled in 2 National Briers while the rest of the team are rookies at the provincial level. Shypitka had originally intended to retire after last season but was coerced to opt out of his decision to guide this local talented squad.

There will be 16 teams in Parksville vying for the coveted honour to represent our province. With 11 curlers from the Wasa/Kimberley region going to provincial championships, can we be the curling mecca of B.C.?

We at The Buzz would like to congratulate these talented individuals and wish them good luck in their upcoming provincial championships.

Ice Shavings

The Kootenay Ice continue to impress in the WHL, sitting 2nd in the Central division and 3rd overall in the Eastern Conference with a record of 26-13-3 for a total of 58 points. With injured captain Drew Czerwonka and defense man Luke Paulsen out of the lineup, The Ice continue to play entertaining and

hard -nose hockey. Brothers Max and Sam Reinhart continue to lead the club offensively. Max is in the top 20 in league scoring (20G-34A 54pts) while 16 year old Sam is 6th in league rookie scoring (16G-23A 39 pts). Sam needs only 7 more points to overtake former Ice alumni Steve McCarthy to set the team record for points by a 16 year old. Goalie Nathan Lieuwen is a model of consistency sitting in 2nd place in league stats with a goals against average of 2.22 and a save percentage of .923. GO ICE GO

Kootenay Ice February Home Games

Fri. Feb. 3	vs. Calgary
Sat. Feb. 4	vs. Spokane
Fri. Feb. 10	vs. Red Deer
Sat. Feb. 11	vs. Saskatoon
Tues. Feb. 14	vs. Brandon
Fri. Feb. 17	vs. Spokane
Sat. Feb. 18	vs. Regina
Wed. Feb. 29	vs. Edmonton

Dynamiter Dynamics

The Nitros have overtaken their archrivals from Fernie to sit atop the Eddie Mountain Division of the KIJHL with a record of 30-10-1 for a total of 62 points. Senate Patton leads the league in scoring (29G-50A 79 pts), Richard Hubscher sits in 3rd place (25G-52A 77pts) and Ryan Duley is in 10th place (35G-33A 68 pts).

Goalie Braeden Ostepchuk leads the league in goal tending stats with a record of 17-4-1, goals against average of 2.40 and a save percentage of .913. The team is steadily gaining much needed momentum heading into next months playoffs where they could create quite a BLAST. !GO NITROS!

Dynamiters February Home Games

Fri. Feb. 10	vs. Columbia Valley
Wed. Feb. 15	vs. Creston

Hope all our readers had a great holiday season and I look forward to the upcoming year.

Remember local sports is our passion.

If you have a sports story or anecdote that you like published, please contact me: mcarelli@telus.net



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Editor's Corner

Hope everybody had a great Christmas and New Years. We have a lot of exciting new submissions and columns lined up for 2012 as residents continue to "step up" and volunteer their talents to the newsletter.

There has been some recent interest expressed in starting a "car pool" or "ride sharing" list. Please let me know if anyone is interested in managing this. I have some ideas on how to set this up but unfortunately, I don't have the time to organize it. I, like many other residents drive to Cranbrook daily and would welcome an opportunity to car pool. Let me know what you think.

I'm hoping to get permission to print the stories from the folks that submitted entries to "The Creative Writing Contest". The stories offered a wide variety of memories and experiences from our area that I'm sure readers would enjoy

Have a great month!
Wendy

Wasa What's It?

**Can you
guess
what this
item was
used for?**



*Thanks to Melinda Howard and
Jack and Jeannette Howard for
providing the image.*

Answer in March Edition



Decembers
Answer:
Candle Holder for
Hard hats

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Three Strikes- You're Out

Indelibly engraved in my brain, this story is not about baseball, it is about the fury of nature unleashing its power on our little community of Wasa, B.C. It is about three storms I have experienced. Three precious lives lost. Two families grieving.

As I remember, it was a Friday night in the summer of 1971. Approximately 35 children met that week in the "old" Wasa Hall for Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Marysville Church and local donations. Families and friends were invited to the end of the week concert put on by the children.

