



YAHK-KINGSGATE NEWS

WINTER 2014

Yahk Winterfest
January 25th 2 pm to 9 pm
FREE Admission

- * Winter Games
- * Sleigh Rides
- * Concession
- * Skating
- * Contests

Dinner & Entertainment

Jason Scott's Diamond Forever a Celebration of ...

Neil Diamond

www.yahkkingsgate.com or 250.424.5462

YKRS would like to acknowledge the support of Columbia Basin Trust, RDCK Area B Director John Kettle, Mainroads and Our Volunteers! Thank YOU!

Winterfest 2014
Saturday, January 25th 2014
Yahk Kingsgate Hall
FREE Admission

Event Schedule
2 pm Games & Skating
(Prizes!)

Snow Angels, Sled Races,
Snow Sculpture, Snowman
building, Snow Bocce,
BroomBall, and more...

2:15 pm Hay Rides!

5:30 pm Chicken Dinner
with Dessert

7 pm Entertainment
Celebration of Neil Diamond

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ROSIE BRENNER STORY



Rosie Brenner and Mary Lythgoe are sitting on the steps of McLeod Harrison's store in the 1920's in Yahk. Mary Lythgoe since has passed away but Rosie Brenner is 92 and living in Cranbrook. Betty Laporte and I were able to have a really nice visit with her November 4, 2013.

Rosie couldn't remember that day sitting on the porch of McLeod Harrison's store but Mrs. Harrison's one niece named Margaret Grexston was Rosie's best friend. Rosie still keeps in contact with her friend's daughter in Prince George.

Rosie was born in 1921 in Spokane, Washington, moved to Creston when she was 6 months old, and then moved to Yahk when she was 4.

When she was just a girl she went with her mother to all the dances at the first hall which was the CPR Hall. She learned the Humbo, a Scandinavian Dance. Everybody could do the Schottische but not too many did the Humbo.

Rosie married Adolph Brenner in Yahk. He was a Blacksmith and worked in the woods. They had 3 children, 2 boys and a girl. They were all successful in their work and are now retired. Rosie has 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Rosie and her husband moved to Cranbrook in 1995.

Rosie had a little Café, over a period of time she did over 200 wedding cakes. She baked and decorated them. When she was 12 she would go to the New Hotel and bake cakes.

Rosie enjoys playing Cribbage, Whist, and Canasta. Rosie's friend Ruby (Rounsville) Gray who is 89 and who was born in Yahk dropped in while we were visiting Rosie. She moved to Cranbrook when she got married in 1946, her husband worked in the mines in Kimberley.

We asked Rosie and Ruby how they could enlighten us how they both have stayed in such good health and young all these years? They said, "We really just enjoy life and don't worry about every little thing."

Submitted by Theresa Vandergeest



The Christmas Craft Sale was a huge success this year. November 30th the vendors started setting up at 8:00 A.M. The customers started coming at 10:00 A.M. and brought a donation for the Creston Food Bank for admission.

Lin Gracewood and her kitchen staff prepared a delicious lunch which started serving at 11:00 A.M. Thank you to Judy Dickson and Theresa Vandergeest for making the pies for the lunch and Lin Gracewood for making her soups and chili.

Santa came at 1:00 P.M. and the children could sit on his lap and get their picture taken. Thank you to Penny ap Anderson and Carol Dickson for bringing this feature to life for the Craft Sale. It was really successful. Also thank you to Samantha Francouer and her friend Jade Maisonneuve who were the Elves and helped with the children.

The Duck Pond was popular again this year and thank you to Helena Zenkow and

Ken Ursaki for running it again this year.

Thank you also goes to Gayle Clark who sat at the Door Prize table and thank

you to Dorothy Rose who sold raffle tickets for the Senior Club's Basket of goodies. Holly Zeiler won the basket.

I just want to thank all the vendors for participating and all the customers

who came that day, and all the volunteers who worked on it, you all truly made it a success. By Theresa Vandergeest



YAHK STUDENTS' GREAT GO-CART RACE

By R. Lee Rose

The weather looked less than promising on November 13, but that mischievous chilly breeze failed to squelch the racers' enthusiasm. The pit fire crackling beyond the multi-hued lineup of student-built, Flintstone-styled go-carts provided warmth where needed.

