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## BEHIND THE SCENES

In the past 3 years as Editor of the Tri-Village Buzz I've often been asked how much time I spend on the newsletter. Quite simply... I've never actually timed it! I've also been told how fortunate we are and what a valuable asset to our community the newsletter is and truthfully I couldn't agree more. But there are many people involved in the creation and distribution of this paper and this article is dedicated to those special people.

When the newsletter comes through your computer or arrives in your mailbox each month many hands and eyes have skimmed over the paper in order to get it to you.

Typically, once I've completed the layout of the newsletter, the file is sent electronically to Kootenay Kwik Print. Glenn often spends precious time adjusting and fixing a glitch here or there and gets it ready to print. More often than not, the paper is ready for pick up in less than 24 hours. To Glenn and his staff a huge Thank You!

After I've picked up the papers from Kootenay Kwik Print, I deliver them to Wasa resident Helen Maine. Helen and Ken always greet me with a friendly hello and a nice little chat. Helen and her gang fold the papers in preparation for the mail out. They also insert extra pages and take the entire lot to the Post Office. Their reliability and willingness to help (often with little notice) is very appreciated.

Patti King and Clay Tippet are responsible for distributing the newspapers throughout the cyber world. Once Patti receives the email copy she wastes no time emailing the newsletter to its many recipients around the country. Patti, from wherever she is in the world also manages all of

the email addresses and adds new customers when required.

Clay uploads the newsletter each month to [www.wasalake.com](http://www.wasalake.com). This is something Clay has volunteered to do since he created the site which enables our newsletter to reach even more people and allows viewers to access previous editions dated back to 2011.

To our writers and monthly contributors...thank you! For your patience and diligence in getting me your articles. Many of you are retired seniors and your computer skills never fail to amaze me!

And last but not least there are the advertisers. Thank you for your continued support of our newsletter. Your advertising dollars not only pay the costs associated with printing the newsletter but have enabled us to make significant donations to the Wasa Lions Club and the Wasa Recreation Society and most recently the donation of an iPad mini to the Wasa Lions Christmas Dinner and Dance. Thank you so much for supporting our newsletter!

To our Tri-Village Buzz Committee which includes our Treasurer... thank you for your support and for helping take the load off me in making some huge decisions associated with the paper. We try to meet once a year and I'm hoping to schedule a meeting in January.

So in closing yes, I might spend a few hours a month on this newsletter, but there are many people in our community that spend countless hours helping in ways that will never be acknowledged. To each and every one we at the Tri-Village Buzz wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy 2014!

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Buzz" will be announced in  
the February 2014  
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### WINNERS

The other day my grandson came home from pre k with a participant ribbon in finger painting. Since when did 4 year old toddlers start being subjected to these participant achievement ribbons when they are just trying to learn ABC's and counting 1 to 100? I then asked my grandson if his was the best painting, to which he emphatically replied yes and to which I suggested that he should have received something higher than a measly politically correct ribbon. If society is going to teach our young generation that, even at 4 years old, awards are to be presented, then give these preschoolers the awards that they are entitled to and not just rewards for token passing efforts. These tykes are participants in the game of Life. They do not have to be reminded that they are participants in classroom activities to which some of them have no desire of attending. I'm sure that his painting wasn't the best (or am I?) but the point that is being made is that if students aren't made aware of their deficiencies when they relate to peer structure, then they are being set up for failure in future endeavours. I'm sure that Bill Gates (Microsoft) and Steve Jobs (Apple) had to strive for perfection in their respective computer science classes to obtain top marks so that they could benefit from government grants to further their careers. The government does not seem to be in the habit of passing money around recklessly to underachievers (or are they-Mr Harper to Mike Duffy?) so striving for the highest marks and being the best is absolutely crucial for success. Being told that you're not the best is not a bad thing, it's only a prod to encourage you to give a better effort in one's scholastic and characteristic applications.

Growing up, my marks were graded on a percentage scale, 60% and higher was a passing grade, 70%-good, 80%-very good, 90%-excellent. Furthermore, you were then compared to the rest of your classmates and given a number to where you placed in your class. This lasted throughout elementary school and by the time I reached high school (yes I went to high school) the numerical value of report cards were changed to the letter system. (i.e below C=failure, C=acceptable and a passing grade, B=good, A=excellent) These letters seemed to be a universal standard to which all students were graded and categorized. Gone were the percentage marks and the placement of one's ranking in the classroom. I firmly believe that this was the first phasing out of youth competitiveness and the introduction of the docile nature to which today's students are handled. Now when students come home, their marks are G-good or NI-needs improvement-give me a break-needs improvement?-is my grandson a complete moron or only a slight askew moron? We just don't know the extent of his lunacy. If there were numbers or letters to grade an individual, we would know where to apply his focus and concentration. Teachers complain that they have to attend after hours parent-teacher meetings with no extra pay to discuss the progress of the students. With marks like G and NI, I'm sure that the majority of parents attend these meetings to get a better assessment of their child's progression because grades surely aren't an indication of their intellect. Many of these PT meetings could be eliminated if there was a normal grading system, to which parents

could help in their child's direction of focus.

Society requires winners-winners who win with class, winners who win with crass, winners who win high on grass (sounds like a Dr. Seuss book)-just plain winners. For our society to focus on being non competitive and instilling non passive aggressiveness among our youth is like succumbing to peer pressure and accepting socialistic visions and views to lead us upon avenues of direction.

Sports day at school has seemingly become a social gathering for parents, teachers and students and not the miniature Olympic games that they were originally intended to be. Gone are the competitive juices that used to flow during the events, gone are the disparaging remarks and rude comments directed to competitors by ignorant parents (probably a good thing), gone is the pedestal that used to signify 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes, gone is the jovial bragging by winners on their crowning achievements. All these situations used to build character and establish the basis for aspiring successes. "You can't learn to succeed in life unless you have endured failure". This once famous quote was once a staple for anyone trying to achieve certain levels of success and has now lost a bit of its luster because of the non conformance of failure in our society. Just imagine, with the winter Olympics coming up just around the corner, that you're sitting at home watching the spectacle draped in your finest Canadian paraphernalia cheering for Sidney Crosby and Team Canada to play well, put in a good effort, may be win a game or two, and at the end of the hard fought games, achieve that same illustrious PARTICIPANT ribbon that my grandson received for finger painting. The high five slap and knuckle rap would be replaced by a casual nod and a fleeting limped wrist wave. There would be no more joyous celebrations when your team won, there would be no more disappointments or riots (Vancouver) when your team lost. (maybe a good thing) Our world would become a monotone voiced indifferent society in which a raised pitched voice would signify pre puberty and not euphoric pleasure.

