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## OPEN FIRES RESTRICTED IN SOUTHEAST FIRE CENTRE

Effective Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015, Category 2 and Category 3 open fires will be prohibited in the Southeast Fire Centre to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. This

prohibition will remain in place until the public is otherwise notified.

Specifically, prohibited activities include:

- the burning of any waste, slash or other materials
- stubble or grass fires of any size over any area
- the use of fireworks, sky lanterns, burning barrels or cages of any size or description
- the use of air curtain burners (forced air burning systems)

The Southeast Fire Centre is experiencing drier than normal conditions and an elevated fire hazard. These prohibitions are being put in place due to current weather conditions and long-range forecast.

This prohibition does not ban campfires that are a half-metre high by a half-metre wide or smaller, and it does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes.

This prohibition covers all BC Parks, Crown lands and private lands, but does not apply within the boundaries of a local government that has fire prevention bylaws and is serviced by a fire department.

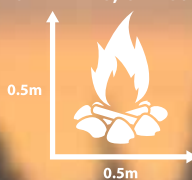
Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a ticket for \$345 or, if convicted in court, may be fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to wildfire, the person responsible may be subject to a penalty of \$10,000 and be ordered to pay all fire fighting and associated costs.

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## OPEN FIRE REGULATIONS



### CAMPFIRES, CATEGORY 2 FIRES AND CATEGORY 3 FIRES: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

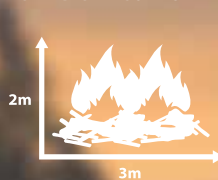


#### CAMPFIRE:

- Any fire smaller than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide

#### REGULATIONS:

- You must have ready access to 8 litres of water or a shovel for the entire time your campfire is lit.
- Your campfire must be completely extinguished and the ashes must be cool to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time. (Hot coals can reignite the fire.)
- During campfire prohibitions, only a CSA- or ULC-approved portable campfire apparatus may be used, and the flame height must not exceed 15 centimetres.
- You must build a fire guard around your campfire.



#### CATEGORY 2 FIRE:

- 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares

#### REGULATIONS:

- A fuel break must be established around any Category 2 burn area.
- Fireworks are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.
- Burning barrels are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.
- At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.



#### CATEGORY 3 FIRE:

- Any fire larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 1 or more burning windrows
- Stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares

#### REGULATIONS:

- A fuel break must be established around any Category 3 burn area.
- Monitor your open burn to ensure that the fire doesn't spread beyond its intended size.
- You must have a burn registration number to light a Category 3 open fire. Call the burn registration line 1 888 797-1717 to obtain one.
- Do not burn when venting conditions are "Poor" or "Fair". Always check here first: [www.bcairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html](http://www.bcairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html)

### GENERAL REGULATIONS:

- Never burn in strong wind conditions.
- Your fire must be extinguished before leaving the area.
- Always keep your fire a safe distance away from nearby branches, wood and other combustible materials.

\*Further bans and restrictions can be implemented at the Wildfire Management Branch's discretion.

Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$345. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1 million and be sentenced to one year in prison. Please check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any open fire.

Please report wildfires by calling **\*5555 or 1 800 663-5555.**



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## Our Community Post Office - Use it or Loose It



In this day and age when cities are losing their "door to door" service and Canada Post is looking for efficiencies there is a move to close or change how rural post offices are being operated.

Having a post office is becoming a luxury and one, that should not be taken for granted. What makes Wasa more livable is the friendly smile and personal mail service from our post mistress.

There are two things you should be doing to protect our post office and rural lifestyle:

- **All your stamps and mail need to go through Wasa. Volume is important.**
- **Most of you have received a flyer in your post box; "KEEP the heart beating in Rural Canada" Take a few minutes of you time and mail this flyer in. The postage is free. Do you want a post office or a collection box? Your response counts.**

If you did not receive the flyer, email me at:  
wasamatters@gmail.com and I will send you a scanned copy.

Submitted by: Susanne Ashmore - Wasa Resident

## A.E.D. NOW AVAILABLE IN WASA HALL

The Wasa Community Hall now has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

On May 2nd, Blake Elford, from the BC Ambulance Service provided a three hour orientation session to a group of eleven Wasa residents. Attending the session was JC McPhee, Lorraine Colton, Helen Kelly, Jim Hill, Wendy Prinz, Sharon Prinz, John and Rose Smith, Val Dmytriw, Susanne Ashmore and Karen Markus. Blake led the group through scenarios, teaching them how to respond to a sudden cardiac arrest by doing CPR and using the AED. The AED is very user friendly.

The Heart & Stroke Foundation provided the community with six "Anytime Family & Friends Kits". The kit includes a Mini Anne (a personal inflatable CPR mannequin) and a bilingual (English & French) CPR Skills Practice DVD and booklet.

The kit teaches the essential skills of CPR to adults and children. The DVD also includes an automated external defibrillator (AED) demonstration, as well as instruction on how to help someone who is choking.

Four of these kits are available to the community and can be signed out at our Community Library.

The Community Hall will be sponsoring another orientation session next year.



Course participants practise CPR during the AED workshop on Saturday, May 2nd

Submitted by Karen Markus



## Wasa Community Church

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## News From the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyna



Father's day is just around the corner so I would like to take time to reflect on that. I am grateful for my Dad who was a man of principle as well as a very hard worker. We knew as children that his "yes" meant yes, and his "no" meant no. I have a lot of respect and love for my earthly father, but I also know that some of you may not have some very nice memories of your earthly father.

