Jewett School closure proposal rejected by Lardeau Valley residents

by Jan McMurray

Closing Jewett School is not acceptable to the people in the Meadow Creek area north of Kaslo. Jewett School parents and community members packed the Lardeau Valley Hall on April 7 to let the School District 8 board of education know why.

The top scenario for Jewett School in the school district’s draft facilities plan is to close the school, move K-3 to the Lardeau Valley Hall, and bus the grades 4-5 students to JV Humphries School in Kaslo. This scenario requires installing a portable on the hall grounds to create additional space for the school, moving the playground from the school to the hall property, and putting up fencing. The K-5 school has an enrollment of 14 this year; some parents already send their kids to JV Humphries.

Parent Greg Underwood made a presentation on behalf of the parents and community. “There has been no consultation with the Lardeau Valley Hall board or the RDCK thus far. How are you arriving at the fact that it’s a good plan?” he asked.

Underwood said a two-hour, 100-kilometre round bus trip is not appropriate for children under 10. He also pointed out that the highway to Kaslo is prone to avalanches and slides, making it very possible that children could get stranded in Kaslo overnight.

Underwood said moving the school to the community hall creates many challenges that haven’t been considered. “The hall is already well used; there is no space for Strong Start there; and the public campground on the property poses security risks for children. There is also a five-year contract between the hall board and emergency services for the use of the grounds in the case of a wildfire or other emergency. “Forestry takes over the grounds when there’s a fire,” said one community member.

User-friendly space for a portable was questioned, because of the septic field, campground, and geothermal infrastructure on the hall grounds. Jewett School’s Special Education Assistant also pointed out that special needs children need their own space at times, “so that’s another space we need to create here.”

Underwood concluded his presentation with this request to the board: “We need more information. We need a cost benefit analysis. We need the long-term costs associated with maintaining and operating Jewett. We would like to explore options to reduce costs. We’d like to explore partnerships to add revenue and utilize the underused capacity.”

SD 8 Secretary-Treasurer Kim Morris outlined the dollars and cents of closing the school. She said the closure would result in annual operating savings of $46,047, capital savings of $951,073, and would bring in revenue of $75,000 from its sale. The $951,073 is an estimate of the cost of repairs the school will need over the coming years. Probably the majority of people at the meeting were in favour of the status quo – keeping Jewett School open as a K-5 school. “How about you say you don’t need to save $46,000… and keep Jewett School in this rural area? one man asked.

Other ideas included reducing the school week to four days to save some money, and selling the school building to the community. One community member suggested that the community buy the school building for $75,000, the amount the district figures it will bring in from the sale. Others offered variations on this idea: the community could buy the building and lease it to the school district; the school district could sell the building to the community for $1; the school district could retain ownership of the building and rent it to the community.

Morris explained that if the school district owns the building, CUPE staff would have to maintain it, but if the community owns the building, the community could maintain it. “The community owning the building seems like a win-win, so we want to explore that with you,” she said.

Another resident called the school closure “a death warrant for the community;” and asked for time. “Our community has been hit exceptionally hard economically… There is the potential for us to be back up to 50 students. We need time for our economy to thrive again.”

Others agreed that the community has potential for growth, what with telecommuting and the high cost of living in big centres like Vancouver. It seems there is already a ‘baby boom’ in the community. The Strong Start educator reported that 20 children are enrolled at the centre this year, with five or six kindergartners entering Jewett School next year.

When asked what would happen if the school were sold and then there was a sudden increase in population, Morris said the school district would put forward a case to the ministry to rebuild.

The meeting ended with Area D Director Aimee Watson and Trustee Dawn Lang agreeing to work together on a solution.

The plan would be implemented over four years, and calls for negotiations with the Lardeau Valley Community Hall board in 2016-17, closure of Jewett School in 2017-18, and the disposal of the school in 2018-19.

Email facilities@sd8.bc.ca by April 30 with comments on the plan.
**West Kootenay Permaculture Co-op launches new programs**

by Art Joyce

The goal of local food independence is at least one step closer, thanks to the work of the West Kootenay Permaculture Co-op Association (WKPC). At its April 10 AGM at the Vallican Whole, programs that will further this goal were announced, including a central Community Food Space that will expand from being a food bank to including education and support services for local growers. The WKPC will be hosting a seminar on May 13-14 titled “People, Planet and Profit: Tools and Principles for Farm Business,” featuring permaculture expert Rob Avis. The co-op has also launched its first membership drive.

Those who know the history of the West Kootenay may recall that a century ago we were exporting food to international markets via CP Rail, mostly apples and strawberries. The McDonald Jam Factory in Nelson once operated a thriving business with the majority of its fruit grown locally. Chinese market gardens kept residents well supplied with fresh, locally-grown vegetables. In the intervening century we became more and more reliant on food imports. Now no community here could get through an entire winter without shipments of vegetables from California or Mexico. But with the onset of climate change induced drought and wildfires, this supply chain could become steadily less reliable. Food costs are expected to soar.

“The jam factory has been a key inspiration in the development of our community food space,” says WKPC chair Shanna Fidler. “Building our own ‘jam factory’ here in Slocan is a real step forward in filling in some of the facility challenges our community has expressed a need for time and time again.”

Fidler says the board is in negotiations with the Village of Slocan and WE Graham Community Service Society to have the Community Food Space located there. Since merely dispensing food won’t solve local food system needs, Fidler says WKPC plans to “close the knowledge gap” through education and mentorship programming – from traditional food skills, nutritional needs, families with healthy affordable meals to business development support and the incubation of new food businesses. A community kitchen would be integral to the centre, providing the only teaching kitchen in the valley.

The Community Food Space could also double as an agrotourism destination in the heart of the Slocan Valley at a central and walkable location. Part of its mission statement for the centre is to “create a legacy of good practice and ecologically net positive impacts.” That’s where permaculture comes in. Where conventional agriculture relies heavily on petrochemical-based fertilizers, leading to the steady degradation and erosion of soil, permaculture techniques work within natural cycles to build the diversity of both plant and microbial species. Permaculture recognizes the principle that in nature there is no such thing as “waste” – everything is food for the next part of the cycle. It also works with local microclimates, rainfall patterns, soil conditions and plant species to create a self-reinforcing, self-sustaining loop, eliminating the need to ‘force’ the system through genetically modified organisms, pesticides or artificial fertilizers.

