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The Ponderosa: A Wasa Story

by Nowell Berg

Part 3

In Fall 1887, Steele convenes Kapula's trail. After hearing from witnesses, he determines there is a lack of evidence, proclaims the accused innocent and sets the warrior free. Steele called Isadore's strong leadership and intelligence during the trial, impressive. Their mutual respect resolved land disputes and calmed tensions between settlers and the Ktunaxa.

The Wasa pine shrugs off the excitement continuing its genetic destiny.

In earlier years, the young sapling fights off mountain pine beetle and disease, like dwarf mistletoe, along with herbivores, and the ever present threat of wildfire and loggers.

The yearly rise and fall of the Kootenay river and Wasa lake provides nourishment as the tree leaps toward the azure vault of heaven.

Roots travel deeper claiming their place in time and space. Subterranean tendrils snake around stones and large boulders left behind by retreating glaciers. Thick mature roots, coated in a thin layer of scaly brown-black bark, branch out laterally creating an underground 3-D web radiating through gravel and clay absorbing moisture. While the pine limits its demand for water, particularly during drought, a fully mature tree consumes over fifty-seven litres per hour lifting the life giving fluid, hauling it skyward against Newton's force.

The bark thickens changing colour and texture as it ages. From dark brown-black in its early years, the outer skin turns reddish-orange with deep fissures and big flakes by the time it hits fifty. In another one-hundred fifty years or so, the bark becomes smooth and gray-orange with small flakes. Its thickness reaches almost eight centimeters.



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The Ponderosa: A Wasa Story continued

Gnarly branches dance skyward pruning themselves below the massive crown thick with bundles of long thin green needles, three to a bunch. Multiple triplets attached to the branch tip act like solar panels capturing the sun's energy, converting it into a new organic form. With a mind to the future, the needle clusters succor maturing cones. Squirrels and chipmunks feast on the seeds, storing excess.

By 1900, the sturdy pine's base reaches 36 cm diameter. At the end of WW1, its 81 cm. It adds another 22 cm by the close of WW2, which ends its greatest growth spurt. From 1890 to 1945, the trunk base expands almost 3.5 times, from 30.5 cm to 104 cm. Over the next seventy-years, it will add only a few centimeters to its diameter. Since 2000, thin narrow rings packed tightly together, spooning, curving through the wood.

In the 1960s, the Ponderosa tops out above the surrounding forest canopy easily surveying the lake and surrounds. With this view, it sees more people picnic at the lake, swim in the warm water, traverse its surface, and fish for bass, perch and sunfish.

The pine's massive bole dwarfs any human standing next to it. Many people have their picture taken posing in front of the scurfy reddish-orange trunk, the lake and mountains in the background.

After one-hundred seventy-five years, the pine commands a height over 24 meters, a girth of 2.5 meters. One-hundred seventy-five years of recording climate variations, insect attacks and fire events, season after season, year after year.

In November, 2015, the stalwart ponderosa takes a final look at the only place it called home. The heartwood frowns with sorrow. Sap ready to bleed.

For reasons of safety and fire prevention, and after a great amount of soul searching, the tree is removed. The bio-mass returned to the earth from which it grew.

The Ponderosa trunk, unlocking the contents is an historical reminder of its incredible journey.



Underside of the stump from the Ponderosa tree at Wasa, B.C., removed November, 2015



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In order for our paper to grow with the community, we are looking for volunteer submitters to accomplish this goal ... and you'll have fun doing it :) I know I do!

We have opening for an invoice coordinator, helpful hints writer, as well as a 'fun page' submitter. There is always a need for community related stories and I know these are out there.

If you would like to be a part of the community paper, please feel free to email the Buzz at trivillagebuzz@gmail.com, with your ideas and/or suggestions.

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Staying Safe in Bear Country

We share many of our provincial parks with bears. BC Is home to both grizzly bears and black bears. Bears are extremely sensitive to human disturbance and activity. Avoiding an encounter is the best way to protect both yourself and bears.

Before you go

- Pack bear spray, and learn how to use it
- Check the park web page for any specific information about bears in the area
- Look for notices about bears in the area when you arrive at a campground or trailhead

When camping - What attracts bears?

- Ensure human and pet food, garbage, dirty campstoves, recyclables, toiletries and all other smelly items are locked away in a metal bear-proof container provided in the park, your car or hung from a tree away from your campsite.
- Dispose of grey water in designated areas, away from your camp site.

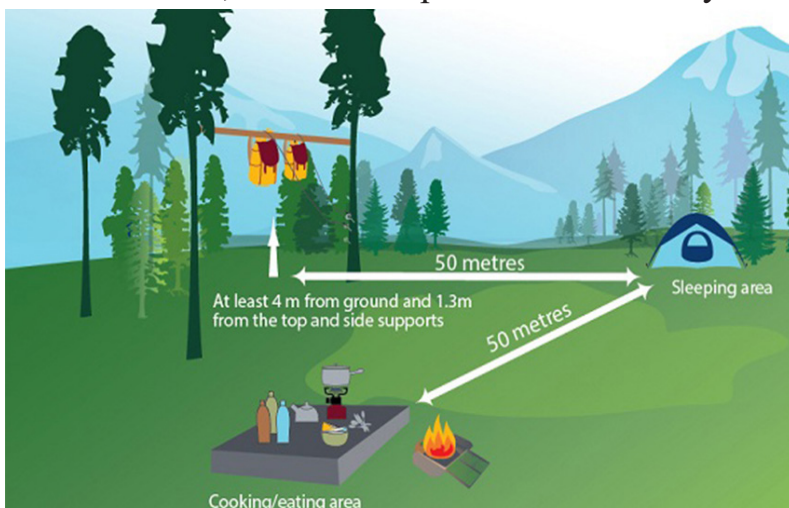


When on a trail

- Make noise. Don't surprise a bear. Call, sing, clap or talk loudly especially near streams and in areas of low visibility.
- Be alert. Watch for bears or their scat and tracks, any strange smells or disturbed vegetation. Be aware of wind direction and speed. Extra caution is warranted when the wind is facing you.
- Stay together. Hike and bike in groups and don't let children wander. Larger groups (4 or more) are less likely to have a negative bear encounter.
- Watch your pets. Keep your dog on a leash at all times. Dogs can provoke defensive bear behaviour.
- Use officially marked trails. Travel during daylight hours. Bears are most active at dawn and dusk.
- Carry bear spray and know how to use it.

In the backcountry

- Use safe campsites Designated campsites are the best option. If there are no designated sites, choose campsites that are away from bear sign and obvious bear foods like berries, waterways or other features that may be travel routes for wildlife.



- Ensure food is stored safely Use bear-safe food storage lockers. If there are none available, hang food by a rope system or from a tree branch in an area inaccessible to bears (at least 4 meters off the ground and 3 meters from the nearest tree). Consider using a bear proof canister as an alternative to hanging food.

- Use the triangle approach Set up your tent, cooking area and food storage areas in a triangle pattern, about 50 m apart.

If you encounter a bear:

- Stay calm - If the bear sees you, talk in a low, calm voice and then regardless if it has seen you or not.
- Back up slowly - Never turn your back on a bear, or run. Running could trigger an attack.
- Do not stare - The bear will see a direct stare as a challenge.
- Give it space - Make sure it has a way to get away, and that you are not blocking access to a bear's cubs or its food.

