



Tri-Village Buzz



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Jane Walter, Director RDEK Area E - ACCLAIMED!

Jane Walter began her Directorship in April 2011 after winning a By-Election when her husband Norm Walter passed away. Later that year in November's General Election, Jane claimed her position as the Area E Director for the next 3 years.

These last 3 years have been a busy time for Jane and she has no doubt proven herself to be a competent and hard working Director. Congratulations Jane! (See more on Page 7- RDEK)

Where do you take...

YOUR BUZZ ?

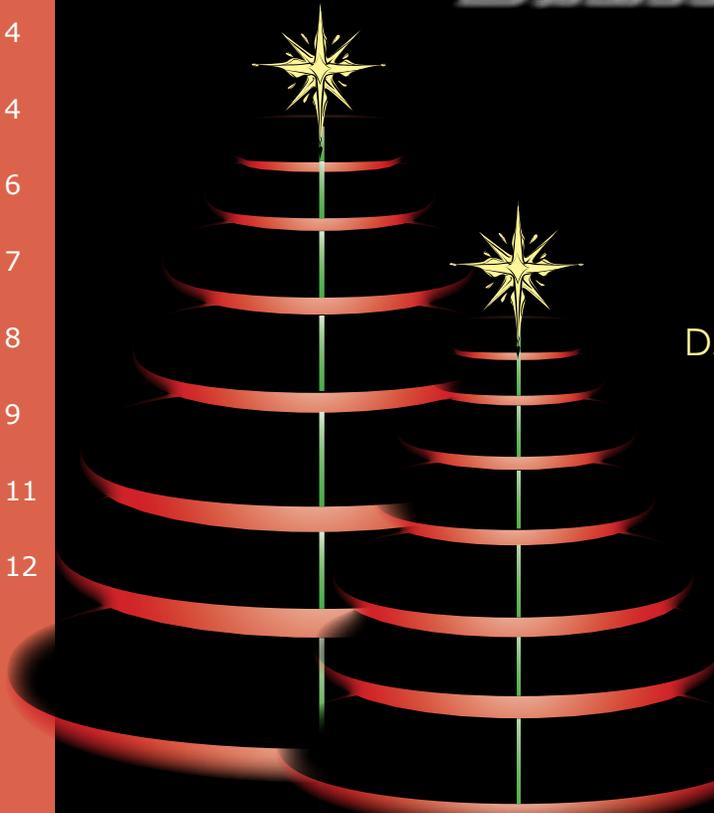
The 2014 winner for our popular contest will be drawn next month. There's still time to qualify Email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com (see Page 3)

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Wasa Lions

Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance



Saturday, December 6th

Doors Open @ 5:30 pm

Cocktails @ 6:00 pm

Dinner @ 7:00 pm

DJ: Ray's Music @ 8:30 pm

TICKET SALES:

ADVANCE ONLY

SATURDAY, NOV. 8TH

9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

WASA HALL

\$30.00 EACH

W•A•N•T•E•D

The Wasa Recreation Society Bingo group is looking for a person (or persons) to take on the job of setting up and taking down the tables and chairs at the Wasa Community Hall for the Bingo once a month. This is a paid position.

For details contact:

Karen Markus 250-422-3514

Jane Gendron 250-422-3469.



Glenn Johnson
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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 second Tuesday of each month at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:45 pm and regular at 7:00 pm.

WASA COMMUNITY LIBRARY



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

SUBMITTED BY JUDY MCPHEE

We have many, many books tailored to most peoples needs and interests. Categories include: historical, fiction, non-fiction, children and teen section, cookbooks, travel books, scientific books and family living books. Marg has added many new books to our collection.

Noted journalist, June Callwood has written "National Treasures". This book is based on outstanding Canadians she has interviewed -those who exemplify a good life, a useful life. The givers, the treasures - just like our library staff. See you at our library.

Faithful volunteers, Marg Burrin, Brenda Rauch, Rhea and Dale Tagg are again manning our library. We welcome Rose Smith to our volunteer staff. The Library is located downstairs in the Wasa Community Hall, go through the orange door and its the first room to your right.