“In conventional agriculture, what surplus is returned?” asks Fidler. “Toxic leaching ponds, horrific smells, high concentration of antibiotics, industrial wastes and in turn sick populations. If instead we are growing nutrient-dense appropriate foods, picked at the peak of the harvest, we are building healthy soil to build our future food system.”

Fidler says WKPC plans for future permaculture food fairs and harvest festivals – watch this space for news of that this fall. Fidler says the co-op is building on international models such as One World, Everybody Eats to create local food security for everyone.

“We need to get off the California model of feeding ourselves,” says Fidler. “We have a lot of aging gardeners and homesteaders here, and what we’d like to do is have more access to what they grow. Right now a lot of the excess is being composted or used as animal feed but we’d like to be able to use some of that. It’s small steps but we’re making those steps.”

The co-op’s website is currently being rebuilt so for more information contact Fidler at 250-226-7744 or check Facebook.com/kootenayfood.

To that end, the WKPC has been fundraising to subsidize the cost of the permaculture workshops at their “People, Planet and Profit” event. The Slocan Valley Legacy Fund has been a critical supporter of this initiative. At just $35, the seminar meets the need for affordable education tailored to the reality of our regional economy, where many live close to the poverty line and often can’t afford expensive workshops. There are plans for future permaculture food fairs and harvest festivals – watch this space for news of that this fall. Fidler says the co-op is building on international models such as One World, Everybody Eats to create local food security for everyone.

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Motorcycle-friendly signage to be posted in Kaslo

by Jan McMurray

‘Motorcyclists welcome to Kaslo, BC. Please ride quietly.’

Signage with this message may soon be installed around Kaslo.

After hearing from Kaslo resident Bill Stromes, speaking on behalf of several Kaslo businesses at the April 12 council meeting, Kaslo council voted to support the posting of these signs, as long as they comply with the Village sign bylaw. Stromes’s group will work with Village staff to make sure the bylaw is adhered to.

Council also heard from Quiet in the Koots at the April 5 Committee of the Whole meeting, Kaslo resident and Quiet in the Koots representative, asked council to take a stand on the RDCK resolutions calling for enforcement of Motor Vehicle Act regulations that prohibit removal or alteration of mufflers, and to ask the local RDCK to enforce these regulations. Pat Severyn, another Quiet in the Koots representative and retired RCMP officer, suggested that roadside checks are very effective in getting people to start abiding by the law.

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Sharing the road...

There’s been a lot of talk in these pages lately about noisy vehicles on our highways, here in the Kootenays. Quite a bit of it has been focused on motorcycles with illegal straight pipes.

Motorcycle noise has never been on my list of big concerns. I live off the highway, so it rarely bothers me. Like every Canadian farm boy growing up on the prairies though, I’ve been around a lot of noisy machinery. My first vehicle was a motorcycle. I bought it when I was 19 years old, drove it for more than one occasion, by alerting other vehicles that they were on the road. It get. There’s lots of drivers of larger vehicles that simply don’t see motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians. If you make a lot of noise, you get noticed. As a motorcyclist, I was almost taken out by some guy driving a car without as we drive about. If we want to have a real concern that too many of us driving around in our cages are more than once, by alerting other vehicles that they were on the road. If you live on a major road, sometimes your neighbours are going to be agitated, circulate petitions, write letters to the editor. You have a right on Harley-Davidson motorcycles with illegal straight pipes. You have a right to agitate, circulate petitions, write letters to the editor. Please keep in mind that for many bikers this is a safety issue. They have a real concern that too many of us driving around in our cages are distracted, that we won’t notice them as we drive about. If we want to have motorcyclists drive quietly in the kootenays, we’d better make a point of looking out for them.

I think that Kaslo has made a step in the right direction with their welcome signs. “Please drive quietly.” I’d also like to see signs on both ends looking out for them.

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I was of the opinion that the loud noise made their lives much more difficult. They got stopped by the police more often. People were always slapping fists and shouting epithets at their backs when they drove by. I thought that they were acting awfully insecure by making all this noise just to be noticed, but to each their own, I reasoned.

The rumble of a Harley-Davidson engine has never bothered me, but I’ve always known that there are people who feel differently.

I’ve come to understand that a lot of my neighbours take this issue very seriously. They have quite reasonable concerns. Very few of us like to have the serenity of a summer afternoon disturbed by loud and obnoxious neighbours. The public does not need misinformation. Some research on bear habitat.

This noise pollution isn’t a new problem. It’s been around as long as the internal combustion engine. It’s not going to be solved overnight. The solution won’t come out of moving to extremes, but through mutual respect and compromise. Most of us are aware of the importance of motorcyclists to our tourism economy. They spend money in our hotels, restaurants and gas stations. The kootenay roads are world-famous and draw visitors from around the planet. Let’s not allow our dissatisfaction with illegal straight pipes spill over into our relationship with the motorcycle community.

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More on nuclear energy

I was asked recently, "What is a Generation IV reactor?" So I copied out the following from www.world-nuclear.org.

"An international task force is developing six nuclear reactor technologies for deployment between 2020 and 2030. Four are fast neutron reactors.

"All of these operate at higher temperatures than today's reactors. In particular, four are designated for hydrogen production.

"All six systems represent advances in sustainability, economics, safety, reliability and proliferation-resistance.

"Europe is pushing ahead with three of the fast reactor designs.

"A separate program set up by regulators aims to develop multinational regulatory standards for Generation IV reactors."

I understand that these new reactors are expected to last for more than 100 years.

Meanwhile China is moving ahead with 40 nuclear plants in the next 5 years. They are also working on the development of a Thorium molten salt reactor.

So, I also asked if there are any industrial processes using molten salt.

Yes, there is. One has been in use in BC for 60 years at Kitimat. The aluminum smelter uses hydroelectric power to separate oxygen from pure aluminum oxide (alumina). The alumina is dissolved in a molten bath of sodium and aluminum fluoride at 1700 degrees Celsius. These were salts that were fluorides at 400 to 800 degrees Celsius. These were the "British Columbia pays logging companies to log such habitats.

Share the forest? As they are closing schools left, right and centre and skimping on medical infrastructure? Who's paying for failing to set aside adequate habitat to protect caribou, spotted owls and goshawks and the toad situation at Summit Lake illustrates just how reluctant the BC government is to remove forest from the logging land base. The key western toad forest habitat around Summit Lake is a relatively small and very specific area. Protection of core terrestrial habitat is seriously recommended in the scientific literature for amphibians. If the existing provincial park at Summit Lake were expanded to include the forest within roughly two kilometers of the lake, protection of the key terrain and species would likely be achieved, wildlife biologist Wayne McCroey said in his analysis of the situation.

