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OPEN FIRES PROHIBITED INCLUDES FIREWORKS

Over the past few months, the front page of this newsletter has been dedicated to Fire Safety. Whether you are a seasonal or full-time resident or just visiting our beautiful area, please be Fire Smart.

Stop and think before you throw out that cigarette butt. Think before you leave your campfire and double check to make sure it's totally out. Adhere to the fire restrictions which prohibit open burning and fireworks. When you're out biking, hiking or quading be alert and report any suspicious

smoke by calling 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell phone.

Our little community is truly "one of the best places on earth" but quite simply we have NO FIRE PROTECTION. We rely solely on our friends, neighbours and visitors until BC Wildfire Management becomes involved.

Enjoy your summer and hopefully September's front page of the Tri-Village Buzz will not be dedicated to the after affects of a wild fire that has devastated our lives.



WASA'S EVERETT OLAFSON EXPRESSES THANKS

September 1, 2012, looked like any normal day: a clear sky, warm water, kids playing in sand. I didn't expect anything to happen. But, it did. While digging in a sand dune at Kookanusa Lake, something above me collapsed. I was buried under a bank of sand. I remember screaming for help, then thinking, "What the heck are you doing Everett? Sand is sound proof." But I screamed again anyway.

The next thing I remember: I'm running through a forest, away from the shadow of a red-eyed black frog. I fall into a tree,

into a blob of beige jell-O. I push and slap my way through, and fall into space, where I float into nothing. I swim through a Golden Gate, and into a page of Eye Spy, where suddenly everything is clouds. I fly through a door and walk on the ground. Two guys are eating their lunch on a skyscraper beam. I ask them, "What are you building?"

"We're building a building," they say.

"What kind?"

"You'll have to wait and see," they respond. "You'll have to wait and see."

I didn't wake up until

September 8th, a week later. One moment, I was dreaming on morphine, and in the next blink, I was in a hospital room, my dad by my side, my body wired to machines, tubes stuffed up my nose, needles in my veins, and everything a little hazy. I had been in a medically-induced coma, so the sand that flooded into my lungs could be suctioned out. It would be another week, before I was released from the Edmonton Children's Hospital. My doctor said, I was one in a million. No one had ever recovered so quickly from being buried alive.

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Two and a half years later, while sitting in my English class, we were asked to complete an assignment about people who made a difference in our lives. Just thinking about this--knowing that if so many people hadn't helped me--I wouldn't be doing this assignment, brought me to tears. For the first time in almost three years, I cried.

After all these years, I never felt I had a real chance to thank the people who helped me. So here I go...

1. My brother, Leith: I can't imagine what you went through. I would have died without you. You dug yourself out, and then frantically dug for me. After finding my hand, you screamed for help and adults came to dig me out. While they waited for the helicopter, you watched your brother unconscious, not breathing, his lungs filled with sand.

2. Quinten Dudley and Spo: Thank you for responding so quickly and digging me out from the sand. Without your help, I wouldn't be here to write this.

3. Ma Dudley: As a retired nurse, you knew how important it was to get oxygen into my lungs. Thank you for trying to resuscitate me. I can't imagine how traumatizing that was.

4. Ashley Dudley and Mandie: thanks Ashley for calling 911 and keeping calm to help. Mandie thanks for taking all the other kids away so they weren't scared.

5. The random campers on the beach that provided exact GPS coordinates to 911. And the boys that cleared a landing spot for the helicopter

6. Fernie Ambulance: thanks for getting to me and providing care until the helicopter came.

7. Bighorn Helicopters & STARS Air Ambulance: Thank you for flying me to Calgary and Edmonton so quickly, where I received the medical care I needed.

8. Edmonton/Calgary medical staff: Thanks for all the amazing treatment you gave me. I wouldn't be here today, without you.

9. Grandma Crystal: Thanks for driving my mom to Calgary than picking up my dad and bringing them to Edmonton.

10. Bumpa: Thanks for looking after Leith the whole time were away in the hospital.



11. Wasa Lions: Thank you for the enormous energy you put into the fund raising campaign (pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, and the donations you collected) to help my parents pay for all the medical expenses, like hotels and flights. I can't imagine the burden it would have been on them without your help.

12. Auntie Carla and Uncle Darcy and all my cousins: Thanks for visiting me in the hospital every day. Even though I don't remember the first week. And for taking care of and feeding my parents supper every night.

13. My parents: I want to thank you for staying strong during this emergency. I can't imagine what you went through watching your son so close to death.

After all these years, I've been able to do many things, thanks to all the people who helped me. As I was released from the hospital, I was left

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with many things: a 2 inch scar on my neck, where my blood was drained, oxygenated and pumped back into my body, and an enormous gift of gratitude for the people who made such a huge difference in my life. To those people, I thank you so much.

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~ Pastor Gary Semenyna ~

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News From the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyna



A rather pompous-looking deacon was endeavoring to impress upon a class of boys the importance of living the Christian life. "Why do people call me a Christian?" the man asked. After a moment's pause, one youngster said, "Maybe it's because they don't know you."

