Federal prosecutor lays charges in Lemon Creek case

by Art Joyce

Three years after 33,000 litres of jet fuel was spilled into Lemon Creek, the federal government has laid charges against the BC government, Executive Flight Centre and truck driver Danny La Sante.

Government agencies specifically named in the charges are the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. The case goes to trial September 13 in Nelson.

Chief Federal Prosecutor Todd Gerhart has filed eight charges – two counts of violating section 36(3) of the federal Fisheries Act (the deposit of a deleterious substance in a water frequented by fish) and six counts of violating section 6(2) of the BC Environmental Management Act (cause or allow waste to be introduced into the environment in the course of conducting a prescribed industry, trade or business).

Slocan Valley resident Marilyn Burgoon, who brought a private prosecution forward in the case last year, is pleased, to say the least. “The positive thing is we’ve shown the public prosecutor should take over in such cases, and it should happen with the Mt. Polley spill and the Saskatchewan spill too,” she says, referring to an oil spill near Maidstone, Saskatchewan that dumped 200,000 litres into the North Saskatchewan River in late July.

West Coast Environmental Law (WCEL), which supported Burgoon’s private prosecution, credits her with keeping the case alive, “with a little help from our Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund. When the Province wouldn’t act, Marilyn laid her own charges – a course of action that led directly to a federal government appointed prosecutor laying new charges” on July 22. WCEL put Burgoon in touch with lawyers Lilina Lysenko and Jeff Jones. (Jones was Alexandra Morton’s lawyer in her private prosecution against a fish farm company on the west coast, and the federal government took over and laid charges in that case.) Staff counsel Andrew Gage writes on the WCEL blog that thousands of Canadians wrote the federal government demanding action in the Lemon Creek case, pressure that appears to have worked. But he tempers his triumphant note with a word of caution.

“Although the charges are yet more evidence that private prosecutions can be an important environmental law tool – in an ideal world the government, not private citizens, should be laying charges.”

Gage points out that in fact, the incidence of governments pursuing legal action for environmental damages has been on the decline in recent years, partly due to massive cuts to field staff responsible for compliance and enforcement. There are still no charges laid in the Mt. Polley mine tailings dam break.

Unfortunately, due to current legislation, there’s no provision for Burgoon to recoup her expenses for the private prosecution now that the federal prosecutor has taken over. Retired federal Fisheries Department biologist Otto Langer has pointed out that this in itself is an injustice, forcing citizens to bear the cost of prosecutions that should be the responsibility of government. But Burgoon isn’t complaining. She’s just glad that justice may finally be done for all those affected by the Lemon Creek spill. She definitely thinks the new Trudeau government had at least something to do with it.

“Under the new government, hopefully they’ll move on these cases without having to be prodded by private prosecutions. They had the money to do a huge investigation. They have far greater access to information than I do as a private prosecutor.”

Another factor she cites as keeping the case alive is the media support she received both locally and nationally. Burgoon, who worked with the late Colleen McCrory on Valhalla Wilderness Society campaigns, cites her as a mentor in this case. “She was very good with media. She really understood that public shaming of government is what it takes sometimes to get any action. If you don’t bring media attention to these situations, it’ll just get ignored. ‘Never give up’ is my motto.”

What does Burgoon expect out of the prosecution? “There has to be financial consequences to what they’ve done, but also stiffer regulations for carrying toxins through narrow mountain valleys. I understood the driver was from Alberta so they don’t even know the area – they need to be better instructed.”

The civil suit being litigated by David Aaron as a class action is still proceeding through the courts, citing as damages health issues, loss of crops, contamination of shallow wells and the right to enjoy one’s home. An appeal to the BC Ombudsman’s office by valley resident John Wittmayer was inconclusive.
Public toilets saga continues in New Denver

by Jan McMurray

The hot topic in New Denver these days is public toilets. First discussed at a public meeting July 19, the issue was revisited at the August 2 Committee of the Whole meeting and is on the agenda again for the August 9 regular council meeting.

The Village has received a CBT grant to improve Mori Trail, and the project plan includes installing three outhouse style “vault toilets” along the trail — one at the bottom of the main street, one at the end of Eldorado Street at the mouth of Carpenter Creek, and one at the recycling depot/Denver Canyon trailhead.

On August 2, about 25 members of the public crammed into council chambers to ask questions and make suggestions about public toilets.