There's a Spanish story of a father and son who had become estranged. The son ran away, and the father set off to find him. He searched for months to no avail. Finally, in a last desperate effort to find him, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper. The ad read: "Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father." On Saturday 800 sons named Paco showed up, looking for forgiveness and love from their fathers.

Now I do not know if that story is true, but what I do know to be true is the fact that some of us do not have a good relationship with our earthly father. You may have done something or he may have done something to damage the relationship between the two of you. Deep down inside of you, you can relate to Paco in the story and you want forgiveness, or you need to forgive those who have hurt you. I know that having a spirit of un-forgiveness can do a lot of damage in your own life. If we are unwilling to forgive those who have hurt us in the past, we can develop bitterness in our life. May I encourage you to at least forgive your Father or any other person that has hurt you so that you can move on with your life.

I do know of a Spiritual Father who wants to embrace you and who loves you deeply. If you want to have a relationship with God give me a call and I would be more than glad to talk with you. Give me a call at 250-422-9226. May this Father's Day be a blessing to you this year.

You are more than welcome to come and join us on any Sunday at 10:30 at Wasa Community Church.

Pastor Gary Semenyna

## Fanny's Favorites

### ARTICHOKE & SPINACH PIZZA

1 12" pizza crust

2 cloves garlic

1 Tbsp olive oil

2 Tbsp fresh parsley

4 fresh sliced mushrooms

3 tbs fresh basil

2 cups shredded mozza cheese

1 can Artichokes in water

2 tomatoes diced

½ cup cubed feta cheese

2 cups chopped fresh spinach

1. Mince garlic and chop parsley, add to olive oil and spread evenly over pizza crust.

2. Spread 1 cup shredded cheese over crust. Layer chopped spinach, mushrooms, tomatoes and chopped artichokes. Add remaining shredded cheese and cubed feta cheese.

3. Bake 400° for 20 minutes top with chopped fresh basil.

You can add cooked chicken or ham to this pizza.

## WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

### Annual General Meeting

The WLLID AGM was held April 29<sup>th</sup> with 14 residents in attendance. Acting Chair, Cliff Youngs, presented the Annual Review of the work of the WLLID and trustees reported on water, taxes, communication, and invasive weeds. The Audited Financial Statement was presented and an auditor for 2015 was approved. A valuable presentation on invasive plants in our area was presented by Todd Larson from The East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council (EKIPC). Handouts were available. Three trustees were elected by acclamation; Sharon Prinz and Cliff Youngs accepted 3 year terms and Paul Dixon accepted a 1 year term. We welcome Paul and returning trustees Sharon and Cliff. Detailed reports are available on the WLLID web site [www.wasalake.ca](http://www.wasalake.ca) Select Annual General Meetings under the ABOUT tab on the Home Page, then scroll down to AGM Reports 2015.

### Non Resident Advocate

We have a promising application for the Non-Resident Advocate position. We are currently arranging a meeting with the applicant to discuss the role of the position and to share views of the WLLID in general.

### Electronic Payment Service

We have made contact with a different financial institution to see if we can implement electronic payment for taxes and other transactions. Still no guarantee, but this go around seems promising.

### Water Quality

By Laurie Kay

Following discussions with Environmental Health Operations of Interior Health Authority and Provincial Health Service Lab. we will be able to conduct testing for E coli at the public beaches and three other risk sites on the lake starting Mid June. Having IHA meet the transportation costs for Parks Beach samples and the WLLID site samples is much appreciated. The WLLID still pays for lab costs. Continued testing enables us to have information available on the presence of any fecal contamination. Last summer all tests were well within acceptable levels. The WLLID is working with Todd Larson (EKIPC) on posting signs at the main boat access ramp to create an awareness of how boaters can prevent the spread of aquatic plant species, such as, native milfoil which is already growing in the lake

### WLLID Long and Short Term Planning Session

The new Board of Trustees will meet in June to discuss where we are heading in the future, adopt some goals, and look at ways how we might reach them. It will not be a public meeting or a regular monthly WLLID meeting but we encourage residents, both seasonal and permanent to contact us email, phone, or letter with input that may give us some direction.

### Next Meeting

June 15<sup>th</sup> Wasa Community Hall 7:00 pm. Meetings are open but please check the WLLID web site for board policy on making a presentation.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN RIDERS - CELEBRATE THE HORSE

We are planning to host a fund raising event for Sarah Cummings, who is on the top ten list for the Canadian Para-Olympic team competing in Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 7 to 18, 2016. She has extremely limited mobility in her right arm and has about 50% function of her right leg. Sarah rides dressage on a horse named Spirit, owned by Maya Huppie in Wycliffe. She has some you-tube videos if anyone is interested in looking at them. Sarah works in Cranbrook, helps out at Maya's stable every day and rides or trains five days a week. She is responsible for all expenses involved in travelling to shows with her horse and groom, including lodging and food. She will attend qualifying shows in May and September.

Rocky Mountain Riders feel strongly about supporting Sarah in her quest. We have given her a small scholarship. Wouldn't it be great to be involved in someone in our community competing in the Olympics?

Our plan is to CELEBRATE THE HORSE on July 26, 2015 at our arena in Meadowbrook. We will have demonstrations of many different disciplines involving horsemanship, open to the public. Sarah will attend to demonstrate her dressage skills. Even if you are not a "horse" person, we hope this will be an entertaining day.

