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JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS

AWAY IN A MANGER

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

The sounds of Christmas.

Although Christmas was first celebrated on December 25th in 336 A.D., and Christmas trees came on the scene in around the 8th century, Christmas carols weren't known as a seasonal tradition until around the 13th century.

But, for me, it's not Christmas without them.

The joyous melody of 'Joy to the World'! Or the fun lyrics of 'Six White Boomers, Snow White Boomers'...

This year there are certain carols that have a much deeper meaning; given our social climate and restrictions.

'Do You Hear What I Hear': Are you listening for your loved ones need to talk? Your neighbours need to vent? Are you hearing the underlying message of loneliness and isolation many are feeling?

'Little Drummer Boy' - I have no gift to bring... Do you know of a family that has been hit hard by loss of job and/or finances? Is there a way the community can fill the gap to bring them some joy this season?

'Twelve Days of Christmas': This year, 2021, let's make it Christmas day every day for someone. It could be something as simple as a card of appreciation in their mailbox, a gift of homemade baking, a shoveled walkway. And let's up the ante; let's spread our kindness among total strangers. Because, let's face it; we're always willing to do a kind thing for a friend. But what about the ones we've never met? Can you imagine the impact your act of kindness would have on them?!

Will you accept the challenge?

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Serving Skookumchuk, Ta Ta Creek and Wasa Lake

WHEN THE MOON HITS YOUR EYE

submitted by Barry Morvai

Facts?? about the moon. It's about 4.51 billion years old. Samples collected from the moon landings 50 years ago are allowing scientists to make this determination with technology that was unheard of back then. It is said the moon formed after a collision between a mars size celestial body and our earth. This took place around 150 million years after the formation of our solar system.

Some interesting stuff right there.....

So with November behind us, we head into the Christmas season with a full moon on December 29th. The farmers almanac states this moon is known as the "cold moon"....that doesn't surprise me. Native americans say this is the moon that brings in the cold winter season. Other names are "long nights moon".....as the solstice falls on the 21st and the nights are very long....kinda makes sense now.....and finally "moon before yule"

Pagans called it this in honor of the yuletide festival celebrating the return of the sun, or longer days.....or you can just change your clocks....keeps it simple :)

Other things in the night sky of interest:

Dec 13,14- geminids meteor shower. The geminids is king of the meteor shower, producing up to 120 multicolored meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by an asteroid known as 3200 phaethon, which was discovered in 1982. The shower runs annually from Dec 7-17 and peaks on the night of the 13th.



Dec 14 New moon-with the moon not being visible in the night sky, this should make for great viewing of the meteor shower. Also, barring any cloudy nights, and a decent telescope, one should be able to see galaxies and star clusters.

Another big deal on the 14th is a total solar eclipse! Sorry if I got your hopes up.....it will only be visible in the southern hemisphere. So, if your able to break free from all this craziness we call 2020 and are able to get yourself to South America.... send me some pics :)

Dec 21-Solstice. Our shortest day of the year! If you're an optimist, the days now start getting longer....yay!

Another interesting event is a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the sky. They will be close enough together, by our standpoint, that they will appear as a double planet. Looking forward to that one!

Also on the 21st is the Ursids meteor shower. This one will produce around 5-10 meteors per hour and is the result of dust grains left behind by comet Tuttle, which was discovered in 1790.

January will give us a full moon on the 28th. This moon is known as "wolf moon" as this was the time of year hungry wolf packs would howl outside of native camps. Other names are "old moon", "ice moon" and "snow moon".....im kinda seeing a pattern here :) I'm old and it's cold!

There is another meteor shower early in January. This one is called Quantrids. Its brought to you by quantas airlines.....kidding.....it will, however, produce about 40 meteors per hour. It is thought to be from the remnants of an extinct comet (did we do that?) known as 2003EH1, which happens to be when it was discovered.....thx captain obvious :)

I love watching the moon rise and taking pictures when I can and hope someday to purchase a decent telescope to get even better pics than the ones I have. I hope this has been a little informative for you.

Enjoy the festive season with friends and family.....I will be back in Feburary with more amazing facts and info about our very own space rock.....ok.....mabey not amazing, but still facts, none the less :)



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We print anywhere from 250- 300 copies of the Newsletter, 10 months out of the year - and our boxes are empty within a couple of weeks of being filled. Wow! We also email the newsletter direct to over 200 subscribers. Impressive, eh?

But our executive and submitters are dwindling, despite the obvious popularity of our Community paper. With an aging population, individuals are wanting to step back from the volunteer positions they have held for years - and deservedly so! But we need individuals to step in and fill the gaps - please.

If you can volunteer a couple of hours, once a month, to submit an article, balance the books, send me helpful hints, garden wisdom, your family's story You have no idea how much this would be appreciated! Let's keep the Buzz going, for years to come! email trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

RECIPES ... RECIPES ... RECIPES ... RECIPES

There have been numerous recipe submissions over the life of the Buzz. And we are looking at compiling those into a cookbook for a Wasa Lions/Buzz fundraiser.

What was your favourite recipe?

Submit your vote for a chance to win a gift certificate to a Wasa Advertiser. And feel free to submit a favourite recipe from your home to be included in the publication!!