Personal appointments and alternate arrangements can be made with Marg Burrin 250-422-3565. Delivery of books to people shut-in is available.

The Library will be closed for Remembrance Day on Tuesday, November 11th.

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.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the October issue of the Tri-Village Buzz, Mario Carelli published an editorial in which he stated that he had a WLLID trustee come to his residence (unofficially), "to warn me about a forthcoming letter regarding the auctioning of our house and the consequences that were to follow if our back taxes were not paid".

I was that trustee, elected to The WLLID Board in April, 2014. I knew Mr. and Mrs. Carelli through senior curling and felt comfortable meeting with them. The intent of my visit was not to warn Mr. Carelli of a letter concerning the consequences of unpaid WLLID taxes but rather to discuss the issues he had with the WLLID that had led him to with-hold paying taxes. With that information I thought it may have been possible to deal with the issues and avoid further action. That was the purpose of the meeting and I resent Mr. Carelli saying publically that it was otherwise.

I also felt it only fair to let Mr. Carelli know that letters were being sent to residents regarding unpaid taxes as the WLLID is required to do by law. This was only mentioned after we had discussed the issues not at the beginning as Mr. Carelli's wording seems to indicate.

Yes, issues were discussed. I listened carefully and they did not fall on deaf ears. Four tests for E coli in Cameron Pond were done within days. The WLLID trustees have been working with other agencies, on Mr. Carelli's issues and other Cameron Pond concerns for many weeks. WLLID correspondence sent to Mr. Carelli would indicate the progress in these matters.

Thank you.
Laurie Kay

Your comments and Letters to the Editor are a welcome contribution to this newsletter. However, the views expressed here are solely that of the writer and not necessarily shared by the volunteers of the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter team.

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Where do you take... **YOUR BUZZ ?**



On a recent trip to Kalispell, Wasa residents Ged and Helen Kelly stop in Whitefish on their way home. Pictured here they proudly display the Buzz while posing near the Railway Park in Whitefish, Montana.

- Send me a photo of you in your travels pictured with the Tri-Village Buzz.
- Include a brief description of where you went and the names of the people in the photo.
- I'll publish all photos received.
- The name of the person sending me the photo will be entered in a draw for a \$50.00 Gift Certificate redeemable at any one of the advertisers (of your choice) advertised in 2014 in the Tri-Village Buzz.
- The draw will take place December 2014.
- One winner will be drawn, enter as many times as you like (one photo per destination please).
- Open to all readers of the Tri-Village Buzz.

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Response to Letter to Editor in October 2014 Buzz

In the last issue of the Buzz, Mario Carelli published an editorial in which he made allegations against the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District. The trustees would like to address those allegations.

1. Overdue Taxes and Property Foreclosures

Under Section 757 of the *Local Government Act*, the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District has the right to collect taxes. Under Section 762, "improvement districts must hold a tax sale for properties where there are taxes owing to the improvement district for 24 months or longer at the date of the sale." (*The Local Government Act* is available at www.wasalake.ca in "About Land Improvement Districts", under the ABOUT tab). However, a tax sale would only be undertaken as a last resort, and unlike other government entities, WLLID is willing to negotiate a payment plan for anyone who needs it.

2. Meeting with the Board Regarding Issues of Concern

Trustees had already committed to meeting with Cameron Pond residents on Sunday, October 12 before Mr. Carelli published his letter to the editor. Following its publication, Mr. Carelli excused himself from attending and the meeting was held without him. We discussed a number of issues of concern to Cameron Ponders, including water quality and quantity and the removal of

debris from the Pond. Ironically, although a number of properties that surround Cameron Pond are included within the boundary of the land improvement district, the pond itself is outside our boundary and under the jurisdiction of The Nature Trust. Nevertheless, we hope to work with the Cameron Ponders to help them achieve some of their goals, paramount of which is regular water testing.

3. Boarding of Culvert

The boarding up of the culvert was the act of an individual and was not a board decision.

