



Tri-Village Buzz



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WINTER IN WASA... JUST COULDN'T GET ANY BETTER!!



From celebrating the Official Opening of the "Peter Vereshagen Memorial Rink" to enjoying a crisp winter day with friends and neighbours at the Wasa Winter Festival; skating and eating homemade Bannock and ending with a memorable New Years Eve with a spectacular fireworks show, life in our little community just couldn't be better.



How fortunate we are to live in this beautiful part of the world!



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Where do you take...

YOUR BUZZ ?



Tri-Village Buzz Treasurer, Diana Perih drew the names of our lucky winners "Karen Markus and Jim Hill" from the eight entries of the 2014 Tri-Village Buzz contest.

Karen and Jim submitted photos of their Route 66 vacation last summer and they were featured in the June 2014 edition of the Tri-Village Buzz.

The lucky winners won a \$50.00 gift certificate to the 2014 Buzz advertiser of their choice. Karen didn't miss a beat when she chose "The Spotted Pot" for her gift certificate.

Congratulations Karen and Jim and thank you to all contest participants!

2014 CONTEST WINNER!

the **Armchair Traveller**

By Gary and Patsy Semenyra

For those who like to travel but can't because of budget constraints, or medical issues.... have we got a deal for you!

We are hoping to organize the Armchair Traveller again during the months of February and March in the Wasa Hall at 7:30 p.m. In the past we have visited places like Samoa, Alaska, South Africa, Israel, China, Brazil and Chile. We have been able to float down the Nahanni via canoe and see the inside passage via kayak as well as participate in hiking the East Kootenays.

These are just a few of the places and trips that have been presented at past Armchair Travellers and I don't know about you, but I have missed going to places and doing things that I would not be able to do otherwise. We are still looking for presenters and if you know of someone who has gone on a trip and could make a presentation please give us a call.

The first Armchair Traveller is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 4th** where **Janice Strong** will be presenting her DVD "Earth, Wind, Fire and Water - an inspiring presentation of photographs and a fascinating explanation into the many things that connect the planet earth to our biosphere and to all of life.

The second session will be held on Wednesday, February 25th and the March dates have been scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th and Wednesday March 25th. We were hoping to have a completed list of presentations for this issue of the Tri-Village Buzz, but unfortunately we are not able to do so. Keep your eyes open for posters advertising the evenings. Again, if you would like to make a presentation or if you know of someone who could please call Gary or Patsy at 250-422-9226.

Wasa Winter Festival Fried Bannock

by Nellie Vereshagen

Ingredients:

3 c sifted flour	1 tsp salt
2 Tbsp baking powder	Water
Vegetable oil or lard for frying	

Directions:

1. Mix half the flour with the remaining dry ingredients
2. Add water until the mixture becomes thick
3. Add more flour until the dough feels like a soft earlobe
4. Heat the oil or lard over medium-high heat until very hot, but not smoking
5. Break off small pieces of dough and flatten each to the size of your palm, 1/2" thick
6. Place the pieces in the hot oil, turn after about 3 minutes, or when golden brown
7. Place the bannock on paper towel to soak up the excess grease
8. "SERVE em UP" - Plain, with jam, maple syrup, sprinkle of coarse salt.

WASA COUNTRY PUB'S

Annual Fundraising Fishing Derby Saturday, February 21st, 2015

- Weigh in anytime during the day
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- Have fun and be safe!



In the morning 7:30 am to 8:30 am
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10 am to 11 am Mondays and Wednesdays
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We're open to suggestions, give us a call if you know 2 or more people that would like to attend at a time not indicated.



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Submitted by Judy McPhee

Have you read "The Great Depression" by Pierre Burton or "Ten Lost Years" by Barry Broadfoot? OR, have you interviewed someone who lived during the depression years, 1929-1939?

With little money in circulation, few jobs, dust storms, scare or no crops and many families and single people starving, I am sure that many families and homes lacked books and reading material. I believe many small communities lacked libraries.

We are blessed to have a great library in our community. The library staff has been collecting books for over 20 years catering to wide and varied interests. Come and see. If the times are inconvenient for you, please phone Marg at 250-422-3565 or Brenda at 250-422-3335 for an alternate time.

