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WELCOME HOME EVERETT!



Everett (left) and brother Leith are happy to be home

Everett Olafson, age 11 returned home from Edmonton's Children Hospital after recovering from an accident that happened on September 1st at Koochanusa.

Everett and his younger brother Leith were digging trenches in the sand while camping at a nearby campsite with mom Donella and some friends.

When the trench collapsed burying Everett, Leith quickly dug out Everett's hand which enabled Everett's rescue.

Everett spent 13 days in hospital, 6 of which he spent under an induced coma. "We spent the first six or seven days unsure he was even going to make it", admits relieved dad, Garth Olafson. When asked if he remembers anything about the incident, Everett explains " Just bits and pieces, it's too scary and I don't want to remember anything". He does however, describe in vivid detail some of his dreams and memories of his recovery.

Everett has made a remarkable, full recovery surprising both doctors and nurses. Mom Donella explains "In researching, I found only six other cases of this type of accident, most recoveries weren't as successful as Everetts." Everett's age and excellent health prior to the accident can be attributed to his amazing recovery.

The community rallied together in support of the Olafson family. Garth and Donella wish to thank everyone for their support and generosity.



The Olafson family September 2012

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Quips and quotes from losing players and coaches and what they really meant. I thought that I would translate some noteworthy and customary answers by players and coaches after suffering a loss.

Coach: The team tried really hard but ran out of gas near the end of the game:

What he really meant: The other team was better prepared physically than we were and I did a terrible job at getting our team ready for the game.

Player: We lost as a team and you cannot blame one player on the outcome of a game.

What he really meant: The field goal kicker sucked and if he cannot kick a 25 yard field on the last play of the game, he should be fired. We bust our behinds out here for 60 minutes while he sits on a bench and texts his girlfriends. The man is a disgrace to the uniform he wears.

Coach: Our goalie had a rough outing and it wasn't his fault that we lost the game 9-2 outshooting the opposition 54-21.

What he really meant: Gimme a break, 9 goals on 21 shots-my grandmother could have done better than that. This kid was a complete moron. He'll never start another game as long I'm the coach of the team.

Coach: Did you see all the blown calls that the refs missed?

What he really meant: We were so bad that I have to blame somebody else besides ourselves for the loss. It's not conceivable that a team this well coached could lose that game.

Player: It's not fair to pin the loss on 1 individual. (after a quarterback threw 5 interceptions in a 24-21 loss).

What he really meant: The kid must have indiscriminate photos of the coach in a secret hiding place somewhere. There's no way that we had a chance of winning the game with that idiot playing. He should have been replaced in the 1st quarter.

Coach: Did you see how scantily clad those cheerleaders were?

What he really meant: There's no way that my guys could focus on their assignments as long as those girls were wearing those uniforms supplied

by the home team. Their testosterone level was at an all time high and their energy level at an all time low. I personally really enjoyed watching them and wish more teams would have that style of uniforms.

Assistant Coach: The outcome of the game was never based on 1 particular decision made by the head coach.

What he really meant: NO-It was based on several stupid decisions made by the head coach. If you give me his job right now, I could turn this team into a contender. The players have no respect for that low-minded thinking ape.

Defenseman: We had a system to shut down their top line. (after opposing top line scores 6 goals in 7-2 whitewashing).

What he really meant: We had no idea how to stop those guys. Our coaching staff's plan was ineffective and not very well thought out. Those coaches must have dreamt this scheme up in a bar somewhere.

Soccer player on defending his goalie after giving up 7 goals in a World Cup game: He really didn't have much help in front of him. We made poor decisions with the ball and the other team had a good counter attack.

What he really meant: He should go out and hang himself. He couldn't stop a beachball in a closet. The other team had 9 shots on goal and he allowed 7 of them to in. He should look for another profession.

Golfer on being assessed a 2 stroke penalty for ball moving during a windstorm costing him a tournament win: The rules are what they are and I have to pay closer attention in the future.

What he really meant: Gimme me a break. We shouldn't have been playing in these stupid conditions. Some pompous persons decide that the wind was at an acceptable rate while we're losing our hats, golf head covers and anything else that wasn't nail downed.

Basketball player on scoring 52 points a 102-98 loss. We gave it a valiant effort but just came up short.

What he really meant: Obviously I'm the star of this team and the management has to surround me with better talent. I cannot keep balling out these losers that I'm playing with.

With inept players like these, we'll never win a championship.

Just a few quips and quotes that I thought you might enjoy.