Buzzing in the Kitchen

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Are you new to the Community? Recently retired and have time on your hands? Want to meet neighbours? Just love to get involved and give back? We might be able to help with that! Because our Communities are small, we rely very heavily upon Volunteers. And there are so many areas that would benefit from any skills you have to share. I encourage you to take a look at the list below and call existing members to see where you can help out.

*Wasa & District Lions Club

*Wasa Recreational Society

*TriVillage Buzz Newsletter

*Wasa Community Library

*Wasa Lake Land Improvement

*Wasa & District Historical Association/Garden Group

*Bingo

*Armchair Traveler

* Wasa Gym

*Tri-Village Kids Club

*Wasa Pancake Breakfast

are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons. We would love to see you!

"Volunteering is a work of heart"

Many of you have a story, adventure or life story about people you know in our area, that happened in years past and you are eager to share, so that the history is not lost. I would like to include them in the "Following the Trails of Yesterday" page. Please phone me if you would like to contribute to the column at 250.422.3766 or email me at -- judymcphee9@gmail.com --


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- Charles Spurgeon -

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Wasa TOPS

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Contacts:
 Susan 778.524.0012
 Or Irene 250.422.3686


 TAKE OFF POUNDS
 SENSIBLY

The **Wasa Recreation Society** manages the Wasa Community Hall. The main objective is to have a Community Hall that is viable for events and recreation of the community. Through fund-raising, volunteering and rentals, we are able to have an economical community hall for our community. The Recreation Society meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the basement. The meetings are open for anyone wanting to attend with new ideas or becoming part of the Society committee.

- **Hall Rentals and Information:** Karen Markus 250.422.3514 or Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
- **Gym:** Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019 or Rod 250.422.3253
- **TOPS:** Susan 778.524.0012
- **Library:** Judy McPhee 250.422.3766
- **Quilter's Club:** Linda Sungaard 778.524.4456
- In addition, BINGOs are held the 2nd tuesday of the month - 6 months of the year, at the Wasa Hall. See details in the calendar. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. & regular at 6:45 p.m.
- TKC coffee is held the 2nd wednesday of each month

Wasa Lions Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard

Have you had a recent injury? or have plans for surgery?

The Lions may be able to assist with a 3-month loan of Medical Equipment. For loan information or equipment donations to the Cupboard, contact: Sharon @ 250.417.7654 or Val @ 250.422.3499

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Wasa Recreational Society Hall

submitted by Clay Tippet & Karen Markus

A Welcoming Treasure - The Wasa Community Hall

Most people first experience the hall as the gathering place for a special occasion. For over 32 years the hall has hosted birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, funerals, reunions, recognition and award dinners. It's our civic centre: the polling place for federal, provincial and municipal elections, town hall meetings, RDEK official public meetings, WLLID annual meetings and government workshops. And before Covid-19 hundreds would attend events that community groups depended upon for their fundraising: dinner; the annual Wasa Lions Christmas party, craft fairs and a favourite of both full time and summer residents, monthly bingo.

The hall also serves community organizations as their regular meeting place and home base: yoga, Wasa Country Quilters, Tri-Village Kids Club, TOPS, WLLID and Wasa Lions. Some of these organizations have specific rooms dedicated to their use.

Newcomers and occasionally longer time residents are surprised to learn the hall hosts a substantial library, a well-equipped gym and the Wasa Lions Medical Loan Cupboard offering a wide range of medical furniture and devices to area community members at no charge.

The hall continues to be used in new ways to serve the community. For the second year a Save-On Foods pharmacist has travelled to Wasa to administer our annual flu shot, saving folks travel costs and city exposure. Naturally, we hosted the event at the community hall.

While many might not have imagined the wide range of usage the hall has today, by the early 1980s community members recognized the need for a gathering place for this community. In 1982, the Wasa Lions Recreational Society was incorporated as a non-profit society to build a community hall; and a series of fundraising events began.

The Wasa Lions were a driving force behind its creation. In talking to people active in the community at the time, one name, Jim Blackburn, is mentioned as having travelled to Victoria and secured sufficient funding through the BC Legacy Fund that construction was able to begin. Stan Kneller tells of how corporate donations of both material and labour were received and teamed up with massive and enthusiastic volunteer labour from the community. In 1988 the Wasa Community Hall became a reality. It has become the hub of the community.

The hall operations are run entirely by community volunteers, with the exception of a paid janitorial person.

Covid-19 has brought community hall fundraising, on which the operations of the hall, and many of the community organizations to an abrupt halt. In reaction, the Recreation Society has cut expenses to the bone, applied for grants to install solar panels on the massive south-facing side of our roof and cut our hydro costs. But other costs, like insurance and maintenance continue to rise.

In normal times rentals and fundraising contributed to the cost of operations. The lesson of Covid-19 is that counting forever on volunteers, fundraisers and special operating grants to keep our doors open, by themselves are not sustainable in the long run. There may be other Cvids and Sars in our future. The board of the Wasa Recreation Society (which has for some time operated separately from the Wasa & District Lions) is currently exploring options for long term operations funding for the hall. Regular annual funding should help us to continue to provide the use of the hall to our community users at as modest a cost as we can.