We get a chuckle from that little story, and yes actions speak louder than words, but I want to challenge you with the thought of "Who is a Christian?" Can I call myself a Christian just because I live in Canada, or can I call myself a Christian because I think that I am living a good life? The answer to both of those questions is "no." There are many who believe that there is a God, but who do not live according to Biblical principles. They never read His Word, and the only time they mention the name of Jesus Christ it is used as profanity. Yet these same people can think that they will go heaven when they die. The question I would ask if I were God (and believe me when I say that I am nowhere close to being God) is, "You have only spent time in My House during a Funeral or Memorial Service, you have miss used my name, you haven't given Me the time of day, so why should I let you into My heaven?"

You see you can call yourself a Christian but that does not make you one. A Christian is a follower of Christ. To be a follower of Christ is to have a relationship with Him. You ask for forgiveness of you sin and then ask Jesus to be the leader of your life. As I have told my congregation a number of times, make sure you do not miss heaven by 12 inches. What I mean by that is knowing about God in my head, but never asking Him to come into my life or heart (the place of emotion).

We can try and live like a Christian and you can fool people sometime, but you can never fool God. He knows your heart and thoughts. If you want to have a relationship with God give me a call and I would more than glad to talk with you. Or if you have any spiritual questions please give me a call at 422-9226. You are more than welcome to come and join us on any Sunday at 10:30 at Wasa Community Church.

Pastor Gary Semenyna

HERB FLAVOURED BUTTER

Fanny's Favorites

Keep a container of herb flavoured butter in your refrigerator; you will find many ways to use it. It is great on grilled meat or fish, vegetable or baked potatoes, breads, toast and sauces.

½ cup softened butter or margarine

1 tsp lemon juice

1 to 3 Tbsp fresh herbs or half amount if herbs are dried

Combine all mixing well. Let stand at room temperature for an hour to blend flavours. Cover and store in refrigerator. The lemon juice accentuates the flavour of the herbs. To make whipped butter, place mixture in a bowl and beat gradually add a small amount of water until mixture is light and fluffy. Store covered in refrigerator. Herb combinations to try:

- Chives and garlic
- Marjoram, thyme and chives
- Parsley, tarragon and thyme
- Basil and Chives
- Tarragon, dill and chives
- Basil and garlic
- Rosemary, sage and garlic
- Basil and oregano

WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

Water Quality

Lake water samples for E. coli are being taken every 2 weeks at 4 sites: Main Beach, Campers' Beach, the lake access at Lodgepole Road at the south end and Spruce Road and in the north. To date all results have come back with acceptable readings.

Lake water is also measured for oxygen saturation and temperature twice each month and to date those figures are in keeping with those of the past at this time. Oxygen and temperature are two of several indicators of the health of a lake and we look for significant differences and trends over time that would call for further investigation.

Water Quantity

Between May 16th and June 18th the lake rose 140 cm approx 4 feet 4 inches. On average this is very low, about 8 ft below flood level.

The lake peaked June 18th which is very early and as of June 22nd has dropped 1.5 cm about 5/8 in.

The river has dropped below the bottom of the measuring gauge at the end of Hansen's Channel. It peaked at 769.2 m also very early and low.

Aquatic Plant Growth

It is very likely that we will have a warmer and lower lake this summer, which probably means more aquatic plant growth and increased spreading.

We will be getting a notice board at the main boat ramp indicating what boaters can do to reduce the spread of aquatic plants.

The lake will also be checked for the types of aquatic plants we have. Hopefully no invasive specimens will be found.

The WLLID would appreciate residents to contact us if signs of algae growth or other water issues appear.

The WLLID continues to work on future long and short plans and working with a prospective non resident board representative.

Let's Pull Together

Invasive Plant Weed Pull and barbecue is on Sunday, July 19th at the Wasa Lions Grounds.

Although control of invasive land plants is not part of The WLLID mandate we support the upcoming invasive knapweed pull.

Area E Director Jane Walter has organized this three community activity, Wasa, Meadowbrook and St. Mary Valley and we encourage Wasa residents to get involved and get to meet other Area E residents at the barbecue. If you can recognize knapweed you are asked to pull in you property and surrounding area starting now. If you need information, speakers will be on hand at the BBQ with plant identification pamphlets and advice so you can start pulling as soon as possible. All weeds should be bagged and placed in the transfer bins.

Let's make sure we all have an enjoyable summer on the lake:

- ✓ ***boat sensibly and respect all types of water craft***
- ✓ ***abide by the boating rules***
- ✓ ***swim within the swimming areas or close to shore***
- ✓ ***be fire smart, follow any fire restrictions***
- ✓ ***be the eyes and ears of the lake and practice good lake stewardship***



Wasa TOPS will have weigh-ins only on Wednesday mornings, July 1 to August 26, 8:30 - 9 am.

Regular meetings and weigh-ins will resume again Wednesday, September 2, 2015 6:30 - 8 pm.

