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Christmas Spirit

By Nowell Berg

As the year end approaches and the Christmas season returns, it can be a time of celebration among family and friends. It can also be a time of loneliness and sorrow for those who have lost loved ones to death, disease and alienation.

Some people are swallowed by consumerism and the need to out spend last year in order to shower those closest to them with gifts. A newer approach is to take the same amount of money and time giving them to those in need, to help the homeless and less fortunate in the community.

For others, the approaching Christmas season is a time to reflect on the past year, to examine their speech and actions, to look into their soul discovering who they are and what is truly important for their life.

Christmas is also about community; a family, a group of friends, a neighbourhood.

When you look at our community what do you see? How does it survive and flourish? What makes it worthwhile to live here as opposed to anywhere else?

Community is more than the sum of its parts. It's more than people, land, homes and buildings. Its generated by relationships and connections.

When you gather to support local neighbours in need, you begin to see what community is and can be. When people rally to build and maintain a memorial garden, a ball field, an ice rink, a community hall with a library, gym and monthly bingo, you see the spirit of Christmas blossom year round, not just in December.

When people join the Lions, the Sewing club, the Rec Society, the Tri-Village Buzz, the Historical Association and Memorial Garden Group, the spirit of Christmas shines year round, not just in December.

Who are these people that make community happen all year long?

While women and men participate in community groups and activities, if you look closely at who sustains these groups, its women. In our community, the vast majority of people who join a group, help it survive and make it thrive are women.

Christmas spirit shines through them, their efforts and commitment to our community.

During this Christmas season and beyond, celebrate the women.

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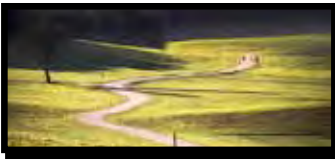
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FOLLOWING THE TRAILS OF

Yesterday

By Judy McPhee

LENNARD HUNT (LEN) of Meadowbrook

Len's father, Jim came from the States and his mother, Elda came from Saskatchewan the time of Len's birth, January 11, 1936, the family lived in Shelbrook, SK.

A baker by trade, Jim, with his wife, Elda and their children followed many Saskatchewan people to Kimberley where he worked as a baker for "Kirt Newman's Bakery Shop" in the block where Walkley's Meat Market on Wallinger Avenue was located.

Jim's next job was with John Woods, Pete Woods father, on their dairy farm. He then worked in Marysville at the dairy owned by Wilfred Hoole for a few more years.

The call of land beckoned the family and around 1948, Jim and Elda bought 140 acres in Meadowbrook. Hunt Road, bordering their farm was named after Jim and Meadowbrook is where Len still resides today on his 40 acre farm. His father, with the help from his family, farmed and raised chickens and cattle. During the war certain foods were rationed and people were given coupons to purchase items in short supply for example, coffee and sugar. His mother, Elda exchanged eggs for sugar coupons.

Len has seven brothers and five sisters which provided many playmates to ski, snow shoe and cross country ski with. Chores were done by all the children. Len and one of his brothers were responsible for milking two cows before school and after school. Of course farm chores took precedence over play. As a young lad, he tried his hand at trapping rabbits and squirrels but did not like it.

Born in January, he had to wait a year to start school. He started school at Watkin's Elementary in 1943. He remembers that his grade 4 teacher was Lorn Fulton's mother and in grade 5, June Martin.

Because he knew all the people in the area and being an entrepreneur, he was hired at 12 years of age to show a man buying scrap metal where everybody lived who had scrap metal to sell.

At the age of 14, Len worked after school at the LD Ranch (located where Cherry Creek runs into the Kootenay) cutting

fence posts and on the weekends putting in the fence posts.

At the end of grade 10, Len went to the "Old Olds Agricultural School" in Alberta. There he learned the dairy business, bee keeping, farm machinery, electricity, welding and the blacksmith trade. Len learnt how to weld with a forge and school subjects also were taught. When he graduated he received his grade 12 diploma.

Following His Dreams

Len said, "It is the things you learn after school that count." He has lived in our area for about 78 years, has worked many jobs and volunteered in our communities for over 50 years--learning along the way.

Len married Marilyn(Lyn) Perry in 1958 and they have three sons, Dennis, Terry(Tracy) and Duane(Joanne). They have three grandchildren, Brayden, Zakary and Kasey.

Lyn passed away June 5, 2012 of cancer. She was a homemaker and worked at the HBC in the meat department. Lyn was an active volunteer and volunteered with the Steel Workers Union and the Accordion Championships in Kimberley.

Always Busy

Len went back to work at the LD RANCH after graduating from Olds. In 1956 he received a job in the Services Department at Cominco. After working for awhile he decided to upgrade and establish himself in a trade. He took a 6 month leave and went to Vancouver to train as a welder. Len returned to Cominco and worked as a certified welder. For the last 15 years before he retired in 1995, he was supervisor of the welding department and worked at Cominco for 38½ years.