If a bear approaches you or charges:

- Do not run!
- Use your bear spray as it approaches
- Make sure you know how to use bear spray [video, 8 min]
- Play dead or fight back

Defensive attack

Usually, bears charge or attack because they are feeling threatened. Use your bear spray. If you don't have bear spray and the bear makes contact with you – roll on your stomach, cover the back of your neck, remain still and play dead, they will lose interest and leave. Do NOT run!

Predatory attack

In rare cases, a bear may see a human as prey and stalk you along a trail. In these cases, try to escape into a building, car or up a tree. If you cannot escape and the bear charges, use your bear spray, lacking that, use anything at your disposal to fight off the bear (rocks, sticks, hiking poles).

Read more about bear behaviour [PDF], and how to know if a bear is defensive or predatory.

Who's who? Learn about the differences between black and brown bears.

<http://bcparks.ca/explore/misc/bears/>

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GUIDELINES:

- Do NOT put yourself or your subject at risk!
- No stopping along busy highways
- Do not interfere with mommas & babies
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Development Variance Permit Application at 6324 Balsam Road

The application is to vary the Electoral Area E Zoning and Floodplain Bylaw.

They are requesting to reduce the minimum side yard setback requirement from 1.0 m to 0.1 m for an addition to a garage. The requested variance allows for the eave overhang.

This will go to the RDEK Board on May 28.

Mine Referral - Terus Construction (Craiggs) Notice of Work

The proposal is to drill up to 20 test pits exploring for sand and gravel deposits in the vicinity of Lost Dog and Ta Ta Creek (FSR). The access road is 0.4Kms up the Lost Dog TaTa Creek Forest Service Road from Highway 95A near TaTa Creek. There are several private parcels and addressed dwellings within 100 - 200 m of the proposed site.

I am not in support of this application.

- The vicinity to residents in the area.
- There would be excessive noise from the machinery
- There would be an increase of traffic (safety for residents would be a concern)
- It is in the Ungulate winter range
- This property was range land for livestock at one time. (there is a shortage of range land for grazing)
- This land is in the Agriculture Land Reserve.
- This area is also within the proposed bike trail.

For more information contact Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Front Counter Cranbrook - or email MMD-Cranbrook@gov.bc.ca

This summer is going to be very different from the past years. Many of the groups have done Pancake Breakfasts to earn money to keep there groups going. Hopefully they will be able to find other ways of earning some funds. Some of the items that the funds are used for is utilities, insurance, maintenance e.g. If you have any ideas on how to earn money well keeping safe please talk to some of these groups.

I hope everyone is being safe.

Please do not go out if you are not feeling well. Keep washing your hands and keep your distance.

I hope you all have a safe summer. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 250-427-2577 or email me at s.janewalter@gmail.com

Jane Walter

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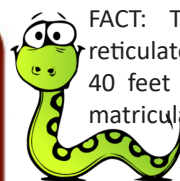
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Greetings from the Tri-Village Kids Club

Thank you to those who attended our online AGM, and a few quick updates on behalf of the TVKC. First of all we would like to extend our greatest thanks to Tanya Munro for all of her hard work and help with the TVKC and all of the activities we have hosted in the past few years. Tanya has stepped down as our President, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

We are pleased to announce our new elective and Board of Directors:

President: Kate Cooledge

Vice-President: Lena Diesel

Treasurer: Kacey Day

Secretary: Jessie Dare

Director: Trudy Sigfusson

At this point in time the TVKC has decided that it is in the best interest of our group, and the health and safety of our community to put all future events on hold for the time being. Special thanks so everyone in light of the current situation, and we are looking forward to hosting more events in the future once we feel it is safe to do so.

If you would like to keep updated with us please follow on facebook at facebook.com/trivillagekidsclub or send an email to trivillagekidsclub@yahoo.com. If you would like a copy of our AGM minutes or treasury report they can be requested via email.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer season.

From the TVKC

FACT: Bottled drinking water has been marketed as being cleaner and purer than ordinary tap water, but in a recent study, a third of bottled water showed **significant chemical or bacterial contamination**, including arsenic, nitrates, carcinogenic compounds, and coliform bacteria.

Wasa Community Church



I think we so often forget to be thankful, especially if we believe in what Jesus did for us. And a big picture of what He did is captured in Isaiah 53:3-6: ***“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”***

We’re the ones who have done wrong. We’re the ones who have sinned. We’re the ones who have gone astray. However, God laid all our sin upon Jesus as He died on the cross. He suffered one of the worst deaths so that we wouldn’t have to be punished. So that we wouldn’t have to be separated from God. He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquity. He suffered for our sins. He lived a life of being despised and rejected by people who He would choose to die for. People now adays still despise and reject Him, but He still died for them. He rose again and conquered death so that they’d have a way to rise again after death also. To eternal life in heaven. Access is granted to all who repent of their sin and believe in Jesus and what He’s done for them.

I know I often forget to be thankful. It’s so easy to forget, and then you get to a passage like this that really lays out how much Jesus did for you, when He was perfect and undeserving of even having to come down and be a part of our world, let alone die for us. So I hope this can be a reminder for us to be thankful to God for what He’s done for us, and from there, lets not forget to be thankful toward others for the things they do for us, as well. I think specifically, at this time, of doctors and nurses. There are many others, too, making lots of sacrifices to help out in this time. Even the small act of kindness from a friend and family member we can be thankful for. So let’s keep thankfulness in mind, not simply until the end of the pandemic, whenever that is, but lets keep thankfulness on our hearts and minds afterward as well.

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

When do you go at red and stop at green?

– When you’re eating a watermelon.

BROCCOLI SALAD



- 2 heads fresh broccoli
- 1 red onion
- ½ pound bacon
- 1 ½ c shredded cheese
- ¾ cup raisins
- ¾ cup sliced almonds (we like craisins)
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar

Place bacon in a deep skillet and cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Cool and crumble.

Cut the broccoli into bite-size pieces and cut the onion into thin bite-size slices. Combine with the bacon, raisins, your favorite nuts and mix well.

To prepare the dressing, mix the mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar together until smooth. Stir into the salad, let chill and serve.





submitted by Nowell Berg

The WLLID (Wasa Lake Land Improvement District) is preparing for another water season.

Board Trustees will monitor the lake and Kootenay River levels providing regular updates at wasalake.ca.

Lake water testing will also be conducted. These tests cover water depth, O2 levels and Secchi water clarity.

Depending on Provincial government and Interior Health directives, E coli. testing will be done at public beaches starting in June. Trustees will be sampling water from public beaches. All results will be reported on the WLLID website.



Repairs have been completed on the water level test well. It had been severely damaged in early-February.



Troy Flanders, Flanders Forge, was hired to do the well casing repair. This entailed

cutting off the damaged pipe and welding on a replacement part. Additionally, the



Board decided to add a protective barrier to stop any possibility of future damage. Guy Winkleman, Catamount Contracting, was hired to supply and install three large boulders around the above ground portion of the well pipe stand.

Trustees participated in both activities supplying labour support and generally staying out of the way.

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Yesterday

submitted by Judy McPhee

EARLY PIONEER LIFE OF MY GREAT GRANDPARENTS

It occurred to me during this time of isolation that early pioneers on the prairies around 1905-1910 must have felt, at times, a sense of isolation and loneliness. Scattered throughout the newly settled prairie many people including couples, families and bachelors, homesteaded and/or tried their hand at homesteading. Some failed, some succeeded to establish farms and a life on the prairies.