4. Who Pays Taxes and Who Doesn't Is Arbitrarily Determined

The boundary of the WLLID was determined in 1969 when the British Columbia government granted the Letters Patent. The boundary was set according to what made the most sense at that time considering that many properties had not yet been subdivided. The map is available in Maps, under the LIBRARY tab at www.wasalake.ca

5. WLLID Mandate Is Only To Test Water

The Letters Patent state that our objective is *to maintain a good quality of water in Wasa Lake by lake-level control and treatment of the water therein and land improvement purpose, the acquisition of land, and the acquisition, maintenance and operation of works for these purposes and all things incidental thereto.*

6. What does Land Improvement Mean?

There are over 230 Land Improvement Districts in British Columbia that were established to look after one or two community services such as fire protection or water works. If anyone is confused about what land improvement districts do, they can read the "Improvement District Manual" available at www.wasalake.ca or from the Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development.

7. Alberta Property Owners Have To Pay Taxes But Have No Representation

It is true that people who own property in the WLLID but whose permanent residence is outside of British Columbia do not have a vote at the Annual General Meeting. This rule is set by the BC Elections Act and is standard across Canada. It is not true, however, that non-residents have no say about what we do. All regular board meetings and the AGM are publicly posted and open to the public, anyone can request to address the board, and anyone can email us or comment on our website blog. The 2014-15 Board of Trustees have made it a priority to find a way to include a non-resident advocate on our board.

If you still require more information, we encourage you to go to our website at www.wasalake.ca or contact admin@wasalake.ca

Trustees Wasa Lake Land Improvement District

Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell



Hello Readers! What a great fall we are having with all the bright colors.

1. Don't burn yourself when trying to light candles. Light a stick of spaghetti to use to light those hard to reach candle wicks.
2. To reduce static cling from clothing, pin a small safety pin to the inside seam of your garment.
3. Running bacon under cold water before cooking will reduce shrinking by up to 50%.
4. Did you know that brass door knobs and handles disinfect themselves within 8 hours?
5. When you half a recipe, write it in different colored pen for easy to read and no error computations.

Till next time and Happy Halloween!



Wasa Country Pub

is having a

"Halloween Bash"

- **Saturday, November 1st**
- **Karaoke from 9 pm to 1 am**
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¼ cup whole wheat flour	1 cup raisins
¼ cup white sugar	1 cup cooked pumpkin
1-½ tsp cinnamon	2 eggs
1 tsp baking powder	½ cup vegetable oil
1 tsp baking soda	½ cup plain yogurt or buttermilk

Combine dry ingredients and raisins. Mix wet ingredients and add to dry. Stir just until combined. Spoon into 12 muffin tin. Bake 400° for 25 minutes.

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.

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Belated Birthday Wishes to Marjorie Marvel

Who celebrated her birthday on October 12th

Love from Terry & Dixie and Family



THANKS N' FRANKS

This Lions Club has been very busy this past couple of months. Our Franks 'n Thanks in September was a big success. It was great to see lots of community members come out and we appreciated all the kind words spoken about the building of the rink.

GRAN FONDO RACE

The Lions assisted with a water station at the Gran Fondo Race again this year. The members manning the station enjoyed their time during the couple of hours the station was open and were awestruck at how many more racers there were this year compared to last. We look forward to next year's Gran Fondo - either manning the station or watching the racers zip by. It's an amazing event and we congratulate all the participants involved.

PETER VERESHAGEN MEMORIAL RINK

The Rink is nearing completion and the Wasa Lions Club is grateful for all the volunteers who have helped with the various stages. There will be an official ceremony in mid-December to celebrate the finished work. This ceremony will be attended by representatives of the government agencies who helped fund the rink and make it possible. Posters detailing the date and time of this official event will be placed throughout the community so watch for them. The Lions Club is proud of the rink and we are overwhelmed with the community support we have received in sales, donations and volunteer hours. Thank you!