During this time, while working for Cominco, Len raised cattle on his 40 acre farm and through out his life has had many jobs helping people. Many an evening was spent welding in his heated shop and he continues welding for his own use to this day.

Len had his own welding business for a number of years on his property and closed it in 1982.

Always Thinking About How To Do Things More Efficiently

A "Mr. Fix- it" man and a practical man, Len, over the years, became a master at innovation and builder of numerous things.

He invented but did not patent a "Wire Winder". Used to wind up barbed wire for resale, it was the first one in Canada and is now with friends in the Elk Valley and still being used. People are now leaning towards smooth elk fences rather than barb wire fences.

Len also built a "Gopher Poisoner" modelling it after commercial ones. It is a cedar topped box with another box on top. A slider opens and drops about a teaspoon of poison every four feet. Running up and down in rows, it is 6 inches underground so birds don't eat the poison. Any grain which holds the poison and not eaten will grow into grain "The poison is in the seed, not the growing grain" said Len.

Len builds many things out of scraps. He collects everything which could be useful. Some of the things he has built are a furnace out of scrap metal which holds 500 gallons of water and will heat 4 buildings, a gas shed which holds all his diesel and gas, 4 snow plows and two wood splitters. He has always done the best he could at whatever he did.

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WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

Wasa Lake - Foreshore Usage and Ownership

By Ged Kelly

In light of a recent foreshore fire that was left unattended and still smoldering, the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID) would ask all foreshore users including lake front property owners to be mindful of the impact of their activities on the lake environment. There is no doubt that this incident was not a responsible use of the foreshore and should not have happened.

We would also remind users that there are regulations that apply to use of the foreshore extending all around the lake, including in front of private properties. This is Crown (public) land and some activities on the foreshore require appropriate permits from the Ministry of Environment (MoE) or Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD). This includes fires, the erection of structures, disturbance of plants, sand and ecology and other various other activities.

Users of the foreshore should be aware of relevant regulations that affect them.

Please follow the link below to read the BC Government publication identifying how the natural boundary of the shoreline is determined. <http://www.bcnature.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Section4-17.pdf>

In summary, a lake front property extends only as far as the "natural boundary" which is the normal high water mark. Anything beyond the high water mark out toward the waters edge is considered to be the foreshore, and therefore Crown (public) land.

(source: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/natural-resource-use/land-water-use/crown-land/private_moorage.pdf)

For your guidance the approximate shoreline mark is 24 centimeters, 9.5 inches, above the highest level the water reached in June 2018.

The health of the lake can be negatively impacted by activities the foreshore and WLLID would like to work with users to ensure that the lake remains in as healthy a condition as is possible for all uses, current and future to enjoy. Thanks for your understanding.

WLLID Board

Where do you take...

YOUR BUZZ?



Lorraine Colton and Jim Head remembered to bring the Buzz on a recent cruise to Alaska. Here they are posing with the Buzz in Juneau, Alaska!

The Buzz travelled to 11 places in 2018 (including Alaska with Jim and Lorraine).

Lori and I drew the winning name and we are happy to announce that **Pat Walkey is the winner of the 2018 "Where Do you take your Buzz" contest.**

Pictured below is Pat with the Buzz at her family reunion in High Prairie, Alberta



I am happy to announce that the Where do you take Your Buzz contest will continue on in 2019. Don't forget to email your photos with "The Buzz" and your name will go into a draw for the "2019 Where do you take Your Buzz" contest. email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

Trails of Yesterday -Lennard Hunt Continued from Page 2

Len takes pride in what he does and still works and "putters" about for about 10 hours a day. Len told me that he follows his fathers advice, "Do Not Procrastinate!"

Community Participation

4H Club Wasa

For about 17 years Len volunteered at Wasa 4H Club and received great satisfaction working with the children.

Approximately 32 children belonged to the 4H Club and all had cow/calf projects and raised a steer, cow or bull for the 4H competitions to sell at the annual auction, which took place at the Wycliffe Exhibition grounds every year. Attending were families of the children, interested spectators and farmers, logging operators and stores such as HBC.

The children in 4H were initiated into the business of raising cattle and selling them.

Credit Union

During 1961- to 1963 Len was on the "Credit Committee" as a volunteer with 5 other people to review loans. This enabled the clients to receive loans if they qualified.

School Board

From 1964 to 1966, Len was on the School Board for School District Number 6. This was a volunteer job at the time and the year he quit they implemented a salary.

Ambulance

Len volunteered and worked for the Ambulance from 1966 to 2001. At first it was as a volunteer and in 1975, the government took over and it became a paid position.

First Aid

Len took Industrial First Aid and taught CPR to nurses and the public at large in the ambulance hall. He and two other men were involved in First Aid Competitions and won the B.C. "Totem Trophy" many times. They went to England to compete in 1979 and 1981 and did very well.