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

In 1905, the Grand Trunk Railway was buying farms to make room for the expansion of their railway to the Canadian West.

My great grandparents, Thomas L. Lind, born in 1854, wife, Marietta (Hunsberger) Lind, born 1858 and their eight children's farm land was surveyed in Bagot, MB. The farm was sold in 1905 to the railroad. The track was laid right through the centre of their farm. They rented a farm close by, Thomas and two sons worked for neighbours while they decided on their future.

GO WEST YOUNG MAN

Many eyes had already turned towards the setting sun where a land of promise, a land of unturned sod, awaited settlers.

They sent their oldest son, Alex to AB. to find farm land for their new home. Alex arrived in Lacombe, AB to find what might be described as a homestead boon.

Three and four seater democrats were doing a flourishing business. They taxied people all over the country looking for land. You could file on 160 acres for the sum of \$10.00 with the stipulation you had to live on the land six months of the year for three years and the land became yours. Now that was a good deal! Alberta with it's vast expanse of prairies and opportunities unlimited, looked exceedingly good to a man and his five sons.



LOOKING

Alex and a brother rented a two room house on a farm near Lacombe while they looked for land to buy. Promising land was found 52 miles away for purchase.

Alex purchased 160 acres for himself and 160 acres for his parents, Thomas and Marietta.

With great excitement for the families new life, Great grandpa, and another son, Russell came west on the train with a carload of stock and household effects. In those days a pot bellied stove was in the centre of each passenger car and the people cooked their own food, often buying meat and vegetables etc. from farms along the way. I do not know how long the trip took.

Great grandmother, Marietta came west a month later- in April, with the rest of her children. The train went to Lacombe first and they took another train to Stettler. Thomas picked them up with Old Doll their horse and buggy.

FOLLOWING THE TRAILS OF continued

Along the way they wondered what their new home looked like. It was a two room sod house with a dirt floor. A floor was soon put in and cozy homemade hooked rugs put down. They lived there in cozy, crowded conditions until their home was built on the homestead that they bought. Alex, made 13 trips of household belongings in their galvanized wagon which was pulled by their oxen.

Thomas and two sons, Alex and Russell built their new sod home, 52 miles away on the homestead. They used the galvanized wagon to store their food in and for shelter in case it rained..



MOVING DAY

On Oct 29, 1906, my great grandparents and the rest of their children came to the homestead with two big loads of furniture and belongings, cutting across the prairie in their wagons pulled by their oxen. There were no roads, just a wagon trail with occasional trails branching off into the knee deep prairie grass.

My grandmother, Jessie, 11 years old with her sisters' walked the 52 miles to their new home, driving their cattle and calves. Her mother and smaller sisters rode in one wagon which was pulled by oxen and driven by a male friend. Her brother drove the other wagon with it's load. On the way there, they slept under the stars. Upon arrival the stock laid down for two days, recuperating.



To welcome them, to their newly built sod home, Alex had made baking powder biscuits made with cream and served with homemade jam. Pioneer recipes of our family have been passed down through the generations including the biscuit and a delicious Cream Puff recipe.

A saw mill was built in the neighbourhood and soon they were able get wood to build their permanent home. It took a couple of years to complete.



When their two story home was finished, they ran a store and Post Office from a room in their home which opened to the outside. The newly established neighbourhood of six families was called LINDSVILLE. A few years later, a town called Bulwark was established nearby. Many people built homes there. A Post Office and store was built in Bulwark. The Lindsville Post Office and store ceased to operate. Bulwark is now a ghost town with dilapidated buildings, tall grass and snakes.

THE LONG, HARD WINTER

Their first winter (1906-7) was a hard one for the people who lived around Stettler, Castor and Coronation, AB. It started to snow Nov. 01. That winter, all they could see was the stovepipe sticking out of the top of the snow. The snow was around nine feet deep. Each morning if it drifted in, they had to make more stairs to get out of their home. They had up to nine steps to get in and out.

During that very hard winter, cattle were set free to fend for themselves. Many roamed into Stettler and hugged the store fronts for shelter. They were chased away, of course, by the shop owners.

It was a winter to remember. Provisions were low and they exchanged food with their six neighbours so every family had something to eat. Flour was an essential staple. They ran out of kerosene and lit greased rags on a saucer for light. When everyones food was almost gone, neighbours using Lind's borrowed horse team went to Castor for supplies for all six families. A hard trip through drifted snow.

They were lucky to return-- thanks to the horses stamina and their ability to find home.

I am sure everyone felt isolated trapped inside their homes with all the snow during that long cold winter of 1906-7. Once, my grandmother said, the temperature reached -64 below. Sounds unbelievable to me. Would be interesting to check the record for 1906-7 winter.

(<http://tahoetopia.com/news/73-feet-snow-big-winter-1906-07>)

SCHOOL BEGINS IN THE AREA

The first school in the area was opened in 1908. The children rode horses to school or were taken by their parents. My grandmother rode 5 miles to school, sometimes on the back of the teachers horse. In those days the school teacher boarded with various farm families throughout the school year.

LIFE AS IT WAS

The first communal picnic in the area was in 1909. Everyone put on their best bib and tucker" as the expression goes. They set out an area for an open air dance floor with tree branches for a roof. Games, foot races, good food brought by everyone and lots of visiting made an exciting day for everyone in attendance. They came from farms all around the area.

Homesteaders continued to move into the district to settle. Year after year, the prairie land was filling up with people hoping to make a go of homesteading.

When spring came Thomas and boys were kept busy hauling poles and lumber for their new home. The younger children were kept busy picking quarts and quarts of wild strawberries and saskatoons. Great Grandmother canning them all. In the fall she canned jars and jars of vegetables from the garden.

Prairie fires were an issue in those days. People could see a fire coming from miles away and began preparing a fire break and wetting gunny sacks. It was nip and tuck sometimes saving their homesteads. Many were lost. Windstorms were an issue, especially people living in tents until they had a permanent structure.

LIFE WITHOUT DOCTORS

There was no Doctor within 50 miles. Sad times occurred with sickness and death. Appendicitis was a big killer. I lost a five year old aunt from a burst appendix. No grave yards were available in the early days so people were buried in their yards. The graves were moved to church yards when churches were built.

My great grandmother, Marietta used homemade prescriptions made from recipes from her grandfather, a horse and buggy Doctor in Ontario.

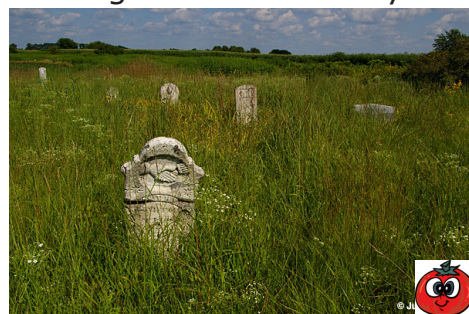
LIFE WAS BUSY

There were no fences in the area and homesteaders had to roam the prairie looking for their cows to milk and their cattle. They had to trust the cows and their horse to bring them home if it was dark when they found them.

Pumping the water, heating the water on the stove, washing by hand and heating the irons for ironing on the stove was gruelling work.

For enjoyment and necessity, the woman of the community pieced quilts together, did needlework and visited each other for company. This helped with the isolation which many woman faced in those days.