Kootenay Ice Shavings

The Ice began the 2012/2013 season with 2 road losses, 5-3 against the reigning champions Edmonton Oil Kings and 5-1 against the Calgary Hit Men. With 8 of the next 9 games being on home ice, the Ice look to better their fortunes in the month of October. The Ice are looking at rookies Luke Philip, Kyle Krabben, Kyle O'Connor and Matthew Thomas to add depth to their squad. Returning veterans Brock Montgomery, Joey Leach, Drew Czeronka, Sam Reinhart and Elgin Pierce will be looked upon to carry the bulk of the workload while MacKenzie Skapski will be tending goal.

Kootenay Ice Home Games

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| 8:00 pm | Sun Oct 7 | vs | Prince Albert |
| 7:00 pm | Wed Oct 10 | vs | Prince George |
| 7:00 pm | Fri Oct 12 | vs | Saskatoon |
| 7:30 pm | Fri Oct 19 | vs | Red Deer |
| 7:00 pm | Sat Oct 20 | vs | Kamloops |
| 8:00 pm | Sun Oct 21 | vs | Red Deer |
| 7:00 pm | Wed Oct 24 | vs | Regina |
| 7:00 pm | Fri Oct 26 | vs | Swift Current |

Dynamiter Dynamics

The Nitros began their 2012/2013 season with a 3-2 record, beating Fernie, Creston and Columbia Valley while losing to Castlegar and Creston. The team is laden with 7 rookies including Jason Richter and Dustin Long. The team is leaning upon veterans Jared Marchi, Isaac Schacher and goalie Jeremy Mousseau to provide most of the leadership to improve on last years 2nd place result.

Dynamiter Home Games

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|-------------|----|-----------------|
| Fri Oct 7 | vs | Golden |
| Sat Oct 13 | vs | Creston |
| Tues Oct 16 | vs | Columbia Valley |
| Sat Oct 20 | vs | Fernie |

Welcome home Everett

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



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News from the Pews

By Pastor Gary Semenyina



It only takes a few seconds to change things. This past month we have had a great example of this in the lives of one family from the community. One moment boys are having fun, playing, enjoying life and then a few seconds later, there was confusion, worry, and a struggle for life itself. We are all thankful that Everett is now home and doing better. How many others have had an experience like this in that after a phone call or Dr. visit, life is turned upside down and it all changes. It can be during those times that we come to a realization of what is really important in our life. It is also during those times that many people pray, and those going through those life changing events are thankful for those prayers.

I am thankful that I can take my concerns to God through prayer. I believe that I serve a prayer hearing and prayer answering God. Now some may wonder if I would still feel the same way if the outcome would have been different in Everett's case. You may be thinking, "How come God didn't answer that prayer?" God always answers my prayer. Sometimes He says "Yes," sometimes He says "No" and sometimes He says, "Wait." In this situation, God said "Yes." But I would still have trust and faith in God if the answer would have been different. Is that a crutch that I am using? Some may see it that way, but if have a broken leg, or a need, a crutch is a good thing. When life throws a curve ball at us, I am thankful that I can go to a God who cares about us and only wants the best for us. God is there for you as well. Seek Him and what He can do for you.

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 Semenyina

Fanny's Favorites

BLUEBERRY BUCKLE

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| ¼ cup shortening or butter | 2 cups blueberries |
| ½ cup white sugar | |
| 1 egg, beaten | TOPPING |
| 1 cup flour | 1 tsp cinnamon |
| 1¼ tsp baking powder | ½ cup white sugar |
| ¼ tsp salt | ⅓ cup flour |
| ⅓ cup milk | ½ cup margarine |

Cream together shortening and sugar, add egg. Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Add dry ingredients and milk to shortening mixture. Mix until forms to a thick paste. Spread over the bottom of 9" x 13" pan. Spread blueberries over mixture.

Topping: Combine all Topping ingredients, cut using knives or pastry cutter to make a crumble. Sprinkle over blueberries. Bake at 350° for 30 to 40 minutes



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FRANKS AND THANKS

September 8th the Wasa & District Lions Club held our Annual Franks 'N Thanks at the Lions Grounds. It is always our pleasure to host this event as a thank you to local community members for their help and support throughout the year. This year, the event was special as we turned it into a fundraising event for local boy Everett Olafson. This gave everyone in the community a chance to get together and show their appreciation and support of the Olafson family by making donations to help them cover their medical and travel costs. The amount raised was over \$4,000! Thank you all for your generosity. It helped make a difficult situation easier for one of our long-time families and we couldn't be more proud of our small community!