The day was hot. All around the lake, people and dogs were in the lake cooling off. There wasn't a breath of wind. The air was sultry, heavy and humid.

As we were dining outside with friends before the concert, I noticed an ominous silence. No birds were singing. We rushed dinner, leaving the dishes on the table so we could arrive at the concert on time.

Toward the end of the concert, I looked out the windows. I was startled. The wind started to blow, instantly the sky was an eerie purple and yellow.

The concert finished. We socialized and headed home – to save the dishes!

Upon arriving home, we noticed a boat bobbing up and down in the waves at approximately 70-80 degrees.

Are you crazy, we thought – out in this storm? The next day we found out why.

A little girl from Alberta was on a blow-up toy. She was blown further out. Her father tried to save her, he couldn't swim. They both drowned. The police boat was trying to find their bodies.

I wondered how many lives were saved because of the concert.

Seven years to the day, a violent lightening and wind storm struck Wasa leaving behind a few scorched trees. Fortunately no lives were lost, just scared people, dogs and us sitting in our cabin with our runners on!

On July 21, 1997, nature's fury struck again. Just after dinner, the sky turned an eerie colour, the wind picked up and storm clouds gathered in the south-eastern sky. All of a sudden the wind blasted down the lake for ten to twelve minutes at approximately 150-160 km. The lake in the middle formed a perpendicular wall. Many, many trees were blown down, some on homes. A fish was embedded in a limb on a tree.

A little girl and her family, dining at main beach pedaled back to their campsite during the storm. A tree fell on the girl at the north end of the lake. She lost her life. Three valuable, significant lives lost.

Three strikes –you're out
Game over – Nature won

We've had enough deaths. I write this story so you may be acutely aware of the danger of letting your children play on blow-up toys in the lake on hot humid days.

"Memory is where the proof of life is stored"

By Judy Mcphee



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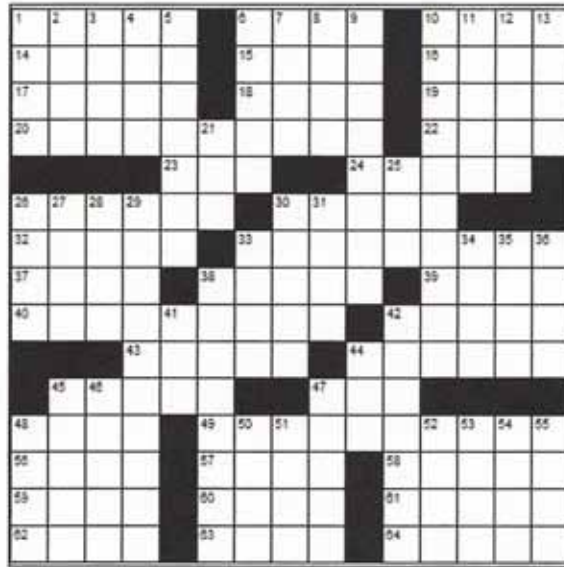
Me and You is friends
You smile, I smile...
You hurt, I hurt...
You cry, I cry...
You jump off a Bridge
I gonna miss your E-Mails.

"MARIO'S FUN PAGE"

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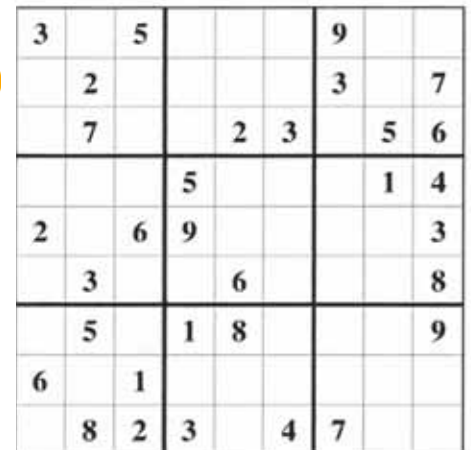
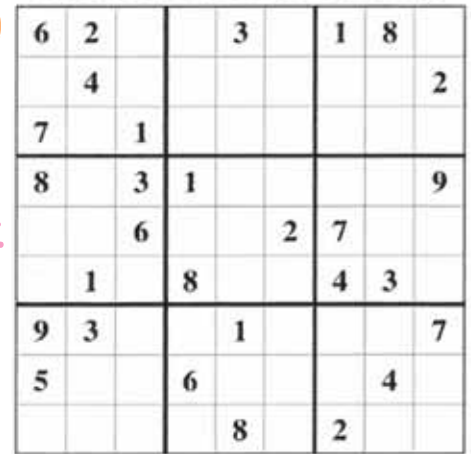
ACROSS

