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A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT THE "LADY'S LEG"

Ever wonder what the "Lady's Leg" looks like up close? Well this summer a Wasa resident (prefers not to be named) fulfilled one of the items on his "Bucket List" and climbed to the top of the mountain we call the "Lady's Leg". Photos were taken mid August and the snow was approximately 3 feet deep and 14 feet wide. This year all of the snow was gone from the Lady's Leg on August 19th.

If you'd like to share one of your summer experiences or adventures, send me photo's and a short description to: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

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Wasa Lions Annual Franks and Thanks



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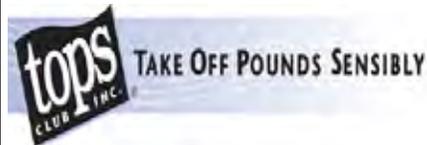
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Welcome Back Readers

Hope you all enjoyed the summer as we look forward to the fall season that's just ahead of us. Talking about the fall season, it seems that our glorious sport of professional hockey is about to take another step backwards with a work stoppage--really?? Another work stoppage--really?? Good luck getting the fans back after this one. I think the majority of us are beginning to realize that we couldn't care a rat's behind about the sport if there is no consideration for the fans--the ones that pad the owners' pockets and pay the players' salaries. It seems that the owners' are raking the players over the coals with their latest proposals. They want a multitude of concessions from the players while the business has grown 1.1 billion dollars over the last 8 years since the last collective bargaining agreement. Commissionaire Gary Bettman (owners' puppet) seems intent on destroying the good faith that has been created over the years between management and players while still raking in over 8 million dollars in salary and benefits. The owners seem intent on letting the players sink monies in the continuing demise of the lesser franchises. (i.e. Columbus, Floridas' 2 teams, Nashville, etc.) The owners want the players to partake in revenue sharing packages that would enable these struggling franchises to survive while the owners would take minimum or no risk. Now let me get this right...Mr. Bettman puts these franchises in their locations...they're failing...needs bailout schemes...accepts no responsibility for their demises...continues to watch his salary escalate...wants public to feel sorry for owners...AM I MISSING SOMETHING HERE?. When we had the last labour unrest in 2004, Canada sent their best ever junior hockey team to the Worlds' (locals remember Dawes and Glass), new spectators flocked to watch junior and minor league hockey-setting new turnstile revenue records-and a new era of hockey fan was created. So you see-somethings positive can be created from this debacle of a negotiation between 2 millionaire factions trying to share a piece of a billionaire pie that we have sunk our monies into. In 2004 the public opinion was probably split 50/50 between owners and players, this time around public opinion runs around 90-10 in favour of the players-seems about right.

Baseball has not had a work stoppage since 1993 and looks stable for years to come, football and basketball have at least 10 more years of stability-hockey would be wise to follow suit or those newly found hockey fans in Stanley Cup ville LA will dissipate into the smog forever. I hope that when the time comes that you are reading this article unrest is settled and hockey will start the 2012/2013 season on time-I'm not betting on it.

Wasa Slo-Pitch Update and Postmortem

The team recently played their last games of the year at the prestigious Wardner Slo-Pitch tournament and festival. The undermanned crew gave a herculean effort in 30's degree heat and showed stamina that very few thought they possessed. They showed signs of frailty and overconfidence in their first game succumbing to the Mixed Bags 5-12. In their 2nd game of the tourney, the team displayed unleashed offensive power that few had ever witnessed this year. They showed no mercy on the host Dodgers' team pummelling them into submission. After just an hour respite, they took to the field once again to face their newly found nemesis - The Mixed Bags - only to blow a 11-3 lead in the final 2 innings and watch their season abruptly come to an end with a 13-12 extra inning loss. Wasa highlights of the festival: RF winning the tubing sliding competition; RF (again) and AL winning the horseshoe tournament; thoroughly enjoyable Friday night movie on mini drive-in screen; Wardners hospitality as hosts and MB, HK, and JB strumming and singing campfire favorites. A big thanks from the team to MB, GO, and RB for a memorable 2012 season and a look forward ahead to 2013.

