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spáqtan, January is the moon of whiteout



Happy New Year. Quintessential holiday card photo the morning after freezing rain and a spot of snow, above. Fintry Delta, December 27, 2021.

At right, the Waxing Gibbous Phase of the moon on December 27, with an illumination of 93%. This is the percentage of the moon illuminated by the Sun, which is why it's easier to see such detail. Photos courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith.



the westside
**ANNUAL READER'S
CHOICE AWARDS**

Thanks for voting!

**SEE ALL THE WINNERS
CENTREFOLD**



Early Christmas dinner for Red Squirrel. December 12, 2021. Photo courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith. Did you know? BC has four species of tree squirrels. They feed on seeds, nuts, acorns, tree buds, berries, leaves and twigs. Squirrels gather and store food for later. They help plant distribution by gathering and planting acorns and nuts. People may think they're helping squirrels by feeding them, but squirrels can easily find food on their own, even in town. Feeding squirrels may increase their chance of injury or death.

*“Be always at war with your vices,
at peace with your neighbours,
and let each New Year
find you a better person.”*

[Benjamin Franklin]

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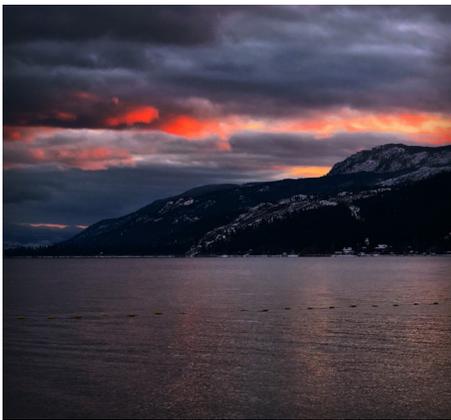
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Happy New Year



Spectacular colours captured in the late afternoon on the shortest day of the year, overlooking Okanagan Lake.

December 21, 2021. Photo courtesy of Sammie Hoffman.

letters to the editor

We welcome all letters and submissions. Preference given to concise submissions, maximum of 250 words and please stick to local issues. We do not accept or read anonymous letters, and may edit for length, legality, taste, grammar, content. Common sense will prevail in this plain language liability statement.

dear readers,

I hope this finds you well as can be in these difficult times.

Yet another extraordinary year has come to an end, with big changes for everyone. We are reminded to be more thankful and stand in gratitude towards those who have faced greater challenges, taken bigger risks and made a bigger difference.

Let's look ahead with optimism and hope, trusting the New Year will bring good things to us all.

The photos submitted this month are spectacular and will definitely lift your spirits, as they have mine. All of our photos are submitted by readers, including Sammie Hoffman whose May cover photo is the *Favourite Cover of the Year*, as voted in the annual Reader's Choice Awards.

For the first time in 5 years, pet pics is in second place for *Favourite Feature*. We congratulate and thank Dr. Davidicus Wong for his insightful and very readable Healthwise Column and *Favourite Feature*, as voted by readers. See page 21.

According to nearly 500 readers who voted this year, Healthwise, pet pics and Alice's puzzle pages are the favourite features in the paper. Keep sending in your pet pics and thank you very much to our anonymous sponsor for providing the quality puzzles. See page 13 for super cute pets and see the centrefold for this years *Reader's Choice* winners.

Wishing you good health, prosperity and peace.



katherine payne
writer. pet lover. volunteer.

As always, I'll look forward to your comments and if you'd like to see anything in particular, please let me know. Happy reading,

Rants & Raves

ALL RANTS are the opinion of the individual and do not reflect the opinions of THE WESTSIDE POST. The editor reserves the right to edit for good taste and otherwise, for clarity, brevity, so please keep it short and [bitter] sweet.



Did you know that Okanagan Lake is one of the largest but also one of the shallowest lakes in the province? As such, when we get a cold snap like this week the cold/dry air flows over the relatively warm/wet lake and evaporation will form cloud over the open water. December 27, 2021. Photos courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith.

RAVE 🐾 Thank you very much for taking the time and trouble to send in your comments. I read them all and they truly make my day. Katherine & Miss Betty

Here's a few from the last month: Thanks for *The Westside Post*, which you managed to pivot and keep going throughout the wildfire turmoil.

Thank you for all you do for the community. It wouldn't be the same without you.

Thank you for all you do for us all year long. We love the support and dedication you steadfastly provide and you know how much we LOVE The 'Post. Keep up the GREAT work, the wonderful spirit and snuggle Miss Betty and Lizzie for us. Here's to a much calmer peaceful 2022!

RANT >> none received.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
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Colour of the Year

Colour of the Year 2022: Very Peri

Every year, a colour is chosen as *Colour of the Year*. This year Very Peri was chosen and is featured in the masthead on our cover.

What is a Pantone colour and why do we use them?

When people talk about Pantone colours, usually they're referring to a colour specified in the Pantone Matching System, a proprietary, standardized colour system used to describe colours by an allocated number (eg "PMS 125"). Just like sample colour chips at the paint store but for print and computer display matching instead of your walls.

The Westside Post chooses a vibrant new Pantone colour every month so it's easy to identify a new issue. A big company like, say, McDonald's, uses a Pantone colour so that the yellow in their "golden M" is always the exact same.

THE FIRE

Where did the undergrowth go, did it perish in the fire of 2021?

We had lots of tiny flowers, red and blue, dandelions galore throughout the forest floor.

It's all charcoal now and empty and dark, the trees are burnt, pine needles too.

When you look down and see the ground below there is no grass or even a weed, then with each gust of wind more pine needles blanket the ground. No birds to sing, it's too quiet now.

So many homes, possessions, cars and trucks, were incinerated on that August night.

We all feel the sorrow, pain and anger it's caused, such a great loss to Killiney, Estamont and OKIB too, at least no human lives were lost. Our Little Kingdom perished along with the gas bar, no more bakery treats for a long time that's for sure!

Our fruit and vegetable gardens withered in that heat, along with sentimental treasures and items we thought we could keep.

We will get through this, you'll see! It takes patience, perseverance and we are a strong community.

So don't give up, it takes time to rebuild, the birds will return in the Spring, along with daffodils.

Please show kindness and love my friend and just remember this, that 2022 will bring healing and peace.

[submitted by longtime resident Karen Morris with good wishes to all, and may this poem brighten your spirits]

headline highlights from around the province & nation

headlines gathered over the last month from local and national papers, press releases, CBC and others

Provincial state of emergency extended

With multiple highways still damaged by flooding and mudslides, the Province is extending the provincial state of emergency until at least January 11.