Wasa TOPS chapter loses 180 lbs. The Food Bank Gains 180 lbs of spuds.

After the Wasa Fun Day parade, Judy Caron, on the left, accepts the potatoes on behalf of the Kimberley Helping Hands Food Bank from TOPS members Sonia, Arla, Judy, and Bev.



Options for that Final Resting Place

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

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

Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell



Hello Readers! I do hope that you are enjoying this great weather. The lawns and flowers are really doing well. Here are a few hints that will help.

1. Had a reader phone to ask how to remove mould from a humming bird feeder. Fill the container 1/4 full with hard rice, add a drop of liquid dish soap then top it up with warm water. Allow to soak for 15 minutes. Pour out water until 1/2 full. Give it a good shaking. You might have to repeat this several times, rinse well and fill with the syrup.
2. To get rid of pesty little flies water plants with a mixture of 1 gallon water and 1/2 oz of Listerine. This will also kill the bacteria and protect plants from the pests.
3. A good way to keep baked potatoes warm after they are cooked is to place them in oven mitts until ready to serve.
4. White spots on your mahogany furniture can be easily removed by covering the spot with a thick layer of petroleum jelly. Wait 48 hours before wiping off and then buff with a soft cloth.
5. Water Rings!!! Apply a paste of cooking oil and salt, wait 15 minutes and buff off. Polish as usual. Another idea is to apply mayonnaise over the water spot and leave overnight. Next day wipe off with a soft dry cloth. That should do the trick.

Till Net time and have a great summer! Vi

The **WASA RECREATION SOCIETY'S** main objective is to generate funds to keep the Wasa Hall running. Wasa Recreation Society members meet in the basement of the Wasa Hall in the Quilters Room on the last Tuesday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend.

Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

- Hall Rentals and Information
Karen Markus 250.422.3514
Lorraine Colton 250.422.3640
- Gym
Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
- TOPS
Susan 250.422.3510
- Library
Brenda Rauch
250.422.3335

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

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

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

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



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



GYM HOURS AND INFO

WASA MEMORIAL GARDEN

Submitted By Sandy Kay



As I'm thinking about my June submission for the July edition so much has happened I hardly know where to start. There has been a hive of activity and those worker bees of mine just keep a buzzin' thank goodness. The transformation is very impressive so come see for yourselves.

First off 'THE FRIEND'S of the GARDEN' project is approaching completion. It has been a hugely successful undertaking with a grand total of 25 Blue Spruce trees gracing the outside of the garden fence on the West and North sides. It looks beautiful and our objectives have been accomplished. The Memorial Garden is once again a peaceful space for your visit. After the trees were planted, JC McPhee installed the water which is essential for the survival of the trees. He also surprised me with a new path to the shed, I didn't even ask, how great is that! Thanks so much, JC.

We have in place the large rock that will house the plaque with the names of all the members of the 'FRIENDS' project. When the bronze plaque is ready Harry Stienwand will prepare the stone to ensure the correct surface is available for the mounting of our plaque. Thanks Harry for choosing the right rock for us. There will also be a bench supplied and installed by the kind and efficient folks of Kootenay Monument Installations in Ta Ta Creek. That will certainly set things off, I'm thinking.

All the debris that has been lying around for a very long time was removed and it really cleaned the area nicely. Next thing to happen will be some work on the dusty driveway into the garden area. We have ordered a load of crush which is expected in a day or two. We're almost done so that leaves only one more thing: the celebration, of course. We haven't set a date for the unveiling as yet but we are hoping for later this summer and you all will be invited.

Sherry Walkley helped to plant the flower baskets one sunny morning in early June. They look happy and are doing well, thanks Sherry. Arla Monteith was the garden keeper in May while I was away which is much appreciated. Thanks goes out to you too, Arla.

Wasa Lake is a great place!!! We have all the summer garden keepers we need beginning from July 4th to August 29th and here they are: Sonia Stienwand, Heather Jensen, Karen Bond, Arla Monteith, Patsy Semenya, Judy McPhee, Mitsuko Tippet, Shawn Jimenez, Sherry Shields, spares Sharon Prinz and Sibell Robinson make up the entire 'Green Thumb Gang', Thanks so much ladies!

There were some lovely red carnations left a few weeks ago in one of the vases. They looked lovely, happy and lasted a very long time. So great to see!

Until we chat again,

Get pleasure from all the small things that you see - an animal, a flower, a tree and then you will have truly enjoyed the day.



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The Power of the Use of Silence in Thinking, Talking and Acting

We rarely realize how damaging our unnoticed emotional impulses of thinking, talking and acting as instinctive reactions to what is happening can be. Free will is a mere illusion when one realizes that one does not think but is being thought by one's "automatic mind"; that one does not speak but rather is compelled to say what pops up into one's head; and that one does not choose to act but constantly reacts according to one's past.

You have not chosen what you think; it is imposed upon you by your unconscious mind. You have not chosen to say what you say; it comes by itself without your conscious consent. You haven't chosen vanilla ice cream; your past desire for it has made the choice for you and you are unaware because you have not yet been trained to see this.