APC / E.A.A.C. Area "E" Committees

Len is currently a volunteer on both Area "E" APC, E.A.A.C. Committees. The group of volunteers in both committees make recommendations to Area E Director Jane Walter who in turn and in turn passes the recommendations on to the RDEK Board.

Len is well qualified to recommend a decision on applications. Having lived in the area for decades, he knows the history, the land and most of the residents, past and present in Area "E" and surrounding areas.

Len has served on the committee continuously beginning under Norm Walter's directorship and after Norm passed away on December 5th, 2010 Len continued on as a volunteer.

Len is still a busy and active community oriented person and whatever endeavour he participates in, he does it well, with pride and a smile on his face.

His hobbies over the years are hunting and fishing which he still participates in. He makes his own flies and fly rods.

A talented man Len is!!



This is the last edition of the Tri Village Buzz newsletter for my friend Wendy Davis. After 8 years of volunteering her precious time, it is time for her to move on, and enjoy her spare time gardening and scrapbooking.

Wendy has worked a full time job in Cranbrook and spent countless of hundreds of hours prepping the best newsletter in the Kootenay's!

Whether it was on a weeknight or the weekend before the newsletter was due, you could find her locked in her office. Thank gawd she took all the schooling on graphic programs.

When Jim and I had the Wasa Country Pub & Grill, Wendy would help us design our ads. I would explain what I would like and poof it was done. Thank you again.

Everyone who read the newsletter in the pub always said it was the best they ever read, and that it was very professional looking.

Again my friend, thank you and time for some relaxation. Cheers!

Melinda & Jim Howard



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So another event is behind us and it was an absolutely amazing successful fun time had by all. We had roughly 35 kids in attendance

and about 20 (probably more) who handed out candy. It was so great to see the children and the community come together and have a great time. The kids dressed up from super heroes, princesses, Baby Chickens, Ninjas and we also had "Who Ville" show up. Hot Dogs and hot chocolate were served and for our first Trunk or Treat it was a great success! We hope that next year will be even better and even bigger!!! Thank you to all that came out and continue to support the Tri-Village Kids Club!!

Now to tell you all about our next event!!!!!!

Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 16th
from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
at the Wasa Community Hall

Serving Breakfast Burritos for everyone (even if you don't have kids you are more than welcome to attend) \$5.00 per plate. (includes an egg burrito with your choice of toppings, 2 sausages and tater tots)

Free Cookie Decorating, Ornament Making, Glitter Tattoos, Write a letter to Santa. Photo Booth by Just Music for \$5.00 per session. (you won't be disappointed)

We hope to see everyone come out and enjoy a fun morning with us. Again this is open to everyone not just the kids and we are always looking for volunteers and new members.

If you would like more information on the event or to volunteer or become a member please contact us at trivillagekidsclub@yahoo.com or call us at 778-687-0035.

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Wasa Community Church



There are a lot of great Christmas carols that are sung around this time of year. One that comes to mind right now is "Joy to the World." There's a lot about Christmas time that may bring us joy. There's also a lot that might bring us grief. There is a great amount of generosity

in this season. There's also a great amount of greed. For some, there is time spent with loved ones. For others, it is a time of great loneliness.

What was once the best time of year for some, may now be the worst to them. Yet there is still joy available to be found.

Back before Christmas was about getting presents, or about people getting as much of their family together as they could, Christmas was about the joy that is sung about in the old carol. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come." Christmas was about the birth of Jesus. About how God Himself became human in order to live life in our shoes. About how He lived His life perfectly without sin like we never could. Eventually, this led to Him dying as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Afterward, He rose again from the dead conquering death. He made the way to eternal life not at all about how good your works are, or how many good deeds you do, but He made the way to eternal life about acknowledging your sinfulness and choosing to turn from it, believing in Him and what He did for you.

There is joy to be found in the origin of Christmas amidst the highs and lows that the rest of the holidays bring. There is joy to be found in knowing that God loved the world so much that He came down and died for all their sin. There is joy to be found in knowing, even though you can't make yourself good enough for heaven, that putting your belief in Jesus, you are forgiven your sins and allowed into heaven once you pass away. Joy is not always an easy thing to come by. For some it can be quite rare. However, whatever time it is, whether around Christmas or not, there is always joy available to be found in Jesus.

- Pastor Jon Malpass, Wasa Community Church Services
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submitted by - Sherry Shields

Wishing everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.
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When Our Homes Don't Work For Us Anymore

By Clay Tippet

As we get on in years, downsizing can make a lot of sense.

For too many, dollars are the deciding factor. The expense of maintaining a home can be a financial burden. Sometimes it seems that the refrigerator, the hot water tank and the furnace are all conspiring together to need replacement at the same time, not to mention the roof. The cost of living increases in CPP and OAS don't seem to keep up with the real cost of living and the money that is tied up in one's house is needed just to get by.

