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Controversial Broadband Tower Erected at Wasa

By Nowell Berg

This past February, construction of a 120 foot steel broadband tower to replace the old metal tower at Wasa completed a process plagued with miscommunication.

Situated adjacent to the Wasa Memorial Garden and Cemetery, the steel tower drew sharp criticism from Memorial Garden volunteers. Spokesperson Sandy Kay outlined concerns with the tower's location. First, the new tower is "almost twice" as high as the old tower and is a visual eyesore. She also said the tower's on-site generator created significant noise in the middle of the day when Garden patrons were trying to enjoy quiet time and prayers for loved ones.

Kay and Memorial Garden volunteers wanted the old tower completely removed from the location as she was under the impression it was no longer needed. Then to Kay's surprise she was told at a Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) Community Initiative Grant meeting (2016) the old tower was going to be used by the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBBC). As it turned out, the old tower was not suitable which caused the CBBC to pursue building a new taller tower.

According to Dave Lampron, Chief Operating Officer, CBBC, "The purpose of the new tower is to allow local Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to deliver enhanced Internet services to Wasa and the surrounding area via fixed wireless technologies." The CBBC is a subsidiary of the CBT. Funding for the tower came from CBT, RDEK, the Northern Development Initiative Trust and the Federal Government's Connecting Canadians Program. The CBBC received approval for the tower location from Transport Canada and the RDEK.

While Kay understands the need to enhance internet access for area residents, she noted there where numerous alternative locations the CBBC and RDEK could have located the tower. "My issue was the area in which they chose to place all this stuff. We were there first, we had a license, they had no license, so everything was happening after the fact, that's what upset me," said Kay. *Continued on Page 5*

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FOLLOWING THE TRAILS OF



STU LAURIE

" Do not brood. Immerse yourself in long study: only the habit of PERSISTENT work will make one continually content; it produces an opium that numbs the soul."

After interviewing Stu, perhaps this quotation best describes Stu's life. The quote is by Gustave Flaubert in 1851 to Louise Colet.



Andrew Stuart Laurie (Stu) some call him A.J. was born in Cranbrook, and delivered by Dr. Greene on April 7, 1927. His father, Walter John Laurie worked for the CPR for 51 years and came from South Dakota in 1901. His ancestors on his fathers side came from Edinburgh, Scotland. His mother, Jessie (Cant) Laurie came from Cape Town, South Africa. They were the parents of three boys. Stu, the eldest and his brothers, Donald and Gordon. Don died at 21 from an accident. His father, being American, entitled Stu to have duel citizenship.

Stu's schooling years were spent in Cranbrook. He chummed with Bev Rauch, playing, hiking, exploring the area and climbing Fisher Peak together when they were 11 years old. Bev and Stu's friendship have lasted over 85 years. For Bev's history, please check the comprehensive article in Kootenay Ripples.

Stu left school after grade 9. He worked for a short period for the CPR in the "Express Department" unloading baggage, then in the bush, cleaning up and learning the forestry and mill business.

When Stu was 16 years old, he joined the Canadian Army where he went into "Basic Training." When they found out he was only 16,

he was given an Honourary Discharge.

Having duel citizenship, Stu then joined the U.S. Army in the Engineering Core. He spent about 6 months in the States and then went overseas to Burma to help build roads during WW II. When he returned to the States he went to Fort Worth where he received an Honorary Discharge from the Army. (Note: honorary is the American spelling of the Canadian honourary!!)

Stu came back to Canada and worked in the bush. He also worked selling "Holiday Trailers" for a few years.

Family

Stu married Margaret Rose (Heywood) and they had one son, Donald D. Laurie, named after his brother, Don. Don lives in Cranbrook.

Stu's second wife was Sherin Welsh Pommier originally from Sheep Creek.

Careers

Stu and four friends started a franchise for "O.K. RUBBER TIRES" the forerunner of "OK TIRE". Stu ran the O.K. Rubber Tire store in Trail and his friends ran the stores in Cranbrook and Creston. A plaque commemorating the beginning and history of the business is proudly displayed in the OK Tire store in Cranbrook.

Lifelong interest grabs Stu

In 1965, while working in Trail, Stu bought a ranch in Fort Steele from Alfred Joliffe. He made an arrangement for Cliff Granger from a neighbouring ranch to look after it and the cattle.

His lifelong interest in animals decided his next endeavour. While working at the Trail store, Stu took time off every few months to fly from Spokane to the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He upgraded his schooling, then took correspondence courses in genetics. He brought course work home, worked on them for a few months, flew back, taking them back with him, writing exams and getting more courses to work on.

Stu receives a Genetics Degree in $2\frac{1}{2}$ years

Stu became an expert "Insemination Technician" where he matched bulls to cattle for the improvement of the genetics of the cattle he was working on. Stu also performed embryo transplants in Carsten, AB.

An interesting facet of this career was taking cows in heat, injecting them with semen and in four or five days expelling the embryo and transferring the embryo to other cows. Stu and Dr. Konkin of the University of Saskatoon performed the first Holstein split of an embryo where they put each half in different cows. This was strictly a scientific experiment (playing with nature) and they never proceeded with the experiment again.

Stu sold his ranch in Fort Steele in 1968 and proceeded to buy a ranch from Mrs. Debay in Skookumchuck. There was a twenty-four by twenty-four foot home on it and Stu added on to the house over the years and fixed it up. He called it the "Point V Bar Ranch."

After bringing his herd of cattle from Fort Steele to his new place, he continued to improve the genetics of the cattle, both genetically, artificially and naturally.

When young bulls are 14 to 15 months old, semen is drawn, tested and later used to breed cows and often one bull breeded many cows.

Stu raised performance and ranch horses. Rodeo Ribbon, a performance horse still lives and is in Michigan roughly 19 years old. Helen Hannah halter broke him and worked with the colts when they were young, doing an excellent job.

In 1975 Stu started working for The American Breeder Service (ABS).