Following the mind has become a part of us, so we are convinced that we make our own choices. For example, you have unconscious memories associated with the color blue, and when someone asks you, "What is your favorite color?" you immediately answer, "Blue is my favorite color!" Every human being is programmed by their past. We do every single thing according to our past, not according to the present. Unless we develop awareness of this, we will remain the slave of our past, unable to live in the real world, in the present moment as it is. From the beginning, we have all been tricked by our identification with the mind; we accept everything that pops up into our head as true and real. Don't believe everything your mind creates; it is an illusion, a simple reflection of what is real, a single angle of vision in your mental world!

The use of the Power of Silence is an essential Yogic technique that consists of creating silence before any action in order to cease being used by your emotional past. As fast as possible, stop and observe the true motivation of any action and correct it right away.

1. **Thought process:** Silence your mind by observing what is being thought in your head right now. Have you willingly chosen what your mind is thinking about? Is it beneficial for you and others or is it damaging to think like this? Is what you are thinking about in touch with the present moment? If

not, then correct the mind's situation by choosing to think only about what is positive and favorable for you and others at that moment.

2. **Talk process:** Before saying anything, silence your use of words by observing the true motivation of what you were about to say. Is what you were about to say true or untrue, ignorant or egoistic according to your personal viewpoint? Is your motivation to be more loved and recognized; to impress others? Or is it to respond adequately to what must be said to promote harmony?

3. **Action process:** Silence, or refrain from carrying out, any impulsive action. Become conscious of what you are about to do to ensure it corresponds to the necessity of the moment, without greedy or personal benefit, but rather for the joy of doing only what is right. Rather than reacting, simply act, which is to do only what is necessary without any attachment to the past or the future.

These three manners of using the Power of Silence can help anyone remain in control and efficient in the real world, without being impaired by frustration, guilt or remorse. It is the best and most efficient way to destroy all Karma of suffering within one's heart and in the hearts of those you love.

May these powerful practices be at your service anytime you want to return to Peace and Harmony in your life.

Have a great summer in the True World!

Warmly yours in the Divine
With Blessing and Love
OM OM OM

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha
Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram, Wasa, BC Canada

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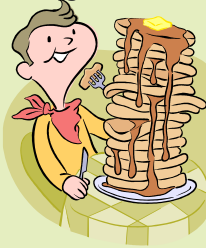
Wasa Lake Pancake Breakfast

Thanks to our volunteers for participating in the Recreation Society (Wasa Community Hall) Pancake Breakfast. This was the first breakfast to kick off the summer season and it was a fun group, even working in the hot kitchen.

Thanks to: Jim H, Pat W, Bruce W, Orlena C, Hugh C, Sandy K, Laurie K, Ford H, Myra H, Wendy D, Dawn M, Dwane M and Julie K. Also a special thanks to SageGrass.

Come out and enjoy a great breakfast, great entertainment and a chance to visit with your friends and neighbours.

SageGrass Band will be playing a few gigs throughout the summer.



Breakfasts are every Saturday
from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

(new times)

from June 27th to September 5th

at the Wasa Lions Grounds

\$6.00 (large) or \$5.00 (small)

The following organizations will be preparing breakfast on:

Saturday, July 4th

Saturday, July 11th

Saturday, July 18th

Saturday, July 25th

Saturday, Aug 1st

Saturday, Aug 8th

Saturday, Aug 15th

Saturday, Aug 22nd

Saturday, Aug 29th

Saturday, Sep 5th

TOPs

Historical Society

Wasa Community Church

Wasa Country Quilters

Wasa & District Lions

Wasa Lakers Ball Team

Wasa Community Library

TOPS

Wasa Gym

Wasa Community Hall

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By Area E Director Jane Walter

FIRE BAN

Our area is very dry this year so please be very careful with your campfires and cigarettes. Campfires are still permitted at this time, but remember that they can only be ½ metre by ½ metre in size. Please make sure they are out before you leave them. Also remember that there are **no fireworks permitted** at this time. You can report a fire by calling 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cell phone.

INVASIVE WEED PULL AND BARBECUE

There is going to be a free barbecue for Area E Residents and Land Owners on Sunday, July 19th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Lions outdoor kitchen behind the Wasa Community Hall. I am hoping that the barbecue will provide an opportunity to reward residents and property owners for their efforts in working towards eliminating or reducing invasive weeds. This is also a great

opportunity to meet fellow Area E residents and property owners. Mark your calendars and join your Area A friends and neighbours by pulling, bagging or spraying invasive weeds on your property, ditches and neighbourhoods. The bagged weeds can be disposed of at any of the local transfer bins. Invasive weeds left unattended will spread and can negatively affect property values, so **PLEASE DO YOUR PART** and remove these invasive plants.

If you're not sure how to identify invasive weeds, the RDEK has distributed posters with pictures or you can contact the RDEK at 1-888-478-7335 for assistance. **COMMUNITY INITIATIVE'S AND AFFECTED AREAS PROGRAM FUNDING**

The total amount distributed through this years RDEK funding was \$1,063,163. Columbia Basin Trust has assisted many of our local projects with their very generous

donations. We have been very fortunate in our area. The Columbia Basin started this program in 1998 and to date Area E has received \$302,737.28 to distribute to many projects.