We can lose a spouse or companion and find ourselves alone without family nearby. Downsizing and moving to be closer to our siblings or kids becomes the solution.

For the more fortunate, the choice to downsize comes from wanting change in lifestyle. We become empty nesters, yet spend time and money labouring to maintain a large home and yard, when what we really want is to travel more. One neighbour said "We can't keep up with the cobwebs." Moving to a condo apartment or townhouse and paying strata fees in exchange for freedom from yard-work and home maintenance - a "lock and leave" world - can seem like a great bargain.

Changing your accommodation becomes a necessity when your home becomes a danger to you. As birthdays click by at an ever faster rate, stairs are not your friend. Hallways and doorways may be too narrow to accommodate a walker or wheelchair. Without convenient grab rails falling can happen anytime. Options become particularly limited if the need for change is brought about by illness or accident.

These common life situations apply to people in locations both urban and rural, but in rural areas, things are made worse by the need to travel to the city for essential services. A trip to town, that at one time may have been a daily event, becomes a challenge if one either can't drive or is afraid to because of road conditions or wild game. To do basic things like grocery shopping or receiving medical care may mean relying on the kindness of others.

According to the 2016 census, 16.3% of Canadians are aged 65 or older. In the Tri-Village area, the number is almost double that at 31.5%. If you wonder how really grey-haired we are, adding in the folks in the 55-64 age range yields the astounding figure that 56.8% of us locally are aged 55 and older.

From the census, it would appear decisions about housing are going to be front and centre for many of us. In conversation, many people have expressed a desire to stay in the local area for as long as possible. Yet there's no housing in the Tri-Village area specifically designed to meet even the simpler needs of healthy seniors, much less those in need of nursing care. As a result, when a change in accommodation is necessary, the current options almost inevitably involve moving to a city.

A survey to try to determine the housing need of seniors living in the Tri-Village area is being jointly sponsored by the Wasa District Lions Club and the Tri-Village Buzz. It is hoped that the results can be used as a factual basis for discussion about increasing the options for staying in the local area as we age.

The survey will be distributed in March 2019 in paper form as well as online. More information will be the February and March editions of the Buzz.

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Fire on the Foreshore

By Nowell Berg



Around 6 p.m. on November 10th, 2018, a fire broke out on the foreshore at Wasa Lake, on the east side about 150 meters south of Dog Beach. It was visible from several points around the lake.

At first it looked like a campfire. As it turned out, the fire was purposely lit on a wooden dock that was only meters away from the waters edge.

The RAPP (Report a Poacher or Polluter) line was called and a Conservation Officer (CO) dispatched to investigate. On seeing the burning dock, the CO remarked it was illegal to burn anything on Crown land or near a riparian area without a permit or approval.

After several hours, the CO located the perpetrator who admitted to setting the fire. This person did not have the requisite permit or approval to burn the dock on the foreshore.

The culprit was charged under the BC Environmental Management Act (EMA), Part Two - Prohibitions and Authorizations, Waste Disposal, Section 6 (3), a person must not introduce or cause or allow to be introduced into the environment, waste produced by a prescribed activity or operation. (source: http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/03053_01#section6)

This person did not have a permit for setting the dock on fire and was charged with contravening Sec. 6 (3) and issued a ticket for \$575. Part 10 – Division 1 Offences and Penalties – Section 120 (3), a person who contravenes any of the following commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000,000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both: (a) section 6 (2), (3) or (4), [waste disposal]. (source: http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/03053_01#section120)

The fire destroyed most of the dock leaving behind various metal parts, including long spikes, bolts and wire mesh. As part of the charge, the culprit must thoroughly remove all remaining pieces of the dock – charred wood, metal and plastic.

The next day a long-time resident said they'd never seen anything like it before. Another resident simply shrugged shaking their head in disbelief.

All land owners around and near Wasa should be aware of their obligations under the Environmental Management Act, Water Sustainability Act and the Land Act, which are administered, in whole or in part, by Ministry of Environment (MoE) and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD).



Complete information about land, water, the foreshore and docks can be accessed through Front Counter BC at: <http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/>. Or, call the Cranbrook office, 250 426-1766 and ask to speak with a Natural Resource Specialist.

We are all stewards of Wasa and need to protect it as best we can.



Helpful Hints

By Sherry Shields

In Memory of Vi Cockell



1. **How to get sticky residue off older Tupperware?** Mix baking soda and water in a small dish to make a paste. It should be about the consistency of toothpaste. Use a soft cloth to rub the paste over the surface of the plastic. Rinse completely with warm water and repeat if necessary.

2. Great Gift Idea

Smile and a hug. Both make you feel good when you give and receive.

BONUS – they are FREE. (p.s. my MOM says they are the BEST gift).

Helpful Hints would like to welcome Lori Vandette as the new editor of the Tri Village Buzz. Looking forward to working with you Lori.

Do you have a helpful HINT or an idea for a HINT? Requests can be emailed to: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com SUBJECT: Helpful Hints.