The world needs escape from everyday drudgery and doldrums. We need our sports teams and our heroes to cheer for. We need adversaries to hiss and boo at. We need confrontations with our neighbours to debate sports topics. We need Las Vegas betting parlours, sports lotteries, hockey and football pools to become rich and win prizes. Participant ribbons just doesn't quite cut it for this reporter unless it's being cut with giant scissors to open a mall.

The world needs winners, without winners we would be all losers!

### Ice Shavings

The Ice enter the month of December in 6th place in the Eastern conference well ensconced in a playoff spot. Sam Reinhart continues to lead the team in scoring, tallying 40 points good for 5th place in league scoring. Line mate Jaedon Desheneau sits in 9th place in league scoring with 34 points and 18 goals. JD has lit up the red light 18 times this season-good for 4th place in league scoring. One of Sam Reinhart's remarkable achievements this

year is that he that he has only accumulated 2 minutes in penalty minutes (probably a player falling over his stick) while amassing one of the highest minutes per game played in the league. Goaltenders MacKenzie Skapski and Wyatt Hoflin sit in the top 20 in league stats. Hoflin has recorded a record of 6 wins and 6 losses (2.66 GA and .914 SP) filling in for the injured Skapski while #1 Skapski has a record of 6 wins 5 losses and 2 OT (3.04 GA and .900 SP). Jagger Dirk continues to solidify the blue line corps registering 16 points while the smooth skating Russian import Rinat Valiev seems to be fitting in nicely with his new squad tallying 7 points in 15 games. Special teams for the Ice continue to excel as the power play unit is clicking at a 24.5% clip-good for 4th place in league stats, as the penalty kill sits in 5th place with a 83.3% success rate. Troy Murray has been named to Team West in the U-17 World Hockey Challenge to be held Dec. 28-Jan.5 in Cape Breton N.S. Congrats to Troy.

### Dynamiter Dynamics

After a promising start to the season, the Nitros have hit a few speed bumps on their road to success. The team is currently on a 3 game losing slide and have fallen to 3rd place in Eddie Mountain Division of the KIJHL with a record of 10-11-1. Jared Marchi leads the squad with 24 points in 19 games played while 3rd place point getter Jason Richter (9 goals and 9 assists) has been recently suspended for multiple post whistle fighting majors. Goaltenders Jeremy Mousseau and Tyson Brouwer continue to struggle with goals against averages above 3.00 and save percentages below .900. Rookie 16 year old defenseman Tristan Pagura continues to have a strong season and impress the coaching staff.

### TVB Hockey Pool

There is still plenty of time and opportunity to enter our newest Pick-A-Winner contest.

The TriVillage Buzz has dug deep into their coffers to solidify a prize package that will be awarded to a knowledgeable reader at the end of the NHL season. It's fun and easy to participate in this venture. Just pick the winners from the following list of games, email your picks to me at [mcarelli52@gmail.com](mailto:mcarelli52@gmail.com) and sit back and relax-absolutely free. There will be a new list of games in each issue of the TVB.

**Saturday Dec.14** Calgary @ Buffalo, LA @ Ottawa, Dallas @Winnipeg, St. Louis @ Columbus, Tampa Bay @ New Jersey, Montreal @ NYI, Chicago @Toronto, Pittsburgh @ Detroit, Carolina @ Phoenix, San Jose @ Nashville, Minnesota @ Colorado, Boston @ Vancouver  
**Saturday Jan. 18/2014** Edmonton @ Winnipeg, San Jose @Tampa Bay, NYR @ Ottawa, NYI @ Philadelphia, Montreal @ Toronto, Florida @ Carolina, Columbus @ Buffalo, LA @ Detroit, Anaheim @ St. Louis, New Jersey @ Phoenix, Colorado @ Nashville, Dallas @ Minnesota, Calgary @ Vancouver

**All picks to be entered prior to December 14** Last months' leader board: 1. Hookieman 4-5 2. Momac 2-7, 3. Tiger 2-7, 4. The Brooks' 1-8

Think you can do better? Email me your picks, there's plenty room at the top! Merry Christmas to all and to all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year! See you in February with our special Olympics preview!



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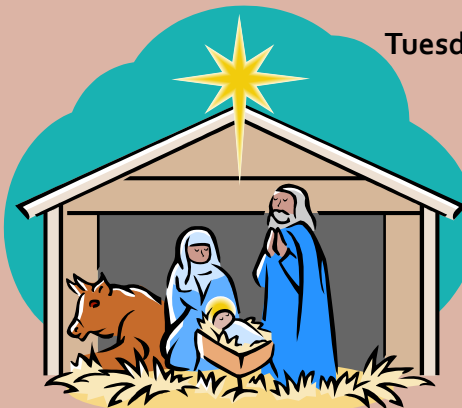
Cadet Squadron would like to thank the Wasa District Lions for their donation to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund this year. Also a special thank you to Christian at Slim Pickens for allowing the Cadets to sell the poppies at the Slim Pickens location.



## Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Tuesday, December 24th  
at 7:00 p.m.

Take a journey to  
Bethlehem with  
song and narration  
from the  
Word of God



**Wasa Community Church**



Submitted by Kathy McCauley

## You Asked....

### WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

#### **What is the Mandate of the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID)?**

In 1969 Wasa residents applied to the provincial government to create a Land Improvement District (WLLID) to maintain water quality and quantity of Wasa Lake. The boundary was set in 1969.

The WLLID is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees elected at an Annual General Meeting under rules set out by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. The Ministry enforces strict procedures for taxation and record keeping.

#### **Who can vote?**

The BC Government stipulates that

only persons named on the BC Electors list and on property titles within the WLLID boundaries may vote at the AGM. However, everyone is welcome to attend meetings and participate. Minutes are available on request.