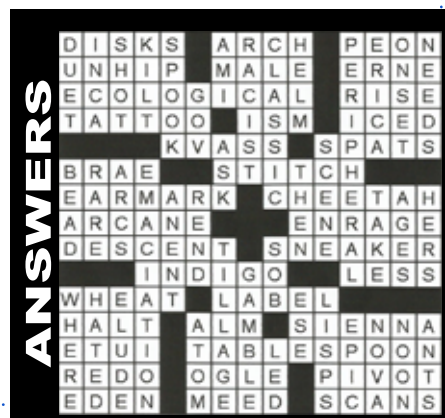
Light meals such as hot dogs, hamburgers, etc will be

available for purchase. Admission will be by donation and we will ask guests to bring a chair and re-usable plates and cutlery to reduce our impact on the environment, as well as reduce costs. All profits will be placed in Sarah's Olympic fund.

We are requesting assistance from individuals and organizations in the following ways: Publicity, enter a horse for demonstration, serving food, setting up facility, helping move equipment on the day of the event, designing and/ or drawing posters and distributing them, giving us ideas on enhancing the event, providing a sound system, or anything else that you may wish to see. Vendors are welcome to attend for a small fee. Any financial contributions, unless otherwise designated, will go directly to Sarah.

Thank you for considering this request.

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## Garage Sale

**The Semenyna's**

6041 Wolf Creek Rd  
Sat., June 6, 2015  
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



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  
Lorraine Colton 250.422.3640
- Gym  
Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
- TOPS  
Susan 250.422.3510
- Library  
Brenda Rauch  
250.422.3335

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

# Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell



Hello Readers! I hope the evenings warm up soon, so I can get my nursery plants in. Oh well it is only the middle of May.

1. Remember to put those egg shells into the soil when planting your radish and onions to eliminate worms.
2. To sterize potting soil to prevent weeds, microwave the 1 pound bag on high for 2 minutes.
3. Having trouble removing glue from containers once you've removed the labels? Rub the label with a cloth soaked in vegetable oil.
4. If a splash of salad oil gets on your clothing or carpet, make it easier to remove later by immediately rubbing the area with white chalk.

Did you hear about the cookbook with a recipe for authentic sponge cake? You borrow all the ingredients!!

Until next time... have a good month ....Vi

## Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

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



*In the morning 7:30 am to 8:30 am...*  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
10 am to 11 am Mondays and Wednesdays  
Contact: Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201



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

**GYM HOURS AND INFO**

## WASA MEMORIAL GARDEN

Submitted By Sandy Kay



Wow, did that month fly!

I bet you feel the same with all the indoor and outdoor chores to be

done. It's nice to

enjoy the longer days with so much warmth in the sun and I'll put money on zero mosquitoes!

Have you been down to the Memorial Garden lately? We have 3 new Columnar Flowering Crabs and a replacement "Thunderchild" and they are in bloom as I write this. The lovely additions to our space have been supplied and planted by Jim and Louise Welsh of Premier Tree's. Thank you Welsh's! The next step was getting water to the fresh plantings so guess who popped up with the offer well, J.C. of course. He had the job completed by the very next day, thanks once again J.C.

Don Konschuh decided to spruce up the waterwheel with the help of his trusty assistant, Laurie Kay. Thank you guys it sure looks great.

Susanne Ashmore has also been busy at the garden preparing the holes to plant the grasses she so kindly wintered for us. They look healthy and happy in their new spot along the West side of the fence. Many thanks to you as well, Susanne.

The last time we chatted I asked for folks to call me if they could and would be willing to look after the garden during the summer months. I haven't heard from you yet but I'm sure I will soon. The job will take about half an hour twice a week and you would only be on duty for one week. The chores are light the best news of all you don't even need to be an expert, just be willing. Please contact me at 250.422.3288 if you can spare a little time. You'll even enjoy your visit down there I guarantee it.

Just a little reminder about the fresh flower vases. They were purchased for you so please make use of them. It's simple, just fill with water and put your beautiful posies in the vessel. Your flowers will last much longer and add even more beauty to the area.

Until we chat again enjoy the sights and sounds of Spring!

## The Lions Den

SUBMITTED BY KATHY MILES-BOUE

### Thank You!

The Wasa & District Lions Club would like to thank everyone who helped make Wasa Fun Day May 30 a big success. Food and family fun makes for a great day and helped raise money for our many causes. Thank you everyone who attended and those who volunteered. We couldn't do any of it without you.

### Annual Dog Walk - Sunday, June 31<sup>st</sup>

The Dog Walk on Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> was also a big success. The dogs and owners get their exercise while helping raise money for Lions International Guide Dog program. What a great event. We send out a big thank you

to the Cranbrook Lions Club and the Mark Creek Club as well as all our local members and volunteers.

During July and August, the Lions Club will be taking a well-deserved break. We will be working one of the Community Pancake Breakfasts and meeting once in July and once in August (on the third Tuesday). Otherwise, we will be resting and relaxing and will be back at full speed in September. We wish you all a safe, healthy and happy summer!

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

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## Are We Good Citizens?

As my own Spiritual Teacher, His Holiness the Lord Hamsah Manarah, used to do, I often remind all the spiritual Seekers at the Ashram not to forget to be excellent Citizens in their daily activities. What would be the point of following a Messiah, a Prophet, a Saint or a living Embodiment of God, if we forgot our responsibilities toward the physical world? How could one claim to serve the Divine and be a true Disciple of any great Soul if one forgets to improve the situation of the world by becoming a true living example of the Teaching of one's own Master?

All the good qualities and virtues contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that are promoted and defended by the United Nations, are commonly understood as inalienable fundamental rights to which the person is inherently entitled simply by being human. These rights, virtues, qualities and duties are inherent in all human beings regardless of their nation, region, language, religion, ethnic origin or any other status.