To their credit, the Nakoos and Area Community Forest (NACFOR) logging company has drafted a toad management plan and identified small habitat features that they'll try to leave intact. I commend NACFOR for exploring ways in which they can continue to harvest the timber while also being convinced of the importance of certain species faster than that species can grow. I commend NACFOR for doing their homework and being convinced of the importance of certain species of this species of toad. I commend NACFOR for their advancements in the field of wildlife issues. Granting approval to log their core toad habitat represents more of a smoking bulldozer ride back – squashing all their advancements in the process.

"Be an advocate for amphibians – protect toads and their habitat in your neighbourhood," reads the government's BC Frog Watch website. Good advice, that I respectfully urge the BC government to follow by protecting western toad habitat around Summit Lake before it's too late.

Andrew Weaver, MLA Oak Bay-Gordon Head Leader of the Green Party of BC

Shipping raw rezoned on highways

The Valley Voice has been full of stories with environment, land usage and community health in recent issues. Letters to the editor are showing concern for toads, noise, and future energy. The story that hasn't gotten a response is the new mine venting east of the Red Mountain road area above Silverton.

The Valley Voice writer used the "shipping" for the method of "shipping" for the method of transporting 75,000 tons of ore annually to Trout Lake. I really wish there were a contiguous body of water to float the ore across, but these shipments will logically be using the public highways (Gone are the trains and barges). They will use the already humming woodchip truck haul route of Highways 6 and 23. Cost effective or not from the company's standpoint, do the owners of the road (BC MOT representing all of us) want to pay for the increased road disintegration?

Highways 6 and 23 are already, by extension, a part of the Celgar and other wood products factories' infrastructure. Are we going to have yet another factory using the public infrastructure?

It was the YRB area manager several years ago who told me the statistic that the roadway impact of one chip truck was equivalent to 70,000 passenger vehicles. I would guess a large ore-hauling truck would be at least the same and probably more impacting. That number is hard to believe, but even 10 percent of that number (7000) is a disproportionate number to the amount of fuel taxes and road use fees that are being used to subsidizing the trucking. No surprise. That is part of the reason those Brawny paper towels are cheap enough you don't mind throwing away one after use (one such Celgar pulp was going in 2010).

A new mining venture will have the normal tailings, water issues, and impacts to the road areas. Additionally, everyone from Red Mountain to Trout Lake will have road access and the potential for species safety issues, and dust. I would like to hear from the mine proponents about how they plan to move the ore, in what quantity and what impact they will have thought through of the impact of how and when they haul ore.

Examples of impacts and their costs:

1) Three black bears died within 500 metres of Wilson Creek and Highway 6 last summer/fall. No doubt caused by night crossings and big vehicles, plus someone dumped apples along the highway (now you know what happens when you put bear food by the highway!).

2) Spring sees adult toad migrations to lakes after sundown with females carrying eggs (you know what you're doing). I would love to hear thoughts from the MGT and in addition from Celgar and mining ventures.
New Denver council, April 12: CBT Community Initiatives decisions made

by Katrine Campbell

• The mayor and two councillors had to take turns declaring an interest, leaving the room and returning as council approved 15 applications for funding from the CBT Community Initiatives Program. The Village was allocated $34,461, and received requests totaling $46,505.77 from 25 applicants. A panel of two councillors and three residents considered the applications at an open public meeting on April 5. The successful applicants were: Arrowmont Senior Citizens Society, $2,500; Harvest Share, $3,000; Healthy Community Society, $7,200; Hidden Garden Gallery, $7,730; LESS (SD #10), $300; ND & Area Youth Centre Garden Gallery, $750; LESS (SD Community Society, $7,200; Hidden Garden Gallery, $7,730; LESS (SD Community Society, $7,200; Hidden Garden Gallery, $7,730; LESS (SD Community Society, $7,200; Hidden Garden Gallery, $7,730; LESS (SD Community Society, $7,200; Hidden Garden Gallery, $7,730; LESS (SD

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Village of Slocan to sell downtown lots to Ice Creek Lodge

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

Slocan council has accepted, in principle, an offer from Courtney and Rusell Hulbert to buy two vacant lots in the downtown commercial core for $30,000. The lots are at the north end of Harold Street between Flack’s Bakery & Bistro and Slocan City Trading Co. The Hulberts plan to build a small office and storefront for their business, Ice Creek Lodge.

Revitalizing the downtown core and transitioning the Village from a mill town to an eco-tourism destination has been high on Slocan council’s agenda. Green commerce and an active downtown are priorities in Slocan’s Official Community Plan and in the OCP Implementation Plan drafted by Selkirk College’s Integrated Environmental Planning students in 2014.

Slocan Mayor Jessica Lunn and council see Ice Creek Lodge as exactly the kind of business the Village wants to attract. Lunn called Ice Creek Lodge a “well established local business investing in our community.”

For 15 years, Ice Creek Lodge has offered week-long guided skiing and snowboarding in Valhalla Provincial Park. The business owns a backcountry lodge.

Young entrepreneurs featured in Kootenay Business Magazine

by River Fantoz

Forty Kootenay businesspeople under 40 years old were celebrated in the March/April issue of the Kootenay Business Magazine; and three of them are in our area. Andrea Ryman of Creston Valley, Rebecca Jewell of Nakusp, and Heidi Lettrari of Kaslo were all included in the magazine’s 40 Under 40 feature.

Andrea Ryman and her husband, Chris, started Endless Adventure, a small rafting business on the Slocan River, ten years ago. The Creston Valley business has grown over the years to include stand-up paddleboarding and even multi-adventure tours to Ecuador.

Rebecca Jewell started up Riders Retreat in 2010 in Nakusp to fill a need for more accommodations for motorcyclists in the Nakusp area. Now, just outside the western edge of the park and flies guests there by helicopter from Burton. Last year, Ice Creek Lodge began offering guided and self-guided hiking, climbing, and stand-up paddleboarding trips throughout the park as well.

Most of Ice Creek Lodge’s clientele are from the US and Canada, though they have had guests from Japan, New Zealand, and Europe, too. From January to April, Ice Creek Lodge serves about 135 tourists. Their summer business, from June to September, had 40 clients last year.

Up till now, the Hulberts have run Ice Creek Lodge from their home office in Lemon Creek. Courtney mentioned a number of reasons she and her husband chose Slocan for their storefront: “It’s our community. It’s where our kids go to school. And Slocan is the gateway to the Valhallas, where we operate.” She said too, “We want to be a part of encouraging eco-tourism.”