This years contribution to Area E was \$30,487.59. The following are the Area E groups that received funds:

Meadowbrook Community Association	\$5,800.00
Wasa District Historical Association	\$1,000.00
Wasa and District Lions	\$9,736.59
Wasa Recreation Society	\$3,000.00

The remaining funds went to various groups and/or associations from Kimberley and Cranbrook.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer.

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To all the volunteers and to everyone that donated items to the successful Wasa Lions Garage Sale.

Wasa Memorial Garden



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

There is a Columbarium with Niches large enough to hold two sets of cremains or the option to purchase a memorial plaque in honor of your loved ones.

Check out the space at the end of Schoolhouse Road in Wasa.

Call Bev Rauch at 250.422.3335 for information

The following is a brief autobiography of Hank Dekker as told to Judy McPhee on May 14th, 2015. Part 1 of this article appeared in the June 2015 edition of the Tri-Village Buzz. A special thank you to Judy for taking this initiative and we look forward to many more reminiscences in future editions of the Tri-Village Buzz. (to see Part 1 go to: www.wasalake.com/buzz)

HANK DEKKER REMINISCES

To Canada I Went

When the war was over in Holland, May 10, 1945 and the Dutch people were liberated, Cees, the man I worked for said to me, "you ought to go to Canada". I knew as a lad of 12, talking to my school friends, that I wanted to leave Holland. "I am going to leave this country and I don't know where, I told them".

Ten years later, on June 06, 1948, I left Holland for Canada with \$100. in my pocket. I couldn't speak a word of English and I had no clue about Canada. "Holy smoke!" I said to myself, "What will I do now? maybe I'll get myself a farm".

I went to a farm in Hamburg ON owned by German descendants. It was arranged before I left to go there. I worked there for 2 years, then a friend in Cranbrook told me to come to B.C. I would earn more money. "O.K." I said. So I went to the St. Eugene Mission to work on their dairy farm. I arrived in March, 1950 and worked on the Mission farm raising dairy cows for milk and butter and vegetables and meat for the 150 resident children. In the summer when the children went home, we sold the extra to the public.

In December 1950, I met Mary Stone. She had left the Mission the year before and could not find a job. I saw her occasionally. Her girlfriend thought I was interested in her but NO, I was interested in Mary. Mary went home and in March, I wrote to her to come to the school. I wanted to see her. She came and 2 months later we were married on May 5, 1951. Mary was grateful for her education at the school.

We started married life in Cranbrook and I started working at the City Dairy, milking 80 cows and delivering milk. I did this for 9 years.

We rented a house a few blocks from the dairy. The year after I started

there, the owner wanted to sell the house. "What are we going to do now?" I said to myself. "Where will we move to?" We didn't have much money. My boss, Sam who also delivered milk with me said to me "Let's go to the bank and I'll sign a note for you so you can buy the house for \$2,000. No questions asked!" He signed the note. We didn't have to move and we had a house!

Five years later, a small farm was for sale outside Cranbrook near a Park? The owner of the farm wanted to sell. I mentioned it to Sam, the owner of the City Dairy, that I would love to buy the farm. "What will I do, I don't have the money to buy it?" "Son", he said, "I'll buy your house for \$3,000. we'll borrow \$3,000. and you will have your farm. This was my dream when I left Holland. I paid the City Dairy back the \$3000.00. I was so happy, I had my farm. I started the farm with 2 cows.

By the time I was on the farm 10 years, I built up my herd to 40 cows to milk. This was my families living.

In 1964, our son Keith, 18 months old escaped through the barbed wire fence in our yard and drowned in the creek. I don't know how he escaped. I was so mad at God, I swore at Him and then I realized my mistake and repented. "I'm sorry Lord, I didn't mean to do that. You gave him to us for 18 months and you took him back to heaven". I immediately had peace. I believed in God since I was six and I realized I needed Him everyday. The next year, Danny was born, our sixth child.

We stayed on the farm till Danny was 3 years old. The town of Cranbrook was moving closer to us. I sold all my cows. It was not a good idea to have a dairy farm so close to the town. Other farmers around us sold too. We were the first.

In the meantime, Ken Jennings of Calgary who had a ranch up Wolf Creek Road, Wasa was looking for a man to work on his Ranch there. He

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Attention Summer Visitors:

Many of you may not know that we have a wonderful Community Library located in the Wasa Hall. Anyone interested in donating new or old books please call our Librarian Marg Burrin at 250-422-3565. We're hoping to incorporate a new compliment of books and your donations are appreciated.

New Column

In 2001 I counted over 23 countries that our residents were from. In the upcoming months I'm hoping to interview residents over 80 and put together a short story of their lives. Please call me if you'd like your life story featured in the Tri-

Village Buzz Newsletter. Part 2 of Hank Dekker's life story is included in this issue - we all learn from one another's lives.

