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Wood Stove Safety

I love our woodstove in the winter. The colour of the flames flickering behind the glass, the smell each time the door is opened to throw another log in. There is comfort in the crackling sound of a wood-burning fireplace or stove on a cold winter's night. But warm and cozy can quickly turn dangerous, destructive and deadly if your wood-burning unit is not properly installed or regularly maintained.

Preventive maintenance is always the best - we all know that, but do we always follow the correct steps?

When installing a woodstove, situate it on a non-combustible surface such as a tile floor.

Adequate ventilation is very important for preventing carbon monoxide poisoning.

Make sure that a door or window is easily accessible from your wood-burning area.

Consult a professional about proper installation of stove pipes.

If you are using a fireplace, regularly have the chimney cleaned and serviced by a professional.

Keep an area of at least one metre around the stove or fireplace clear of anything that might catch fire or overheat.

Install a heat shield behind or beside the stove to prevent heat damage to any nearby walls.

Before lighting your fireplace or wood-stove, open the damper to allow for good airflow. Keep the damper open until the fire is out and the ashes are cool enough to touch.

Build your fire with a small amount of dry, seasoned wood to keep the flames under control. Resist the temptation to overload your fireplace or stove. Burning too much wood at once can cause tar and creosote to build up in your chimney or stove pipes, which creates a fire hazard.

Never use highly flammable materials such as wrapping paper or gasoline in a woodstove or fireplace. These substances can create dangerous fireballs in an instant and, just like burning too much wood at once, can cause a buildup

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WHEN THE MOON HITS YOUR EYE

submitted by Barry Morvai

Space the final frontier. These are the voyages of (insert next mission here).

Seems like there's a lot going on up there right now, and whether you agree or disagree, its going to continue, because as humans, its in our nature to explore. We've been exploring since the dawn of time and I don't believe we are going to stop anytime soon. Even small children are explorers. If you watch them in the back yard, they are exploring the boundaries of the yard. As they get older, the boundaries expand to climbing a mountain or exploring the bottom of a lake. The need to see what's ahead will always be there. The advancements that have been made in the last 60 years, even in the last 20 years its mind boggling.

So here we are heading into December and I don't know about you, but I find the older I get, the faster the years go by. I'm sure it was only a couple months ago I was talking about a brand new year and yet here we are, soon to say goodbye to another year. As far as space goes, it was a productive year as the James Webb Telescope was launched and started sending back never before seen images and although its in the process now, the upcoming Artemis missions are preparing to send people to the moon by 2024 and then possibly Mars by 2027. I was too young to understand what was happening when the first moon landing took place, but I will be watching the skies when it happens next time. I'm pretty sure its going to take a while to get to the little piece of rock that was once a planet named Pluto, and still is in my books, cause how can you not call it a planet with a name like Pluto.



That being said, Pluto was discovered in 1930, and rumor has it, Walt Disney named Mickey's beloved dog Pluto (also introduced in 1930) as a tribute to the newly discovered planet. Pluto is about 1400 miles wide, or about 2/3 the size of the moon. It orbits the sun at around 3.6 billion miles away and a year is approximately 248 earth years oh and a day is about 156 hours with no overtime ;). Even tho its not a planet anymore, it is classed as a dwarf planet and has 5 moons. One of its moons (Charon) is almost the same size and it has been discovered that these two orbit each other, like a double planet. The only spacecraft to see Pluto up close was NASA's New horizons in 2015 and sent back images that had scientists rethinking everything they

thought they new about the tiny planetoid. It also takes 288 minutes or 4.8 hours for light from the sun to reach Pluto, which could also be the reason for it being so cold like -400F burrrrr put another log on the fire eh.

So now that I've intrigued you or disinteresteded you lets see what's happening in the night sky for December, shall we

Dec 8 - Full Moon. Last full moon of the year and its also known as Cold Mooncause its really cold out there at this time. Long Nights Moon and Moon Before Yule are other names..... Drift Clearing Moon, Frost Exploding Trees Moon, Moon of the Popping Trees, Hoar Frost Moon, Snow Moon and Winter Maker Moon are other names I found for this moon.

Dec 8 - Mars at Opposition. The red planet will be at its closest approach to earth and will be visible all night long. Have your telescopes and cameras ready.

Dec 13,14 - Geminids Meteor Shower. The Geminids is the king of the meteor shower as it can produce up to 120 multicolored meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced from 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 evening of the 13th.

Dec 21 - **Solstice**. The south pole will be tilted towards the sun and will have reached its southern most position over the tropic of Capricorn giving the south its first day of summer and giving us our first day of winter. But the days will start getting longer...yay.

Dec 21,22 - **Ursids Meteor Shower**. This is a minor shower producing around 5-10 meteors per hour and is a result of dust grains left behind from comet Tuttle, which was discovered in 1790. This shower runs annually from Dec 17-25 and peaks on the evening of the 21st.