1. Gladden
6. Extent
10. Cushions or mats
14. Comedian
15. Pipe
16. River of Spain
17. Showers
18. Small island
19. Absorb written material
20. Uncommitted
22. Mother
23. Biblical boat
24. Andean animal
26. Religious belief
30. Sea
32. Sexually aroused
33. Kind of triangle
37. Atop
38. Labors
39. Naked
40. Devastated
42. Group of 8
43. Parish priest
44. Putting surfaces
45. Characteristic
47. Confederate soldier
48. Smack
49. Frighten
56. 53 in Roman numerals
57. Not hot
58. Laser printer powder
59. As well
60. Initial wager
61. In the midst of
62. Secluded valley
63. Dregs
64. Slowly, in music



DOWN

1. Beige
2. Give temporarily
3. Dogfish
4. Hue
5. Bliss
6. Adhere
7. Shove
8. Competent
9. Unnecessary
10. Imperishability
11. Perpendicular to the keel
12. Literary genre
13. Fizzy drink
21. Supply with weapons
25. Varnish ingredient
26. Boom
27. Expect and wish
28. God of love
29. Invention
30. Willow
31. Frigid
33. Greek letter
34. Pear-shaped instrument
35. Biblical garden
36. Collections
38. Pertaining to tactics
41. 52 in Roman numerals
42. Relating to an orbit
44. Precious stone
45. Weave diagonal lines into
46. Lift
47. Angers
48. Smelting waste
50. Not a single one
51. Carry
52. A hemispherical roof
53. Nameless
54. Canvas dwelling
55. Therefore



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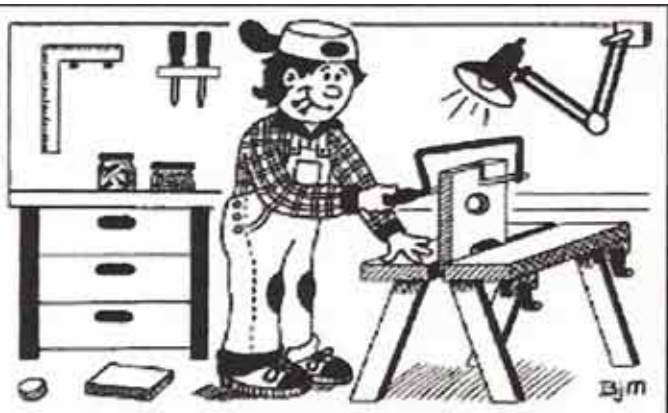
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Can You Spot 12 Differences?



Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell

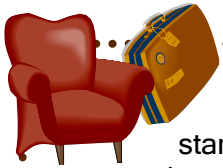


Hello readers! Hope the cold weather is over. A lot of folks got colds from it, me for one but spring is not too far off I hope.

1. Don't let sleeping dogs lie... Keep Fido off the couch with aluminum foil. Place foil over the cushions shiny side up. Remove after a few days and repeat if necessary.
2. Easy way to hull strawberries. Take a drinking straw and insert into the tip of the strawberry and push through to the stem.
3. Got a few scratches on your furniture, take a walnut and rub it over the scratch. The scratch will disappear!
4. To stop cut apples from browning in your child's lunch bag simply secure the pieces together with a rubber band.
5. To remove crayon from your T. V. or computer screen, apply a little WD 40 on a soft cloth and wipe clean.