New test for the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease

Canadians across the country now have access to a new test for the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, developed from the work of researchers at UBC's faculty of medicine.

The last private campground on Okanagan Lake has been sold

The Todd family sold the campground they owned for 66 years and expects the 4 acre beachfront parcel of land will be developed into an upscale resort.

Annual Christmas bird count

Almost 28,500 different birds belonging to 104 different species were spotted in Kelowna and surrounding areas. Rare species spotted included the Eared Grebe and hermit thrush.

Covid strategies difficult for students

A report by the Royal Society of Canada says that education disruptions during the pandemic have led to disengagement, declines in academic achievement and decreased credits.

Plants and microbes for oilsands

A University of Saskatchewan scientist is part of a team using a plant's microbes to clean up oilsands wastewater.

Red Cross taking over Emergency Support Services

Effective December 15, 2021, the Canadian Red Cross will provide continued Emergency Support Services (ESS) to evacuees impacted by the recent floods and extreme weather in British Columbia.

Drunk driver denied parole

A Saskatchewan woman convicted of a drunk driving accident that killed a family of four was denied parole.

Students help students with new mental health resource

Post-secondary students will be better equipped to help their peers struggling with mental health concerns, thanks to a new, free educational resource BC students helped design.

New shelter proposed to help Penticton's most vulnerable

The Province, through BC Housing, is proceeding with a proposal for a new temporary shelter that would provide a safe place to sleep for people staying in Penticton's Victory Church shelter after it closes in Spring 2022.

Many Saskatchewan farmers unable to fill grain contracts

The 2021 drought has had a devastating effect on some farmers, with 75% reported being unable to fulfill their 2021 grain contracts.

Remainder of World Juniors cancelled

The cancellation comes after a number of covid positive cases among the 10 teams in the tournament, which was being held in Alberta.

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wishing Merry Christmas and
a Prosperous New Year to all!*

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light despite all of the darkness."*

— Bishop Desmond Tutu, who died on Boxing Day

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where to find The Westside Post

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WESTSIDE

- **RED BOXES** along Westside Road near bulletin boards + main mailboxes
- community & fire halls
- Killiney Beach Library
- Westside waste transfer stations
- Trader's Cove Drive
- 1000 Westside Road
- Lake Okanagan Resort
- La Casa
- Spallumcheen Golf & Country
- O'Keefe Ranch

VERNON

- RATIO coffee shop • One Stop Wine Shop
- Home Building Centre 27 St
- Corner Optical • SPCA

KELOWNA – Bernard Street locations only:

- Mosaic Books • Bean Scene • Safeway
- RDCO on KLO Road • SPCA

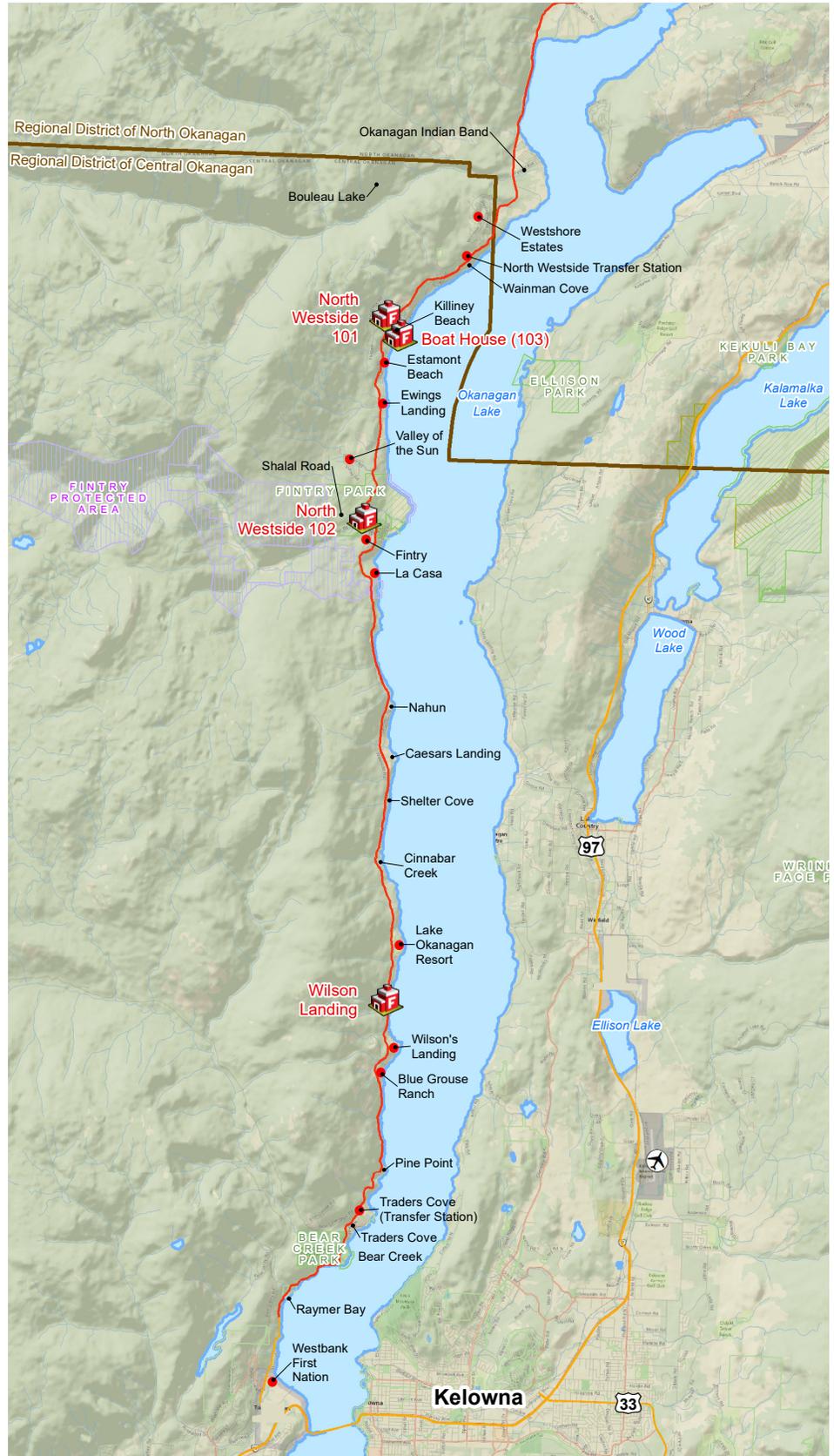
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– thanks to Dave Orlando at RDCO –
map update underway



news & notes from around the district

the Regional District of Central Okanagan encompasses over 314,000 hectares of diverse topography straddling the shoreline of Okanagan Lake