#### **What activities has the Board undertaken in 2013?**

- **Flood:** During the June event, trustees measured and reported water levels twice daily to the RDEK. WLLID forwarded RDEK flood bulletins to property owners on our email distribution list. Trustees met with RDEK and other Ministries to examine every possible action for flood mitigation.
- **Dam Repair: (Quantity)** WLLID is obligated to maintain and upgrade its works and culvert in the area of Cameron Pond and may be facing a \$30,000.00 bill to repair flood dam-

age to the dam between Cameron Pond and the Wildlife Sanctuary. WLLID is a community voice recognized by other government bodies and organizations, and has submitted an application to the Provincial Disaster Fund. WLLID is eligible for funding grants unavailable to individuals or other types of organizations. Repairs to the dam will be completed in fall 2014.

- **Water Tests: (Quality)** After June floods, WLLID arranged for e-coli and phosphorus tests, the results of which were negative. Volunteers and trustees have volunteered 800 hours testing water all year round, in addition to other activities. Water tests were consistently "drinking water quality".
- **Hanson Channel: (Quantity)** Plans to clean up the channel are underway. This will facilitate RDEK mosquito control and speed drainage of floodwater.

#### **What are the advantages of the WLLID vs the RDEK?**

If the WLLID did not exist, the 800 hours volunteered by trustees in 2013 would have been funded through additional taxes from property owners. Without the WLLID, taxes would increase and local control would decline.

A bit of history – The WLLID annually collected \$50 per property to fund a **VOLUNTEER mosquito control program**. Wasa residents requested that the RDEK collect taxes and manage the program. The program now costs \$274 per property.

#### **Future Goals**

Improved communication through public postings of meetings, and easier access to information via our new website on our own domain [www.wasalake.ca](http://www.wasalake.ca). We will update the new website regularly.

Please contact the secretary at [wllid@shaw.ca](mailto:wllid@shaw.ca) with further questions or comments and your email address. WLLID would like to email you news updates.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season

WLLID Trustees

## Wasa Community Church Presents:

### ~ Adult Christmas ~ Dinner Theatre



**Friday, December 13th, 2013**  
**6:30 p.m. at Wasa Community Hall**  
**Tickets \$20.00 each – contact**  
**Pastor Gary 250.422.3344**

After expenses are met, the proceeds will be donated to Wasa Community Church and to the Wasa Community Hall.

## COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY

The RDEK Board of Directors are supporting the draft recommendations put forward to the Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee. The final report will be presented to the Province in December. I was able to attend a presentation by the Provincial Bargaining Group where we were advised that to date there has not been any request to open the treaty and if the treaty were to be opened there would be a ten year time period before this treaty would come to a end. This gives everyone time to renegotiate a new treaty. At this time there has been some communication about improving the flood management portion and some talks about improving or bringing back the salmon fishery. They also discussed water levels being maintained for recreational area's.

## COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST

I attended a Columbia Basin Trust Symposium held in Creston where we learned that through the boards very careful investments of funds they will be able to continue to provide grants within our area. They are currently reviewing the process in local areas to determine if any improvements can be made.

## WASA LIONS

During a Lion's meeting earlier this month I asked the Lion's if they would consider working with the residents and business owners in creating a flyer for this area. I am hoping that everyone who is interested will join in and help to develop the flyer. I have been hearing many comments about the need to attract younger people to move to the area, but in the same breath I hear if they hadn't closed the school we would be okay. I know that this has left a large hole in the Wasa Area, but if we can show the people what the area has to offer, we may be able to attract some new visitors to the area and hopefully attract some of them to move to the area. I truly believe that we are living in one of the most beautiful spots in the world and we need to get the word out.

## OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

There will be a meeting on December 4 at the Wasa Hall at 7 pm. I hope everyone can come out. The staff and myself has been hearing some concerns that have been raised by a few people in the Wasa Area. One of the concerns has been over the OCP changing people's zoning. The OCP will not change the present zoning regulations on your property. If you are zoned RR1 now, after the OCP is official you will still be RR1. Although some land owners have requested us to change their zoning and if the request fits in with there area we did make the change for them. We can only make these changes at the landowners request, but remember this request would have to fit in with their neighborhood.

Another concern has been about getting a professional engineering report done when subdividing lots smaller than 1 hectore. A few years ago there was an application made to develop several lots that were going to be smaller than the suggested 1 hectore lot size, this recommendation had been made by interior health. During a meeting that the developer hosted. I was made aware by several of the residents that they were concerned about their water, many of them were scared that their wells could become contaminated by all of the extra septic systems. I felt at that time that we needed to get an Aquifer Study for the Wasa Area, but unfortunately I have since found that this study could potentially cost up to 300,000.00 dollars. I would have been able to get some grants but I would have had to go to the property owners in the Wasa Area

and ask if we could raise the remaining funds with the property taxes. At this time I have been hearing many comments about how high there taxes are, so I made the decision not to proceed with the aquifer study. During the public meetings about the future OCP Plan in the Wasa Area it became apparent that the people still had many concerns about future developments of smaller lots and their water. So the request that the public made was to add that a report be supplied by a professional engineer at the developers cost, not the tax payers cost. I feel that this is fare to everyone in the Wasa Area.

Another concern is about a development permit being needed when wanting to develop closer than 15 meters from an orange or a red zone shoreline. This permit is required prior to new construction, addition, or alteration of a building or alteration of the land. We made this decision based on scientific data gathered by The East Kootenay Integrated Lake Management Partnership. These designated areas came from the Sensitive Habitat Inventory and Mapping prepared by the Interior Reforestation Co. LTD. in December 2010. There were many partners in developing this map. Many of these participants also created these maps for several other lakes in our Region. These lakes our Windermere Lake, Columbia Lake, Wasa Lake, Moyie Lake, Munroe Lake, Rosen Lake, Jimsmith Lake, and St. Mary Lake. The East Kootenay Integrated Lake Management Partnership consists and was funded by representatives from the Regional District of East Kootenay, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations, Transport Canada, District of Invermere, Village of Canal Flats, Interior Health, Wildsight, Lake Windermere Ambassadors, Wasa Lake Land Improvement District, Motie Community Association, Rosen Lake Ratepayers Association, Jimsmith Lake Community Association, St. Mary Valley Rural Resident Association and the Canadian Columbia River Inter - tribal Fisheries Commission.

