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Summer Recap Photo Contest



What did you see this summer that made you reach for a camera, a desire to save the moment to look back on later? An epic pic of our resident fox pups? One of the many beautiful sunsets or sunrises? A priceless moment with family?

The Tri-Village Buzz is looking for your photos! which will be put to a vote with the Community and prizes will result!

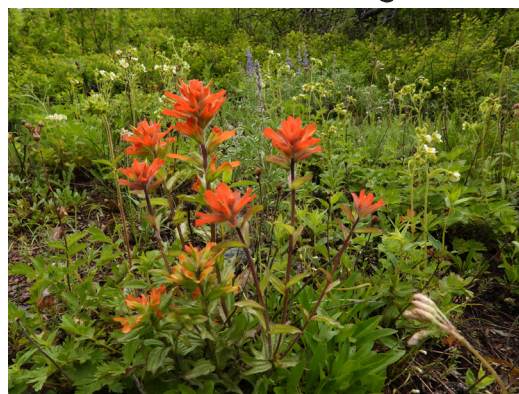
Personally, I am seldom without a camera in my hands,

or in my vehicle. Photography has been a passion since I got my first black and white Polaroid as a child. I have had several cameras since, each one a favourite for different reasons.

I love birds - of any kind! But I love the scenic shots too, from local plants to distant mountains. It all holds its



own beauty and fascination for me. And insects! so cool to find and be able to photograph.



I challenge you to send in your favourites with a chance to win a gift certificate from a Tri-Village advertiser. When I see what is sent in, I can make categories for the Community to vote on. email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

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Larratt Report Follow-up

The WLLID Board would like to thank all the folks who participated in the June 17th public meeting where the findings from the water and sediment study conducted by Larratt Aquatic were presented.

The Board greatly appreciates the almost 100 residents who showed up,

either in person or online.

We are currently in the process of writing a report based on the Feedback Forms. It is almost ready for publication and will be available on the WLLID website.

The feedback also contained a number of questions for Larratt Aquatic and WLLID. The questions for Larratt have been submitted. We await their response and will make it available on the website.

A large number of questions for the WLLID Board are being collated and a written response underway. It will also be available on the website.

If you have not read the Larratt report, it is available here: <https://wasalake.ca/reports/>. Click on the download button to open the document.

A video recording of the public meeting can be found here: <https://youtu.be/QzedOjBID0Y>.

Clean, Drain and Dry

One concern residents raised to the WLLID Board, among many, revolved around invasive mussels.

As mentioned in the Larratt report, Wasa has a high level of calcium in the water which facilitates the growth of shellfish including invasive mussels. According to Larratt, the “risk threshold” for calcium is >12 mg/L. (Larratt, pg. 14)

Here at Wasa, Larratt reports the calcium level is anywhere from 22.6 to 29.3 mg/L. This means there is more than twice the amount of calcium needed for invasive mussels to grow and flourish in Wasa water.

WLLID strongly supports the Clean, Drain and Dry program.

Signs are posted around Wasa to remind those using boats (of any size), seadoos, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, sail boats and other personal watercraft to avoid transporting water from another lake, stream or river.

Please be vigilant about keeping water from other sources away from Wasa. For more information, check out these links:

- 1 - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/invasive-mussels/clean-drain-dry>
- 2 - <https://bcinvasives.ca/play-your-part/clean-drain-dry/>
- 3 - <https://www.ekisc.com/cleandraindry>

Trustee Election

Currently there is a Board vacancy due to a Trustee resignation in late May. The Board has decided to forgo a by-election and wait until the WLLID AGM. The exact date is yet to be determined, but will take place in late October or early November.

As well, there are two other Trustee's whose terms are up which means there will be three (3) open Trustee positions that will need to be filled.

As stipulated by the BC Provincial government and the WLLID Letter Patents, persons eligible to be a Trustee must be 18 years and older, a Canadian citizen and BC resident who is named on the land title of a property within the jurisdiction of the WLLID.

If you have an interest in being part of the WLLID Board, please email admin@wasalake.ca so that you can be kept informed about nomination and AGM dates.

AGM and election information will be in the October Buzz and on the WLLID website.



In another post I mentioned the devastating loss the community suffered when Colin Cameron passed away in 1963.

I still remember Colin and his wife "Queenie". I never did know her real name. I've included a picture I found of them on their wedding day. I found a little bit of information about Colin to tie this story together.

Colin was born in Glasgow Scotland in 1900. His Dad moved the family to Canada shortly after that. They settled in the Ft Steele area and operated a farm. Colin worked as a Forest Ranger and a trapper until he started the sawmill in 1942.

Unless you are an oldtimer from the area you probably have no idea what a big mill this was in its heyday. There was a rail line spur that came into the mill from the north west. It was a busy place.

The mill sprawled out from almost directly behind the present day church, over to the slough and to the north were the little swampy area is today. There were many acres of big lumber piles and logs everywhere. During the day the noise from the headsaws and the big planers filled the air. Colin had (probably) one of the biggest machines in the whole valley.

It was a massive Hyster forklift. It even had its own special garage. The doors were really high so it could move in and out. They had a big woodstove in it to keep the machine warm during the winter months. I used to marvel at that machine as it loaded the flat deck rail cars with big lifts of lumber. All the lumber was shipped out by rail as I recall.

They also had a big gantry in the yard for unloading logging trucks. By today's standards the logging trucks back then were very small - 2 ton, maybe 3 ton single axle flat deck trucks. A few of my most poignant memories of the mill....

One evening I was out playing in our Diamond Willow fort. I heard a weird train out on the tracks. It pulled into the mill and let a blast out of its whistle. I knew what it was right away. I heard that sound at the drive in movies Dad took us to. It was a steam engine.

I ran over to the mill in time to see it huff and puff as it dropped off the empty cars to be loaded with lumber. I had never saw a steam locomotive before this and never saw one after that. Apparently there were still steam locomotives used in BC at that time by some smaller lumber companies.