So there you have it folks. All the space information you could ask for wrapped up in a nice little X-mas basket. I would like to wish all of you a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As this will be my last article for the Tri-village buzz, I want to thank you for allowing me to subject you to all the (sometimes useless) knowledge of our night skies and moon phases and names. 😊



Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright.
 Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
 Holy infant so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace
 Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight.
 Glories stream from heaven afar
 Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
 Christ the Savior is born!
 Christ the Savior is born
 Silent night, holy night!
 Son of God love's pure light.
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face
 With dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
 Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

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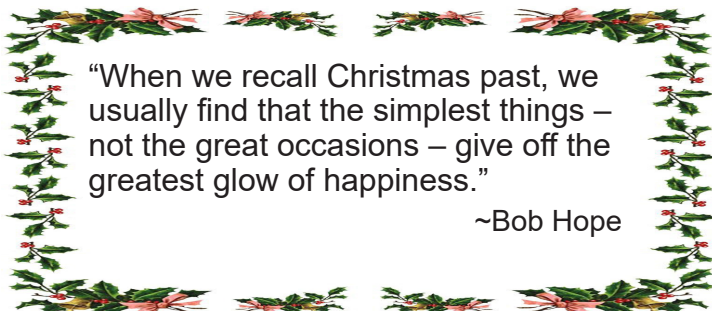
submitted by - Sherry Shields



Winter season at the garden, dressed in a blanket a snow, showing off its Christmas colours of reds, burgundy and evergreen. From the volunteers of the Memorial Garden we wish a heart-warming memory filled winter season and the very best for the New Year.

The garden entrance is not maintained during the winter, but visitors are welcome.

If interested in volunteering at the garden please contact Sherry Shields @ 250-919-7887 © or email slshields27@gmail.com.



“When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things – not the great occasions – give off the greatest glow of happiness.”

~Bob Hope

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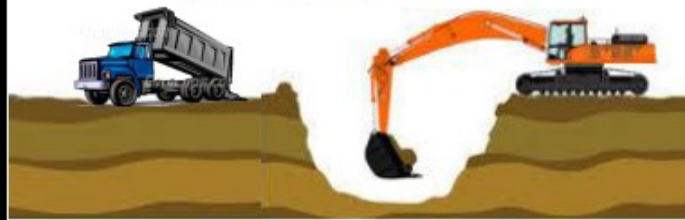
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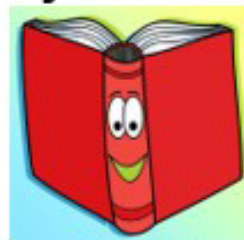
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Millionaire Squares Chris Stanyer

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Filling

1/2 cup semi-sweet choc chips
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1 egg
2 cups icing sugar

For bottom layer combine cookies and melted butter. Measure 1/4 cup and set aside. Press remaining crumbs into ungreased 8x8 pan and bake at 350 for 5 mins. Cool and allow to stand for a couple of hours to harden. Filling- Melt butter and chocolate over low heat. Add beaten egg and beat well, add icing sugar beating until smooth. If too soft add a little more sugar. Smooth over crust, sprinkle with reserved crumbs and refrigerate until cool. Cut into squares.

O Holy Night

O Holy Night!

The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees

Oh hear the angel voices

Oh night divine

Oh night when Christ was born

Oh night divine

Oh night divine

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand

So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here come the wise men from Orient land
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger

In all our trials born to be our friend

Truly He taught us to love one another

His law is love and His gospel is peace

Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother

And in His name all oppression shall cease

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of flammable materials in your chimney or stove pipes.

Always use a screen in front of the fireplace, and never leave children unattended by a fire.

Have a fire escape plan for your house and regularly review it with your family.

Keep a working fire extinguisher in an accessible location.

Check your smoke detectors monthly, and replace the batteries as necessary. You should also have a carbon monoxide detector in your sleeping quarters to alert you if there is a buildup of the deadly gas. Carbon monoxide buildup can occur if the area around your wood-burning unit is inadequately ventilated. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can include headaches and nausea. If your carbon monoxide detector goes off, get out of the building immediately and find out what needs to be done to correct the ventilation problem.

With the holiday season fast approaching, remember to take decorations such as stockings off the fireplace before use.

If you have a real Christmas tree, water it regularly and keep it a safe distance away from your woodstove and any open flames.

Be responsible and use common sense. Avoid being intoxicated or impaired when around fire. Never leave your house or go to bed when a fire is still burning.

When it's time to clean the ashes out of the fireplace or wood-stove, wait until they are completely cool and scoop them into a metal bucket; never place the ashes in a plastic or cardboard container. It can take up to three days for embers and ashes to completely cool.

Exercise due care and enjoy staying toasty by your fireplace or woodstove this winter!

<https://canadasafetycouncil.org/woodstove-and-wood-burning-fireplace-safety/>

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- All users are required to wear "gym shoes" – no street shoes permitted
- All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
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- Have fun and be safe!



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Mary Did You Know?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new?
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will calm the storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby
You kiss the face of God
Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know? Did you know?
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?
The blind will see, the deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?
That sleeping child you're holding is the great, I Am
Mary, did you know? (Mary, did you know?)
Mary, did you know? (Mary, did you know?)
Mary, did you know? Oh





Electoral Area E Director Jane Walter was officially sworn in to office with the rest of the Regional District of East Kootenay Board of Directors on Wednesday, November 9.

During the Board's November Board Meeting, the annual election of Chair and Vice Chair was also held. Electoral Area C Director Rob Gay was elected by acclamation as Chair, his 12th year in the Chair's role. Electoral Area F Director Susan Clovechok was also elected by acclamation as Vice Chair for a third year.