## MEDICINAL MARIJUANA

A Kimberley Rural Zoning Bylaw Amendment is being prepared to regulate the production of medical marijuana. We received a letter earlier this month advising us about a potential application.

The Home Based Business Regulation Zoning has proceeded in Area E.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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## News From the Pews By Pastor Gary Semenyna



Yikes, Christmas is just around the corner!!! Is it just me, or did this year slip by very quickly? Well with only a few days left in this year and with Christmas within reach, may I remind you of a couple of things that are happening at the Wasa Community Church. If you have not yet got your tickets to our Dinner Theatre you may still be able to get one or two, but you'll have to call to find out if there are any still available. The drama we are doing this year is "The Gift of the Magi," based on the book by O. Henry (not the chocolate bar) and adapted for drama by a fellow by the name of Mark Bedell. The tickets are \$20.00 each and the proceeds from the Dinner Theater will be divided and given to the Wasa Community Hall and the Church. If you are still looking for or are interested in tickets give me a call at 422 3344. If I am not in the office, then leave a message.

The other item of interest is our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service which will be on Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. We will be going on a journey to Bethlehem this year with the songs that are being sung by the congregation, other musicians and then interspersed with narration from the Word of God. You are all more than welcome to attend this service as it is a good time to think about what the true meaning of Christmas really is.

May I encourage you this Christmas Season to not get so wrapped up with the presents, (pardon the pun) decorating, lights and baking and spend more time with people and then reflecting on what we are celebrating. Christmas is all about the birth of Christ, and that is why it is called Christmas. If you do not know why we celebrate, or even if you do not know who the celebration is all about, then I would be more than happy to talk with you about Jesus Christ. He is the reason for the season! Have a wonderful Christmas this year as you spend time with family and friends.

If any of you have any spiritual questions and would like someone to talk to about them, then give me a call at 422 3344.

Pastor Gary



## PET'S PLACE



One of Buttercup's favorite places to rest is right beneath the Christmas tree. She's also been known to take a swat at some of the glass balls and Christmas decorations.

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**WASA LIONS RDEK AREA E**  
**COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

Annually, from 1999 to 2012 the C.B.T. Community Initiative Committee has successfully applied for and received funding totaling approximately \$94,000.

As a result of this funding the programme has been able to support a number of diverse and beneficial initiatives for eligible groups and residents of R.D.E.K. Area E: Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck, Meadowbrook and St. Mary Lake.

The Wasa Lions Club has had the confidence of The R.D.E.K and a successful record of administering the funds entrusted to it.

Funds have been approved to cover proposals in three broad areas:

- Community activities and facilities
- Youth and adult educational assistance
- Youth and adult health and recreation

The programme has been well received and has operated very well for the past 13 years, but it is felt that there is a need for the committee and interested residents to meet and review the past and look at future directions. The suggestion is not due to any shared concerns, and it may well be that the operation of the programme will continue as is.

As of 2013 however, Meadowbrook and St. Mary Lake have established their own Community Groups and can now apply for separate funding. Wasa has changed in many ways over the past years. A new committee chairperson is also needed.

A meeting will be called in mid-January, prior to the 2014-2015 C.B.T. application deadline. The time and place will be announced.

Submitted by Laurie Kay  
(on behalf of the committee)  
250 422 3288



Submitted By:  
Jenna Gyurkovits

**WASA LAKE PARK,  
UPGRADES AND WINTER USE**

Wasa Lake Park saw a busy season this year, with BC Parks' capital program completing the installation of a new shower / toilet building in the campground, a long requested upgrade in this Park.

Wasa sees significant camping use in the summer months by families with young children. In addition to the new shower / toilet building, a children's bike park facility was added within the campground, for the use and enjoyment of families staying in campground.

Kootenay Park Services and BC Parks would like to take this opportunity to remind Wasa residents and visitors that Wasa Lake Park is entirely non-motorized (which includes snowmobiles and quads in the winter months).

Happy Holidays, see you out in the Parks!

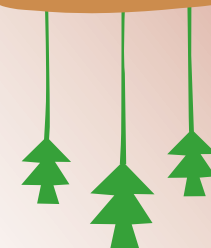


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# The Lions Den

## A VISIT FROM LIONS DISTRICT GOVERNOR

SUBMITTED BY SHARON PRINZ

Lions District Governor Ken Cook visited our recent Lions meeting and presented Jane Walter with a 10 year membership pin and Julie Kneller with one for 15 yrs. Within the first couple of days of the disaster in the Philippines, Lions Club International have donated \$500,000.00 for relief work.

## LIONS ICE RINK BOARDS

The rink boards are to be installed in the spring but flooding will occur when weather permits. Sharpen those skates! Volunteers to help flood the rink are needed.

## ANNUAL LIONS CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE

The Wasa & District Lions would like to thank the community for their continued support of our Annual Christmas Dance held on December 7th. Tickets sold out quickly. It's a fun event and is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. We would like to thank the businesses and individuals that donate prizes, the volunteers that put in countless hours preparing everything for the party and to all the people who are planning to attend.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHT-UP CONTEST

Judging will take place Sunday, December 15th between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. First prize is \$100, second prize is \$60 and third prize is \$40. The winners will be contacted by phone and included in February's edition of the Tri-Village Buzz. This is something we all look forward to each year. It's a great night for families to tour the area and see the beautiful lights and/or decorations in our community.

The Wasa & District Lions Club wish all of our community members a Happy Holiday Season! and Best wishes for a Happy New Year! See you in 2014!

## Wasa Community Church

~ Pastor Gary Semenyina ~

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Sunday  
Worship Service  
10:30 am

Thursday  
Bible Study  
7:00 pm.

## SLOPES FOR HOPES

### Mark your calendars! Fight back against cancer Join the battle today.

Get your teams together and pick your challenge!

### February 8th 2014 is our 4th Annual Slopes for Hope

We are excited to grow this event this year with the addition of two more Everest Challenges:

#### Ascending Everest:

Can you ski the height of Mt. Everest? That works out to be 16 passes of the main run at the Kimberley Alpine Resort.

\$20 event fee per person and day pass at KAR\*

#### Everest Way:

30 km Nordic skiing challenge at the Kimberley Nordic Club = 5 loops around the 6 km Centennial trail.