I am sure everyone living in close quarters must have been challenging, especially if there were small children. A blackboard was attached to a door to amuse the children.



For fun, neighbourhood baseball games took place in the evenings. Food was sometimes scarce so they shared what each had with each other. This helped if someone was short and needed an item. They sometimes had a communal meal between families, each family contributing what they had.

If someone was coming for dinner, my great grandparents would pick out a good fat chicken or two, kill them, pluck the feathers for pillows (to be dried in the oven another time) and prepare fried chicken in her homemade butter or she roasted the chicken. There was always lots of baking available. Great grandmother lived to be 98 so all that butter and lard did not affect her health. She worked it off, I guess.

FALL FAIRS

Fall fairs in Castor gave the woman something to prepare for. The housewives made butter, baked their specialty, hooked rugs, did needlework and made jams and preserves to sell. Marietta won a gold watch for the best butter at a Caster fair. At the Calgary Fair one year, she won \$35.00 for her butter and donated it to the Calgary General Hospital. Writing contests and art contests took place in the schools. My grandmother won \$10.00 one year. It was enough to pay for the lumber for a front verandah.

Many card games were played during the long winter months.

The railway came to Coronation September 26, 1911 and lots were sold at a feverish rate. Buildings were put up almost overnight and the sound of hammers was music to peoples ears.

Church was held in peoples homes until churches were built as a communal effort by many people in the community. People's faith carried them through the early years of developing the prairie lands.

LINDSVILLE HOMESTEAD

A friend who lived in Lindsville, 1906-?, took Jack and I to the old homestead in 1992. She told me of life in the early days in Lindsville. We met the people who owned the land. They thought graves were on the land, so the homestead portion was left in its original abandoned state. They grew crops around it. We informed them the graves had been moved to the churchyard near Bagot. We saw the remains of their home, root cellar with all the rocks they had collected for the walls in 1906, the old pump, caragana bushes and lone tree and tall grasses swaying in the wind. We brought home wild roses which were brought from Bagot in 1905 and growing in my garden now.

It certainly was a privilege to visit the land where my great grandparents homesteaded, 98 years before.

INGENUITY

Throughout all our communities since the early pioneers settled Canada, peoples ingenuity is and has been as unlimited as the horizon. Despite depressions, downturns in the economy, diseases, wars, and many other factors, pioneers in those days continued, as we do today, to remain optimistic about the future.

LOOKING BACK

As I look back at the development of Canada, and our own families history, I wonder if you know your families history? During this time of isolation it just may be of interest to you to collate your families history if you have not already completed it.

I am grateful I have never had to live in a sod house on the bare prairie, to listen to the howling winds of blizzards anymore and to live here in this beautiful valley.

LIFE IS WORTH CELEBRATING

30 DAYS OF MAY FIRESMART BLITZ

Prepare for wildfire season!

REMOVING COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS WITHIN 10 M OF YOUR HOME IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK

REMOVE DRY PINE NEEDLES AND HIGHLY FLAMMABLE SHRUBS LIKE JUNIPER AND CEDAR, PRUNE BRANCHES WITHIN 2M OF THE GROUND, AND THIN TREES TO 3 M APART

TO FIND OUT MORE DOWNLOAD FIRESMART HOMEOWNERS' MANUAL FROM WWW.WASAFIRE.WEEBLY.COM

WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE PREVENTION & SUPPRESSION



WASA 2020



Invite a local FireSmart Rep to your home to suggest ways to reduce fire hazards and set up water systems to protect your property

30 days of FireSmart posts on Wasa Facebook

Enter to win a WASP Wildfire Protection kit

RDEK will provide free chipper June 5 to dispose of woody debris cleared from your property

Email to sign up for chipper kathyemccauley@gmail.com

More info at www.wasafire.weebly.com



Wildfires are inevitable, but only a small proportion (less than 5%) that cannot be contained account for most area burned. An even smaller proportion (less than 1%) of wildfires account for almost all disastrous fire losses in the wildland urban interface. Creating ignition resistant structures and properties is therefore critical to preventing wildfire disasters.

When a fire is burning on the outside of your home or cabin take time to check your wooden decks. They become dry and tend to be a great starter point both on top and below for embers to burn. Needles can gather and we all know how combustible these needles can be. If you have time apply water in large amounts both on and below the deck.

Take the time to figure out what means the most to you. Examples are Birth Certificate, Passport, Photos, Wallet, Jewellery, Banking info, Pets etc make a list and have it at the ready. If the RCMP say you have a limited amount of time prior to evacuation you can refer to your list of essential belongings, collect them and leave within minutes as it may be all the time you have. BE PREPARED !!!

Pay attention to flower beds and potted plants near any wooden buildings or decks as peat moss is used in them. Peat moss can smoulder unnoticed for many hours before bursting into flames and at times needs no direct source of ignition. Prune tree branches from the ground up approx. two meters, to eliminate ladder fuels for fire to climb.

Wasa Volunteer Fire suppression group is NOT there to fight fire on your home!!

We will try to be there to keep the fire from spreading to other homes or to try to keep the wildfire from coming into WASA



WHO DO YOU CALL?

In a fire emergency, first call BC Wildfire 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cell phone.

Then call these Wasa volunteers until someone answers.

Mike Gall 250-417-9422
Lyle Zaksauskas 250-421-2650
Bill Walkley 250-427-1049
Sharon Prinz 250-417-7654
Darcy Tagg 250-417-6617
Kathy McCauley 250-427-6637
Debbie Waterer 250-426-9791

The people listed are members of the Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression committee. In the event of fire, they will arrange to activate the community fire suppression trailer and call other members of the community to help.

The aim is to prevent fire from spreading, NOT to put out house fires.



**Only available
April 30, 2020 to October 15, 2020**



Fire Bans and Restrictions

Find out what fire bans and restrictions are in effect in your area. You can face serious fines and penalties if you fail to adhere to these bans and restrictions. Fines range from \$307 - \$1150 **for each offense**.

*** Please note: local retailers may have fireworks for sale, but that is not an indication that they are legal for use in this area.*

The following activities are prohibited: Category 2 open fires; Category 3 open fires; Resource Management open fires; **the use of fireworks; the use of sky lanterns**; and the use of burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description (except when used for a campfire). Restrictions will remain in effect until the public is otherwise notified.

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

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

These prohibitions apply to all public and private land within British Columbia, unless specified otherwise (e.g., in a local government bylaw).

Open Burning Restrictions continued for all High Smoke Sensitivity Zones in British Columbia

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, in collaboration with provincial public health partners is continuing open burning restrictions for all High Smoke Sensitivity Zones across the province until Monday, June 15, 2020. Pursuant to the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, no new fires may be initiated and no additional material may be added to existing fires. These restrictions do not apply to campfires. These restrictions are directly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the effect pollutants have on viral respiratory infections.

Enforcement

Enforcement of fire prohibitions is undertaken by:

- * the Compliance and Enforcement Branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development;
- * the Conservation Officer Service; and
- * the RCMP.

All illegal fires will be investigated, and charges may be laid under the Wildfire Act or Wildfire Regulation, depending on the outcome of the investigation.

Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone.