Left: Jane Walter
Middle: RDEK Board Inauguration
Right: Rob Gay & Susan Clovechok



How Volunteers Are Making a Difference in Wasa. Submitted by Susanne Ashmore

Its interesting how ideas and programs can enhance the livability of a community. Also, how climate change can change our lives and force us to pivot. For Wasa the pivot is the potential for fire and flood.

I thought about this on a cold November morning when I attended a field trip in the area above Wasa with representatives of the Wasa Wildfire Risk Reduction Project, (Ministry of Forests - Stewardship Forester, habitat and forestry consultants providing technical mapping) We have been incredibly lucky that a few years ago a group of volunteers formed a Fire Smart initiative. Today's field trip would not have happened without this lead. In fact, at a public meeting in the fall residents from Lazy Lake asked how they cold get a Risk Reduction project. The answer, change must start at a community level for government to trust that a program like Wasa's will have buy in.

Coincidentally the day after the field trip I read an article titled: 'Do you really Want to Rebuild at 80?' Rethinking Where to Retire. It's a small yet noticeable shift, experts say — but climate change is causing retirees to start reconsidering moves to disaster-prone dream locales. A small but growing number of older people are taking climate change into account when choosing a retirement destination, real estate agents and other experts say. Armed with climate studies, many retirees are looking for communities that are less likely to experience extreme weather events, such as wildfires, drought, and flooding.



The article chronicled a story about a retiring couple selling properties in flood and fire prone areas and buying in an area not as affected by climate change.

Wasa is already taking a lead in making our community more climate resilient. This Risk Reduction Project is balancing the needs of public safety while providing wildlife corridors, and healthy forest eco systems. The aspect of future real estate values as part of this volunteer, government initiative is another win for our community.



WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE PREVENTION & SUPPRESSION

submitted by Kathy McCauley



As 2022 comes to an end, volunteers are already preparing for next year's FireSmart activities.

By the end of 2023, the FireSmart Demonstration Site, on the corner of Wasa Lake Park Drive and School Road, will be complete with a path and interpretive signage showing examples of what FireSmart looks like, and how easy it is to accomplish. The site is intended to serve as an educational centre to help homeowners learn how they can apply the principals of wildfire hazard reduction to their own properties. Volunteers will spend the winter planning the interpretive signage and making arrangements for installation over the summer.

As you may recall from last month's Buzz article, the Regional District of East Kootenay and BC Wildfire Service are developing a plan to help reduce the wildfire hazard in the forests that surround us. On November 17, a member of the Volunteer Fire Prevention Board and several residents met with representatives of the Wasa Wildfire Risk Reduction Project to take a walk around some of the proposed treatment areas. More news will be available at a public meeting in the spring which residents are very strongly encouraged to attend. It's everyone's responsibility to be not only well-informed, but also to provide input into the process.



We wish you a very happy and safe holiday season in 2022 and we hope that 2023 brings a moderate and pleasant (NOT hot and dry) summer!



On Saturday November 19, three members of the Wasa Fire Prevention committee attended a Regional District of East Kootenay Firesmart conference in Cranbrook. Firesmart representatives from around the region were invited to learn more about the program and to meet others working within their communities to reduce wildfire risk. Some faces in the photo you may recognize are Terry Balan, RDEK Wildfire Resiliency Supervisor (second from left), Mike Gall representing Wasa, (second from right) and MLA Tom Shypitka, on the extreme right.

Whenever it's December

Whenever it's December
and I think about the year,
both the one that's almost over
and the one that's nearly here,
I recall how, in the springtime,
all of nature was transformed,
as the flowers started blooming
and the winter weather warmed.
Then the summer followed springtime;
how the months went by so fast!
I had thought the long and sunny days
would last, and last, and last.

— Kenn Nesbitt

But the summer turned to autumn
and the leaves began to blow.
I could tell that pretty soon
we would be blanketed in snow.
Now it's once again December
and the days are growing colder.
I'm another twelve months wiser
and another twelve months older.
And I dream about the new year
and the old one I remember.
It's the way I like to celebrate
whenever it's December.

I was informed that BC Hydro was going to turn off the two street lights at Wasa. After some discussion with the RDEK staff to find out who had requested BC Hydro to install the lights, we could not find any information.

I made the decision to apply for a grant to cover the costs for two years. The RDEK Board supported a Discretionary Grant-In-Aid a maximum of \$500.00 per year.

The two Street lights are located at the two intersections entering Wasa.

Eventually the RDEK will have to create a service area to pay for the electrical costs. When we are doing this process the RDEK will be asking if there is a need for these lights and if the residents would like to have more lights in other locations. E.G. where the school bus picks up or drops off the students.

TaTa Creek Tenure Application

I have been asked about a Recreation Tenure that had been applied for off road bikes in the TaTa creek area. This application was made several years ago. I have not heard the outcome, so I believe that they have not made a decision. I will be following up with the Ministry and will forward any information that I learn.

This year has gone by so fast, it is hard to believe that this will be the last article for 2022.

I hope everyone will have a safe holiday and be able to enjoy being with families and friends once again. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 250-427-2577 or email me at s.janewalter@gmail.com

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2023

Jane Walter



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Aloha... Bryan and Kate are in Hawaii (the Big Island). We did remember our TVB and I offer you this picture.



It is that time of year again, where a winner from all of the "Where Do You Take Your Buzz" submissions is pulled out of a hat!