\$20 event fee per person FREE day pass.

#### Everest Warrior:

You decide how to conquer this challenge but you have two: Ascending Everest and Everest Way. \$20 event fee per person and day pass at KAR\*

\*First 20 people to register on line have access to FREE lift tickets. After that all lift tickets will be 1/2 price thanks to the support of the Resort of the Canadian Rockies (RCR).

Slopes for Hope is a fund raising event where people come together to ski (downhill, cross country) or snowboard in order to raise money to fight cancer.

It supports the Canadian Cancer Society's mission to eradicate cancer and enhance the quality of life of people living with cancer.



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### THE FANTASTIC WORLD OF SANTA CLAUS

Somewhere within each of us resides the hope for wondrous things to happen in our lives. There was a time when, as a child, you used to get carried away by the magic surrounding Christmas, especially through the wonderful presence of Santa Claus. It was a time, not too long ago, when you were eager to believe in the "extraordinary." If you are honest in reflecting upon it, you would recognize that the closeness you once had with the existence of a world made of pure kindness and total harmony is now missing in your life. Spontaneously believing in the true existence of an extraordinary being in your life such as Santa, was, at the time, as easy as believing that in fact the entire world must somewhere be magical and full of unexpected fantastic surprises.

Through an intense practice of yoga, I have discovered that what you carry within your heart in terms of hope and wonders are in fact fully real and possible on certain planes. What if I could give you proof that even what seems impossible is in fact very possible on certain levels of existence and that you were wrong in ceasing to believe this? What if you could discover that, on a certain

plane of existence, Santa Claus, for example, does exist for real? Would you not be full of regret in having let yourself be moved away from such a wonderful source of constant and overwhelming happiness?

Then do not despair, as it is never too late! Christmas is coming soon and it is up to you to reopen your heart toward the constant and infinite wonders that can happen to you during this very auspicious time. Before Christmas, why don't you take a few minutes each day to sit quietly and let go of the notion of "possible" or "impossible", which only exists in your head. Instead, reopen your heart to what was so natural to you: believing that something wonderful is going to happen or be granted to you, not just for Christmas but because of Christmas. Reopen your heart to the Divine Magic, which will sparkle around all of us during Christmas time!

Santa Claus and the Magic of Christmas have not been invented by adults at all. They are simply the result of the limitless openness of the hearts of billions of children who have inhabited this earth. Remember... you were among them not long ago. Jesus said that the Kingdom of God belongs to children and that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being

born again.

By the side of my own Enlightened Guru, I have witnessed my share of genuine miracles in this life, and they keep happening even today at the Ashram. So please, don't think for one minute that the magic of Santa Claus you felt at Christmas time has disappeared or was unreal. If you thought that the magical world of Santa Claus was wonderful, it is because his world was in fact sustained by an even more powerful World, which is the Divine World, the true One... the ultimate One.

Let the Divine Magic of Christmas enlighten your heart again, in order that the gift of love be spread to all those you know, those who are dear to you, and above all, those you don't know who need help and assistance right now in this world.

Merry Christmas to each of you! Believe and aspire!

Dearly yours in the Lord!

Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha

Adi Vajra Shambhaslem Ashram,  
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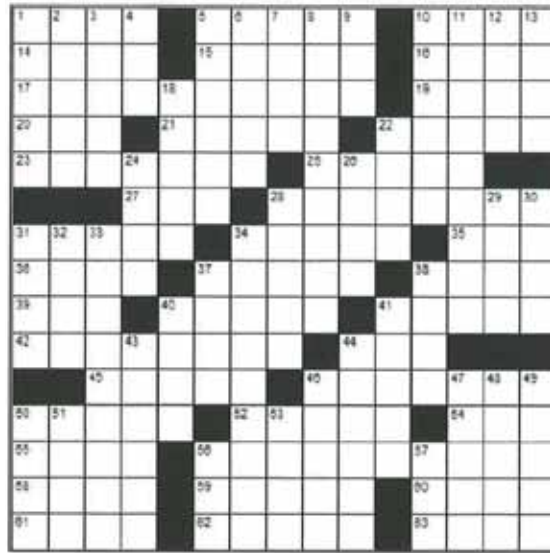
# Crossword

## "MARIO'S FUN PAGE"

Answers Page 9

### ACROSS

1. Satan's territory
5. A type of small mammal
10. WW1 plane
14. Wings
15. Excuse
16. Breezy
17. Multiplicative inverse
19. An amount of medicine
20. An uncle
21. Flax fabric
22. Ate
23. Lost
25. Drench
27. A lower limb
28. Motion
31. A ring-shaped surface
34. Windows
35. Beam
36. Huh?
37. Of the highest quality
38. Rope fiber
39. 3 in Roman numerals
40. Construct
41. Cowboy sport
42. Having no intelligible meaning
44. Pull
45. Glances
46. Breach
50. Mountain lakes
52. Long times
54. Record (abbrev.)
55. Violent disturbance
56. Tour of duty
58. Smell
59. Climb
60. Dwarf buffalo
61. Resist
62. Prison-related
63. An aromatic ointment



### DOWN

1. Seraglio
2. Lacquer ingredient
3. Shoestrings
4. Floral necklace
5. Boldness
6. Beside
7. Rodents
8. Forfeited
9. Zero
10. Extreme cruelty
11. Initiated
12. Backside
13. Not the original color
18. Layers
22. Membership fees
24. A promiscuous woman
26. Not under
28. Official tree of Canada
29. What a person is called
30. Misprint
31. Identical or fraternal
32. Buckeye State
33. Water resistant
34. Power
37. Gone under
38. Yowl
40. Honey insects
41. Perch
43. Guard
44. A strip of glittering foil
46. "There you have it!"
47. Sporting venue
48. Adult male singing voice
49. Toward the outside
50. Stepped
51. Assistant
53. Distinctive flair
56. Clairvoyant's gift
57. Adult male

