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## The Power of Imagination

submitted by - Wendy Davis

Six year old Simon loves anything and everything to do with power lines.



Wasa resident Simon has built a power line structure the width and length of his Wasa home. The structure, built to scale is approximately a foot high and consists of over 50 poles which Simon has meticulously numbered. The lines made from a roll of black and gold yarn are strung from pole to pole held in place by a combination of clothes pegs, duct tape and masking tape. With some assistance from his dad, holes were drilled

in the wooden stakes where he feeds the lines and builds the supports for his poles. Simon continuously adds and adjusts his structure several times a day and is always happy to show anyone his beloved structure.

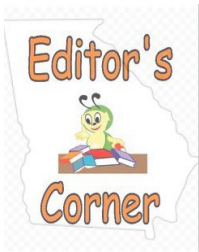
Simon states that "when I grow up I am definitely working on power poles." Ironically, his uncle is a line man but Simons passion for power lines developed far before he ever realized his uncles career!



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## THANK YOU !!!

Over the last few weeks the Buzz has received donations from the Wasa Lions, Wasa Quilters, Wasa Lake Land Improvement District and several individuals - known and anonymous! There is also a pancake breakfast planned for August 16th, with the proceeds going to the Tri-Village Buzz operating fund. (Volunteers Needed!) This has taken a huge burden off of me and concerns about how to keep the Buzz alive.

Thank you so much for the community support - words cannot express my gratitude! As stated by a community member:

*"In my opinion, this paper does more to communicate with, and connect our community to each other, than all the social media platforms, because it includes the valued members of our community who are not using those platforms.*

*It does not rely on a working phone or computer, or an internet connection. Once you have a copy in your hands, you can read it at your leisure, make notes on it, and return to it again and again, without all the electronic complications."*

While the Buzz has been approved for a one-time grant from the RDEK, other options are still being explored - we are not out of the woods yet.

Some suggestions that came forward from the RDEK meeting were:

- Asking for donations from the community members that enjoy the convenience of having the Buzz delivered directly to their mailboxes, to help cover that cost. The Buzz is published 10 months of the year, so your donation could reflect that.
- Asking for a subscription fee for community members who receive their Buzz digitally - much like local newspapers require. Again, based on the 10 publications per year.

I would love to hear feedback on these suggestions - and any others you may think of. I am committed to seeing the newsletter continue in a physical format, as well as continuing to provide the digital format when requested. There are a lot of community members who prefer the paper copy. In light of comments and feedback from community members, I will restore the mail-outs to Tata Creek and Skookumchuck. This does mean an increased cost each month and I am open to suggestions on how to manage that. An emailed digital copy is also available to anyone who supplies their email address to me. And Clay Tippet will continue to upload a digital copy to wasalake.com.

Please feel free to submit articles to help keep the Buzz interesting and community centered!

The beautiful sunny morning of 24th of May saw friends and family of John Crosby McPhee enthusiastically run into the not quite freezing waters of Wasa Lake at Campers Beach for the Second Annual JC McPhee Memorial Swim. JC was a tireless community volunteer. Examination of the picture will show David Pike blowing his newly created instrument, the McPhorn, made in part from electrician's conduit, to signal the start of the plunge, while JC's friend Krista showers the attendees in buoyancy bubbles. Cookies and coffee were then served to all the attendees, both wet and dry.



The  
temple  
bell  
stops,  
but I  
still hear  
the sound  
coming out  
of the  
flowers

Matsuo  
Bashu

## Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

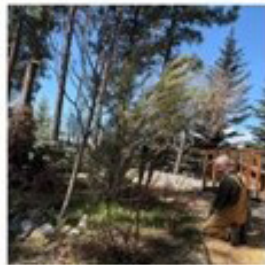
submitted by - Kate Kelly

As these first warm days of summer move-in slowly, like a deep breath, may it be an invitation to pause and may the summer days be full of small joys and quiet moments...

Our volunteer crew had a most productive spring clean morning at the memorial garden. The hard-working cleaning crew tidied the garden while being serenaded by the meadow larks. A very big thank you to our Spring clean volunteers: Mike Blackburn, Ron Hrisook, Sherry Walkley, Jocelyn Martin, Ken & Della Boechler, Gary Bzdel & Sherry Shields – Well done team!

Our Summer volunteer roster is now full – thank you – but we do continue to welcome folks looking to lend a hand with extra weeding and to spare when needed, new volunteers always welcome! If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sherry Shields via email at: [slshields27@gmail.com](mailto:slshields27@gmail.com)

We continue to look for new members in our Wasa and District Historical Association & Memorial Garden Group. Did you know that it's only \$5/per person for a lifetime membership? Having a large 'membership' helps us apply for government grant monies which keep our garden looking great. We kindly ask that Wasa residents (both recreational & permanent) to consider a \$5/per person lifetime membership. Please contact Judy Reimer at [mjlreimer@shaw.ca](mailto:mjlreimer@shaw.ca) or by phone 250-422-3343 to join. Thank you for your consideration!



### 2024 Columbarium Niche & Plaque Costs

#### UNIT 1 Columbarium

Upper levels - \$1,000 + engraving

Bottom Row - \$900 + engraving

#### UNIT 2 Columbarium (new)

Niche cost - \$1,100 + engraving

Niche Engraving - \$290

Memorial Plaque - \$350

(Engraving costs are subject to change)

#### Contact info:

Pat Walkey @ 250.422.3530 or

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*"I expect some new phases of life this summer, and I shall try to get honey from each moment..."*

~ L. Stone

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

#### • **Hall Rentals & Information:**

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#### • **Gym:**

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or Rod 250.422.3253

#### • **TOPS:**

Nicky Popowich 250.422.9248

#### • **Quilter's Club:**

Gayle Andrews 250-422-3095





## EAST KOOTENAY INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

### NISAM 2025 is Here

As the weather warms and Canadians head outdoors to enjoy the landscapes we love, Spring marks the perfect time to raise awareness and take action against invasive species. May the National Invasive Species Action Month (NISAM), a Canada-wide initiative led by Invasives Canada to shine a spotlight on how invasives impact everything from our food systems to our gardens, water-

ways, forests, and even our pets.

Follow us on our social media channels for simple, meaningful actions we can all take to help stop the spread. Whether it's washing your boots, choosing native plants, or making responsible pet choices, your small actions can have a big impact on biodiversity.

Invasive species pose a serious threat to Canada's food systems by damaging crops, reducing soil quality, outcompeting natives, spreading diseases and driving up pest management costs. The effect is billions of dollars annually in damage and management – of which Canadian farmers bear the burden of these costs. From wild pigs rooting through pastures and transmitting disease, to invasive insects like brown marmorated stink bug and spotted lanternfly devastating fruit crops and grapevines, the impacts are widespread and costly. Safeguarding these food systems starts with us. By staying informed, monitoring for signs of pests, and reporting sightings, we can all help protect Canada's agriculture and food security. We can make changes in our gardens that have big impacts on biodiversity! Spring is planting season and the perfect opportunity to make choices that benefit wildlife and stop the spread of invasives. This week is all about Plant Wise actions: choosing native or non-invasive alternatives, learning how invasives spread from gardens into the wild, and creating landscapes that nurture ecosystems, not harm them. We'll be highlighting the benefits of planting native, the potential risks of invasive ornamentals, and easy steps gardeners can take to create a more PlantWise garden this spring.