THANK YOU TO FAY HARTWELL

The Lions would like to say thank you to Fay Hartwell. She has donated a battery-operated bath seat that lifts a person in and out of the tub. It is a wonderful addition to our Lions Medical Cupboard and we know it will be appreciated by those who have need of it. Thanks Fay!

WHEELCHAIR PURCHASE

The Lions purchased a new wheelchair for our Medical Cupboard, one with heavy-treaded outdoor wheels. This gives us two wheelchairs now, and both will be in constant use as members of our community undergo various surgeries, broken bones or other such hiccups that life can throw at us. Please contact Lions member Sharon Prinz if you or someone in your family may require the use of our medical aid equipment.

THANK YOU TO LYNN AND RON MCCONNELL

Thank you to Lynn and Ron McConnell who did an awesome job of putting together Wasa's Terry Fox Run held on Sunday, September 19th. The run started at the Lions Grounds and afterwards there was a BBQ for all participants and volunteers. As well as putting together the run, Lynn was at each Community Pancake Breakfast with an information/sign up booth, answering questions and accepting donations. While not many in number this year, the spirit of Wasa's participants was greater than ever.

ANNUAL LIONS CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE

Don't forget that the plans for our Annual Lions Christmas Dinner and Dance are in full swing. It will be held on Saturday, December 01st. Tickets will go on sale bright and early Saturday, November 17th at the Wasa Hall. Details of the sale hours will be posted in the next edition of this paper.

LIONS CHRISTMAS LIGHT-UP CONTEST

And speaking of Christmas, keep in mind that the Lions also have an Annual Christmas Light-Up Contest planned for early December. When you are putting together your decorations, maybe string up some extra lights and you never know – if you are one of the winners, a "Christmas Star", you could win a little extra cash before the holidays!

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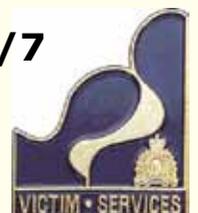
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"MARIO'S FUN PAGE"



ACROSS

- 1. An enclosure
- 5. Pulsate
- 10. Absent Without Leave
- 14. "Oh my!"
- 15. Do without
- 16. Anagram of "Fear"
- 17. Compacted
- 19. Type of cereal grass
- 20. Make a low continuous sound
- 21. Go in
- 22. Plateaux
- 23. Rapacity
- 25. Cut of beef
- 27. One or more
- 28. Extremely poisonous white fungus
- 31. Dishonor
- 34. A low evergreen shrub
- 35. Half of a pair
- 36. Masterstroke
- 37. Make physical contact
- 38. Disappear gradually
- 39. Picnic insect
- 40. Month before April
- 41. Engine
- 42. Practice
- 44. Hearing organ
- 45. Sheeplike
- 46. Favorable position
- 50. Vamoose
- 52. Holdup
- 54. Veto
- 55. Dry
- 56. Remedy that alleviates pain
- 58. Stare
- 59. Passageway
- 60. End
- 61. Matured



DOWN

- 1. Stockpile
- 2. Not silently
- 3. 3rd Greek letter
- 4. Clairvoyant's gift
- 5. Twice ten
- 6. Hurried
- 7. Ascend
- 8. Surpass
- 9. What we sleep on
- 10. Anew
- 11. Vest
- 12. Killer whale
- 13. Dregs
- 18. French for "Queen"
- 22. Arithmetic
- 24. Temporary living quarters
- 26. Pledge
- 28. Two
- 29. Annul
- 30. Equal
- 31. Stigma
- 32. Sharpen
- 33. Empower
- 34. Hair from a mane
- 37. Mountain pool
- 38. Garrison
- 40. Disable
- 41. Devilfish
- 43. Avoided
- 44. Less difficult
- 46. Country house
- 47. Licoricelike flavor
- 48. Donated
- 49. Put forth, as effort
- 50. Epic
- 51. Outcropping
- 53. If not
- 56. Cushion
- 57. Pull