Where do they come from, these Universal Rights and Duties which are the basis of any true Democracy and the expression of the most advanced civilizations? They come from the good sense of highly Spiritual Beings who reflected upon the human condition and discovered how important it is to unite all nations of the world around Universal Human Virtues and Qualities of Heart.

If we want to benefit from what is contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we need to develop and express in our daily life a profound understanding and acceptance of Others, because we place these indispensable qualities as defining the very nature of a Genuine Human Citizen of planet Earth.

To be a true Citizen is to be a part of something very Precious: an important Member of the Human Community, someone who counts because he makes the world better by his own presence. Are you a good citizen? Are we good citizens? Do we make the world better? Or do we make it worse? We are not just the citizens of our country because we can vote; we are also citizens of our planet and of the entirety of creation. If we believe that God (the Divine Consciousness) is at the origin of creation and participates in it at every level, then we are also Citizens of the Divine! The Divine Principle is a principle of Love, and the principle of Love is a principle of Inclusion, a principle of Unification, a principle of Oneness. Therefore, to be a good Citizen is also to fight against our own egoism and selfishness and to act kindly, simply for the harmony of all of Humanity.

As you know, life does not always fulfill our expectations. Life is life, and what we qualify as good or bad is often a selfish point of view. In life, there is only what happens and, through the acceptance and recognition of what simply happens, we must protect the Unity of our "citizen-hood". What a man does in terms of thoughts, speech, and actions affects all the citizens around him. Your uncontrolled anger at home, as

insignificant as it can seem, will subtly damage the Unity of the entire Nation or of our global Human family.

If you consider yourself as a spiritual person, you can practice your spiritual precepts by improving your positive action in the world as a good citizen, a citizen who takes care of all the members of the big family of our Humanity. My Revered Guru once told me that "A single good Action made by a single excellent Citizen can beneficially change the Destiny of all of Humanity at every second", and this assertion has been proven right. Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi and so many other unknown great Citizens of this world have shown us the Path leading toward a better world. It is now up to us to do our part!

May we all be excellent Citizens of our country, of the world and the entire Creation that is certain to contain billions and billions of inhabited planets.

With my warmest thoughts on the Path of Life.  
With Blessing and Love  
OM OM OM

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha  
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# GERICK SPORTS Wasa Lake TRIATHLON



## Saturday, June 13 TriKids Races

*From 9am to 12:30pm at Horseshoe Bay Parking Lot*

Young athletes will be cycling on Wolf Creek Rd and running on the Lions Trail.

## Sunday, June 14 Sprint & Standard Triathlons

*From 8am to 1pm at Horseshoe Bay Parking Lot*

Athletes will be cycling south on Wasa Lake Park Drive, then head north to just shy of the north park entrance, and to Fort Steele and back. They will run on the Lions Trail, with a short portion on the road in front of Main Beach.

**Organizers, participants, volunteers and partners appreciate your understanding and patience while the events are occurring in and around the lake.**

The event is seeking additional volunteers in the following areas at Wasa:

- **Set-up** on Friday - **TriKids** on Saturday - **Race Bag** Handout on Saturday -
- **On the water** Sunday morning with canoe, kayak, board or boat -

To participate, volunteer or view maps, please go to [www.rmevents.com](http://www.rmevents.com) or contact Charlie Cooper [charlie@rmevents.com](mailto:charlie@rmevents.com) or your call to 250-427-0021.

Thank you event supporters



## INVASIVE WEEDS

Invasive weeds can impact our local property values and the presence of these weeds are also hurting our agricultural economy. For these reasons, I feel we need to get the word out and educate people in trying to do their share in controlling noxious and invasive weeds by pulling and / or spraying the weeds throughout our neighbourhoods.

If you're not sure what these plants look like, you can call the RDEK at 1-888-478-7335. RDEK staff will be putting up posters with photos of the most common invasive plants found in our area. One of the most common and invasive is Knapweed.

These plants should be pulled to include the root. But, if you don't get the root, you are still stopping the plant from going to seed and spreading. When you pull the plants before they flower, you can leave the plant on the ground, but if it there are any flowers, the plants need to be bagged. The bags can be disposed of in the transfer bins at the garbage transfer sites.

I am working with the Wasa WLLID, the Meadowbrook Community Association and the St. Mary's Rural Residents Association in trying to get everyone involved with this project.

On Sunday, July 19th we will be having a free barbeque at the Wasa Lion's outdoor kitchen. There will be hamburgers and hotdogs and I hope everyone can come out and celebrate our attempt to control the invasive weeds. This will also provide an opportunity for residents to meet and get to know their Area E neighbors.

The Wasa Lion's club is allowing us the use of their facilities for hosting this barbeque. Thank You Wasa Lions Club!

## FIRE BAN

The provincial government has issued a Category 2 and 3 Fire Ban. **This means no fireworks and no open burning allowed other than small campfires.**

If you have a campfire, please make sure the fire is out before you leave or go to bed.

I would also like to take this time to thank Wendy Davis for including all the information about fire proofing our properties. This year there is a higher risk for fires because it is so dry out there already. So please be careful.

## Town Meeting

We are having our Townhall meeting on Monday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Wasa Community Hall.

We will be recognizing our volunteer of the year (J.C. McPhee), discussing the budget, mosquito control, invasive weeds and transfer sites. This will also be an opportunity for residents to ask questions. I hope to see you all there and people will be given a chance to ask questions.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer.

Jane Walter, RDEK Area E Director

Phone 250-427-2577

Email: s.janewalter@gmail.com

## Wasa Lake Pancake Breakfast

Our first pancake breakfast will soon be here. Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> will be the first breakfast of our summer breakfast season.