We offer books with more than transient interest and value. Books are intended to be an important part of a whole life. Some authors are life companions. Reading helps us avoid mental bankruptcy, especially during the long winter months. They help to make our interior life more meaningful and interesting (just as a love affair with our family does!)

Happy Valentines Day, February 14th from the Library staff. Do treat yourself and loved ones to a good book to read either from our library or purchase one or more. Count your blessings that we have books and reading material readily available to us.

WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

Native Milfoil Update

By Laurie Kay

We are still seeking rulings on whether any action, if deemed necessary can be taken on the native milfoil in the lake.

We will be monitoring the rate of growth and spread right after ice break up. We will share information as it becomes available.

WLLID Chairperson Resigns

The Trustees were surprised and saddened to receive the resignation of Alex Jensen in December.

The WLLID and the community have lost an extremely valuable, competent and tireless trustee. His leadership will be sorely missed. He was a trustee during some very taxing times and dealt with several controversial issues. Without Alex as chairman the survival of the WLLID was in doubt. To his credit, however The WLLID survived and has since moved on in a positive, cohesive direction. Thank you for your time in office, Alex. You have made a valuable contribution to the continued health and enjoyment that our wonderful lake has to offer.

Spring Knapweed Pull and Get Together

As a community service and with your help, The WLLID is planning to organize an attack on that invasive Knapweed that is spreading within the community. A day will be chosen and after the pulling invasion some fun, food and relaxation will be on hand. More news when we are closer to spring and the Knapweed shows itself.

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5th Annual SLOPES FOR HOPE 2015

This year the event is going to take place on Saturday, February 28th at the Kimberley Alpine Resort & Kimberley Nordic Club. From 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The purpose of this event is to raise funds to assist the Canadian Cancer Society in the pursuit of their mission: the eradication of cancer and enhancement of the quality of life for those living with cancer.

What is Slopes for Hope?

Slopes for Hope is a winter sports event taking place at several mountains across BC this year: Hemlock, Powder King, Red Mountain, Revelstoke, Silver Star, White Mountain and Kimberley.

The event was designed by local residents five years ago. Since then it has seen hundreds of people hit the slopes to support the Canadian Cancer Society.

Slopes for Hope has raised over \$160,000 to help eradicate cancer and support Canadians living with cancer.

We invite you to join skiers, snowboarders and other people who love to play in the snow to join the fight against cancer. You can participate individually or in teams of up to four people with your family, friends and co-workers.

FREE entry fee for children & youth to the age of 18

This year we added another challenge! You can now participate in the following categories:

"Descending Trek" (Alpine Event) Can you ski the height of Everest? That works out to be 16 passes of the main run at the Kimberley Alpine Resort. **\$20 event fee per person + day pass at Kimberley Alpine Resort*.**

"Everest Trek" (Nordic Event) 30 km Nordic skiing challenge at the Kimberley Nordic Club. That is 5 loops around the 6 km trail. **\$20 event fee per person**.**

"Ascending Everest" (Snowshoe or Skin up the hill) A leg burner challenge to Snowshoe or ski tour up the Northstar Mountain to the Kootenay Haus. A two loop course will be set up the Boundary ski run at the Kimberley Alpine Resort. **\$20 event fee per person.**

***First 20 people to register online have access to FREE LIFT TICKETS** at the Kimberley Alpine Resort. After that all lift tickets will be 1/2 price thanks to the support of the Resort of the Canadian Rockies. **NO LINE UPS** -Enjoy skiing & snowboarding all day in our priority line up at the North Star Quad.

**** FREE Day passes** to the Kimberley Nordic Trails for participants on the day of the event thanks to the support of the Kimberley Nordic Club.

REGISTER ONLINE AT: SLOPESFORHOPE.CA AND GET YOUR SKI LEGS READY!

News From the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyra



February is the month of Valentines, love, chocolates and gifts. For some, reading your "Happily Ever After" hasn't always been the fairy tale that you had hoped for. "For richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health" have been tougher promises than either of you ever expected. Let's face it, we have all made mistakes in our relationships, but it is great when we can settle differences and continue on with our relationship. But through it all, I trust that you have been able to find hope in offering each other one more chance for redemption.

It should not surprise us that God uses the marriage relationship as a picture of what a relationship with Him is all about. Just like there are times in your relationship that you need to forgive and offer a chance for redemption the same applies to a relationship with God.