The hall is an irreplaceable community treasure and we love it.

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Christmas Tree Permits

Members of the public who wish to cut a Christmas Tree on Crown land for personal use must have a Free Use Permit for a Christmas Tree from each Natural Resource District where they intend to cut, signed by the appropriate District Manager or designate.

Each district is operated differently so please contact the individual districts where you plan on cutting for more information, and remember to carry your permit with you at all times.

Most permits allow only one tree to be cut.

DO: Pick the perfect tree before cutting

DO: Ensure it fits on your vehicle to avoid trimming

DO: Cut cleanly at the base

DON'T: Leave unsafe, pointed stumps

DON'T: Leave debris to fuel summer fires

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/natural-resource-permits/christmas-tree-permits#permit>

What does an English teacher eat at breakfast?

Synonym buns

Savory Roasted Root Vegetables

- 1 cup diced, raw beet
- 4 carrots, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- ¼ cup canned garbanzo beans (chickpeas), drained
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon dried thyme leaves
- salt and pepper to taste
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 1 cup torn beet greens



Preheat an oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

Place the beet, carrot, onion, potatoes, garlic, and garbanzo beans into a 9x13 inch baking dish. Drizzle with the olive oil, then season with thyme, salt, and pepper. Mix well.

Bake, uncovered, in the preheated oven for 30 minutes, stirring once midway through baking. Remove the baking dish from the oven, and stir in the wine. Return to the oven, and bake until the wine has mostly evaporated and the vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes more. Stir in the beet greens, allowing them to wilt from the heat of the vegetables. Season to taste with salt and pepper before serving.

KINDNESS CALENDAR

Do you have extra Christmas cards hanging around? Or found a deal so great you bought two boxes? Reach out to an Armed Services member this Christmas:		1	Send Christmas cards to an armed forces member	2	Give clothes, blankets or toys to someone in need	3	Pay it forward at the drive-thru	4	Take supplies to a local animal shelter	5	Randomly help someone with yardwork		
6	Make a card or decoration for someone	7	Offer to babysit for someone to give mom/dad a break	8	Give someone a call, just to chat	9	Anonymously leave some money in an envelope for someone	10	Give someone your place in line at the store or in traffic	11	Forgive someone and look for their good points	12	Go outside and feed the birds, enjoy the sunshine
13	Help out an elderly neighbour	14	Try out the art of positive gossiping!	15	Count how many smiles you give to complete strangers	16	Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	17	Thank people for things you usually take for granted	18	Offer to take a friends dog for a walk	19	Cook an extra meal and surprise someone with it
20	Pick up litter in your neighbourhood	21	Give a compliment to everyone you meet today	22	Give money for each bed in your house to a homeless charity	23	Put together a Christmas hamper for a family in need	24	Give money to a good cause for every present you wrap	25	Be kind to yourself today	26	Do something helpful for a stranger
27	Leave a happy note for someone to find	28	Do a good deed to bring a smile to someone's face	29	Touch base with someone you haven't talked to for awhile	30	Tell someone you're grateful for them	31	Plan the extra acts of kindness you will do for the rest of 2021	send your Christmas cards to this address: Any Canadian Forces Member PO Box 5140 Stn Forces Belleville, ON K8N 5W6			

Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Sherry Shields

Story of the BELL (by Jane Walters)

Norm and Jane Walters donated the bell to the Wasa Memorial Garden.

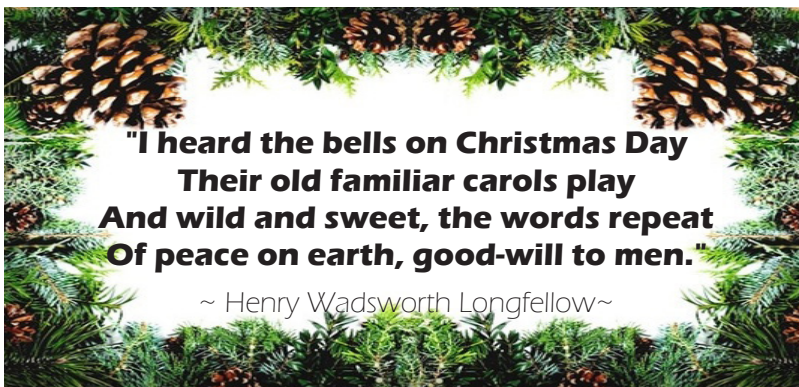


Norm, at the time, was the Area E Director (RDEK). Sandy Kay stated without Norm's support, hard work and his belief in the project it would not have happened in time for Sally. He was a really great elected rep for our community and instrumental in the final result.

Norm worked with Sally Diefenbach and Bev Rauch to acquire the necessary licences and permits required to build the Memorial Garden and to have a Columbarium on site. Bev at the time was the treasurer and was also selling memorial plaques and niches for the Columbarium.

The bell was placed on the pine tree at the garden after Norm passed away. Bev Rauch had commented that when he passed he would ring the bell at midnight. Norm and a few others said they would join him to ring the bell. Jane hopes that we will hear the bell ringing!