Hope these hints help and HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

The greatest remedy for anger is delay.



the Armchair Traveller

SUBMITTED BY BEV FALKNER

The Armchair Traveller got off to a great start with Gary Semenyina sharing the photos he and Patsy took of their trip to Ireland. Gary's sense of humour added a very entertaining aspect to the evening and the pictures included everything from land seascapes to castles. Our thank-you to Sibell Robinson, Patsy Semenyina, and Judy McPhee for contributing to the refreshments.

On Feb. 8 Scott and June Owen will present their journey through the Panama Canal. This was on the list for last year but had to be cancelled because of conflicting appointments. At that time June had sent me photos and a few sentences about the trip; now the Owens are away and I cannot retrieve the information from my computer. Please take my word for the fact they were most interesting.

Feb. 22 Susan Manahan will entertain us with her trip to China and Tibet. This is what Susan had to say: *"Not a lazy lay-by-the-pool holiday but an adventure to be sure!! Twenty-two days of people, markets, the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Yangtze River Cruise, pandas, wonderful gardens, and much more. Perhaps even "snake on a stick"."*

Now doesn't that whet your appetite???

March 7 we are very pleased to have Derm and Susanne Kennedy back with us. They certainly are our "regulars". Informative and entertaining, they add a great deal to our program. This is what Susanne had to say about this years presentation: *"Exploring Haida Gwaii....Derm and Susanne will share photos/experiences from three different trips while paddling and touring the Islands. Highlights include visits to old native village sites in South Moresby Park. "*

Three programs to look forward to! Come join us; have a cup of coffee, a glass of juice, a snack, and most importantly, a visit with your neighbour.

Silver Collection Proceeds to the Hall

If you are willing to help with refreshments call Brenda (422-3335), Marg (422-3565) or Bev (422-3359)



Feb. 8	Panama	Scott and June Owen
Feb. 22	China	Susan Manahan
Mar. 7	Haida Gwaii	Derm and Susanne Kennedy



News from the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyina

February is Valentines, so I thought that it would be appropriate to offer a few ideas on ways we can show our love to our mate. I do not claim to have the corner on the market on how to show love, but at times we just need some ideas to get our own creative juices flowing. These ideas are not just for the young couples, or those who may be struggling in their relationships, it is for all of us. The more love we can show to one another, the better the relationship will be. Love is a verb, it is an action word, and I encourage you to go past just saying I love you, to doing something "out of the ordinary" to show that you love your mate. Here are some ideas:

1. Make a homemade card with a picture of the two of you on the cover. Get ideas for a verse by spending a few minutes browsing through a card shop.
2. Write a poem. It doesn't have to rhyme. (I would not suggest using "Roses are Red, Violets are blue, Some poems rhyme, but this one doesn't.")
3. Send a love letter listing the reasons "Why I love you so much," and then send it through the mail.
4. If you are musical, compose a love song.
5. Arrange for someone to sing a favorite love song to you and your love when you're together.
6. Call the radio station and have them announce a love message from you and make sure your love is listening at the right time.

And finally Number 7.

Make a big sign such as: "I Love You, Kristi. Love, Joe" and put it in front of your house for the world to see. (of course change the names or else you could end up in more trouble than you imagined!)

I also want to let you know that on Saturday, February 11th, at 7:00 p.m. the Wasa Community Church is having a **Valentines Dessert Night**. (Nothing says I love You, better than chocolate!) The cost of the evening is \$5.00 per person and we will be having some entertainment to go along with the desserts. If you are wanting to come, this is your invitation, but please call Patsy at 250.422.9226 to reserve your spot. If any of you have any spiritual questions you can give me a call at the Church 250.422.3344.

May you have a great Valentines Day, and may your love be shown to your mate

Pastor Gary Semenyina

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SUBMITTED BY BRENDA RAUCH

To all who thought our delayed winter was a Christmas present - well it was! Happy New Year to all. May you all have a warm fire, good food and several books on hand... we can help you with the books!