Our heavenly Father surrendered His greatest treasure, Jesus, to offer us our chance for redemption. If we surrender our own personal agendas and say "Yes" to Him, we find ourselves engaged in the greatest love story ever written. It isn't always "Happily Ever After" either, but it's worth every drop of blood, sweat, and tears we invest. Heaven knows, God invested His own blood, sweat, and tears into pursuing a relationship with us.

May you have a great Valentine's Day and may you think about what God is offering you. If any of you have any spiritual questions or would like a visit please give me a call at 422-3344. If some of you are thinking about coming to Church you are welcome to attend. Our Sunday service starts at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Gary Semenyra



*Sending our special thoughts to
Theresa Carelli
From your friends and neighbours in Wasa and
Cameron Pond*



Chicken Enchilada Skillet

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts cubed	½ tsp salt & pepper each
2 Tbsp oil	1 onion diced
2 cloves garlic minced	1 Tbsp tomato paste
28 oz. can diced tomatoes (undrained)	1 cup whole kernel corn (drained)
14 oz. can black beans (drained & rinsed)	4 tsp chili powder
½ tsp ground cumin	1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 Tbsp fresh cilantro	
2 Med sized tortillas torn into bite sized pieces (can also use nacho chips)	

Heat oil in medium skillet, season chicken with salt and pepper. Saute onion, garlic and chicken breast for 5 minutes (until chicken is brown) add tomato paste and cook for 1 minute.

Add diced tomatoes, black beans, corn, cumin and chili powder. Simmer for 17 minutes until mixture thickens slightly.

Top with torn tortillas (or nacho chips) and cheese. Broil for 2 minutes until cheese is bubbly. Sprinkle with cilantro.

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The Lions Den

Submitted by Kathy Miles-Boue

Annual Lions Christmas Party

The Wasa & District Lions would like to thank everyone who attended and everyone who donated to this event. It was great fun and the funds raised will allow us to continue to serve our community in the many ways we can.

Christmas Light Up Contest

What a wonderful time of year to see all the lights and displays throughout our tri-village community. The judges were delighted to see such an array of holiday spirit!

There were a number of homes ablaze with Christmas lights, making the decision for the judges a difficult one. It was determined that displays that were creative or unique were important but we also needed to include the spirit of the season. Where there may have been little to no displaying done in past seasons, the judges wanted to take this into consideration when making a decision.

Only three cash prizes can be awarded but there were a number of homes we feel need to be commended for their showing off their Christmas elegance. The honorable mentions include: the log house at Skookumchuck bridge, Fred & Carol Canning, the Heffernans, Larry Levere, the Markus/Hill residence, Marilyn Bowen, the Wasa Community Trailer Park and the Wasa Motel.

The prizes for the Light Up Contest have been awarded as:

- 3RD PLACE** **JUERGEN KELLER**
2ND PLACE **SAMANTHA & KELLY MORITZ**
1ST PLACE **DET & AUDRENE HRASIUK**

Congratulations to everyone who decorated! You warmed our hearts and affirmed that the Christmas spirit lives large in our tri-village area. Thank you!

New Year's Eve Winter Festival

The afternoon of December 31st, the

Lions held their first ever Family Winter Festival and what a great day it was! It was a little cold but sunny and the fires were nice and warm. There was skating, hot dogs and smokies, bannock (thanks Nelly, Sharon, Sherry & Sarah!) and lots and lots of visiting done. Everyone who attended had a great time and it was such a success that yes, plans are being made for next years New Year's Eve Winter Festival.

The Wasa Lions would like to thank Maverick Fireworks for putting on such an awesome display that evening. The hoots and hollers and oohs and awes of the crowd left no doubt that everyone watching was thrilled with the show. Thank you, Gord!

Lions Way Trail

A big thank you to Gary Yasinsky, Ron Gall and Jack Davis for clearing the Lions Way Trail. The community appreciates your hard work in clearing the snow off, allowing for easier use during the winter months. Thank you!

Trail Donations

The Lions collected a total of \$122.75 in the donation box located on the Trail. We appreciate these donations as the funds received are used to purchase the doggie doo bags that are located in two places along the trail.