As the weather warms, more Canadians are heading outdoors to enjoy the country's natural beauty. But whether you hike, camp, paddle, or fish, outdoor recreation can unintentionally spread invasive species. They hitchhike on boats, firewood, vehicles, and gear, often without us even knowing. This week, we're highlighting Clean Drain Dry, PlayCleanGO and Buy Local Burn Local actions that help protect Canada's cherished lands and waters from aquatic invaders and forest pests. With a few simple steps, we can all enjoy the outdoors responsibly and help preserve the places we love for generations to come.

Pets and aquarium species that are released into the wild can become invasive, harming local wildlife and ecosystems.

Keep up with NISAM events and activities happening across the East Kootenays by visiting our events calendar or following us on Facebook and Instagram. There, you'll also find engaging content like quizzes, educational posts, and the latest invasive species news.

By coming together and taking action this month AND throughout the year, we can protect our people, profits, and places from the harmful impacts of invasive species. Don't forget to follow along, share posts, and use the hashtags #NISAM #BCISAM2025 and #SmallActionsBigImpact to join the movement.

Exciting news for everyone using InvasivesBC in the field! The brand-new InvasivesBC app is now available for iOS iPad users and it's coming soon to iPhones and Android devices too! This game-changing update means you'll be able to use the app offline in remote locations, making fieldwork easier and more efficient than ever. We're just getting our hands on it ourselves, but give us a few weeks and we'll be pro-ready to support you on your data collection journey this season!

### KNOW BEFORE YOU GROW

Spring is officially here, and we are deep in garden planning mode! If your kitchen table is covered in flower, veggie, and herb starts and you're on a first-name basis with the folks at your local garden centre, you're not alone.

Thinking of adding wildflowers to your garden this year? Us too! Pollinators need all the support they can get! But before you sprinkle that "wildflower mix", here's an important reminder: **not all seed mixes are safe for our ecosystems.**

Many blends, especially those marketed as "wildflower" or "pollinator-friendly" - include invasive plants that can escape your garden and harm native habitats. Seed mixes (and even birdseed!) are one of the top pathways for invasive plant introductions in BC. That's why it's so important to check the full ingredient list before you buy.



### Some invasive species to watch out for:

Baby's breath • Bachelors button / Cornflower • Black henbane • Blueweed • Common bugloss  
Butterfly bush • Common comfrey • Common periwinkle • Dame's rocket • Field scabious  
Flat peavine • Flowering rush • Foxglove • Himalayan balsam • Knotweeds  
Leafy, Cypress, or Myrtle spurge • Mountain bluet • Oxeye daisy • Purple loosestrife  
Queen Anne's lace • Scentless chamomile • Shiny geranium • Tamarisk • Teasel • Velvetleaf  
Wild caraway • Yellow archangel • Yellow flag iris • Yellow nutsedge • Yellow or Dalmatian toadflax  
...and many more. If you see these on the label, skip it.



You might be wondering: "If these plants are invasive, why are they still sold in stores?"

Great question... and we ask the same thing all the time! We work with local garden centres and push for better policies, but real change comes from you - the gardener. Your choices matter. When you choose non-invasive species, you send a clear message to suppliers and help protect the biodiversity of the East Kootenay.

Look for the PlantWise logo at your local nursery, it means they've committed to selling only non-invasive plants. If they don't have it? Bring your own knowledge! The Grow Me Instead Guide is your go-to resource for garden invaders and beautiful, safe alternatives (many of them native!). You can download it from our website or email [megan@ekisc.com](mailto:megan@ekisc.com) to request a print copy.

Looking for a wildflower mix that's safe and stunning?

We've got you covered. EKISC has created a custom seed blend with Alcla Native Plants with East Kootenay species!

Native plants are amazing - they've adapted to our local climate, so they're tough, beautiful, and low-maintenance. Plus, they provide vital food and shelter for everything from tiny insects to birds and mammals.

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**Eat bee friendly produce**  
**Leave stems in your garden through fall and winter - delay pruning until spring**  
**provide a home for native bees**  
**Remove swarms responsibly**  
**Create bee-friendly spaces outdoors.**  
**Purchase sustainable honey**  
**Don't kill bees or shoo them away**

I am often asked how people can get information on RDEK projects and services, so I thought it may be helpful this month to share some of the different ways you can stay informed about the work your local government is doing on your behalf.

The RDEK's website is always a good source of information. You can use the search function by clicking on the small yellow magnifying glass to open the search bar. When you type in a key word (or words), you will see several relevant options to choose from. Doing a quick scroll of the top items rather than clicking on the first item that comes up can be helpful if the first item doesn't appear to be exactly what you are looking for. On the left-hand side of the home page, you'll find the latest news releases and on the right-hand column, a list of upcoming events. Both sections can be useful tools. You will also notice a black bar with a link in yellow font for the RDEK Engage Page. The "engage page" is a big source of information and is used for all active RDEK projects or public engagement activities. In the top section on the page, you can see current and active projects, while a scroll down to the bottom section will show a few archived projects that may be of interest. The engage page is built using public engagement software that allows RDEK staff to use different engagement-specific tools. Over the coming weeks, a number of new projects will be added, and I encourage you to bookmark this page and check it out.

Back on the RDEK website, if you click on the "ABOUT" drop down menu on the main page, you will see a drop-down menu with a host of different links. One that may be of particular interest is the Meetings/Minutes section. This is where you can see all the upcoming meetings and current notices. The Meetings & Notices link will take you to the page that lists all upcoming meetings and active notices including: bylaw amendment (both those requiring public hearing and those that do not require a public hearing), Short Term Rental Temporary Use Permit Applications under consideration, Other Meetings (such as Town Halls and Open Houses), Notices of Disposition, and Notices of Intent. Below that you will see links to the monthly RDEK Board meeting and the monthly RDEK Committee meetings. Every month the full agenda for both Board and the Committee meetings is posted on these pages on the Friday evening prior to the Board Meeting. On the Tuesday evening immediately prior to the Board Meeting, the amended agendas are published. You can also view the minutes for past meetings on these pages. If you are ever looking for the result of a public hearing, they can be found on the RDEK Board Meeting Agenda, under Section 11 (Planning Bylaws). Look for the PUBLIC HEARING REPORT for your line item. Depending on the timing of the public hearing, it may not be posted until the Amended Agendas are posted.