*August arrives with joyful cheer, A month of laughter drawing near.
The sun shines bright, the sky so blue, Adventure awaits, as dreams come true.
Flowers bloom in radiant hues, August, a time to chase what's new.
With hearts alight, we'll savor each day, Oh, August, our excitement will never sway.*

Catherine Pulsifer



Summit
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Announcement!!

Senior's Shuttle is coming to the area!

Summit Community Services is pleased to announce that we are offering weekly trips to Cranbrook in our Summit Seniors Shuttle (Hybrid EV van).

Seniors in the area are invited to call and book a ride.

The cost is a donation of \$5 per trip to support the fuel costs.

Trips will take place on Thursdays commencing July 2026.

Please call 250.427.8733 to reserve a seat or to inquire about any other Summit services for seniors!

TOPS Spot August 2026

Think you know your way around a kitchen — or at least a menu? Put your foodie knowledge to the test with these 26 delicious questions spanning global cuisines, ingredients, and culinary traditions.

Jot down your answers as you go, then check the Answer Key at the end to see how you scored!

1. Which country is the origin of Sushi?
A. China
B. South Korea
C. Japan
D. Thailand
2. What is the main ingredient in guacamole?
A. Tomato
B. Avocado
C. Mango
D. Lime
3. Which spice is derived from the Crocus flower?
A. Turmeric
B. Paprika
C. Saffron
D. Cinnamon
4. What type of pasta is shaped like small rice grains?
A. Orzo
B. Farfalle
C. Rigatoni
D. Penne
5. "Brie" is a cheese originating from which country?
A. Italy
B. Spain
C. Switzerland
D. France
5. What is the Japanese rice wine called?
- A. Baijiu
B. Sake
C. Soju
D. Mirin
7. Which vegetable is known as a "courgette" in the UK?
A. Eggplant
B. Cucumber
C. Zucchini
D. Radish
8. What nut is used to make marzipan?
A. Walnut
B. Cashew
C. Almond
D. Hazelnut
9. Which country invented the croissant?
A. France
B. Austria
C. Belgium
D. Germany
10. What is the primary ingredient in hummus?
A. Lentils
B. White beans
C. Chickpeas
D. Fava beans
11. "Szechuan" cuisine originates from which country?
A. Japan
B. Vietnam
- C. China
D. Thailand
12. Which fruit is used to make the drink "Calvados"?
A. Pear
B. Apple
C. Plum
D. Cherry
13. What is the name of the thin pancake popular in France?
A. Blini
B. Crepe
C. Galette
D. Waffle
14. "Prosciutto" is a type of what?
A. Cheese
B. Pasta
C. Cured ham
D. Olive oil
15. Which herb is traditionally used in a Caprese salad?
A. Oregano
B. Rosemary
C. Basil
D. Thyme
16. Worcestershire sauce traditionally contains which unusual ingredient?
A. Anchovy
B. Oyster
C. Sardine
D. Squid
17. What is "quinoa" classified as?
A. Grain
B. Legume
C. Seed
D. Root vegetable
18. Which dessert is named after a famous Russian ballerina?
A. Opera cake
B. Pavlova
C. Charlotte Russe
D. Sachertorte
19. What is the main flavour of the liqueur "Amaretto"?
A. Coffee
B. Vanilla
C. Almond
D. Hazelnut
20. "Garam Masala" is a spice blend from which cuisine?
A. Middle Eastern
B. Indian
C. North African
D. Mexican
21. Where was the Hawaiian pizza invented?
A. Minnesota
B. Hawaii
C. Canada
D. Italy
22. Which country is ranked first in global potato production?
A. India
B. Russia
C. United States
D. China
23. In what year did Milton Hershey introduce the Hershey's Kiss?
A. 1899
B. 1975
C. 1907
D. 1951
24. What insect do figs rely on for pollination?
A. Bees
B. Butterflies
C. Wasps
D. Moths
25. What is the most widely consumed meat in the world?
A. Chicken
B. Beef
C. Lamb
D. Pork
26. What was the first food grown in space?
A. Potato
B. Wheat
C. Spring Onions
D. Tomato

— ANSWER KEY —

1.	C	2.	B	3.	C	4.	A	5.	D
6.	B	7.	C	8.	C	9.	B	10.	C
11.	C	12.	B	13.	B	14.	C	15.	C
16.	A	17.	C	18.	B	19.	C	20.	B
21.	C	22.	D	23.	C	24.	C	25.	D
26.	C								



submitted by - Norma Williams

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3 cloves garlic, minced

4 Tbsp lemon juice

2/3 c water

4 c cans chick peas, drained, reserve ¼ of the liquid

1 Tbsp cumin

2 Tbsp olive oil

Red pepper (optional)

¾ c tahini paste (optional)

Paprika, garnish

Using a blender, mix garlic, lemon juice & tahini till smooth. Add water & chick peas till fluffy. Add reserved liquid if necessary.

Season with cumin. Drizzle olive oil over the top & swirl with a knife. Sprinkle with paprika. Refrigerate.

Serve with tortilla chips.

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!

We meet every Tuesday from 10-4 in our own space in the basement of the hall. Drop in any Tuesday! We'd be more than happy to show you the endless possibilities in this creative atmosphere! No previous experience required.

Call Gayle Andrews 250-422-3095 for more info

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Golden – Cranbrook Route

Runs: Tuesdays and Thursdays. The bus leaves Golden at 8:00am, Invermere (hospital) at 9:20am, Invermere (Chamber of Commerce) at 9:25am, and arrives in Cranbrook at approximately 11:15am with stops at a number of health facilities by request. The return schedule departs the East Kootenay Regional Hospital at 3:00pm and arrives in Invermere at 5:00pm and Golden at 6:30pm.

To book your space: Contact 1-877-343-2461 Option 1 or direct 250-364-3262 at least 24 hours in advance to book your seat.



By the time you read this, our Annual General Meeting will have come and gone, held at the Wasa Lions Grounds on July 22. We have retained 4 of our regular directors: Bill Walkley, Sharon Prinz, Lyle Zaksauskas,

and Kathy McCauley who were all elected by acclamation in 2025 and are continuing their second year of service.