Come out and enjoy a great breakfast for \$6.00 (large) or \$5.00 (small) and the company of neighbours, friends and visitors to our community.

Again this year we will be fortunate to have the SageGrass Band playing a few gigs throughout the summer at our breakfasts.



Breakfasts are every Saturday  
from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
(new times)

from June 27<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>  
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The following is a brief autobiography of Hank Dekker as told to Judy McPhee on May 14th, 2015. Due to the length of this article Part 2 will appear in July's edition of the Tri-Village Buzz. A special thank you to Judy for taking this initiative and we look forward to many more reminiscings in future editions of the Tri-Village Buzz.

### HANK DEKKER REMINISCES

*Psalm 77 says "I consider the days of old; I remember the years long past."*

People in Holland called me Hennie. I was born on October 17, 1924 to Gerret, born in 1901 and Antge, born in 1900 in the District of Ede, Holland. I was named Hendrik. In Canada I am called Hank. I had three sisters: Cor, Reat and Annie and two brothers: Dick and Jong.

#### My Early Years

I started school when I was six years old. I walked 5 km every school day and when we arrived at school there were about 20 children that had joined me. It was worth the walk because my teacher told me about the crucified Christ, the Son of God who died on the Cross for all of us. I remember crying and crying because they killed my Jesus. I was so sad.

I went to this Christian School for 2 years. On the 3rd year, my parents bought a farm and I went to a public school for a year. It was a disaster. My parents moved again, this time to Renswoudex, half-way between Arheim and Urtexht. I went to a Christian School there for the next 4 years. That is 7 years of schooling.

I was 13 years old when I left school. My father hired me out to the neighbouring farmer, 1/4 km from our place. I worked there for 8 years, most weeks working 7 days a week. I fed the cows, chickens and pigs and did farm chores. They treated me like a son.

When war broke out in Holland, on May 5, 1940, many people from our District gathered the cows and took them to South Holland. We figured our land was going to be flooded as the dykes were built in the 1700's.

A friend and I milked the cows for 2 days and slept in a boat at night. We went home after 2 days and left the cows to be milked by the people in the district.

We discovered when we arrived home that the whole population had left to go North. Holland lost the war

in 3 days. It took another two weeks at least for the people to come home. A bull had been shot and we buried it. We brought the cows home later in the year.

By 1943, the Dutch Military took all the 18 year olds to a military camp for six months. The camp was called Arbeid Deens. It trained us to be soldiers without rifles. We went out everyday for 5 hours to learn and do jobs such as cleaning up the bush. We each had a shovel and had to keep it shiny and clean, no spots or mud! When we came back to camp, we learned how to march. No slouching was allowed. In camp, we either marched or ran, no walking allowed. We had to keep our uniforms spotless and our shoes shiny. We were taught proper table manners and how to use a knife, a fork and a spoon correctly.

We had very little to eat in camp. Our menu was basically three slices of bread for breakfast, two for lunch and some meat and vegetables for dinner. We had tulip bulb soup but not everyday.

At the end of six months, a German Officer came to talk to us "sweet", and tell us how good Germany was. They wanted us to work on their farms and in their factories and to work doing our trade. All the German youth were in the army and they needed help to run the country. Only two from our class went. I went back to the farm I had worked at. A month later I received a notice that I had to go to Germany. I did not go and was black-listed. From then on to the end of the war, I slept at night on the top of the chicken coop - 8' by 2' - well hidden.

During the day I worked on the farm and when word came by a double "Informer" that the enemy was coming, I hid in the chicken coop during the day. A few times they came on the farm looking for me and didn't find me. Things were real tough in Holland during the war. We had very little food and no freedom. Airplane attacks were frequent.

**Part 2 "To Canada I Went" will be in July's issue**

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### Jim & Melinda Howard

are excited to announce  
the opening of the:

**Wasa Country Pub & Grill**

**on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

*...just in time for Wasa Fun Day!*

**- Grand Opening -  
Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Baron of Beef Dinner & Trimmings**

**\$15.50** each - advance purchase to  
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**\$17.50** each - at the door

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**\* Minors welcome until 8:00 p.m. Must be  
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### From Logger to Liquor...

Long time area residents  
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## WASA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

SUBMITTED BY JUDY MCPHEE

### Spring Musings

As our world shrinks with the evolution in communications, it is more important than ever to increase our understanding of different cultures, people and countries including Canada. We live in a global world where understanding our neighbours is important.

### Explore The World

I encourage you to explore our world through books, the Internet, travel, daily walks viewing nature and the antics of birds. Always be looking!!

T.S. Eliot, a brilliant poet in "The Four Quartets" was "bang on" when he said, *"We shall not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time."*

Most books are self-help books. Pick a theme of your choice and explore some books on topics which interest you.

### Young People

Check out and explore on Google, the Nobel Laureates. Their wisdom and knowledge may inspire and help you in your choice of a career. I recommend these books from our library.

### The B.C. Parks Explorer by Maggie Paquet

This book is a snapshot of our Parks in British Columbia's nine park districts. Did you know that the Wasa Provincial Park was formed 60 years ago on October 4th, 1955?

### Creston Valley Profiles

Another superb book on the history and many colourful and productive people, past and present from the Creston Valley. A superb gem.

**The Wasa Community Library will close for the summer on Wednesday, June 17th at 1:00 p.m. You may borrow a bag full of books for your summer reading.**

*Everything has a value, provided it appears at the right time.*  
Happy exploring from Judy and the library staff.