And the winner is

Sharon & Wendy Prinz

Congratulations to our world travellers!

Their prize will be a \$50 gift certificate from one of our Wasa advertisers ... wonder if they will share?

Wasa Lions Peter Vereshagen Memorial Rink

IF THE RINK IS TO OPERATE, WE MUST ALL CO-OPERATE

Public Skate Times (no hockey)
Tuesday and Thursday 5-8pm
Saturday 10-1pm & Sunday 1-5 pm

For the rink to remain open we must all abide by the above times

There is to be no organized hockey or reserved use by groups or teams
without approval of the club

It's up to us all

SAFETY AND HEALTH ARE NUMBER ONE
KNOW The Rules and Regulations
ABIDE BY THE RULES
THE FUTURE USE IS UP TO EVERYONE
ENJOY AND CO-OPERATE



Our members want to share with the community some of their memories and joys of the season.

SONIA: When I was three and my sister was 5, I remember shortly before Christmas, our mom picked up two large parcels from Eaton's. We were so excited thinking the parcels were for us but mom said no they were for our Dad. Of course we wanted to know what was in the boxes. Mom told us it was a big tent and a sleeping bag. Mom said we were not to tell Dad.

When Dad came home from work we told him about the big boxes. He asked us what was in them and after a little persuading we whispered what they contained he was very happy!

When Christmas Eve came and it was time to open our presents, our dad said we may as well open his gifts since he already knew what was in them. Imagine our surprise when they contained a baby buggy for my sister and a doll stroller for me. We didn't usually get a lot for Christmas and to get something we really wanted made it extra special.

IRENE: Coming from Germany, my parents brought with them many wonderful Christmas traditions. One of my favorites happens on Dec. 6th. The night before, my sister and I would clean and polish our shoes and leave them by the door. If the shoes were clean enough and you had been good all year, St. Nicholas would come and leave oranges, mixed nuts and possibly a few candies in the shoes. If not—A LUMP OF COAL!!

This would signify the beginning of all the wonderful things that led up to the magic that is Christmas. Makes me feel warm and fuzzy inside to this day.

SUSAN: I loved Christmas time with my family. One of my favorite memories comes from when I was quite young. The war was over, Dad was discharged from the Navy and he had a job at Acme Press in Victoria. Money was not in abundance in those days so alcohol was certainly not a staple in our home. My dad loved candy and so he had a stash in his closet. Chocolate snowballs, chocolate covered marachino cherries and licorice allsorts!! These candies were well out of reach of our little hands! He doled them out to my brother and I like they were gold. Perhaps one choice a week!!

Acme Press would have an office party shortly before Christmas and there was alcohol at the party. My dad would arrive home in a cab with his gifts from the boss and of course the gifts were boxes of his favorite candies. Dad would come into the house, put the candy on the living room carpet, take off the lids and in a most jovial voice say, "Help yourselves my little ones. Merry Christmas." A wonderful time for us kids to be sure. It would not be long before Dad would make his way to bed and mom would scoop up the boxes of candies and up they would go to the top shelf in Dad's closet. This story brings a smile to me even today!!

NICKY: Years and years ago bridal showers were very different from today's affairs. Nobody had store registries except for china and crystal. Showers were commonly put on by the community and all the ladies came. The gifts were ever so practical. At the end of it all the young bride would have the beginnings of a well stocked kitchen. Gifts typically included things like tea towels and wooden spoons, butter dishes, maybe a set of sheets or towels. Everything was a surprise and something your neighbors thought you needed.

One of the most lasting and well loved gifts from my shower, forty plus years ago, was a copy of "The Best of Bridge" (which was quite a new best seller). This little book was filled with so many simple recipes that a novice cook could master. I still love this book and all my favourite Christmas cookie and cake recipes come from it. I am sure the mention of this cookbook will bring back nostalgic memories for many of you. One recipe that I often make and love for its versatility is "Brandies Peaches". It is a perfect dessert for a cold evening or when you need something very easy and not too heavy. (Funnily enough it can also fit nicely into the TOPS program.) Sweetened and unsweetened peaches both work well.





BRANDIED PEACHES (The Best of Bridge)

- 1 28 ounce tin of peach halves (796 ml)
- 2 Tbs. syrup from the peaches
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ cup brandy

Drain peaches, reserving 2 Tbs. syrup. Place in shallow baking dish. Combine all ingredients and spoon over the peaches. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes, basting occasionally. Serve over vanilla ice cream or with a teaspoon of whipped cream or sour cream in each centre. Garnish with fresh grated nutmeg.

Christmas time is a time for family and friends. Family and friend connection is our support for the rest of the year and it is so good to focus on the love we have for one another. The following story and poem from Heide shows love and support.

HEIDE: Every Friday after my weigh-in, my sister Trish and I have a chat. She is my hero, she has progressive MS and never complains. Even with her mobility issues she has managed to drop twenty pounds this year. She is a supportive friend to me and she has always been by my side. As I was down a pound again, I said to her that I felt like an inch worm and she stated that would make a good song lyric, "Like an inch worm, pounds drop...". We do get silly. Anyway, this evening my mind kept cranking on and on and this is my poem called:

INCH WORM

Week one we move forward, inch by inch
 It was easy to work hard, the next week we fall back two
 Oh, what should we do—eat this, don't eat that
 Or you will get way too fat!
 We work a grueling bench press just to fit into that dress
 Then suffer chatarunga runs
 As we strive for tighter buns, inch by inch.
 To take off those weighted pounds
 Is way more difficult than it sounds
 As Tony Horton says, do your best
 You will have success, inch by inch!!