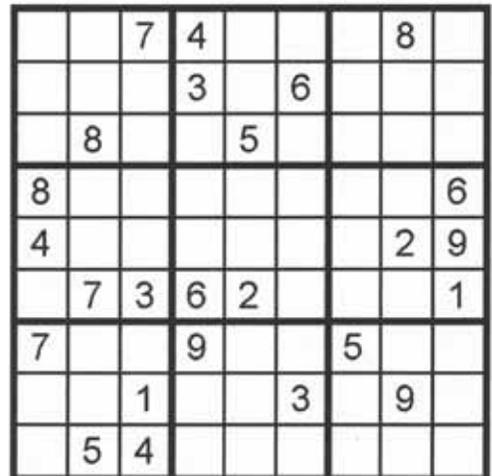


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- FUN
- GHOST
- HALLOWEEN
- HAUNTEDHOUSE
- JACKOLANTERN
- MASKS
- OCTOBER
- PUMPKIN
- SCARY
- SKELETON
- SPIDERS
- SPOOKY
- TREATS
- TRICKS
- VAMPIRE
- WITCH

Sudoku (Medium)



Word Scrabble

- obcbesw
- rgeav
- oorbm
- cutsoem
- amssk
- ndyca
- rkict
- eatrr
- mipkpun
- osgth
- ngobil
- hlelonaew



HALLOWEEN TRIVIA

1. According to a recent poll, what Adult Halloween costume is most popular of all?
2. It is said that if a girl puts rosemary and a silver coin under her pillow on Halloween night, she will dream of what?
3. What percentage of parents admit to sneaking goodies from their kids' Halloween candy bags?
4. The first citywide Halloween celebration occurred in what city in the United States?
5. What colors are considered Halloween colors?
6. The custom of wearing costumes comes from what ancient traditions?
7. Approximately how many Halloween cards are given out each Halloween?
8. According to 2009 statistics, what Childrens' Halloween costume is most popular of all?
9. In Salem, most witches were hung. Who was the only witch to be executed by the method of pressing?
10. About what percentage of adults will dress up for Halloween this year?



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SUBMITTED BY BRENDA RAUCH

Fall has arrived! As we all enjoy the fall colours and the bounty from our gardens, we hope everyone has time to read a book or two in the quieter times of each day. We welcome Everett Olafson and Dale Tagg who have now returned home . We wish them well. It will be a long journey for both of them. Welcome home!!

We are very pleased to have two new volunteers for the library. Maryanne Atkins and Ida Cale have volunteered their services. Maryanne will help us out until Christmas. Rhea and Dale will be back as soon as possible.

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KOOTENAY TALES

By Arlene Pervin

"(Historical Glimpses of the Past) Kootenay Tales is an unique collection of stories about the Kootenay Rockies gleaned from original East Kootenay and regional newspaper articles."

CONFINED SPACE

By Deryn Collier

"When respected ex-Canadian Forces commander Bern Fortin cuts short his military career to take a job as the coroner for a small mountain town in the heart of BC, he's hoping to leave the past behind, but memories haunt him. Deryn Collier's debut novel is a taut mystery full of suspense."

See you at the Library! Remember that if you want a book that we do not have, we may be able to borrow it from the Kimberley 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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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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Heat Energy: Electricity, Wood
Zoning: RS1
Lot Size: 2,090,880 sq.ft./48.00 ac (194,243 m²)
Watersource: Natural Resource, Well



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Seniors' Happy Gang

By Ruth Dovell

On September 17th nine members and one guest gathered together for the first meeting of the fall. A minute of silence was observed for our member Bud Duvall who had passed away June 30th. Dale Tagg, who had heart surgery and is in on the mend in Lethbridge Hospital was remembered. It was decided that once again we would start carpet bowling. It will take place on Tuesday, September 25 at one pm (note the time) at the Wasa Church.

Peggy Pusztay of the TaTa Creek store informed us that a game of bowling using International Delight 946 ml bottles can be played. I am therefore asking people to save them for us. They can be left at Peggy's.

Birthday greetings go out to Barb H., Mary D., Jean M. and Ruth D. The 50/50 was won by Ruth Dovell. There were four winners in the bingo card games that were played. The next meeting will be a pot luck on Monday, October 22 at noon. Anyone interested please phone Brenda at 250 422 3548.

WASA COUNTRY MARKET and PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Another season of breakfasts served up. This year we sold 2808 breakfasts, only 15 short from last year. It was a great ending to a slow start. The last breakfast of the summer the TOPs group served up 414 breakfasts. Looking back in the records I think that "Tops" all records of breakfasts sold. Unfortunately the market had few or no vendors throughout the summer.



This was the third and last year that Karen Markus, Jim Hill and Sharon Prinz will be on the committee. A new committee will need to come forward to carry on with this great community fund raiser. It takes about 6 to 7 hours a week of your time, which can be split between 2, 3 or 4 people. New ideas always benefit the management of this fund raiser.