BC Senior Games Update

Local residents Jeannette Abbott, Thressa Carelli, Mario Carelli as well as Kimberlite Bryne Blanchard took their senior curling team on the road and partook in this years BC Senior Games in Burnaby. It seems that these games are getting better and better each year. It also seems that the more of these events that I attend, the younger the rest of the athletes seem to be or am I just getting older?????. Camaraderie between athletes was magnificent as the highly competitive ones seem to accepting the fact that these games are not a stepping stone to greatness but a path to new friendships and a chance to rekindle old ones. This year marked the 25th anniversary of the games and the host city threw a bash fit for royalty marked by special happenings and events throughout the city. Signs everywhere read: "Locals Beware Seniors On The Loose". If you ever have a chance to attend or compete in any of the upcoming games, do so-I promise you will not be disappointed. Oh by the way, the team lost out for the 2nd straight year in a tie-breaking formula of reaching the medal round. I guess there's no justice when old athletes' skills start deteriorating and the aches and pains and moanings become prevalent.

Remember local sports is our passion;
Contact me at mcarelli@telus.net with newsworthy or any special anecdotes.



You have read all about them, now you can meet them

Back Row: OB-MC, Ringer AL, Stabber TA, Drill Sergeant GO, Hammer MH, OFB-DG, Organizer JB, Murrdawg MB, Bruiser DA, One-hop BR, The Farmer GK

Front Row: The Jammer DO, It's not mine SB, Princess WP, Manager RB (Elevator not quite to the top) Batboy, Speedy Dalton, Tiger TC, The Relic BK, Star Mama SA: MIA: The Spy-KGB, Fanny Pack RF, Fab 1



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News from the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyana



CH_ _CH. What's Missing?

I am sure that you have seen that before, but as some of you answered that question in your minds, you most likely had thoughts of "I don't need religion," or "It will be a cold day in hell before I set my foot in a Church." Well you are welcome to your opinions, and I am not here to try and argue with what you believe about the Church. What I want to try and do is for you to see that the Church is not a building, it never was, and it never will be, but more importantly, the Church was and always will be a group of people who come together for the purpose of learning about and worshipping God.

Now again some of you may be thinking, I don't do the "worshipping God thing," but I would suggest to you that you may not worship God, but there is a god that you are worshipping in your life. The god you worship may be pleasure, money, sports, or a whole list of other things that you spend a lot of your time doing. We worship something, and I choose to worship the God who created us and has given us life. If this is sparking any kind of spiritual interest in your life, then I would encourage you to come to the Church and find out what a relationship with God is all about.

Please contact the Church at 422-3344 if you have any spiritual questions. You might also want to check out the Church website at www.wasacommunitychurch.ca. You are more than welcome to come and see what we are all about.

Pastor Gary Semenyana



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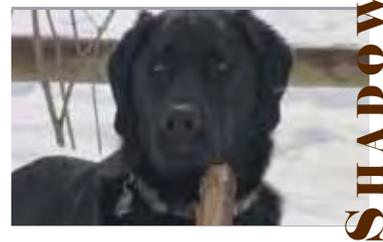
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PET'S PLACE



SHADOW

Meet Shadow a 5 year old Black Lab who loves to run and play and just recently underwent knee surgery and is recovering quite well. His proud owners are Art, Tracy and Kendall.

APPLE CHERRY CRISP

Fanny's Favorites

Topping	Filling
1 cup flour	4 to 5 cups apples peeled and sliced
1 cup brown sugar	1 cup cherries fresh or frozen, pitted and sliced
½ tsp cinnamon	2 Tbsp brown sugar
¼ tsp nutmeg	2 Tbsp fresh squeezed orange juice
¼ tsp salt	1 tsp orange zest, finely grated
½ cup unsalted butter	

Mix together all dry "Topping" ingredients, work in butter with pastry cutter or knives until crumbly.

Toss all "Filling" ingredients together. Place in a 9" round cake pan or deep dish pie plate. Spoon "Topping" evenly over "Filling" and bake uncovered for 30 minutes at 350°. Increase oven to 400° and bake for additional 5 to 10 minutes. Allow to sit for 5 to 10 minutes before serving warm with ice cream or whipped cream.



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The Lions Den

SUBMITTED BY KATHY MILES-BOUE

The Wasa & District Lions Club had one meeting in July and one in August. Starting this month, we go back up to two meetings per month (1st and 3rd Tuesdays). We hope everyone had a safe and restful summer and wish to remind everyone of a couple of our upcoming events.

Mark Saturday, September 8th on your calendars as this is the afternoon for our Annual Franks 'N Thanks at the Lions Grounds. We look forward to seeing you all there! Look for posters with details.