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
 The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
 For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
 While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love

Oh morning stars together, proclaim thy holy birth.
 And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth.
 Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
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 The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Create Memories not Waste



Reduce, Reuse, then Recycle

When it comes to the **three Rs** there is no mistake as to the order that they appear. Once you have done a great job **reducing and reusing**, let us help you figure out the best way to **recycle**. There are many different options in the East Kootenay to keep waste out of our landfills, each one leaving its place in making things efficient and effective.

Recycle BC Depots

Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper product recycling in BC. Recycle BC Depots (located at the Invermere, Kimberley, Cranbrook, Fernie, Sparwood and Elkford Transfer Stations) offer the greatest opportunity for keeping products out of the trash.

Yellow Bins

The Yellow Bin system has been operating in the RDEK for over 20 years. Through this system we don't have access to the same markets. The Yellow Bins accept **only** paper, cardboard, tin cans, grocery bags and plastics 1-6 (no styrofoam).

Provincial Product Stewardship Programs

When you pay an eco fee on a product, such as oil or electronics, those funds go to Provincial Stewardship Programs for their proper collection and recycling/disposal. These programs are Provincial and are totally separate from the RDEK.

There are hundreds of products that can be recycled through these programs including: oil, antifreeze, paint, light bulbs, tires, batteries, cell phones, power equipment, smoke alarms, electronics, medications, small appliances and so many more. A list of collection locations can be found in the recycling guides at engage.rdek.bc.ca/recycle. You can also contact the RDEK and we will do our best to help connect you with these resources.

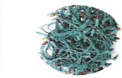
HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS

GIFT WRAP



Paper based wrapping paper can be recycled at the Recycle BC Depots at the Cranbrook or Kimberley Transfer stations or any of the Yellow Bins in the East Kootenay. From cards and envelopes to wrapping and tissue paper, please recycle as much as possible. Full based wrapping paper, bows and ribbons are not recyclable, so please try to reuse them whenever possible.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Christmas light strings are included in the Product Care program and can be dropped off for free at participating light fixture recycling depots.

The Product Care program also accepts compact fluorescent and tube fluorescent light bulbs, LED and incandescent lights **free of charge**. Lighting fixtures are also accepted in several locations as are strings of Christmas lights.

The Cranbrook Bottle Depot is the Light Recycling Depot for holiday lights. To get contact info or learn more, visit www.productcare.org.

SMALL APPLIANCE RECYCLING

More than 120 small electrical appliances, ranging in size from electric toothbrushes to countertop microwave ovens are accepted at Return-it depots around the East Kootenay.



Products are divided into categories including: kitchen countertop, time measurement, weight measurement, garment care, air treatment, floor care and personal care.

The Cranbrook Bottle Depot and Kimberley Transfer Station are both local drop off locations. For details and locations visit www.electronicrecycle.ca

BATTERIES



Both your alkaline and rechargeable batteries are recyclable. There are numerous drop off locations in all major centres in the RDEK.

There are numerous locations where batteries can be taken in Cranbrook or Kimberley including SaveOn Foods, the Cranbrook and Kimberley Transfer Stations, RDEK office, Staples, The Source (Cranbrook), Cranbrook Home Hardware, Canadian Tire and more. Visit www.call2recycle.ca.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING



Electronics are often a hot holiday gift item. If your old electronics are no longer working, they may be able to be recycled.

There are drop-off locations for electronics through the RDEK including the Cranbrook Bottle Depot and Kimberley Transfer Station. To view a list of accepted electronics and depot locations, visit www.return-it.ca/electronics

Did you know?

- In Canada 545,000 tonnes of waste is generated from gift-wrapping and shopping bags each year.
- Household waste can increase more than 25% in the holiday season.

Recycle BC Depots (Invermere, Kimberley, Cranbrook, Fernie, Sparwood & Elkford Transfer Stations)

Delivery packaging, where does it go?

THE ONLY delivery packaging listed below that can go in a Yellow Bin is **paper & cardboard packaging**.

PAPER & CARDBOARD PRODUCTS



CARDBOARD boxes of all types. Corrugated cardboard and boxboard can both be recycled in the **Paper & Cardboard** bin. These products are also accepted in Yellow Bins and municipal curbside pick-up.

FLEXIBLE PACKAGING



BUBBLE WRAP goes into the **Flexible Packaging** bin. This applies to both large and small bubble wrap of any colour. Of course you can feel free to pop it all first if that's what you like.

SQUISHY FOAM



SQUISHY FOAM products are not recyclable at this time. This type of packaging is distinguishable from styrofoam in that it will not break if bent. Place this foam in your **household garbage**.

PAPER & CARDBOARD PRODUCTS



PAPER PACKAGING that is stuffed in delivery boxes to take up the excess space can be placed in the **Paper & Cardboard** bin. These products are also accepted in Yellow Bins and municipal curbside pick-up.

FLEXIBLE PACKAGING



INFLATABLE AIR PACKETS go in the **Flexible Packaging** bin. These are becoming more common which is nice as they require much less material to produce.

