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Wasa Lions Proudly Presents...

6th Annual Easter Party

Saturday, April 23rd
Wasa Lions Grounds

- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
- All Kids Welcome
- Lunch is provided
- Easter Bonnet Contest

(Bring your best creatively decorated Easter hat)

- Easter Egg Hunt starts at 11:00 am

- Please bring a donation
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Annual Lions Garage Sale

Saturday, May 21st

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

at the

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Saturday, May 28th

Wasa Fun Day

at the

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- Pancake Breakfast • Parade • Concessions
- Bocce • Softball Tournament • Kids Games

Watch for details in May Edition



News from the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyina



Many of us have a hard time with "change." The reason for this is because we like the security of status quo. We don't know the difference

"...our Church is going to be changing its name... directly to our website. Our name

change will make in our lives so we often stand back and wonder if change is actually good for us. The reason I bring this subject up, is that our Church is going to be changing its name. We have been called Valley Community Church for over 25 years and very soon we will be posting a new sign that says, "Wasa Community Church." The change is not big, but we also don't want people from TaTa Creek and Skookumchuk to feel slighted. We have maintained the "Community" in our name as we are here for all no matter where you live.

Let me explain the reasoning behind the change. There have been a few issues receiving bills or getting other churches bills in our mailbox because they have a similar name to ours. This doesn't happen very often and we could have continued to live with it, but that leads me to the second reason of changing our name.

We are now living in an electronic age, with facebook, email, twitter, texting, and the world wide web. People are using these methods to communicate with one another. We have a website, and when people wanted to access us through the web, and they type in Valley Community Church, they often get churches from all over Canada and the United

States. Frustrating to say the least. Solution, we decided to change our name to Wasa Community Church and now when you type our name in you go directly to our website. Our name change had everything to do with keeping up with technology and making it easier for people to find us on the world wide web. As you know we live in a "resort" area, and many people come here for holidays, so now when people make plans to come to Wasa and want to know if there is a Church here they can find us easier. For those who use the internet, please check out our web site.

In addition, we will be changing the start time for the Sunday Morning Worship Services. Our new sign will state our worship service time is 10:30 a.m.

On Friday April 8th, at 6:00 p.m. we will be having our final Club DJ. The club will commence in September. Parents, and grandparents of children attending the Club are invited to come for a Barbecue. Awards will be given out following the meal.

If any of you have any spiritual questions, and their may be a few because of what is happening in our world today, with the fighting, wars, and natural disasters, please feel free to contact me.

I can be reached at 250-422-3344 (Church) or at 250-422-9226 (home).

Pastor Gary

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Wasa What's It?

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what this item is
used for?



Thanks to Cheryl Kurze and the Fort Steele Resort and RV Park for supplying the image.

Answer in
May Edition

March's
Answer:
Clothes
Washer





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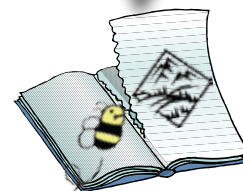
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Editor's Corner

Thanks again for your encouraging comments. If there is anything you'd like to see added to the newsletter please let me know.



Initially, I was hoping to have the newsletter distributed within the first week of every month. I'm realizing however, in order to include submissions from the monthly RDEK Board Meetings the distribution may be later - depending on when the Board Meetings are held. Lorraine continues to do a great job advising article submitters of the monthly deadlines and I will indicate the cut-off date for ads and submissions in the monthly calendar located on the last page.

The printing of the newsletter is now done by **Kootenay Kwik Print**. Glenn provides us with not only excellent service but an excellent rate. Because of this, our printing costs have been reduced dramatically which is why we can now pass these savings on to our advertisers. The Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter normally delivers 10 editions a year - there is no newsletter in January or August. Our rates indicated above, have been adjusted to include savings based on a 10 month calendar year. If you are a yearly advertiser your account will be adjusted to reflect the credit.

Remember, if you have any ideas or suggestions, or if you have something on your mind give me a call or send me an email, I'd love to hear from you!

Wendy

FOUR CANDIDATES IN THE RUNNING AS AREA E BY-ELECTION NEARS

Four candidates have put their names forward for the April 16th Electoral Area E By-Election.

"The nomination period closed today at 4:00pm," says Chief Election Officer, Lee-Ann Crane. "The candidates for the position of Electoral Area E Director, in alphabetical order, are as follows: Wilma Croisdale, Sharon Mielnichuk, Jane Walter and Jim Westwood."