A big thanks to all the volunteers who cooked up those great breakfasts. There were many that did more than just one Saturday. We would also like to thank Christian at Slim Pickens; Warren and Allison at the Wasa Diner; Ted from Kimberley Overwaitea and Randall from GFS Foods for their help with getting breakfast to the table. And for that added touch of music in the morning, thanks SageGrass.

Submitted by Karen Markus



PET'S PLACE GIBBALES



Gibbales is a Pygmy Billy Goat and will be 2 years old in January. His 2 back hooves are deformed from frostbite he encountered shortly after he was born. Bottle fed as a baby, Gibbales is very tame and loves to sit on my knee and get scratches. His best friends are Billy and Bob (also Pygmy Billy Goats) and Turbo a miniature horse.



TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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Every Wednesday
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Wasa Community Hall

For More Information Contact:

Susan: 250.422.3510 Irene: 250.422.3686

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Christian & Garry Verigin

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6112 WASA LAKE PARK DRIVE
WASA, BC V0B 2K0

I hope that everyone has had a good summer. Many people in the Wasa and area have shown that they care for the people in their communities, during the flooding there were many people that helped with sandbagging. The people then once again came together to help with some support for the Olafson family after Everett was injured. One of these events was held in conjunction with Wasa and District Lions Franks and Thanks. The people came out and donated over 4,000.00 dollars. I would really like to thank everyone that has helped out this summer.

BC LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY

The RDEK Board sent a letter expressing support for the work of the BC Lake Stewardship Society and requested the reinstatement of their core funding. Recently the Ministry discontinued \$75,000.00 of core funding for the society.

WASA RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

A Public Hearing was held in Wasa on August 22, 2012. The Agenda included the proposed Wasa and Area Land Use Amendment Bylaw 2381 which would affect the number of Recreational Vehicles permitted in the R-1 and R-1(A) Zones. The amendment bylaw will restrict the number of recreational vehicles to two (2) recreational vehicles to be stored, placed or seasonally occupied. One of the recreational vehicles must be registered to the owner of the property on which it is located. The Bylaw received third reading on September 7, 2012

The discussions at the Public Hearing also included concerns about septic systems. Unfortunately the RDEK can not enforce septic regulations. (The Public Health Department is responsible for septic regulations). Concerns regarding property values being lowered, and noise concerns were also discussed. The RDEK has a Noise Bylaw in place and complaints can be made to the RDEK Bylaw Enforcement Officer or the RCMP. This was a very difficult situation, because so many people have very strong feelings about what they want to see happen in Wasa. I am hoping that everyone has heard and learned what the concerns are and will try to work with the neighbors in keeping Wasa a beautiful and viable community. Remember Wasa is also a year round community to many residents.

CHERRY CREEK ROCK QUARRY APPLICATION

Another issue that has been happening in Area E is the application for a Rock Quarry to be located at Cherry Creek Falls. This application has not been supported by many residents of Meadowbrook and also by many of the people that use the area to recreate. I have asked the Board for permission to make this area an Area E Day Use Park. Before this can happen the Meadowbrook Community Association is trying to raise \$51,000 to pay the proponent that has the mining claim. If anyone wishes to make a donation you can contact Bob Johnstone 250-427-3277.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy month.

Jane Walter

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ANSWERS

Halloween Trivia 1) Witch - Witches had a surprising 35 percent of the votes 2) Her future husband -According to legend, children born on Halloween are protected from evil spirits 3) 90% Watch your bags carefully! 4) Anoka, Minnesota - In the year 1921 5) Orange and Black - Orange represents the Fall harvest and black is often associated with darkness and the unknown 6) Celtic - Young men wore white costumes with blackened faces to please the spirits 7) 35 Million - The market produces about \$100 million per year 8) Princess - Spiderman came in 3rd place 9) Giles Corey - Giles was executed on the 19th of September 1692 10) 50% - Approximately 67 percent will attend a Halloween party

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Word Scrabble 1) Cobwebs 2) Grave 3) Broom 4) Costume 5) Masks 6) Candy 7) Trick 8) Treat 9) Pumpkin 10) Goths 11) Goblin 12) Halloween



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HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER



WOMENS' HOCKEY 1890-1930

Ladies and girls enjoyed skating when opportunity presented itself, initially adapting field hockey to ice then emulating the game played by men and boys. Female teams were always coached by males. Officiating was always done by men.