Stu received a number of awards over the years:

- 1984 Representative Year for Outstanding Performance in Region 150 (Canada)
- 1985 Recognition, Ten Years of Service
- 1985 Runner Up "Genetic Engineer Award of Canada"

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WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

By Clifford Youngs

Spring is upon us and in addition to the warm days there are the seasonal activities that we all look forward to. However, there may be some concerns as we get through April, May and on to June.

The snow pack is estimated to be from 120% to 140% of normal. Depending on the temperatures and spring rainfall there may be some concerns regarding water levels. For those who may be vulnerable in the event of high water there are some measures you can take to prepare:

- **Monitor the water levels frequently**. The data logger will be recording accurate readings of the lake levels. These will be made available on the website.
- **Check the culvert at your driveway.** Ensure that it is clear of soil and debris, thus allowing water to drain away from your property.
- In the event of extreme levels, an emergency may have to be declared. In that case, a boil water advisory may be issued as an interim measure. Well decontamination kits may also be made available.
- In the past, sand and bags have been made available if flooding is imminent. This should be the case again this year.

Generally speaking if the snow melt is reasonably gradual and the rainfall levels are normal, there should be no cause for concern. However, it makes sense to be well prepared.

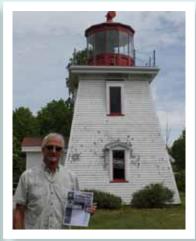
The second part of the aerial survey of the plant life in the lake is scheduled to be completed in April. Once the survey is completed, strategies for management of plant growth can be developed. Enjoy the coming season.

Where do you take... YOUR BUZZ?

While

travelling the Maritimes last June, Karen and Jim visited many exciting places. There is so much to see and do. One of their hikes





took them on the Skyline Trail in Cape Breton Highlands National Park; and on the roads less travelled, they also visited many lighthouses.



Wanda and Nowell Berg in Zihuatanejo, Mexico on location high above the harbor.

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- 1986 Winner "Genetic Engineer of Canada"
- 1986 Oct 20 Your dedication to Genetic Improvement in your area in the 5 million GMS (Genetic Mating Service.)

Stu mostly specialized in dairy cattle and retired from Genetic Engineering in 2015 but continued doing some volunteer work.

In 1975 Stu ran into trouble on his ranch. There was a herd of about 600 elk eating his corn and hay crops that were used to feed his animals over the winter. This left him with a limited amount of food for his cattle and horses in winter. Stu sold his land to the B.C. Government with the condition of a long term lease on his home and yard, stipulating he could remain in the house until his death.

After the ranch was sold and the horses and cattle were sold, Stu and Sherin started a raw food pet business at home and then opened a factory in Cranbrook. It now has about 25 employees and is owned and run by Sherin. The business is called Top Hand Supplies and supplies raw pet food which is inspected by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Top Hand Supplies distributes to Alberta, B.C and Saskatchewan.

Pulp Mill

Stu also worked on and off for about 21 years at the Pulp Mill. He was one of the first employees (number 6) to help build the Pulp Mill which was unofficially operational in November 1968. The cost for the Crestbrook Pulp Mill was \$42 million dollars for the bleached kraft pulp mill at Skookumchuck. It was a combined venture, signed in August 1966, bringing Crestbrook Timber Ltd., Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd. and Honshu Paper Manufacturing Co. Ltd. of Tokyo together. Stu then worked on and off in the chip department over the years.

Other Interests

Stu has kept his hand in various interests over the years. He has been a member of the Mormon Church for about 25 to 30 years.

Stu raised and sold Shibas dogs for about 20 years. Many were prize dogs including one year, the opposite sex award for one of his male and female dogs.

Stu also enjoys fishing. In reminiscing of his life, Stu is proud to have been a contributor to the field of Genetic Engineering in cattle and he's proud of his work at the neighbourhood pulp mill.

Bone cancer has slowed Stu down a bit and he does only as his health permits but is looking forward to a fishing trip this spring!

"The unfolding of one's life. It gives understanding."

When do monkeys fall from the sky? During Ape-ril showers!

Wasa Community Church-



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Ever since 1924, the National Hockey League has awarded the Hart Memorial Trophy to the Most Valuable Player of the year. Votes from the Professional Hockey Writer's Association come in and whoever the majority felt was the best player wins the award. Before the actual awards night, the top three vote getters are revealed as nominees. When that night comes, all three anticipate the envelope being opened and the winner

being announced, wanting it to be them, but not knowing for sure whether they will receive the award or not until the name is called.

When we think of the word 'hope,' we usually associate it with wanting something to happen, but not knowing for certain if it will. For example, the Hart Trophy nominee might say, "I hope I win this award." However, he doesn't know if he will or not.

1948 saw the beginning of the Art Ross Trophy, a new award given each year to the player who scores the most points. However, once the awards night starts, the hockey season is far over, so the top scorer knows that with no more games comes no more scoring, and that he will certainly receive the award. Nobody can pass him in points once the season ends, so nobody can keep him from winning the award.

When we read about hope in the Bible, it's not the hope we usually think of, where we're not sure if something we want to happen will happen or not. It's actually looking forward to what we know for certain will happen. When God makes promises in Scripture, He always keeps them. If we humbly acknowledge that, yeah, we are sinners, make a decision to turn from our sinful path (although there are still times where we will make mistakes) and believe in Jesus and what He did, dying on the cross for our own sins and coming back to life, making a way for us to eternal life, He has promised to forgive us of our sins and allow us into heaven. That is the only way to be allowed there, but if you have repented of sin and believed in Jesus, you can have true hope. One that looks forward to receiving the reward that is eternal life in the heavenly presence of the God who came to earth and was crucified for your sake, knowing full well that He will deliver.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23).

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



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CBBC's Lampron responded to Kay's concern, "In each participating community, CBBC has strived (sic) to ensure that disruption was minimized by communicating and coordinating with the parties most affected by the work."