Lunch consisted of a huge pot of steamy soup, and an abundance of individually roasted hot dogs and buns. Between the fire and the picnic table there was a friendly congregation of happy racers and on-lookers anxious to finish lunch and get on with the race.

Some observers were surprised to see so many viewers waiting to watch. A rough estimate suggested the crowd was at least a hundred strong by the time the race actually began, and included a TV newsman from Global TV recording the action with his video camera. His work was aired on Global TV that evening and the next morning.

The vehicles were built sturdy, their precisely cut components were attached with decking screws driven by students wielding power drills. No manufactured parts like wheels, tires, bearings or mechanical steering gears were used. Most parts (except for bolts) were fabricated on-site. Mr. Danylak, a resident artist, supervised their work, making sure the tools were used correctly and safely, with proper eye protection. The educational aspects of the project were organized and supervised by Ms. Gloria Gadacz, instructing vice principal at Y.E.S., along with other staff members. Having discovered that 2013 was the 50-year anniversary of the Flintstone cartoons, and having observed the students'

fascination for cartoons, vehicles and the desire to build things, she put together a project to provide for exciting learning opportunities for the students of several different grade levels.

Each school in the district can apply for an ArtStarts grant. The BC Council of Arts started the ArtStarts committee for the purpose of supporting local artists by providing them with a reasonably paid opportunity to bring their artwork and skills into schools and teach the students what they know. Hence the Artist in Residency program was implemented throughout the province. Although our school is one of the smallest in the district, Ms. Gadacz applied for and received the funds for the project.

Some of the learning objectives of the project included: Math: calculations using carefully taken measurements and material lists. Art and language goals were achieved by creating individual (not copied) logos, and journals of daily progress. Science goals involved force and motion problems, e.g. designing ways to keep the wheels from wobbling off their axles. Carpentry skills were acquired by the basic construction activities guided by Mr. Danylak, and the students planned the objectives for each work session. Health and citizenship was taught by considerations of safety issues, and by expressing gratitude for assistance from community members (Don Brady, Don Danylak, Jeff Vandergeest, and others). In addition, the students surely realized a great deal of satisfaction and self-confidence from completing all nineteen go-carts.

The art work decorating the vehicles was as impressive as the ruggedly constructed vehicles themselves. The variety of paint colours chosen demonstrated the creative imagination of the students. The actual

images decorating the carts were of surprising quality and pointed again to the creative talents of these young crafters, and to the benefit of Mr. Danylak's guidance. There were no injuries during the race and very few steering mistakes. There were individual races for each grade level. The winners received first, second, and third place ribbons denoting their degree of success. However, it was obvious that no matter who won which ribbon, every participant was a winner, and earned the admiration and respect of all observers, after having taken part in valuable learning experiences. It was gratifying to see that the youngsters had planned and designed such a complex project, and persevered to its successful conclusion in spite of frequently unfavorable weather. The materials were obtained locally; Tom and Barb Hollis sawed and donated 2 x 4's, and Don Danylak secured other donated lumber. Plywood and paint were purchased (at a discounted price) from Home Hardware in Creston. Some parts were made of slabs which would otherwise have been discarded. Simple raw materials were made into admiration-worthy products. Eighty percent of the cost of purchased materials for the project was afforded by the grant described above. The school will fund-raise the remaining 20%. Judging by the reactions from the spectators, it was money well spent. Surely the fund-raising will serve as another important learning opportunity.

All the staff members of the school and volunteers are to be congratulated on their extra efforts. The whole community benefitted from that memorable day of the Great GO-Cart Race!



Yahk-Kingsgate Social Club

The social club held a couple of fun events this fall. The November event was well attended with members enjoying pool, shuffleboard, tunes and visiting. Our Christmas party was held on December 14th with a great turnout. The Ugly Christmas sweater contest was won by Tim Hennessy for the guys and a guest of Karolyn and Phil Beattie's won the women's. The social club room was decorated to perfection by Lin Gracewood with help from Brian & Marcy Eddy, Judy Dickson and Jan Francoeur.