If interested in volunteering at the Memorial Garden please contact Sherry Shields @ 250-919-7887 ©



KOOTENAY RIPPLES

There are a few books remaining for sale.
\$50.00/ea

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pwalkey@shaw.ca.

2019 Columbarium Niche & Plaque Costs

UNIT 1 Columbarium

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Bottom Row - \$900.00 + engraving

UNIT 2 Columbarium (new)

Niche cost - \$1100.00 + engraving

Niche Engraving - \$275.00

Memorial Plaque - \$300.00

(engraving costs are subject to change)

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We live in a Magical Universe... here is the proof!

As cerebral creatures, we live in a world where everything is thought, reasoned, calibrated, listed, compared, weighed and judged according to our current and too often arrogant ignorance. The thinking Man is so full of Himself that he acts as if He was the possessor of a certain knowledge. The human mind is in fact as cold as it is dramatic and often pathetic. However, what is certain is that we know almost nothing in our comparative assessment of what exists within and around us. The “so little” that we know – and it is so very little, almost nothing, even in science – is the proof that the best we can do is speculate, understanding that nothing at all is 100% certain and absolute knowledge. We hope to be right and even claim to be right. We go to war because we think we’re right. Because we think we are right, we do not hesitate to create political and economic dogmas leading to collective dictatorships for the sake of intellectual virtues which are mostly infatuations. Stubborn, cold and infatuated has become the so-called ability of Man to think. We are, in fact, so minutely immersed into Reality, so disconnected from Reality, that the only thing in our power is to imagine Reality, from which comes our best accomplishments and our worst nightmares. Our mind makes us like fish inquiring about what water could be!

Now what if, beyond our ability to create our own psychological and emotional worlds, exists an extraordinary Reality? What if, while you’re busy thinking your life, you’re missing the point of this almost magical dimension in which you are. I dare using the word “magical” because “magic” is defined as “the power of influencing the course of events by using mysterious or supernatural forces”. So, when we talk about

“magic”, we refer to an influence that we do not comprehend that provokes certain effects that can be seen or experienced in some ways.

So, since we know almost nothing about the reason for our existence, the reason for the universe in which we find ourselves, as both we and the world appear and disappear according to the experience of our lives, then can’t we frankly say that we live in a **magical dimension**? Some forces are at work, or a Single Force is at work, creating this life that we are so certain exists and can suddenly end in the blink of an eye under the influence of what we called “death”, for lack of a better explanation, because we don’t really know what death is. The best we can say is that death is the end of life as we know it, but we don’t know if it is the end of everything that we are. You can, as much as you want, take sides for or against the idea of a life after death, but that does not take away the mysterious and therefore “magical” nature of the process.

This short presentation of our present situation has no other purpose than to help you accept that we all live in a magical dimension, because it is filled with mysteries and forces in action that we cannot comprehend only with our mind. Our mind as a thinking instrument is simply not suitable for knowing the Ultimate Reality since its only function is to imagine and compare what is known to what is unknowable through the vicious circle of reflection. We have to accept that the Ultimate Reality is not knowable but experiential.

All the phenomena surrounding you, including you, are simply magical. We appear and disappear... *is that magic or what?* Try to keep this in mind when you become too entangled in the seriousness of your anguished thoughts. Even when we think we have given up, the truth is that we are all waiting for

wonders and benevolent surprises because we bathe in a magical universe where everything is possible, where everything exists at the same time. Quantum physics agrees with the fact that we are not more here than anywhere else and that as “Conscious Beings” we are already everywhere and everything. Believing yourself to be a limited person, afraid to die, is nothing more than an awful thought and a terrible lie that has no tangible basis apart from your ignorant conviction that it could be true. What you must discover is that beyond your thinking life, you can access the magical dimension of Consciousness. The entire creation that unfolds in front of you is nothing but Consciousness. In fact, Consciousness and God must be the same. For our limited reflective mind, we can say that our consciousness is magical, and it is true. All the Messages of Wisdom about Spiritual Liberation, Salvation, Spiritual Enlightenment or Awakening are nothing other than discovering and entering into the true “Magic” sustaining our universe, often called “God”, “Divine Consciousness”, the “Truth”, the “Force” or the “Ultimate Reality”. Remaining a dreamer in your head or awakening beyond it is up to you, but it is worth the Journey! It is better to walk the Path of Light rather than to dream the Path of Light!

Merry Christmas to all of you, since Christmas is one of the most Magical Celebrations of the Divine Incarnation.

With Love and Blessing in the Lord.

Warmly yours!

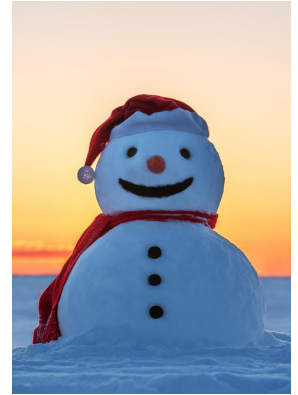
H.H. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha

NB: All the members of the Ashram give a special thanks to the **Wasa Community Church** for lending their beautiful Church for the voting event. It was a Grace in itself to enter your Holy Church! We join you all in our daily prayers in the Lord!