The move to Slocan will allow them to expand, to start and end all trips in Slocan, and to attract more local business. Winter guests will shuttle to Burton for a helicopter ride to the lodge. Some summer trips will follow the same plan; just six years later, the camppond is one of the most popular camping spots on the loop. Riders Retreat campites are fully equipped with tents, bedding and all cooking and camping supplies.

Heidi Lettrari is the general manager of Kaslo Sourdough. After university, she decided to return to her hometown of Kaslo and work at the family bakery. She, her father and her brother recently created Kaslo Sourdough’s Pasta Ferrmentata, which has won three awards. She hopes to expand the business to areas beyond the Kootenays this year. “All of these under-40-year-old business leaders stand a head above the rest of their peers for their achievements and their community involvement but most of all for their youthful enthusiasm,” says the Kootenay Business Magazine article.

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by Jan McMurray

• Council agreed to write a letter to School District 8 in support of keeping Jewett School open, as requested by Area D Director Aimee Watson. Councilor Holland said he is concerned with “what they are trying to do here” but pointed out that this is a provincial issue. He said council could perhaps work with SD8 to advocate for the best interests of all children, not just those who attend Jewett School. He wondered if the issue was relevant to Kaslo, particularly because Kaslo’s school board stands to gain if Jewett School closes. Councilor Glosso and Mayor Hewat reminded council that SD8 is looking at moving K-1 into the Landerlee Valley Hall, which is supported in part with Kootenay tax dollars. Glosso and Hewat both spoke about the negative effects of busing young children out of their communities.

• From June 7 to August 30, there will be weekly recycling pickup in Kaslo. CAO Smith explained that MMIC project cost is $18,800 per year which is enough to pay Kootenay Waste Services for the biweekly curbside pickup service. Smith said he feels it couldn’t cover the weekly service in the summer, and Kootenay Waste is happy to do the job. The weekly summer service will be piloted this year, to determine whether it can happen annually. Smith said that although MMIC wanted early termination of the contracts with Kaslo and Nakusp, both villages were able to increase volumes and avoid this.

• CAO Neil Smith reported that three people have been interviewed for the Public Works position, and the hiring committee is happy with the calibre of the applicants. He also said that the replacement of the one-ton truck looks possible this year. The Kaslo River into Harrop Holland said he proposed will be reviewed by True Consulting and Public Works before re-submission.

Community Forests Part 3: Kaslo’s Community Forest

by Art Joyce

Few communities have been as closely tied to their forests as Kaslo in recent decades. So when the Kaslo & District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) was formed in 1996, there was hope that a middle ground would be struck that resolved some of the conflicting values in the community. Ten years later, Jessica Clong of the Dogwood Initiative noted, “You don’t always have the great expectations of Community Forests, and the program expansion brings renewed hope to some rural communities in BC.” However, “CFAs operate in a policy environment that is hostile to large industrial operations… (and) people fear that the ‘community’ aspect of community forestry is being eroded to the point that the CFA is beginning to look like just another industrial license.”

In the decade since, amendments to CFA legislation have made improvements based on experience gained by Community Forests. However, in a Legislature debate held on February 29, MLA Harry Bains pointed out that changes to the ACF (Act of 10,000 cubic metres of timber) in an operating area of 6,100 hectares, its initial operating model won an FRBC Community Excellence Award for 1997. The society has worked hard to acquire a long-term tenure and in 2008 was granted an area-based Prouationary Community Forest Agreement that expanded its ACF to 72 cubic metres. Bill Askell, B.C. for KDCFS and manager for Copper Creek Wood Products, if the thought it was time to revise ACFs. “We have a 25,000 cubic metre AAC over five years; what that means is that it doesn’t matter if we do it in one year or five years. You have 25,000 which we’ve harvested every year. If you don’t cut it you don’t get to carry that forward. If you’re short, by regulation, they can take it away and offer it to other tenures of Forest Renewal BC. Kaslo’s’s ACF, which was cut to 25,000 cubic metres, when we could make your cut after five years, then very rarely does the government take that away. As long as you’re illustrating that you’re trying to develop your wood and manage your license, it’s doubtful we would lose the undercut volume. The ACF gives you a long-term, basing tenure for what you can’t overcut.”

Using the innovative approach of the Harrop-Procter Community Forest (as a benchmark), I ask Askell: If we’re going to establish a long-term tenure that’s based around the ‘community’ aspect, what alternative criteria would you propose by which government could measure a successful Community Forest tenure? One of the main concerns about the current approach is that Community Forest measures its success. I live in Kaslo and I’m very proud of that mill being there, but comparing us to them is comparing apples to oranges. It’s a different type of community to large industrial operations… (and) people fear that the ‘community’ aspect of Community Forests, and the program expansion brings renewed hope to some rural communities in BC.”

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Kaslo council, April 12: Council supports keeping Jewett School open

by Jan McMurray

• Council agreed to write a letter to School District 8 in support of keeping Jewett School open, as requested by Area D Director Aimee Watson. Councilor Holland said he is concerned with “what they are trying to do here” but pointed out that this is a provincial issue. He said council could perhaps work with SD8 to advocate for the best interests of all children, not just those who attend Jewett School. He wondered if the issue was relevant to Kaslo, particularly because Kaslo’s school board stands to gain if Jewett School closes. Councilor Glosso and Mayor Hewat reminded council that SD8 is looking at moving K-1 into the Landerlee Valley Hall, which is supported in part with Kootenay tax dollars. Glosso and Hewat both spoke about the negative effects of busing young children out of their communities.

• From June 7 to August 30, there will be weekly recycling pickup in Kaslo. CAO Smith explained that MMIC project cost is $18,800 per year which is enough to pay Kootenay Waste Services for the biweekly curbside pickup service. Smith said he feels it couldn’t cover the weekly service in the summer, and Kootenay Waste is happy to do the job. The weekly summer service will be piloted this year, to determine whether it can happen annually. Smith said that although MMIC wanted early termination of the contracts with Kaslo and Nakusp, both villages were able to increase volumes and avoid this.