ANNUAL LIONS CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE

Plans for our Annual Lions Christmas Dinner and Dance are well underway. This annual fundraiser will be held on

Saturday, December 6th. Tickets will go on sale Saturday, November 8th at the Wasa Hall from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The DJ has been booked, the tickets are being printed and prizes are being gathered. We all look forward to this dance and we hope to see you there. Don't forget to bring an item for the Kimberley Helping Hands Food Bank donation bin.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT-UP CONTEST

Sunday, December 14th is the date for the Christmas Light Up Contest. First prize is \$100, second prize is \$60 and third prize is \$40. The three winners will be announced in the February edition of the Tri-Village Buzz. Take a drive around the Tri Village area and admire the festive Christmas displayed that evening. It will put you in the Christmas spirit!

NEW MEMBER

At our October dinner meeting, President Julie did an induction ceremony and the Club welcomed new member June Clubley. We are delighted to have her join us and excited about the opportunity to work with her. Welcome June!

MEXICAN FIESTA NIGHT

The Mexican Fiesta Night was a lot of fun and the Wasa Lions Club would like to thank the Wasa Recreational Society for organizing the festive event. It was a great way to bring members of the community together and enjoy a wonderful meal. Congratulations to the Rec Society and all the volunteers for a job well done!

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

Wasa Community Church

~ Pastor Gary Semenyra ~
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By Area E Director Jane Walter

REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

The Regional Sustainability Strategy was adopted by the RDEK Board. This strategy is a long term planning document that will help to inform other plans such as the Official Community Plans. The strategy will also help to align other aspects of the RDEK work, by adopting a Sustainable Lens to guide operations and decision making.

AGRICULTURAL PLAN

The Agriculture Plan was adopted by the Board. The plan was initiated in 2011 and saw a number of milestones along the way. The process was a unique opportunity to assess the vision of agriculture in the East Kootenay Region and also the potential role of the RDEK with the agriculture sector and other parties.

AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION (KOOTENAY PANEL REGION)

The panel members were announced by the Agriculture Minister Norm Letnick. The Kootenay Panel Region members are: Sharon Mielnichuk, Vice Chair; Ian Knudson, Commissionaire; Terry Theibeault, Commissionaire. Members will assist in local decisions for the Agriculture Land Commission.

I was honoured to be acclaimed as Director for the RDEK Area E. I have enjoyed and I will continue to work for the Area E residents answering questions and assisting in solving their problems.

I hope that everyone has a good month.

Jane Walter,
RDEK Director Area E,
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WASA RECREATION SOCIETY

Thank you to the community of Wasa and area, our Fiesta Night was a success. We had attendance of 110. The fiesta night was about the Recreation Society providing an opportunity for our community to come together for a social night and thanking one another for the work we do to make our neighbourhood a great place to live.

Thanks to Orlena Campbell, our dinner co-ordinator, and her kitchen and prep staff of Ursula Kaufmann and Pat Walkey and clean-up person, Jane Gendron. And most of all thanks to all those people that helped clean up during and after the event.

The Recreation Society would also like to thank Susanne Ashmore, JC McPhee and Jim Hill for the extra volunteer duties they have carried out this summer and fall. Thanks to Susan Manahan, Bingo Concession organizer and her volunteers and contributors of baking for bingo night.

As you can see the hall has a new door, which is much more secure than our previous one. Through the Columbia Basin Trust grant we were able to purchase a new outside door and inside door (which will be installed at a later date). The new inside door will provide better insulation to the hall during the winter.

Remember the Whist club will start up again this winter, call Lorraine Colton for more information 422-3640.