Wasa Fun Days

This is the next big event and it will take place on May 30th, the last Saturday of May. If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours to help out during this event, let us know.

Planters are needed for the planter draw held on Fun Days so if you have some time to build one, or have an extra one you might want to donate, again, please let us know.

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

Wasa Community Church

~ Pastor Gary Semenyra ~

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The Wasa and District Lions Club wish to thank all the businesses and individual contributors for their generous donations to our successful Christmas Fund Raiser.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank You

By Area E Director Jane Walter

Happy New Year I hope everyone had a good holiday.

DECEMBER'S BOARD MEETING

The new RDEK Board was sworn in at the December meeting. There are six new members and Rob Gay is the Chair and Wendy Booth is the Vice-Chair.

Discretionary - Grant - In - Aid

The Wasa Lions received \$500. towards the purchase of a walker from Medichair. The walker will be added to the "Wasa Lions Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard".

Also donated by the fund was \$2,500. towards the Wasa Winter Festival Day held on December 31st with a portion of the donation allocated to the New Years Eve fireworks display. This was a one time grant towards the fireworks.

JANUARY'S BOARD MEETING

Agricultural Land Reserve

The RDEK Board sent a letter to the ALR Commission requesting the reinstatement of the RDEK's Area A and Area E ALR Delegation Agreements as both of the agreements have expired.

Broadband

The Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation and the Regional Broadband Committee has been working with rural internet providers (Flexinet is the company in our area) towards making an application to Connecting Canadians Component of the Digital Canada ISO strategy for improvement and expansion of internet services for rural areas.

If approved, Connecting Canadians Program will provide 50% of projects costs. Flexinet has committed to 15%, Columbia Basin Trust will provide 17.5% and the RDEK will provide 17.5%. The RDEK's contribution of \$89,525. would come from the Federal Government Gas Tax fund. If approved, the RDEK would be required to obtain voter approval to set up a Service Area. The RDEK will provide information and explain how the approval process would work.

Bylaws and Development Variances Applications

The proposed application for Roberts/Wasa 2559 to enable subdivision of a strata lot was denied.

The proposed Brown/Wasa Development Variance was reconsidered and approved after the proponent agreed to build a smaller garage.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Once again, the RDEK is looking for Area E's Volunteer Of The Year. The deadline for nomination is February 6th, 2015 and the applications are available through the RDEK website at www.rdek.bc.ca

Over the years we have had many Wasa and area residents receive this award. I am not surprised, for there are many events that take place in Wasa. These events would never happen without the dedication and hard work of the many volunteers and I wish I could name everyone that volunteers with the events and organizations such as:

- the Wasa Lions Christmas Dinner and Dance
- The Wasa Recreation Society (I can tell you that this hall is one of the best in the area)
- the beautiful Memorial Garden
- the many Wasa Lion's events including their outdoor sporting events
- the Wasa Community Library
- the gym located in the Wasa Community Hall
- the Tri Village Buzz newsletter
- the Pancake Breakfast crew and organizers
- the Wasa Lions Trail
- and especially the many people that come forward when ever someone has a need.

All of these organizations and events and their many volunteers are just one of the reasons that Wasa is such a fantastic community!

I hope everyone has a safe and happy month.

Jane Walter, RDEK Area E Director

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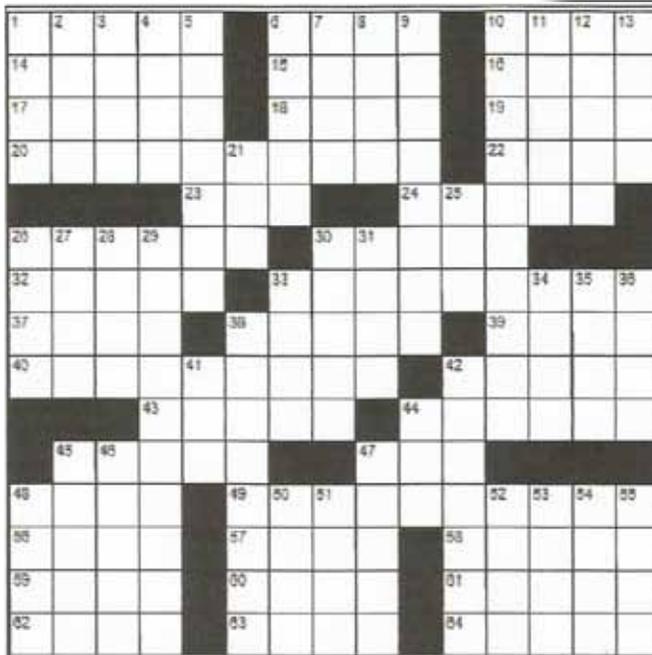
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YOUR BUZZ ?