To the right of the "ABOUT" tab on the main page is the "SERVICES" tab – and this opens a drop-down menu to several of the different RDEK services. A popular link under the services tab is the Mapping link. The RDEK Public Web Map is a valuable tool and contains a great deal of information that can be very helpful to residents. To the right of the "SERVICES" tab, you'll see the "BYLAWS" tab and can view numerous key bylaws including Official Community Plans and Zoning & Floodplain Management Bylaws, Solid Waste Bylaws, Servicing Bylaws, Parks, Trails and Recreation Bylaws and more. One of the best ways to stay informed about projects and services in Electoral Area E is the RDEK email group. If you have not already signed up, I strongly encourage you to sign up. You can do so by visiting the RDEK website and clicking on "STAY INFORMED" in the top right of the home page. You simply enter your email address and choose at least ONE email list. In Electoral Area E, there are lists for Wasa, Ta Ta Creek & Skookumchuck as well as St. Mary Lake and Meadowbrook.

Once you've chosen at least one email group, make sure to scroll down and hit SUBSCRIBE. You will receive a confirmation email in your inbox to finalize the registration process and you can unsubscribe at any time. In addition to Area E specific topics, all emergency information is sent out via the email groups as well.

I hope that gives a bit of an overview for where you can find information on the RDEK's programs and services. I am also always happy to take your calls and hear from you. The staff at the RDEK are also available to help residents navigate the website, learn more about the engage page, or sign up for the email group. Have a great month!





# BCLSS

## Waterfront Living

Spring is here and as everything starts to green up, it's a great time to think about how we care for our shorelines. If you live on the water, the strip of land between your yard and the lake, called the riparian area, is more important than it might seem! These areas do a lot of heavy lifting when it comes to protecting lake water quality. With a few simple steps, like planting native vegetation, going easy on fertilizers, and keeping a natural buffer along the shore, you can help keep both your property and the lake healthy for years to come.

### *Twelve Simple Steps to Keep Your Paradise Intact*

- Keep the lot well - treed - never clearcut
- Protect shoreline vegetation; replant areas lacking shrubs and trees with native species
- Start a buffer strip by leaving some grass uncut near the water
- Build at least 30 meters away from the shore
- Give clear instructions to your contractors and monitor their work
- Avoid spilling fuels, antifreeze, paint thinner or other chemicals on land or water - clean up fast!
- Don't use fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides near the water
- Use only phosphate free soaps, detergents, and cleaners in your home
- Pump out your septic tank regularly - every two to three years
- Extend the life of your septic system by avoiding take additives and minimizing water consumption
- Refuel your boat with care - don't spill a drop
- Watch your boat's wake - it causes erosion!



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! Check out your options for getting involved!

Wasa & District Lions Club



Wasa & District Historical Association/Garden Group,

Wasa Pancake Breakfast, Wasa Volunteer Fire Society,



Wasa Gym,

Wasa Recreational Society,



Tri-Village Buzz newsletter, and more .....

There are so many areas that would benefit from any skills you have to share. Step up, step out, expand your horizons. We would love to see you!



BRITISH COLUMBIA

# FireSmart

## Everything You Need to Grow Fire-Resistant Gardens and Landscapes

From mowing your lawn to pruning trees, doing some basic yard maintenance will go a long way to reducing the sources of fuel around your property. Smart landscaping choices can make a world of difference. Best practices include:

- Regular yard maintenance (mowing grass, pruning trees, etc.)
- Understanding your Home Ignition Zones
- Choosing fire-resistant plants, hedges, and mulches

Adopting FireSmart landscaping practices can make a significant difference in how and where embers from a wildland fire accumulate, potentially saving your home. There are many other practices to consider when shaping your landscapes this year. For a full list of these practices and some practical tips to help you maximize your resilience, check out the link below!

<https://firesmartbc.ca/landscaping-hub/landscaping-best-practices/>

## Hints by Vi

I had the privilege of meeting Vi only a few times before she passed away in December 2016. Vi contributed monthly to the Tri Village Buzz and her column was always one of my favourites. I hope I can do this sweet and lively little lady justice.



- My friend Susie says you can reduce the sugar in any recipe by 1/4 cup and it shouldn't make a difference.
- Instead of buying overpriced watering cans, use old milk jugs or laundry detergent jugs. Drill a few holes in the caps, fill up the jugs with water and you're good to go.
- Mice can't stand the smell of fresh peppermint – so plant it around your house or put some oil of peppermint on a piece of cloth and place it in locations you suspect the mice may be visiting.
- For a quick ant kill, mix 2 cups of borax with one cup of sugar in a quart jar. Punch holes in the lid and sprinkle around the outside of your house.
- To keep your pizza crust crispy, try placing the cheese on before the sauce.
- To save leftover wines, freeze them in ice cube trays. They can be used for any dish you would season with wine or can be also used in coolers.
- Cottage cheese can be used in place of sour cream when making dips. Just place it in the blender until it is creamed.

*"We cannot solve problems with the kind of thinking we employed when we came up with them."*

### GREAT NEWS - WASA LAKE IS BACK ON THE MAP!!

The Community Connector Bus Will Now Pick Up Wasa Residents bound for Cranbrook Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 at Gas Station - Return from Cranbrook Hospital, 3 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays stopping at the Gas station 3:30. This bus continues up to Golden if you need. **Price is \$2.50 each way.** Medical patients have first priority. If there is room, others can ride this bus. phone 250.427.7400 to book your ride.



Wasa & District Lions Club  
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### 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 & 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 twoonie (\$2)
- Have fun and be safe!



For Gym Schedule  
please contact:  
Sonia Blackwell at  
250.421.3019 or  
Rod at 250.422.3253

**GYM HOURS AND INFO**



*Let's get the most out of our gym. If a group of at least 3 people are interested in using the gym other than Mon-Wed-Fri 8-9 am, when a group already goes, or evenings, & willing to commit for at least 3 months, contact Sonia with the time & she will arrange a key & let others know the time for more to be able to go too.*

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**8:30 am to 11:00 am**

**Coffee on at 8:00 am**

**Breakfast includes:**

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*"If anyone would like to play music at our Wasa Country Breakfasts please contact  
Karen Markus at 250 422 3514"*



## The Lions Den Lions Roar

Wasa & District Lions Club – Serving Wasa & Area since 1976

submitted by Terry Marvel

Let summer begin! Spring has sprung and the grass has riz. I wonder where the birdies is? Well, from my perspective they have arrived in swarms. First there were the chickadees with their “cheeseburger!” song, then came the finches with their pretty warbling. That’s on the mountain, the valley having different, but beautiful sounds of spring. And the greenery! The most hopeful, lushest time of the year.

The Lions held our annual Highway Cleanup in April with very few volunteers present but a good cleanup was carried out by Lion’s members and local volunteers alike. We also have had the old vinyl siding replaced on the pump/garage and kitchen buildings with new windows and security blinds as well. The siding is cement-based for fire resistance. The same has been proposed for the bathroom building, pending funding. The new siding is more durable (impact resistant) than vinyl and very attractive.