There will be advance voting opportunities on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 and Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 8:00am to 8:00pm at the Wasa Community Centre. General voting will be held Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 8:00am to 8:00pm at the Kimberley Pentecostal Church, S. Jensen residence in Ta Ta Creek, and Wasa Community Centre.

"We do have information on the By-Election on our website www.rdek.bc.ca, including voter qualifications, voting locations and times, and details on mail ballot voting," adds Crane. "Our office is also open from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday and I encourage anyone with questions to call me or Deputy Chief Election Officer, Shannon Moskal. We are here to help."

Area E covers the communities of Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck, Meadowbrook, St. Mary Lake and rural Kimberley.

The By-Election is required under the *Local Government Act* following the sudden passing of Area E Director Norm Walter in early December.

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For More Information Contact:

Lee-Ann Crane
Chief Election Officer
250.489.2791

UPDATE AS OF MARCH 31, 2011:

Candidates for Electoral Area E Director, in alphabetical order, are: Sharon Mielnichuk, Jane Walter and Jim Westwood.

THE HISTORICAL KOOTENAY RIVER

Submitted by Cheryl Warren Bradford

A historical interpretive sign
will be placed at
middle Bummer's Flats
to commemorate the history of the
Kootenay River.

Watch for details in the May edition
for its grand opening.

RDEK News

Submitted by:

Acting Alternate Director Jim Westwood

- The Columbarium Application Bylaw No. 2279 has been approved. For more information contact the RDEK.

*Money will buy a pretty good dog,
but it won't buy the wag of his tail...*



Sharon Mielnichuk

My name is Sharon Mielnichuk, I am a candidate for the RDEK Area E vote. I can be contacted at 250 489-1473 or sharonmiel@gmail.com.

First of all, thanks to the Tri Village paper for giving all candidates print space to provide you, the voter, with information about the candidates for the up coming election in Area E. I want to tell who I am, what I stand for and why I think you should vote for me. In April when you vote it is important to know that you will see the name Sharon Mielnichuk on the ballot. Most of you will have known me as Sharon Malmberg or the lady who owns the farm at Fort Steele. Two years ago I decided to use my maiden name and now Mielnichuk is my legal last name. For the last thirty years, I have been a partner and operator in Fort Steele Farm. Two of our four children were born in Cranbrook and now two of our grandchildren can boast their birth in the Kootenays so I guess that means we are not considered new comers anymore. During those thirty years I have interacted with many people in the area and have a knowledge of the region.

Although nestled in the Rocky Mountain trench, our valley is not immune to economic changes, global events, population shifts and drastic weather phenomena. Over the years I have seen the changes that have occurred in the valley. I recognize the need to change but also the need to retain the values of a life style that defines us. It is important that we dialogue, that we create understanding and meaning and that we are able to communicate that meaning to decision makers. To do that requires to listen to, to speak of, and to create ideas that will lead to the best decisions.

Much of my academic training is in the area of communication skills. I have business experience, and I understand the pleasures and challenges of living in a rural setting. I will bring these skills, experience and knowledge to the political table.

In April vote Sharon Mielnichuk for Director for Area E.



Jane Walter

I wish to announce to the community that I, Jane Walter am standing for the position of Director for Area E in the upcoming

Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) By-Election, April 16th.

For those of you who don't know me. I was the wife of Norm Walter who was the previous director. For those who know me I want to reassure you that I will champion the same causes and work in the same tradition as Norm. I will continue his legacy. Living with Norm gave me an understanding of elected governance and administration. He discussed everything with me.

Norm and I shared the same values of service to our community. We both enjoyed working with people. I know what needs to be done and how to do the job.

I have been a volunteer with various organizations: Schools, Girl Guides, the Wasa Lions, the Kimberley Food Bank, the Accordion Fest, and the Wasa Pancake Breakfasts. I was a member of the executive of the founding board of the St Mary Valley Rural Residents Association and currently am active in the organization.

I know the people in Area E could always rely on Norm to return their calls, listen to their concerns and try to solve their problems. I intend to continue this tradition.

Maintaining the legacy, being true to the people.

I welcome your support in this campaign. If you wish to volunteer to help, please contact Sharon Prinz 250.422.3227. Jane Walter - 250.427.2577



Jim Westwood

I would like to introduce myself to the electorate of Area E.

I have been on the APC (Advisory Planning Commission)

for Area E for the past 7 years and have been the chairman for the past 6 years. Since December of 2010, I have been the Acting Alternate Director for Area E.