The lack of communication by CBBC troubled Kay. "Had they [CBBC] done things in the right order in the very beginning, had a community meeting, had some discussion, told us what their plan was, we could have come back and said that's really good for the area and the community but we think you need to chose a space beyond where we are." It continues to frustrate Kay that the CBBC and RDEK were only committed to building the tower next to a Memorial Garden and Cemetery.

Responding to the lack of communication, Wes Eisses, Manager, Network Infrastructure, CBBC, said, "I do recognize (and apologize) that there were gaps in our communication." Eisses continued, "As always we appreciate and value any and all community feedback." Eisses said the CBBC would work "to improve the presence of the tower while respecting the peace and quiet of the community garden."

Kay also takes issue with the RDEK's lack of support for the Memorial Garden volunteers. "RDEK owned the land, they know what we are doing, that we had the proper license. Why couldn't they have just said lets have a meeting, lets get this stuff straight. They could have done that...." In the end, the RDEK never asked the CBBC to move the tower away from the Memorial Garden.

Andrew McLeod, RDEK Acting Chief Administrative Officer, said in an email responding to a request for comment on this issue, the RDEK "enabled [the use of RDEK owned land for a tower at Wasa] through a Licence of Occupation agreement between the RDEK and CBBC."

McLeod also said, "Except for facilitating the rezoning of the property, the RDEK has had limited involvement with the development." He goes on to say, "It has not been the RDEK's intention to exclude the memorial garden stewards from any communications concerning the development of the site, but because the development is not a RDEK project we have not been actively involved in engaging with the memorial garden group or any others for that matter."

After Lampron and Eisses both said the Memorial Garden group would be kept in the loop as the tower project moved ahead, which for the most part they did, Kay was further aggravated when visiting the Garden on March 10th to find two blue spruce trees cut down. They were part of twenty-six (26) trees donated by Friends of the Garden and planted along the Memorial Garden west fence line to block the view of the skating rink.

On that same day, Kay emailed CBBC writing, "I was surprised, once again, to see your workers chopped one beautiful blue spruce and removed another. You will need to replace them but more to the point I wish you had asked us first then we'd know what to expect. It seems it's easier for you to deal with us afterwards. What ever happened to full disclosure?"

Responding to the tree cutting, Jane Walter, RDEK Area E Director, sent an email (13 March) to CBBC, which read, "I realize that things come up and have to be done differently than what had been originally planned, but there should have been an email giving us a heads up that the trees had been removed."

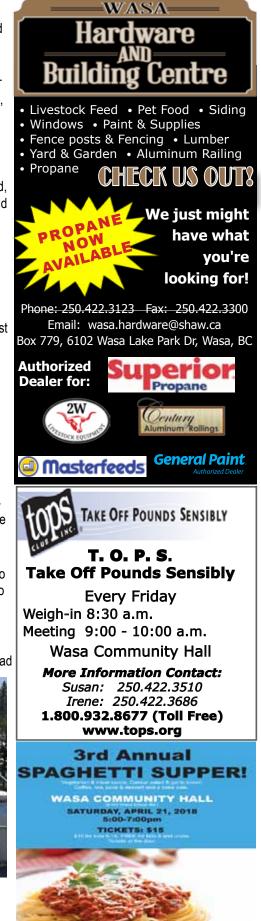
Dismayed, Kay said in a subsequent interview, "They [CBBC] could have said something to us so when we go down there its not a big surprise."

In an email response for this article, Lampron said about the tree cutting, "CBBC apologizes to those that were impacted and will work to ensure that we improve our community engagement processes and that the necessary remediation takes place to restore affected areas."



Lampron also noted the CBBC has adjusted the timing of the generator self-test from mid-day to midnight. He also said CBBC will investigate "why the generator was starting more frequently than specified." Eisses indicated CBBC will install a "sound barrier" to reduce the amount of noise being transmitted into the Garden.

For her part, Kay would have rather seen the tower located away from the Garden and Cemetery, but is grudgingly resigned to its being next door.



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By Area E Director Jane Walter

Columbia Basin Trust - Community Initiatives and Affected Area Program The RDEK started working with the Columbia Basin Trust with Community Initiatives and Affected Area Program in 1998. This program has helped many non profit groups throughout the RDEK Area.

This year Area E will distribute \$34,970.11 to various groups but unfortunately we are unable to help everyone that has applied. This years request for Area E funds is \$109,057.50.

Below is a list of Area E groups that have requested funds:

RDEK NEWS

 Meodowbrook Community Association 	\$	8,000.00
Rocky Mountain Riders	\$	4,900.00
 St. Mary Valley Rural Residents Association 	\$	4,130.00
 Wasa and District Historical Society 	\$	15,000.00
Wasa & District Lions Club	\$	15,242.50
Wasa Lake Land Improvement (sponsoring)		
Wasa/Wolf Creek Volunteer Fire Suppression Strateg	gy \$	10,000.00
Wasa Recreation Society	\$	2,275.00
• Wasa Recreation Society (sponsoring)Tri-Village Kid	ls Club	
	\$	18,125.00

There are also several more applications from other non profit groups from within the RDEK Area. This years community meeting for the Community Initiatives presentations for Area E is at the Wasa Hall on Wednesday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Environmentally Sensitive Development Permit Area (ESA)

The RDEK held an information meeting in Wasa on March 21st and about 70 residents came out. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Michele Bates mbates@rdek.bc.ca or call 1888-478-7335.

One of the posters that Michele displayed showed the Riparian Functions. I thought that I would share this with you - Riparian Functions:

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Throughout this process, I am hearing that I am not listening to the people. I feel that I have been listening because at every meeting I attend, whether it is an OCP meeting, a Public Hearing or a Town Hall meeting I am continually told that many of you have concerns about protecting the water, the environment and the wildlife. I realize that some of you feel we should only focus on Crown land, but I feel that we need to focus on the whole area, because the impacts to the environment will effect the entire whole area.

Area E Volunteer of the Year - Pat Walkey

Pat Walkey is this years recipient of the Area E Volunteer of the Year award. Pat has been volunteering for many years in many capacities. Thank You Pat for everything you do for the community.

Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, April 21st

There will be a spaghetti supper at the Wasa Community Hall on Saturday, April 21^{st.} I hope to see you there, the food is great and the visiting of friends is even better.

I hope everyone has a great spring . If you have any questions or concerns Please call or email me.

Jane Walter, Area E Director email: s.janewalter@gmail.com or phone 250-427-2577

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Spring Bat Reports Can Help Monitor Spread Of Deadly Disease

Reporting dead bats may help save the lives of our BC bats. The BC Community Bat Program, in collaboration with the Province of BC, is asking the public to report any dead bats in an effort to of White-Nose Syndrome (WNS). WNS is a fungal



disease harmless to humans but responsible for the deaths of millions of insect-eating bats in North America. WNS was first detected in Washington State in March 2016.



To monitor the spread of this disease, Community Bat Program coordinators have been collecting unusual reports of winter activity bat across southern BC and ensuring that dead bats are sent to the Canadian Wildlife Health Centre lab for disease testing.

A little brown bat with visible symptoms of fungal growth typical of White-Nose Syndrome.Photo: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters

Information gained from dead bats and reports of live bats can help determine the extent of the disease, and determine priorities for conservation efforts. Fortunately, no WNS has been reported in the province to-date.

Spring conditions now mean increased bat activity - and an increased chance of detecting the disease. As bats begin to leave hibernacula and return to their summering grounds, our chances of seeing live or dead bats increases, and the Community Bat Program is continuing to ask for assistance. "We are asking the public to report dead bats or any sightings of daytime bat activity to the Community Bat Project as soon as possible (1-855-922-2287 ext 24 or info@bcbats.ca)" says Mandy Kellner, coordinator of the BC Community Bat Program.

Never touch a bat with your bare hands as bats can carry rabies, a deadly disease. Please note that if you or your pet has been in direct contact with a bat, immediately contact your physician and/or local public health authority or consult with your private veterinarian.

Currently there are no treatments for White Nose Syndrome. However, mitigating other threats to bat populations and preserving and restoring bat habitat may provide bat populations with the resilience to rebound. This is where the BC Community Bat Program and the general public can help. Funded by the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, the Province of BC, and the Habitat Stewardship Program, the BC Community Bat Program works with the government and others on public outreach activities, public reports of roosting bats in buildings, and our citizen-science bat monitoring program.

To contact the BC Community Bat Program, visit www. bcbats.ca, email info@bcbats.ca or call 1-855-922-2287 ext. 24. Contact: Mandy Kellner, Provincial Coordinator, BC Community Bat Program 250-837-1376, info@bcbats.ca

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Helpful Hints

In Memory of Vi Cockell

By Sherry Shields

KEEP IT GREEN

1. Purchase non-toxic cleaning products

Use natural fiber sponges and cleaning agents that are biodegradable, phosphate-free, chlorine-free, and unscented.

2. Borax

Is a good disinfectant and mold killer and a very cheap household cleaner. It can be used as a polish for stainless steel, as a toilet bowl cleaner, as a fabric whitener and softener and as a stain remover for blood, chocolate, and grease.

3. **Reduce** paper use Use rags instead of paper towels; cloth napkins instead of paper ones. Buy post-consumer recycled paper and recycle it when you've used it.

"Dear old world', she murmured, 'you are very lovely, and I am glad to be alive in you."

- L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

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 Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
- Gym Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201 Rod 250-422-3253
- TOPS Susan 250.422.3510

• Library Judy McPhee 250.422.3766 In addition, BINGO's are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:30 pm and regular at 6:45 pm.



Wasa Country

Pul & Mrill

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT WE, Jim & Melinda Howard, Are resigning from ownership of the Wasa Country Pub & Grill.

The last operating day will be Monday, April 30, 2018.

We would like to thank everyone for all the great memories and laughter over the past 4 years.

We have had the most stupendous support from all the locals and travelers.

Please keep an eye out for any updates on the pub. Thank you again for everything and we hope to see everyone before we close.

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□ All users must sign in with date and time

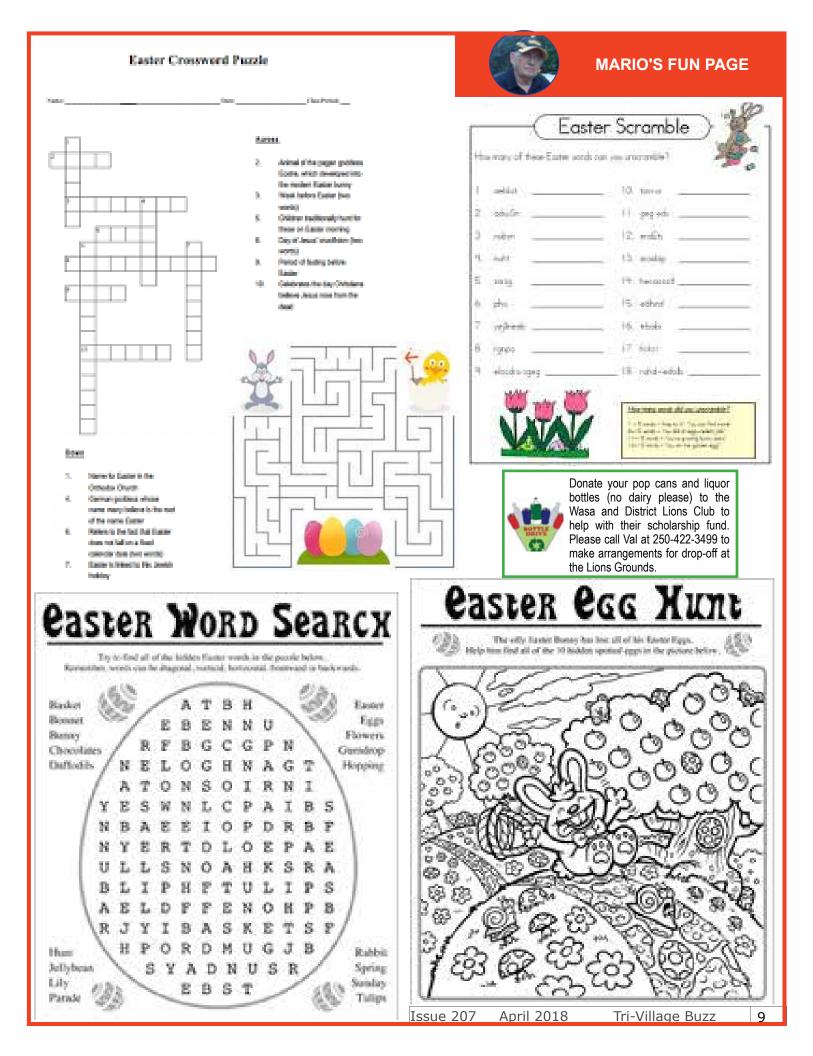
- □ All users must sign a Wasa Recreation Programs User Waiver located at the sign- in desk
- □ All users are required to wear "gym shoes" no street shoes permitted
- \Box All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
- □ Cost is a loonie or twoonie
- \Box Have fun and be safe!