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LIGHT DECADENT BROWNIES

Fanny's Favorites

2½ cup icing sugar	1/8 tsp salt
2 100-gram pkg ground almonds (approx 2 cups)	4 egg whites
2/3 cup unsweetened coca powder	2 tsp vanilla

Preheat oven to 350° Line the bottom and sides of an 8" square pan with parchment paper. Fanny sprayed the pan with PAM which also worked well. Whisk sugar with almonds, cocoa and salt in large bowl. Stir in egg whites and vanilla. Batter will be thick. Scrape into prepared pan. Smooth top. Bake 40 to 45 min or until cake tester inserted in centre comes out almost clean. Cool completely before cutting.

These have two-thirds the calories, half the fat and three times the fibre of ordinary brownies.



Don Konschuh
for fixing
our Newsletter Boxes

The RDEK Directors voted Rob Gay as the Chairman and Gerry Taft as Vice-Chairman for the 2012 year.

RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM

The RDEK has applied to the Recreation Grant Program for funding for the following projects:

Wasa Outdoor Rink	\$86,587.00 + HST
Cross Roads Ball Park	\$662,701.80 + HST
Area B Outdoor Rink	\$532,119.87 + HST

NATURAL RESOURCE ROAD ACT

The RDEK has responded to the province in regards to the Natural Resource Road Act, we supported the Union of BC Municipalities 2010 Policy. The board also added four more comments:

1. Penalties must be equally enforceable for residents and non residents.
2. Motor Vehicle Act pertaining to seat belts should apply to resource roads.
3. Non status roads must remain active regardless whether a non government is willing to provide maintenance service.
4. The general objectives set out by the UBCM paper our supported.

CAMPGROUND REGULATIONS

The RDEK is developing new campground regulations for the Region.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND AFFECTED AREAS PROGRAMS

The Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs applications are available at the RDEK Office or on the RDEK website www.rdek.bc.ca

AREA E TOWN HALL MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2012

The Area E Town Hall meeting is on Monday, February 6th at the Wasa Hall at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing the five year budget, recycling, agricultural plan, mosquitoes and recreational trailers (zoning and placement). I hope that everyone can come out for this meeting.

Please drive safely and have a good month.

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



Can You Ski The Height Of Mount K2?

Join the 2nd annual skiing and snowboarding event for the whole family to support the Canadian Cancer Society: *Slopes for Hope. *

The purpose of this event is to raise funds to assist the Canadian Cancer Society in the pursuit of their mission - the eradication of cancer and enhancement of the quality of life for those living with cancer.

Every three minutes cancer picks a fight with another Canadian. In 2011, an estimated over 22,000 British Columbians were diagnosed with cancer. The good news is current research indicates that about half of all cancers are preventable through healthy living and public policies that protect our citizens. An important aspect of health promotion is the availability of supportive environments that make healthy choices easier.

Kimberley Alpine Resort has provided an incredible opportunity for residents of Kimberley and surrounding communities to take part in a health and fun activity for the whole family.

THE MAIN EVENT: SKI MOUNT K2.

- The event takes place on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at the Kimberley Alpine Resort.
- The goal for participants is to make their way down the ski hill as many times as it would take to cover the vertical of Mount K2.
- There will be different levels for kids.
- You have all day to accomplish your goal of skiing the height of Mount K2 (the second highest mountain in the world). ☐ That works out to be 16 passes of the main run.
- You can participate individually or in groups of up to four people, allowing you to split the distance between your friends, family or coworkers.
- There will be a lot of prizes !!!!!

HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER

FATHER FRENEY - A KOOTENAY PRIEST

Patrick Freney was born in Rossland in 1897, grew up there, attended Gonzaga University in Spokane 1916-1918, then went to California intending to become a priest. He switched, however, to journalism. His writing, initially as a reporter for Hearst publications, expanded to freelance reporting then fiction. His articles sold to magazines such as The Golden West, Western Trails, RedBook, Argosy and even Macleans. Pat was tempted to continue writing but after a visit to his Rossland home in 1928 he enrolled in St. Josephs Seminary in Edmonton.