I have lived in the area since 1998 and presently live north of Fort Steele as well as own land in the Lazy Lake area east of Wasa.

Since moving down to this area from Edmonton, where I spent 29 years with the Shur-Gain division of Maple Leaf Foods, I have worked for several companies. I am currently working in Cranbrook at Home Depot, prior to this I worked at Wasa Building Supplies.

My intentions are to continually work and represent the people of Area E and to guide the APC and the EAAC in their decisions, which will best serve the interest of the people in Area E, while keeping within the parameters as set by RDEK.

As Area E grows, the rural development becomes more complex in which case, the public needs to be consulted as to what will fit the environment and how we will manage the water supply going forward.

I ask for your vote in the upcoming By-Election of April 16, 2011 so I may continue to serve and represent the people of Area E.

Jim Westwood
250.489.3577
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2010-2011 COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST COMMUNITY INITIATIVES UPDATE

Lions Way Trail Summer Clean up Job Applications

Deadline May 22nd

Final call for applications for a twice per week clean up of the Lions Trail starting the last week in June and finishing the first week in September. It involves walking the trail about 20 times picking up litter on and near the trail and refilling the doggie bag boxes. Pay is \$300.00 and will be made in 2 separate payments. Safety issues will be discussed.

Children under 15 need to have parental permission. Please send applications to: Wasa Lions, Box 10 Wasa B.C. V0B 2K0

Limited Funding Still Available

The 2010-2011 funding has to be disbursed by May 31st. There is still very limited funding available in the area of Scholarships for youth and adults attending university, college, technical courses, upgrading etc. We can assist in the costs of Area E residents who have taken or plan to take certified self interest courses between June 30th 2010 and May 31st 2011. Some examples are computer literacy, first aid, art, craft, health and wellness, safety and photography.

An application and evidence of registration and payment of fees is required.

Swimming Lessons Confirmed

The Committee is pleased to announce that funding of \$625 has been provided for insurance coverage for the annual swimming lessons held at Wasa Lake. Numbers in recent years have been dropping and if lessons are to continue it is essential that more attend. Please support this worthy activity.

Applications are Available at Wasa Gas Station

Mail them to Wasa Lions Box 10 Wasa B.C. V0B2K0
Note that funding is only available for residents of Area E.

Please make sure you meet the criteria before submitting an application.

For more information call Laurie Kay at 250 422 3288

2011-2012 C.B.T. Application Presented

The Wasa Lions C.B.T Community Initiatives Committee will present their grant application for the 2011-2012 year at a meeting at The Wasa Community Hall April 7th. We are hopeful of receiving funding as we have in the past.



TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

**Every Wednesday
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Wasa Community Hall**

For More Information Contact:

Jane: 250.422.3469

Irene: 250.422.3686

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Our deepest Sympathy to
Barb Harriott of Wasa BC
and her family on the sudden loss of
her son Bill Harriott Jr.
age 52, from Calgary.

Bill was a Gold Medalist in skiing
during the 1990's and he carried our
flag so proudly in
Nagano, Japan in 1998.

Our hearts are with you all...
Sincerely your neighbours in
Wasa, BC Patti & Jim King;
Vi & Warren Cockell;
& many more.

Wasa Community Church

~ Pastor Gary Semenyna ~

office: 250.422.3344

home: 250.422.9226



**Sunday
Worship Service
10.45 am**

**Thursday
Bible Study
7:00 pm.**

Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell



Swans and bluebirds are back so spring must be here, sure hope so!!!

Preserving Cut Flowers:

1. This is a refreshing drink for cut flowers: 2 Tbsp Vinegar and 1 Tbsp Sugar mixed into 1 Quart Water.
2. If flower heads droop, try sticking a straight pin just below the bottom of each flower to keep it upright on the stem, a small toothpick also works.
3. We think this is called "Pickling"!!!! Add 1 tsp Gin or Vodka to a vase filled with water, stir well and then add flowers! (Nobody has said what to do with the rest of the bottle!)

Coffee Filter Uses:

4. Cover bowls and dishes when cooking in the microwave.
5. Clean windows, mirrors and chrome. The filters are lint free.
6. Soak up the grease from bacon and french fries etc.
7. When broiling, add a cup of water to the pan's drip tray or put a slice of stale bread in the drip tray to absorb grease. The bread reduces the temperature of the grease, which in turn cuts the amount of smoke and splatter.