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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.



For Gym Schedule Please Contact: Sonia Blackwell at 250-422-9201 or Rod at 250-422-3253





<u>Words of Wisdom</u>



$\mathbb P$ The Secret Practices of Bodhisattvas: The Paramitas

In the past two articles, we have clearly stated that we are all going to survive this life, and that genuine spiritual Heroes are living among us as servants and willing helpers of this Humanity. These helpers, called Bodhisattvas, do not function as intellectual or mental beings; rather they naturally use the direct ability of the consciousness to see reality as it is, without the interference of ordinary comparative knowledge.

In this article, we are going to examine what kind of practices Bodhisattvas use in order to attain such a high level of perfection and selfless service to others. Remember that Bodhisattvas are dedicated to the universal awakening or enlightenment of everyone. They exist as guides and providers of support to suffering beings and offer everyone an approach to a meaningful spiritual life.

In transcendent practices such as Meditation and Mantra Yoga, ethical discipline is especially important as a precondition for meditative concentration. Moral discipline is a kind of mental housecleaning, clearing the karmic ground that allows for proper settling. Bodhisattvas have mastered the art of removing the veils of ignorance from the consciousness by the intense practice of ten specific disciplines:

1. **Generosity (Dana in Sanskrit)** is perfected when no difference in status or separation between giver and receiver is seen. True giving is carried out without expecting reward for oneself; it's done simply for the sake of giving.

2. **Ethical Conduct (Shila)**, or morality, is often defined as precepts, monastic regulations, and mindfulness practices. Bodhisattvas see ethical conduct and discipline as the natural expression of an awakened mind.

3. **Patience** is flexible, open, and ready to respond to the world before us. When the world presents hardships or misery, trying to force ourselves out of the situation may only embed us more deeply. Patience allows for the space to see other options. But we must be willing to wait.

4. **Effort.** The perfection of effort is the enthusiasm to continue amidst adversity. Spiritual strength and stamina are required to persist on the path of enlightenment.

5. **Meditation.** The perfection of meditation (Dhyana-Samadhi in Sanskrit) helps make many of the other perfections more effective. Samadhi is transformative, helping the meditant settle more deeply into the true self and into the state of openness. Meditation also includes introspection, the investigation of consciousness.

6. **Wisdom (Prajna)** is the experience of the essential unity and sameness of all things, even in the midst of their diversity. In spite of all the distinctions we cherish, all people are alike in their fears, needs, desires, and wish to love and be loved. The awakening to this insight slices through the confusions of our conditioning, which habitually obstruct our life and awareness.

7. **Skillful Means (Upaya).** The art of appropriate skills develops a response according to the resources at hand, based on the experience of patience, wisdom, commitment, and trial and error. To allow what is useful to come to hand, we must patiently open

our grasp and be willing to let go of methods that may no longer \Box be effective.

8. **Vow, or Commitment, (Pranidhana)** is the fundamental vow to remember the Practices for the benefit of all beings, which is inspired by the impulse of caring for others.

9. **Powers (Bala)** refers to psychic abilities often developed through meditation that can be used to support beneficial practices. We can study and develop how to properly use whatever strengths and spiritual resources we have and, perhaps more importantly, how to avoid their misuse.

10. **Knowledge (Jnana).** The perfection of knowledge is the implementation of wisdom that is fully informed by wisdom's insight into the essential. This knowledge is also referred to as the perfection of truth, which is at the service of wisdom, and puts wisdom to work in the world.

Bodhisattvas are around every corner; they are great cosmic beings, helping us all to become Bodhisattvas as well. Bodhisattvas are not who we think they are. They are simply ordinary beings who are making their way back to the Ultimate Truth of one's Essential Supreme Reality.

May you all aspire to discover your own Ultimate Reality beyond this momentary but capital incarnation.

With my Love and encouragement to persevere in your Quest towards the Self within.

Warmly yours in the Lord, Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram, Wasa, BC Canada

Since Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha is in a more intense Yogic life retreat, he will be less visible and accessible to the world. Therefore, he will only be giving a public Dharma teaching and meditation class once every two months. The next class will be on **Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6 p.m.** For more information or if you are coming to a class for the first time, please call (250) 422-9327

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Skookumchuck Prairie - Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA)

Hello Tri-Village residents and visitors, I'd like to tell you a bit about the Skookumchuck Prairie Important Bird & Biodiversity Area (IBA). But first, let me introduce myself. I am a former summer resident of Wasa, living with my parents while I was doing summer jobs between university terms. Darn it! That was 40 years ago! I live in Marysville now. Anyway, I own a vacant lot still, and visit friends and go birding your way quite often because it's such a good area for birds – and very beautiful, of course!



Me having a moment with "Mildred" before I release her. She went on to hatch her eggs and migrate to California. May 2017. Cayla Nauman photo.