The other event of note was our annual pancake breakfast which took place on Saturday, July 25. The pancake breakfasts are hugely popular with the public and provide an opportunity for our local volunteer groups to raise money to cover their expenses.

Be aware that we are in a Category 2 FIRE BAN until October 31st. Small campfires are still allowed but FIREWORKS are prohibited. If extreme wildfire danger continues, the bans will expand so please watch for notifications.

If you spot a wildfire, call our local crew whose numbers are listed on the Who Do You Call list, and BC Wildfire at 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cell phone.

If you wish more information, check our website at www.wasafire.weebly.com or email Kathy at kathyemccauley@gmail.com. Plenty of free Firesmart resources can be downloaded or viewed at www.firesmartbc.ca For more information about the local Volunteer Fire Society, go to www.wasafire.weebly.com.

"August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms."

Victoria Erickson



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Wasa Lions Picnic Grounds

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Music Most Weekends



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:** Karen Markus 250.422.3514
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- **TOPS:** Nicky Popowich (250) 422-9248 or Sonia Blackwell (250) 421-3019
- **Quilter's Club:** Gayle Andrews 250-422-3095



Hello from the understory - I'm Garlic Mustard, and I may have just made a very unexpected appearance in the East Kootenays.

Recently, our team was called out to investigate a potential sighting of garlic mustard in the region. This is a bit of a "hold up... what?" moment for us, because there are currently no confirmed reports of garlic mustard established in our region. So when a promising observation popped up on iNaturalist, it immediately kicked off a confirmation mission in the field.

Our crew visited the site, and yes... the plant in question was identified as garlic mustard. A little alarming, but also exactly why early reporting matters so much.

The site was on private property, and luckily the homeowner was outside when we arrived. We had a good chat with her. She was confident she had been pulling the plant and bagging it, and said she was disposing of it at the dump. At the time of our visit, there wasn't any visible growth left for us to confirm beyond what had been captured in the iNaturalist photo.



Interestingly, the original observation photo was taken on her front steps, but she didn't know who had taken it or what iNaturalist was, which adds a bit of mystery to the whole situation. Whether it was an accidental upload, a passerby, or something else, it was enough to get our attention and send us out to investigate. We also checked adjacent empty lots and surrounding areas while we were there, and didn't find any additional plants. Before leaving, we left her with a weed identification book and our contact information, just in case it shows up again so we can stay on top of it together.

So... what is garlic mustard? Garlic mustard is a biennial herb in the mustard family, native to Europe, southern Asia, and North Africa. It's known for being a **highly competitive invasive plant in North America, especially in forested understories**.

Here's what to watch for:

- First-year plants form **low green rosettes** that stay green through winter
- **Leaves are triangular to heart-shaped with scalloped edges** and a distinct garlic smell when crushed
- Second-year plants produce **white, four-petaled flowers** in small clusters at the top of stems
- Flowering plants can range from 5 cm to over 1.5 m tall
- Seed pods are long, thin, and cylindrical, containing rows of small black seeds
- In ideal conditions, it can form dense mats that crowd out native vegetation

It reproduces only by seed, but each plant can produce thousands of them, and those seeds are surprisingly good at hitchhiking on boots, pets, wildlife, machinery, and soil movement. Once established, it spreads quickly and can be very difficult to control.

Garlic mustard is considered a provincially noxious weed in British Columbia and is managed with a focus on preventing further spread. It can:

- Dominate forest understories
- Displace native plant communities
- Disrupt soil fungal relationships that many native plants rely on
- Reduce biodiversity in sensitive ecosystems

So even a single credible report is enough to trigger follow-up. Early detection is honestly one of the most powerful tools we have.

Given how easily garlic mustard can hide in shaded areas and disturbed soils, we're putting out a local shoutout: Have you seen garlic mustard anywhere in the East Kootenays?

If you think you've spotted it:

- Please report it through the Report Invasives BC app
- Or contact us directly by email

Even if you're not totally sure - a photo or a hunch is still useful. This recent investigation started with one observation, and that's exactly how early detection works. If garlic mustard is here, we want to find it early, understand where it is, and make sure it doesn't get a foothold. And if it's not? Even better! We'll keep watching, just in case.

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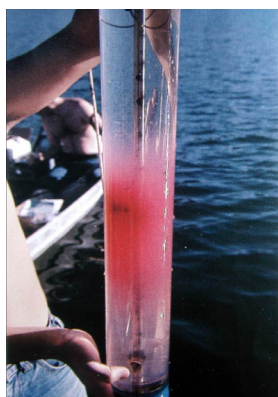
Lake Life Spotlight Purple Sulfur Bacteria

Purple sulfur bacteria are a group of bacteria capable of photosynthesis. They are anaerobic (don't require oxygen) or microaerophilic (need only a small amount of oxygen), and are often found in hot springs or stagnant water. Unlike plants, algae, and cyanobacteria, they do not use water as their reducing agent, and so do not produce oxygen. Instead they use hydrogen sulfide (although some species can also use other electron donors), which is oxidized to produce granules of elemental sulfur. This in turn may be oxidized to form sulfuric acid.



Purple sulfur bacteria are generally found in illuminated anoxic zones of lakes and other aquatic habitats where hydrogen sulfide accumulates and they are also found in "sulfur springs" where geochemically or biologically produced hydrogen sulfide can trigger the formation of blooms. Anoxic conditions are required for photosynthesis; these bacteria do not thrive in oxygenated environments.

The most favorable lakes for the development of purple sulfur bacteria are meromictic lakes which do not undergo complete circulation and are permanently stratified. The primary water mass does not mix with a lower portion. The deeper layer of water is perennially isolated while the upper layer mixes periodically, often owing to their great depths or to the presence of a chemical gradient. Lakes in deep, sheltered basins,



or those protected from winds by surrounding mountains or tall vegetation are more prone to being/becoming meromictic. The bottom water of meromictic lakes are usually saline, meaning the density difference between the upper and lower layers of the lake is reinforced by both salinity and temperature. If sufficient sulfate is present to support sulfate reduction, the sulfide, produced in the sediments, diffuses upward into the anoxic bottom waters, and here purple sulfur bacteria can form dense cell masses, called blooms, usually in association with green phototrophic bacteria.