Recreation Society meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm at the hall. If you have any activity suggestions, want to be a volunteer or just want to make the community hall a better place, please contact Karen Markus 422-3514 or Orlena Campbell 422-3773

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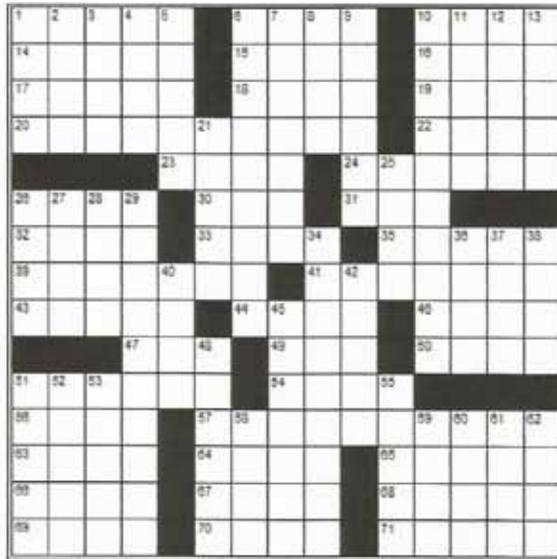
We want to thank those in the community who have helped us or have just called to see how Gary is doing. We appreciate your help and concern. He should get his cast off in 2 weeks. The neck brace will be on until after Christmas.

Thank you
Gary and Patsy Semenyina

ACROSS

- 1. A path or strip
- 6. Poems
- 10. False god
- 14. Female demon
- 15. Fiber source
- 16. Exploded star
- 17. Willow
- 18. Bristle
- 19. Skedaddled
- 20. Druggist
- 22. Old stories
- 23. Potato
- 24. Maps
- 26. Speech disorder
- 30. Mineral rock
- 31. Best seller
- 32. Bright thought
- 33. Pickle flavoring
- 35. A toy wind instrument
- 39. Steamroll
- 41. One sank the Titanic
- 43. Latin name for our planet
- 44. Madly in love
- 46. Lascivious look
- 47. Frozen water
- 49. Little bit

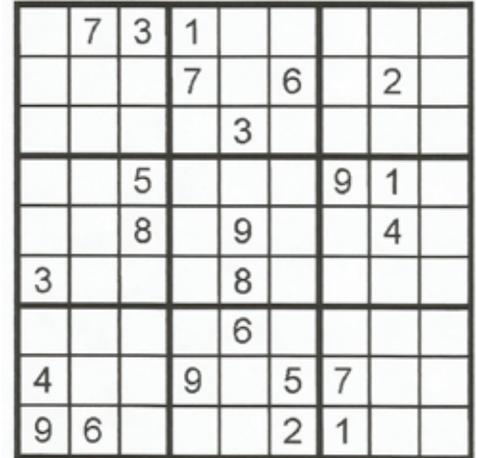
Crossword



DOWN

- 1. Swill
- 2. Clean
- 3. Dogfish
- 4. Layer
- 5. Injures
- 6. Hiding
- 7. A four-sided spinning top
- 8. Dines
- 9. Grab
- 10. Designed to be filled with air
- 11. Painful grief
- 12. Blatant
- 13. Loads
- 21. Any animal with no feet
- 25. Go backpacking
- 26. Elevator (British)
- 27. Doing nothing
- 28. Char
- 29. Nationalism
- 34. Connective tissues
- 36. Z Z Z Z
- 37. Mining finds
- 38. Monster
- 40. Meal in a shell
- 42. Trainee
- 45. Recurrence
- 48. Conundrum
- 51. Inexpensive
- 52. Surpass
- 53. Unrefined
- 55. Requires
- 58. Found on a finger
- 59. Unusual
- 60. Largest continent
- 61. Canvas dwelling
- 62. Large N. American deer (plural)