Some of the rink boards have suffered damage over the winter and will be replaced with plywood as the plastic becomes very brittle with the cold weather. A grant was received to purchase two handicap tables for the eating area for better accessibility for wheelchairs for the pancake breakfasts. We have also got more signs (signs, signs, everywhere are signs) no parking and no camping to be installed at appropriate locations. Also, it has come to our attention that the ball field is being used as a dog park in the off-season with few, if anyone cleaning up after their pets. Signage will be installed requesting dogs be on leash at all times. Poop bags will be available. No one wants to play ball with dog fecal on their shoes (or worse). Please be respectful!

Our scholarship presentation will take place again at the Selkirk Graduation ceremonies in June. Lion’s Member Diane Flanders doing the honors. This happens every year thanks to the generous donations of the public to our recycle program. Many thanks go out to the generous donations of cans and bottles that we recycle for funds for this and other Lion’s uses (maintenance of grounds etc.).

Our Book Sale is ongoing throughout the summer at the Garage Sale building with a cash donation box. All donated books gratefully accepted. Come by and help yourself! Read for enjoyment, relaxation and education. Be prepared to see what you can learn.

The Wasa Lions hope you have a safe, enjoyable and forest fire-free summer. Enjoy our beautiful area!





**CHECK US OUT!**

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**Want to learn to Quilt?**

Looking to advance your skills or learn a new one? Join the Wasa Country Quilters Group and learn with a talented group of quilters!


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## FIREPROOF SIDING? DID I READ THAT RIGHT?

Every summer it seems that we hear more news of wildfires and how they have destroyed everything in their path. Communities, either whole or in part, that have stood proud for years are reduced to ash. It is devastating for everyone!

The Wasa & District Lions are very aware of the damage a fire can bring. We have been fire-smarting the Lions Grounds, having dead trees removed, needles raked, tall dead grasses removed and anything else we can think of to make our area safer in the event of a wildfire. We also have been fortunate to receive a grant from Columbia Basin Trust to do Fuel Reduction of our treed property and adjacent Crown Land beside and behind rink as a protection against Wildfire in our community. Signage will be posted on the grounds about this project.

One of the biggest projects we have undertaken is the fireproofing of our kitchen area. How did we do this? There is a siding material made these days that is called Hardie Board. This is a fiber cement siding option composed of cement, sand and cellulose fibers. Fibre cement, you say? You read that correctly. I know it sounds crazy but with the cement fibres used, the material becomes very fireproof (and not very heavy, surprisingly). Cement doesn't burn, which is why fire departments around the world excel at saving basements.

Hardie Board is durable, lasting around 50 years, gives a nice classic look to the buildings and it is resistant to environmental factors. The downside is that this type of material is not cheap and it is labour intensive to install.

The Wasa & District Lions were very fortunate - applying and receiving a Grant from the Columbia Basin Trust that paid for 75% of the project costs. The Lions were responsible for making up the other cost portion and spent this last year raising funds to have the \$26,000 in place for the start of the project. The Lion's Club was thrilled to get the grant and by the time you are reading this article, the new siding will be on the Lions kitchen and this project completed. Let us know what you think. :)

We will continue fund raising, not only for our usual projects but so that in future, we can have Hardie Board installed on the garage and washroom buildings. Any donations we receive are very much appreciated. If you wish to send in a donation, please contact our Treasurer at 250 417-7654.

The Wasa & District Lions want to give a big shout out to everyone in Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck and other areas for their contributions to our on-going fund-raising events. We look forward to seeing you all over the summer at our Annual Yard Sale and Pancake Breakfasts.

Take care and may your summer be filled with lots of sunshine and happiness.

### **WASA LIONS MEDICAL LOAN CUPBOARD**

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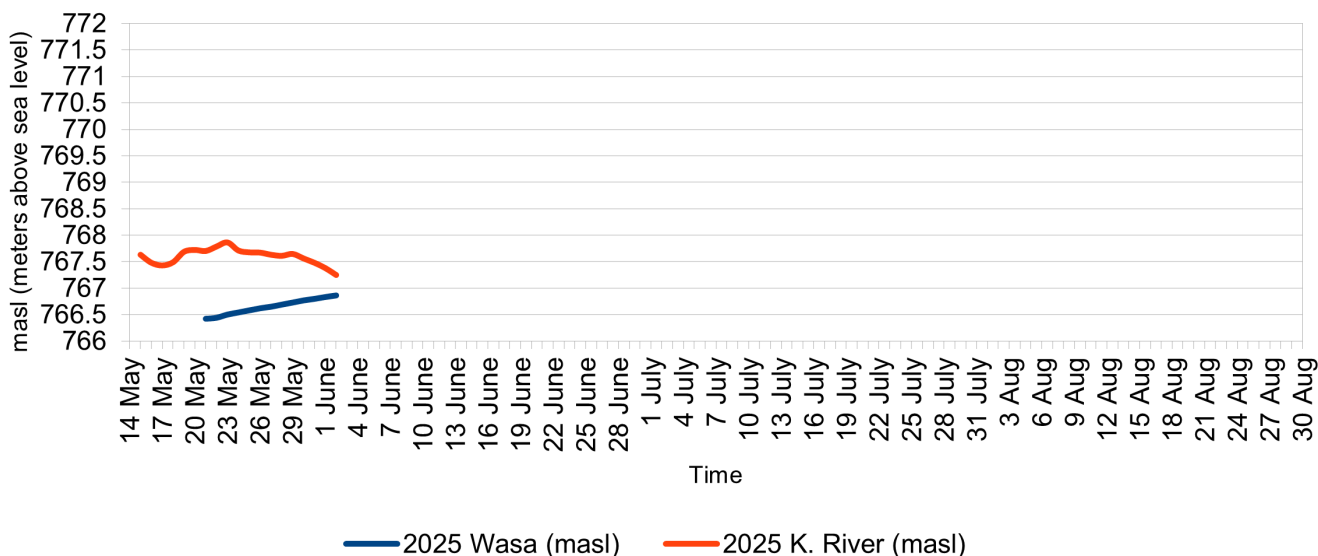


### Freshet is well underway.

The Wasa water level started rising five (5) days earlier than last year. On 23 May, the water level was 766.86 masl (meters above sea level) which is 15cm higher than last year at this time (766.71 masl).

