

WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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newsHall Floor Refinished:

Thank you to Laura and the volunteers who worked so diligently to resurface the hall floor. When attending functions at the hall, please take care while moving furniture.

West Creston Hall Society

Annual AGM:

The AGM for the West Creston Hall Society will be held on **Tuesday, April 3rd – 7:30pm.**

The hall is available for use by any community members. Belonging to the hall association enables members to have the opportunity to organize events of interest to you; such as yoga, crib tournaments, games evenings, dances, etc. A family membership is \$2.00. We are very fortunate (due to years of dedicated volunteers) to have such a lovely hall. Please come and support your community hall.

Annual Community

Garage Sale:

Mark your Calendar for the **Garage Sale . . . Saturday, June 9th at 9:00am at the West Creston Hall** sponsored by the Fire Protection Society. This is an opportunity to declutter your home. All proceeds to support the Fire Protection Society operating expenses. Donations can be dropped off at the Hall Friday, June 8th after 4:00 p.m. We are not able to accept donations of appliances, T.V.'s, computer

equipment. To arrange early pick up of donated items, please call Brian or Cathy at 250-402-6576.

St. Patrick's Day Breakfast at West Creston Hall:

Saturday, March 17th there will be a spring breakfast at the hall from 9:00 am – 11:00 am sponsored by the Fire Society. Come and enjoy a breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, coffee, tea and juice all for \$5.00. There will be information available on the fire society for your perusal. See you there!!

West Creston Fire Protection Society's Mandate:

The purpose of the society is to undertake the prevention and control of wild land/ urban interface fires for West Creston; that covers the area west of the Kootenay River and from the U.S. border to Summit Creek.

The main goal of the society is to provide community education about wild land/urban interface fire prevention.

In 2004, a few residents formed and registered The West Creston Fire Protection Society (W.C.F.P.S.) as a charitable society, with a mandate to protect our community

against the spread of wild urban interface fire.

Over a seven year period, the WCFPS, has grown from a hand full of volunteers with rakes and shovels; to a fire society with 27 volunteer responders, trained and certified in S-100 Wildfire Suppression.

Without taxation dollars, all firefighting equipment has been acquired through different grants, donations and volunteer fund raising.

Our inventory includes a fire suppression truck, a water tender truck, and two satellite trailers with water tanks; all units are equipped with manual fire fighting equipment, traffic and safety equipment. We also have an EMT wilderness first aid kit and an AED Defibrillator, plus 13 of our members are trained in occupational first aid, Level C CPR with AED Defibrillation.

Because the volunteer fire fighters do not have the proper protective gear or the specialized training for fighting house fires, we use a "surround and drown" technique, preventing the fire from spreading to the rest of the community.

West Creston's **fire emergency - call out** phone # 250-402-9779.

The first fire practice of 2012 will be March 20th, meet at the hall at 6:00 pm, newcomers welcome. The practices will be held the first

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and third Tuesday of each month
throughout fire season.