

# WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## November 2008

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### **R.D.C.K. Election:**

Your opportunity to vote for the Area C Regional District Director is on November 15 at the West Creston Community Hall. Be sure to exercise your right to vote for the candidate of your choice.

### **Annual Christmas Tea:**

**Mark your calendar!** The popular annual community Christmas Tea will be held on December 13 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the West Creston Hall. Donations of baking are being requested for the community Christmas bake table. Here is your chance to share your favourite Christmas recipe and help raise funds for the Hall Society. If possible, please bring your donation to the Hall by 10:00 am.

### **Christmas Dinner:**

Take advantage of this opportunity to visit with friends and neighbours at the community Christmas spaghetti dinner to be held at the Hall on December 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. What a great opportunity to relax, visit and have someone else cook for you during a busy Christmas season. Admission is by donation.

### **West Creston Fire Protection Society:**

#### **2007/2008 Annual Report**

It has been an exceptional year for the fire society. We received funding from three different branches of the Provincial government for fire fighting equipment.

With the R.D.C.K.'s help, we managed to purchase a 1500 gallon tanker truck, from the Canyon Lister fire department. While grants from B.C. Direct Access and the Columbia Basin Trust, provided funding for two satellite 1<sup>st</sup> Response units.

The satellite units consist of a utility trailer fully equipped with water pump, hoses and a 300 gallon water tank. These units are situated at the north and south ends of West Creston. These will provide a quicker response time in getting water on a fire, while the other volunteer fire fighters come with the tanker trucks and equipment.

Twice a month the volunteers had fire practices, developing techniques and strategies for the best use of water supplies and dealing with different terrains.

We attended two fires this year; one on Nick's Island road and the second fire was on the corner of Smith and Simmons.

The fire society has met the equipment needs; with two water tanker trucks, and the two satellite units – now the need is more trained volunteers.

In February there will be two day S-100 fire fighting course, that will be FREE to West Creston Residents – please call Cathy at 402-6576 or Jim at 428-8841 - to reserve your spot.

**EMERGENCY FIRE PHONE:**  
250-402-9779

### **Community Website:**

Reminder: The community website contains information about the Community Hall Society, it's activities, and other useful information about hall rentals and the use of the community facilities. This website is intended to be a communication device providing ongoing information to Society members and the residents of the West Creston community. The link is [www.westcreston.info](http://www.westcreston.info).

### **West Creston Calendar:**

There are still some copies of the scenic 2009 West Creston Calendar on sale at Mugwumps and Black Bear Books. The price is \$20.00. A beautiful calendar would make a great Christmas gift for someone who has everything!