## Find a Word

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GUY  
MAR  
ONE  
SUM

4 letters  
BANK  
BATH

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ROAR  
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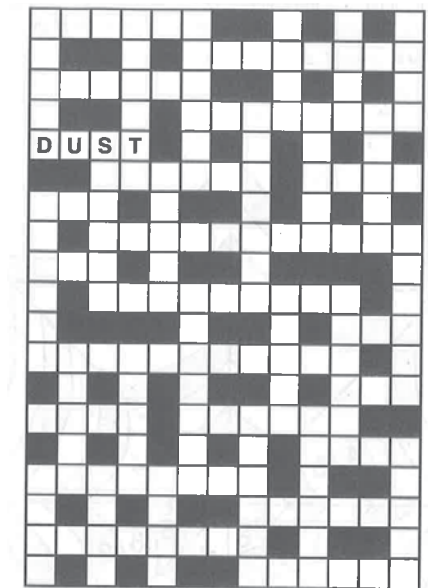
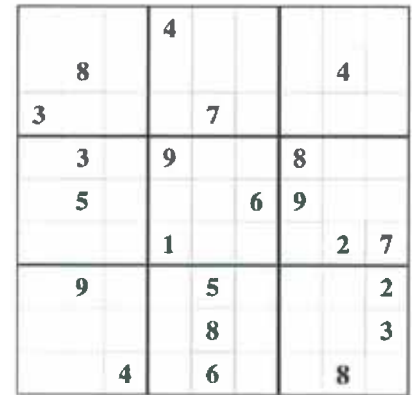
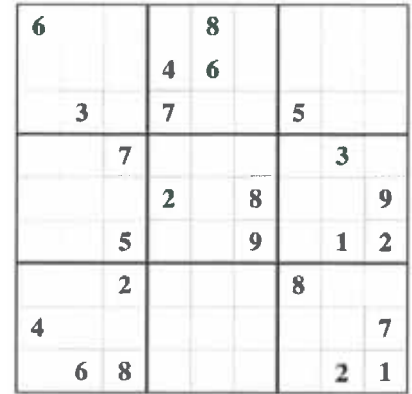
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CEREBRUM  
SOMETIME  
STARTERS

6 letters  
ABACUS  
ALMOST  
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HASSLE  
HEARTH  
INCITE  
LIKELY  
MISHAP

9 letters  
PROBOSCIS

11 letters  
INTENTIONAL  
PORTMAN-  
TEAU

# Sudoku



No clues - just a grid and words - but can you fit them all in? One is already entered to get you off to a good start!

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## EASY CHRISTMAS CAKE

2 cups white sugar  
1 cup rum  
1 cup either water or orange juice  
1 tsp baking soda

1 lb butter  
4 eggs  
4 cups flour  
3-4 lb mixed fruit (raisins, currants,  
dates, glazed cherries and pineapple)

Place sugar, liquid, fruit, soda and butter in a large pot.

Bring to a boil and boil 10 minutes.

Allow mixture to cool down. Add whisked eggs and flour. Stir.

Place in greased pans and bake at 300° for about 3 hours.

*Fanny wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas and encourages everyone to share a favorite recipe during the holidays*

## Fanny's Favorites



TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Submitted by  
Arla Monteith

*On the Lighter Side (Pun Intended)....*

Many of us tend to gain a few extra pounds especially around the holiday season. Then we make a resolution to diet but that often doesn't work. But "donut" despair, laughter is here. Exercising your sense of humour can actually help you shed those extra pounds.

Yes, when you laugh you burn calories, boost your immune system, calm your muscles, relax your mind, reduce physical pain, and lower blood sugar levels. It's a natural stress reliever, and best of all, laughter has no negative side effects. So the next time you feel a serious laugh coming on, open your mouth wide and let your laughter roar.

Researchers have discovered that 10 - 15 minutes of belly laughter a day, not necessarily all at once, can burn off 10 - 40 calories. In other words, a good belly laugh can actually reduce the size of your belly. Just think, as long as you're laughing, you can eat three, maybe even four, unsalted crackers without any guilt whatsoever.

At our weekly TOPS meetings there is always lots of laughter. It may not exactly be an effective way to shed extra pounds but it's sure a fun way to try. And try we do!

### Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year

On a Christmas so white

I was doing all right

A celebration of delight.

When in the middle of the night,

I woke with a fright

From a dream ..

About calories that bite!

I turned on the light

Oh my, what a sight!

My nightie's too tight!

I got out my kite

A note I did write

Sent it off at daylight.

I now attend TOPS

Been a long time KOPS

I walk with vim

Enjoy a swim

And do the jitterbug

When I vacuum the rug.

See ya lighter! Arla



# HISTORY BYTES

## BY NAOMI MILLER



### CHARLIE WORMINGTON - THE MAN WHO PHOTOGRAPHED EVERYTHING

Charlie Wormington was born December 28, 1916 in Nevada. His family came to Cranbrook, Canada in 1917 and moved from there to Wycliffe, Lumberton and Kimberley. Charlie went through school in Kimberley then worked for CM&S from 1934 – 47. He became a cable operator in the days when that was hand controlled.

Eastman Kodak offered 16 year olds a free box camera if they wrote in. Charlie applied and in 1932 when he had the box camera in his hands his love of photography began.

He arranged to take photography courses first in Los Angeles then Chicago. In 1951 he set up a studio in his mother's house where, among other jobs, he took portraits of each of the grad class at Kimberley High School.

Charlie lived with his mother on Wallinger Avenue behind the Canadian Hotel. When his mother died in 1960 Charlie moved to an apartment in the Centennial Hall, volunteering as caretaker. He worked for the Daily Bulletin until 1993. Friends say that Charlie took pictures of every famous visitor, every interesting event and every club inauguration that took place in Kimberley. He travelled with the Kimberley Pipe Band to the anniversary celebrations of the Last Spike at Craigellachie. He filmed the building of the wonderful Underground Mining Railway creating a video which circulated widely. He expanded to cover events in Fort Steele, Cranbrook or elsewhere.

The funny thing was, Charlie never owned a car. He managed to hitchhike when he knew a planned time but when unexpected assignments came up he'd

phone friends like Ray McNiven and ask for a ride. Drivers soon recognized Charlie and if they could afford the time, delighted in taking this talkative bachelor to his destination.

Memories include the time that the teen aged candidates for Snow Fiesta Queen in February 1961 were followed and photographed every step of the competition until they had to ride a sled down from the top of the ski lift. Charlie had no sled so the girls lost their shadow. A bachelor visits wherever there is a welcome that includes food. Charlie remembered young BJ collected owl pictures and souvenirs. Many years later Charlie arrived at BJ's home bearing a large framed picture that he had taken of an owl, saying this was a Thank You for the Hospitality of her parents.