Did you know, that besides living with a Provincial Park nearby, many tri-village residents also live in an "Important Bird & Biodiversity Area"? Before you get concerned that this might put extra restrictions on your activities, let me tell you that IBAs in Canada have no regulatory designation at present. Any extra protection the land may have is through overlap with other protected areas. So, 99% of Skookumchuck Prairie has no special protection. Wasa Provincial Park is included in the IBA so park regulations apply on those lands (see map). The rest is Crown land or private, where all the regular laws and protection apply (Species-atrisk, Migratory Bird Convention, wildlife laws, land protection laws, etc.).

What is an IBA and what is it's purpose?

IBAs are sites recognized internationally for their importance to birds and biodiversity; threatened birds, large groups of birds, or birds with restricted range or habitat. Being aware of their existence and importance can help guide our conservation and stewardship activities. The organizations that designate and look after IBAs are BirdLife International, Bird Studies Canada, Nature Canada, and BC Nature. Volunteer "caretakers", that's me for Skookumchuck, are matched with an IBA to keep an eye on them, survey for birds, or do whatever their talents and interests lead them to. I have been volunteer caretaker since 2015.

Skookumchuck Prairie IBA is one of 15,000 globally important sites. It is small, as IBAs go, only 125 km² in size, and was designated in the earlier part of this millennium because it was discovered that one percent of Canada's Long-billed Curlew nested here. Most of the Curlews are on Skookumchuck Prairie, between Moan (or is it Moen?) and Farstad roads. Some are up Wolf Creek and there used to be a pair between the Wasa Community Hall and the highway. There are a few in other areas of the East Kootenay, as well. The IBA is also meant to highlight good breeding habitat for Lewis' Woodpecker and American Badger, thus the inclusion of Wasa Lake and surrounding.

Those of you who get to view Wasa Lake often, know there are many species of beautiful waterfowl living on the lake in summer: The Common Loons that nest in the west bay (did they have chicks last year?), the Osprey and Bald Eagles, with their big stick nests, and the Swans, the real ones, Trumpeter and Tundra. Those are all wonderful birds, to be sure, but the Long-billed Curlew is something else! Tune in next time for more on Curlews.

PS You can help grasslands, Curlews and Lewis' Woodpeckers raise their family:

- Minimize your activites on the open fields between April and July
- When out in the wilds, keep to existing tracks and roads and watch your dogs
- If confronted by an agitated bird, back off and watch where you step
- · Leave wildlife trees standing if safe to do so

Report your bird sightings on eBird, and other species (or birds too) on iNaturalist – Project/ Place: Skookumchuck Prairie IBA

Links:

Real-time Map tracking Curlews banded in BC: http://birdscanada.org/research/speciesatrisk/ index.jsp?targetpg=lbcu

Real-time Map tracking Curlews banded in western US: https://schall11.github.io/curlew_ vision/#

Skookumchuck Prairie on eBird: https://ebird. org/canada/barchart?byr=1900&eyr=2018&bmo =1&emo=12&r=CA-BC_258 iNaturalist.org: click on "Places", search for "Skookumchuck Prairie IBA

Apps: Upload your nature sightings using these handy apps (accounts are required): eBird: use the app to record your bird sightings out in the field and upload; photos maybe uploaded via the webpage; Cornell Lab of Ornithology

iNaturalist: all species sightings; take a photo out in the field and upload to iNaturalist; California Academy of Sciences



British Columbia Wildflowers: identify plants using categories like flower colour and leaf arrangement; Wildflower Search



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Rick Hansen: 30 years after Man In Motion Tour

Rick Hansen was born in Port Alberni. BC on August 26, 1957. His family moved to Williams Lake when Rick started school. He was a good student academically and very keen about sports. In the summer of 1973 Rick and his friend Don Alder arranged to camp at Atnarko Lake for fishing and fun. They hitched a ride home in the back of a truck. The driver lost control on loose gravel. The truck tilted right and Don was thrown out. Then the truck veered to the left throwing camping gear, tackle boxes and Rick down hill. On a final rollover the truck crushed Rick's spine near his waistline. He could not feel his legs! Paramedics transported him to Williams Lake then Vancouver where he spent seven months in hospital then rehab. He was taught how to use crutches and a wheelchair. That wheelchair was the only one ever seen at the high school. Rick returned to school in February insisting on walking there on his crutches, he refused to be excused from PE and devised challenges of weight lifting during that class time. He sat and watched friends swimming and felt humiliated being the only teen in a wheelchair. Attempting to cheer him up, his dad and brother Brad arranged to take him to a fishing spot on the Thompson River. They parked beside an old wooden bridge, had him walk across with crutches, then Brad said, "Get on my back!" Rick was left on a ledge with lunch, and fishing tackle while the others went further down stream. Rick had a wonderful time. That outing showed him that cooperation made life more pleasant. His high school teachers Harvey Glanville and Bob Bradford had asked him to coach basketball from his wheelchair and other sports where he had once excelled. This led him to his ambition to attend University of British Columbia to become a Physical Education Teacher. UBC declined to admit him to the Phys Ed faculty but admitted him to the basic BA first year. Glanville and Bradford said, "Go down and keep applying. "

Stan Stronge, who had broken his back at age 30, was driving a red convertible when he visited Williams Lake. He pulled up beside Rick on his crutches. Rick was cautious about this guy with a decal for Paraplegic Association on his windshield. Then he saw a wheelchair on the back seat. Stronge talked Rick into trying competitive table tennis. Rick practiced and entered a Tournament in Seattle and won. Stronge enlisted Rick for wheelchair basketball team where Terry Fox became his buddy. When Rick came to UBC Stan Stronge got Rick a part time job, subsidized housing and encouraged his involvement in Wheelchair sports.

Tim Frick was at UBC watching wheelchair athletics. He saw the wheelchair volleyball team having fun but not making the effort to play competitively. Tim learned to use a wheelchair then he and Rick practiced together and found that the two of them could easily beat a regular six man team. Tim decided to stav in Vancouver and coach Rick. Because of the frequency of rain in Vancouver they built rollers on a frame to train indoors. Soon they attached monitors so that could monitor heart rate, road speed, and other variables. Rick started wearing aerodynamic suits, designed his own racing wheelchair with light weight aluminum wheels and high speed push rims. Between 1979 and 1984 Rick won 19 international wheelchair marathons, 9 gold in pan American wheelchair games and represented Canada at the 1984 Olympics. Rick and a few others aimed to make Wheelchair competitions not just Paralympic events but a full blown Olympic category.