Anne of Green Gables quotes will sign off with our retiring editor Wendy Davis.

Thank you for your dedication as editor of the Tri Village Buzz. You have inspired many with your gentle persuasion. Who else could persuade a friend from the other side of the country to help with our local paper? Thank you for your monthly reminders Tosh from Shediac, New Brunswick. Wendy, enjoy your next challenge.

It's been my experience that you can nearly always enjoy things if you make up your mind firmly that you will.

~Anne of Green Gables~

From my house to yours I wish you a VERY Merry Christmas and the BEST in the New Year!



Donate your pop cans and liquor bottles (no dairy please) to the Wasa and District Lions Club to help with their scholarship fund. Please call Val at 250-422-3499 to make arrangements for drop-off at the Lions Grounds.

BETTER EQUIPPED FOR CONNECTING TO THE WORLD

Over 12,000 Basin-Boundary households have better high-speed Internet access

(Columbia Basin) – It's a milestone being felt around the Columbia Basin and Boundary regions: after more than three years of hard work, residents in over 12,000 rural households, in more than 62 communities in the region, will have access to new or improved high-speed Internet.

"Rural Columbia Basin and Boundary residents love their communities for many reasons, including their remoteness, but being able to rely on the Internet to connect with the larger world—and within our own region—has become essential," said Johnny Strilaeff, Columbia Basin Trust President and Chief Executive Officer. "The new high-speed service means residents in these areas can now access resources and enjoy opportunities that increase their quality of life."

Columbia Basin Trust partnered with 14 Internet service providers to secure funding from the federal Connecting Canadians program, the provincial Connecting British Columbia Program and regional districts, in addition to Trust funding. From planning to implementation, the Trust collaborated with a Regional Broadband Committee comprised of the regional districts of East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay Boundary and Columbia Shuswap, and the Village of Valemount and the Ktunaxa Nation Council.

"Improving access to high-speed Internet in our rural communities was a key priority for the Regional Broadband Committee," said Rob Gay, Regional Broadband Committee Chair and Regional District of East Kootenay Electoral Area C Director. "We're excited to see the completion of this project and all the benefits that it brings to rural area citizens."

The project's \$8-million budget allowed for improvements in two ways. First, the ISPs were able to expand or improve their infrastructure, most of which is wireless. Second, the Trust was able to expand or improve its existing fibre optic broadband network so that ISPs could better connect to it. The new equipment now enables a download speed of at least five megabits per second to rural households with higher speeds available in most communities.

"It's vitally important for smaller communities throughout B.C. to have reliable, high-speed access in order to grow local economies, create jobs, access education, health care, emergency services and connect with friends and family," said Jinny Sims, Minister of Citizens' Services. "These significant accomplishments are the result of collaboration between many parties and serves as a model for other regions wanting to expand connectivity in B.C. Congratulations to everyone involved on this important achievement."

In the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK), for

example, Internet service to the Jaffray, Baynes Lake and Elko fire departments has greatly improved, with more bandwidth and more reliable connections.

"The radio systems between our fire halls, as well as our radio connection to dispatch in Kelowna, are all linked via Internet," said Dave Boreen, Elk Valley and South Country Rural Fire & Rescue Service Chief. "With such a large area to protect, the new high-speed Internet gives us better communications by enabling us to link through alternate repeaters, and to have a direct radio connection to dispatch. To have reliable Internet is critical to ensure that our radio communications stay operational."

Gray Creek resident Michella Moss is a customer of the East Shore Internet Society, one of the ISPs involved in the project. As a professional voice actor, she works on projects ranging from movie trailers to video games—and can now send and receive files more quickly with the improved Internet speeds.

"I rely on my website to attract clients, to receive auditions from my agent, and to send mp3 and wav files to clients both regionally and internationally," she said. "I feel very blessed to be able to live where I do. I've made a quiet studio space without the expense required in a noisy city environment and am able to make a living doing what I love without giving up my need to live remotely."

The Trust is committed to continue extending its network and supporting ISPs and communities as they strive to improve Internet service. Learn more about all the Trust's work in broadband—one of its strategic priorities—at ourtrust.org/broadband.

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By Area E Director Jane Walter

Vandals Destroy Equipment at the Wasa Transfer Station.

This act of vandalism is very disturbing for myself, the RDEK Board and the RDEK employees. The contractor was sorting the metal pile and he left the machine parked away from the metal pile. The loss of the machine was a cost to the contractor, now he will have to replace the machine.

As many of you know, the ongoing illegal use at the Wasa transfer station has been getting worse. **If you see anyone doing vandalism or illegal dumping at the Wasa Transfer Station please call Jim Penson at 250-489-2791.**

Mainroad

I thought I would give you their phone number to call when you have concerns about the roads. 1-800-665-4929.