Helen and Ged Kelly met Johnny Briggs, aka Mike Baldwin from Coronation Street, when they went to the UK for a visit. Mike Baldwin left Corrie in 2006, reappearing as a ghost in a later Christmas edition. It was a good opportunity to get a photo with the Tri Village Buzz.

- 1. A pinnacle of ice
- 6. Dud
- 10. Sly trick
- 14. Swelling under the skin
- 15. Lion sound
- 16. Bucolic
- 17. Another time
- 18. Savvy about
- 19. A pack of playing cards
- 20. Solemnity
- 22. Hearing organs
- 23. Eastern newt
- 24. Electrical pioneer
- 26. A change for the better
- 30. Little rascal
- 32. Beautify
- 33. Uneducated person
- 37. Close
- 38. Wash out with a solvent
- 39. Nights before
- 40. Hospital
- 42. Most dogs have them
- 43. Agrees
- 44. Enigma
- 45. Curtain
- 47. Obtain
- 48. Fuss
- 49. Loyalty
- 56. Hubs
- 57. Let go
- 58. Prod
- 59. Within
- 60. Prima donna problems
- 61. Unreactive
- 62. Hireling
- 63. Small boat
- 64. Crates



- 1. Oceans
- 2. Border
- 3. Absorb written material
- 4. Dogfish
- 5. A flask for carrying water
- 6. Not back
- 7. Solitary
- 8. Horse feed
- 9. A male gland
- 10. Widely circulated
- 11. Something to shoot for
- 12. An elastic fabric
- 13. Large American deer (plural)
- 21. F
- 25. An uncle
- 26. Hindu princess
- 27. Biblical garden
- 28. Unit of bread
- 29. A watering system
- 30. Aspersions
- 31. Large town
- 33. Wings
- 34. Keen
- 35. Express in words
- 36. Being
- 38. Implanted
- 41. Tear
- 42. Historic ship
- 44. Record (abbrev.)
- 45. Pilotless plane
- 46. Odd-numbered page
- 47. Itinerant
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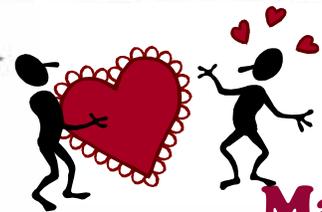
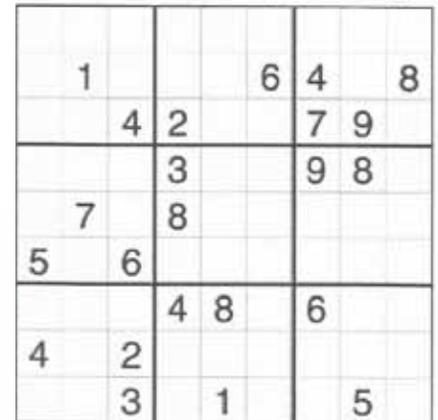
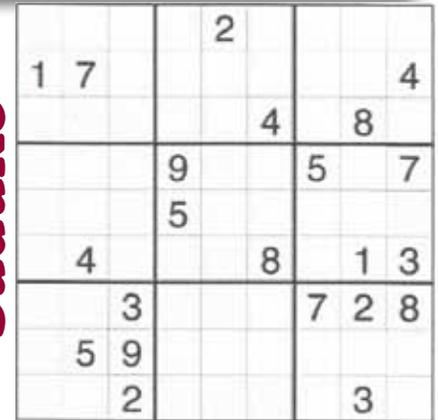
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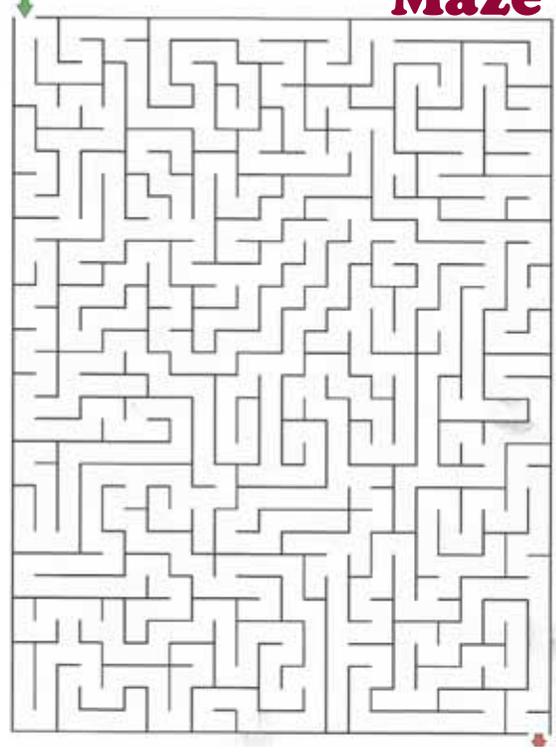
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The Unity of all religions and spiritual beliefs