The idea of a world tour began after the death of Terry Fox. It was be an educational campaign. Rick was determined to do it but needed help for planning, financing and supplying support vehicles. His chief financial backers were Chunky Woodward head of Woodwards store and Herman Shad of Sheraton Hotels. Mike Pattison donated a motor home which served as a rolling office/ Head Quarters. The beginning was March 22, 1985! Rick's determination paid off but the first few days did not go well because of bad weather and incorrect map reading. In April he wheeled across the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. They averaged 70 miles a day and donations of a \$1 a day. The USA tour proved the value of making the public aware of the potential of people with disabilities. Awareness expanded to how adapting access to work places made the locale better for all citizens. From USA the group went to United Kingdom, Europe, Middle East, New Zealand, Australia, China The team covered 34 countries and arrived back in Newfoundland on August 24th, 1986. The cross Canada tour aimed first for \$1 Million, soon upped to \$10 Million and it exceeded its wildest dream.

That tour paused at Wasa on April 23, 1987. The Students at Wasa Elementary saw the team pause at the bridge, where a rug hooked by many was presented to Rick by Jessie Jensens's class. Sandy Kay donated \$250, a dollar for each haircut she did from the moment she knew Rick would be here. Jeff Kay ran with the support team to Kimberley. Naomi and two other cyclists were allowed to ride behind Rick as far as Tata Creek store.

My hubby and I went to the coast shortly afterward and twice saw Rick Hansen zooming down a hill between two stops on the way to Vancouver. That 40,000 mile tour raised \$26 million for spinal cord research. On May 22, 1987 in Vancouver, Rick was proclaimed a hero. He was awarded the Order of Canada receiving the honor in Ottawa at the same time as Wayne Gretzky. In September. I met Rick on the ferry to Victoria. handsome in a grey flannel suit. A ferry staffer asked, "No crutches?" Rick gleefully explained, "I am practicing standing at the ALTAR"! Rick married Amanda Reid, the physiotherapist who had supervised him with exercises and care during rehab from earlier accidents then daily while travelling the world. They chose October 10, 1987 as their wedding date.

Rick and Amanda had three daughters Emma, Alana and Rebecca. Now they are grandparents who enjoy family gatherings with their siblings from near and far. The Rick Hansen Foundation was created as a Canadian Charity in 1988 and employs Rick even today. Amanda and Alana are also on the board. One outreach from that organization was to create accessible curbs and building entries for wheelchairs. (This program was noted and acted upon in Cranbrook and makes life better for mothers with strollers as well as those in a wheelchair.)

Rick lent his name and energy to groups such as Save the Sturgeon in 1996. In 2006 he was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame for Canada, 2007 BC Sports Hall of Fame. In 2010 he carried the torch to open the Vancouver Olympics. Rick was interviewed on radio in January 2018. The Man in Motion tour gave him a public personality. He remembered his early wheelchair years when waitresses asked any companion what he wished to order. He thanked instructors and professors for supporting his university years and he mused about the world tour saying he doubted that he would have climbed the Great Wall of China or seen the outback across Australia if he had not broken his back! His enthusiasm for life persists and all of us should strive to emulate him!

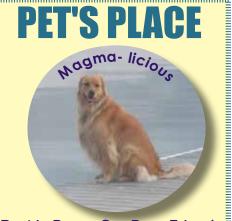


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THE TRUST SEEKS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES Columbia Basin Trust invites expressions of interest for investment

(Columbia Basin) – Do you have a vision for a commercial venture that will create jobs, increase wealth in our region and grow the economy of your community and beyond? If you have a business opportunity that will have economic impact in the Columbia Basin region—and are interested in working with Columbia Basin Trust—the Trust invites you to respond to its Request for Expressions of Interest for Basin Business Opportunities.

"The Trust is looking to uncover new business opportunities that we might want to invest in that will bring new jobs, and grow the Basin economy," said Johnny Strilaeff, Columbia Basin Trust President and Chief Executive Officer. "Economic development is one of the Trust's core priorities, and we're looking



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Have you had a recent Injury? or Have plans for Surgery? The Lions may be able to assist with a 3-month loan of Medical Equipment. For loan information or equipment donations to the Cupboard Contact: Sharon 250-422-3227 or Val 250-422-3499 to have significant impact and be a catalyst for economic growth."

The Trust wants to partner with businesses, groups, associations or organizations to expand existing commercial businesses or create new ones. Together, the Trust and the partner would contribute to the success of the venture, each bringing resources to the partnership such as finances, assets and management.

To learn about potential business opportunities in the region, the Trust issued a Request for Expressions of Interest. A webinar about the process will be held on April 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. PT / 11:00 a.m. MT.

Registration details will be posted at ourtrust.org/opportunities

Investing in business is one of the ways the Trust supports a diverse and resilient economy in the Basin. It recently committed \$20 million over three years to be a catalyst in economic development, and offers various funding and support programs that help businesses grow. View all the ways the Trust supports

economic development at ourtrust.org/ economic.

Columbia Basin Trust supports the ideas and efforts of the people in the Columbia Basin. To learn more

about the Trust's programs and initiatives, and how it helps deliver social, economic and environmental

benefits to the Basin, visit ourtrust.org or call 1.800.505.8998.



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Margaret "Peggie" Annabelle Pusztay ₯ 1930 - 2018 ₯

On the evening of Sunday, January 21, 2018, surrounded by her loved ones, Margaret "Peggie" Annabelle Pusztay passed away at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital at the age of $87\frac{1}{2}$ years young.