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One day in August, Julius Caesar was standing on the balcony in his palace, watching the leaves drop silently from the trees. He was witnessing The Fall of the Roman Empire.

SUDOKU answer on page 23

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How to Survive This Storm

On January 12, 1888, a blizzard roared out of the skies of Canada and fell upon the Northern Plains of the United States. People of Montana, the Dakotas, and Nebraska felt the temperature drop 18 degrees in just three minutes. It kept falling, the wind kept howling, and the snow kept blowing. And within hours, a relatively warm winter's day became a frozen siege that took the lives of at least 250 people. The air was so thick with crystals that people couldn't breathe. Visibility was so poor that people couldn't see their hands in front of their faces. Meteorologists call this zero/zero visibility. A person can't see up or horizontally. As a result, a woman near Sioux Falls froze to death with her key in her hand just steps from her door. A husband and a wife died while walking in circles past each other in their farmyard. Most of the people who died, did so because they simply couldn't find their way out of the storm.

The ones who survived relied upon bearings and markers to show them the way. Like Mr. Cotton, the schoolteacher, and the two boys Andreas and Johann Graber. They set out from the schoolhouse in the direction of the Graber homestead. The wind laced needles of snow in their eyes. The drifts pulled on their feet. The whiteness covered the roads and trails. Soon they realized they had no idea where to go. Then the air cleared, for just a moment, and they spotted a row of trees. The boys recognized them as the fruit and nut saplings their father had planted. The trees lined a path from their front porch. If they could move from tree to tree, they would be home.

Maybe that is what you need. The sudden storm has left you blind, disoriented. Do you need a series of markers to guide you home? Make one. Through the years I have found this question a good one to ask in times of crisis. "What do you still have that no one can take?" Granted, the storms can take much, but they can't take all. So, right in the midst of the snowstorm, (ER, County Jail, bankruptcy hearing), make your list.

The promise of heaven

A family who cares for me

A God who knows me

God's word to guide me

Make the list; then, like the boys in the blizzard, let it lead you to a safe place. the miracle in our mess, the good in our difficulty, the redemption in rejection!

<https://maxlucado.com/how-to-survive-this-storm/>

Perseid Meteor Shower

August is often a wonderful month for stargazing! It's the month of the Perseid meteor shower, which is one of the most prolific showers and reaches its maximum between August 11 and 13. You can still see the Perseids even if they're not at their peak. The shower lasts from about July 23 to August 22, so be sure to keep an eye out.



"When summer gathers up her robes of glory, and like a dream of beauty glides away."

— Sarah Helen Whitman

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Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Kate Kelly

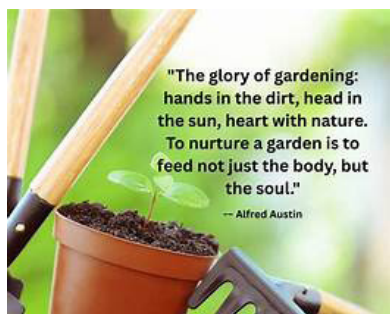
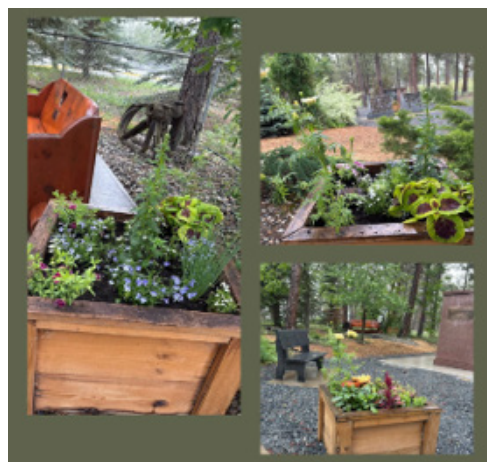
In the quiet of late summer, the Memorial Garden feels both peaceful and poignant. Flowers are still in bloom, though some have begun to fade, and the warm sunlight seems to linger gently over the paths. It is a place that invites a visit for remembrance, gratitude and quiet contemplation.

A hearty thanks to Rob & Collette Wollmann for their kind-hearted contribution of the beautiful flower boxes. Your generosity is much appreciated! Another thank you to our Memorial Garden's mower & whipper-snipper guy, Richard Alessio and of course, special thanks to the weekly volunteers who keep our garden so very well cared for and looking great! As always, many hands make light of work!

Thank you to the many people who have generously signed up to volunteer to help with the weekly care in and around the garden. While we are always in need of volunteers, we are in need of 2 more volunteers to lend a hand for two weeks in September. If you have some time and are interested in volunteering, please contact Sherry Shields via email at: slshields27@gmail.com

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, 29 September at 7:00 p.m. for the Wasa and District Historical Association and Memorial Garden Group's AGM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

We continue to look for new members in our Wasa and Dis-



trict 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 or by phone 250-422-3343 to join. Thank you for your consideration.

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When most people picture a goldfish, they imagine a tiny orange fish swimming lazily in a bowl or aquarium, not a football-sized invader disrupting ecosystems.

But here's the thing: when released into lakes, ponds, or streams, pet goldfish can become a serious problem for native aquatic ecosystems. In fact, goldfish are considered an invasive species in North America, and in British Columbia they are designated as a Regional Containment/Control species on the provincial invasive species list.

Originally native to eastern Asia, including China, Japan, Hong Kong, and the Republic of Korea, goldfish have been kept as pets for centuries. They were one of the first foreign fish species introduced to North America, with reports of intentional releases dating back to the 1600s. Today, they are one of the most widespread invasive fish species across the continent and much of that spread comes down to one thing: people releasing unwanted pets into the wild.



Wait... Goldfish Get That Big?