It is difficult not to be concerned by the rising of “Radical Islamic Fundamentalism” around the world and by the damage created by certain acts of religious sectarianism. But rather than desperately trying to evaluate the truthfulness of any religion, it seems far more constructive to rethink the human concept of God. All religions, creeds or systems of belief revolve around the concept of a “Supra-Being”, “Supra-Consciousness” or “Superior Intelligent Presence”, often referred to as God or the Divine who presides over creation and all sentient beings living in it.

On Earth exist many spiritual systems of belief and each of them hopes and often claims to be the one and only one leading toward the truthfulness of the Nature of God. Since each religion only tolerates the others while believing itself to possess the only true path leading to God, acting as a “Super-Religious-Ego”, religious feuds are carried out, directly or indirectly, for the sole purpose of the dominion of its system of belief over the others. The fact that each religion has the intellectual pretension of possessing the Truth is the very cause of spiritual segregation, sectarianism and division among Men and it has nothing to do with the Nature of the Divine. Religious wars are and have always been only human wars, not “Divine Wars”. In God, there is no war at all. Religious wars only exist when humans divide the very concept of God.

My spiritual Teacher, His Holiness the Lord Hamsah Manarah, always taught us that the very Nature of the Divine is only realizable and reachable beyond all religions, because, in the end, all religions lead to the same God who does not take sides regarding human intellectual beliefs. My Guru used to remind us that God is not more Christian than Muslim or more Buddhist than Jewish, and that if we were to travel the immense created universe, we would certainly find billions of other Humanities also having their own systems of belief, as trying to understand the reason for existence opens all hearts toward the Absolute or Ultimate Truth called “God”. This is why it is time to reflect upon the concept of God or the Divine. By the use of a very logical and pragmatic analysis, it is easy to understand that the Divine Consciousness presides over all of creation and, through all means of reflection, one can assert that the Divine is unavoidably the Same for every sentient being in the created universe. Given this irrefutable assumption, we must ask, what is the true meaning of all this fighting in the Name of a God and of this egoistic possessing

of God, when neither have anything to do with the Nature of the Divine.

Isn't it time we grow up a little and understand that we should turn toward the Unity of the Divine, which leads to the Unity of all religions and belief systems? This is why, at our Ashram, we deeply share the peaceful concept of the Unity of All the Faces of God and that, for us, God is One and the Same for all sentient beings. All spiritual seekers coming from all kinds of religions and systems of belief are welcome to the Ashram as long as they understand the irrefutable concept of the Unity of all Faces of the Divine and therefore the Unity of all Religions in God. Who could claim to possess the Truth? Who could ever say today with a high degree of reflection that his religion is the One and only One?

Rather, it is time to integrate the knowledge that every religion is an Expression of an Aspect of the Divine who reveals Himself in different times, different spaces and through many different Forms in order that each of us remain in touch with his Divine Presence.

Love your religion or your system of belief if it helps you climb the Divine Stairs leading to the ultimate Truth, but never limit God or the Divine to any human intellectual creed. The Divine certainly resides beyond our human intellectual ability of understanding. Only what is Divine can know what is Divine! We should all be grateful to the Divine to have expressed his Omnipresence through various Sages, Prophets, Buddhas and Messiahs for us to remain in touch with Him.