Volunteering

I want to Thank Wendy Davis for everything she has done for the Wasa and Area community. Wendy has done an incredible job with the Tri Village Buzz and she has also volunteered at the Pancake Breakfasts and many of the Lion's events. Wendy has been an incredible asset for me, there has been many months that I was late with my report and she still included them.

I also want to thank all of the other Tri Village Buzz team members for all of their contributions, that they have done for the Buzz and the community.

I hope everyone has a safe and a good month.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2019.

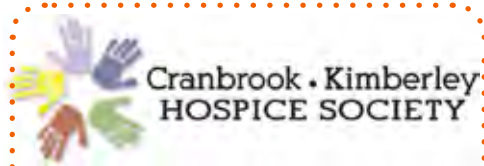
Jane Walter, Area E Director

Merry Christmas



Even the Lions were out on Halloween!

Photo Sharon Prinz



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- Hall Rentals and Information
Karen Markus 250.422.3514
Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
 - Gym Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
Rod 250-422-3253
 - TOPS Susan 250.422.3510
 - Library Judy McPhee 250.422.3766
- In addition, BINGO's are held on the **2nd Tuesday of each month** at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:30 pm and regular at 6:45 pm.

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

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

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.



**For Gym Schedule Please Contact:
Sonia Blackwell at 250-422-9201 or
Rod at 250-422-3253**

GYM HOURS AND INFO

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2. escrogo
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12. ndyca ance
13. yollh
14. ftgis
15. nirgch
16. emryr
17. ngtsoikc
18. gnwraipp
19. tooeicadrsn
20. eblls



Mystery Christmas Carol

The words listed below are from a familiar Christmas Carol. What is it? Find and circle all of the words hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the name of the Christmas Carol.

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APPAREL	HAIL	NEW	TOGETHER
AWAY	HARP	NOW	TREASURE
BEFORE	HEEDLESS	OLD	TROLL
BLAZING	HOLLY	OUR	WEATHER
BOUGHS	JOIN	PASSES	WHILE
CAROL	JOLLY	SEASON	WIND
CHORUS	JOYOUS	SING	WITH
DON	LADS	STRIKE	YEAR
FAST	LASSES	TELL	YULE

Find the 10 Differences



A farewell note from Mario: I would like to thank all the readers for allowing me into their homes for the past 8 years.

Q: What do you get when you cross a Christmas tree with an iPad?

A: A pineapple

Q: What's red, white and blue at Christmas time?

A: A sad candy cane

Q: What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas time?

A: Sandy Claus



This Christmas is going to bring you something special!

Some people may think that Christmas is a consumerism trap, forcing people to buy more through a large marketing process that convinces people to rush out and buy what they don't need. These people don't like Christmas much. Others despise and reject every aspect of it; for them, the Magic of Christmas is forbidden. They often think about this holiday with their head, while maintaining a closed heart. Too bad for them!

Reducing Christmas to an organized mass consumption would be totally wrong. When you see the beauty of all the calls for wonders through the shop windows, with all their sparkly colorful Christmas decorations, wouldn't you want the entire world to be magical for everyone? But something deep within tells you: "That's impossible... I must come back to my 'senses'... the world is just the world!" Exactly, your true senses tell you that a real Magical Christmas would be so great, even when you try to stick to your grown-up mentality.

For most people, Christmas has become another worry: "What am I going to buy for those I love?"

Christmas is not just a time that forces you to buy things for those you love... wake up! It's an atmosphere, an ambience, a way of reconnecting with a world in which everything that's enjoyable, beautiful, harmonious, kind and liberating is totally possible!

Christmas is a time to remember that something surprising, amazing and positively unexpected will come to you in order to provoke a deep transformation within your heart. Why would you cut yourself from the Magic of Christmas when your entire life is beyond magical! Your life is a surprising Divine Adventure, far bigger than you can imagine!

If you think that miracles and wonders don't exist in real life, then you're wrong! What about the \$100 bill a homeless person will receive at Christmas? Or the good news of the successful chemotherapy a mother will hear? What about someone who will pass away and will no longer be suffering? Or a beloved departed one you will once again feel alive within your heart around Christmas? What about you, reading these lines, and still being able to enjoy Christmas with an open heart, ready to receive what must be received? Christmas is not going to forget you. Oh no! You may be able to forget Christmas but Christmas never forgets you. There is always a little something for you... and it could be even bigger if you open your heart even more!

Christmas is a time of receiving, even though it is also a time of giving. Christmas is not only what people can offer you, it is also learning how to properly receive what you need after such a busy year.

Everyone needs a kind of Magical Help; don't deny it, since you would gladly enjoy experiencing some Magic in your life too. Well then!... Christmas is that time! Let your heart be filled with an immense sentiment that Christmas magic is at work in your life in order for you to experience freedom from all worries. You are not alone in your unique way of striving for happiness. The Magical Force of Christmas is with you, it shines through all the sparkles of Christmas decorations! The Magical Force of Christmas enters

your eyes and your heart through billions of sparkling rays of light. Are you opened to it? Or have you closed off from it?