Yep. That tiny fish from the pet store may stay relatively small in a tank, but once released into a natural waterbody,



goldfish can grow dramatically larger. While aquarium goldfish often remain only a few centimetres long, wild goldfish have been found reaching up to 38 cm (15 inches)... about the size of a football. Outside the limits of a fish tank, goldfish adapt to their surroundings, gaining size and sometimes even changing colour. While many pet goldfish are bright orange, wild populations often become darker, shifting toward olive, silver, or brown tones that help them blend into their environment. And they're built to survive. Goldfish can tolerate low oxygen levels and survive in water temperatures

ranging from freezing conditions up to 41°C. They thrive in ponds, lakes, ditches, slow-moving streams, and wetlands with lots of aquatic vegetation. To make matters more impressive (or alarming), goldfish can live for decades. With proper care, they may survive 30–40 years, making them one of the longest-lived freshwater aquarium fish.

Why are Goldfish a problem?

Goldfish may seem harmless, but in the wild they can have surprisingly large impacts. Goldfish are omnivores, meaning they eat a little bit of everything: aquatic plants, insects, crustaceans, fish eggs, and fish larvae. That broad diet means they compete directly with native species for food and may prey on vulnerable young fish. They also feed near the bottom of lakes and ponds, stirring up sediment as they search for food. This increases turbidity - basically making the water cloudier and cloudy water blocks sunlight from reaching underwater plants. Fewer aquatic plants means less habitat, lower oxygen production, and a greater chance of algae blooms. Over time, these changes ripple through the ecosystem, affecting fish, insects, amphibians, and the broader food web.

Goldfish are also prolific breeders. A single female can lay hundreds to thousands of sticky eggs at a time, which cling to rocks, plants, or lake bottoms. Even though many eggs don't survive, goldfish reproduce quickly enough to establish large populations when conditions are right. And because goldfish can live so long, they have years - even decades - to continue reproducing and spreading.

The impacts of invasive goldfish don't stop underwater. In Washington State, removing invasive goldfish from West Medical Lake cost approximately \$150,000 USD after goldfish populations exploded and negatively impacted trout fisheries. Reduced trout populations affected recreational fishing and tourism, creating economic consequences for surrounding communities. Goldfish may also carry diseases such as Koi herpesvirus, which can spread to carp and related fish species.

So... What should you do with an unwanted Goldfish?

If you can no longer care for your goldfish, releasing it into a nearby pond or lake is never the answer. Even a single release can contribute to new invasive populations. Instead, consider safer alternatives:

- Rehome your fish with a friend, family member, classroom, or aquarium hobbyist
- Contact local pet stores to see if returns or surrenders are accepted Reach out to schools, community groups, or aquarium clubs that may take fish
- Learn about proper care before bringing a goldfish home - remember, this may be a decades-long commitment!

A pet goldfish belongs in a tank, not in our lakes and wetlands. Don't Let It Loose. Releasing pets into the wild may seem kind, but it can have long-lasting consequences for native species, ecosystems, and communities.



Over the next few months I would like the Community to take a closer look at the numerous volunteer opportunities we have in the area! The Buzz will be highlighting the different groups; what it takes to join, what their purpose is, etc. I encourage everyone to take a look and see where you may fit in, what you can do to make our Community even more awesome!

The **Tri-Village Volunteers** was loosely formed in late 2023 and incorporated as a society in November 2024 by local folk who want to volunteer to help the community. There are currently 24 members who paid \$1 each to be such until October 31, 2029. The members were clear on the fact that they were happy to volunteer, but did not want to attend monthly meetings, so there is only one meeting late in each year, the AGM. Possible TVV projects are brought forward by individuals willing to lead them and if approved by the membership the project is initiated and has its own leadership and meetings as needed to support the project. Membership is by nomination and approval by the current membership, but most people simply want to be on a volunteer list and called when needed.

Our core activities are planning and executing events and projects of our own plus helping other organizations with their community efforts. The first two projects we launched in cooperation with the Rec Society is the non-summer monthly Coffee Social followed by a joint effort to grow the Spring Plant Sale, the third annual of which just occurred. One TVV project actively under way is an effort to acquire the Wasa Elementary School for community use. Another, a feasibility analysis for the possible extension of the Lions Path to Cameron Pond is still in the early stages. Last year we supported the Rec Society's fire-proofing efforts re-siding of the Community Hall by donating the funds from the 2025 Spring Plant Sale and by organizing volunteer labour to remove the existing flammable vinyl siding. As a fundraiser, members do set up for the Rec Society bingo nights and supply catering. Volunteers also assist the Lions club with their annual fundraiser of organizing parking for the Wasa Lake Triathlon and by helping with year-round maintenance of the Lions Path. The TVV information web page is on www.wasalake.com the site which also hosts current and past issues of the Buzz back to 2011.

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It is important to remember that all private moorage facilities must not obstruct public access along the foreshore. Moorage facilities must comply with Canadian Coast Guard regulations and building regulations.

The following is prohibited:

- Any use of structures for non-moorage purposes
- Fill below the present natural boundary
- Dredging on the foreshore
- Any solid core structures or cribs

Only one dock per property is permitted. Proof of Insurance will also be required by the upland owner either through a Homeowner's Insurance policy or some equivalent instrument.



For more information see below, or contact FrontCounter BC to verify which form of Crown land authorization is appropriate and if any other approvals are required.

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Not every dock in BC has permission — some were built before modern rules were in place or without any regard for them. In such cases, the dock may be:

- Grandfathered (but only if compliant when built and unmodified since)
- Unauthorized and at risk of removal

Unauthorized docks may come to light during a property sale, insurance application, or local government inspection. Fixing these situations can be expensive and time-consuming. In some cases, a landowner may have to remove the dock and apply anew under current rules, which may not allow a dock in that location at all.

Foreshore and aquatic Crown land ownership in British Columbia

Foreshore is the land between the high and low watermarks of streams, rivers, lakes, and the ocean.

Aquatic Crown land is all the land, including the foreshore, from the high water mark out to the limits of provincial jurisdiction.

In British Columbia, the provincial government owns nearly all freshwater and saltwater foreshore. Land adjacent to foreshore may be privately owned, but in common law the public retains the privilege or “bare licence” to access the foreshore.

The Crown Foreshore: BC's Most Misunderstood Property Law

The single most important concept for any BC waterfront transaction is Crown ownership of the foreshore. In British Columbia, the foreshore — broadly defined as the land between the natural high water mark (NHWM) and the natural low water mark (NLWM) — is owned by the provincial Crown.