For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, and air quality advisories, go to: <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>



Garden Facts & Fables

June / July Garden Tasks:

- Divide spring flowering Bearded Iris and Oriental poppies after they bloom when they slow growth. Usually necessary every 4-5 years. Prune back top growth to by 1/3.
- Keep roses clean from diseased wood and unhealthy canes. Pick off faded flowers and keep petals and leaves from the ground reducing disease problems. Spray with natural 3-IN-1 Neem Oil to control fungal diseases as well as mites and insect pests. Direct sow leafy vegetables outside
- Remove suckers from tomato plants.
- Inspect daylily plants for the daylily gall midge (*Contarinia quinquenotata*). Its larvae feed on the buds of daylilies, distorting their appearance. Remove such distorted buds, bag them, and dispose of them properly (not in the compost pile).
- Plan for fall garden: Plant beets and carrots by mid-July; plant transplants of cauliflower (fall and overwintering), broccoli, kale and cabbage (fall & overwintering); plant quick maturing bush beans; continue to plant a row of lettuce the first of each month.
- Stake and train tomatoes as they grow, monitoring for blight. If you see it (yellowing leaves, black spots on stems & leaves), prune for air circulation at the bottom and centers of plants and cut off affected leaves. Treat with organic fungicide as last resort.
- Coax fall blooms from the following perennials by cutting back after initial bloom: Shasta Daisies, Scabiosa (pincushion flower), Yarrow, Ladies' Mantle, Coreopsis, Rudbeckia (black-eyed susan), Salvia/Sage, Veronica (speedwell)
- Provide water in the garden for the birds, especially during dry weather.
- Keep cukes well watered. Drought conditions will cause bitter fruit.

GARDEN RULES
Play in the Dirt
WISH FOR RAIN
Feed the birds
PULL WEEDS
Butterflies & Buzzing Bees
Always Welcome
SAVE YOUR SEEDS
Share the Surplus
FERTILIZE
SIP A DRINK
RELAX & ENJOY THE VIEW

An old method called 'rhubarb forcing' involves putting your rhubarb in a dark shed, tricking it into thinking that it's spring. This will cause the rhubarb to grow unnaturally large at an unnaturally fast pace. So fast that you can hear the rhubarb popping as it grows.

*Far up in the deep blue sky,
Great white clouds are floating by;
All the world is dressed in green;
Many happy birds are seen,
Roses bright and sunshine clear
Show that lovely June is here.
by F.G. Sanders*



There's a chemical in chili peppers called capsaicin that tricks your mouth to feeling like it's being burned – that's why spicy food hurts.

The pain is all in your head!

Back in the early 1800's, people thought tomatoes had medicinal qualities. One doctor claimed they could treat diarrhea and indigestion, so he made a recipe for a type of tomato ketchup which then became a pill.



Never despair, always practice!

My Spiritual Teacher, who was a genuine Self Realized Being, once told me something I've never forgotten which has always been helpful. I was, at the time, going through a series of difficult situations, uncertain of what their outcomes would be. I must emphasize that during both easy and challenging periods, my security has always been that I could count on the Wisdom of my Guru. Great masters have their own ways of making us realize the higher purpose of what happens to us in the phenomenal world. Anyway, the moment was the most difficult at this point in my life, and it was also at this moment that I received one of the most important Practical Spiritual Teachings from my Master.

His Holiness the Lord Hamsah Manarah said to me: "Everything that happens to you always happens as a challenge and as an opportunity." It was his way of reminding me that life and all that happens in it are good ways to remember the value of the True Spiritual Practice. We can intelligently practice the Keys of Wisdom we have received on our Spiritual Path or we can let ourselves be carried away by our emotional reactions in front of adversity and despair about it.

By telling me this, my Master was teaching me that we can seize every event in our life as an opportunity to come back to ourselves and remember the practice. What is "Practice" on the Path of Light if not to remember the Keys of Wisdom received from our Master. Remember that everything that happens to you always happens both as a challenge and as an opportunity. It is an opportunity because it makes you remember the True Value of a clear Practice of

Wisdom.

From that moment, a drastic shift happened within me that made me think, "Everything must serve to make me remember the practice." Any challenge in life then became an opportunity for me to practice the Dharma at its highest level. From there, everything changed around my relationship to events. Since we are in the world of form, we therefore have to adapt our Spiritual Practice within the world of form.

Use what is indestructible within you to vanquish what is destructible. The world of form is impermanent... a professional success can collapse; the love of your life can be broken by the sudden death of the one you love. You live in a relative world. Maybe are you not yet mature enough to become a Priest in his church, a Monk in his monastery, a Swami in his ashram, or a Yogi in his cave, because for them, only "the Essential", the Ultimate Truth, the Divine, counts. But you can practice the Keys of Wisdom and accomplish yourself, your true Self, in that which is destructible. Meaning, you can be invested in your professional life, in your travels around the world, or in playing a musical instrument... you can go to a show, fall in love, or raise your kids; but do so as a True Disciple of your Master. Whether your Spiritual Master is Jesus, Buddha, Brahma, or the Absolute, act as His true Disciple. Use every challenge as an opportunity to practice and to remember your Master. What would your Master do if he were in the same situation as you?

Life is but a momentary School of Wisdom designed to acquaint you with the tremendous Power of Love of the Divine Force.

Life is not merely a series of challenges; it is above all a Great Opportunity to discover your True Spiritual Nature. One can be very spiritual all the while being immersed into the world of form because both are compatible. Don't be sometimes oriented to God and God only, then suddenly become engulfed into your activities. You have to do both at the same time. Your ambition and your spiritual Practice must go on together. It is then your entire existence that becomes the point of support for your progress on the Path of Light. This is the only way to get to the other side of the River of Life. Don't be divided between your unrealistic ideals, which today is a lying ideal, and your current Truth.

The great truth here is to remember that if there is an emotion or annoyance, then you cease to see anything clearly anymore. May you be convinced of this as soon as possible. Train yourself to welcome everything, good news or bad, always in relation to your Goal of inner Accomplishment.

Remember that the Divine Force is in the background of everything that is happening in your life. You're not alone. Every challenge is an opportunity for a Wise Practice, so use it dearly!

Warmly yours on the Path of Life,

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Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha

Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram

The Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha has withdrawn from regular public teachings to intensify his prayers and meditations for the world. However, you can be notified of occasional lectures by requesting to be added to our emailing list. Visits of the Ashram are by appointment only. For more information, please contact the Ashram at ashram@adivajra.ca or 250) 422-9327.





Wasa Community Library

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



We close for summer and Christmas holidays submitted by Judy McPhee

**PLEASE NOTE JUNE HOURS 11:00am-12:00pm
TUESDAYS- June 02-June 16-June 30**

Our library closes for the summer at noon on June 30th

You are most welcome to come on the above Tuesdays in June from 11-12pm and pick up as many books as you want for summer reading. Please return them in September.

*"What we do is less than a drop in the ocean,
But if that drop were missing,
The ocean would lack something"*

Mother Teresa

The library, as is with all the different organizations in Wasa, depend on volunteers. Our communities rely on people volunteering to keep the groups going. It could be you, missing from a group. Many volunteers make light work and do think of the social benefit of volunteering!

Over the summer, please ponder what you can do to volunteer or help make our communities of Wasa, Ta Ta Creek and Skookumchuk the best ever-- even if it is picking up refuse on your walks. Please take a plastic bag on your walks. There is a list in the TVB of different groups you can belong to and volunteer to help with. Are you Interested in helping out at the library? Please phone Marg Burin at (250)- 422-3565. Thank you.