Till next time...and Happy Easter!

"If you want to know which side of the bread is buttered, just try dropping it!"

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
Sandy Kay 250.422.3228
Karen Markus 250.422.3514
- Gym
Sonia Blackwell
250.422.9201
- TOPS
Jane 250.422.3469
- Library
Brenda Rauch
250.422.3335
- Quilters Group

In addition, BINGO's are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Wasa Hall.

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

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

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

In the evening 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm ...
Tuesdays
Sandy Kay 250.422.3228

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.



The Gym is looking for a donation of an exercise bike with moveable arms good working condition please!

GYM HOURS AND INFO



International Pie Day!

RHUBARB CUSTARD PIE

Submitted by Faye

Cook for 10 minutes:

3-4 cups finely chopped Rhubarb

Custard - Mix the following ingredients in a bowl

1 1/2 cup Sugar	2 beaten Egg Yolks
3 Tbsp Flour	2 Tbsp Butter
1/2 tsp Salt	1 cup Milk
1 tsp Vanilla	

Roll out 1 Pie Crust and place in 9" pan. Cover bottom with 2 beaten Egg Whites. Add Rhubarb to Custard Mixture and pour on top of egg whites in pie shell. Bake @400° for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 325° and bake for 40 minutes.

NANA'S BEST LEMON PIE

Submitted by Dixie Berg

1 1/2 cups plus 2 Tbsp sugar
1/4 tsp cream of tarter
4 eggs, separated
1 Tbsp grated lemon rind
3 Tbsp lemon juice
2 cups heavy cream

1. Preheat the oven to 275°
2. Sift together 1 cup of the sugar and the cream of tartar. Beat the egg whites until stiff. Slowly fold in the sugar mixture and beat until well blended. Butter the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie plate. Scrape the meringue mixture into the pie plate, building it up around the edges to fashion a shell. Place in the oven and bake 1 hour. Remove and place on a rack to cool.
3. Beat the egg yolks until light and lemon colored. Add 1/2 cup of the sugar. Add the lemon rind and lemon juice and beat to blend. Cook in the top of a double boiler until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat and let cool.
4. Whip half of the cream until stiff and fold this into the lemon filling. Pour this into the meringue shell. Chill until the filling is set.
5. Whip the remaining cream with the remaining 2 Tbsp of sugar and spoon on top of the filling. Chill, uncovered, 24 hours.

ARDINE'S HUCKLEBERRY SUPREME

Submitted by Faye

Cook until thick:

1 cup Huckleberries
3 Tbsp Corn Starch
3/4 cup Sugar
1 cup Water

Stir in 3 cups fresh Huckleberries. Pour into 1 cooked Pie Shell. Let stand until set.

ORANGE LEMON MERINGUE PIE

Submitted by Dixie Berg

Pastry for single crust pie (cooked)

1 cup sugar	4 egg yolks, beaten
5 Tbsp cornstarch	2 Tbsp butter
1/2 tsp salt	1 tsp grated lemon peel
1 cup water	1 tsp grated orange peel
1 cup orange juice	

Meringue:

3 egg whites
1 tsp vanilla
6 Tbsp sugar

In saucepan, combine sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Gradually stir in water and orange juice until smooth. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir 2 min. longer (mixture will be thick). Remove from heat. Stir a small amount of hot mixture into egg yolks; return all to the pan, stirring constantly. Bring to a gentle boil; cook and stir 2 min. longer. Remove from heat. Gently stir in the lemon juice, butter and lemon and orange peel. Pour into prepared crust.

Meringue:

In a large bowl, beat egg whites and vanilla on medium speed until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in sugar, 1 tbsp. at a time on high speed until stiff peaks form. Spread on pie mixture. Bake at 350° for 12-15 min. Cool

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DO YOU ACT OR DO YOU REACT?

It very common to think that everything we do in terms of thinking, talking or doing, is the result of a conscious choice. But if you look more closely, you will realize that for most of the things you do, you are in fact compelled to do them. You never decide to think, your mind forces you to do so. You do not choose the words that are going to be said, your mind makes them pop up within you. You do not act, you constantly react according to what your mind sees as being acceptable or unacceptable, pleasant or unpleasant, likable or dislikable. You are constantly torn between acceptance and rejection. What you accept or refuse must fit your own inner world, which is made of your own certainties and truths. It is a small world that can be destroyed at any moment through your interaction with the real world. Each time the reality of the world does not correspond to what you are expecting from your own inner world, then arise emotions of fear, anger, frustration and stress. You may not be ready to accept the reality of each event as it happens, and this is why you experience a life full of conflicts, contradictions and suffering, even while you in fact hope to find happiness in everything that you do.