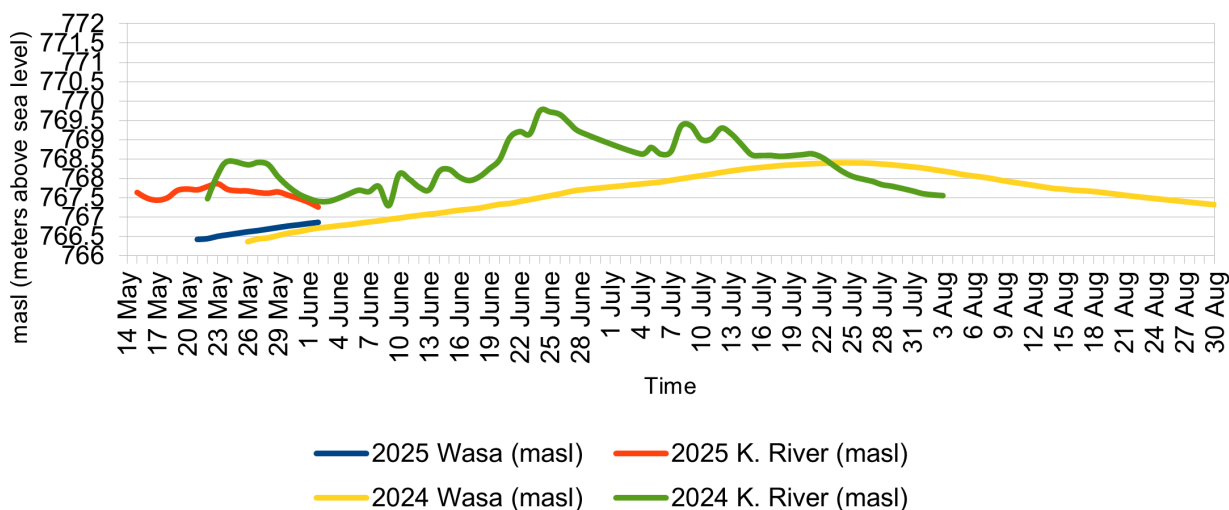
Here are the Kootenay River and Wasa water levels as of 23 May 2025.

### Water Levels (2025)



The graph below compares the 2024 and 2025 water levels.

### Water Levels (2024 & 2025)



The Kootenay River is running substantially lower this year compared to last year. On 23 May the River had dropped just below the measuring gauge. The usual May one meter jump in river level has not happened, but may still.

As mentioned in previous communications, the snow pillow at Floe Lake has a significant impact on the level of water here at Wasa. That snow level data is used to statistically calculate an estimated peak water level. On 23 May, only 18.06 inches of snow water equivalent remaining at Floe Lake. Based on the current snow pillow level, this years peak water estimate for Wasa is 768.18 masl, which is 22cm lower than last years peak level of 768.40 masl.





## Freshet is well underway - continued

This years estimated peak would be the sixth lowest peak level since 1996. Only 2001, 2004, 2015, 2019 and 2023 had lower peak water levels. WLLID will provide an updated peak water estimate in the early part of June.

The chart below shows the peak water level for the past 11 years.

Year	Peak Water Reading (masl)	Year	Peak Water Reading (masl)
2024	768.40	2018	768.70
2023	768.06	2017	769.46
2022	769.53	2016	768.24
2021	768.84	2015	768.09
2020	769.42	2014	768.94
2019	768.05	<b>AVG</b>	<b>768.72</b>

Please check out [www.wasalake.ca](http://www.wasalake.ca) for frequently reported water levels for Wasa and the Kootenay River.

A dedicated WLLID volunteer has begun E. coli testing at six (6) locations around Wasa. The volunteer collects water samples. Interior Health, Public Health Protection branch conducts the water analysis.

The chart below reports the findings as of 14 May.

Wasa e. coli Water Testing (2025)	E. coli per 100 ml	
Campers Beach	<5	Acceptable
Cedar Beach	<5	Acceptable
Horseshoe Beach	<5	Acceptable
Main Beach	<5	Acceptable
Pine Beach	10	Acceptable
Spruce Beach	<5	Acceptable

E. coli results can also be found at: <https://services.interiorhealth.ca/publichealthprotection/watersamples.aspx>

The WLLID Board plans to attend several pancake breakfasts this summer. Stop by and tell us about the best experience you've ever had at Wasa.

The 1st Wasa Water Day, hosted by WLLID, is scheduled for July 26th at Campers Beach running from noon until 3pm. It will be a great afternoon of water testing demonstrations, invasive species information and other water related activities. A BBQ and refreshments will be available.

All are welcome. This is a family event and children are encouraged to attend and learn about the water at Wasa. More details to come on the WLLID website – [www.wasalake.ca](http://www.wasalake.ca).

By now, you should have received the 2025 WLLID yearly parcel tax (\$50) invoice in the mail. Thank you for supporting the WLLID water activities.

Payments need to be made by July 15th, otherwise, per Provincial government regulations, WLLID will add a penalty. Interest will also be charged until the tax owing is cleared from your account. If you have made any changes in residency, ownership or have not provided your local box number, please inform WLLID at [admin@wasalake.ca](mailto:admin@wasalake.ca).

Enjoy spring and the rising water.



*Out for a spring stroll*



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**FIRE SOCIETY**

Please join us at the **Wasa Community Hall**

**June 13, 2025 at 7 PM**

for important presentations about

# **FIRE**

## **WASA LAKE WILDFIRE RESILIENCY PLANNING ASSESSMENT**

Where does Wasa currently stand with respect to community wildfire resiliency and what might the future look like?

## **BC WILDFIRE SERVICE**

A Wildfire representative will discuss the process they follow in the event of wildfire, the value of applied FireSmart principles, and safety concerns for volunteer fire responders.

## **SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Nominations for directors (along with a note of acceptance) must be submitted to [kathyemccauley@gmail.com](mailto:kathyemccauley@gmail.com) by midnight May 30, 2025.

This event is sponsored by a grant from



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## What Brought Me to Wasa, and Why I Stayed

by Rhonda Berger (

Unbeknownst to me, “something” drew this man in too.

He had been a self-imposed recluse for the last 6 years, had gotten his cataracts removed, and for the first time in his life, he could see clearly now.

He'd gone to town to do his weekly errands and was running late coming back, so thought he might just skip this coffee social. But he got dressed into his winter gear and made his way to the Community Center.

As I walked in, a girlfriend asked me to join their table. I'd spotted a couple I knew, so I told her I'd say hi to them and come back.

As I was visiting, a man who was sitting with her caught my eye for what seemed like a very long time, but in reality was only a few seconds. I thought to myself, hmmm, there is a man of interest!

After a brief visit, I went back and plunked myself between him and a woman. As I was sitting, I wondered if they were together. I had no time to wonder (and she didn't seem to mind), cause another friend said "Oh Rhonda, you're writing a book. Nowell is an author!"

Well, THAT grabbed my attention! I turned to him and told him I'd be interested in reading it...

I left shortly after that, as Emma was waiting in the car for her leash free run in the mountains.

To be continued...

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RHUBARB....It's a vegetable...it's high in fibre...it's full of calcium & Vitamin K...it's sour...& it's so good as a desert...

Here is a recipe from one of my favourite cookbooks, "Come and get it", Book Two, by Orlena Campbell.

### ***Rhubarb Cake Crust:***

1 1/2 c. flour

1 tbsp. sugar

3/4 c butter

Blend above ingredients and press into a 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350° F for 15 minutes. Cool.



**Filling:**

5 c. rhubarb, finely chopped 4 egg yolks (save the whites)

3/4 c milk 1 tsp. vanilla

1 1/4 c. sugar 3 tbsp. flour

1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Mix together and put onto base. Bake filling for 45 minutes. Remove from oven and top with meringue.