Already in the planning stages is our Annual Lions Christmas Dinner and Dance. It will be held on Saturday, December 1st. Tickets to go on sale Saturday, November 17th.



WASA LIONS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES PROGRAMME RECEIVES 2012 - 2013 CBT FUNDING

We are pleased to announce that for the 13th consecutive year The Wasa Lions Community Initiative Committee has received funding to support eligible R.D.E.K. Area E residents and groups in a variety of activities.

Funding for the current year is \$8,240.00

Grants from June 1st 2012 to May 31st 2013 are available in three broad areas.

- A. Community activities and facilities
- B. Youth and adult educational assistance
- C. Youth and adult health and recreation.

Last year the programme assisted 29 Area E groups or individuals for a variety of activities within the above broad areas.

Area E consists of the communities of Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck, Meadowbrook, St. Mary Lake and parts of Wycliffe.

A committee of representatives from the Area E communities receives applications and distributes funds to those meeting the criteria. All applications will be read and those successful will be contacted. Grants do not necessarily cover all requested amounts.

Applications are available at Slim Pickin's Gas and Grocery at Wasa.

Please check the criteria to ensure that you are eligible.

Community Initiatives Committee Members:

- Julie Kneller 250 422 3448
- Laurie Kay 422 3288
- Betty L Barrett 427 4509 Meadowbrook
- Hans Kaufmann 422 3754 Skookumchuck
- Dean Buchignani 422 3272 Ta Ta Creek
- St. Mary Lake/ Wycliffe to be appointed

The committee would like to thank The Columbia Basin Trust and the R.D.E.K. for their support over the years of this valuable, appreciated funding programme.



Elaine Marie Pelletier

Feb 6, 1945 - Aug 23, 2012

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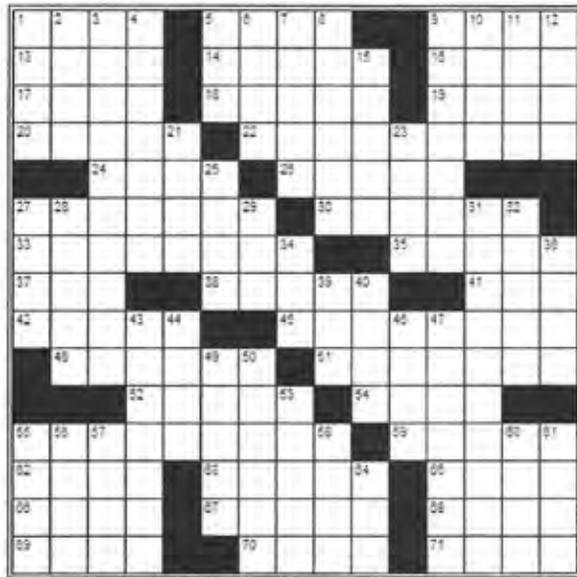


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ACROSS

- 1. A style of design
- 5. Contributes
- 9. Hard punch
- 13. Not closed
- 14. Discharges
- 16. 71 in Roman numerals
- 17. Lease
- 18. Excellence
- 19. Affirm
- 20. Iron or steel
- 22. Swift falcon
- 24. God of love
- 26. Mug
- 27. Meat from a deer
- 30. Disseminate
- 33. Footnote
- 35. An elastic fabric
- 37. Floral necklace
- 38. A yellowish brown color
- 41. Sprocket
- 42. Electronic letters
- 45. Resort



DOWN

- 48. Assert without proof
- 51. Freshness
- 52. Depart
- 54. Deceased
- 55. Estate
- 59. Hurried swallows
- 62. All excited
- 63. Follow as a result
- 65. At the peak of
- 66. Bristle
- 67. Stalks
- 68. Back
- 69. Part of a foot
- 70. Thin strip
- 71. Countercurrent