### Options for that Final Resting Place

Those of us with silver hair are now frequently saying farewell to our peers. How do we prepare for the inevitable for ourselves? Do we envision an old fashioned burial in a coffin or does the tidiness of ashes seem logical? Those who choose cremation may ask to be scattered to the wind, set at the feet of an ancestor, saved in an urn underground or in a niche in a wall. Whether your family follows religious traditions or modern "No Service" some type of plan should be made!

Rural citizens are charged double for a plot in city cemeteries. Readers of this newsletter are invited to investigate the 10 acres set aside in 1898 at Fort Steele. Volunteers in the Fort Steele Cemetery Society maintain and manage the historic site. For further details contact Naomi Miller at 250-422-3594.

### The Columbia Basin Community Initiatives Fund representing Wasa, Ta Ta Creek and Skookumchuck

#### NEED YOUR HELP!

We have funds available to help with:



- **ADULT EDUCATION COURSES** - Do you want to take a course of some kind?
- **SCHOLARSHIPS** - Are you graduating and want to continue your schooling?
- **LOCAL GROUPS** - Does your group need help with a project?
- **LOCAL ACTIVITIES** - Do you want to plan an event for the Tri Village area?

All reasonable requests will be considered. Applications for these funds are available at Slim Pickens.

Representatives for the Wasa and area are: Marilyn Bowen, Kathy Miles-Boue and June Clubley. For questions or inquiries please contact: Marilyn Bowen at 250.422.3210 or Cell 250.489.9586.

BC Hydro will be making improvements to its system to help ensure you receive more reliable service in the future.

To ensure the safety of work crews, this upgrade will require BC Hydro to shut off the power:

- in Skookumchuk, Wasa Lake, Sheep Creek, Wolf Creek, Lazy Lake, Premier Lake, Island Pond, Tembec Pulpmill and Torrent Rd area West of mill, Woods Corner, LD Ranch Rd
- for about six hours
- on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>
- between 5:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (MDT)



To prepare for this interruption please turn off and unplug all electrical devices. For the first hour after the power comes back on, help ensure that the electrical system does not get overloaded by plugging in and turning on only what you need.

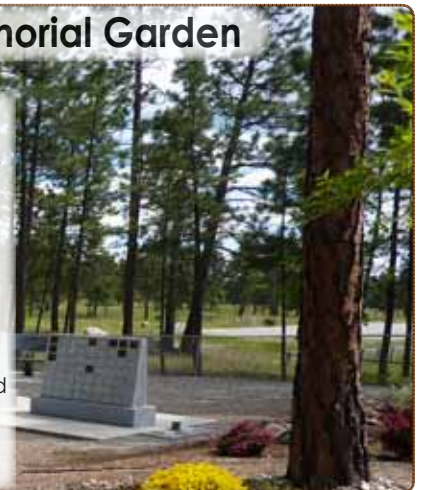
We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Please visit: [bchydro.com/outages](http://bchydro.com/outages) or call 1 888 POWERON

### Wasa Memorial Garden

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

There is a Columbarium with Niches large enough to hold two sets of cremains or the option to purchase a memorial plaque in honor of your loved ones. Check out the space at the end of Schoolhouse Road in Wasa. Call Bev Rauch at 250.422.3335 for information



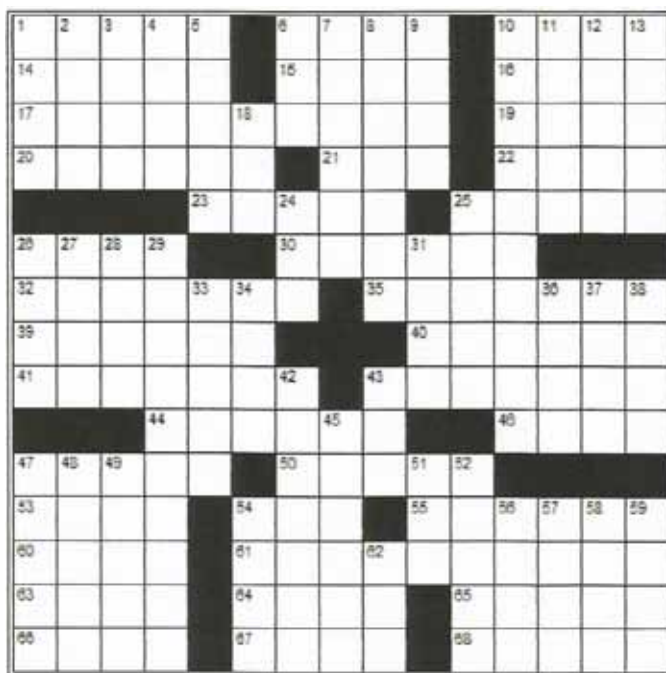
# Crossword

Answers Page 4

"MARIO'S FUN PAGE"