Reading Exercises the Mind

Please remember "The Little Free Library" Take a book and put one in.

On behalf of myself and the Library staff: Marg, Brenda, Rose, Rhia and Dale we wish you a golden summer with lots of reading.

The knowledge that a good book is awaiting makes the day happier.

Continued from Page 10 HANK DEKKER REMINISCES

asked a local Vet if he knew of someone. The Vet told Ken about me and Ken asked me to work for him. "Yes, but only for 2 months. I'm going to the Okanagan to look for a farm." I had some money from the sale of our farm. I started to work for Ken. He moved a home on the top of the hill for us and there it is, ever since.

Shortly after, Ken asked me if I would like to buy share in a gas well. "Why not", I said. "Sure I would like to buy a share but I don't have enough money". Ken phoned me the next day and said "Come to Calgary with me tomorrow". So I did. Ken, his son, Neil and I went to the bank. Ken told me "I'll back you up for the extra money required to buy your share of the gas well. Ken offered, I never asked. I want you to understand, I never asked for help. Sam, the head of City Dairy and Ken Jennings came to me and offered to help me financially. "To God be the Glory". Now I had a gas well making money. The price of gas went up in awhile.

Then, Ken wanted to sell 125 acres of his land on the North side of Wolf Creek Road, so I bought the land. I never got to the Okanagan. Ken sold all his cows at auction before I bought the land from him so I had to go out and buy me some cows. The next thing that happened to me later was, Ken said to me "I'll make you a deal. I'll buy your share of the gas well and give you some more land and you owe me nothing". So I sold it. Ken took my share back. Now I had a farm on Wolf Creek Road.

I left Holland in 1948 and now I didn't owe anyone anything and had no debts. Everything was square. My dream as a 12 year old boy was fulfilled. I had a farm and a bonus, a wonderful wife, Mary and children.

The price was good for cattle for a few years and then Mad Cow Disease came in. Over the next 10 years we struggled. Mary was always our bookkeeper and managed our money. With God's help we got through the next 10 years. God provided. We never had to borrow money. If we didn't have the money to buy something, we didn't buy it. We came through with no debts because Mary was a good manager.

Dick has worked on the ranch for over 30 years and he has been in charge for a number of years. Over the years, he has acquired some of my ranch. He started with 50 cows that I gave him for his faithful work on the ranch. I still help him

on the ranch, I am thankful to God and just this week I was running around chasing cows with Dick to vaccinate them. I still help Dick with some chores. It fills my time and I like to keep working.

My wife, Mary has been a great help to me, a companion and helper in our marriage. She raised 5 children, chickens for meat and eggs and always had a big garden every year. She was very hospitable. She didn't like to go out and visit very often but always welcomed guests and loved people to come and visit us. Going to church was very important to her as well as her love and faith in the Lord.

She passed away March 6, 2015, after a 2 month ordeal with cancer. Mary was a faithful, honest, kind, generous God-fearing hard working woman. I miss her so much. I am glad she is not suffering anymore. She is in heaven and I am waiting to join her and Keith and others. I will see her again.

We were married 2 months short of 65 years. We were blessed with 6 children. Gary owns his hairdressing shop in Coquitlam, Gerald, a good miner all his life, Dick on the ranch, Reta on the Island renting condos buildings etc. for a commercial firm, Keith in heaven and Dan running his own barber shop in Cordova Bay on the Island. We have 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. We have lived for 47 years on the ranch which we call Hamana Ranch on Wolf Creek Road, Wasa.

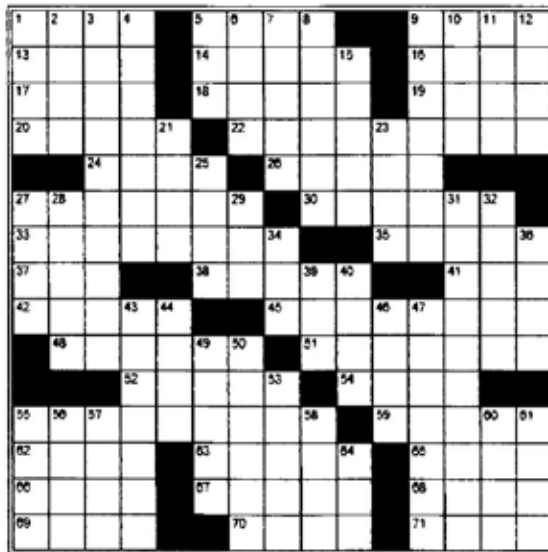
God gave me wisdom for whatever happened to me, I am a humble man and give the credit to God for my life. I have worked hard since I was 13 years old and am over 90 now. God used the right people to get me going. "To God be the Glory". "And that is my story of my life".