Happiness bursts out like a spring as soon as you keep alive within yourself the importance of accepting what happens as it is, before you deform and color it with the rigidity of your own inner emotional world.

If you do not accept things as they are because of your very personal expectations, then you become the puppet of your emotions and begin to feel all kinds of frustrations that make you fragile, anxious and fearful. Then you do not act appropriately; you just react because you are moved.

If you see and accept things as they are because they are just happening, you cannot be moved and then you can make the right decisions, not according to what you want, but to what can and must be done for the best development of the situation and the benefit of all.

Be careful, one moment at a time; happiness is within your reach if you do not react but act!

May the Divine bless you all in your daily life!

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Seniors' Happy Gang



By Ruth Doveell

In my last column the Happy Gang was in the process of making plans for a Crokinole competition. Before the competition began sixteen members enjoyed their delicious pot luck. This was followed by a short meeting to decide our March outing; five pin bowling and a meal out. The Crokinole contest was played by twelve members. The scores were 90 to 500 and the prizes were awarded by hidden scores. Warren Cockell won the 50/50.

On March 21st twelve members bowled at Kimberley Lanes. Single scores varied from 82 to 239. Prizes again were awarded to those closest to the hidden number.

Nineteen members enjoyed a delicious Chinese food buffet at the Golden Inn Family Restaurant. An official meeting wasn't held, but on April 18th we are to meet at 1 pm at the Church to do a bit of yard cleaning, then eat our picnic lunch and decide on a weather dependant game.

Bowling in the morning followed by our meal at noon was greatly approved by all since most of our seniors do not like driving at night.

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BILL HARRIOTT JR.

JULY 4, 1958 - MARCH 21, 2011

Bill died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Calgary, AB at 52 years of age.

Born in Windsor, ON, Bill was the middle child of Barb and Bill Harriott of Wasa, BC. He attended schools in Cranbrook.

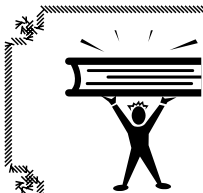
Bill lost his right arm in an industrial accident at Cominco in Carseland, AB in 1979. As an avid downhill skier, Bill made the Canadian Disabled Ski Team where he raced all over the world for 21 years.

Bill retired from solo racing 9 years ago to become a race guide for blind ski racer, Chris Williamson of Scarborough, ON. Bill and Chris won the gold medal for Canada at the 2002 Paralympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Bill was honoured to carry the Canadian flag into the Opening Ceremonies of the Paralympic Games in Nagano, Japan.

Left to mourn are wife Renee, daughter Melissa, son Devon and 2 grandchildren, all of Calgary. Mother Barb and brother John of Wasa and sister Debbie of Vanderhoof.

Donations can be made in Bill's memory to the Kimberley Paralympic Venue. Cheques payable to the City of Kimberley. C/O Annie Johnston, 2860 Rotary Drive, Kimberley, BC V1A 1E9 or the Ogden United Church, 7401-23 St SE, Calgary, AB T2C 0X8



WASA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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Wednesday 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm



When I look at the pictures I receive from my family in Alberta, I count my blessings I live in **Wasa!**

The geese are looking a little confused as they stand on the ice looking for open water - patience, this too will pass! In the meantime, we have just the book for you. Come to see us at the Library!

Our Choices

• THE LAKE OF DREAMS

by Kim Edwards (also the author of *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*). *"Masterfully written... a compelling story that explores universal themes; the secrets we harbour, even from those we love, our ability to rationalize all manner of lies, and our fear that there will be*

something unknowable about the people we love most!."

THE PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

• TIMELESS TRAILS OF THE YUKON

by Dolores Cline Brown

"The far Northern wilderness trails lure those who love nature. They test one's courage and challenges one's weaknesses. The trail leads into the heart of God's creation and restores one's faith in the goodness of life and makes one pause to delay time and age."

DOLORES CLINE BROWN

"This is easy to read, funny and makes me wonder how Delores was able to adapt to such a difficult environment. It was not what she was used to."