Each year, people read books which stick with them. I would be interested in hearing of worthwhile books you have read. Please phone me anytime over the summer (250)- 422-3766 and we just may be able to purchase them for the library. I will be sure to mention them in future editions.

In review, this month I recommend some of the books patrons or myself have read, loved and remembered and really enjoyed. You may want to pick some of them up for summer reading if you have not already read them.

ALONE IN THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK By Gladys Taylor

A delightful book on a motor trip around the perimeter of Australia by Gladys at the age of 60" she slept in her car and lived mostly on oranges and tomatos. Her chronicle is quite entertaining. A light, joyful read!

BECOMING by Michelle Obama

Her life from a little girl to her life in the White

House. Most informative and thought provoking. Issue 230

BARACH OBAMA- IN HIS OWN WORDS

Another book to "feed your mind"

LETTERS FROM A LADY RANCHER by Monica Hopkins

Homesteading and developing a horse ranch in Priddis, AB., 1909-1911

FAMOUS LOVE LETTERS- messages of intimacy and passion- edited by Ronald Tamplin
There is even one in there by Sir Winston Churchill.

THE PROMISE by Leslie Pierce

A page turner! A book on a WW2, hospital in England featuring two nurses going to the battlefield to pick up injured soldiers, the trauma in the hospital and their lives. Most interesting and a book I written to "stick" in your mind.

FOR THOSE WHO LIKE MYSTERY AND CRIME BOOKS!

Author Lyn Barclay writes good mystery and crime books. Suggestions from our library: "Far From True", "Elevator Pitch", "Noise Downstairs"

Books by David Baldachi - He is a Canadian Author - We have a number of his books.

A SECRET KEPT by Tatiana de Rosnay

A family childhood secret about the invisible ties that bound a family together.

NATIONAL TREASURES by June Caldwell

June's interviews a number of famous Canadian people who have exemplified a good and useful life and who have contributed and given to Canada in their own way.

These are just a few memorable and entertaining books. There are myriads of books on every subject To chose from for summer reading".

A special thanks to the staff, Marg Burin and Rose Smith who manned the Library this past year.

KEEP READING. IT'S ONE OF THE MOST MARVELLOUS ADVENTURES THAT ANYONE CAN HAVE.

Lloyd Alexander

Have a wonderful summer everyone. Enjoy your life.

LIFE IS WORTH LIVING

BC bats not to blame for COVID-19 - bats need OUR help:

BC Annual Bat Count contributes to province-wide surveillance for White-nose syndrome

The COVID-19 pandemic has shone a negative spotlight on bats, due to concerns over BC bats carrying the virus. This association is a myth - bats in BC do not have or spread the SARS-CoV-2 virus responsible for COVID-19. Misinformation such as this can lead to unfounded fear and persecution of bats.

In reality, bats are an essential part of our ecology, consuming many insect pests each night. Bats in BC suffer from many threats, and almost half of our 15 BC bat species are 'at-risk'. One of the more familiar species, the Little Brown Myotis, is now Endangered in Canada.



Bat count 2019 before social distancing. Photo: Okanagan Bat Project.

A simple way to support bats is to participate in the BC Annual Bat Count this summer. The BC Community Bat Program is requesting colony reports and volunteer assistance for this citizen-science initiative that encourages residents to count bats at local roost sites.

Bat counts are easy, fun, and safe, not to mention vital for monitoring bat populations. "The counts are a wonderful way for people to get outside, respect social distancing guidelines, and be involved in collecting important scientific information" says Leigh Anne Isaac, Coordinating Biologist of the Kootenay Community Bat Program.

1 - 2 counts are done between June 1 and 21 before pups are born, and 1 - 2 more between July 11 and August 5 when pups are flying. Our target is to complete four counts during these two periods.

In 2019, the Annual Bat Count collected baseline data on bat populations at 337 sites across the province, and hopes to monitor these sites and more for 2020. The count data helps bat biologists understand where bats occur and how the size of colonies naturally vary before our bats face impacts from a devastating bat disease called White-nose Syndrome.

White-nose syndrome is an introduced fungal disease, fatal for bats but not



Townsend's Big-eared Bat is one of the species counted during the BC Annual Bat Count. Photo: Aimee Mitchell

for other animals or humans. Not yet identified in BC, the disease continues to spread in Washington State, less than 200 km from our border. Results from the Bat Count may help prioritize areas in BC for research into treatment options and recovery actions.

"We know relatively little about bats in BC, including basic information on population numbers" continues Isaac. "This information is more valuable than ever, particularly if it is collected annually. If people want to get involved but don't have a roost site on their property, we will try to match them with a roost site nearby."

Volunteers wait outside a known roost site, such as a bat-box, barn, or attic, and count bats as they fly out at twilight. Ideally,



Bat emerge from a roost site at dusk. Photo: Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project.

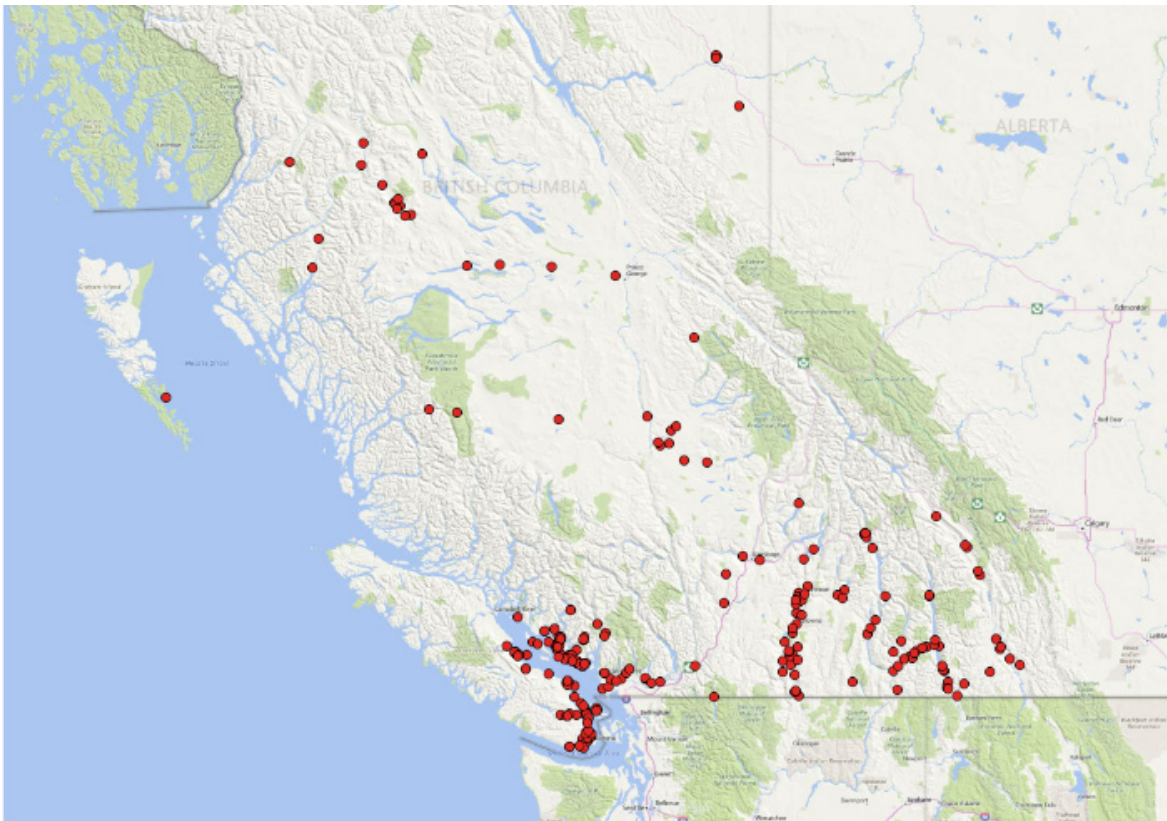
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BC bats not to blame continued

Funded by the Columbia Basin Trust, Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, the Forest Enhancement Society of BC, the Habitat Stewardship Program, and with support of the BC Conservation Foundation and the Province of BC, the Kootenay Community Bat Project provides information for people dealing with bat issues on their property or who have questions about how to attract bats.