- 1. Residence hall
- 2. Type of sword
- 3. 100th anniversary
- 4. One of the Great Lakes
- 5. A high alpine meadow
- 6. Bottomless
- 7. Challenges
- 8. Women's garments
- 9. Flattery
- 10. 66 in Roman numerals
- 11. Beasts of burden
- 12. Cable
- 15. Precipitous
- 21. Misplaced
- 23. Lass
- 25. Saturate
- 27. Sheltered spot
- 28. Colonic
- 29. Greatest possible
- 31. Recognized
- 32. Smelter waste
- 34. Hearing organ
- 36. How old we are
- 39. Barbie's beau
- 40. Chilled
- 43. Against the law
- 44. Dregs
- 46. Is indebted to
- 47. Oblivious
- 49. Fence "doors"
- 50. Happenings
- 53. Artist's workstand
- 55. Chop finely
- 56. Curved molding
- 57. Bit of dust
- 58. Russian parliament
- 60. Incite
- 61. Agile
- 64. Eastern Standard Time



1. SUMMER WORDS

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Answer:

2. SUMMER FOOD

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Answer:

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SUBMITTED BY BRENDA RAUCH

This has been a summer that shall be remembered for a long time. Time passes so quickly when so much is happening- be it good or bad. The residents have been amazingly adaptive. We are proud to be part of such a resilient community. Now it is time to move on and enjoy what is left of the sunshine and whatever nature dishes out next.

The library will reopen on September the 11th. The hours will be the same:

- Tuesdays 11 AM to 1 PM
- Wednesdays 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

We are looking for help with the library this year. If you are able to offer your services please contact Marg Burrin or Brenda Rauch.

Our good wishes and prayers go out to Rhea and Dale Tagg as Dale recovers slowly from open heart surgery. We are looking forward to having them back home in Wasa. They have been loyally looking after the library on Wednesday evenings for several years. Rhea and Dale are avid readers and have enjoyed swimming in Wasa Lake for many years. We all miss them- hurry home!

We will have several new books for you. Come and see what we have.

NEW BOOKS:

THE LAST BOYFRIEND

By Nora Roberts

"This is book two of the Inn Boonsboro Trilogy. It is a new novel of a shared past, a fresh start, and a lifetime of love. We also have book one, The Next Always. Book three, The Perfect Hope, will be available soon."

MERIDON

By Philippa Gregory

"In the savage contrasts of Georgian England- a time alive with treachery, grandeur, and intrigue, Meridon is a rich, impassioned novel of a young woman's journey from a simple hope to a deep and fulfilling love."

SHOOT HIM IF HE RUNS

By Stuart Woods

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See you at the Library!



The **WASA RECREATION SOCIETY'S** main objective is to generate funds to keep the Wasa Hall running. Wasa Recreation Society members meet in the basement of the Wasa Hall in the Quilters Room on the last Tuesday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend.

Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

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Sandy Kay 250.422.3288
- Gym
Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
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Susan 250.422.3510
- Library
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In addition, BINGO's are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:45 pm and regular at 7:00 pm.

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

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



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Submitted by Clay Tippet

The recent flood has put our twenty-four year old flood mitigation system to the test. The overall system did not get an "A". For full marks, it appears that the flap gates on both the south end of Cameron Pond and the one on Hansen Channel under Highway 93 performed as designed and prevented water from flowing overland from a flooding Kootenay River into Wasa Lake. Not receiving a passing grade was the berm on the north end of Cameron Pond. The torrent of freshet water from Lewis Creek pouring into Cameron Pond for a time was greater than the outflow capacity of the pond; flow from Cameron Pond into Wasa Sloughs was limited because the Kootenay River was high and raised the level in the sloughs. So for several days the waters backed up, over the Davis berm, through what is normally the drainage channel on the conservation lands, through the culverts under Wasa Lake Park Drive and into Wasa Lake. This creek water added to the already very high ground water fed underground from the Kootenay River and possibly from unknown feeds from the mountains.

The board agreed at its July meeting to ask for a proposal from McElhanney Associates, Engineers and Land Surveyors to review the elevations and condition of our existing flood mitigation structures and make recommendations for upgrading.

The business community in Wasa depends on continued development of our population base and a healthy recreation economy. Yet major new development is currently stalled: rezoning for one major subdivision has been on hold in Wasa pending the results of a comprehensive aquifer study. Such a study would inform us of the capacity of the aquifer to support development and quantify risks to it from surface contamination. In addition a thorough knowledge of our aquifer should be in place prior to the development of a new community plan.