BRENDA RAUCH

• THE SECOND LIFE OF

SAMUEL TYNE by Esi Edugyan

*"Once a young Ghanaian Emigrant of outstanding promise, Samuel Tyne is languishing as a low-level civil servant in **Calgary**. When he unrepentantly inherits a mansion in what was formerly an all black town, he seems to have been offered that fabled second chance, even if his wife and twin daughters are profoundly and strangely set against it. But as his desire for success intensifies, Samuel Tyne finds his life disintegrating around him."*

We also have Easter books for children. Come in and Browse. Drop your suggestion off at the library or email: brauch@shaw.ca



BE AN ARMCHAIR TRAVELLER

By Bev Falkiner

The end of another season! We do hope the audiences have enjoyed the programs as much as we have.

Thank-you to Dr. Askey and Bill Wilson for a wonderful presentation on the Nahanni River. It was exciting, the scenery was gorgeous, it made me want to take the trip!! Thank-you also to Donna and Fred Bialkoski and Ken Miles for donating elk jerky for the refreshment table.

Derm and Susanne Kennedy have once again provided us

with a great evening of entertainment. Their outdoor trips, whether they are hiking or kayaking, are so very well planned and so very well recorded it is easy to become part of the journey.

During the season we have consistently had help in baking from Judy McPhee and Rhea Tagg. Sophia Rauch and Sharon Prinz created ethnic food to go with their evenings and Sophia has very often pitched in as our technical expert. Our sincere appreciation goes to these good folks! Annelise McRae and her

husband, Dirk de Geus, have done a marvellous job in creating the posters. And a thanks to our husbands is in order for setting up and cleaning up. To all of the people who attended the Armchair Traveller—Thank-you. Your positive feedback and suggestions are what make us want to continue.

We will be back next year. Some of the shows tentatively lined up are: The Panama Canal, Hiking in Nepal, Africa, and China and Tibet. Join us for the show and top off the evening with a cup of coffee, a glass of juice, a snack, and most importantly, a visit with your neighbours.

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Very sad and reluctant to leave but looking forward to spending time with grandchild. Great community and excellent neighbours. You don't want to miss out on this one!



HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER

WALLA WALLA AND DEWDNEY TRAIL

The Walla Walla Trail was firmly established during the 1864 gold rush at Wild Horse Creek. It was convenient because there were no mountain ranges or severely swampy areas to cross. Ships could sail inland as far as Portland. Their cargoes were taken up the Columbia River (presumably by freight canoes) as far as Wallula. Pack trains then went through Walla Walla, Lewiston and turned north to Sandpoint, Bonners Ferry, Yahk, Moyie Lake then via Peavine Creek to Joseph's Prairie (Cranbrook). Present day Highway #95 follows the same route except for the Peavine Creek South of Cranbrook (Hidden Valley/Jap Lake Road).

The new government in Victoria sent Secretary Birch to check out the diggings in the East Kootenay. He travelled with a small party of helpers, leaving Hope on September 2nd, 1864 following the already eroded Dewdney trail to Rock Creek, then striking eastward along the Kettle River, evading forest fires, and ultimately arriving at Fisherville on September 27th. There he was shown the various claims, enjoyed a decent restaurant, and escorted by Gold Commissioner Haynes and camp leader Bob Dore. When Birch left he was entrusted with the collected taxes (seventy five pounds of gold dust.) Dore rode shotgun with the party for part of the return trip. Birch noted that they met ten or twelve heavily laden pack trains each day. One pack crew boasted that they had set up an express service which could take orders in Wild Horse, go south to Wallula and have the requested items back in 21 days.

By contrast, the Dewdney Trail now basically Highway #3, has many challenges between Hope and Cranbrook: Manning Pass, Anarchist Summit, Blueberry - Paulson, and the Salmo - Creston Kootenay pass. Edgar Dewdney was charged with making a firm trail 4 feet wide, less than 12% grade and all above the new US -Canada border. The obvious choice of following existing aboriginal trails was frustrated in several areas because they dipped south of the 49th parallel. Racing against time the trail from Midway to present day Trail (Fort Shepherd) was fairly direct. The route east towards Creston was put in at a steeper grade than anticipated. The most frustrating area of all was the Creston Flats- underwater for a couple of months and challengingly soft the rest of the year. McGillivray's Ferry was set up to cross to present day Wynndel but only at high water.