Map of bat count sites across BC. BC Community Bat Program.



To find out more about bat counts, white-nose syndrome, to report a dead bat, or to get assistance dealing with bat issues, visit www.bcbats.ca, call 1-855-9BC-BATS ext. 14, or email kootenay@bcbats.ca.

More factual information about bats, the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and COVID-19 is available at:

BC Community Bat Program: www.bcbats.ca <https://bcbats.ca/index.php/get-involved/community-bat-program-news-updates/91-information-bulletin-on-bats-in-bc-covid-19-and-wns> and

Bat Conservation International <http://www.batcon.org/resources/media-education/news-room/gen-news/80-latest-news/1227-bci-s-faq-on-bats-and-covid-19>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Are you new to the Community? Recently retired and have time on your hands? Want to meet neighbours? Just love to get involved and give back? We might be able to help with that! Because our Communities are small, we rely very heavily upon Volunteers. And there are so many areas that would benefit from any skills you have to share. I encourage you to take a look at the list below and call existing members to see where you can help out.

- Wasa & District Lions Club
- TriVillage Buzz Newsletter
- Wasa Recreational Society
- Bingo
- Wasa Lake Land Improvement
- Armchair Traveller
- Wasa & District Historical Association & Memorial Garden Group
- Wasa Community Library
- Tri-Village Kids Club
- Wasa Gym
- Wasa Pancake Breakfast

.....are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons.

We would love to see you!

"Volunteering is a work of heart"

The Wasa Recreation Society

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

- Hall Rentals and Information: Karen Markus 250.422.3514
Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
- Gym-Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019, Rod 250.422.3253
- TOPS Fridays 9 am - Susan 778.524.0012
 - Library-Judy McPhee 250.422.3766
- Quilter's Club Tuesdays 10-4 - Linda Sungaard 778.524.4456
- Check the monthly calendar for BINGO's dates on the **2nd Tuesday of each month** at the Wasa Hall.
- Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. and regular at 6:45 p.m.



Lion's Roar:

submitted by Terry Marvel

Not a lot is happening with the Lion's at this time as with everything else, but there are a few things worthy of our attention.

Lion Sharon Prinz has applied for and got approval for a BCHYDRO waiver for our electricity usage for the period of April 1st to June 30th. That will be a huge savings for the club as our fund raising events have all been put on hold. *Thank You Sharon!*

We are also awaiting word for partial use of our Lion's Grounds to open up. We would like to have the rink and the tennis court open for use sometime in the near future. The pickleballers are getting antsy!

There is also a chance we may be able to carry on with our highway cleanup using personal distancing. We will contact Lion's members and the public if and when this will take place, as there will be no Buzz for July.

The 250 Draw that was slated to happen Aug. 1st, could possibly be postponed for a month due to the difficulty of selling the tickets, so contact your Lion's members and buy up those tickets! You could win \$500 or even \$1000 for the price of a \$10 ticket!

So chin up everyone! Things are getting better slowly. As long as we all do our part, this crisis will be behind us soon and life can return to "normal".

Until August, have a great summer and may your gardens grow! 🍅

*In early
June the
world of leaf
and blade
and flowers
explodes,
and every
sunset is
different.
John Steinbeck*

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Box 779, 6102 Wasa Lake Park Dr., Wasa, BC
Summer hours: 8:30-5 M-F; 9-5 Sat and 10-4 on Sundays - May to Sept. 2

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There is no physical way to determine the difference between an Africanized honeybee and the less harmful European bee - even a specialist must examine several bees together to differentiate them.

Bruno's Plumbing Service

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250 342 5105
brunosplumbing@shaw.ca



Serving The Columbia Valley

Wasa & District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by Sherry Shields

Our Community Garden is always looking for volunteers. If interested in being on our volunteer list please call Sherry Shields @ 250-919-7887 ©

Spring clean up was an amazing success. The garden is looking well cared for. Our garden shows the pride we have in our community and for the loved ones we want to remember. Job well done volunteers

JC McPhee our water expert has turned on the water and drip system.

Heather from Prairie Greenhouses is getting plants ready for the planter boxes and will hopefully be planting soon if the weather cooperates.

Summertime Roster is full. The garden will be in caring hands throughout the summer.

May our summer be filled with happy memories and may we all stay SAFE.

I often sit in my Garden and think of you awhile

REMEMBERING WONDERFUL MOMENTS MY SADNESS BECOMES A SMILE

For sitting in my Garden

IS MY FAVOURITE PLACE TO BE

For I know in my heart you'll be sitting next to me

2019 Columbarium Niche & Plaque Costs

UNIT 1 Columbarium

Upper levels - \$1000 + engraving

Bottom Row - \$900 + engraving

UNIT 2 Columbarium (new)

Niche cost - \$1100 + engraving

Niche Engraving - \$275 / Memorial Plaque - \$300

Contact: Pat Walkey 250.422.3530 or pwalkey@shaw.ca

KOOTENAY RIPPLES

History of Wasa/Ta Ta Creek/
Skookumchuk. There are a few
books still available for sale.

\$50.00

Contact Pat Walkey @ 250 422-
3530 or pwalkey@shaw.ca.

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

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



For Gym Schedule Please Contact:

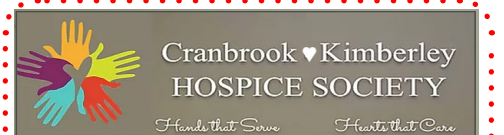
- Sonia Blackwell at 250.421.3019 or
- Rod at 250.422.3253



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

GYM HOURS AND INFO

PLEASE NOTE: The Wasa Triathlon that was rescheduled for August 8-9th has been **cancelled**.



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John Koochin

(Kooch, JK, Papa, Papa John, PJ)

Aug 23, 1938 to May 18, 2020

John just celebrated a 60th wedding anniversary to his school sweetheart, Ruth Rebalkin.

His entrepreneurial spirit brought them to Wasa Lake where they raised three children and grew their businesses with hard work, ethics and strong will.

Dad's competitive nature and love for baseball, hockey and golf created his most cherished memories; teammate, Coach Kooch, road trips and tournaments.

With John's request, there will be a family service only, held at Wasa Memorial Garden. Visits and phone calls are more than welcome.

So, with heavy but grateful hearts, we say goodbye for now.