The parish priest in Rossland was consulted when Seminary staff learned that Patrick was still writing articles for western magazines. Father Mac replied, "Pat is Pat and that is that! He has a fine literary ability, is very handy with tools, carpentry etc. and is willing to help out in any kind of work." He was also a comic and a jokester, characteristics which endeared him to parishioners once he graduated.

He was ordained in Vancouver's Holy Rosary Cathedral on March 12, 1932, served as curate to the Cathedral till September then was sent to Revelstoke. Attendance in Revelstoke increased and the parishioners protested when Father Pat was relocated to Princeton. In

March 1934 he was back in Vancouver assigned to edit the BC Catholic paper. Due to economic restraint the newspaper was discontinued and Pat was appointed to Trail in October 1935.

The Bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Kootenay wanted a newspaper. The logical editor was this priest with many years of journalistic experience. To pave the way for this venture Father Freney visited every parish in the diocese preaching the necessity and advantage of a weekly newspaper. Thus The Prospector was launched in November 1937 at a subscription cost of \$1 per year. Many local businesses took subscriptions and with 4,400 subscribers it was the second most popular weekly in British Columbia. (Note: The Prospector paper at Fort Steele ceased publication in 1905)

Father Pat came to Cranbrook first to replace a priest who died, then to become the Chaplain of St. Eugene Hospital. The Bishop assumed the chaplaincy would be less demanding when in reality it was a 24/7 obligation. While Freney was chaplain not a single patient died in St. Eugene Hospital without his care and attention. For student nurses he was Father Confessor, Uncle, Brother, Devoted Friend or Co-conspirator. Father Freney managed to indulge his musical bent by playing clarinet with Cranbrook City Band or as pianist for a group called "The

Prospectors". One Christmas day he conducted service at the hospital, went to Moyie to say Mass followed by a third Mass in Yahk. When he stopped in front of the church at Yahk the gearshift handle broke off at floor level making it necessary to do a lot of work after the service. It involved unbolting the floor plate and gear case. He wrote, "I had to put the car into high gear by hand in the cold. My spine got twisted and arthritis flared up till I was in misery..... But the Yahk church was crowded for the first time since I took over 14 years ago!"

Behind the scenes Father Pat was an inventor. His room was cluttered with car parts or potential musical instruments. The Sisters could barely clean his apartment, especially after he filled his bathtub with back issues of The Prospector. Father Freney served in Cranbrook until the late 1960s. He became so ill that he was transferred to St. Joseph's Hospital in Victoria where he passed away on October 29, 1964. His body was returned to Cranbrook for a funeral mass in St. Mary's Church then interment was in the new Catholic Cemetery.

Thanks to Ron Welwood, volunteer archivist of the Diocese of Nelson who did extensive research. Memories of Father Freney as chaplain were provided by Margaret Hutchison of Wasa who graduated from St. Eugene School of Nursing.

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The Lions Den

SUBMITTED BY KATHY MILES-BOUE

WASA SKATING RINK

The Wasa & District Lions would like to thank all the members and community volunteers who have been helping out with the skating rink at the Lions Grounds. JC and his crew have done a great job with ensuring the rink surface has been well looked after and the large numbers of people using the rink means all the hard work is being appreciated.

Gerald Mottl, 19-E District Governor, attended the January 17th dinner meeting of the Wasa Lions. His presentation was very inspirational. It is always a pleasure to host visiting dignitaries at our meetings and we look forward to seeing DG Mottl again soon.

LIONS ANNUAL SWEETHEART'S DANCE

The Sweetheart's Dance is being held on Saturday, February 11th (see ad in newsletter). It is a fun evening and all funds raised help support the Wasa Lions. Bring your sweetheart, bring a friend, bring yourself..It is an enjoyable, social night and you won't want to miss it.