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Crossword

ACROSS

1. Laugh
5. "What a shame!"
9. Large brown seaweed
13. Auspices
14. Scruffs
16. Found on a finger
17. Blockhead
18. Kiss lightly
19. Sea eagle
20. Award
22. Widened
24. Pearly-shelled mussel
26. Caper
27. Flee
30. Deprave
33. Registered
35. Potatoes
37. Estimated time of arrival
38. Unpaid
41. Spy agency
42. Relating to audible sound
45. Language variants
48. Azotic
51. Queen of the jungle?
52. American symbol
54. Gestures of assent
55. Without appeal
59. Sheriff's group
62. Indian music
63. Fertile area in a desert
65. Small brook
66. French for "State"
67. Roasters
68. Dirt
69. Used to be
70. Being
71. Terminates



DOWN

1. Steering mechanism for a vessel
2. Chills and fever
3. A language of India
4. Sideways
5. Autonomic nervous system
6. Young sheep
7. 3-banded armadillo
8. 1/60th of a minute
9. Patella
10. Acquire deservedly
11. Connects two points
12. Implored
15. Hockey footwear
21. King of the jungle
23. Claim
25. Savvy about
27. Mimics
28. Wand
29. Morning moisture
31. Sequence
32. Makes changes to
34. Accomplished
36. Back talk
39. Zero
40. Acquire
43. Go over again
44. Study hard
46. Coil
47. Approve of
49. Snow house
50. Split
53. S S S S
55. Team
56. Despire
57. Food thickener
58. Transgressions
60. Skidded
61. L L L L
64. South southeast

Find a Word USA Presidents

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J ADAMS
JEFFERSON
MADISON
MONROE
J Q ADAMS
JACKSON
VAN BUREN
W HARRISON
TYLER
POLK
TAYLOR
FILLMORE
PIERCE
BUCHANAN
LINCOLN
A JOHNSON
GRANT
HAYES
GARFIELD
ARTHUR
CLEVELAND
B HARRISON
MCKINLEY
T ROOSEVELT
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COOLIDGE
HOOVER
F D ROOSEVELT
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NIXON
FORD
CARTER
REAGAN
G H W BUSH
CLINTON
G W BUSH
OBAMA

The remaining words spell an Abraham Lincoln quotation.



"MARIO'S FUN PAGE"

Answers Page 8



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Sudoku-Medium

July Trivia

1. Which Chinese Zodiac symbol is associated with the month of July?
a. Goat b. Tiger c. Rat d. Ox
2. What is the birthstone for July?
a. Opal b. Ruby c. Sapphire d. Emerald
3. What is the flower for the month of July?
a. Morning Glory b. Gardenia c. Larkspur d. Hollyhock
4. Which of these countries celebrate their independence Day in July except which?
a. Iceland b. Rwanda c. Peru d. Belarus
5. The UK celebrates national kissing day on what day in July?
a. the sixth b. The twenty-first c. the eighteenth d. the ninth
6. Which Zodiac symbol is associated with the month of July?
a. Capricorn b. Cancer c. Aries d. Libra
7. Which of these occurs in July?
a. Columbus Day b. Barn Day c. World Pest Day d. World Animal Day
8. On the 16th of July, what food should you be eating?
a. Watermelon b. Strawberries c. Spinach d. Kale
9. What famous aviator is recognized on the 24th of July?
a. Amelia Earhart b. Neil Armstrong c. Charles Lindberg d. Buzz Aldrin
10. The month of July is named after?
a. Jupiter b. Julius Caesar c. Juno d. King Jules



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3 Beds

2 Baths

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Levels: 2

Space: 2,000 sq. ft. (186 m²)

Flooring: Carpet, Hardwood, Linoleum

Foundation: Poured concrete

Heat Method: Baseboard

Heat Energy: Electricity, Wood

Zoning: RS1

Lot Size: 2,090,880 sq.ft./48.00 ac (194,243 m²)

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BOYD C. AFFLECK B.C.L.S., P.ENG

Boyd Campbell Affleck was born in March 1882 in Middleville, Ontario. He was the 8th child in a family of ten. Boyd's grandfather had come as a lad to the Ottawa Valley with his Scottish family in 1820. Boyd attended schools in Middleville, then Lanark, correspondence studies and university.

His surveying career started in the summer of 1904 as a chairman on railway location survey in Manitoba. Next year it was surveys in the Rainy River District of Ontario. In 1907 Boyd came out to Nelson B.C. to article with Alfred Green of Green Bros. and Burden, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors. The following year his brother Lloyd came to article with Frank C. Green of the same company. The Affleck brothers were assigned to Sheep Creek gold mining projects south of Salmo. When Boyd earned his B.C.L.S. commission he stayed with the company who then assigned him to town site and settlement surveys between Fort George and Prince Rupert, plus numerous mineral claims across the province.