Although Mayor Bunka says the proposed vault toilet at the bottom of the main street is a short-term solution while council works out a plan for flush toilets downtown, several people at the meeting indicated that they don’t want to see the downtown vault toilet installed at all. “We need to do it right the first time,” one resident said.

Alternative solutions included flush toilets at Bosun Hall, the Silvery Slocan Museum, or the former Eldorado grocery store; subsidies for the downtown vault toilet installed at the August 2 meeting. “I know it doesn’t have to be ten years,” she said. “When the assessment comes in, it will be very doable. I have the blueprints here that show how it can be done.” She said LACE doesn’t want to be responsible for cleaning the toilets, but the organization has some money for the project and is willing to do “whatever we can to make it work.”

The Bosun Hall assessment report has no set due date, according to CBT. The report would be submitted “Maybe in a month or so, but that depends on the technical issues they do or don’t run into while they review their data.”

Mayor Bunka said council had decided against the Silvery Slocan Museum building at the bottom of the main street for the public washroom. “The septic system there is holding its own with what’s coming through there now,” she said, adding there is very limited space on the property for an upgraded septic system.

The former Eldorado grocery store on the main street is advertised for sale at the low price of $79,000. One resident suggested that the Village purchase it, demolish the building (“You have the equipment so the cost wouldn’t be excessive”) and build a washroom building on the property. Mayor Bunka said council had not considered the Eldorado building. She said it “has its own set of issues” and that the septic system would have to be “completely re-done.”

Another resident offered to create a committee to raise funds and “fast track” a public washroom downtown. He suggested male and female toilets with showers, and lobbied for amortizing the project over 20 years, pointing out that interest rates are low right now.

Another idea has been put forward in a letter, proposing that the Village provide funding to businesses for opening their washrooms to the public. Mayor Bunka said she had forwarded the letter to all council members.

Finally, Lorie Langford of Sweet Dreams B&B suggested deferring the installation of vault toilets with the rental of portapotties, she said. The Village could then assess whether or not the toilets were being used “in the way you are imagining.” She said she has seen toilet paper on the trail and she feels the vault toilets won’t stop that.

As former director on the board of the Tourism Action Society of the Kootenays (TASK), Langford said “New Denver was conceived as the jewel in the crown of the trail system.” She said CBT would not be opposed to any delay in the project because they funded the studies TASK did for the trail system. She said the community had been asking for flush toilets for more than 30 years, and CBT would be happier to fund something the community supports.

When the longer-term plan of downtown flush toilets comes together, Mayor Bunka said no plans had yet been made for the vault toilet at the end of the main street.

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**Black bears in town; be extra vigilant with attractants submitted**

A sharp increase in black bear activity has been noticed in and around New Denver and Silverton in recent weeks according to WildSafeBC Coordinator Bree Lillies. The main component in the spike is fruit trees. “When bears start using the community as a foraging area for human-provided foods such as fruit trees, then conflicts develop and it ends up being dangerous to both bears and people,” says Lillies.

It is the season to be extra vigilant with attractants such as fruit trees, garbage, compost, bird feeders, BBQs and pet food. Avoid overloading the compost in fruit season — freeze material and add gradually.

- **Keep bird feeders down until the end of bear season.**
- **Clean barbecues after use by burning off the grill entirely. Remove and clean the grease trap after every use.**
- **Feed all pets indoors and store all pet food and dishes securely inside.**

To report human-wildlife conflict where public safety may be at risk, call the RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277. For more information, contact Bree Lillies at newdenver@wildsafebc.com or by phone 250-354-8120. Check out www.wildsafebc.com and follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wildsafebcnewdenver-nakusp. WildSafeBC New Denver is grateful for the support from the Ministry of Environment, Columbia Basin Trust, Regional District of Central Kootenay, the Village of New Denver, and the British Columbia Conservation Foundation.
Organizers of Kaslo Saturday Market peed off about portapotties

by Jan McMurray

Kaslo council has decided to leave the portapotties in Front Street Park until after Labour Day, despite a last-minute lobbying effort by some community members. Obviously these reflect the unique mix of values in each community, as the Community Forest Tenures legislation was not intended to do so. However, reaching the goals outlined in each Community Forest charter is a more complicated matter. And the Community Forest Tenure for Slocan Integral Forestry Co-op (SIFCo) explains, how one meets them can be as unique as the communities they represent.