• CAO Neil Smith reported that three people have been interviewed for the Public Works position, and the hiring committee is happy with the calibre of the applicants. He also said that the replacement of the one-ton truck looks possible this year. The Kaslo River into Harrop Holland said he proposed will be reviewed by True Consulting and Public Works before re-submission.
Young Slocan Valley musicians shine at Kootenay Festival of the Arts

by Miranda Hughes

Thirteen-year-old New Denver violin student Fiona Burkholder has been nominated to compete at the Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival. Her violin performances at the Kootenay Festival of the Arts last week in Nelson earned high praise from Vancouver adjudicator Rick Dorfle. She was one of approximately 400 music, voice, and speech arts participants taking part in the regional festival, which has been running almost continuously for over 20 years.

Winlaw violinist Tamia Elder (10) and Silverton violinist Sakura Azopardi (12), both students of New Denver resident Martine den Bok, were also recognized for their performances at the Nelson festival. They were both invited to attend the provincial festival as official observers.

Fiona began studying violin at the age of three with her grandmother and a friend, who chronicles the life of a "misfit" who suffers and finds resilience. This is a book that acquaints us with what is uncomfortable in history, how people struggle her family endured during their relocation to a new life in an urban setting, which chronicles the kidnapping and expulsion from Oregon in 1942 and the Minidoka, Idaho after her family was child born in an internment camp in 1944. "The Hidden Internment" is filled with fascinating personal insights."

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Daphne Hughes in the New Denver Suzuki Program, and later studied with Martine den Bok. She is now a student of Wendy Herbsin in Nelson. This year, she has been broadening her orchestral skills. She performed Handel’s Messiah with the Nelson Choral Society and also in the ever-popular plant table, thanks to the generous donations of plant starts from the many incredible gardeners in our valley. If you haven’t finished putting your garden in this year, come check out this amazing selection. Raffle tickets will be available for a GoPro and bike accessories. The penny auction features new and gently-used toys and books for kids to bid on, and it’s always a highlight to watch at the end of the day. Choose from a selection of delicious baked goods at the concession, and volunteers will be cooking up sausages on the BBQ and serving locally roasted coffee.

Call for vendors! Local artists and vendors wishing to participate, or for general information, contact Leanna at 250-226-7211.

Kohan Garden spring clean-up was done by these happy volunteer gardeners on April 2.

Family and friends of Natasha Hiesaa gathered at the Kohan Garden on April 2 to view the newly built bench in memory of her professional work at the garden. The bench was made possible by donations from SLUGS members, family and friends with assistance from the Village of New Denver.

Diana Cole discusses Nikkei history at Slocan Library

The Slocan Community Library announces a reading of Sideways: Memoir of a Misfit on Sunday, May 1 at 1 pm. Diana Morita Cole will read from her book and present a short clip from the documentary Hidden Internment, which chronicles the kidnapping and imprisonment of 2,200 Japanese Latin Americans during World War II.

Sideways chronicles the life of a child born in an internment camp in Minidoka, Idaho after her family was expelled from Oregon in 1942 and the struggles her family endured during their relocation to a new life in an urban setting.

Ernest Hekkanen, editor-in-chief of The New Orphic Review and a friend of the library says “Sideways: Memoir of a Misfit acquaints us with what is uncomfortable in history, how people suffer and find resilience. This is a book full of fascinating personal insights.”

Readings at the Slocan Library are organized by volunteers and are offered free of charge. Cole’s book will be available for purchase. The library is located at 710 Harold Street in the Village of Slocan.
Legendary Meats delighted with new location at the junction

by Katrina Campbell

Legendary Meats is now settled in its new home at the junction, and owners Ben and Victoria Carson couldn’t be happier. They and employee Reuben Crookbain are welcoming customers new and old.

“There are lots of new faces,” says Victoria. “About 70 percent of people coming in are new faces. We’re getting a lot of positive reaction. People say, ‘I love that you’re closer to me!’”

In the old location, people ordered what they wanted, and staff fetched the order. Now, with two new display cabinets, one for frozen and one for fresh meat, customers say, “I can choose what I’m going to buy,” Crookbain adds. When the Carsons bought Legendary Meats from Dave and Karolyn Anderson in 2013, they had been in the Slocan Valley for one year. Three weeks after buying the business, they got married. Their timeframe for moving the location was similar; their first child is due in four weeks.

“Yes, we did this while I was pregnant,” she laughs.

“We are really excited to be able to provide a permanent home, a permanent professional place,” for their business, Ben says.

Legendary is a custom cutting shop for whole beast butchery, appealing to small holders and occasionally hunters. They also offer custom curing and smoking, sausage making, and a bi-monthly bulk buying opportunity.

“There’s no slaughter done here,” says Ben, “just cutting and wrapping.”

Now that Passmore Pluckers has been saved from closure, “we’re excited about working with local chicken farmers.” Legendary is at 2775 Fir/Popoff Drive in South Slocan and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 6 pm, Saturday 10 to 5, closed Sunday and Monday. Phone number is 778-454-CUTS; website is legendarymeats.ca.

Nicol Suhr leaving Lucerne School in September

by River Fantus

Nicol Suhr, principal of Lucerne Elementary Secondary School in New Denver for the past two years, has accepted a vice-principal position at a large secondary school in Nanaimo for the upcoming school year. Her last day at Lucerne principal will be July 31.

“Sometimes new opportunities arise that meet the needs of a family, and this is one of those times,” she said. Suhr has family on Vancouver Island.

Originally from the Okanagan, Suhr moved to the Kootenays 18 years ago, and has been living in Nakusp for nearly 17 years. She taught math and science for 12 years at Nakusp Secondary, and then became principal of the Arrow Lakes Lucerne School for the past two years. She was vice-principal of Nakusp Secondary School for one year, and then was hired to replace Drew Neilson as Lucerne principal in September 2014.

For the last two years at Lucerne, Suhr says she has worked with a “highly professional staff, who put their students first and love creating great learning opportunities for the students here. Their excitement to try new things and to be innovative in their educational practice is inspiring.”

She has also enjoyed working with Lucerne students. “They are very positive, and appreciate and value being outside and learning in different settings,” she says.

Suhr is confident that the next principal who walks the school halls will bring new gifts and talents to the school, and to the community.

“I think I am leaving the school in a good place,” she said. “My hope is that Lucerne keeps learning, living, working and growing – which is the school’s motto – and I think it’s in a good place to do that.”

When she first broke the news that she was leaving the school, some people were surprised and others were sad, she says. She has had a lot of encouragement since. “I’ve enjoyed my time here and I’m very thankful for the experience,” she said.

The hiring process for a new principal is underway, with interviews scheduled for the end of April. Suhr will be helping with the new principal’s orientation to the school.