We are up to 94 members now with a good third of the people coming out to the events. Our next event is on Saturday January 18th at 7:00 PM. Members and guests (age 19 and over) are welcome to all our events. If you haven't been to an event yet, come and check us out. Lifetime Membership Fees is \$5.00 per person. The totally renovated basement is a great space to meet. We have a lounge area, dance floor, darts, pool, shuffleboard, air hockey, foosball, ping pong, card games, etc. We play some tunes and visit with friends and neighbors. Adult beverages, pop, water and coffee are available. People usually bring their favorite snack to share with the group.

We are always looking for ideas for activities at our events and could also use a hand setting up, serving drinks and cleaning up afterwards. Anyone interested can contact the undersigned. We are looking forward to another great year!

Submitted by Brian Eddy

Chairman – Yahk-Kingsgate Social Club



We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone that came out and made the new year's party a big success. Even though we ran into a bit of a snag with the entertainment everyone seemed to enjoy themselves anyway. A big thank you to all that volunteered before during and after we couldn't have done it without you. To everyone that brought the food it was awesome and topped off the night. Hope to see everyone next time.....

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The hard work and planning done by Lorelei McCartney and Tara Dickson paid off big time with a wonderful event to welcome in the New Year. They contacted Loesha Wish - better known in the entertainment field as "Wish" who used to do Karaoke at the Yahk Hotel. Entry for adults as the down was reasonably priced and many brought food for the midnight snack which was very tasty. It was an astounding success. Due to circumstances beyond their control the entertainment was delayed for a couple of hours but everyone seemed happy to just visit. The hall was decorated nicely and there was a lot of noise at midnight when the huge netting of balloons fell and everyone was stomping on them. We hear via the grapevine that they intend to have another event in 2014. Thanks so much to these two ladies who have regularly held an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children of the area. You gals do good work.



Monthly Calendar of Meetings and Programs.

On Going At the Yahk Kingsgate Community Centre

(please call to confirm)

MONDAY: **Breathe and Stretch** with Vera 9 - 10 am
Carpet Bowling 7pm

TUESDAY: Yahk Kingsgate Recreation Society Meeting **2nd Tuesday** of Month for more information call Judy Dickson @250.424.5580, Theresa Vandergeest@250.424.5118, Dave St Germain@250.424.5596

WEDNESDAY: Yahk Kingsgate Volunteer Fire Dept. training @ 6pm this is at **the Fire Hall on Hwy. 95**
New Volunteers welcome call Tom Hollis @ 250.424.5579, Bob Hollis @ 250.424.5435, Bill Whitehouse @ 250.424.5583
Yahk Kingsgate Seniors meet at 1pm, @ the community hall new members welcome, for more information call Lee Rose @ 250.424.5043, Judy Dickson @ 250.424.5580

FRIDAY: **Breathe and Stretch** with Vera 9 - 10 am

SUNDAY: **Bingo**-every other Sunday @ 1:30 pm every other Sunday starting September 8, 2013 Call Don Russett @ 424-5378

HALL RENTAL CALL 250.424.5118 Jeff

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Newly revised website www.yahkkingsgate.com for latest calendar of events.

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND EVENTS COMING UP IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The first Thursday of each month a committee meets to make plans for events happening in the hall. Therefore the name of the committee is " Events Committee". We would love to have more people with good ideas to get involved. Please come out and attend these meetings and help us with planning future events... the meetings are held at 7:00 pm at the Community Hall in the Senior's Room.

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The Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society had their AGM on December 10th at the Community Hall. It seems that the community must be happy with what the present Board has accomplished in the past year as there was a small number in attendance. The following are on the Board now and the positions will be decided at the January 14th meeting - Dave St Germain and Judy Dickson who are finishing one more year of a two year term and elected to two year terms were Theresa Vandergeest, Lee Rose, Brian Eddy, Lin Gracewood and Marcia Eddy.

The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.



POT LUCK JAM SESSION
1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6PM
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FEB 1/MARCH 1/APRIL 5
EVERYONE WELCOME
MEET AND GREET NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY



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