This applies to ocean shorelines, lakes, rivers, and streams. It means that a property whose title extends to the “high water mark” ends at the shoreline during high tide or high water — the dock, the boat ramp, and the beach below the high water mark are on Crown land unless the seller holds a foreshore tenure (lease or licence) from the province.

Many buyers — and some sellers — believe they own everything they can see from their deck. Correcting this misconception early prevents surprises at due diligence and negotiation.

DFO Compliance: The Federal Layer Nobody Tells Buyers About

On top of provincial Crown foreshore rules, waterfront structures near fish-bearing waters must comply with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) requirements under the federal Fisheries Act. Fish habitat protection is a federal responsibility, and DFO authorization is required for works that could harm fish or fish habitat.

This applies to virtually any waterfront work in BC: dock construction, dock modification, boat ramp installation, shoreline hardening, dredging, bank stabilization, and culvert work on streams. BC has very few waterways that do not contain fish or are not adjacent to fish habitat.

For example, the following activities usually require specific authorization:

- Constructing docks, boathouses, or breakwaters
- Diverting or extracting water for non-domestic purposes
- Altering stream channels or shorelines
- Depositing fill or removing vegetation from riparian areas

We all play a role in protecting our natural resources.

If you have seen misconduct related to natural resources involving forest harvesting, fire use, heritage sites, water use or damage, or unauthorized use of Crown land, please report it using one of these two methods:

Method one: Report a natural resource violation with the online form if the infraction concerns water, roads, forestry operations or any misuse of Crown lands or a heritage site.

Method two: Call 1 877-952-7277 toll-free (or #7277 on a cellphone). Then, depending on what you've witnessed, you may choose to report either to a Natural Resource Officer or a Conservation Officer.

Identifying violations

Natural resource violations may include illegal or unauthorized activities related to:

- Use of water
- Construction of works (e.g., pumping equipment) or altering terrain near water (for a definition of "works", see Section 1 of the Water Sustainability Act)
- Use of fire in forests or on grasslands, infractions related to fire prohibitions
- Long-term unauthorized occupation of Crown land
- Unauthorized foreshore development
- Unauthorized timber harvesting
- Unauthorized road construction and maintenance
- Culturally sensitive sites or artifacts
- Use of resource roads
- Environmental damage in sensitive ecosystems
- Habitat damage (fish and wildlife)
- Crown pastures and associated livestock

As a property owner, know your responsibilities regarding the ecosystem and environment around you.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water-licensing-rights/working-around-water>

<https://magnate360.com/blog/bc-realtor-waterfront-property-guide>

<https://meridianlawgroup.ca/what-b-c-property-owners-should-know-about-waterfront-access-riparian-rights/>

<https://pushormitchell.com/2025/06/03/understanding-dock-permissions-in-bc/>

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Beat the Heat!

- Wear linen or cotton; choose light colors over darker ones. Wear a hat,
- Stay hydrated, preferably with frequent small sips through the day.
- Fruits and vegetables are easy to digest and often high in water content. The tingling feeling and accompanying sweat caused by eating spicy foods has a purpose: The sweat actually cools your body down.
- Avoid peak hours of sunlight when the temperatures and UV rays are at their highest, normally between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Surround yourselves with green spaces; Green spaces have consistently cooler temperatures than areas without plants. One reason is that trees provide shade. Another is that plants release moisture from their leaves. As the water evaporates, it cools surrounding air.



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If you have any questions, please contact the BC Wildfire Service Southeast Fire Centre Fire Information Officer at 250 318-7715.



The Lions Den Lions Roar

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

submitted by Terry Marvel

We would like to report that the Lions Garage Sale was a rousing success, thanks to all the donated items. The funds generated by this event are used for our various accounts to keep our club operating. Thanks also to everyone that bought the gently used items that were paid for by donation. Lion Sharon did a fantastic job of organizing it. A huge shout out to Cleve Koswan for building the additional room to house the garage sale items. And while I'm on the subject of Cleve and his wife Kim, many thanks for all the work you do! Their tireless efforts are very much appreciated. They also cleaned up two of the bocce pits for anyone to use at any time. If bocce balls are required, phone Marilyn at 250-489-9586 and she will supply them for you.

The Lion's Grounds have taken on a whole new look with all new siding and painting. It is a wonderful improvement. The stage area will soon have a new look as well for the entertainers for the Pancake Breakfasts. Which, by the way, happen every Saturday until September 5th. Always a hearty breakfast for a great price and the proceeds go to the various groups in the area that sponsor the meals.

The Lion's 50th Anniversary celebration will be held on August 15th at the Lions Grounds with all past and present Lion's invited as well as other Lions clubs in the area. We have had our ups and downs but we've weathered many a storm and remain a strong and helpful club.

It looks like August could be a hot and dry month, so mind any sparks and fires. Be Firesmart!

Hints by Vi

I had the privilege of meeting Vi only a few times before she passed away in August 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.



1. To get rid of oil or grease spots on clothing after it's been through the washer and dryer make a paste with baking soda, dish soap and water. Using a toothbrush, brush the spot on both sides of the clothing, rinse and wash the clothing. This really works!
2. Tie a loose knot where two extension cords plug together to keep them from disconnecting while dragging them around your yard or workspace.
3. Synthetic wine corks are great for sealing partially used tubes of caulk. Drill a 5/16-in. hole into the cork about 1 in. deep. The cork fits perfectly and makes an airtight seal.
4. When you're mounting something on the wall with keyhole slots, lay paper over the slots and make a template by rubbing with a pencil. Then level your template on the wall and you'll know precisely where to position the screws.
5. Never waste time desperately tugging at tangled jewelry again. Loosen the knot by sprinkling a little baby powder on it, then use a pin to pull it apart.

Wasa 4-H Club Does Great at Annual Show and Sale

By: Nancy Day

Our 4-H Club went to the District Show and Sale at the end of May and all of our members did so great! We had so much fun and it felt really good to show off our projects and all our hard work. Congratulations to all of the 4-H members who worked so hard with their projects over the year, it was so awesome to see them all. All of us worked really hard with our animals and other projects all weekend, and I think everyone did such a good job even in the rain and mud! I was so happy to see all of our friends win so many great awards. Thanks to everyone that came to see our show and watch us show off our projects.