## ACROSS

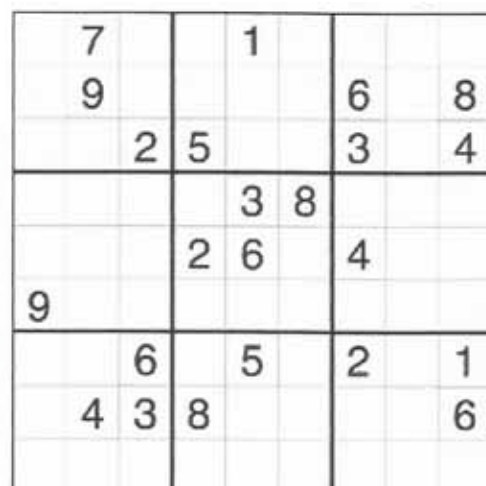
1. Flat circular plates
6. Eyebrow shape
10. Hireling
14. Not cool
15. Man
16. Sea eagle
17. Interdependence of living organisms
19. Ascend
20. Skin pattern
21. Belief
22. Frozen
23. A fermented beverage from rye
25. Arguments
26. Scottish hillside
30. Sew
32. Designate
35. Long-legged spotted cat
39. Mysterious
40. Infuriate
41. A movement downward
43. A canvas shoe
44. Deep blue
46. Not more
47. Cereal grass
50. Tag
53. Stop
54. A high alpine meadow
55. Reddish brown
60. Decorative case
61. Bigger than a teaspoon
63. Start over
64. Leer at
65. Turning point
66. Biblical garden
67. A fitting reward (archaic)
68. Skims



## DOWN

1. A song for 2
2. Ancient Peruvian
3. Fired a weapon
4. A man's skirt
5. Secret agent (slang)
6. French for "Friend"
7. Bigot
8. Definitive
9. Steering mechanism for a vessel
10. The outer area
11. Genus of heath
12. Beginning
13. Requires
18. Governor (abbrev.)
24. Request
25. Display
26. Tiny sphere
27. Unusual
28. Circle fragments
29. Gauntiness
31. Not now
33. Concerning (archaic)
34. Cleave
36. Give and \_\_\_\_
37. How old we are
38. Not his
42. Cultivated land
43. Weep
45. Take a chance
47. What place?
48. Despised
49. Avoid
51. East southeast
52. Speech defects
54. "Smallest" particle
56. Sweeping story
57. Exploded star
58. Midday
59. Picnic insects
62. Directed

## Sudoku-Hard



## Find a Word Types of Music

- |             |             |                |               |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| ACID JAZZ   | CLASSICAL   | GYPSY          | REGGAE        |
| AFRICAN     | COUNTRY     | IRISH          | ROCK AND ROLL |
| ALTERNATIVE | DOO WOP     | MAMBO          | SALSA         |
| BEBOP       | ELEVATOR    | MARIACHI       | SURF          |
| BLUES       | EUROPOP     | MIDDLE EASTERN | SWING         |
| BOLLYWOOD   | EXPERIMENTA | NEW AGE        | TECHNO        |
| BOSSA NOVA  | FOLK ROCK   | NEW ORLEANS    | TRIP HOP      |
| BRAZILIAN   | FUNK        | OPERA          | TROPICAL      |
| CELTIC      | GOSPEL      | POP MUSIC      | URBAN         |
| CHAMBER     | GRUNGE      | PROGRESSIVE    | ZYDECO        |

The remaining 15 letters spell an additional type of music.

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I O O A E S P Z R I I A M S A L B  
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P E L E T E W N G L I A R O I A S  
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R R C A L U W H N D R P V F N E O  
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G N T E O R O F P O H P I R T N A  
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## PROPERTY DETAILS

**3 Beds**

**2 Baths**

Age: 30

Levels: 2

Space: 2,000 sq. ft. (186 m<sup>2</sup>)

Flooring: Carpet, Hardwood, Linoleum

Foundation: Poured concrete

Heat Method: Baseboard

Heat Energy: Electricity, Wood

Zoning: RS1

Lot Size: 2,090,880 sq.ft./48.00 ac (194,243 m<sup>2</sup>)

Watersource: Natural Resource, Well

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## PROPERTY DETAILS

**Beds N/A**

**Baths N/A**

Zoning: R1

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# HISTORY BYTES

## BY NAOMI MILLER



### WALLINGER FAMILY

Born in 1865 and schooled in England Noel Wallinger headed off to Canada at age 19 to see what he could see. First stop was at or near Calgary where he spent some time as a farmhand. In 1886 he took the train to Golden. He was penniless and reported to a hotel where the manager jovially told him to check the woodpile. He looked at the woodpile and the axe and returned to tell the manager, "It looks alright to me." The manager choked and laughed so hard that he collapsed. Staff resuscitated the manager and eventually told Noel that what he should have done was split a lot of wood then he would be given a meal in the dining room. He actually ended up working for Mr. Hayes as bookkeeper for the hotel, store, sawmill and interest in Captain Armstrong's sternwheeler. Restless, Noel asked to work as a deckhand on that First Duchess. Once the boating season ended Wallinger signed up to assist a pack train operator moving supplies from Golden to Sandpoint, Idaho.

From there he tried mining up the Wild Horse, then at the Dibble mine. He worked slashing new trails, and did a few months on a trap line. Someone at Fort Steele taught him how to assay minerals so beginning as a helper he learned enough to do a stint as assayer at the North Star mine in Kimberley. With a bit of this and that he earned enough to sail home to England in 1895 to marry Jessie Ariel Beale. He brought her back to Golden then they moved frequently as he worked for various ranchers or settlers needing help clearing land. Jessie went home to England "for health reasons" in the fall of 1896. Noel's sister Dora came from England that fall and January 13, 1897 was wed to Tom Fenwick of Fort Steele. The ceremony was in the small schoolhouse with

"N.S. Arnold Wallinger" as chief witness.

When Jessie returned the family moved to places like Bull River, Garbutts Lake and other rural addresses. By 1905 the two boys, James Noel and Gordon were ready for school. Sister's Doris, Muriel and Norma started school after them and three more daughter's were born in Cranbrook. (. One daughter had died in infancy .)The family had been Anglican but their mother arranged to have Alleyne/Elaine and Jean christened by the Catholic priest. Mrs. Wallinger had musical training and loved being in a community where she could play the piano or her violin.