In September 1865 Dewdney arrived at Fisherville and was paid for surveying and building the trail from Rock Creek to Wild Horse. He had two companions as he headed west again, carrying his dues in gold dust. After carefully picking his way across the Creston flats he met Judge Begbie. It was agreed that Dewdney should cross the flats with the judge and his party and camp approximately together at Erickson. BUT - Dewdney did not want to carry the bag of gold back with the party so he went off the trail, found a hollow stump and dropped the bag into it. A blaze was made on the trail and the party had a friendly afternoon and over night together. Next morning Dewdney and his companions went west across the flats, started up the hill watching for their marker. He found the stump, reached in but could not feel

the desired texture of the bag. Sweat poured from his brow. He went back to their pack train, grabbed an axe, and cut into the side of the hollow stump. The bag had settled deep into the rotten core. Dewdney carried it as far as Fort Shepherd and turned it in there to the Hudson's Bay Factor, obtaining a voucher which was safer to carry home to Victoria.

The government of British Columbia advised travellers for almost 20 more years to go to the Kootenays via Portland, the Columbia River and Walla Walla Trail. So much for the all Canadian Dewdney Trail! Pack trails were replaced by wagon roads. Later train tracks were laid making cross continent connections intersecting those early routes. A railway came through Sandpoint in 1884 and Golden in 1885.

If you wish to see a computerized version of our Dewdney Trail go to: www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibition/Dewdney. That version was created by Nicole Tremblay of Nelson with assistance from Fort Steele staff and myself.



Wasa Lake
Cottage Owners
Association

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for information

The Lions Den

Adopt-a Highway - Saturday, April 9th

On April 9th the Wasa & District Lions Club will be doing our annual clean up along the highway (weather permitting). We start at Moan Road and do along the highway to the Wasa Community Church, picking up all the garbage on both sides of the road. We start at 9 AM and are usually done by 1 PM. If you see us, please honk and give a friendly wave to show your appreciation. When you see those bags of garbage on the side of the road waiting to be picked up and disposed of, count how many you see and know that we picked up at least that many in October.

Annual Lions Garage Sale - Saturday, May 21st

Last year's Pancake Breakfast and Garage Sale was a huge success so we are doing it again! Mark Saturday, May 21st on your calendar and make sure you come down to the Lions Grounds to see what treasures we have for sale. Have breakfast first and then spend time seeing what bargains we have to offer. Donations for this event are gratefully excepted. If you are doing some spring cleaning and have some gently used items that have more life left in them please donate them to the Lions Club. (Note - This does not include your spouse!) Contact Sharon Prinz at 422-3227 to make donation arrangements or let one of our other members know.

Wasa Fun Days - Saturday, May 28th

Saturday May 28th is the date to be at the Lions Grounds for our second biggest event of the year Wasa Fun Day! There is a Parade, ball tournament, kids booths, food service, entertainment gardens, planter draws and a 250 draw. Fun for the whole family. Please look for our posters for time and events.

Thank you for Donation

The Wasa & District Lions Club recently received a donation in the amount of \$100. from Ann & Jim Crossley for the great work we do on the Lions Trail. We thank the Crossley's very much.

Thank you - Lions Members & Community Support

At this time, we would also like to thank all of the Lions members and community members who donated their time during the winter to keeping our skating rink operational. Your hard work and efforts did not go unnoticed and the community and area would like to say a huge "Thank You!" You are all the best!!



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Layer fried bacon and onions, frozen pyrogies and cheddar cheese soup in slow cooker.
Pour 1/2 of the whipping cream over contents.
Cook on high for 4-5 hours.
To avoid pyrogies from sticking, stir carefully and pour remaining whipping cream over contents.

Vote:



Jane Walter

RDEK AREA E DIRECTOR

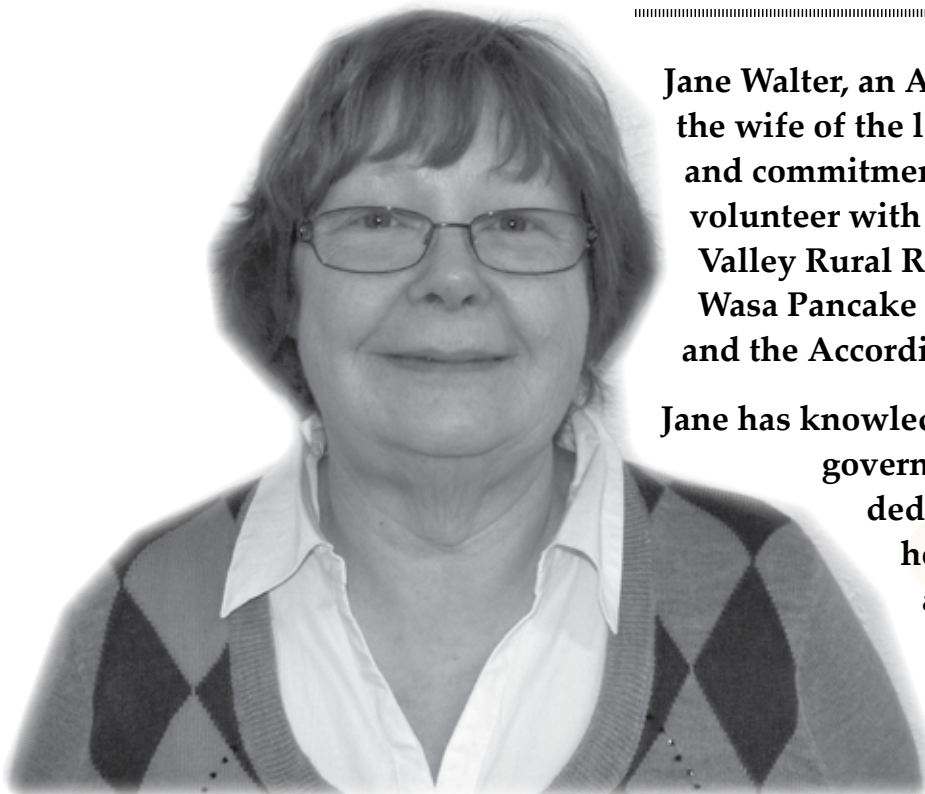
RDEK BY-ELECTION FOR AREA E DIRECTOR

**ADVANCE VOTING:
APRIL 6TH & 14TH
(WASA HALL)**

**GENERAL VOTING:
APRIL 16TH
(PENTECOSTLE CHURCH IN
MEADOWBROOK,
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WASA HALL)**

Jane Walter's Commitment to you:

- Work on updating Official Community Plan for Wasa and surrounding areas;
- Work on creating a Regional District Day Use Only Park at St. Mary Lake;
- Funding efforts for Wasa Outdoor Rink;
- Promote our beautiful communities and their citizens;
- Encourage public consultation on all RDEK issues especially development applications, water and bylaw issues;
- Work towards obtaining better cell phone service;
- Provide an "open door" policy for all citizens - phone or email anytime with questions or enquiries - if I don't know the answer - I will definitely find it and I'll always return your call or email and I'll always follow through.




Jane Walter, an Area E Resident for over 27 years and the wife of the late Norm Walter shares his values and commitment to the community. An active volunteer with organizations such as: St Mary Valley Rural Residents Association, Wasa Lions, Wasa Pancake Breakfast, the Kimberley Food Bank and the Accordion Festival in Kimberley.

Jane has knowledge and understanding of local governance and administration. She is a dedicated and passionate advocate for her community. Jane is also a reliable and hardworking citizen and her goal is to continue Norm's legacy.

**Vote Jane Walter as your RDEK
Area E Director.**

Jane Walter - Maintaining the Legacy, Being True to the People

APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Kids Club Youth Group Yoga	2
3 Church	4	5 Quilters Library Ladies Bible Study Lions Meeting	6 TOPS Library Advance Voting	7 Bible Study	8 Kids Club 6 pm Barbecue Youth Group Yoga	9 Lions Adopt a Highway 9 am
10 Church	11	12 Quilters Library Ladies Bible Study BINGO	13 TOPS Library	14 Bible Study Advance Voting	15 Youth Group Yoga	16 General Voting
17 Church	18	19 Quilters Library Ladies Bible Study Lions Meeting	20 TOPS Library	21 Bible Study	22 GOOD FRIDAY	23 Easter Egg Hunt 11 am 
24 Church EASTER SUNDAY	25 Cut-off for Newsletter Articles & submissions	26 Quilters Library Ladies Bible Study Rec Society	27 TOPS Library WLLID Annual Gen Mtg 7 pm	28 Bible Study	29 Youth Group Yoga Rec Society Annual Gen Mtg 7pm	30

LEGEND

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

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- May 5th Happy Birthday Dick Davis
- May 21st Community Garage Sale
Wasa Lions Grounds
- May 26th Happy 50th Birthday
Jim Howard
- May 28th Wasa Fun Day
Wasa Lions Grounds
- June - Unveiling of Historical
Interpretive Sign at middle
Bummer's Flats

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