May these few words of simple wisdom unite all believers around the Oneness of the Divine for all Sentient Beings.

Warmly with all of you, beyond your Religion and the Expression of your Faith. Happy New Year 2015!

Warmly yours in the Lord! OM OM OM

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha

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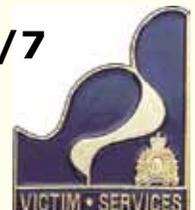
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HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER



PROHIBITION IN OUR CORNER OF THE WORLD

Alberta declared Prohibition from 1916 to 1924. BC attempted to impose it from 1917 to 1921. Legislation banning the production, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages created a new wave of underground production and distribution. Men are traditionally thirsty. Very early in the 1864 Gold Rush up Wild Horse Creek someone created a brewery on Brewery Creek. Next reference to distribution was of a few pack trains from Montana bringing liquor to railway workers in the dry belt near Golden about 1883. Montana and Utah commenced prohibition in 1919 with the rest of USA attempting to clamp down shortly after. Tobacco Plains has been a place to secretly cross the International Border ever since there was a border.

Fernie was proud of an early brewery. One citizen after 1911, Emilio Picariello, started as an ice cream peddler then expanded with a cigar rolling plant and a distillery. He was the best and earliest recycler of bottles for storing booze. He paid for them!. His earliest customers in Blairmore, Alberta looked for spirits from Fernie before and long after B.C. went dry.

Research done in the 1980's by Gary Montgomery of Eureka, Montana unearthed many stories of seemingly upright citizens who collaborated in some way with illicit production or trafficking of spirits. Home brew makers advanced to home distillers. Farmers gladly let a shed or barn be a temporary storage place for shipments moving further south. The favored way of transportation was in large touring cars. Some cars were fitted with steel rail bumpers. The purpose of the rear bumper was to stop then back into a following vehicle and push it off the road. Some convoys got stuck in back road mud so local farmers hitched up horses and were well paid to pull the cars out and back onto drivable roadway. Cars loaded with children might mask the many cases under their seat. Memories of happy trips across the line were a highlight of

mid- summer for those youngsters. The Dry Squad was occasionally successful at intercepting one or more vehicles. The contraband was seized and cars auctioned off.

The Kootenay River crossed the 49th at Gateway and flowed past Rexford. Boats, some specially built for the purpose, were loaded with cases or sacks of booze and floated down the river. At high driftwood time logs might be tied together, loaded with contraband in Canada, let loose, then hauled ashore by some waiting accomplice in Montana. There it may have been sold locally or loaded into cars for destinations further south.

Great Northern Railway had a line running from Fernie south carrying coal through Rexford. It took a while to devise sacks that would protect bottles from breaking. Individuals would come north, fill their sack or sacks and likely ride the train back to near Rexford. The railway crew either cooperated willingly or received hush money from the few who opted to ride with the cargo. Some bigger groups arranged for loading at a crossing north of the border then would drive south of the line where they reclaimed their booty, refilled their cars at a little used siding then headed to destinations where regular customers awaited.

Picariello did some runs into the States but his most frequent destination was Blairmore, Alberta. On September 21, 1922 he went to Blairmore to deliver some goods, saw a police blockade, signaled his son Steve to head back to British Columbia. He gave his companion Florence Lassandro a pistol which was used in Coleman to shoot Constable Stephen Lawson. Both Pic and Florence were arrested. Pic felt that a lawyer could get the lady off but after dramatic trials in the largest courtroom in Alberta both were convicted, sentenced to hang and died on the gallows May 23, 1923. The publicity was the likely stimulus for the Alberta government to rescind prohibition in 1924. Elsewhere there was prohibition until 1933.

Individual moon shiners would have batches in 10 or 30 gallon barrels. The mash took about two weeks to "stop working." Each batch would be distilled and bottled in a night time operation. Youngsters learned how to keep a fire burning just right and were paid 10 cents a quart. Family operations became increasingly fine -tuned. Some brewers had regular customers who would come back for their quart or gallon when they knew the dry squad was on a day off. The stories from locals close to the line into Montana concluded that revenue agents did a minimum of supervision. Their friends could hint about a date and learn, "we will be on Scott Road that day." so that meant Highway 93 was safe for transit.