The Fun and Frosty History of Snowmen

By author and New Yorker cartoonist, Bob Eckstein, for the Farmers' Almanac

If you're a snow lover, you probably get excited when you hear a big storm is in the forecast. Whether you appreciate the quiet that snowfall brings, enjoy winter sports, or simply love to play in it, we can all agree that there's something special about piles of the white fluffy stuff. Especially exciting is building a snowman — an inexpensive fun activity for the whole family. But did you ever stop and wonder, who built the first snowman? How and where did they originate?



Snowman Through History

In Japan, snowmen are good luck charms and are constructed with two balls and a lit candle placed in a cavity of its stomach.

It was a snowwoman that was a rallying cry for the French in the revolution of 1870; she was a beautiful sculpture created by some of France's most accomplished artists who, at the time, happened to also be soldiers on the battlefield. The Miracle of 1511 in Brussels represents one of the most important events in the snowman's history. The "Woodstock" of the Middle Ages, it featured hundreds of racy and politically charged snow scenes throughout the city for all to see. At a time when most people had no voice and few even could read, this was a chance for society to express itself, thanks to free art supplies having been dropped from the sky in the form of snow.

So who made the first snowman?



Snowman-making is one of man's oldest forms of folk art. The first postcards, the first magazines, the first silent movies—it's the snowman you find appearing during key historical moments, like a frozen Forrest Gump. We hold very few of our daily activities in common with our ancestors, but making snowmen is one of the last remaining. It's worth noting that for most children, making

a snowman is the first and probably the last time they will create a life-size human figure.

It's impossible to decisively identify the very first snowman, but some archaeologists believe it's plausible that prehistoric peoples also used snow to depict themselves. Cavemen made art with all materials available, whether it was mud, wood, sticks, or we can only speculate that a piece of coal may have at one time been the eye of a prehistoric snowman.

Snow Guards?

The first recorded snowman in the U.S. comes from one of the bloodiest events in early American history. The Massacre of 1690 ended with the deaths of 60 villagers (including 10 women and 12 children), when Native Americans and Frenchmen attacked Fort Schenectady. Traveling over a week in knee-deep slushy snow down the Mohawk Valley, the attackers came within sight of the town on February 8th. The trip was so strenuous that the attackers were ready to surrender if there was any resistance. By



the time they reached the village, it was almost midnight and a blizzard had kicked in. The north gate was surprisingly open, and this convinced the war party to act. According to oral history and tradition, the two guards had left their post to enjoy drinks at the pub and they had left two snowmen to guard the gates that were frozen open.



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Wasa Community Church

I'm the type of person who doesn't mind hearing carols even if it's way out of season. They always seem to bring me to a place of peace and awe. One of my favourites is "What Child is This?" by William Chatterton Dix. Although this time of year inspires a lot of greed and selfishness, it's also very much characterized by generosity and kindness. There is a lot of giving this time of year, and people being selfless for the sake of other people. We see the same with the people of the Bible whose gifts make it into this song's lyrics: "*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh...*" This being in reference to what the magi (the wise men) offer Jesus. However, as the carol reveals, the recipient of their gift has a far greater gift to give, not only back to them, but to the whole of humanity.

Perhaps my favourite line in any Christmas carol goes like this: "*The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.*" Here you have your answer to the question, "What child is this?" The child is the King of Kings. You also see the generous gift He brings: salvation.

Normally, gifts cost you something, such as money, or perhaps just time and effort. This gift, however, would end up costing Jesus His life. Our sinfulness kept us from being allowed into heaven after we died. It had us on a path where we'd end up separated from God forever. However, God Himself came down to earth, being born into a human life as Jesus, so that, as the one person who was guiltless due to being sinless, He would give up His life in place of us guilty sinners, later rising from the dead and making possible the gift of salvation. His birth was the beginning of Him bringing that gift to us, which is why those lyrics are a part of that carol.

As with any gift, Christ's salvation can be rejected, but the offer is presented to everyone. If it is accepted through faith, it is received without exclusion. Jesus died for every person. His kindness and generosity stretch across the entire population of the world throughout the course of history. He may have received some wonderful gifts, but He gave far greater. If we recognize that to be true and have love in our hearts for Him, then as the carol suggests, upon the seat of our hearts, let us enthrone Him. In love, He valued us above His own life, so with our lives, let us put Him above ourselves.

Pastor Jon Malpass, Wasa Community Church, (250) 464-4419

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



Greetings from the Tri-Village Kids Club!

Firstly, a big shout-out and thank you to all those who participated in some Halloween fun in Wasa! Great job to everyone for excellent decorations around town, and of course the fabulous Halloween Costumes by all our local kids!

Congratulations to Thea, our costume contest winner for 2020!

Just a quick note regarding Christmas, unfortunately with



rising case numbers and further efforts to prevent the spread of COVID, we have decided to not host a Christmas event this year... sorry for the disappointment, and here's to hoping things get back to normal soon!

Stay warm and healthy!

Cheers,
The Tri-Village Kids Club



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The World's Largest!