Ruth

Carey & Heather Koochin

Robyn, Matt, Ava & Hudson Moll

Lindsay Koochin

Lisa & Ken Matheson

Kathy Koochin, Kc & Chelsea Fedun

"Keep your eye on the ball"

Arrangements entrusted to McPherson Funeral Services. Condolences for the family can be offered at: www.mcphersonfh.com

BC PARKS CLOSED TO NON-RESIDENTS

Campsites in B.C. provincial parks will be closed to people from outside the province this summer, as officials continue to adjust the rules to the coronavirus pandemic.

BC Parks said in a statement on Thursday that non-B.C. residents who already have reservations should call before June 15 to cancel and receive a full refund. Reservations made after next Monday by non-residents will be subject to immediate cancellation without refund.

"The health and safety of our BC Parks staff, park operators and visitors continue to be our top priority. We are all in this together," the agency said in the statement. According to an environment ministry spokesperson, all campers will be asked to show ID proving their residency when they arrive at the parks.

'It's just a prudent step'

Asked about the parks closure at his daily briefing, Health Minister Adrian Dix said the closure has been done, in part, to ensure British Columbians have first and only dibs on their provincial campsites for a summer during which they are not supposed to travel outside B.C.

"What we're trying to do ... is to control, to a degree, non-essential travel or overnight travel. It's just a prudent step that's being taken. It's also being done to ensure access should such campsites be reopened sometime in the summer ... British Columbians have full access."

BC Parks did not say how it will determine who is a resident.



Dave Shipley passed away suddenly on April 20th, 2020 at the age of 60. He is survived by his loving wife Felomena, two sons, Dennie (Linda), Brandon (granddaughter Coral), sister Melanie (John), brother Tony, along with many nieces and nephews. Dave's dad (Ray) is 92 and is living in the Pines in Kimberley. Dave is predeceased by his very dear mother, Freda Shipley.

Although Dave's time on this earth was only 60 years, he certainly made every moment count. In the winter he would be seen floating down the ski hills with grace and precision. When he was not on the ski hills, he was in the backcountry traversing the mountains with his pals. You could also find him out on a lake either skating or ice fishing. Summer entailed hiking, canoeing, biking, more fishing, always enjoying the great outdoors.

Dave was a millwright by trade and craftsman, building their beautiful log home. Hand peeling logs became a family affair. Later they bought some property in Redfish, near Nelson. Where he spent many a day ski touring and canoeing the big lake. Visitors were always welcome.

In 2003 Dave was diagnosed with throat cancer and he fought that battle and lived to see another wonderful 17 years with his family and friends. He was so thankful for his dear wife Fel, who for years prepared meals that Dave could eat. Dave appeared every year in the Terry Fox Run recruiting family and friends to join him.

Dave was kind, compassionate, caring, and humble. His thoughtfulness radiated from him. He was loved by young and old alike. He loved animals too, from horses, dogs, cats (even the neighbor's cat adopted Dave). They both worked hard on their gardening and yard work. Dave often helped with the canning process as well. Freezers were always full of fish, fruit, and vegs along with Fel's delicious baking.

Berry picking was another one of Dave's prized adventures. Huckleberries were at the top of the list, even meeting the odd bear. Dave was still not deterred as he cautiously backed away and let the bear have its territory. Dave respected the outdoors.

Here's a Guinness to you, Dave! You have left us all with a part of yourself and the wonderful memories we shared. Dave was one of those special people that will be truly missed.

"Those we've loved don't go away, they walk beside us every day!"

Dave was such a generous human being and any donations can be given to the Terry Fox Foundation at terryfox.org/donate.

Dave's life will be celebrated after the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted or when it is safe for family and friends to gather to support one another and share their stories of his vibrant life.

*"I'm going back into the woods, To listen to the ancient trees, Branches long and withered, wise
Reaching up to thread my dreams. My faith I'll place unto them Barks rich with hard-won battle
scars, Leaves whispering with courage, hope, Rings of life that guide the stars."*

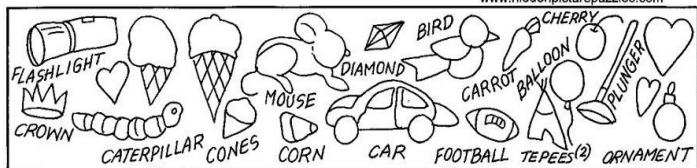
- Carly Dugmore

*"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life
lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature - the assurance that
dawn comes after night, and spring after winter."*

- Rachel Carson

*"The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone
with the heavens, nature and God."*

- Anne Frank



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Summer Ice Cream Word Search!



Banana	Chocolate	Peach
Brownie	Coconut	Peppermint
Bubblegum	Coffee	Pistachio
Butterscotch	Mango	Pumpkin
Caramel	Maple	Strawberry
Cherry	Neapolitan	Vanilla



ANIMAL WORD SCRAMBLE




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June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4	5 Wasa Lions chipping day	6
7 Church 10:30 a.m.	8 	9 Quilters 10-4	10	11	12 Tops 9 a.m.	13
14 Church 10:30 a.m.	15	16 Quilters 10-4	17	18	19 Tops 9 a.m.	20
21 Church 10:30 a.m. Father's Day	22	23 Quilters 10-4	24	25	26 Tops 9 a.m.	27 
28 Church 10:30 a.m.	29	30 Quilters 10-4				

As per long-standing tradition, there will be no Buzz in July. Enjoy your summer! 'See' you in August!

GERICK SPORTS
Wasa Lake TRIATHLON

AUG. 8-9, 2020

WASA WARRIOR
Earn your Wasa Shield
Tri x2 (Sprint & Standard)

SCHEDULE

Thursday & Sunday
WASA WARRIOR

Sunday
8am - 8am Standard Triathlon
8am Sp. - 8am Standard Duathlon
11:30am

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How many tomatoes did you find in this issue? Email the Tri-Village Buzz with the locations of the tomatoes you found and win a gift certificate to one of our awesome Wasa Businesses. You may be close if you find 15 of them ;)



Many of you have a story, adventure, or life stories about people you know in our area, that happened in years past. And you are eager to share so that the history is not lost. I would like to include them in the "Following the Trails of Yesterday" page. Please phone me if you would like to contribute to the column at 250.422.3766 or email me at -- judymcphee9@gmail.com --

What holds the sun up in the sky? – Sunbeams

NEW DATE!! NEW DATE!!!

Spring Cleaning Time!

WASA LIONS' COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Cancelled

Saturday May 16 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wasa Lions Club

Contact Val @ 422-3499, Sharon @417-765-4422-3539 to book a table space

Please contact if you have items you would like to donate to the Wasa Lions.

We are looking for new or gently used, clean, working items! No clothing please.

Clean out those things you don't use or need!!!

July 2020

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LEGEND.

Church Service 10:30 am BINGO 6 early bird
 Rec Society 7:00 pm 6:30 pm
 Lions 7:00 pm Quilters 10 am - 4 pm
 Library Tuesdays 11 am - 1 pm
 TOPS Fri 9 am Weigh in & Mtg. 9:30 - 10:30 am
 Armchair Traveller 7:30 pm

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- June 5th - Fire Smart chipping day
- Library closed July 1st - Sept. 1st
- Bingo - Second Tuesday in June, July, August, September & December - cancelled until further notice
- Second Wednesday - Coffee & Play cancelled until further notice
- Quilting cancelled until further notice



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Wasa Memorial Garden (Pat Walkey)	422.3530
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