FOAM PEANUTS



FOAM PACKING 'PEANUTS' are not recyclable at this time. Please place these little guys in your **household garbage**.

STYROFOAM



STYROFOAM can be taken to any Recycle BC Depot. There are separate totes for pure white styrofoam and printed/coloured styrofoam. Both the Cranbrook and Kimberley Recycle BC Depots take styrofoam.

FLEXIBLE PACKAGING



PADDED MAILERS that are made entirely of plastic can go in the **Flexible Packaging** bin. If they are a combination of paper and plastic, they go in the trash.

PAPER PADDED MAILERS



PAPER PADDED MAILERS that are created with a combination of paper or cardboard and plastic are not recyclable at this time. These mailers go in with your **household garbage**.

Did you know?

- Canadians use 6,000,000 rolls of tape to wrap up of garbage will be thrown out of Canadian households.
- If everyone in Canada wrapped just three gifts in reused paper or gift bags, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 hockey rinks.
- On December 25th alone, over 30,000,000 bags of garbage will be thrown out of Canadian households.
- If each person reused two feet of ribbon this Christmas it would save 61,000 kms of ribbon.

source: zerowastecanada.ca



local makes engage.rdek.bc.ca/recycle

Regional District of East Kootenay

FLAG ETIQUETTE

We have a beautiful flag. Simple and straight forward, like many Canadians tend to be. So its appropriate that we be reminded how to respect the symbol of our country.

The manner in which flags may be displayed in Canada is not governed by legislation but by established practice and convention. Flag etiquette is an adaptation of international usage and customs that the federal government has observed for many years. Given the important symbolism of flags, they should always be treated with respect.

- The National Flag of Canada may be flown day and night and does not need to be lighted while flying after sundown.
- The National Flag must be flown at all federal government buildings, airports, as well as military bases and establishments within and outside Canada.
- When flown horizontally, the National Flag is flown with the maple leaf pointing upwards.
- When hung vertically, the flag should be placed so that the upper part of the leaf points to the left, from the point of view of the observer facing the flag.
- The National Flag will always be flown on its own flagpole, with the sleeve nearest to the pole. The canton should be placed in the position nearest the top of the flagpole or mast. It is improper to fly the National Flag with another flag, of any type, on the same flagpole.
- The place of honour for flying a car pennant is on the front right fender (passenger's side). This is where the National Flag should be displayed when it is flown alone.. It should be noted that only the Prime Minister may use the National Flag of Canada as a distinguishing flag on a vehicle.
- The National Flag, when carried, is never dipped or lowered to the ground. There is no occasion during which the National Flag is dipped.
- The government of Canada's rules for flying the national flag say the flag should never be flown upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life, and should also never be used to cover a statue.



There is so much more information on this subject - please visit the website below, or do some 'googling' of your own.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/flag-canada-etiquette/flying-rules.html>

The First Noel

The First Noel the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!
They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!
And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!
This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took it's rest
And there it did both Pause and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!
Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind hath bought
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King
Born is the King
Born is the King of Israel!

Before you go out and buy a bunch of "stuff" for family & friends this Christmas season, ask them what they really **Need**.

- Maybe they need help with a utility bill, car payment or rent.
- Maybe they need a kid-free night, and could use a free babysitter.
- Maybe they want a home-mad meal.
- Maybe they need someone who will listen to them, over a cup of coffee.
- Maybe they don't know what to ask or are too embarrassed to ask.
- Maybe **YOU** could be the one to give them exactly what they need this season, rather than some "stuff" they will never use.



Wasa Community Church

When we think of joy in this season, we might think of it from the perspective of the carol ‘Joy to the World.’ In 1719, Isaac Watts wrote words that have echoed around churches and homes throughout the past few centuries: “No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.” There will be a stop to sins and sorrows. There will be blessings to flow over the curses. There is joy to the world because God has come down as a Saviour. Humbling Himself already by being born human (and in a lowly manger, at that), He took it further by offering Himself over as a sacrifice for the sins of humanity. Nailed to the cross, He died taking the guilty’s punishment before demonstrating the fate of those who would believe in Him: resurrection. Curses lost, sins forgiven and sorrows ceased are only the beginning of the many marvelous joys for those who have been granted passage beyond heaven’s gates. However, joy was not only for the world.

Christ came into the world facing so many troubles head on. Temptation was a new weight added because of His humanity. Physical pain would be at an all-time high when the day of Calvary came. Nevertheless, there was a motivation helping to propel Him through the difficulties. Hebrews 12:2 tells us that Jesus, “... *for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*” What was the joy He was looking for? Honour and glory? Returning to heaven? Absolutely, but it was more than that. It was you. While we sing about Jesus being our joy, you remain His joy. The Lord found you to be worth dying for. He suffered through the grueling agony He was born to endure so that you could justly enter His endless heavenly dwelling. We have joy that we get to be with Jesus, but Jesus also has joy that He gets to be with us.

*“He brought me out into a broad place;
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.”* (Psalm 18:19)

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Evenings, calm and still,
Snowflakes dancing all around,
Sled rides down a hill,
Gatherings with loved ones
- Such a pleasure to remember

All memories and special gifts
That come with each
December.