WASA FUN DAYS

Wasa Fun Days happens in May which will be here before we know it and one of the popular events at Fun Days is the planter draw, This is the time of year when we ask our Lions members and interested community members to build and donate planters for this draw. If you have some spare time and would like to build a planter to donate (or buy a planter to donate), please contact one of our many members to let them know. Thank you all in advance for your assistance.

TELEPHONE SCAM

The Wasa and District Lions Club received a notice from the District 19 E Public Relations Office. The notice advised that community members in other areas of District 19E have been contacted by telephone and asked to make cash donations to the Lions. The persons making the calls are calling from an 866 number but they do not represent Lions International or any local Lions Group. Please know that none of the Lions clubs contact community members by phone to solicit funds. Each club raises funds by hosting various events, selling raffle tickets, having dances, etc. We never call to ask for cash donations. This 866, 877, 800 number contacting people is a scam so please be aware of this.

LIONS LIGHT-UP CONTEST WINNERS

First Place	Brandi and Mike Rice
Second Place	Bonnie and Wayne Meena
Third Place	Margaret Johnson

PET'S PLACE



IN MEMORY OF CLEOPATRA (CLEO)

She was a faithful companion and watch dog, on duty 24-7 at the Wasa Lions Grounds .

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

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012

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From the Ashram

Words of Wisdom

WHICH WOLF DO YOU FEED?

Universal wisdom can be found anywhere you go. Not far from us, here in North America, there is a very wise nation of Native Americans called the Cherokee Nation. From them, I have learned a true story of wisdom which is worthy of the teachings by the most famous Sages, as inspiring as the teachings of Christ and the Buddha.

Here is this powerful Cherokee story:

A Cherokee elder was talking to his grandson: "In every man, there is a terrible fight □ a fight between two wolves.

One is evil: he is fear, anger, envy, greed, arrogance, self-pity, resentment, and deceit.

The other one is good: he is joy, serenity, humility, confidence, generosity, truth, gentleness, and compassion."

The child asked, "Grandfather,

which wolf will win?"

The elder looked him in the eye and replied: "The one you feed."

The meaning of this story is that the development of good character depends on the choices you make in everyday life. All is a question of knowing which 'wolf' you want to feed? Because, to feed the 'good wolf,' you need to train yourself to be aware of what you think, what you say, and what is your true motivation in what you do! If you want to live a happy life and share your joy with everyone, then put all your energy in feeding the liberating virtues of the 'good wolf' that you are.

Thanks to the Cherokee people!

With my warmest thoughts to each of you!

With love and blessings

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Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha

Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram -
Wasa, BC

A Message From Mac Campbell, Trustee School District #6

Thank you for the November Buzz and the communication on my candidacy for School Board Trustee. Greatly appreciated.

Since election, we four new Trustees had an Orientation Day in Invermere with the four senior Board staff. The following week along with the five incumbents we were sworn in as Trustees prior to a short Board meeting where the Chair and Vice Chair were elected for the coming year. Later that week, we four rookies attended the Trustee Academy in Vancouver for three days of a comprehensive program of presentations, forums, panels, and speakers.

This has been a most informative and enjoyable process. Lots of highly motivated, educated and experienced individuals with a great range of view points and objectives. This presents exciting challenges for the new and returning trustees as improvements, issues, and budgets are addressed as a Board for the education of our youth in the Rocky Mountain School District, #6.

Thank you all for this opportunity.

MAC CAMPBELL, Trustee

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WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

SUBMITTED BY CLAY TIPPETT

The organizational meeting of the Aquifer Study committee, a group of volunteer WLLID ratepayers took place on Jan 19th. Attending members of the committee were Marite Askey, Judy McPhee, Doug Kittle and Dale Davis. Jack Davis has also volunteered to serve on the committee but was out of town on the meeting date. Also in attendance were Sharon Prinz as the liaison with the WLLID board and Jane Walter attended as RDEK director. We are grateful to the volunteers for undertaking this study to determine the extent and capacity of the Wasa aquifer. Not having a good knowledge of the aquifer has become a barrier to major development in Wasa.