The world's biggest snowman was actually a snow woman made in Bethel, Maine, in 2008. Called "Olympia" (after Maine Senator Olympia Snowe), the 13-million-pound snow beauty towered 122 feet and could be seen from 4 miles away. Thus the snowwoman's creators broke their own Guinness Book of World Records record of 113 feet back in 1999. Olympia is only about 30 feet shorter than the Statue of Liberty (minus the statue's base). In order to construct Olympia, it took 60 volunteers, ranging in age from kindergarteners to senior citizens, as well as the cooperation of the whole town.



Townpeople in Bethel, Maine created "Olympia" the snow-woman, which is 122 feet, one inch high and set a new world record.

There is no real skill or age requirements for building a snowman, and no right or wrong way. But one thing that is necessary is snow!

<https://www.farmersalmanac.com/fun-frosty-history-snowmen-29341>



CALLING ALL ARTISTS - YOUNG & OLD!!

Our Tri-Village Buzz Cookbook '*Buzzing in the Kitchen*' will need a front cover!!

Open to all suggestions; but it will have to incorporate the Buzz bee.



Winner will receive a free cookbook and a \$25 gift certificate to one of our advertisers! I am excited about this project - let's see what you have!!

Contest will end March 31st, 2021
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What do you call a scary looking reindeer? A cari-boo

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2020 has been not only the year of COVID-19, but it is also the year of significant elections!

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM), to be held at 8 PM on December 2 at the Wasa Community Hall, is shaping up to be a very important one for all Improvement District tax-payers to attend. Besides the usual reporting on the trustees' activities for the year, and presentation of the 2019 financial statements, there will be an election for two volunteer trustee positions. Three very qualified and keen candidates, each with strong connections to the area, have come forward seeking election to the board. Offering their services for the first time are **Darren Plested** and **Tom Braumandi**, and aspiring to return for his third term is **Nowell Berg**.

Darren Plested currently lives in Vancouver, but grew up in the Cranbrook/Wasa area. When his career took him and his young family overseas, he grew to realize what they had left behind. With other family members, he purchased recreation property on Lodgepole Road so they would have a "gathering point" to enjoy the wonderful BC outdoors in which they grew up. Their family's ambition is to continue to spend as much time in Wasa as possible because they truly love it and the opportunity it offers to enjoy quality family time. Darren believes *"it takes a village to create a village and I want to get involved... there is plenty of work to be done to make the kind of community we all want to be part of and I'm committed to being part of that."*

Our second candidate, **Tom Braumandi**, has been a Kootenay resident and forest ecologist, a career that gets him out into the forests and grasslands, for over forty years. He considers himself blessed to have moved to Wasa 3 years ago to share the lakeside property which has been in his spouse's family since the late 1950s. He is motivated to serve as trustee in order to *"leave Wasa to our children and other inhabitants or visitors, human or otherwise, in better shape than we find it now. It is a place of amazing diversity that we ought to strive to maintain or enhance."*

Nowell Berg, the incumbent, has deep roots in Wasa. He moved here full-time in 2013, on property owned by his family since 1949, and has served on the board for 5 years. Nowell seeks re-election so he can *"continue monitoring the lake and providing Wasa residents with clear and concise information on the state of its health. It is very important that the quantity and quality of water be measured yearly to assess the health of the lake in order to determine if there are any negative impacts affecting the aquatic flora and fauna."*

If you are a Canadian citizen over the age of 18, have resided in British Columbia for a minimum of 6 months, and own property within the WLLID boundary (your name must be on the title), you are eligible to vote in this election. Please come out to the AGM and cast your ballot for the candidates of your choice.

See you on December 2 at 8 PM at the Wasa Community Hall!

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PS: Election results will be posted on our home page www.wasalake.ca as soon as available. For more info email admin@wasalake.ca



Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say: This is my community, and it's my responsibility to make it better.

Tom McCall



Garden Facts & Fables

Well, the garden is at rest, at least for a couple of months. So what to do with the time you now have on your hands? Relaxing by a crackling fire is definitely on the agenda. But I find myself wondering what I could do different in 2021, what new varieties can I grow. I would love to hear your ideas!!

Did You Know??

Cucumber can actually cure bad breath. A slice pressed to the roof of your mouth for 30 seconds with your tongue allows the phytochemicals to kill the problematic bacteria.

Cucumbers were first domestically grown in ancient India around the 3,000 BC.

Carrots are one of the most sugary vegetables in the world. Only beets have more.

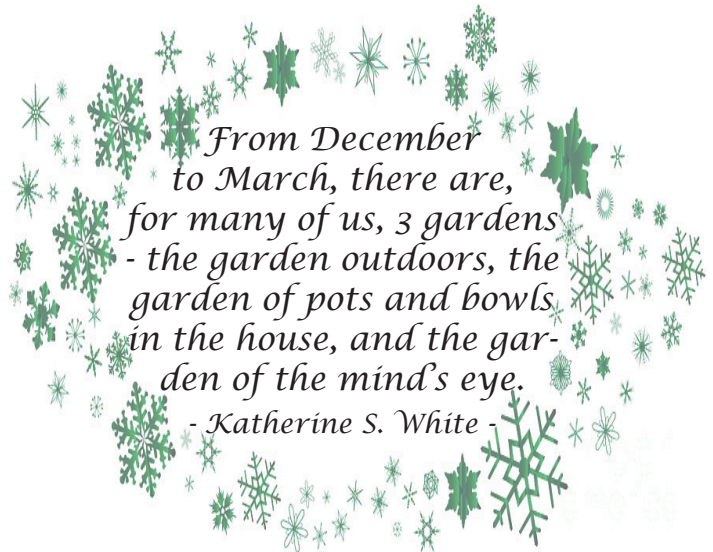
There are over 100 species of edible carrots today.