We would especially like to thank all of our club sponsors this year:

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Wasa 4-H Club



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Thank you so much for supporting our club and our members!

We also had the best time at the JulyFest Parade in Kimberley, it was so fun to decorate our float and be a part of the parade. We are really excited about starting up a new year of 4H in the fall, if you want to find out more or join our club, please email wasa4Hclub@gmail.com



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Understanding boating restrictions on local waters

July 9, 2026 by Wildsight Invermere

What is VORR and what does it mean for our lakes?

If you've spent time on the Columbia Valley's lakes and rivers, you may have noticed signs restricting certain types of boats or activities. Behind those rules is a little-known but increasingly important federal tool: VORR.

VORR—short for Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations—is a federal program administered by Transport Canada. It allows local governments, Indigenous communities, and other authorized bodies to request boating restrictions on specific waterbodies. While the acronym might sound unfamiliar, its impact is felt across our region, shaping how we use and protect our lakes and rivers.

So, what can a VORR do? Quite a bit. These regulations can restrict or prohibit various types of vessel use based on safety, environmental protection, or public interest. Restrictions can apply all the time or only during specific times of the day, week, month or year.

Here are some real-world examples from BC:

- All vessels are prohibited on certain sections of **Okanagan Lake**.
- Power-driven (use engines to generate power) and electric propulsion (use electric motors) boats are restricted on Columbia River tributaries and wetlands.
- On small lakes west of Brisco—like **Hall** and **Twin Lakes**—boats that are power-driven or have electric motors over 7.5KW are banned.
- At **Cartwright Lake**, boats are restricted to a 7.45 KW power limit
- On stretches of the Columbia River and **Premier Lake**, boats must stay under a set speed limit.
- Towing people (think wakeboards, waterskis, or tubes) is prohibited at **Whiteswan** and **Whitetail Lakes**. Wakesurfing is specifically banned in those same lakes

Organized water-based events are also sometimes restricted under VORR. Though no such rules are currently in place locally, they do exist in other parts of BC.

Getting a VORR isn't as simple as posting a sign. Applicants must clearly define the restriction, location, and timing, and provide a strong rationale — usually centred on safety, ecological protection, or community use. Just as important is the consultation process. Authorities must engage with boaters, residents, Indigenous Nations, and other stakeholders to ensure fairness, transparency, and respect for rights.

The VORR application process also needs to consider enforcement and public awareness. A rule is only effective if people know about it and can follow it. The local authority applying for the VORR also takes on the responsibility and cost of installing signage, educating the public, and supporting enforcement.

The good news? Any level of government in Canada can apply for a VORR, and many do. Through this rigorous and often costly process, these regulations are helping balance recreation with responsibility, ensuring our waterways remain safe and healthy for everyone.

So, is VORR a four-letter word? Only in letters. In practice, it stands for protection, planning, and shared stewardship of the waters we all love.



Gardening Tasks for August

Water wisely: August can be one of the hottest months, making proper watering crucial. Water your plants early in the morning or late in the evening to reduce evaporation and allow plants to absorb moisture more effectively. Focus on deep, infrequent watering rather than shallow, frequent watering to encourage deep root growth.

Keep dead-heading flowers, including those on basil; Removing spent blooms encourages the plants to produce more flowers instead of setting seed, which can often signal the plant to slow down or stop blooming altogether.

Continue fertilizing; a lot of plants are still flowering prolifically, and you want to keep that going as long as possible. Fertilizing regularly is essential to maintaining that energy.

Prune plants to keep them tidy: Between the dry spell in July and the relentless sun, some are leggy, sun-scorched, or even partially crispy. Remove any dead or diseased foliage, which not only improves the look of the garden but also helps prevent disease and encourages fresh, healthy growth. Tidying up your plants can make a surprising difference—and it also gives you a chance to check in on everything up close.

Start collecting seeds; using mesh bags around spent blooms can help with this. Once the flower heads turn brown and dry, snip them off and let them finish curing in a dry spot before saving the seeds.

Cut back peonies; By August, however, the leaves start to yellow, droop, and die back, making the plant look a bit messy. Once the foliage has begun to decline significantly, Cut it down to ground level and discard the leaves. Cleaning up peonies at this stage helps prevent fungal issues and keeps the garden looking neater as we head into fall.

Harvest regularly; Many fruits and vegetables are ready for harvest in August. Regularly picking produce like tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, and peppers ensures they continue to produce. Harvesting also prevents overripe fruits from attracting pests.

Mulch; Refresh mulch around your plants to help retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature. A 2-3 inch layer of organic mulch, such as straw, wood chips, or shredded leaves, works best.

Plant fall crops: August is the perfect time to plant fall crops such as lettuce, spinach, radishes, and carrots. These cool-season vegetables will thrive as the temperatures start to drop. Plan your fall garden and sow seeds accordingly.

Plan for perennials; Late summer is a great time to plan and plant perennials for next year. Look for end-of-season sales at local nurseries. Planting perennials in August gives them time to establish roots before the colder months arrive.

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There are a couple of items I wanted to touch on in this month's article.

Area E is not alone in seeing a huge population of mosquitos this year. In fact, 2026 has been the second highest water year since 2011. That means that there are several years' worth of mosquito eggs laid on the areas prone to flooding that were all hatched this year. Water levels reached 4.25m at the end of May 2026. That is nearly 1.25m higher than the previous two years. Ground crews have been out since early May, pre-flood, monitoring and treating known and new sites by ground and helicopter. Adult mosquitos are now dying out, so should not be getting more plentiful; however, this area does have mosquitos blow in from untreated areas to the south with the winds. Our Mosquito Control Contractor Morrow Bioscience Ltd is continuing to actively monitor floodwater and seepage areas daily and will continue to complete ground treatments throughout the summer.