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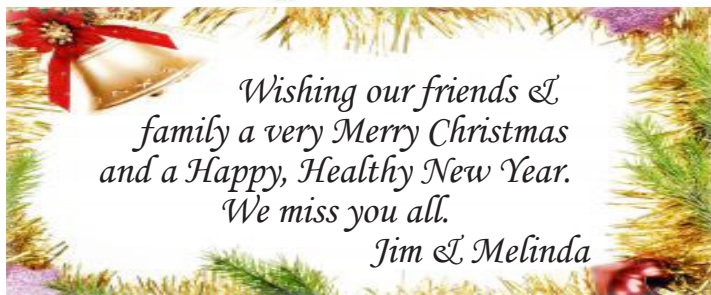
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May You Receive Just What You Wanted submitted by Chris Stanyer

About thirty-five years ago my two sons were young. Like most kids they could not wait for the Sears wish book to come. From the time it came in until Christmas Eve they would go through that catalogue. The pages were tattered and torn, so many things were circled and initialed. They would be so excited, I would worry because there was not much money not that we were poor but like most parents you would like to make your kids dreams come true. Come Christmas morning I knew I shouldn't have worried. Their favorite stocking item was that tiny box of Pot of Gold chocolates with five or six chocolates. Then came the presents, which none had come from the wish book. With each present, it didn't matter if it was a toy or clothing came great excitement, a big hug, a thank you and most of all were the words "Mom, how did you know, it is just what I wanted". It would bring tears to my eyes to see them so happy. Then came the year my boys wanted to get presents for us. For me there was a pair of earrings, they were big, chunky and heavy in red and green but I would not have traded them for diamonds. When my sons asked me if I liked my present all I could say was yes they are beautiful and they were just what I wanted. I have been asked many times why I tell people "may you receive just what you wanted", I don't mean I think anyone should ask for the world and expect it. I mean I hope you can enjoy Christmas like a child, with wonder and excitement and when you receive something especially from a child, even if it is not on a list or something you asked for, you can believe like a child that gift is just what you wanted. I know at this time of year it can be so hard on some people, so please be kind, be humble and may you receive just what you wanted.

Merry Christmas to everyone



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The Lions Den Lions Roar

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Thanks to all who helped finish erecting the fence for the Wasa and district lions club. Lion Terry P



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There was a chubby little snowman
And he had a carrot nose
Along came a bunny
And what do you suppose
The hungry little bunny
Was looking for his lunch
He grabbed that snowman's
carrot nose
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CRUNCH!!





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VOLUNTEER 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, Bingo, Wasa Recreational Society, Armchair Traveler, Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter, Wasa Gym, Wasa Community Library, Wasa Lake Land Improvement, Wasa Pancake Breakfast, Wasa & District Historical Association/Garden Group are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons. We would love to see you!

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

- **Hall Rentals & Information:** Karen Markus 250.422.3514 or Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
- **Gym:** Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019 or Rod 250.422.3257
- **TOPS:** Susan 778.524.0012
- **Library:** Rose Smith 250-422-3088
- **Quilter's Club:**
- 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.



Wasa Lake Land Improvement District would like to wish all of the Tri-Village area a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Silver Bells



City sidewalks, busy sidewalks.
Dressed in holiday style
In the air there's a feeling of Christmas
Children laughing
People passing
Meeting smile after smile
and on every street corner you'll hear



Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
Ring-a-ling, hear them sing
Soon it will be Christmas day



The Lions Den Lions Roar

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

submitted by Terry Marvel

The winter has taken us into her grips by now and she's being fairly gentle so far, but let's hope she doesn't get the bit too far in her mouth and run with it.

The Wasa Lions are having a busy couple months coming up. On December 31st, we will be hosting the annual Winterfest. 12:00 -4:00. There will be fun for all on that day, including skating, sleigh rides (weather permitting) bonfires, hot chocolate and bannock cooked on sight. It's always a good time to visit with neighbors and catch up with old friends. There will be games for the kids and hopefully, some skating games as well. Everyone is welcome to come and have a warm drink and food. See you at the Lion's Grounds!

On December 18th, the Lion's will be hosting our annual Christmas Light-up. We will be looking at lights from 6:00 til 8:00. Anyone in the Tri-Village Buzz area that have lights and displays to show off, light 'em up! We know from past experience that there are some beauty holiday displays out there! This year, we have changed things up a notch and have created new categories: Best Display, Best Animated and Best Christmas Theme. Let your imaginations run wild.

As of this issue, the rink is up and running with very nice ice thanks to our volunteers that spend many hours keeping the rink at it's best. We have also flooded the area of the basketball court for the young children to skate on so the hockey players and more adept skaters can utilize the big rink. We hope this works for everyone.



On another topic, the Trunk or Treat was a huge success again. Thanks to Terry and Liz Potter, who decorated the



area and supplied cookies to all the ghouls and goblins. This seems to work very well in our sparsely populated area and will continue to be a Halloween happening.



We would also like to wish Stan Kneller, one of the oldest? Lion's members a very happy 70th Birthday Thursday, November 17th.

happy 70 birthday

So, until February, have a wonderful winter and a Merry Christmas and most of all, the best the New Year can bring!.

Wasa Lions

December 31 Noon- 4pm

AT THE PETER VERESHAGEN
MEMORIAL RINK IN WASA.

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FUN!

Keep warm by the fire!

SKATING, SLEIGH RIDES, FOOD AND MORE!





Is there Magic in the air?