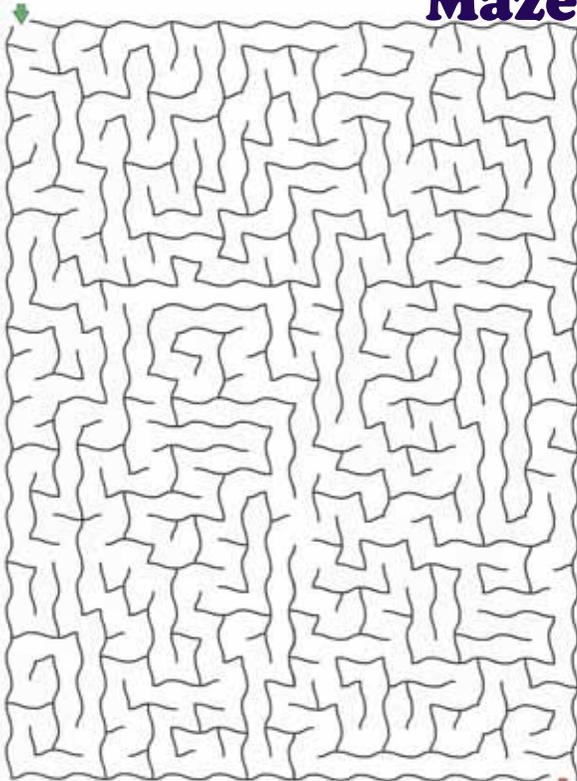
Sudoku



Spot 15 Differences



Maze



Find a Word (Autumn)



- ACORN
- APPLE
- BIRD MIGRATION
- BLOWING LEAVES
- BLUSTERY DAY
- CANNING
- CHESTNUTS
- CHILLY
- COLD
- CROPS
- EQUINOX
- FALL
- FARMING
- FEAST
- FROST
- HALLOWEEN
- HARVEST
- HAYSTACK
- HICKORY NUTS
- LONGER NIGHTS
- NOVEMBER
- OCTOBER
- ORANGE LEAVES
- PIE
- PUMPKIN
- RAKE
- RED LEAVES
- SCARECROW
- SCHOOL
- SEASON
- SEPTEMBER
- SHORTER DAYS
- SQUASH
- SWEET POTATOES
- THANKSGIVING
- TURKEY
- WINDY
- YELLOW LEAVES



What's next for you to be fulfilled and totally happy?

What are you doing right now to obtain a glimpse of happiness? What are your plans in order to be really happy... forever? Have you ever noticed how many things we do in life with the expectation of being endlessly happy and complete? Let's take your own life as an example: what are you doing right now with the sole (yet hidden) desire of being happy and problem-free? It could be, *"Oh, Honey! Let's organize a nice lunch with the family; the kids are coming this weekend."* or *"Darling! Fall is here now, let's spend winter in Mexico; it is so much livelier and warmer there!"* It could also be, *"It's late, let's have a nice supper and watch TV all evening!"* or *"Let's drink hot chocolate, walk the dog or repaint the living room; let's go to the movies, take a warm shower or phone your best friend"*, and so on! No matter what you do, it is to be happier and, in the end, to be *totally* happy and fulfilled! You crave happiness, peace and full satisfaction!

To be happy! Oh, God! What have you *not* done for this? You have defied all obstacles, all impediments. Most of all, you have put all your energy, all your faith, all your hope into it, and you will continue to do so for the rest of your life! But what kind of balance sheet are you left with after all these years of fighting for happiness and fulfillment?

Have you ever reflected upon the nature of the happiness you are looking for? What do you need today to be happy? What's next? Are you really going to be completely and totally happy with what you plan to do? Or is it simply, for you, the sad acceptance that no one can be happy forever so it is better to take as many glimpses of happiness as we can before dying?

Happiness is one of the most important words in the Yoga Sadhana Practice. Happiness refers to bliss or "Ananda", absolute fulfillment, total completeness. For us Yogis, happiness is a state of being which should be achieved from within. No matter what you add to your life in order to be happy, none of it carries happiness in and of itself. Happiness is only a concept that you project upon people, objects, or situations. You might hope to find happiness with someone, something or in certain circumstances, while the same conditions could be a source of discomfort for someone else. For example, you may

think you'll be happy basking under the sun on the beach, but this might not be the case for someone who hates sand and summer heat. No matter what adds up to your version of happiness, it is just a play of your mind; nothing outside of you contains happiness. You are the *sole carrier of your happiness!*

When wisdom grows within you through various experiences in life, you realize that the happiness you've been looking for from the start of this incarnation has in fact been produced and projected everywhere you want by none other than *you*.