Nakusp Medieval Days

July 23 & 24, 2016

The Nakusp Medieval Society wants to thank all who voted for our projects yesterday at the Community Initiative Vote in Nakusp.

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Nakusp RCMP confirm two deaths in plane crash submitted

Two people were killed April 11 in the crash of a small private plane near Trout Lake. The BC Coroners’ Service identified them as pilot Lynndon Wayne Delisle and his wife Heather Lynn Delisle, both of Wynyard, Saskatchewan.

At around 5:20 pm on April 11 the Nakusp RCMP received a report of a possible downed airplane in the Trout Lake area. A signal from the plane’s beacon had been picked up by a commercial aircraft, the crew of which summoned Search and Rescue personnel. That evening, the RCMP were able to confirm that a Rockwell 112B plane with two persons on board had crashed in a remote mountainous area near Galena Lodge. A local helicopter pilot was able to reach the crash site Monday evening, where the two occupants of the plane were found deceased inside the downed aircraft.

The investigation has determined that the Delisles had departed Kelowna that day and were en route to Wynyard. Efforts to recover the deceased were carried out April 12, with the assistance of local Search and Rescue technicians.

The Nakusp RCMP is continuing to assist the BC Coroners Service with their investigation into the deaths.
Lucas Myers brings ‘Campground’ to the Vallican Whole

Community Centre on April 23. This is your last chance to see Lucas Myers in the new, improved ‘Campground: A Murder Mystery Comedy’ before he rolls it up and takes it on the road. Doors open at 7 pm, performance is at 8 pm sharp.

In ‘Campground,’ Lucas creates a world within a world, and with his trademark brand of observational humour and brilliant character work, he will have you rolling in the aisles laughing.

A young man goes missing from a provincial campground while on a personal journey to discover himself. Four people are suspects. Despite lack of evidence aside from Facebook posts and the video from the young man’s cell phone, the overzealous detective is undeterred. Was there foul play? More importantly, did someone remember to bring the toilet paper (and the potato salad)? Warning: flashlights, self-discovery, didgeridoo.

Individual tickets for ‘Campground’ are $21 at www.vallicanwhole.com or $20 at Otter Books in Nelson. The Vallican Whole is at 3762 Little Slocan Rd.

This is the windup of the Whole’s hugely successful ‘Up Close and Intimate’ series, which featured a sophisticated evening of jazz on Valentine’s Day, and the Kootenay Divas performing before an ecstatic crowd earlier this month. Both events drew a full house. Next up after Lucas will be classical music on Mother’s Day, and ALT Fest on June 18. Stay tuned for more local culture!

Strouhal chosen to exhibit in national show in Kamloops

Award-winning Winlaw artist Frantisek Strouhal was chosen for a national art exhibition at the Centre for the Arts in Kamloops. His figurative artwork Aurora was juried for inclusion into the 2016 Open Show April 22-May 1. “I am very pleased and gratified to have been chosen to participate,” he says. “It is nice to be recognized locally and nationally.”

Strouhal is internationally admired for his flawless use of traditional 19th century techniques combined with his unique contemporary yet timeless artistic vision. He says that his work is a reflection of his own renaissance. His subjects seem to emerge from a surreal, dreamlike pool of warm sepia tones as if bathed or suspended in an ethereal vapour.

Strouhal owns Mirage Studio, where he spends most of his time creating new artworks and doing portraits on commission. His works are in many private collections and have been featured in numerous juried and invitational exhibitions internationally. You can view his artworks at www.frantisekstrouhal.com, and he can be reached at frantisekstrouhal@gmail.com.
Shon’s Bike and Ski brings change to downtown Nakusp

by Claire Paradis

If you look down Broadway Street in Nakusp, you’ll see there’s a beautiful new timber-framed addition to the downtown core. The change has arrived in the shape of Shon’s Bike and Ski shop, moving up from its former 4th Ave. location into a historic downtown Nakusp building. The change has not come without some controversy.

Co-owner Janis Neufeld said the move came because the bike shop had outgrown its former location, thanks to the support of the local community. And with the move came the opportunity to realize Shon’s vision of creating something more than just a bike shop. Wanting more than a place to get your bike serviced, Shon wanted to create a centre that would nourish the culture of cycling, a place for like-minded people to get together, share stories, encourage each other, and then go on rides. Shon’s vision was to have a centre for bike culture that would be an attraction in and of itself, and that included having food and drinks.

“Food helps people feel comfortable, relax, and want to hang out,” Janis told me. “Coffee and cycling go hand in hand.”

Shon’s Bike and Ski shop opened its new location on Broadway with fanfare nonetheless. The Nakusp and Area Bike Society set up a fundraising bike drop-off station and there were tunes, balloons, bikes, people and lots of people. “Riding a bike is good for you,” Janis hugged, adding that it’s often the first mode of transportation for kids, which means they get freedom as well.

“[Biking] is a wonderful way to commune,” said Janis. Some people might balk at the amount of time it takes to bike where they want to go, but Janis pointed out that “the time is a commitment to yourself and your physical health, and that is so tied to mental health and spiritual health. When you get fit and healthy, it permeates every aspect of your life.”

And if what she believes is true, cycling could permeate the economic aspects of Nakusp as well. Janis related that she was told at a mountain biking event that “the time you spend biking, the money you spend on it, are a huge economic impact on the village.”

Janis also said that they “are now open to more than just bike rentals and sales. We are open to listen to people’s wishes, to help them find a solution that will enable the shop to open the food service soon, and looking at long-term solutions for the continued diversification of our business.”

Some local businesses were not happy to hear that the bike shop was also planning to serve food and beer. Janis said, although everyone is happy to see the upgrades that have been made to the building.

“I think it’s a beautiful building. I think it’s a great addition to the main street,” said Maureen McPhee, Assistant Manager at K2 Rotor Lodge. But she had no comment about the bike shop’s intention to serve food and drinks. “Honestly, I haven’t thought about it.”

Warren Jones. People on the street have been excited by the building’s rejuvenation, watching the change it brings to downtown Nakusp.

“[It’s a pretty strong symbol of the revitalization and change going on in Nakusp at the moment… It’s change and sometimes it takes time to accept change and know why it’s changing,” acknowledged Janis. “Ultimately I know it will benefit everybody downtown.”

The only photography exhibition submitted this season is the first summer exhibition at Studio Connexion Gallery.

Roni Jurgensen from New Denver will exhibit her latest paintings for the first time in the Nakusp venue. Jurgensen graduated from the Calgary College of Art and Design and had a show at the Hidden Garden Gallery last summer.