Crime Stoppers 35th anniversary serving the Central Okanagan

In 1987, a group of community minded residents came together to bring the global crime-fighting program to our region. Their vision: to see citizens with information on criminal activity come forward in a totally anonymous manner to help police solve crimes, making the community safer.

impressive statistics

- received over 30,400 anonymous tips
 - almost 3,000 arrests
 - cleared almost 4,000 cases
1. recovered close to \$100M in cash, weapons, stolen property and drugs

Crime Stoppers is a unique partnership involving the media which publicizes unsolved crimes – citizens provide

anonymous tips (1.800.222.8477) that can help RCMP investigations resulting in charges and arrests.

In the Central Okanagan, volunteers serve on the Board of the non-profit Crime Stoppers Society which helps raise funds to pay rewards.

The RDCO provides staff and office space to coordinate the program, working to publicize crimes and receive anonymous tip information for police.

Learn more about Crime Stoppers and how you might become involved or donate at: crimestoppers.net



What? Is there something on my face?

Photo courtesy of Sammie Hoffman.

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WFN news highlights

Westbank First Nation is one of eight First Nation communities that comprise the Okanagan Nation. The syilx traditional territories extend from the south central interior of British Columbia to north central Washington State. The syilx are a division of the Interior Salish and speak the nsyilxcen language.

Home Owner Grant date extended

Under this WFN Council Resolution Property Tax Department will be empowered to extend the date of applications for Home Owner Grants for the taxation year 2021 from December 31, 2021 to January 5, 2022.

2021 Development projects

1. Intersection improvement: reconfiguration of Elk Road at Carrington Road to an "all way" stop
2. Sidewalk Project: Louie Drive and Old Okanagan Highway
3. Sidewalk Project: Old Okanagan Highway from Bayview Drive to connect through Hawks Landing to Talon Drive
4. Community Core Improvements: traffic flow, parking, lighting, and landscape works in the community core area near the WFN Community Services Building, s̓nsisyust̓n School and Youth Centre

Masks mandatory at WFN buildings

Reminder that a non-medical mask or face covering is required to be worn in all WFN operated spaces and facilities.



Get more details about these and other stories at: wfn.ca/news



Country living, Fintry Delta. December 12, 2021. Photo courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith.

Love, peace and abundance to all

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Old Farmer's Almanac

LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST JANUARY 2022

Jan 1-6	Periods of rain and snow coast, snow showers inland; cold
Jan 7-12	Snow showers north, rainy periods south; mild
Jan 13-23	Sunny; mild north, cold south
Jan 24-31	Showers, mild coast; sunny, cold inland
January	temperature 0°C (1°C below avg.) precipitation 185mm (15mm below avg.)

Annual Weather Summary November 2021 to October 2022

Winter will be warmer and drier than normal, with below-normal snowfall. The coldest period will be from late December into early January, with the snowiest periods in late November, late December, and early January. April and May will have near-normal temperatures and be rainier than normal. Summer will be warmer and rainier than normal, with the hottest periods in mid and late July and from early to mid August. September and October will have near-normal temperatures and be rainier than normal.

Governance and Services Study

The blueprint that will guide the *Governance and Services Study* for North Westside communities has been approved by the RDCO Board.

The *Terms of Reference* was developed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs which provided \$60K to the RDCO to undertake the study.

While not an incorporation study, the Ministry says the *Governance and Services Study* will build on the findings of the *2017 North Westside Services and Community Issues Review*.

It's anticipated that an experienced, independent consultant will work with a study committee to engage with the North Westside communities, identifying issues and concerns and possible options to address them within the governance framework.

On the recommendation of Central Okanagan West Director Wayne Carson, it's hoped the Regional Board will approve committee membership in early January.

The study is expected to present a final report by Sept. 30, 2022. Information about the study will be available at: rdco.com/nwcommittee

RDCO Financial Plan

Work is underway as the Regional District prepares its annual budget and 5-year Financial Plan.

As we move closer to the first presentation of the preliminary 2022-2026 Financial Plan to the Regional Board at its February 17 meeting, information will be available at: rdco.com/budget

This is where you will find links to the latest budget documents and an opportunity to provide email feedback to the Board.

In person opportunities to comment to the Board remain unavailable due to public health regulations.

Any email feedback received by March 1 will be provided at either the February 17 or March 10 meetings. Each meeting begins at 8:30 am.

All Board meetings may be viewed once they begin with a link to the livestream at: rdco.com/agenda

If you're unable to view the meeting as it happens, a recording is also available usually within a day.



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Wintery day along Westside Road North. December 21, 2021. Photo courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith.

Energy Step Code survey

A short, online survey is available to help the Regional District gauge awareness about the BC Energy Step Code.

Anyone considering a new construction project in the Central Okanagan East and Central Okanagan West electoral areas is encouraged to complete a short online questionnaire.

The survey link and information about the Energy Step Code program and rebates is available at: rdco.com/building

The information received will help the RDCO offer educational programs and tools for residents and the construction sector as it moves toward implementing the Step Code.

The BC Energy Step Code encourages graduated levels of measurable energy efficiency requirements for new construction. It's being adopted by many local governments to help achieve the Provincial government goal of net zero energy ready buildings by 2032.