What if, rather than expecting to be happy by adding something external to you, you realized that you could be happy right now and forever with what is? In other words, why only try to be happy later, when you can absolutely be happy right now? By avoiding being in contradiction with what happens in your life, you become one with reality and the feeling which arises from this is fulfillment, oneness and completeness. You do not need anything else other than what is; you need only to project happiness on what is *as it is* in order to experience happiness here and now!

Rather than complicating everything for a little bit of happiness later, may all of you seek happiness right now for no reason!

With my warmest thoughts and blessing on all of you.
Sincerely yours

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha
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Ashram public Meditation and Teaching sessions
resume on November 7th at 7:00 p.m.
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Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha published a book entitled, *In the Presence of Truth. Discovering the Being Within*, which is a roadmap to Self-Realization. To learn more about this wonderful book and its author, visit: www.inthepresenceoftruth.com.

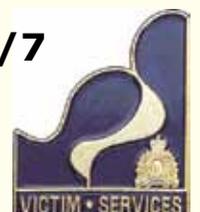
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ANSWERS



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6	4	5	2	7	3	9	1	8
7	2	8	5	9	1	6	4	3
3	1	9	6	8	4	2	5	7
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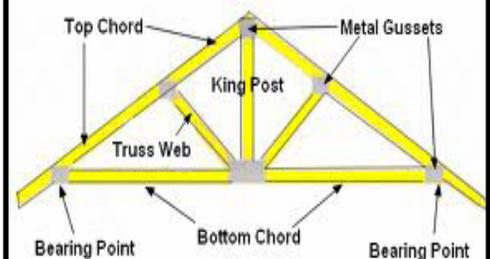
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POLITICIAN AND PHYSICIAN: HUGH WATT

Hugh Watt was born in Fergus, Ontario in 1841. At age 19 he joined his brother to produce the local Fergus News Record. He courted a local girl Mary Grain and married in 1867. Hugh and Mary moved north and took over the Meaford Monitor. Sons were born in 1869 and 1871. By 1881 Hugh sold his interests in the paper and commenced medical training in Toronto. He applied for a position as resident doctor in Barkerville, BC, paid his fare to travel by train to San Francisco, then ship to Victoria, then Yale. From there he went by stage to reach his new appointment in June 1882. He built a small house with an office attached. His pay was \$2000 per year paid by the provincial government. From that he had to buy drugs and supplies. The local hospital board granted access to the hospital on an annual basis. He was expected to give care on claims or in private homes to as far away as the hamlet of Quesnel. Soon he became a member of Masonic Lodge #4 and was elected to the school board. There was no community newspaper so he subscribed to papers from Kamloops, Vancouver and Victoria, frequently writing letters to one or more of the editors. In 1885 his careful letter to the Victoria Colonist advocated that the province build a home in Kamloops for "aged, worn out and incurable persons who were in increasing numbers occupying hospital beds in their respective communities." In 1892 Dr. Watt won a seat in the legislature in a by-election due to death of Premier Robson, Cariboo MLA. His idea was presented in the legislature. The property in Kamloops was purchased in 1893 and the facility opened two years later.

During his absence Dr. Hugh had installed his son Dr. Alfred Watt to care for the community. Following his few months as MLA the Barkerville Hospital Board refused to let Dr. Watt return to practice in town or his son stay there. He struggled and discouraged two of the three applicants to replace him but ended up selling his house and office. He attempted to settle in Clinton or 150 Mile House but was not welcomed either place. When he saw that