Kate Marlowe will not only be visiting family this summer but will be doing her first solo show. The young Vancouverite has been busy putting together her portfolio to prepare for her graduation in Art and Design. She loves landscape and will share her new creations.

World-class downhilt racer Eléasie Brown, right of Janis and Shon, made sure to be in Nakusp for the opening of the shop.

The eighth season is approaching at Studio Connexion Gallery and curator Anne Beliveau is getting enthused by its seventh new fine art exhibitions. From diversity, the studio is going back to the ever popular landscape with subtle variations.

Arrow Lakes artist Denye Marshall will begin her second solo show at the gallery on Friday, May 13. Her artwork has evolved in a looser landscape style translated with oil on canvas. After an exhibition in Fort Frances last year, she felt ready to show her progression.

Studio Connexion Gallery embraces its eighth season to give us Mediterranean scenes. Beliveau has always loved this photographer’s work and is thrilled to showcase her talent again.

The regular exhibition season finishes with the long-awaited return of local artist David Nixon. His first show astonished everyone and was sold out. Nixon is a master at landscape and will exhibit from September 20 until Thanksgiving weekend, October 8.

You can become a ‘Friend of Studio Connexion Gallery’ by buying a $10 annual membership, which will keep you first informed about the artists and their exhibitions along with special events. Also, members can rent the space for small gatherings.

Studio Connexion Gallery is at 203 Fifth Ave. NW, Nakusp; business hours are 11 am to 4 pm, Tuesday to Saturday. Private appointments can be arranged, call Anne at 250-265-3586 or 250-265-8888. Follow us: www.facebook.com/studioconnexion.
**Nakusp & The Arrow Lakes**

**Nakusp CBT vote results in 13 successful projects**

by Jan McMurray

The vote for Nakusp and Defined Area K CBT Community Initiatives and Aﬀected Area funding program projects was held April 18 and 19. In third place, the Nakusp & Area Bike Society got 409 votes for Mt. Abriel mountain bike trail network development and will receive $28,900. The Halcyon Assisted Living Society placed fourth with 394 votes and will receive $17,482.75 for second door openers for the main entry. The Nakusp Elementary School’s project to create a playground gazebo/ outdoor learning space was supported with 342 votes and will be awarded $22,000. The Nakusp Medieval Society, with 301 votes, receives the remaining funding of $12,024. The society requested $25,000. Unsuccessful large projects were the Nakusp & District Chamber of Commerce’s event production and management project and the Nakusp Community Radio Society’s programming expansion project.

For projects 100,000 and under, the Nakusp Child Care Society’s maintenance upgrades project came out ahead with 386 votes and will receive $24,227.60. Kootenay SufﬁerSociety’s project was third with 374 votes and will receive $17,482.75 for second Nakusp Chamber written up in Kootenay business Magazine

by Art Joyce

The Kootenay Business Magazine will feature Nakusp in its April edition. The Chamber believes there will be at least 10 projects over $10,000 in Nakusp, and District Chamber of Commerce and its member, Ceda Eichenauer, is posted on its website right now. The article highlights the cooperative venture of the Kaslo and Area, Slocan District and Nakusp and District Chambers in promoting the West Kooten Route, as well as the various attractions around Nakusp. The article, written by Marie Milner, quotes Eichenauer as saying: “The Nakusp area has a range of outdoor and cultural attractions, but the West Kooten Route provides even more for hikers. We’ve got six golf courses and three developed hot springs; many trails, lakes and provincial parks; and quite a few festivals and events.”

Nakusp events proﬁled include Kootenay SufﬁerFest, Nakusp Medieval Days, Canada Day celebrations, and the celebration of Light held at Christmas. The Society for Creative Anachronism, which produces the Medieval Days event, says they received a warm reception from the community last year. Eichenauer says the Nakusp Chamber is seeking funding from the Columbia Basin Trust to hire an events coordinator to help cross-promote these attractions. In her position as Chamber and Nakusp Visitor Centre manager, Eichenauer is an important resource for visitors and local businesspeople. She promotes open dialogue in the community through newsletters, the online community events calendar, and conversations with the Chamber membership. Her lifelong residency and love of Nakusp makes her ideally suited to her role.

To read the article, visit: http://kootenaybiz.com/nakusp/article/nakusp_chamber_2016

**Victim Services Program Coordinator**

Part-time (20 hours per week)

Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) in partnership with the Nakusp RCMP Detachment seeks a customer-oriented individual to join their department in the Victim Services Program Coordinator role. This position oversees the Detachment’s victim services program, provides support services to victims, youth and families and liaises with RCMP members and a variety of government and community organizations in order to coordinate efforts. Responsibilities also include preparing and maintaining a variety of records, reports and correspondence, and assisting in the preparation and monitoring of an operational budget. The Victim Services Program Coordinator performs duties under minimal supervision and oversees volunteers as necessary.

**Necessary skills and qualiﬁcations include:**

- Completion of Grade 12; related post-secondary education; and/or equivalent combination of training, education and experience;
- Significant knowledge of crisis intervention practices and techniques; services offered by community agencies and organizations, and of court and police procedures related to the work;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships;
- Ability to function well in high stress and emotionally charged situations;
- RCMP Enhanced Security Clearance is required;
- Possess and maintain a valid Class 5 BC driver’s license or equivalent with an acceptable driving record;
- Sound working knowledge of Microsoft Office;
- Available to be called upon during nighttime and weekend hours, if required, for an emergency.

This is a unionized position with the starting wage at $20.21 and benefit eligible after the probation period. If your experience and education have prepared you for success in this role and you are committed to working in a manner that supports a respectful, healthy, and safe environment, we invite you to submit a cover letter, resume and current driver’s abstract. Please note only complete applications will be considered.

If interested please submit your application to Human Resources:

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Dated April 8, 2016

Village of Nakusp

W.E. GRAHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2016/2017 REGISTRATIONS

W.E. Graham Community School is now accepting registrations for all students in grades K-8, as well as accepting applications for the Valhalla Wilderness Program (grades 9 & 10). The programs at WEG are intended to engage students into a wide variety of outdoor experiential experiences.

The Nature Primary Class (Kindergarten to 2) spends a minimum of 2 afternoons a week exploring the local environment and is actively involved in the use and development of the outdoor classroom area on the Slocan River and during the winter months regularly x-country skiing. The school is equipped with the skis for the students.

Students are given a clothing list so they can be prepared for any weather.