Noel, known as Jack to family and friends, had a habit of "buying shares in mineral claims". This may have helped many prospectors but produced returns akin to lottery tickets. Somehow Mrs. Wallinger managed to keep their family fed and clothed. When Mr. Wallinger obtained a position in the Government Office in 1904, just after the office moved from the Fort Steele to Cranbrook, Noel took cheap lodgings for himself in Cranbrook, left the family at Fort Steele, walked into town late Sunday or early Monday and returned Friday evenings. The family moved into town in 1906. Noel became an avid curler and started a Tennis Club for summer participation. He was elevated to Government Agent in 1914. He held that auspicious post until 1922 when he was elected Conservative MLA in a by-election. He was re-elected in 1924 but lost the 1928 election to a Liberal.

Kimberley historians are unsure why one of their major avenues bears the name Wallinger. Likely it was because of a charitable gesture delivering "Relief" cheques in the 1930's. Winn Weir the

historian in Invermere, his niece, told stories of her smooth talking, work dodging "Uncle Jack." She also scoffed because neither Jack or her father, Miles Beale, had any skills for basic home maintenance tasks. There are several Noel Wallinger's scattered through records. The old timer who often worked with Pete Lum likely was a grandson.

When the Wallinger family lived in Cranbrook they attended Christ Church Anglican. Noel Sr. sang in the choir. Mrs. Wallinger started a small orchestra which played for dances, concerts and fairs. Many local musicians enjoyed a stint working as part of this musical group. Mrs. Wallinger also played the piano at theatres showing the early silent films. A grandson David came to Cranbrook to work in 1955. He joined the Anglican choir and remembered when Grandpa, sitting in the same chair, had dozed between hymns.

Noel and Jessie moved to Victoria in the late 1930's. Two of their daughters were living there at that time. Mrs. Jessie Wallinger passed away in July 1942. Noel lived to March 1948. Each was laid to rest in Royal Oak Cemetery, Victoria. They left two sons, Noel James at Cloverdale, Gordon at Trail; five daughters, Mrs Doris Legg, California; Muriel in Trail; Mrs. Elaine Clegg at Cloverdale; Mrs. Norma Savage, and Jean of Victoria and fourteen grandchildren. Noel" Jack " Wallinger had achieved popularity and respect in his old age.

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*Where do you take...*

**YOUR BUZZ?**



Jack and Dar remembered to bring.... the Buzz when they went on an "all expense paid" weekend trip to Vancouver to watch the Vancouver Canucks play against the Edmonton Oilers courtesy of their mom.

Mom (Joyce) was the lucky winner of a weekend package to Vancouver which included airfare, accommodations, limo service and tickets for the best seats in the house to watch the Canucks versus the Oilers.

I'm thinking that if these 2 win the Buzz draw, they should be handing the Gift Certificate over to their mom!

Wasa Lake has a  
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Patty and Nigel Hopkins are excited to be the Stewards for the Lucky Ladybug Little Free Library (Charter #13737) on behalf of our neighbors and our community! The way it works is simple:

- We initially stock the LFL with a variety of good quality books that we hope will interest our neighbors
- You stop by and take whatever catches your fancy
- You return and bring books to contribute when you can
- LFL books are always a gift – never for sale!

Because of communities like ours, the Little Free Library movement has rapidly grown. Many Libraries have been installed and thousands of books shared around the country as well as around the world. Little Free Library's mission is to:

- Promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide.
- To build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.

Check out the LFL story at:  
[www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org).  
We hope to see you soon!!!

Why not have your own Little Free Library?

**Call Patti at 250.422.3609**

# June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	Wasa Town Hall Mtg 7:00 pm	Lions Meeting 7 p.m.			Ashram Teaching please call 250.422.9327	Wasa Pub Grand Opening  Garage Sale 6041 Wolf Creek Rd
<b>7</b> Church	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
		BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular			Ashram Teaching please call 250.422.9327	 Triathlon
<b>14</b> Church	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
 Triathlon	WLLID Mtg 7:00 pm	Lions Meeting 7 p.m.	Wasa Library Closes for the Summer		Ashram Teaching please call 250.422.9327	
<b>21</b> Church Summer Begins Happy Father's Day!	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
					RDEK Board Mtg  Ashram Teaching please call 250.422.9327	 Pancake Breakfast 8:30-11 a.m.
<b>28</b> Church	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	We the volunteers of the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter reserve the right to refuse to print submissions due to legality, length, good taste or discriminating beliefs.			
BC HYDRO Power Outage 5:00 am - 11:00 am						

- LEGEND**
- Church Service 10:30 am
  - Gym (M,W,F 7:30-8:30 am & 10-11 M,W)
  - BINGO 6:45 p.m.
  - Rec Society 7:00 p.m.
  - Lions 7:00 p.m.
  - Library Tues. 11 am - 1 pm and Wed 6:30 pm -8:00 pm
  - TOPS Wed 6:30 pm
  - Quilters Tues. 10 am to 4 pm

## Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Sunday, July 19th, 2015  
Invasive Weed Pull Day
- Sunday, July 26, 2015  
Celebrate the Horse Event
- August 2015 No Newsletter -Prepare for  
"Where do you take your Buzz" contest
- Email [trivillagebuzz@gmail.com](mailto:trivillagebuzz@gmail.com) if you  
wish to continue receiving the newsletter  
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good deal better than a business founded  
on friendship."*

**John D. Rockefeller, Founder Standard Oil**

## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

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