It's not going to cost you a penny to open your heart to the Magic of Christmas! Christmas is not a question of money, even though having some is great. Christmas is above all a question of how open you are to letting the Magic of Christmas penetrate you?

During all Christmas preparations and celebrations, one needs to embark on a journey into "Wonderland". Stop being ordinary, and step into Wonderland... that's it! Someone, somewhere is going to take care of you. It could be a physical person, but also spiritual beings working for you, sending you prayers so strong that they're able to dissolve your sadness and anxiety, and remove obstacles to your Path of Evolution and Freedom. You're not alone and you'll be better off by accepting this!

To experience the magic of Christmas, one needs to become magical in one's heart. Believe that in all the wonders of Christmas, through all the inviting decorations, corresponds deep within the human heart, a connection to an extraordinary Divine Plan. In the Divine, everything is possible, even things you may think to be impossible. The other name of the Divine is: "LIMITLESS"!

So when I talk to you about Christmas time, I also give you a huge secret about all its magic which is going to act upon you, whether you want it or not. Christmas is here! Every year we all get a new opportunity to experience the beauty and goodness of the Divine Force at work during Christmas time.

Christmas being such a great opportunity, why would you deprive yourself from connecting your heart to its amazing power of transformation? If you play the Christmas Card correctly, you won't regret it, as Christmas is going to bring you something special this year... You'll see!!! Something that you deeply need! Open your eyes! Open your heart! It's Christmas time!

Merry Christmas to all of you – Magic is in the air... – and Happy New Year!!!

Warmly, dearly, closely, with each of you dear readers!

With blessing and love

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"There are more treasures in books than in all the pirates loot on treasure island"

-Walt Disney

A passion for reading is an important trait to have during the gloomy days of winter. Our library, as you know have many books on many themes. Books entertain us, structure the way we think, expand our horizons and educate us. When we peruse a library, we are explorers of the infinite. An infinite number of books to choose from, an infinite number of facts and ideas to read about from different authors. Each book encapsulates different themes and ideas to think about. A visit to our library is a "mystery game"--what exciting book(s) will we discover today?

I have selected three books this month to bring to your attention.

A Scattering Of Seeds

The Creation of Canada. They came to dream. The Immigrants. To Build a Nation

By Lindalee Tracy

This important book in our library tells about the stories of people who have come from ten different countries to settle in our provinces and communities. They came to begin a new life and contribute to the development of Canada.

In the year 2000, we had people in our TVB area from 23 different countries; how interesting it is to consider the variety of

contributions that these immigrants have given to us. Considering the success of our community of integrating our immigrants, we can see how this plays out on the map of Canada over time and distance.

A book deftly told and a must to read.

A New Earth

Awakening to Your Life's Purpose

By Eckhart Tolle

An illuminating book to help in finding out "who we really are."

Inventing The Future

Reflections on Science, Technology and Nature. Another thought provoking and terrific book by David Suzuki

Our library closes for the Christmas season on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 8, 2019

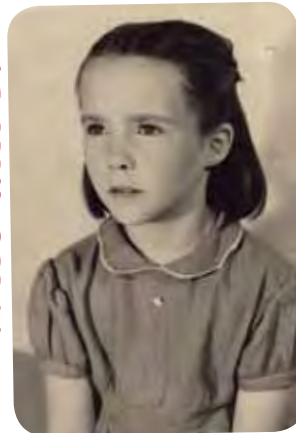
Please stock up on holiday reading before we close for the holidays.

A blessed Christmas and happy holidays to each one of you from the library staff, Marg Burrin, Rose Smith and myself.

A very, very special thank you to WENDY DAVIS for editing and putting out our community newspaper for the past 8 years. She has excelled! Many hundreds of hours were spent by her weaving together 8 years of issues to keep us connected informed and part of a caring community. Thank you, Wendy.

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Preheat oven to 325° F. Line baking sheets with baking parchment or silicone lined baking mat.

Combine all ingredients.* Form into small balls, approximately 1-inch in diameter. Placed on lined baking sheets about 1-inch apart. Flatten each ball slightly with a fork that has been dipped in water.

Bake at 325° F for 12-14 minutes, or until lightly browned.

Note: I did not use an electric mixer and found it easy to combine all ingredients by mixing with my hands (clean hands).

Fanny's Favorites





Wasa and District Lions Club Serving Wasa and Area since 1976

By Laurie Kay

Outdoor Rink

Depending on the weather we would like to have both rinks open by at least Friday, Dec. 21st, the last day of school in our district.

If we have snow like we had the last 2 winters, the operators scheduled at that time will need lots of help to clear it off. Please add your name to the list posted at the Post Office, Gas Station or Wasa Building Supplies if you can be called on to help.