He interviewed citizens around the valley, sometimes accompanying Skip Fennessy. Most pioneers were flattered to have their portraits taken by this photographer who won many awards. There were, however, reticent seniors like Mrs. Lum Sr. or Grandma Barr. Both of them ordered the visitors, "Put away your cameras boys!" He managed to hitchhike to Christmas dinner with friends near Bull River but the host drove him back to Kimberley.

I met Charlie at many outings of the East Kootenay Historical Society. He loved local history and often was able to add a few facts to the information offered by the host or guide of that day. Most of these tours were advertised as "bring your own brown bag lunch". Charlie never brought a lunch. He took a shine to my hubby and I ... and he seemed to relish whatever brown bread sandwich we had that day... Then he circulated to friends who had the nicest cookies for dessert.

Staff at Daily Bulletin have many

memories of Charlie in their midst. He had a keen ear for current events at home or across the country. He also had an interesting perspective on probable future happenings. If a fellow staffer suggested an opposing opinion Charlie would take a deep breath and say, "You're NOT listening!" When taking pictures of winners of curling, bowling or other competitions, Charlie always asked the host sponsor to write down the names and home towns of the successful individuals. He definitely taught the repeat hosts how to write those captions correctly! Charlie went for coffee every workday morning with five or six local businesses men. It was great to pool the thoughts of Bill Spence, Milo Fabro, Ray McNiven, Guy Williams and other less frequent attendees.

Charlie made a point of travelling to Chicago almost every year to take a new photography course and enter certain competitions. His first trips were by train and by the 80's it was by plane. He won several national awards. He had a collection of 56 cameras, and a monster collection of pictures and negatives. When ill health forced him into the Lions Manor many of his pictures were sold and a few of his cameras given to special friends.

Charlie had a younger brother Sam who served in the Canadian Army during WW II. Sam is also remembered for initiating the building of North Star Ski Area here in Kimberley, then going to Sandpoint in 1963 to build and manage Schweitzer Ski Basin. Sam always came back to Kimberley for the Armistice Day parade for as long as he lived. Sam, his wife and daughter were family at Charlie's funeral on July 9, 1994. Ray McNiven gave the eulogy. The United Church was packed as citizens said goodbye to colourful, sometimes cantankerous Charlie Wormington!

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Seasons Greetings to all the friends and family in our Community from the members of the Wasa Recreation Society.

First of all we would like to thank you all for contributing to the success of our Spaghetti Dinner which celebrated our 25 year old community hall. We'll do it again.

Our lighting replacement project is near completion. This project was partially funded by the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives. The former lighting in the hall will become obsolete; the new lighting is energy efficient and environmentally friendly. Our 2012 project, (new insulation and programmable thermostats) have cut our BC Hydro this far by 1/3. This year we have purchased an additional hot water tank, new stove, upgraded kitchenwares and installed a new window.

We would like to thank the Wasa Quilters, Wasa Recreation Program (Gym), TOPs, Wasa Community Library and the Wasa Lions for their generous donations towards the operation of the community hall. Many community individuals have also contributed their time; JayCee McPhee, Jim Hill, Hugh Campbell, Susan Manahan, Lorraine Colton, Duncan Waugh, Sandy Kay, Laurie Kay, and Mike Reimer. All those that volunteer at our monthly Bingo: Marnie Henne, Jane Gendron, Charlie Harding, Sophie Rauch, Rod Monteith, Ida Cale, Wilma

Harding. And the many others that contribute throughout the year, THANK YOU.

Here's to a New Year! Let's make it another great one. Don't forget to take part in the activities or join one of the organizations or groups at the Community Hall. Bingo (2nd Tuesday of each month); Wasa Lions (1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month); Wasa Country Quilters (every Tuesday); TOPs (every Wednesday evening); Whist (Friday evening during the winter months); Yoga (Wednesday mornings); Armchair Traveler (every other Wednesday during February & March); Wasa Gym (selected times).

*"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."* Henry Ford  
Let's keep our Community working together for success!

From Wasa Recreation Society Executive and Members

Executive: Stan Kneller - President  
Orlena Campbell - Vice President  
Karen Markus - Treasurer  
Pat Walkey - Secretary

Committee: Lorraine Colton Julie Kneller  
Sonia Blackwell Ursula Kaufmann  
Brenda Rauch Jane Gendron  
Sophie Rauch

## WASA RECREATION SOCIETY

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.

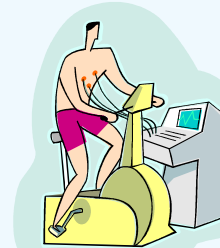
### Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

- ☐ 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  
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*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





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**2 Baths**

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Levels: 2

Space: 2,000 sq. ft. (186 m<sup>2</sup>)

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 m<sup>2</sup>)

Watersource: Natural Resource, Well

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**SELLER PHONE**

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## PROPERTY DETAILS

**Beds N/A**

**Baths N/A**

Zoning: R1

Watersource: Well

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# Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell



Hello readers. Here are a few hints that I hope will be of help.

1. To prevent car and truck doors from freezing, simply spray with cooking oil and wipe with a paper towel.
2. To keep headlights clear from slush apply ordinary car wax to the headlights. The wax contains water repellents that will help prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights. Should last up to 6 weeks.
3. Did you know that Chili Powder, Cayenne Pepper and Paprika should be kept in the fridge?
4. Information on Clothes Dryer.... Always clean the filter after every load and remember to wash the filter at least every 6 months in soapy water and clean with an old tooth brush. This simple process should prolong the life of your dryer and save electricity. How about that!!

So until next time and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year!