Within the West Kootenay region, there seem to be as many models of operation for community forests as there are communities. Obviously these reflect the unique mix of values in each community, as the Community Forest Tenures legislation was not intended to do so. However, reaching the goals outlined in each Community Forest charter is a more complicated matter. And the Community Forest Tenure for Slocan Integral Forestry Co-op (SIFCo) explains, how one meets them can be as unique as the communities they represent.

Community Forests series part 4: Slocan Integral Forestry Co-op

by Art Joyce

SIFCo is a legacy of the Slocan Valley’s ‘war in the woods’ of the 1990s, when residents fought fiercely to protect their watersheds from industrial logging in the face of corporate backed legal action. It was during this time that the communities sulfate-scale fire we had in the valley since the early 1900s,” says Martineau. “It was definitely a marker for how vulnerable we are with climate change, with longer summers, more heatwaves and more fuel buildup in the forest, since we’ve become so good at fighting fires over the past century.”

But rather than simply be reactive, SIFCo has been doing its homework using eight different regional climate change studies to anticipate future climate adaptation needs. It revised its re-stocking standards for Slocan Valley forests within its interface zone, reducing the number of seedlings planted per hectare to prevent fuel buildup. SIFCo also pressed for recognition that the value of deciduous tree species, which are resistant to fires and whose shorter lifespans provide much-needed plant material for growing forests as they fall and decay. These recommendations were approved by the BC government in 2008. Columbia Basin climate science predicts that by the end of this century, the Slocan Valley’s forests will be comprised of Ponderosa pine trees in the future, which have a later seedling stage and are more susceptible to wildfire. Martineau feels SIFCo is a success. “It’s one of the comments we often hear,” explains Martineau. “It means we’ve been able to put our vision into practice.”

The challenge is access and the cost of maintaining the facilities. “It is a huge waste of funding for local projects.”

Council has begun its research into a Community Toilet Scheme for Kaslo. CAO Smith has written to John Eckland, Kaslo Hotel owner, to ask for the hotel’s views on the scheme. In his letter, Smith explains that the scheme is not common in BC and poses some problems as local governments are restricted in regards to assisting businesses and are not mandated to provide public toilets. “A Community Toilet Scheme run by the Village would require a bylaw, legal agreements and significant insurance arrangements.” He suggests that the Village or another not for profit organization could run such a program and the Village could contribute some funding.

Eckland’s reply states that the hotel is open to a Community Toilet Scheme, depending on its terms and conditions with respect to insurance to cover additional liabilities, maintaining complete control over access to its property and its hours of operation, being fairly compensated for its additional costs, wear and tear and vandalism.” He says the hotel feels the scheme should begin on a one-year trial basis with provision for the business to opt out at any time.

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Extend Purcell Conservancy down to the lake

Your reporter didn’t report one of the most important responses to Porcupine Logging in your article headlined ‘Agent Johansson’s Landing, Face logging looms again’ (July 13 issue).

At the meeting only one comment drew loud applause: ‘Include the area from Harrell Creek to Fry Creek in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy. It is the right thing to do.’ Not one person spoke against that statement, so I vote for that.

Mary Davidson
Lardeau

Correction to ‘Waxed apples’

The letter I wrote for the last edition entitled ‘Waxed apples’ needs a correction. A sentence in the second last paragraph says: ‘And the wax they were coated with contained 98% traces of pesticides.’ The sentence should read: ‘And the wax the apples were coated with contained 98% traces of pesticides in 98% of the test samples.’

Richard Eichenauer
Fauquier

Outhouses in downtown New Denver?

Really? In the 20 years I’ve lived here, public washrooms for the downtown of New Denver have been discussed many times. Now the Village is proposing two outhouses for the trail in the downtown area. Outhouses are available, but the Village owns the Bosun in the downtown area. Outhouses are 98% of the test samples.

Richard Eichenauer
Fauquier

Selkirk Paving and Fire Valley Flanking do an awesome job

Live in Fauquier and I want to thank you for the amazing job you did paving Highway 6 from Fauquier to Burton and some streets in Fauquier.

WOW, your people are AWESOME. The highway and streets are so smooth - it is hard to keep from speeding.