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Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

From the Okanagan Indian Band Chief, Council and Staff

Season's Greetings from your RDCO

The Regional District of Central Okanagan is open
Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - We're closed from Dec. 25 to Jan. 2 for the holidays

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RDCO Board meeting highlights: from December 6

Governance & Services Study

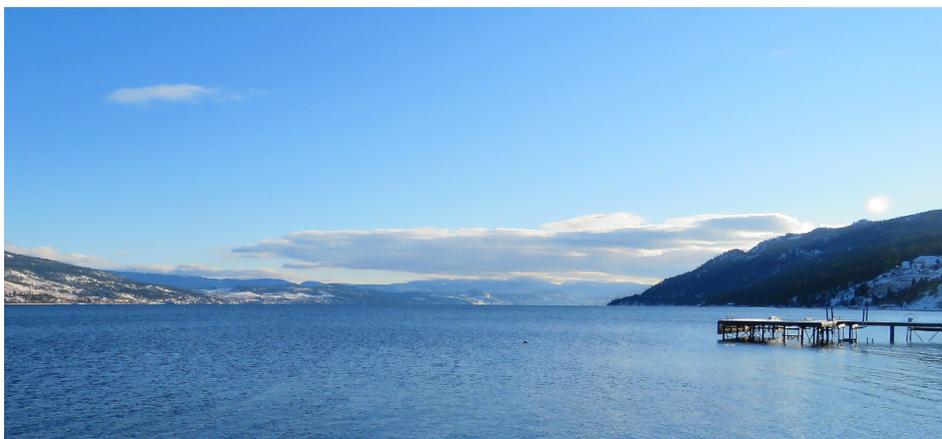
The Board approved the Ministry of Municipal Affairs *Terms of Reference* to guide a governance and services study for Central Okanagan West with an emphasis on North Westside communities.

A *Request for Proposal* will be developed to contract an experienced, independent consultant to help the committee facilitate community involvement and provide a completed report by the end of September 2022.

The Ministry has provided a \$60K grant to fund this work. See page 9 and 12 for additional details.

Biomass inventory study

The Board has received an update on a high-level Okanagan valley-wide study into biomass inventories and management. Biomass is plant or animal material in the waste stream that can be used as fuel or to generate energy. Funded by the RDCO and Okanagan Sustainability Leadership Council, the *Biomass Inventory Study* indicates significant quantities of plant or animal waste are generated from growing industry sectors and local governments. Further research will be needed to determine whether better management and the use of biomass materials would support greenhouse gas emission reductions through renewable natural gas production and other potential bioproducts.



The view from Fintry Delta. December 21, 2021. Photo courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith.

Financial Plan guidelines adopted

The Regional Board has approved guidelines that along with its Strategic Priorities will be used by staff to develop the 2022-2026 Financial Plan. The guidelines establish how management will address:

- core service levels
 - new programs and services
 - inflation adjustments
1. increases in market costs in developing the RDCO budget

See page 9 for more details.

Highlights from the Regional Board meetings are included here as space allows and are available from the Regional District, usually within a day. Get more details and/or audio of any of these meetings from the RDCO at rdco.com/board or on Wayne Carson's website: waynecarson.ca

next RDCO meetings

- Thursday, January 13 at 8:30 am
- Monday, January 24 at 7 pm

Meetings take place at the Regional District office at 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Boardroom).



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wayne's world: working for you

Regional Director for Central Okanagan West discusses ideas and issues from around the electoral area



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**THANK YOU
WAYNE CARSON
READER'S CHOICE
AWARD WINNER**



Favourite Elected
Official

Happy New Year! Here's hoping 2022 works out better for all of us!

As we head into the New Year the RDCO will be working on forming a Governance Committee for the North Westside. There will be public information opportunities and advertising for interested residents to apply for a position on the committee. The committee will explore governance options that may be better suited to addressing the concerns expressed in the *2017 Services & Issues Review* and community town forum meetings. If you would like to serve your community and are willing to make a time commitment please watch for this announcement and apply as directed. Information will be posted on the RDCO web site, through the NWCA, in this paper and on my website at: waynecarson.ca

Road conditions are always an issue with residents, especially in winter. The roads are the responsibility of the Province in electoral areas, not the RDCO – this is different than “in town” where municipalities are responsible for their own local roads. In the North Westside our roads are the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) Vernon Office and the contract is with AIM Roads out of the North Okanagan Regional District (NORD). The rest of the electoral areas within Central Okanagan West

(and East) are the responsibility of the Kelowna MOTI Office and is covered by AIM but a total separate contract, management, equipment and operators than the North Westside.

This has been an ongoing problem for years. The RDCO is our governing body but has no working relationship or contacts with the people that are responsible for both Westside Road (Caesars Landing North to Vernon) as well as all the interior roads in North Westside and OKIB – that is discussed at the NORD Board table.

The RDCO has announced a new acting fire chief for the North Westside Fire/Rescue Department. Captain Nic Cantryn has been promoted to the role of acting chief after Alex Van Bruksvoort was released from the fire chief position through a mutual agreement with the RDCO during his probationary period. I would like to thank Alex for his time serving our community and wish him success with future endeavours. **Congratulations and all the best in 2022 to Chief Nic Cantryn and the entire NWFR crew!**

*Wishing you a
Happy & Prosperous 2022!*

If you have any questions or concerns beyond the information mentioned above, I can be reached at: wayne.carson@rdco.com

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westside pet pics – #2 favourite feature in our annual Reader's Choice Awards – enjoy!

Happy "tails"



Across our province, so many animals are in a safe and loving home for the holidays thanks to those of you who adopted a pet in need. Please take a moment to enjoy the sweet "tails" and adorable pictures of **Tarte, Billy and Vincent** - 3 beautiful pets for whom 2021 was their best Christmas yet when they were adopted by a fur-ever family.



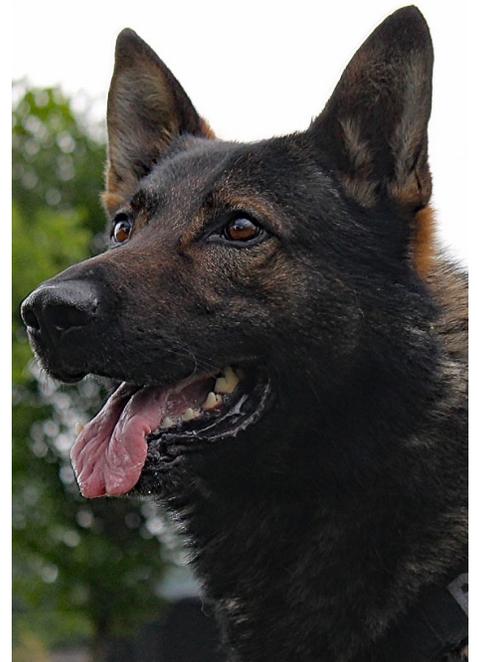
Ruby and Rosy, both about 6 months old. "I have been fostering dogs for the SPCA for the past 6 months and recently, these 2 little girls adopted me! I hope Miss Betty has a Merry Christmas, too." Cheers, Kari



A cute Christmas kitten going crazy in the decorations! Submitted by Gisele.



DID YOU KNOW you can donate your empties to the SPCA and make a huge difference for the animals? **No need to sort, drop-off 8 – 4, Tuesday – Saturday** or leave at donation hut near the gates.



