

West Creston Community NEWSLETTER

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GET READY TO HOWL!!

This year's Halloween Dance promises to be an event not be missed!! Mark **Saturday, October 27th** on your calendar and start planning your attire. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. with music, supplied by **Robin Elliott**, starting at 8:00 p.m.. For those coming in costume, the judging starts at 8:30 (prizes for all sorts of categories). Goblin Goodies are being catered by **Annette's Kitchen**. All dance tickets will be put in the **Door Prize** draw for **An Introductory Flight** donated by **Kootenay Valley Helicopters** (thank you Wendell). Dance tickets will be on sale starting October 10th and can be purchased at either Mugwumps or Black Bear Books. Purchase your tickets **before October 20th** and receive the **Witches' Special Price** of \$10/ticket. Tickets purchased after that magic date will be sold at the **Devil's Price** of \$15/ticket. **Tickets must be purchased in advance** (tickets cannot be purchased at the door). If you have any questions, please contact Don Turner @ 428-4318.

CORN CRICKERS PICNIC

Great weather, great fun and great people = the 2007 Picnic! A big **THANK YOU** to Ted Yarema who, for the second year in a row, put together and organized this event. Many thanks to the group of volunteers who worked before, during and after the Picnic: phoning, setting up, donating pies & other items, cooking, cleaning up and generally pitching in to help out. Much appreciation to the local businesses that donated prizes for the races & contests. A standing "O" to Reney Ginter who had the grounds looking great and rebuilt the horseshoe pits just in time! The Picnic, Pie Auction and misc. draws brought in approximately \$1300 for our Community Hall.

What a great community we have! You can view picnic photos at www.geocities.com/westcreston.

MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS?

As noted in the last newsletter, volunteers are needed to organize events. Is there an event that you would like to see? Do you have ideas, questions, suggestions? If so, contact either Allen McLaren at 402-6624 or Cathy Robinson - 402-6576.

HALL RENTALS

Planning a company Christmas party, family event, wedding? Contact Maura @ 428-3555 or Jackie @ 428-7078 for information and bookings.

W.C. FIRE PROTECTION SOCIETY – A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the W.C.F.P.S. will be held on **Sunday, October 21st at 1:00** p.m. at the Community Hall. The Fire Society was incorporated in September 2004 and is a non-profit, charitable organization. In three short years the Society has been able to acquire a substantial amount of fire response equipment and training for volunteers. So far this year, the response volunteers have attended five call-outs.

The Emergency Call Out number is 402-9779.

New members are needed – not only for response, but also to assist with other activities such as fundraising, raising community awareness and general support. Membership dues are only \$10 per person. For more information you can call Jim at 428-8841 or log on to www.wcfiresociety.info.

TO BURN OR NOT TO BURN

Fall cleanup has begun and we are all anxious to be rid of those burn piles – **HOWEVER** – at the time of this Newsletter – there is still a burning ban in effect. West Creston is an unincorporated area, and as such, we are governed by B.C. Forestry regulations. You can check the all the rules & restrictions by logging onto the Fire Society's website and follow the link provided. Or log on to the BC Provincial website at www.bcwildfire.ca.

NEXT HALL MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the West Creston Community Hall Society is October 16th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Membership dues are only \$10 per family.

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Yield means **YIELD!!** A number of people have voiced concern and frustration with some drivers who completely disregard traffic signs. Most notably the yield signs on West Creston road as you approach Nick's Island Bridge. Note: vehicles travelling south over the bridge have the right of way, including those who are turning left towards Reclamation. The overgrowth of trees along the river make visibility difficult, so use caution and courtesy at this, and all intersections.

HALL OPERATING COST

A number of questions were asked following last month's Newsletter with respect to Hall expenditures. The "bare bones" cost of running the hall (insurance, heat, electrical, etc.) is approximately \$9,000 annually. Money for repairs, replacement and upgrades is not included in this amount. This year, the stoves in the Hall need to be replaced. A commercial gas stove has been ordered (\$3,500) & repairs are urgently required on the septic system.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

The West Creston Community Hall Society & Fire Society would like to thank the following Volunteers & Businesses for all their help with the 2007 Corn Crickers Picnic.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

**Richard & Bunty Allen
Ramona Betts
Karen Evans
Joan Furness
Rob Kambitz
Ric & Judy Little
Allen McLaren
Bryan Miller
Brian & Cathy Robinson
Bill & Jackie Ryckman
Ed & Linda Teague
Ted & Pat Yarema**

**Margaret Berg
Brenda Bruns
Steve & Karen Fischer
Allan & Joan Halvorson
Mike & Marge Kennedy
Dennise Marche
Jim & Lesley McLeod
Jerry Pirie
Donna Ryan
Joe Snopeck
Don Turner
Ed Vondracek**

A Volunteer Appreciation Bar-B-Q will be held on Sunday, October 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the Hall.

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Thank you to everyone who attended and took part in all the activities & auction.

SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR!!