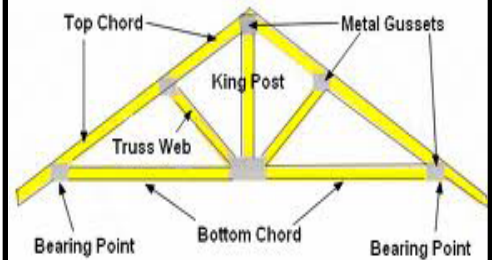
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## December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Lions Meeting</b> DYNAMITERS HOCKEY	<b>4</b> IMPORTANT Mtg at Hall 7 pm Re: OCP	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Lions Dance DYNAMITERS HOCKEY
<b>8</b> Church Daylight Savings Time ends	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> BINGO	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Christmas Dinner Theatre DYNAMITERS HOCKEY ICE HOCKEY	<b>14</b> ICE HOCKEY
<b>15</b> Church Light-Up Contest 6 pm - 8 pm 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Lions Meeting ICE HOCKEY	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> DYNAMITERS HOCKEY
<b>22</b> Church	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Candle Light 7 pm @ Church	<b>25</b> Merry Christmas! 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> ICE HOCKEY	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Church DYNAMITERS HOCKEY	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 	<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> <p>Public Meditations and Teachings by Ven. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha will resume Fridays at 7 pm beginning January 17, 2014 For more info call 250.422.9327</p>			

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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 -8:30 pm
- TOPS Wed 6:30 pm
- Quilters Tues 10 am to 4 pm

## Special Events and Days Down the Road

- No Newsletter January 2014



## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

Chase Saddle and Leather.....250.427.5517  
Clay Excavating & Trucking.....250.422.3330  
Custom Cut Lumber.....250.422.9337  
Doug & Fran Ross (Prop Sale)...250.422.9272  
Econobuilt.....250.421.7813  
Hi Heat Insulating.....250.422.3457  
HD Railings.....250.422.3457  
Kootenay Kwik Print.....250.489.4213  
Kootenay Monument Installations....422.3414  
Mardis Lumber.....250.422.9229  
Slim Pickens Gas & Goods.....250.422.9271  
Spotted Pot Greenhouse.....250.422.3322  
The Girls (Sharon & Sarah).....250.581.0780  
TOPS.....250.422.3510/422.3686  
✂ Post Office.....250.422.3122  
Victim Services.....250.427.5621  
Wasa Community Church.....250.422.3344  
Wasa Hall.....250.422.3514/422.3640  
Wasa Lake Truss.....250.422.3618  
Wasa Lions (President).....250.422.3210

## **The OCP will raise our taxes and harm our community.**

The RDEK's Official Community Plan was supposed to replace our current Wasa – Ta Ta Creek – Skookumchuck Land Use Bylaw 1625 that's been in place since 2002. It goes way beyond that. The OCP will entrench all the rules in Bylaw 1625 plus it introduces a wide array of costly new rules that will severely damage the viability and future of our area community. We know regulation and enforcement isn't free. The RDEK will hire more staff and raise our taxes.

Our struggling local businesses need a healthy economy and an expanding year round population just to survive. This OCP pretty well guarantees that won't be our future.

**Make your views heard at an RDEK sponsored public meeting at  
7:00 PM on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Wasa Community Hall**

- Say NO to unreasonable Development Permit requirements for ranchers and some water-front owners.
- Say NO to halting residential subdivision in TaTa Creek, Lazy Lake, Moan Road, Skookumchuck, Sheep Creek and Premier Lake.
- Say NO to sending new light industrial jobs and development to Kimberley and Cranbrook.
- Say NO to the minimum 2.5 acre lot size requirements in Wasa if the owner doesn't pay for a new massive and expensive water impact study.
- Say NO to preventing multi-family homes bigger than a duplex.
- Say NO to limiting commercial development to tourism based business only.
- Say NO to having to drive to Fort Steele for gas and Cranbrook for building materials.
- Say NO to banning job generating commercial activities on Wasa Lake.

**Say NO to this toxic OCP!**

**For detailed information go to [www.wasalake.com](http://www.wasalake.com) and click on the OCP tab.**

You don't need to take our word for it. We urge you to download and read the OCP. It's on the RDEK website or you can link to it from [wasalake.com](http://wasalake.com) - Use the detailed reference guide on the other side of this handout to read the details of these restrictions for yourself.

Sponsored by the Wasa and Area Business and Community Action Partnership  
*Uniting business and progressive individuals in action to benefit the community*



## To find specific clauses in the OCP - here are the reference numbers.

*You can find a link to the OCP on [www.wasalake.com](http://www.wasalake.com) - click the OCP tab - then click on the "Download OCP" link. The following list should to help you find items of concern in the OCP.*

### The OCP Attacks Property Rights

- It limits new subdivision and imposes a large lot size, making housing unaffordable. 4.4 (1)(e) These new requirements for an engineer's water/sewer study to get a smaller lot size (less than 1 hectare or 2.5 acres) will be very expensive if not impossible for an individual to acquire.
- It forbids subdivision of land fronting Wasa Lake or Cameron Pond 4.4(1)(c)
- It requires homeowners on parts of south Wasa Lake and the north end of Cameron Pond to hire a "Qualified Environmental Professional" and pay for a Development Permit from the RDEK for something as simple as rototilling a garden. Depending on location, some activities are totally prohibited. The environment is already regulated by Provincial and Federal laws. Section 17 (21 pages)
- It prohibits subdivision in TaTa Creek 4.3(2)(a) - Lazy Lake 4.3(3)(b) – Moan Road 4.3(4)(a) – Sheep Creek and Premier Lake 4.3(6)(a) and residential subdivision in Skookumchuck 4.3(5)(a) without special studies. 4.3(5)(b)
- It insists that all new residential development must be in Wasa only. 4.3(1).
- For many normal ranch activities, it requires rural landowners to spend hard earned money to hire a "Qualified Environmental Professional" and to pay for a Development Permit from the RDEK for some things that are already covered by Provincial and Federal laws. **Regulation and enforcement isn't free. The RDEK will hire more staff and raise taxes.** Section 17 (21 pages)
- It wants any empty lots built on before new residential development is approved. 4.3(2)

### The OCP is a Job Killer - It Discourages the Formation of Local Business and Stops Construction of Lower Cost Housing for Working People.

- It prohibits multi-family housing (more than duplex) anywhere in the area.
- Its prohibition on new industrial land stops small service and manufacturing business from establishing. 7.2(2) pg. 21
- It allows no job generating commercial operations on Wasa Lake. 5.3(2)(d) pg. 17
- It forbids commercial development outside the Wasa area. 5.1 It allows no large scale commercial development anywhere in the plan area. 5.3(1)(b)
- It wants business to screen itself from the highway, rather than installing great signage 5.3(2)(b)