Jak, Police Service Dog, is 5 1/2 years old. He and his handler have been together since he was 7 weeks old and they have been working operationally for the past 3.5 years. Thank you for your service!

Thanks to all our pets for making our lives better and helping us get through these difficult times.



Miss Betty, 7, is our Delivery Assistant and Complaints Manager, seen here with her "listening ear" on!

Send in your favourite pet pics by the 24th: westsidepost@icloud.com

ANNUAL READER'S CHOICE AWARDS 2021 WINNERS

**#1 Favourite Cover of the Year.**

May 2021, with spectacular photo courtesy of Sammie Hoffman.

Congratulations!

You've earned your place in our annual *Reader's Choice Awards* through your good reputation and excellent service to your customers and our readers. To your good work and great service – **thank you very much and well done!**

favourite features in The 'Post

1. *Healthwise* column by Dr. Davidicus Wong – see page 21
2. Pet pics! see page 13
3. Alice's puzzle pages – see pages 24,25

favourite local personality

1. Miss Betty – 47%
2. Regional Director Wayne Carson
3. Katherine Payne, editor of this paper

favourite elected official

1. Regional Director Wayne Carson
2. Mayor Colin Basran
3. Chief Byron Louis

best coffee shop

1. RATIO Cafe & Bakery Vernon – by a mile, with 75%
2. Bean Scene Vernon
3. Bean Scene Kelowna Downtown

best cheese buns

1. Save-on Foods Village Green
2. Sweet Caroline's
3. Okanagan Bake House

best donuts

1. RATIO Cafe - 46% of votes
2. Sweet Caroline's
3. Okanagan Bake House

best pizza

1. Canadian 2-for-1 – by a mile, with 56%
2. Nicolas & Maria's
3. JJs Armstrong

best bakery

1. RATIO Cafe & Bakery Vernon
2. Sweet Caroline's
3. Little Kingdom

best burger

1. Alexander's Pub
2. Central Kitchen + Bar
3. Burger Baron Kelowna

best food truck

1. On the Way Food Truck & Patio – by a mile with 67%
2. Rez Stop Food Truck & Catering
3. Bannock Slap

best drug store

1. Shopper's Drug Mart Vernon 27 Street – 47%
2. London Drugs Vernon
3. Shopper's Drug Mart Westbank

best grocery store

1. Save-on Foods Village Green
2. Superstore Vernon
3. Butcher Boys

best hardware

1. Home Building Centre Vernon 27 Street – by a mile, with 57%
2. Fisher's Home Hardware
3. Princess Auto Kelowna

best pet supply store

1. PetSmart Kelowna
2. Paw Street Market
3. Bosley's Polson Mall

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favourite women's clothing

1. Casabella
2. The Wardrobe Boutique
3. Wearabouts Vernon

best tire shop

1. KalTire Westbank – by a mile, with 60%
2. KalTire on Kal Lake Road
3. Big O Tire Westbank

best barber

1. The Gentlemen's Shop & Shave Parlour – by a mile, with 50%
2. Country Squire Barbers & Stylists
3. Plan B Barbershop & Salon

best stylist

1. Renée, The Hair Loft – by a mile, with 58%
2. Kim, The Colour Room
3. Stephanie, The Colour Room

best aesthetics

1. Laura, Just for You Salon – by a mile, with 62%
2. Emma's Aesthetics & Nails
3. The Finishing Touch

best vet

1. Creekside Animal Hospital
2. Dr. Oz at Rose Valley Vet Hospital
3. Armstrong Vet Clinic

best trades / contractors / reno

1. TNJ Plumbing & Heating
2. Watson Brothers Excavating
3. Ace Roofing

best tree care

1. Full Throttle Tree Services – by a mile, with 52%
2. Super Green
3. my husband!

best cleaning service

1. Molly Maid Kelowna
2. Onside Restoration
3. Mike's Window Cleaning

best disaster recovery service

1. Onside Restoration – by a mile, with 59%
2. Total Restoration
3. Okanagan Restoration

favourite real estate agent

1. Joanne Borowsky Re/Max
2. Camille Steele Royal LePage
3. Jerhett Schafer Royal LePage

favourite Westside neighbourhood

1. Killiney Beach – 45%
2. Wilson's Landing
3. Fintry

best campground

1. Fintry – by a mile, with 73%
2. Bear Creek
3. Evelyn Rec Site

best beach

1. Killiney Beach
2. Kalamoir Beach Park
3. Fintry



Miss Betty, Favourite Westside Personality and an excellent Delivery Assistant & Complaints Manager. Seen here wearing her mask, albeit around her neck ... thank you Westside!

favourite winery

1. Gray Monk
2. Summerhill
3. Quails Gate

best cannabis supplier

1. Dutch Love
2. Spiritleaf
3. Timix™ Wellness

favourite ski hill

1. Silver Star – by a mile, with 88%
2. Big White
3. Apex

favourite golf course

1. Two Eagles Golf Course
2. Predator Ridge
3. Kelowna Golf & Country

favourite charity

1. BCSPCA
2. Paws It Forward Dog Rescue
3. Central Okanagan Hospice

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your local history: first rink curling team

by reader request, this history series by local writer Shannon Jorgenson features profiles of people and places along and around historic Westside Road.



The curling team at the first rink, 1924.

Photo courtesy Fintry Archives.

*If we travelled
to a bonspiel we were
compensated at
full wages and equal
time off ...*

The Friends of Fintry is a non-profit society dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of the Fintry Estate. For more info or to become a member:
info@fintry.ca

The love of curling was one of the many things James Cameron Dun-Waters brought to Fintry from his native Scotland.

The winter of his wife Alice's death, Dun-Waters began spending less time on hunting expeditions. Instead, he took up curling – a sport he'd enjoyed in Scotland.

He built his first rink at Burnside in 1924 by blocking off the mouth of Shorts' Creek and diverting water onto a level spot of ground.

The next year a proper two-sheet rink was built behind the barns near the blacksmith shop. It was roofed and had electric lights for curling well into the evening. All the men working at Fintry were, or quickly became, keen ice curlers. Dun-Waters was an avid curler and story has it he asked any new men being hired if "they had any skill with the broom."

Art Harrop remembers, "That's where I learned to curl. When we used to go out, I was the lead and had to do all the sweeping. Geordie Stuart was 3rd,

Angus (Gray) was 2nd. If we travelled to a bonspiel we were compensated at full wages and equal time off – Dun-Waters took the game seriously."