**Meringue:**

4 egg whites

6 tbsp. Sugar

Beat egg whites and sugar until stiff and foamy. Top cake with meringue and bake for 18 minutes.

submitted by Kim Koswan

### ***Your Place at God's Table***

The second characteristic of the kingdom is as potent as the first: "The dead have life." The grave has no power.

The year 1899 marked the deaths of two well-known men—Dwight L. Moody, the acclaimed evangelist, and Robert Ingersoll, the famous lawyer, orator, and political leader.

The two men had many similarities. Both were raised in Christian homes. Both were skilled orators. Both traveled extensively and were widely respected. Both drew immense crowds when they spoke and attracted loyal followings. But there was one striking difference between them—their view of God.

Ingersoll was an agnostic and a follower of naturalism; he had no belief in the eternal, but stressed the importance of living only in the here and now. Ingersoll made light of the Bible, stating that "free thought will give us truth." To him the Bible was "a fable, an obscenity, a humbug, a sham and a lie." He was a bold spokesman against the Christian faith. He claimed that a Christian "creed [was] the ignorant past bullying the enlightened present."

Ingersoll's contemporary, Dwight L. Moody, had different convictions. He dedicated his life to presenting a resurrected King to a dying people. He embraced the Bible as the hope for humanity and the cross as the turning point of history. He left behind a legacy of written and spoken words, institutions of education, churches, and changed lives.

Two men. Both powerful speakers and influential leaders. One rejected God; the other embraced him. The impact of their decisions is seen most clearly in the way they died. Read how one biographer parallels the two deaths:

*Ingersoll died suddenly. The news of his death stunned his family. His body was kept at home for several days because his wife was reluctant to part with it. It was eventually removed for the sake of the family's health.*

Ingersoll's remains were cremated, and the public response to his passing was altogether dismal. For a man who put all his hopes on this world, death was tragic and came without the consolation of hope.

Moody's legacy was different. On December 22, 1899, Moody awoke to his last winter dawn. Having grown increasingly weak during the night, he began to speak in slow measured words. "Earth recedes, heaven opens before me!" Son Will, who was nearby, hurried across the room to his father's side.

"Father, you are dreaming," he said.

"No. This is no dream, Will," Moody said, "It is beautiful. It is like a trance. If this is death, it is sweet. God is calling me, and I must go. Don't call me back."

At that point, the family gathered around, and moments later the great evangelist died. It was his coronation day—a day he had looked forward to for many years. He was with his Lord.

*The funeral service of Dwight L. Moody reflected that same confidence. There was no despair. Loved ones gathered to sing praise to God at a triumphant home-going service. Many remembered the words the evangelist had spoken earlier that year in New York City: "Someday you will read in the papers that Moody is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now.... I was born of the flesh in 1837; I was born of the Spirit in 1855. That which is born of the flesh may die. That which is born of the Spirit shall live forever."*

Jesus looked into the eyes of John's followers and gave them this message. "Report to John...the dead are raised." Jesus wasn't oblivious to John's imprisonment. He wasn't blind to John's captivity. But he was dealing with a greater dungeon than Herod's; he was dealing with the dungeon of death.

But Jesus wasn't through. He passed on one other message to clear the cloud of doubt out of John's heart: "The good news is preached to the poor."

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# ***WASA LIONS' COMMUNITY YARD SALE***



***Saturday July 12@ 8:30 am-1:00 pm***

***Wasa Lions Grounds***

***Please contact if you have items you would like to  
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***We are looking for new or gently used, clean, working items!***

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

## CELEBRATING ELECTORAL AREA E VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our Electoral Area E Volunteer of the Year, Sherry Shields.

Sherry consistently steps up to help, whenever and wherever assistance is needed in Area E. She is the maintenance manager of the Wasa Memorial Garden and has spent countless hours not only working to keep it beautiful but recruiting other volunteers to do the same. Her dedication to the garden shows that she not only takes great care with plants, but people too, as the garden is important to so many.

Along with her volunteer time spent in the Wasa Memorial Garden, Sherry can be found helping with a variety of events organized through the Lions Club, including the winter festival where Sherry and her family are famously known for cooking and serving bannock that many residents look forward to each year.

Sherry's time and effort have not gone unnoticed, and it was an honour to formally recognize her as the 2025 Area E Volunteer of the Year at the recent Area E Town Hall Meeting.

Thank you, Sherry! Your commitment and kindness radiate in all you do, and you exemplify the spirit of service that strengthens our communities.

Jane Walter

RDEK Electoral Area E Director.



There are 4 American Badger subspecies (T.t. jacksoni, T.t. jeffersonii [East], T.t. jeffersonii [West], and T.t. taxus). Each lives in a distinct region of Canada, but all of them need grasslands without forest for their habitat.

The biggest threat to the American Badger is agricultural activity and urbanization, which are splitting these habitats. One of the biggest urbanization issues is roads. They cut through American Badger territory and cause the animals to collide with vehicles.

Before their conservation status was assessed, all American Badger subspecies were recognized as one. Thus, Canada's distinct badger populations were not properly addressed. Once subspecies were recognized and distinct statuses were determined, species recovery teams were established to map out badger habitats and threats.

The Jeffersonii subspecies is also protected under the federal Species at Risk Act. It's protected on federal lands in BC. BC's Ministry of Environment lists the American Badger as a "red" species, meaning it's considered provincially threatened or endangered.

Since habitat loss is a major threat to American Badgers, habitat protection programs have been implemented around known den locations, especially dens used by mother badgers.

### How To Help

- **Report Sightings:** The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provides links on its website to track species at risk.
- **Report Illegal Activity:** If you're on protected lands and witness badger trapping, hunting, or other harassment. Use these links to report in the provinces the American Badger occurs:
- **Landowners:** If you find a badger den on your property, you may be eligible for stewardship protection programs! Get details for Ontario stewardships here.
- **Learn:** Stay informed about endangered species by signing up for Nature Canada's monthly e-newsletter.

Find out more: Help us end the extinction by taking action for nature today—visit conservation websites like Nature Canada or join one of our campaigns!

<https://naturecanada.ca/discover-nature/endangered-species/american-badger/>





It's been a very busy time for us! At about 3 PM, on April 23, a worried resident called a Society member to report an out-of-control grass fire at 6469 Wasa Lake Park Drive. While one person rushed to get the community water trailer, another member reported the fire to BC Wildfire Service, notified the other society members, and called other individuals with water trailers to come help. Within a few minutes, 3 water trailers were on site along with other volunteers who had responded when they saw the smoke. Fortunately, volunteers had the fire under control fairly quickly. We are happy to say that the report/response process worked very smoothly and further community damage was averted. BC Wildfire and Police attended to observe.

Less than 2 weeks later, on May 4, someone called us to report a ditch fire by Main Beach. It was a small fire and the caller had acted quickly to stomp it out before it grew out of control. Further inspection showed that no further action was needed.