With the local government elections coming up this fall, the RDEK has created a really helpful RDEK Candidate Guide to help provide potential candidates with a wide range of information about what the roles and responsibilities are of an Electoral Area Director are, the commitment involved, details about Regional District Governance and more. It's a very useful resource and if you are thinking about running for an Electoral Area Director position, I encourage you to read it over. You can find it, along with all other information related to the local government elections for the rural areas of the RDEK, at <https://engage.rdek.bc.ca/elections>.

Being the Area E Director requires someone who is dedicated to public service, wants to make a difference, can work with the public and see all sides of issues, and who can step in and represent not only Area E, but the entire region. It is interesting, fulfilling, demanding, educational, inspiring, and rewarding all at the same time. If you're interested, I encourage you to run. Watch the livestream of meetings, talk to other RDEK directors, and talk to the community about what matters to residents.

Have a great month,

Jane

 **Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone that reached out to offer their support and well wishes after my accident. The flowers, food, gifts and offers of help are overwhelming and I appreciate every one of you!

Wendy Davis

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

– Leo Buscaglia

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

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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.

GYM HOURS AND INFO



The Two Gardens We Tend Every Day

Without always realizing it, each of us is a gardener. Yet the garden we're talking about here isn't behind our house or in a park. It's an invisible garden, an inner space that we cultivate every moment through our thoughts, words, emotions, and actions. Every day is a new opportunity to sow seeds there which, sooner or later, will bear fruit.

Imagine for a moment that two gardens coexist within each of us. The first is the garden of light. There we find kindness, patience, gratitude, hope, generosity, and trust. Every time we encourage someone, show understanding, or take the time to appreciate the beautiful things in life, we water this garden. Little by little, it becomes a peaceful place where life is good—not only for ourselves but also for everyone who crosses our path.

The second garden is the one we often tend without even realizing it. It grows when we constantly feed our worries, anger, jealousy, regrets, or judgments. Sometimes it takes just a few minutes of dwelling on a setback to give it a little more strength. Like weeds in a real garden, these thoughts take root quickly if we don't pay attention to them. They gradually take over the entire space and eventually choke the most beautiful flowers that were trying to bloom.

The good news is that we are never trapped by what is growing in our inner garden today. Nature teaches

us a great truth: a garden can always be transformed. Even after a harsh winter or a long period of neglect, all it takes is to start tending to the soil again. Weeds can be pulled. New seeds can be sown. With a little patience and perseverance, the flowers will reappear.

The same is true of our inner life. We cannot always prevent a negative thought from arising. We do not choose all the trials that come our way. However, we can choose not to feed them any further. A worry does not have to become an obsession. Anger does not have to become a habit. A failure doesn't have to define an entire life. Every time we decide to turn our attention toward what uplifts us rather than what holds us back, we're already changing the quality of our garden.

It's amazing to see how small actions can have such a big impact. Sincerely thank someone. Offer a smile. Listen without interrupting. Forgive a blunder. Admire a sunset. Take a deep breath before responding in the heat of the moment. These gestures may seem modest, but they are like tiny seeds. A single seed does not immediately change the landscape. Yet, repeated every day, they eventually transform an entire life.

Our inner garden also influences those around us. Everyone knows someone whose mere presence eases tensions, restores confidence, or brings a little serenity. Conversely, sometimes all it takes is for one person to constantly foster

discouragement or anger for the entire atmosphere to become oppressive. Without meaning to, we share the flowers or weeds we cultivate within ourselves every day.

That's why it's helpful to take a few moments each evening to observe our own garden—not to judge ourselves harshly, but to get to know ourselves better. What did we water today?

Impatience or understanding? Anxiety or trust? Criticism or encouragement? These simple questions allow us, little by little, to take back control of our inner lives.

Tomorrow morning, as you begin a new day, remember that you hold a bag filled with invisible seeds in your hands. You can choose which ones to sow in your thoughts, your words, and your actions. The harvest may not appear immediately, but it will come in time, just as it always does in nature.

Deep down, true happiness doesn't depend solely on what life places in our path. It also depends on the garden we choose to cultivate each day. And the wonderful news is that, no matter what our past may be, it's never too late to plant today the flowers we'll love to admire tomorrow.

May there be Light in your inner garden.

With much love to each of you
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Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha





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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 Gall 250-417-9422

Lyle Zaksauskas 250-421-2650

Sharon Prinz 250-417-7654

Kathy McCauley 250-427-6637

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

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  WORLD Sunflower DAY
2 Church 10:30	3 	4 Wasa Lion's Mtg 7 pm	5 	6	7	8
9 Church 10:30 am	10	11	12 WLLID Mtg 7 pm 	13	14  NAVAJO CODE TALKERS DAY	15 September Buzz submissions due!
16 Church 10:30 am	17	18	19 	20  WORLD MOSQUITO DAY	21	22
23/30 Church 10:30 am	24/31	25  Kiss And Makeup Day	26	27 	28	29

LEGEND

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



SPECIAL EVENTS

and Days Down the Road

- TOPS every Wednesday morning at the Wasa Hall. Weigh in at 9 - 9:30 AM - mtg 9:30 to 10:30
- Pickleball - every Monday & Wednesday 9 - 12, Community Hall
- Next WLLID Board mtg August 12th
- Memorial Garden AGM Sept 29th



NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

Ashram Meditation & Yoga.....250.422.9327
BC Wildfire.....*5555.....or1.800.663.5555
Catamount Contracting.....250.422.3694
Conservation - Emergency.....1.877.952.7277
Cranbrook/Kimberley Hospice.....250.417.2026
Econobuilt.....250.421.7813
EMERGENCY.....1.800.663.5555 (*5555)
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TOPS.....Nicky Popowich..... (250) 422-9248
Wasa Country Pub & Grill250.422.3381
Wasa Hall.....250.422.3514.....422.3795
Wasa Hardware & Building Ctr.....250.422.3123
Wasa Lake Gas & Food.....250.422.9271
Wasa Lions Med Eqp...250.417-7654.....793.9491
Wasa Lions Trail Donations.....250.417-7654
Wasa Memorial Garden (Sherri Shields).....email-
Wasa Post Office.....250.422.3122