Fintry had a Home team and an Away team. Over many years, Dun-Waters would take his team to curling matches throughout the valley, challenging locals with his travelling rink. The competitive circuit included Vernon, Armstrong, Salmon Arm, Enderby, Revelstoke, Kelowna and sometimes Penticton. Dun-Waters helped form the Armstrong Curling Club and presided at the official opening February 10, 1931. He participated in every Canadian Pacific curling bonspiel in Vancouver from 1932 until his death and was named Honorary Life Member of the Vancouver Curling Club.

It was at a curling practice that Angus Gray pinned the nickname *Laird* on Dun-Waters. One winter day, the men were waiting at the rink for Dun-Waters to arrive in his usual Scottish tam and tweed breeches. Gray watched while Dun-Waters strolled over and then paused to enjoy the view. It struck Gray that he looked like an old-time Scottish Laird surveying his property, and he called out "Aye lads, here comes the Laird of Fintry". The nickname stuck.

At the Fintry Estate, we have a number of Dun-Waters' curling items in the collections – his rocks, numerous photographs and the certificate of his Honorary Life Membership in the Vancouver Curling Club. A curling trophy, now at the Vernon Curling Club, was presented to Dun-Waters on the occasion of his marriage in 1888 by his home club – the Scottish Fintry Curling Club.

Dun-Waters in turn presented and donated curling trophies locally, including the Challenge Cup, which stayed with each winning team.

WHAT'S ON – community groups & other cool stuff like the library

announcements • community groups • events • library news • word of the month

groups & events

Alcoholics Anonymous

Are you looking for community support? Join an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Anyone who thinks they may have a problem with their drinking is welcome. Tuesday nights, 7:30 – 8:30 pm, at the Killiney Beach Community Hall, 516 Udell Road. Please contact Joe for more information at: 403.630.7458

Fintry Manor House & Barn

Closed for the season. Visit us online for virtual tours, to join or volunteer: fintry.ca or info@fintry.ca

Moms n' Muffins

On hiatus. For more info or to volunteer: Ona: 250.260.6642

Senior Citizens Association of Killiney Beach

We are pleased to restart the weekly **Wednesday Potluck Lunches** on January 12, Killiney Beach Community Hall at noon, with covid protocols. *Everyone is welcome and we welcome new faces!* Contact: Wayne 250.545.2460

Westside Community Church

Sunday Services at 10 am. *Don't be a stranger, everyone welcome.* For more info, call the office: 250.558.1516

Westside Senior Citizens Service Association Activity Centre

On hiatus. To get involved with your community or find new recreation activities, get in touch with us. *Everyone welcome!* Office: 250.768.4004.

Westside Wolfpack Soccer

On hiatus until Spring. More info or to volunteer: Coach Mike 250.309.3692

Westside Community Library

The library is open. We invite you to visit the library beside the Killiney Beach Hall, just off Westside Road.

Address: 516 Udell Road. Public health protocols in place. We have books for adults, young adults, youth & children, plus audiobooks and DVDs.

weekly hours: Mon. 6 – 8 pm; Wed. 11 am – 1 pm; Sat. 1 – 3 pm with kids crafts, activities and story time.

Everyone is welcome at the library.

We are wheelchair accessible. Find us on FaceBook @NWLibrary or for more info: Andrea library@nwcaonline.ca

TRANSFER STATIONS HOURS

North Westside
Monday, Wednesday, Sunday
8 am – noon

Saturday 8 am – 4 pm

Traders Cove
Wednesday 6:30 – 10:30 am

Saturday and Sunday
9 am – 1 pm

*closed New Years Day

“There is no friend
as loyal as a book.”

Ernest Hemingway

word/phrase of the month

Way ǵast spúta?

commonly understood as
Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays

more literal translation
Happy celebration / Happy gathering
/ It's good to gather

everyday usage example
ǵast wikntsn, way ǵast spúta?
It is good for me to see you, happy
celebration / Christmas / holidays

puzzle solution for this month

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GET ON THE LIST

To have your community group or event included, send an email by the 24th to: westsidepost@icloud.com



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2022 - 2023 School Year (for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Online applications begin on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 7:00 am,

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.

Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 18, 2022

HOW TO APPLY

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school and they will assist you with the online application.

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only, no paper enrollment is available. You are required to have a valid email account.*

Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school by email by **Friday, March 18, 2022**.

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows.
3. **Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, September 1, 2022

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2022 to qualify for school enrollment in September 2022. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.



Annual Senior's Christmas Dinner at the Killiney Beach Hall, December 11, 2021.

Well-attended and with public health protocols in place, 47 people were welcomed to this popular annual event. Doors opened at 5 pm, with dinner at 6 pm. Santa, gift exchange, entertainment, a lovely evening.

THANKS VERY MUCH TO: Wayne Nixon for pulling it all together! To Fritz for entertaining us with his wonderful guitar music and singing. To Loann MacKillop for organizing the meal preparation.







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French Immersion Information Open Houses for Kindergarten 2022 - 2023



Parents interested in the **French Immersion Program for Kindergarten** are invited to sign up for any of the virtual information sessions below
To register for any of the information sessions, please contact the school of your choice.

École Dorothea Walker Elementary	Wednesday, January 19	12:00pm	250-870-5138
École Belgo Elementary	Thursday, January 27	4:30pm	250-870-5115
École Peter Greer Elementary	Tuesday, January 11	5:30pm	250-870-5129
École Casorso Elementary	Tuesday, January 18	4:00pm - 5:00pm	250-870-5135
École Glenmore Elementary	Thursday, January 27	12:30pm	250-870-5136
École George Pringle Elementary	Thursday, January 27	6pm - 7pm	250-870-5103

**ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR
WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022 AT 7:00 AM**

Central Okanagan Public Schools

<https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

If you require additional information, please contact 250.860.8888

www.sd23.bc.ca

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star gazing: horoscope

Heather Zais, a psychic since birth, is internationally recognized and featured regularly online and in print. She has taught and lectured in schools, colleges and institutes and has clients around the world. Her usual feature will return soon.

healthwise: how the pandemic has strained our relationships

by reader request, popular Healthwise column by Davidicus Wong MD

This is the season most families and friends gather to celebrate their relationships and hopes for the New Year.

But for many of us, it is a stressful and sad time, missing loved ones who are no longer with us.

2021 has been especially devastating for those who have survived the serial disasters of the pandemic, heat wave, wild fires and floods and lost family and friends.