Dr. Mclean's practice at Fort Steele was for sale he acted quickly. He purchased and took over in April 1897. Local citizens had started lobbying for a hospital. There was no government support but citizens raised funds and built a hospital on 4 donated lots. The building had a six bed ward, a private room, an office, examining room, a kitchen and nurse's room all for \$850. (That building still stands and is used for storage by Termuendes.) Over and above doing medical treatments locally Dr. Hugh was hired to inspect and treat workers building the new rail line from Fernie westward. Dr. Brodie drew the section from Cranbrook to Creston/Sirdar. (These two replaced Dr. F.W. Green and Dr. King who opened a clinic in Cranbrook.) Doctor Watt quickly made his presence known in the Kootenays. He sneered at the Fort Steele Mining Association and insisted it be replaced by the Board of Trade. He identified fellow Masons and soon had organized Masonic Lodge #30. He started a small garden and grew a few basics. The editor of the newspaper, Mr. Grace, mentioned Dr. Watt in almost every issue of The Prospector. One told of receiving a gift of strawberries from the doctor. Other mentions were political as a Liberal Club was started. Dr. Watt was one of the trustees arranging the building of the Presbyterian Church. The Fort Steele Board of Trade wanted water, especially for fire protection so Dr. Watt found four co-investors to build the water tower, dig a well beside Wild Horse creek, install a steam pump to fill the 20,000 gallon tank in that tower, lay pipes through town, install hydrants and a few outside taps. (No indoor plumbing for households in those early years.) Our eager new Kootenay advocate assisted a nephew with investments at Lumberton. He also lobbied for a north south line from the new Southern BC section of track between Fort McLeod to Kootenay Lake. That spur came to the Fort in 1912.

Meanwhile son Alfred and his wife Madge (Robertson MA) were settled in Victoria where Dr. Alfred Watt was in charge of Williams Head Quarantine Station. Madge Watt volunteered

for several charities and became the head of Women's Institute for British Columbia. Mrs. Mary Watt never came to BC. She died in Meaford, Ontario in 1888. Suddenly Dr. Hugh found a widow who married him in September 1912. The wedding was conducted in the bride's mother's home in Trail by Rev. G.A. Mackay, Presbyterian. Miss Jessie Nicholson, daughter of the bride attended her mother, while Rev. R.A. Wilson of Fort Steele was best man. The wedding was a quiet one, followed by a supper attended by the officiating clergyman, the family and a few intimate friends. The wedding party visited Nelson and Balfour on their way home to Fort Steele." The new Mrs. Watt did not like the tiny home at Fort Steele. Soon arrangements were made to move to Elko. That entailed closing the little hospital and his small office. Dr. Watt promptly assembled a Board of Trade in Elko. In April 1913 Dr. Hugh rushed to Toronto as his son, lawyer Hubert, was very ill. Hubert died in May. Alfred Watt returned to Victoria where conflict over his management of the Quarantine Station included threats against his family. Dr. Alfred was hospitalized in St. Joseph's Hospital. On July 27th at 4:15 am Alfred leapt out of his third floor window and died on the rocks below. Dr. Hugh was very distressed but the new Mrs. Watt soon comforted him, arranged for him to attend Lodge meetings and social events. Dr. Hugh Watt died March 21, 1914 in Elko. He was accorded a Masonic funeral and is buried in Fort Steele Cemetery.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>We the volunteers of the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter reserve the right to refuse to print submissions due to legality, length, good taste or discriminating beliefs.</p>						1 Wasa Pub Halloween Bash 
2 Church Daylight Savings End 	3	4 Lions Meeting 7 p.m.	5	6	7 7:00 pm Yoga & Meditation	8 Tickets for Christmas Dinner & Dance on sale 9-11 am
9 Church	10	11  BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular	12	13	14 7:00 pm Yoga & Meditation	15
16 Church	17	18 Cut off for December Newsletter Lions Meeting 7 p.m.	19	20	21 7:00 pm Yoga & Meditation	22
23 Church 30	24	25	26 Rec Society Mtg 7 pm	27	28 7:00 pm Yoga & Meditation	29

- 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

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Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Saturday, December 6th
Wasa Lions Christmas Dinner & Dance
- Mid December (date TBA)
Peter Vereshagen Memorial Rink Ceremony
- Sunday, December 14th
Wasa Lions Christmas Light-up Contest
- December - "Where do you take your Buzz" contest - winner drawn
- NO NEWSLETTER IN JANUARY