A draft website for the WLLID has been created by the writer and is now available by clicking the WLLID tab at www.wasalake.com/. Once on the WLLID site, the financial tab takes you to the audited financial statements for 2010 along with the budget for 2012. The audited financial statements 2011 will be posted once the auditors complete

them by mid-year. In addition the site displays all the board minutes for 2011, along with a brief history of the WLLID and its statement of purpose from its incorporation issued by the BC government in 1969. The site has been launched in draft form to meet a deadline of making as much information as possible available prior to the 2012 Annual General Meeting, the date for which will soon be scheduled and published. The editorial contents of the site are solely the responsibility of the writer and have not been blessed by the entire WLLID board. Please send any comments and suggestions about the site to webmaster@wasalake.com

We have received permission from the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources to install a new lake gauge near Ponderosa Drive. This will allow access to the gauge without needing to cross private property. Thanks to board member Sharon Prinz for co-ordinating the project.



BC Parks

ENJOY BC PARKS ALL YEAR LONG!

Kootenay Park Services encourages visitors to enjoy Wasa Lake Park all year long. Along with BC Parks, we would like to take this opportunity to remind visitors that **off-road motorized use is prohibited within the Park throughout the entire year.** This includes snow machine access via the frozen lake surface. We thank you for respecting Wasa Lake Park and it's visitors. See you out in the Parks!

ANSWERS

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DECEMBER

Differences: 1) Carpenter's side pocket is missing 2) Light bulb in lamp is missing 3) Drawer handle is missing 4) Chest pocket is colored in 5) Top of hat is colored in 6) Elbow on lamp arm is colored in 7) Pant cuff is colored in 8) Hole in board has moved down 9) Tall jar has moved 10) Screwdrivers have moved 11) Bottom drawer is narrower 12) Carpenter square is longer

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Carol: 422-3589

Pat: 422-3530

Virginia: 422-3469

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

Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

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

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

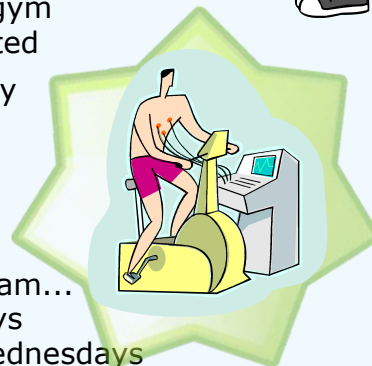
Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

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

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

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Bible Study	3 ICE HOCKEY Yoga Court Whist Cards	4 ICE HOCKEY
5 Church	6 Town Hall Meeting	7 Quilters LIONS Library	8 TOPS Library Armchair Traveller- Panama	9 Bible Study	10 DYNAMITERS HOCKEY Yoga Court Whist Cards ICE HOCKEY	11 ICE HOCKEY Lions Sweetheart Dance Dessert Night Wasa Church
12 Church	13	14 ICE HOCKEY Quilters BINGO Library 	15 DYNAMITERS HOCKEY TOPS Library	16 Bible Study	17 ICE HOCKEY Yoga Court Whist Cards	18 ICE HOCKEY Slopes for Hopes Wasa Pub Memorial Fishing Derby
19 Church	20	21 Quilters Library Lions Dinner Meeting	22 TOPS Library Armchair Traveller- China	23 Bible Study	24 Yoga Court Whist Cards	25
26 Church	27	28 Quilters Rec Society Library	29 ICE HOCKEY TOPS Library			

LEGEND

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



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Wasa Lions (President).....	250.422.3272
Wasa Lions Ground & Rental Information - Ernie Kurze.....	250.422.3121

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- February 18, 2012
Deadline for Newsletter submissions
- March 2012
Newsletter Advertising Renewals
- March 6-9 2012
Masters & Mens Curling Provincials
- March 11, 2012
Daylight Savings Begins
- May 2012
Wasa Fun Days