As Christmas time and the end of the year approach, we can feel a change in the air, and not just because winter is nearing but more because of the accomplishment of days and months of work and activities leading up to the sparkling Magic of Christmas. It is not always easy, from year to year, to enter into the Magic of Christmas. The world has become a place of such seriousness and tragedy, with so many dire economic challenges. But still, by the end of the year, at Christmas time, Magic is in the air!

It seems the more we become so-called “adults”, the further we get from the world of the extraordinary. The simple fact of being alive is in itself absolutely extraordinary. Our entire life corresponds more to a magical process than to any scientific certainty. We have entered a life as if by magic and we are going to exit this life as if by magic too. A true magician makes things appear and disappear right in front of your eyes. And life is exactly the same, only here, we are the object appearing and disappearing in this trick we call “Life”.

One day you are not here yet, the day after you exist and then later, you disappear. When I say that *Magic is in the air*, I mean the entire process of life is nothing short of the greatest Magic Trick ever, crafted by the most wonderful and amazing Magician of all – a Magician that we call by many Names: Life, God, Divine Force, the Unexplained, the Soul, Divine Consciousness, etc.

The end of the year, to a certain degree, also reminds us of the end of our life. It is the principle of the cycle which ends and returns to its original position, to its starting point,

whereupon at the end of the rotation, everything begins again. You must also have noticed that the closer we get to the end of the year, the more rushed we feel to start the new one. From November to the end of December, we just want to get rid of the past year and are opened to the new one. We want to let go of the past and start over with a brand-new slate. The end of the year celebrations allow us to finish the past on a positive note and prepare for a New Year filled with hope. No matter what kind of “grown up” you have become, you must admit that you still carry a little bit of Magical Spirit within yourself. Don’t be ashamed of it! There you go! Accept it, since for everyone, around Christmas, magic is in the air. Even the Life of the Lord comes from the Divine Magic of God.

Magic has nothing to do with logic, intellectual reflection or trying to understand since we call “magic” what cannot be understood or explained. There are so many things that you don’t understand in your life, which proves that magic is everywhere. Do you understand why you lost your job, why you fell in love, why you want to be alone or why you are dissatisfied in life? And why are you happy today yet anxious when you wake up the day after, without any specific reasons? Why did you get a flat tire today? Why did you win a certain amount of money in the lottery? Why do you think about someone you haven’t thought about in decades? So many things you cannot explain happen in your life at every second which you could easily qualify as “magic”. Good or bad, pleasant or unpleasant, magic is “Magic”!

Look at the unfoldment of your life... what did you really plan that

turned out the way you planned it? Almost nothing. We are the conscious or unconscious instruments of an Intelligence, a Force of Evolution much greater and vast than us. People pretend to be in control of everything and they don’t like to be reminded of the huge part of their life that they don’t control. They only begin to talk about God’s Will when they don’t like what is happening to them or when they need the “magical” and sudden Help of God. As long as everything goes the way they like, they think that they are the only “master” of their life, that they can do as they please, and that they don’t need any God or any Spirituality. But the day always comes when a “magic trick” acts upon them in an unexpected way. It is here that their cries of refusal spring the thousands of “why’s” and “I don’t understand’s”... But yes, my Friends, you should have considered the Divine Magic that knows how to take beings out of their torpor and arrogance and bring them to God.

So, begin to enter into the Magic of the End of the Year, as those with opened hearts elicit only good and beautiful things in life. An open heart looks at life through the gaze of God. Get ready for the best and don’t let your mind be filled with negative thoughts, follow the magic of your heart, always pray and aspire for the best for all sentient beings, and the best will always be with you. The sun always shines after the storm!

Merry Christmas and a Happy Magical New Year to all of you. The best is yet to come!

With Love and sincere Blessings
OM OM OM

H.H. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Church 10:30 am	5	6	7 	8 	9	10
11 Church 10:30 am	12 	13	14	15	16 	17
18 Church 10:30 am	19	20	21 <i>National Short Girl Appreciation Day</i>	22	23 	24
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LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 a.m. Lions 7 p.m.
 Rec Society 7 p.m. Quilters 10 - 4
 Library; tuesdays 11 - 12 Bingo 6:30 p.m.
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- Kootenay Monument Installations.....422.3414
- Lantz Farm (Hay).....250.420.1660
- Rascal Dock Systems.....250.421.1746
- TOPS.....778.524.0012.....422.3686
- Wasa Country Pub & Grill250.422.3381
- Wasa Hall.....250.422.3514.....422.3795
- Wasa Hardware & Building Ctr.....250.422.3123
- Wasa Lake Gas & Food.....250.422.9271
- Wasa Lions Med Eq...250.417-7654.....793.9491
- Wasa Lions Trail Donations.....250.417-7654
- Wasa Memorial Garden (Pat Walkey).....422.3530
- Wasa Post Office.....250.422.3122

SPECIAL EVENTS

and Days Down the Road

- TOPS every Friday morning at the Wasa Hall. Weigh in at 9 - 9:30 AM - mtg 9:30 to 10:30
- Pickleball - every Monday & Wednesday 9 - 12, in the Community Hall

No January Buzz

But I would love to start 2023 off with an epic 'bang' with our February publication.

Let's see how many submissions we can gather! Looking forward to another year as your editor

Merry Christmas and God Bless