In case you are not aware, this is the process to follow if you spot a local fire. Call the numbers on the Who To Call list (available at post office and in Buzz) until someone answers. We are volunteers and some days, some of us are out fishing so you need to work your way down the list until someone responds. Once notified, we call BC Wildfire, rush to get the community water trailer, and call others in the community who have private water trailers. We do not call other individuals because everyone usually responds when they see smoke; hence, no calls are required. If you wish to help, please be aware that you do so at your own risk. Wear

safe clothing that covers all of your skin, wear heavy-duty footwear, and bring rakes and shovels. We appreciate your help and your attention to safety. Do not take risks!

Another thing everyone needs to be aware of is that although we have a legal responsibility to call BC Wildfire, their attendance is not guaranteed and they do not work on fires on private land.

A happy event occurred on Saturday May 17 when we held our annual FireSmart Day at the Demonstration Site, corner of Wasa Lake Park Drive and School Road. It was great to see so many people in attendance. Many thanks to our helpers and to RDEK's FireSmart Paul Grismer, and our MLA Scott McGinness who came to support the event.

Don't miss our next event on June 13 at the Community Hall. A fire expert will report on Wasa's current level of fire resiliency, and a BC Wildfire representative will discuss procedures during a wildfire threat. They will also talk about the value in applying preventative measures, and safety concerns for volunteer fire responders. The presentations will be followed by our Annual General Meeting. See the full page ad in this issue of the Buzz.



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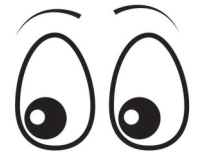
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**A Little Background:** on a new business in the area!



As a landscaper it's nice to have the materials we need on hand especially when the business is located out of town and away from retailers. So, we had a small piece of land on the property that was just used as a dumping ground for all sorts of stuff and I thought, why not put it to use?! So, I cleared that away and started setting up the space for the rock and topsoil; using concrete blocks I made several bays to stock the topsoil, mulch and rock, which is from all over the Kootenays.

Also, with the Meadowbrook greenhouse shutting down 2 years ago, it seemed the area could use a small garden center/greenhouse, especially for customers looking to avoid the tedious drive to Cranbrook.

We've now had the Ta Ta Garden Center open for awhile and already it's had a lot of visitors as well as some fantastic traction on social media. So, in my view, the opening weekend was a success with lots of potential and plenty of room to grow. And with support from the local community we are hoping it will be a great success.

We are open every Friday, Saturday and half day on Sunday's all summer until end of September. 9:30 until 4:30 (1:30 Sunday's)

Services offered are a small retail space offering various landscaping supplies and plants when available. Give Tavis a call to find out what the monthly special is - you will not be disappointed.

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# QUILT RETREAT

**JULY 18-20, 2025**

@ Wasa Community Hall  
Wasa School Rd, Wasa, BC

Are you looking for time to complete a quilting project or start a new one in the relaxed company of other quilters? Get away for a great weekend of sewing and friendship at Wasa Community Hall! Come join us! Quilters and crafters are welcome (limited spots available). Bring a friend to join the fun.

**Cost for the weekend is \$90**

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One of our volunteers will contact you  
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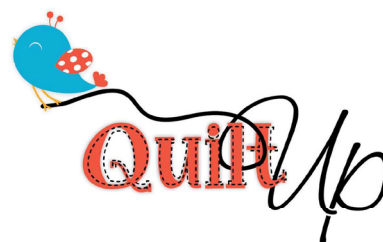
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**Quilt show and  
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10:30 to noon ish  
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submitted by - Norma Williams

At one of our TOPS meetings this winter we had some fun with a short food quiz, and thought it might be fun to challenge the Buzz readers with another quiz. Check out your knowledge of food trivia from around the globe!

1. Bubble tea originated in which country?
2. What is the main ingredient in guacamole?
3. How many items are in a baker's dozen?
4. Where was the fortune cookie invented?
5. Paella originated in which country?
6. What is the national dish of Scotland?
7. A tandoor is a type of what?
8. Kopi luwak is a very expensive type of what?
9. What is the highest number of Michelin stars a restaurant can receive?
10. Pho is a popular noodle soup from which country?
11. What type of restaurant would you typically find the condiment wasabi?
12. What fast food franchise has the most worldwide locations?
13. Roquefort is a French blue cheese made from the milk of what animal?
14. In which country did cheddar cheese originate?
15. Sriracha is a type of hot sauce named after a city located in what country?
16. What is a traditional fermented Korean side dish made seasoned vegetables and salt?
17. Chimichurri is a sauce that originated in which country?
18. The taste that allows us to taste savory foods is called what?
19. What ingredient is added to white sugar to make brown sugar?
20. A poke bowl is a diced raw fish dish that originated in which U.S. state?
21. What country is the world's largest producer of coffee?
22. The mojito is a rum cocktail from which country?
23. A stroopwafel is a wafer cookie that originated in which country?
24. What is the popular Australian food spread used on sandwiches and toast?
25. What is the white part of the inside of an egg called?
26. What dish, made from crushed durum wheat, is a staple in North Africa?
27. A deficiency of what vitamin may lead to dry eyes and night blindness?
28. What are the four main ingredients in beer?
29. Originally from Quebec, what food comes from the local French slang word for a "mess"?
30. What is the name of the meringue-based cake believed to have been created in honor of a Russian ballerina?

Find the answers in this issue!



Get your submissions in for your chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to one of our amazing Tri-Village Buzz advertisers!

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Take a photo of you with the Buzz and email your travel stories to me. Your picture will be featured in the current issue of the Buzz "2025 Where Do You Take Your Buzz contest"

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Going forward, in order to be entered into the gift certificate draw at the end of the year, submissions of your holiday pics need to include a half page article of your experiences while on vacation. We want to know what you enjoyed most, what you would recommend, your favourite meal, where you plan to go next. We want to vacation vicariously through you! Tell us all about it!!

## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IN WASA & AREA

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Al Jacobson  
passed away June 11, 2024  
68 yrs young



Our world was turned upside down, when you left it a year ago on June 11th and yet it still feels like yesterday. You are always on our minds, doing one thing or another. We keep your memories alive with all the crazy stories you have told and things that you have done. We have always said you were a cat with 9 lives and those lives went by way too fast. We all miss you dearly, my love, my rock, forever in our hearts.

*A HUGE 'Thank you' to Clay Tippet of the Tri Village Volunteers group for hosting and growing the vegetables and bedding plants for the 2nd annual Plant Sale on May 10th. He raised a total of \$1416.10 and donated it all to the "Wasa Community Hall fire upgrading project".*

*Also*

*A BIG 'Thank you' to the community who donated their plants to the Plant Sale. What an interesting variety of plants he had.*

*In the spirit of Volunteering  
Wasa Recreation Society*





**Adi Vajra Shambhasalem  
Ashram in Wasa, BC  
An Immense Garden  
Where the Flowers of  
Wisdom Constantly  
Bloom**

I've been writing in this journal for over twenty years now, humbly offering monthly pearls of wisdom received from my own Spiritual Master, in the hope that they might enlighten, touch or awaken a heart in search of meaning. My aim is not to give lessons, but to share a Breath, a Light, a Direction, in a world where confusion is thickening and the relationship with God seems, for many, to belong to another age.