Boyd met and courted Janet Nona McDougall in Nelson. Nona's father was a Presbyterian minister from Edinburgh who settled in Nelson about 1906. Boyd and Nona were married in 1912 and in 1914 took up a homestead in the Bulkley Valley. Boyd continued surveying until 1916 when he decided to join the army. He moved Nona and their two children, Jack and Helen, to Vancouver. Boyd served first as a sapper in the Canadian Engineers, but quickly rose to sergeant. He was sent to France and Belgium with the Topographical Section, commissioned as lieutenant. Following his return from active service in 1919 Boyd and his brother-in-law Dougal McDougall decided to take up land near Fruitvale and go into fruit farming. The years 1921 and 1922 were spent clearing benchland and erecting a house, barn and chickenhouse. For part of that winter Boyd, Nona and the two children lived in a tent pitched in a sheltered gully in their acreage. In 1922 Boyd constructed a dam, penstocks and hydro-electric power

plant to generate electricity which would in summer enable large amounts of water to be pumped to irrigate the new fruit orchards on the bench while in winter it provide heat and light. Gradually the farm reached economic viability as produce and eggs had a market in Trail, some survey work was sent his way, and he accepted contracts to create wooden pipes by boring certain timber in the area.

Misfortune struck the Affleck family in 1923. Late in January Nona brought home from Kootenay Lake General Hospital in Nelson a very sickly baby, Donald, who died at eight months. Boyd put in long hours each day looking after cows and chickens and boring as many pipes as possible. On February 7th a thread from his sweater caught in the pipe boring machine dragging Boyd's right hand into the machine, severely mangling it. Snow blocked roads so when doctors in Trail saw it they amputated above the wrist. Boyd learned to write, drive and operate a surveyor's transit with his left hand.

From 1927 to 1933 he was City Engineer in Nelson, rented out the Beaver Falls Ranch, and dived into the Gyro Club, Nelson Board of Trade, Boy Scouts, Old Timers and more. He aimed to upgrade sports and park facilities. He irked City Council when he repeatedly urged repair of the city's hydro plant at Bonnington Falls so they dismissed him in 1934. (Ten years later they had to totally rebuild their Bonnington operation.) The family added Boyd Jr in 1925 and Margaret in 1930 and moved back to the farm. Boyd established his own practice as Land Surveyor and Civil Engineer.

The family returned to Nelson in 1942 when Boyd had the wartime assignment as head of the Nelson Land Registry Office. After WWII he re-entered private practice. He was busier than ever, served several terms as Alderman in Nelson, while acting as Vice President then President of BC Land Surveyors. He surveyed the extension of the Nelson-Kaslo road to the site of the Duncan Dam. About that time he hired my

brother as a summer student for the laying out of Radium town site. Eric recalls many miles in Boyd's Austin with Boyd able to change gears using the stump of his right arm. Because that project did not take all summer he was about to let this student go early. But, hearing the wail that he had not enough money for a whole years tuition Boyd assigned my brother extra weeks, on his own, surveying a series of claims near Ymir. Boyd was often called on to verify earlier surveys, some of which had only wooden markers not metal stakes. One such find was in Creston where he dug and found the critical wooden markers declaring the town had intruded on a hotel's property by a few inches.

In 1953, at age 71, while President of Nelson Chamber of Commerce, he personally took a survey party through Jumbo Pass from Radium to Argenta on Kootenay Lake to examine the feasibility of an all-weather section of Trans-Canada Highway. He argued that the Revelstoke to Banff route via Rogers Pass was too dangerous. He spearheaded a move to have HWY. #1 go via Galena Bay, Trout Lake City, Argenta to Wilmer then Radium Hot Springs. Boyd continued hiking and campaigning up to 1961. At eighty years old he continued surveying, and stormed through the Kootenays campaigning on behalf of the Endicott Home for Handicapped Children in Creston, or against the High Arrow Dam. In 1966 he was created a Freeman of the City of Nelson, made a life member of B.C.L.S. and Association of Professional Engineers. He moved to Vancouver with his ailing wife. Nona died in 1968. Boyd died in Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver in April 1969.

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Where do you take...

YOUR BUZZ ?



Sandy is planning to take a camel ride to explore the ruins



Sandy and Laurie Kay remembered the "Buzz" on their trip to Turkey.

These photos were taken in western Turkey in Pamukkale, just north of the large city of Denizli. Pamukkale is famous for the large white cliffs of Calcite called the "Cotton Castle" and the warm thermal waters of the dazzling travertines and nearby pools.

Above the cliffs are the impressive ruins of Hierapolis founded around 190 B.C. With spectacular ancient roman theatres, baths, cemeteries, warm all curing pools and endless other ruins lying where they fell as a result of many earthquakes. Hierapolis was finally abandoned in 1334 following a tremor. Cleopatra is said to have bathed in the large sacred pool to maintain her health and beauty. Do not miss Pamukkale if visiting Turkey.

Send me your vacation pictures with the Buzz and your name will be entered in a draw for a \$50. gift certificate. Keep it going - this year we've had "Where do you take your Buzz" submissions in every newsletter. Email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

August 2015

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

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- NO NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST
- Email trivillagebuzz@gmail.com if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter by email
- Wednesday, Sept 15th Library Reopens
- **BE FIRESMART & ENJOY THE SUMMER!!**

Man- despite his artistic pretensions, his sophistication and his many accomplishments owes his existence to a 6-inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains!

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