Peggie was born in Edmonton, Alberta on May 10, 1930, the eldest daughter of three girls. She married her beloved husband Emmery Pusztay and they were

with four children. She lived in many places blessed throughout her life – Alberta, B.C. and Honduras, Central America. Peggie became a resident of Ta Ta Creek in August of 1998 and owned the Ta Ta Creek Store. She also volunteered folding the Tri Village Buzz in the early 2000's.

She was a wonderfully devoted wife, mother, Granni, auntie and friend. She was loved dearly by all of us. Mom had a magnetism that drew people to her, both young and old. Her gift was loving and accepting people as they were and they in turn loved her back. Her legacy is an inspiration to us all and it lives on in her family.

Peggie loved the opera and live theatre and truly enjoyed playing the piano. She had many other hobbies that included playing cards (double solitaire, rummy), scrabble and crib and doing crossword puzzles, embroidery and knitting.

Left to mourn her passing are her children; Chris (Daysi), Maggie (Rob) and Clair (George). She also leaves her much loved grandchildren; Clair (Josh), Vanessa (Justin), Ellen, Cesar (Gaby), Jeff, Britt and her great grandchildren; Ceci and Ariel. Peggie was predeceased by her son, Emmery (Jim) (1974); her husband Emmery (1999); her twin sisters Ailene (2016) and Eilene (2017) as well as her special cousin, Freddy (1983). Peggie is survived by her brother-in-law Ed and numerous nieces and nephews throughout the world. She also leaves behind her adopted grandchildren; Dartanion, Jayson, Phiefer, Rumour and Talon.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 5th, 2018 at 120-7th Avenue South, Cranbrook BC V1C 2J4 (Evolution Tae Kwon-Do Club Hall) from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Mom/Granni/Peggie loved bright colours, so please feel free if you wish, in wearing them to her Celebration of Life!

In lieu of flowers, you may make a memorial donation to the Palliative Care Unit of the East Kootenay Regional Hospital (https://ekfh.ca/donate/). As well, condolences may be left for the family at www.markmemorial.com. We are grateful for the love and friendship you all gave to Mom in life and for all your love and support during her passing. Thank you and God bless you all.



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KRRG invites families from the Blended Visa Office Referred-Program (BVOR) program which includes Government of Canada financial support along with financial, social and emotional support from our local group.

"We are eager to start the process to sponsor another family. This is when we come back to you – volunteers and community members – to help us reach our goal, as soon as possible. KRRG is planning a variety of fundraising events throughout the spring and summer," says Harding. "We have coordinators in place for these events and we need lots of hands on deck to make them successful. Anyone who can spend a few hours of time will be very helpful. We welcome any assistance, no matter how small. Please contact us, along with your availability and talents, to be placed on our volunteer list. Our most valuable assets are our volunteers and community support."

KRRG's first spring event, in partnership with the Wasa Lions, is the 3rd Annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Wasa Community Hall (6145 Wasa School Road). "We need help setting up tables and decorating the hall from 9:30am until noon and cleanup from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. In addition, we would appreciate donations of home baked products for our bake sale. Oh, yes, and tickets are available at the door."

To volunteer or for more information about the event, please contact Wilma Harding at 250-427-1767 or via email: cwarding@telus.net For Further Information, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator - Wilma Harding (250-427-1767) or Chair - Peggy Frederikse (705-787-8252)

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Wasa and District Historical Association&MemorialGardenGroup

submitted by - Sherry Shields

The cost for a plaque in the Memorial Garden is \$300.00.

Columbarium Niche prices contact Pat Walkey 250-422-3530 Copies of the Kootenav Ripples Historical book are available at the Wasa Country Pub & Grill or contact Pat Walkey.

Our garden is awakening to spring: sunshine, showers, birds singing and new buds.

Share a Memory – Do you have a memory you would like to share? Contact Sherry Shields at trivillagebuzz@gmail.com



"If you pause to reflect, you will find time to count your blessings."

The word April is rooted in the Latin Aprilis, which is derived from the Latin aperire meaning 'to open', which could be a reference to the blossoming of the flowers and trees, a common occurrence throughout the month of April in the Northern Hemisphere.



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Submitted by Judy McPhee

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us everyday."

This month I am recommending a variety of books which I found interesting.

HEAVEN LAKE

By John Dalton Also recommended by Brenda Rauch. A foreign culture book, enlightening the reader on Taiwan and China.

It is a wonderful story about many things-- Taiwan, China, God, passion, friendship, love and travel.

Stories to Remember - Selected novels and stories to choose. Stories chosen by Thomas Costain and John Beecraft

Read one or read them all! A pick and choose book. Many of the stories will be retained in your memory.

FREEDOM

By Jaycee Dugard A sequel to A "STOLEN LIFE" by Jaycee How do you rebuild your life from her perspective? In "Stolen Life", she recounts how she was abducted when she was 11 years old and kept captive for 18 years. In "Freedom", she told of rebuilding her life.

Authors Nicholas Sparks and David Baldacci have sold millions of books and are well read by many in our community and world wide. They have written at least eight series of books on different topics. You can definitely make a "meal" of any book by both authors.

Nicholas Sparks writes entertaining stories. I just finished reading "Safe Haven" and finished it in a day, there were no extra chores done that day!

Laurie Kay and Rod Monteith both recommended David Baldacci books. I did not realize what entertaining and brilliantly written books I was missing, having never read many murder-mystery books. I just finished reading "LAST MILE" and "THE FIX". The main character in this series is Amos Decker. The first being, "MEMORY MAN" Amos Decker is an agent for the FBI. He is a man with a perfect memory (hyperthymesia). The twists and turns as he analyses the clues to solve the murders is masterfully written and educational.

"THE FALLEN", also an Amos Decker book by David Baldacci is available in the stores this month. Marg hopes to obtain a copy for our library. Laurie also recommends the Camel Club Series by David and says they are terrific.

SMILE - Spring is here and there are many entertaining and educational books in our library to read when taking a break from spring chores.

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- Saturday, June 16th, 2018 Wasa Lions Garage Sale
- No Newsletter in JULY

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