The Intermediate Program (3-5) regularly access the outdoor classroom as well and have 2 regular blocks of outdoor education which include hiking, x-country skiing and snowshoeing. The school is also equipped with skis for these students.

The Outdoor Education Leadership Program (6-8). The OELP combines experiential activities with core academics to create a program that fosters leadership, resilience, an awareness of the outdoors, self-confidence and outdoor skills. The program includes day trips as well as extended out-trips.

The Valhalla Wilderness Program (9 - 10) is a one-of-a-kind junior wilderness program that has achieved an international reputation for excellence. This program focuses on creating a one-of-a-kind experience which includes backcountry skiing, mountain biking, hiking and canoeing. The goal is to provide students with a valuable awareness as well as first aid. This program involves 5 to 6 extended out trips as well as day trips every Friday. In conjunction with the outdoor experience the students are also in class for a regular selection of academic classes and integrated curriculum experiences. Spaces in this program are limited and an applicant process is required in addition to a regular registration form. If you are not in the W.E. Graham catchment area it is important that you complete a Student Transfer form by March 30, 2016.

Slocan Homelinks Homeschoolers are welcome at our Homelinks program Grades K-7. Contact Kathryn Reski for more information. If you have any questions regarding our school or the specific programs offered, please do not hesitate to contact Ed Nielsson (Principal) at 250-355-2212 or enielsson@sd17.bc.ca

W.E. Graham Community School
by Barbara Carr McAlary

**Slocan council, April 11:** Expo Park to host market, anniversary celebration

**by Darrell Garceau**

- CAO Michelle Gordon reported that the upcoming 30th anniversary of Slocan Expo Park will be celebrated on the Labour Day weekend at an event organized by the Spirit of Slocan Committee.
- Council directed Village staff to meet with Gail Morris to draft an agreement for the use of Expo Park for upper bench and facilities (concession stand, stage, bathrooms, grounds, and parking areas) for an Arts/Farmers Market and an Adventure Day on June 4-5. Morris said the weekly event would enhance other events at the park, the Unity Fest parking, soccer tournaments, and the park’s 30th anniversary celebration. Morris said this would be a pilot project to promote and support “entrepreneurial opportunity.”
- She hopes to attract organic farmers and artists of all stripes: musicians, cooks, writers, actors, and dancers.

**by Madeleine Perriere**

- Councillor Madeleine Perriere brought council’s attention to an amendment about the Community Voters Challenge. She noted that although Rosoland won the contest to have the greatest increase in voter turnout between the 2011 and 2015 elections in the Kootenay Columbia and South Okanagan West Kootenay ridings, Slocan was the community with the highest turnout (84%). Mayor Jessica Lunn said, “Congratulations, Slocan!”
- During public participation, Ken Causton informed council that he was making preliminary plans to build a paddlewheel and operate it on Slocan Lake. He said he would come back to council with a proposal in the near future.

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HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIBRARY SOCIETY Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 7:9 pm. To be held at Slocan Community Library, 710 Harold Street, Slocan.
VALLICAN WHOLE COMMUNITY CHOIR Concert Please join us on Sunday, May 1, 3:00 pm at the Slocan Valley Wholescraper. Admission by donation, half the proceeds donated to the Slocan Valley Refugee Coalition. Call Sharon for more info at 250-226-7976.
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HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIBRARY SOCIETY Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 7:9 pm. To be held at Slocan Community Library, 710 Harold Street, Slocan.
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THE BROKEN POT GARDEN CENTRE — Lots of pottery and great gift ideas. Great variety of small fruit trees, shrubs and perennials. 4899 Hwy 31. 250-353-7456. Monday to Saturday. 8-4:30.


HAVE GARDEN SPACE but no time? Do you have time but no garden space? Call me. Jan: 250-358-7218.

SUMMER STUDENT position available at the Visitor Centre in New Denver for 2016 season. Must be currently attending school and returning to school in the fall. Ideal candidate is friendly, outgoing, helpful and knowledgeable about the area’s amenities and attractions. The Visitor Centre is open from the May long weekend to Labour Day. 7 days a week in July and August and fewer hours in May and June. The student is expected to work 35-40 hours per week July and August. To apply send a resume and cover letter by May 1 to the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce, Box 448, New Denver, BC V0G 1S0 or email chamber@slocanlake.com.

I’d like to leave an afterglow of smiles wherever I go. I’d like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways; I’ll like to leave the footprints of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

Love you and miss you, Mom, Neil, Rick and families.

In Loving Memory of Randy Bart Duncan
July 12, 1988—April 28, 2011
We thought of you today that is nothing new. We thought of you yesterday and days before that, too. We think of you in silence. All we have are memories. And a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake From which we will never part God has you in his arms
We have you in our hearts
We will never stop loving you.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

FOR INFORMATION ON AA, NA, OA, ACOA OR ALANON MEETINGS
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The point of diversion will be located at:

2 km north of Winlaw Bridge. The quantity of water to be diverted or stored is 6 cu. m/2 km.

The Valley Voice April 20, 2016

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If you’ve ever wondered how radio sounds effects like wind, rain, and vehicle wheels are made, you’ll get to watch David Everest create a soundscape to accompany the dialogue with the event calendar for all faith communities and spiritual groups in the area.

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The School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) international education program is growing, and is calling for homestay families for the upcoming school year. A meeting was held April 13 at Nakusp Secondary to provide information about the program and the homestay opportunity.

“We really rely on homestays,” said Ryoko Kobayashi, vice-principal of Nakusp Secondary and the International Education Program. “The number of international students is growing, and is calling for homestay families for the upcoming school year. We keep hearing that it’s so much easier to make friends here than even their home country schools,” Kobayashi said.

There are five international students in the district this year, all attending Nakusp Secondary. Lucerne Elementary Secondary School and Nakusp Elementary are also options for international students; the school is chosen by the students and their families. Elementary students must come with a parent.

Kobayashi said international students choose SD 10 because of its outdoor education, and because our communities are safe, friendly, beautiful, and very English-speaking. Students are truly immersed in the language and culture here. Also, the Dogwood diploma is highly regarded internationally, so most international students plan to come for grades 10-12.

International students pay $12,500 in annual tuition fees to attend school in SD 10. This revenue goes right back into the international program, to pay for recruitment efforts and the ELL teacher.

Anyone interested in hosting an international student can contact Andrea Coates, Heather Dennill or Ryoko Kobayashi at 250-265-3638. More information: www.sd10.bc.ca.