And more than in any other year, these holiday gatherings are sure to bring more than the usual seasonal mixture of emotions.

When I encounter difficult people, I remind myself that I only have to interact with them for a short time, and when someone is especially prickly, I recognize that their behaviour comes from a place of suffering; those who live with them are suffering!

But what if that prickly person is a coworker or relative? What can you do to not only survive but get along and not engage in an argument day after day in the workplace or hours on end at holiday gatherings.

Diverse opinions on vaccinations, masking and other public health measures have polarized many families. These have been added to the usual touchy topics of sex, politics and religion we tend to sidestep to avoid conflict at social events.

However, they are topics we can't avoid. Individuals vary greatly in their levels of safety and comfort, and we ought to ensure that when we gather, we respect not only others' opinions but their need to feel safe.

So, if you are planning to attend the first holiday gatherings during this pandemic, you have a right to know who is fully vaccinated and that no one attending has had recent exposure or possible symptoms of covid.

Here are a few practical perspectives to move conversations toward dialogue rather than arguments:

1. Though we live in the same world, we see it in unique ways. We have individual world views – mental frameworks with core beliefs about how the world works. Much of the time, even with coworkers, classmates, friends and relatives, we assume they are seeing the world the same way and are surprised at their take on a situation and how they make decisions.
2. People can change their core beliefs over time based on their unique experiences. This can happen unconsciously.
3. Most of us have a habitual way of relating to others we have known a long time. We don't recognize how their individual beliefs have evolved over time. We might recognize this growth mindset in ourselves as we learn from experience, but we continue to fall into stereotypical patterns of behaviour when interacting with others based on a simplified unchanging caricature of who they are. This often leads to the same old arguments at family gatherings.
4. In our conversations, we ought to listen to understand what the other is feeling and thinking. Listening only to think about what you are going to say next leads to the other feeling unheard – and ultimately ill will and disagreement.



Dr. Davidicus Wong is a family physician. His Healthwise column appears regularly

in this paper. For more on achieving your positive potential in health, read his blog: davidicuswong.wordpress.com

5. The ancient Greek and Roman Stoics used Negative Visualization to appreciate what we have – including our friends and relatives. Imagine if through illness or disaster they were no longer part of your life. How would you feel? How does this inform how you now respond to them?

We might recognize this growth mindset in ourselves as we learn from experience, but we continue to fall into stereotypical patterns of behaviour when interacting with others ...

**THANK YOU
DR. DAVIDICUS WONG
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Healthwise Column
Favourite Feature

Okanagan real estate market very strong – latest numbers from local experts

market updates and trends from realtors who live and work on the Westside

“Buy land, they’re not making it anymore.”

Ernest Hemingway

Happy New Year!

Cheers to a far less dramatic and traumatizing 2022. Here is a snapshot of the current activity in the North and Central Okanagan. Main points: inventory and days on market are down, meaning there is less to buy and what is on the market, is selling faster. This has affected the sales volume for both districts. This typically is a slower time of year.

Please keep in mind these numbers encompass all types of properties, from lots to waterfront and everything in between. Latest stats include both Central and North Okanagan, as at end of November 2021 (the most recent available):

Inventory: down 38% in Central Okanagan and 34% for the North

Days on market: down 42% for Central Okanagan and 37% for the North

Sales Volume for this year – Central Okanagan \$499,756,270 up 6%

this time last year	\$470,922,271
units listed	this year: 653 – down < 1%
	last year: 658
units sold	this year: 592 – down 14%
	last year: 692

Sales Volume for this year – North Okanagan \$150,392,799 up 32%

this time last year	\$114,369,142
units listed	this year: 222 – up 14%
	last year: 194
units sold	this year: 229 – up 7%
	last year: 215

Wishing you and yours Happy New Year and all the best in 2022.

Latest stats provided courtesy of the SaltFowler Team. Joanne Borowsky is a Westside resident, realtor and feature contributor to The Westside Post. She can be reached at 236.599.0512 or joanne@saltfowler.com

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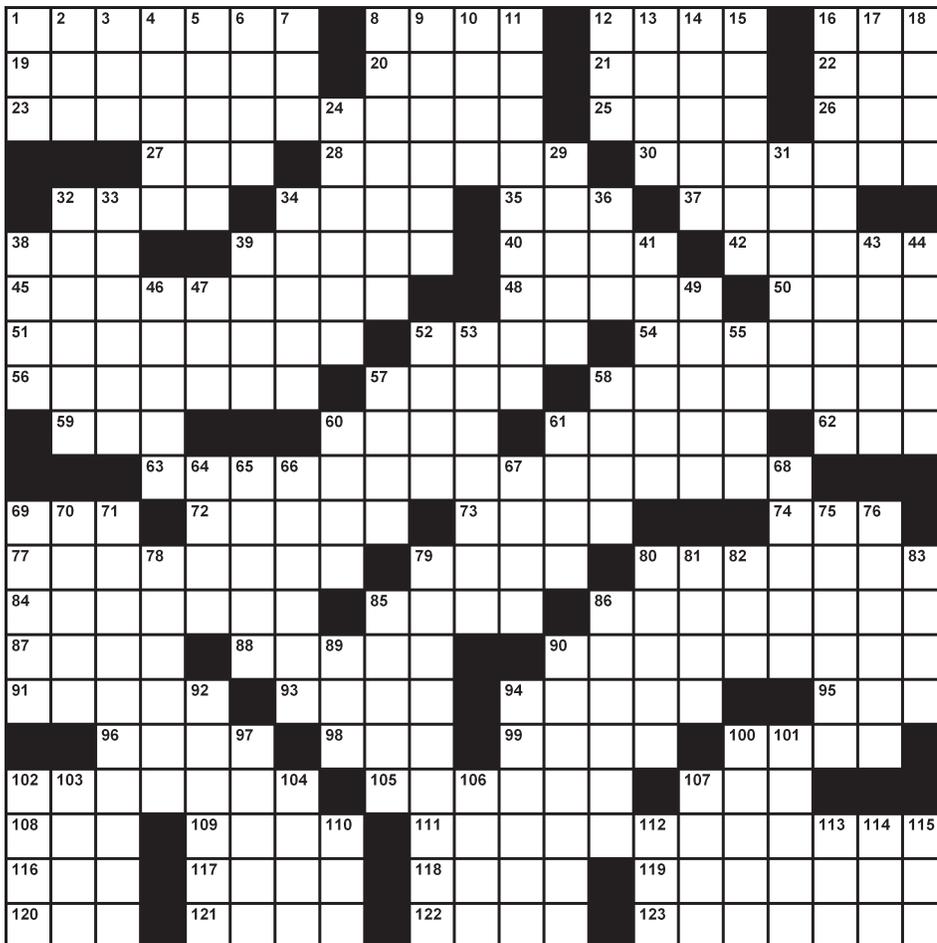
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Alice's puzzle pages