The word Bootlegging came in to vogue describing those gentlemen who tucked a mickey into each high boot. The site for sales might be referred to as a blind pig or a speakeasy because whispering was used during transactions. Some mortgages were paid off by whiskey at \$10 per gallon. Physicians could be asked to prescribe spirits for their patients. There were some well known BC citizens who boasted about their many trips across the border into Montana. One was Fred Roo, builder of the community Roosville, our border crossing from East Kootenay. Diligent Revenue Agents did shoot at cars of known rum runners but the death of Steve Lawson was the only recorded fatality in the west. American states abandoned efforts to enforce prohibition as the Depression sapped economic energy. British Columbia had the shortest term of anywhere on the continent 1917-21.

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Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell



Hello Readers! I just can't believe that January is gone, here are a few hints that I hope will be helpful.

1. When cooking with garlic, add garlic immediately for a light taste of garlic and at the end for a stronger garlic flavour.
2. "Expanding Frosting" When you buy a container of frosting from the store, whip it in your mixer for a few minutes. You can double the volume, increase the amount of frosting for your cupcakes and eat less calories per serving.
3. Ice proof your windows with vinegar. Simply fill a spray bottle with 3 parts vinegar and 1 part water and spray a light mist on the window at night. In the morning there will be no ice. Vinegar contains acetic acid which raises the melting point of water and prevents water from freezing.
4. Use paper coffee filters to soak up the grease from bacon, french fries, chicken fingers etc.
5. "Vodka - Who Knew" To remove a bandage painlessly, saturate the bandage with Vodka, leave for a minute or two and the Vodka will dissolve the adhesive!

Until next time and Happy Valentines Day!

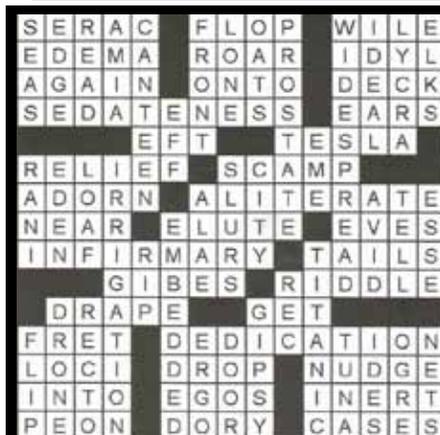
Pet's Place



Homer

Homer is a 3 month old Shitzu cross and looks nothing like his namesake Homer Simpson!. He loves his big brother Dragon, playing with socks and exploring the great outdoors around Wasa.

Send your pet photos to:
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ANSWERS

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We the volunteers of the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter reserve the right to refuse to print submissions due to legality, length, good taste or discriminating beliefs.						
1 Church	2	3 Lions Meeting 7 p.m.	4 Armchair Traveller Library reopens	5	6 Deadline Volunteer of the Year Award nominations No teaching at the Ashram RDEK Board Mtg	7
8 Church	9	10 BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular	11	12	13 7 pm Ashram Teaching & Meditation	14 Happy Valentine's Day
15 Church  Canadian Flag Day	16	17 Lions Meeting 7 p.m.	18 Cut off for March Newsletter	19	20 7 pm Ashram Teaching & Meditation	21 Wasa Pub Fishing Derby
22 Church	23	24	25 Armchair Traveller Wasa Rec Society Mtg 7:00 pm	26	27 7 pm Ashram Teaching & Meditation	28 Slopes for Hope

- LEGEND**
- Church Service 10:30 am
 - Gym (M,W,F 7:30-8:30 am & 10-11 M,W)
 - BINGO 6:45 p.m.
 - Rec Society 7:00 p.m.
 - Lions 7:00 p.m.
 - Library Tues. 11 am - 1 pm and Wed 6:30 pm -8:00 pm
 - TOPS Wed 6:30 pm
 - Quilters Tues. 10 am to 4 pm

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Sunday, March 8, 2015
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Wednesday, March 11th & 25th, 2015
Armchair Traveller (subject TBA)
- Saturday, May 30, 2015
Wasa Fun Day
- WLLID
Spring get-together & Knapweed Pull
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