As the WLLID has more access to third party funding sources than the RDEK, our representative Jane Walter has asked the WLLID to take the lead in the creation of the aquifer study. So last spring an aquifer committee of Sharon Prinz, Doug Kittle and Ron Brooks looked into what research had been done on the aquifer and how much information was available. Their recommendation was that we engage Hodge Hydrogeology to supply us with a written review study. Bill Hodge, the principal had identified, delineated and mapped the Wasa Aquifer (Number 540) while employed by the Ministry of Environment. The RDEK provided us with a Discretionary Grant in Aid of up to \$1,000 to have the review study created.

The completed study was supplied to the board and the RDEK prior to our August meeting, where it was

reviewed and discussed. The next step for the board will be to ask the aquifer study committee to continue its work and apply for funding for the development of a comprehensive aquifer study. The Hodge summary review will be made available on wasalake.com

Unfortunately, all these things take money. Although grants to engineer and upgrade our flood mitigation system and to facilitate the creation of an aquifer study are available, the WLLID will no doubt need to dedicate some of the funds it collects from taxpayers to complete these needed projects. Because of this the board unanimously agreed to set the tax rate for 2012 at \$60 per lot.

A final note, at the July board meeting, Naomi Miller was welcomed as a new board member and Clay Tippet was elected chair for 2012.



- SPOT THE DIFFERENCES
- 1) Front leg of cat missing
 - 2) Musical note by bird missing
 - 3) Stamp on letter in bag missing
 - 4) Cats whisker missing
 - 5) Tag on cats collar missing
 - 6) Feather on birds head is missing
 - 7) Grass by mailbox leg missing
 - 8) Toe on left shoe colored in
 - 9) One flower moved
 - 10) Bottom button on shirt moved down
 - 11) Right shoe lace moved
 - 12) Rolled up paper is longer

ANSWERS



CHERRY CREEK FALLS AREA

The RDEK is making an application for Crown Land in the Cherry Creek Falls area. Cherry Creek Falls is a very popular Day Use Recreation area that has been the subject of a number of development proposals over the past years. Presently there is a proposal for a rock quarry being considered by the Ministry of Energy and Mines at the Cherry Creek Falls. By making this application for Crown land, the RDEK will be demonstrating its commitment to preserving this natural amenity for the enjoyment of the residents and visitors.

WASA OCP

Time and scheduling commitments with RDEK staff led me into the difficult decision to postpone the preparations for an updated Official Community Plan for the Wasa area.

WASA AND AREA LAND USE AMENDMENT BYLAW No 2381

The RDEK Board gave First and Second readings for proposed Bylaw 2381 which would amend the Wasa

and Area Land Use Bylaw to permit the placement and seasonal use of two recreation vehicles on properties zoned R-1 and R-1 (A). A Public Hearing was held on August 22nd at the Wasa Community Hall. I cannot comment on the results of the Public Hearing until after the RDEK Board meeting scheduled for September 7th.

WLLID AQUIFER STUDY

I have asked the WLLID to have a complete aquifer study completed for the Wasa Area. There has been concerns regarding a safe water supply for the community of Wasa and for future residential and business developments.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered during the flooding, you truly showed what a wonderful community Wasa is.

I hope everyone had a good summer.

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Hints From Vi

By Vi Cockell



Hello Readers

Hope your summer was great!!

1. Bee and hornet time. Here is a quick and easy remedy to try if you get stung. Gently rub the bite with raw potatoe to draw out the venom.
2. Too shine up a dull pair of shoes, try using a banana peel, than buff with an old pair of socks.
3. Try the following solution to clean your outside windows streak free: Combine in a bucket 1/4 cup liquid dishwasher soap, 1 Tbsp Jet Dry dishwasher rinse agent and 1 gallon of hot water. Wash windows with a brush and simply hose them off for streak free windows.
4. Try this method of cooking corn for your next corn feast! Take a clean Cooler, place enough shucked corn to fill the bottom of the cooler (approximately 15 to 18 ears depending on the size of the cooler). Pour 2 or more kettles of full boiling water over the corn ensuring corn is totally covered with water. Place lid on Cooler and allow to sit for 30 minutes. Remove cooked corn and enjoy. Corn will stay warm for up to 2 hours.

Till next time and enjoy the rest to your summer!!