The entire rink must be cleared right to the boards before flooding and resurfacing. We cannot clear just a small patch and leave the rest. The rink has been swept and is now closed to prevent dirt, gravel etc. from being tracked onto the surface.

A sign recognizing Larry Gould (Mardis Logging) for providing the lumber for the skating shed at the rink will be displayed. Thanks Larry.

Membership. We are Growing

Several new Lion Members will be Inducted at the January 15th Dinner Meeting.

Marty's Rock

"In Recognition and Thanks to Past, Present and Future Wasa and District Lion Members"

This is the bronze plaque inscription to be attached to the impressive rock facing the ball diamond we have named Marty's Rock. Marty Minor was a popular past Lion who loved life and especially playing ball. It was donated by Marty's family and friends.

Thanks to Dick and Gerald Decker for providing and transporting Marty's Rock.

Winterfest December 30th 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Lion Steve Wilson (Wasa Hardware) is in need of a co chair to help organize the December 30th Winterfest. There is an excellent, detailed file outlining everything that has to be organized. It's all there. It's mainly a matter of making sure that all jobs, activities, preparation and clean up have been assigned. To date, many people have volunteered to be responsible for certain jobs so you are not starting from scratch.

Christmas Light Up Sunday December 16th

Christmas Dinner & Dance Saturday, Dec. 1st

To date all tickets have been sold. Thanks for your support.

Thanks to the wonderful work of Lions, Sharon, and Gail the value of the raffle donations are the best ever. Thanks to all donors for their fabulous support. Each raffle item will also have a gift certificate included making the value of each item at least \$100.

Senior's Study

Check out in this Buzz, the Lions sponsored project that Clay Tippet has been working on. Good work Clay.

A Joyful and Meaningful Christmas to Everyone

A message from Lori Vandette, the new Editor of the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter:

I had the privilege of meeting a lot of the individuals who make the Tri-Village Buzz possible at the recent AGM. What an amazing group of people! doing an amazing job! I was welcomed on as the new editor effective in 2019 and I wanted to say thank you for the vote of confidence. This is a new challenge for me, a little intimidating, a lot exciting. And I welcome your suggestions (and patience for my learning curve) as the Buzz moves forward. Wendy and her team have done such an incredible job over the years. I look forward to working with the community to continue this wonderful tradition.

Tri Village Buzz Positions Effective January 2019:

Editor:	Lori Vandette
Treasurer:	Helen Kelly
Invoicing:	Sherry Shields
Item Coordinator:	Vacant
Folders:	Helen & Ken Maine
Website:	Clay Tippet

If you are interested in volunteering with the newsletter, or writing articles please email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

Acknowledgements

Thank you to the following people who have volunteered their time and energy to the Tri-Village Buzz newsletter and will be moving on. Your contributions have made a difference and we wish you all the best.

Diana Perih	Treasurer
Mario Carelli	Marios Fun Page & Sports Den
Naomi Miller	History Bytes
Tosh Leblanc	Item Coordinator

A Farewell Note from Wendy

It seems like only yesterday when my father-in-law, Dick Davis had me sign a copy of my very first Tri Village Buzz newsletter. "This will be worth money some day!" I recall him saying. Well if every note of encouragement, praise or thanks I received over the last 8 years was worth a dollar, I imagine being the Editor of this newsletter would have been very lucrative!

Being the Editor has been time consuming and yet very rewarding. I've had the opportunity to get to know some really great people and it still amazes me how many people in this community continually help out and volunteer.

I look forward to enjoying my days off without worrying about deadlines and working (or as Jack says playing) in my garden or my scrapbooking room without thinking about when I'll get the Buzz ready.

A huge thank you to Lori for stepping up. I really don't think I could have walked away if there was no one to step in.

I know my volunteering days are not over, they're just on hold for a while.

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Lions Dance 
2 Church 10:30 a.m.	3	4 Wasa Lions Meeting 7 p.m. Wasa Hall	5	6	7 ● New Moon	8
9 Church 10:30 a.m. Breakfast  8:30-11:30 am Wasa Hall	10	11 BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular	12	13	14	15
16 Church 10:30 a.m.  Christmas Light up	17	18 Wasa Lions Mtg 7 p.m. Wasa Hall	19	20	21	22 ○ Full Moon
23 Church 10:30 a.m.	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29
30	31 					

WINTERFEST

Weather Permitting
Sunday, December 30th
Noon to 4:00 p.m.



WINTERFEST

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Church 10:30 a.m. ● New Moon	7	8 BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular	9	10	11	12
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27 Church 10:30 a.m.	28	29	30 Rec Society Mtg 7 p.m.	31		

LEGEND

- Church 10:30 a.m.
- Rec Society 7:00 p.m.
- Quilters Tues. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Library Tues. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- TOPS Fri 8:30 a.m. Weigh in & Mtg. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- Lions 7:00 p.m.

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Watch for details
Armchair Traveller
- Sunday, March 10th, 2019
Daylight Savings begins



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