In fact, the referee was expected to explain rules as the game progressed, coach players on strategies, and even assist fallen players to get back on their feet. In the earliest years in BC each team had seven players. Recruiting enough players to have inter-squad games was a problem even in cities. Having a suitable rink was dependent upon weather. Travel between communities was slow and expensive so games between say, Rossland and Revelstoke were once a year highlights, generally timed to be part of a Winter Carnival.

Hockey in British Columbia credits the Patrick family from Quebec for giving impetus to the sport first in Nelson, BC and later Vancouver. Joseph Patrick built a lumber mill in Nelson then moved his family there in 1907. Sons Lester and Frank played and coached men's teams while sisters Myrtle, Cynda and Dora joined the Nelson Ladies Hockey Club while their mother, Mrs. Patrick, acted as Manager, fund raiser, and chaperone. When the Patricks sold their lumber business and moved to Victoria Joseph and his sons decided to invest not only in professional hockey teams but also the arenas with artificial ice needed to accommodate the program in

Victoria (4000 seat capacity) and the Vancouver 10,500 Denman Street Arena. New Westminster business interests handled similar investments in their own city. The Victoria arena was opened by the Lieutenant Governor on Christmas Day 1911. Vancouver Arena hosted their first professional men's game January 7 1912 between the New Westminster Royals and Frank Patrick's Vancouver Millionaires. Admission was 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for boys.

When women's hockey matches were played the majority of the spectators were male. Newspapers might offer comments such as, The defence of the Vancouver team is composed of those who have taken the plunge into the sea of matrimony, and consequently should be settled. In the forward line are four debutantes who are seeking laurels in other fields."

Uniforms evolved from long skirts to medium skirts, to bloomers. It is recorded that sturdy skirts were helpful to the lady goal tender. In some communities the ladies had the same colours and names as the male team. Eg. "The two women's teams took to the ice wearing the maroon and white of the Vancouver Millionaires and the orange and black of the Westminster Royals." Rossland ladies changed uniforms each year, trying to combine the latest style sailor collared dresses with the newest colour of toque or cap. Fernie ladies chose the lucky swastika as their emblem. That swastika spun the opposite direction of the Nazi emblem. Ladies played

hockey as opportunity arose in the Kootenay communities of Nelson, Grand Forks, Rossland and Cranbrook. The Cranbrook team in that era were the Pontiacs, later Rosebuds.

Annual competitions in Banff featured teams from Edmonton and Calgary. One year both teams wore white sweaters and red skirts. The only difference was that Edmonton players had white toques and Calgary blue cloth caps. The Vancouver Amazons managed to participate each year between 1921 and '29. They won the Alpine cup in 1922. Fernie ladies won that cup in 1923 and The University of Manitoba Women's team won in 1930. Even Banff experienced unpredictable ice conditions as a Chinook hampered at least two years of hockey playoffs at the Winter Carnival. (But at least the players never went on strike!)

Wasa Community Church

~ Pastor Gary Semenyina ~

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Sunday
Worship Service
10:30 am

Thursday
Bible Study
7:00 pm.

October 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 Lions Meeting | 3 Happy Birthday Melinda | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| 14 Church | 15 | 16 Lions Meeting | 17 | 18 Cut-off for Nov. newsletter | 19 | 20 |
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| 21 Church | 22 Seniors Potluck Mtg noon | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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| 28 Church | 29 | 30 | 31  | | | |

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

- Sunday, Nov 11
Remembrance Day
- Saturday, Nov. 17th, 2012
Lions Christmas Dinner & Dance
Tickets go on Sale
- Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012
Lions Christmas Dinner & Dance

*"I'd rather regret the things I've done
than the things I haven't"*

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- Chase Saddle and Leather.....250.427.5517
- Doug Ross Property Sale.....250.422.9272
- Econobuilt.....250.421.7813
- Kootenay Kwik Print.....250.489.4213
- Kootenay Monument Installations....422.3414
- Leave it at the Lake.....250.422.3060
- Rake N Hoe Landscaping Ltd....250.422.3136
- Slim Pickens Gas & Foods.....250.422.9271
- Victim Services.....250.427.5621
- Wasa Community Church.....250.422.3344
- Wasa Building Supplies.....250.422.3123
- Wasa Diner & Pizza.....250.422.3366
- Wasa Hall.....250.422.3514 or 422.3288
- Wasa Lions (President).....250.422.3272
- Wasa Lions Ground & Rental Information -
Ernie Kurze.....250.422.3121