I'll confess that if, in my youth, an Ashram had been near my home, I'd have run there without hesitation. I would have knocked fervently on the door, hoping to grow inwardly, to be transformed, to learn to know myself better, to love better, to unite with the Essential. Even then, I felt that the surface of the world was not enough. That life wasn't about accumulation, successor distraction, but about a deep, inner call to something greater, truer, more Divine.

Today's society seems to have lost all living traces of spirituality. The word "God" is often avoided, if not mocked. The Sacred no longer has a place in public space. Spiritual Places are seen at best as curiosities, at worst as Havens for the mar-

ginalized. We value competition, material success and unbridled independence... but we forget that the Soul needs silence, peace, truth, depth and a link with the Absolute.

It was against this backdrop that our Ashram, Adi Vajra Shambhasalem, took root in Wasa, British Columbia, Canada. More than a place, it's a living Garden of Wisdom, a Sanctuary dedicated to Consciousness, a Haven where sincere souls can reconnect with their own Essence, far from the hustle and bustle, far from pretenses. It's not a temporary retreat center, nor a place where people come for spiritual entertainment: it's a Land of Transformation. A Place of Silence, Presence and Inner Work.

It's true that, as Spiritual Instructor of this Sacred Place, I've always refused any form of propaganda or exposure on social networks. Not out of withdrawal or elitism, but because I deeply believe in the Divine Law of Selection and Evolution of Souls. What I mean by this is that those who carry within them a real Spiritual Aspiration, a Deep Call, a Thirst for Truth, will come naturally. The Path of Light will lead them here. They will feel that this Place speaks to them, that it has been waiting for them.

Founding a Spiritual Community in this world means accepting to be sometimes misunderstood, marginalized or

ignored. But above all, it means offering those who live nearby an immense opportunity to commune with a space vibrating with a different frequency. In an inward-looking society dominated by individualism, it sometimes takes a great deal of courage to say loud and clear: "I'm looking for God. I want to know my True Nature, the reason for my presence on this earth. I want to grow differently."

The doors of our Ashram are wide open to all Sincere Seekers, whatever their Tradition or original Beliefs, provided they genuinely seek the Truth of their Being, the Awakening of their Consciousness, Union with The Divine. We don't ask for adherence, nor do we promise anything easy. We offer a Path, a Direction, a Presence. And above all, a Garden... a Garden where the Flowers of Wisdom blossom, nourished by the Love of the Divine, the Silence of the Heart, and the Joyful Discipline of the Soul that aspires to greater heights.

With Love and Blessings to all.

Best wishes to all those who contribute to or read this newsletter every month. May its content continue to bring support, harmony and social cohesion to us all!

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H.H. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha





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Bring some and leave some



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### WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE SOCIETY

On April 23, I experienced a yard fire that got out of hand after a wind gust

I am extremely grateful for Mike G,

Kathy M and the Wasa Volunteer Fire Society as well as neighbours and everyone who helped put the fire out.

I am extremely grateful to members of the fire brigade that supplied water tanks to extinguish the fire.

Kevin B helped with his water pump and fire hose that he connected to the lake.

It was particularly touching how people cared enough from all around to offer their help.

My neighbour's newer garage was saved because of everyone's efforts.

I would like to invite all those that helped plus all of the members of the Wasa Volunteer Fire Society over on Sunday June 1 for a barbecue at 12:30.

I am forever grateful to those who helped put the fire out.

Again, I was emotionally touched by how people in this small great community of Wasa care enough to just jump in and help a person in need. There was even one woman who was in bare feet putting herself at risk who helped out.

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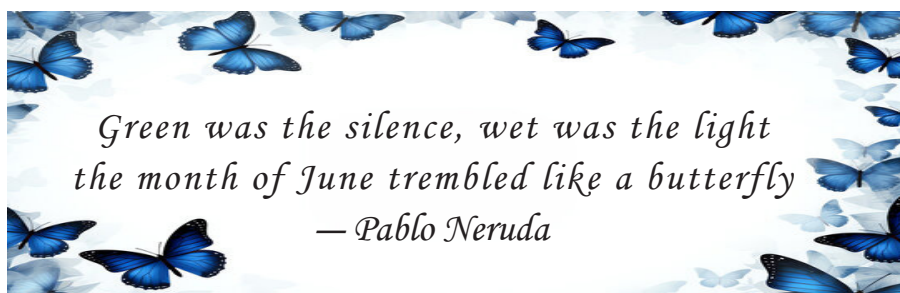


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*Green was the silence, wet was the light  
the month of June trembled like a butterfly*

— Pablo Neruda

# ***FIRE!***

## **IN 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 Gail 250-417-9422  
Lyle Zaksauskas 250-421-2650  
Sharon Prinz 250-417-7654  
Kathy McCauley 250-417-6637

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 water  
trailer and call others with water trailers to  
help.

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

The community water trailer is only available  
mid-April to mid-October. It does not operate  
during freeze-up months.

#### **WILDLIFE IN DISTRESS?**

Call:

Little Mittens Rescue:  
250.939.8085 or

Northern Lights 250.877.1181

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19. Molasses
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21. Brazil
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27. Vitamin A
28. Grain, hops, yeast and water
29. Poutine
30. Pavlova

spring waltzed in  
with measured beats  
the song at crescendo  
june lifts her head  
dance card set  
for the innuendo  
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June 2025						
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Abreast in the Rockies  
Dragon Boat Team, Cranbrook

If you hear drumming coming from Wasa Lake it is the beat of the Abreast in the Rockies Dragon Boat team practicing their paddling skills in rhythm. We are a team of both breast cancer survivors and supporters who paddle together, learn, get fit and laugh with each other. We break the silence of cancer, make new friends in the process and encourage others to get in the boat with us to experience the magic of our dragon boat adventure.

We practice Tuesday and Thursday evenings and start our paddling season in May at Wasa and then move to Moyie Lake later in the season. We love it when you wave to us – we can't wave back but appreciate your support. If you would like more information on our team or would love to paddle with us, visit our website: [www.abreast-intherockies.ca](http://www.abreast-intherockies.ca).

Thanks,

Cheryl Webb

Abreast in the Rockies Dragon Boat Team

PR/Recruitment Committee

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# July 2025

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## LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 a.m. Lions 7 p.m.  
Quilters 10 - 4 Tops; friday 9 a.m.  
Lion's meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month



## SPECIAL EVENTS

## and Days Down the Road

- TOPS every Friday morning at the Wasa Hall. Weigh in at 9 - 9:30 AM - mtg 9:30 to 10:30
- Pickleball - every Monday & Wednesday 9 - 12, in the Community Hall
- Wasa Yoga, every Thursday at 6 pm
- BINGO June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, December 9
- WLLID board mtg June 11 @ 7pm

If April showers bring May flowers,  
what do May flowers bring?

June bugs.

## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

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BC Wildfire..... *5555.....or .....	1.800.663.5555
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