The weight of the largest tomato to be ever picked was 3.5 kilos (7.7 lbs)

Even after tomatoes have been harvested, they will keep on gaining weight as they keep on ripening.

*Do
not think the garden
loses its ecstasy in winter. It
is quiet, but the roots are down
there riotous.*

- Rumi -



*From December
to March, there are,
for many of us, 3 gardens
- the garden outdoors, the
garden of pots and bowls
in the house, and the gar-
den of the mind's eye.*

- Katherine S. White -

Keep critters away from trash cans by mixing 2 tablespoons dish soap, 2 tablespoons cayenne pepper, and 1-quart warm water. Spray liberally over cans. Raccoons, especially, hate the smell of many spices and oils, including mint and cayenne pepper.



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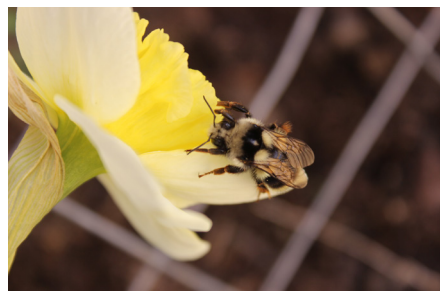
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The official flower for December is the narcissus, a genus of flowers that includes daffodils and their smaller, paler cousins, paperwhites.

Native to the Mediterranean region, as well as parts of Asia, narcissus is among the earliest flowers to bloom each year, and often seen as harbingers of spring. Paperwhites, however, have long been associated with Christmas,

because they are easy to grow indoors, and can be brought to bloom at this time of year.

Narcissus takes its name from the mythological Greek figure, Narcissus, a handsome youth who was so vain that he became transfixed by the sight of his own reflection in a pool of water and stood gazing at himself until the gods eventually turned him into a flower.

Traditionally, herbalists used narcissus plants as a cleansing agent, to remove impurities from the body. Modern medicine has also found the plant useful, as galantamine, a drug used to combat Alzheimer's disease, is produced by daffodils.

Do You Know Your Weather Lore Rhymes? Take Our Quiz!

If the rooster crows on going to bed, you may rise with a ...

*feeling of dread
watery head
loaf of bread*

January wet, ...

*February set
no wine you get
farmer's regret*

Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky in morning, sailor's...

*warning
horn blowing
start rowing*

If the sun shines on Groundhog Day...

*have half the fuel & half the hay
crops will be good for corn today
the weather will go astray*

When ladybugs swarm, expect...

*a big snow storm
thunder and lightning will form
a day that's warm*

A dry May and a leaking June make the farmer ...

*wish for Sun soon
whistle a merry tune
fly to the Moon*

See how high the hornet's nest...

*means low pressure will come to
rest
in an hour you'll wear your rain
vest
'twill tell how high the snow will
rest*

When windows won't open and the salt clogs the shaker, the weather will ...

*be bad for a farmer's acre
never find a happy taker
favor the umbrella maker*

If snow begins at midday,

*expect a foot of it to lay
best stay in for the day
children can't go and play*

Mackerel scales and _____ make tall ships carry low sails.

*slippery snails
mare's tails
happy trails*

"Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with the dream."

Josephine Nuese



The Lions Den

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Lion's Roar

submitted by Terry Marvel

I believe winter has arrived, however, it hasn't dealt us any really nasty blows yet. (knock on wood) Here's hoping Mother Nature deals us just enough winter weather to put our rink to use! There are some small changes coming to the usage of the rink for the various groups of users. Times and dates will be announced, such as family skating times and hockey use. ***And just a reminder: donations are gratefully accepted in the donation box located near the rink to help cover costs of the Zamboni and snow removal equipment.*** The rink is operated by volunteers of the community and more are welcome to join the ranks.

We've decided on a new twist to our annual Light-up program this year. We are asking all the people that have a nice display of lights and decorations to email your address to our email connection and those addresses will be viewed on December 20, 2020 between 6:30 and 9:30 PM. The addresses will be available to the public to see beforehand so everyone has a chance to see our community lit up. Let's give it our all! The email address is: vjd@shaw.ca. A phone number is also available 250-422-3499. Give us your house address. The best three displays will be posted later.

A visionary committee has been created to come up with ideas for fund-raising. Not an easy task in these trying times. ***We welcome everyone's ideas for raising funds,*** as our regular methods have been seriously curtailed because of the Corona Virus.

This is the last chance we have to wish everyone a very happy, healthy Holiday Season! This is wishing all that you get everything you ask Santa for! Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year!