CUSTOM PUZZLE for The Westside Post – Happy New Year!
 Universal Sunday Crossword – release date: DECEMBER 29, 2021



ACROSS

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| 1 Placed in the wrong spot | 38 Comfy spot to eat breakfast | 69 Sucky appliance, for short? |
| 8 Bone-dry | 39 Tycoon | 72 Large collection |
| 12 Pasta that's often baked | 40 Observe Ramadan | 73 Person in a queue, maybe |
| 16 Chum | 42 1990s commerce pact | 74 Mature |
| 19 Word before "fair" or "museum" | 45 Overhaul an almanac? | 77 Smokers' receptacles |
| 20 Thor's brother | 48 Beneath | 79 Pigmented eye part |
| 21 Dutch cheese | 50 Pencil filler | 80 High-ranking officer |
| 22 Arroz ___ cubana | 51 Test results that might earn college credits | 84 Sit unused |
| 23 Look for guidance in the works of Aesop? | 52 "The ___ of Amontillado" | 85 ___, Crackle and Pop |
| 25 What an IOU signifies | 54 Blue Jays' home | 86 "Let's get a move on!" |
| 26 Blouse or cami, e.g. | 56 Small sofas | 87 Biblical garden |
| 27 Lion's home | 57 Seals' rhyming prey | 88 Benjamin of "Law & Order" |
| 28 Purple flowers | 58 Dessert that often has melon | 90 Seismology concern around a Nevada gambling city? |
| 30 Special things | 59 Buck's mate | 91 Glossary items |
| 32 Big Mouth Billy ___ | 60 Sudden loud sound | 93 "Get outta here!" |
| 34 TV host Jay | 61 Top-tier celebs | 94 Bombards |
| 35 Bird often depicted with Athena | 62 First-aid pro | 95 Guitar maker Paul |
| 37 Creme-filled cookie | 63 Rough-and-ready nun? | 96 Pet food brand |

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| 99 Punching tools |
| 100 Poet and filmmaker Thylis |
| 102 Bakery hybrids |
| 105 Red wine grape |
| 107 Toothpaste tube top |
| 108 Dunderhead |
| 109 Becomes putrid |
| 111 Fashion group into vintage clothing? |
| 116 OPEC's concern |
| 117 Bug biting a dog |
| 118 Velma from "Scooby-Doo," e.g. |
| 119 Based on theoretical deduction |
| 120 Paper towel layer |
| 121 Stitched together |
| 122 The ___ the limit |
| 123 When a night light goes out? |
| DOWN |
| 1 Denver winter hours (Abbr.) |
| 2 Post-E.R. place, maybe |
| 3 Respectful title |
| 4 Gives temporarily |
| 5 Pot growers? |
| 6 Legendary person |
| 7 "Certainly," for short |
| 8 Rats with red eyes |
| 9 Deodorant type |
| 10 Furniture giant |
| 11 Big commotion about a '70s dance fad? |
| 12 Last letter in Canada? |
| 13 Picked from a lineup, briefly |
| 14 Culturally forbidden |
| 15 "This is a tough call" |
| 16 Barrier around a barbecue area? |
| 17 Moisturizer ingredient |
| 18 Seats for kitties, sometimes |
| 24 Phone notifications |
| 29 Hilarious of "Fatale" |
| 31 Fanatical enthusiast |
| 32 Paged |
| 33 Builds on |
| 34 Shoestrings |
| 36 Psychedelic drug |
| 38 Some TomboyX garments |
| 39 Like Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard |
| 41 Video game inspired by pentomino puzzles |
| 43 Jazz pianist Art |
| 44 Take in |
| 46 Santa's reindeer, e.g. |
| 47 Rival |
| 49 Cause to stir |
| 52 Small change? |
| 53 "Solve for x" subject |



- 55 Seijin no Hi or quinceanera, e.g.
- 57 "Piece of cake!"
- 58 Dart
- 60 Partiality
- 61 Thrift store caveat
- 64 Novelist Jesmyn
- 65 Toothbrush brand
- 66 McDonald's fixtures
- 67 Sound from a leaky faucet
- 68 Follower of an Afrocentric religion
- 69 Employee with a Civic duty, perhaps?
- 70 Line spoken to the audience
- 71 "Farewell, you pesky little insect!?"
- 75 Evil spirits
- 76 Philly's NFL team
- 78 "If I Only Had a Heart" singer
- 79 Digging plants with fronds?
- 80 Altoids and others
- 81 Famous ___ cookies
- 82 Yellow flag tosser
- 83 Places to park
- 85 Event with lightning, often
- 86 Share with, like a story
- 89 "I've finally got it!"
- 90 Puts another way
- 92 Blue cartoon characters
- 94 Trivial
- 97 Took without asking
- 100 Large-scale
- 101 Choose to join
- 102 Home with multiple layers?
- 103 Part of a train track
- 104 Ragout or maafe, e.g.
- 106 Stink to high heaven
- 107 Guitar accessory
- 110 Japanese honorific
- 112 Kin, for short
- 113 Siri runs on it
- 114 Catan resource
- 115 Petty criticism

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	2				3	5		
7				5				8
		1	6				3	
9			3	4		8		1
			1			6		5
		2	5		6		9	

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

			4	9	2		3	
		3				7		2
				3	7	1		5
	3	9						8
8				1				4
7						5	6	
9		7	6	2				
3		1				6		
	2		9	4	1			

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

about Sudoku

Sudoku is the Japanese word combining "number" and "single". Its origin stems from an 18th century game by a Swiss mathematician. His game was named *Latin Squares*. This is truly an international game.

Sudoku Daily is a puzzle that uses numbers instead of words. It's a grid of 81 squares, divided into nine blocks of nine squares each. Some of the squares contain a digit. The goal is to fill in the empty squares so that the digits 1 through 9 appear just once in every row, column and individual block.

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

The aficionados of modern-day Sudoku are keen to point out that it is not a mathematical problem. Logic is what's required.

Good Luck!



Alice's Puzzle Pages
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