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HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER

SUMMER JOBS IN YOHO NATIONAL PARK 1919 - 1921

Gerry was a prairie born teenager who had never seen mountains when he applied for a summer job in Field, BC. He reported to Mt. Stephen House and was assigned night shift in the coffee shop 10 pm to 8 am, seven days a week, with room and board provided plus \$40 per month. Customers were crew of night trains. Six passenger trains plus freights ran daily both east and westbound. Trains going eastbound needed two extra engines to go through the Spiral Tunnels. One friendly engineer offered Gerry a ride in the pusher engine. He stood while the fireman and engineer sat on padded chairs. It was very hot and smoky in the first tunnel. Gerry fainted. The crew laughed as they gave him a blast of cold air. He survived the second tunnel and watched the procedure at the top of the Big Hill. One front engine and the pusher disconnected from the train. The two engines connected together and returned with Gerry and crews to their siding down in Field.

Thanks to the night shift he was able to go on several group hikes to the different trilobite beds and the Natural Bridge across Kicking Horse River.

At the end of July he was offered and accepted a daytime job as bull cook at Takakkaw Falls. The duties included cutting firewood and kindling, lighting all fires, washing dishes, peeling vegetables, burying non burnable garbage and keeping the campsite tidy. There were ten sleeping tents for tourists and ten for staff, a big dining tent, kitchen tent and a large tepee for evening campfires. Horses were kept nearby for daytime outings for visitors who opted to ride rather than hike. The month of August passed all too quickly.

The following summer (1920) Gerry got a ranch job near Empress, Alberta. He wished to augment his experience with horses. His family moved to Burnaby, BC so that fall Gerry took first year arts at UBC in Vancouver. In the summer of 1921 he went back to Field, BC. This time his job was with Brewster's horses. He had to clean the stable twice a day so reacted to the sight of a horse lifting its tail by running with his shovel to catch droppings mid air! Mostly he drove the wagon to transport customer's baggage from station to hotel or camp and back. Sometimes he was assigned to take a string of four or five horses to Golden to be shod. That was 35 miles on a trail above the railway, requiring an overnight stop in Golden hosted by Mr. Hughes the blacksmith.

Midsummer there was a rush at Glacier House in Rogers Pass so Gerry was sent by train to drive the baggage wagon there. The skittish horse assigned gave Gerry more than one scare and eventually tipped the wagon dumping the whole load. The Manager happened to be right beside the upset and kindly helped by controlling the horse and pulling heavy bags off poor Gerry. When cleaning the stables in Rogers Pass Gerry was instructed to dump the manure into the Illecillewaet River... a memory which made him blush in later years.

His next assignment was at Wapta Lake where the CPR was building a bungalow camp. From there he accompanied visitors on saddle horses to view Lake O'Hara. One of the groups needed several packhorses as they were armed with cameras, canvas and paints, clothing for several days as well as food for meal service by the packers. The cameraman was attempting to create an advertising movie on his black and white film. There was a small log bunkhouse for the visitors while Gerry

and Ray slept on the grass rolled in a tarp. Just at dawn cries came from the cabin, "Mr. Guide! Mr. Guide, come quick!" The problem was a porcupine. The artist approached porky with a flaming candle. Suddenly the quills ignited-POOF- leaving the animal bare and raw. The poor little fellow was rendered insensible-permanently. The tourists demanded an early breakfast that day before getting back to movie making and enjoying the trails in that idyllic spot. When Gerry returned to Field he was given the mundane job of supplying nice clean ice chunks into the dining car of each passing train. The ice was carried by the bucket onto the roof of the car where it was dropped down a chute. Once when he was a bit slow, the train moved, the ladder fell, leaving him very worried until the train stopped and someone brought the ladder to let him get down safely.

Gerry Andrews (1903-2005) returned to Field on several occasions later in his life but loved his summer experiences so much that they were featured in his memoirs.

Wasa Community Church

~ Pastor Gary Semenyna ~

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Sunday
Worship Service
10:30 am

Thursday
Bible Study
7:00 pm.

September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Pancake Breakfast
2 Church	3	4 Lions Meeting	5	6	7	8 Franks n Thanks Everybody Welcome
9 Church	10	11 BINGO	12	13	14	15
16 Church Terry Fox Run	17	18 Lions Meeting Cut-off for Oct. newsletter	19	20	21	22
23 Church 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

LEGEND

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

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Monday, Oct. 8th, 2012
Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, Oct. 31st, 2012
Halloween
- Saturday, Nov. 17th, 2012
Lions Christmas Dinner & Dance
Tickets go on Sale
- Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012
Lions Christmas Dinner & Dance

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