Dale Gray

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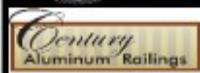
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Another Year is coming to an end. This year has been a very different year, where we are living a very different life.

COVID - 19 has taught us how important Family is. We have missed opportunities to get together and catch up with friends at the Pancake breakfasts, bingos, Lion's Christmas Party etc.. Let's hope that 2021 will see an end to masks and keeping 6 feet apart.

Boating complaints

I have been hearing from some of the residents about concerns about boating issues on Wasa lake.

About 4 years ago I did hold a public meeting with many residents about some of the issues. The outcome was that a small group was formed and they installed some buoys and had a sign made up reminding the people boating about the rules.

That was to be posted at the main boat launch. BC Parks then wanted some changes made so the sign was placed at the Cedar boat launch. The RDEK Board has agreed to pay \$700.00 for a new sign to be put up at the main boat launch.

The Federal government (Fisheries and Oceans Canada) is in charge of setting the rules for boating, if you want to report your concerns. You should call the RCMP if it is a safety concern.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me 250-427-2577 or email me at s.janewalter@gmail.com

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2021.

Jane Walter

"How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?"

- Dr. Seuss

**Where
do you
take your
Buzz?**



Email your photos with "The Buzz". Your picture will be featured in the current issue of the Buzz and your name will go into a draw for the "2020 Where do you take Your Buzz" contest. Email: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

WE HAVE A WINNER!!

What a year!

Not a lot of travel

But I decided there should still be a "Where do you take your Buzz" winner. So I put the names of all the submitters over the past year, as well as the few travel entries, into a hat.

And out comes

KACEY DAY



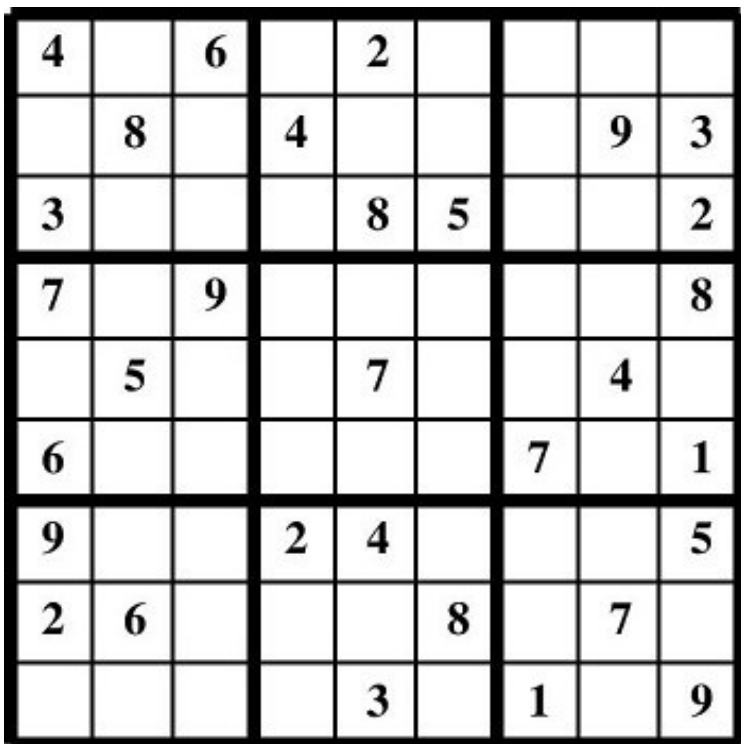
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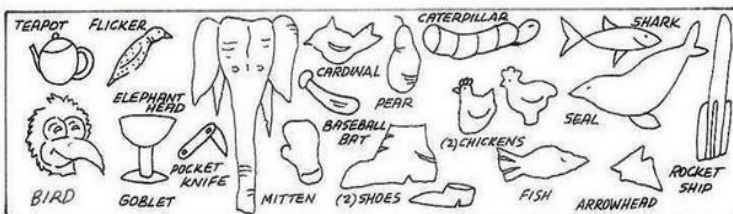


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What's made of leather and sounds like a sneeze?
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December



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December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4  National Sock Day	5
6 Church 10:30 am	7 	8 HAPPY NATIONAL BROWNIE DAY 	9 Yoga 6pm	10	11	12
13 Church 10:30 am	14 	15	16 Yoga 6pm	17  WRIGHT BROTHERS DAY	18	19
20 Church 10:30 am	21 	22	23 Yoga 6pm	24 Christmas Eve	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS EVE	26
27 Church 10:30 am	28	29 	30 Yoga 6pm	31  Happy New Year!		

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!



For Gym Schedule
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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.



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January 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Church 10:30 am	4	5 	6 Yoga 6pm 	7	8	9
10 Church 10:30 am	11	12 	13 Yoga 6pm	14	15	16  Appreciate a Dragon Day
17 Church 10:30 am	18	19	20 Yoga 6pm 	21 	22	23
24 / 31 Church 10:30 am	25	26	27 Yoga 6pm	28 	29	30 

LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 am
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 Armchair Traveller 7:30 pm
 Tops; friday 9 am

Lions 7 pm
 Quilters 10 - 4
 Bingo 6:30 pm

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