We had lots of rain and still the job was completed in record time, with safety for the public and workers being your first concern, then you treat your staff with respect and they in turn treat the public with respect.

It was a pleasure watching professionals at work, thanks for hiring locals and doing a great job. It would be nice if all paving and flagging companies worked to this standard. Keep up the great work.

Thanks again.

Debbie McAulay
Fauquier

An open letter to Donald Trump

Many of your statements leading up to your nomination as a presidential candidate in the upcoming US election indicate: if elected you will bring about significant changes in how your country will be organised to meet the challenges of the 21st century. We think it is fair to indicate: if elected you will bring about the changes of our democracies and political beliefs.

Canadians are committed to foreign policies which try to bring about the adoption of the United Nations Code of Human Rights in all the countries of the World. Canadians are growing in their understanding we live in a global economy which relies on unrestricted firearms ownership, fosters cultural diversity and is aggressively pursuing business/trade opportunities in the global economy.

We believe that Canada would welcome open arms those US citizens who wish to immigrate to Canada in order to live and prosper in a democracy that does not allow unrestricted firearms ownership, fosters cultural diversity and is aggressively pursuing business/trade opportunities in the global economy.

Greg Lay and Mitchell MacRae
Kaslo

Don’t buy into the fear of nuclear energy

I’m pleased to see there are others who are not buying into the fear of nuclear energy.

I could not easily explain the difference between the reactors in use today and a Thorium molten salt reactor with fewer than 500 words.

Briefly, light water reactors are run in high pressure containment vessels. Some run at 70 atmospheres, others as much as 150. This is to keep the water from boiling. Therein lies the danger. These reactors use uranium oxide as fuel. This is made into pellets and put into metal casing rods. Making solid uranium fuel is a complicated and expensive process and less than 1% of the energy is extracted from the fuel before it can no longer remain in the reactor. This is because the fission products are trapped in the casings. Therefore, the reactor periodically has to be shut down and the rods replaced. This results in so much nuclear waste.

One of the first things discovered in 1944 at the Hanford reactor was Xenon 135 “poisoning.” After the reactor was up and running it would suddenly shut down. Then after a few hours it would start up again. One of the scientists realized that this was caused by one of the fission products, Xenon 135, which was capturing all the neutrons that are necessary for splitting the atom. After a time the half life of the Xenon would decay to Cesium 135 and the reactor would start up again. So the scientists had to learn how to manage this. The results are complicated procedure of fuel rod and damping rod controls and timing that must be done right to prevent the reactor from running out of control as happened at Chernobyl.

Molten salt reactors do not have to operate at high pressure because

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Loud motorcycles unwelcome

Frank Nixon

Today I walked a few blocks from my home to the grocery on a glorious sunny afternoon, as I have done a thousand times over the last 35 years; but it was one of the most unpleasant walks I have ever taken in New Denver. In three blocks along the highway I was passed at closed range by five motorcycles; the noise of each one as they sped out of town was like a punch to both my body and my psyche.

Peace and quiet were always main attractions here. But we are losing it in summer because economic interests have advanced their acts. You have met many meccas; Internet blogs of motorcycle enthusiasts have spread the word; and a motorcyclist of motorists visiting the Motor Vehicle Act by modifying their mufflers to deliberately emit loud noise and smoke.

The noise reaches me in my home, when I walk in town on the beach, and when I’m driving. I know this does not have to be this way, because for years I had motorists living right across the street from me, and I didn’t even know when the sound coming or going. Most motorcycle tourists who come here are nice people, and the majority have quieter bikes. But, frankly, I am sick to death of people who would rather be Mc-Roo & Eat-My-Smoke mindset.

My worst experience was visiting my friend who lives on the homestead bend going out of town towards Kaslo. Motorcycles accelerate while coming out of the curve, and the noise is simply shattering, even in her house. People in town don’t hear this acceleration. I don’t know how my friend endures it every day, hour after hour. When being subjected to it, I became enraged at those who support more and more motorcycles coming here, yet will not support better enforcement of the motorcycle emission laws. The impacts of this is getting dramatically louder on the rest of us. Yet if we complain, we are admonished to be quiet, or the extra loud motorcyclists who evade manufacturing standards and break the emissions laws might stay away from local businesses. Fat chance!

Last year a petition going on the government to enforce the existing laws on motorcycle emissions received more than 1,200 signatures. In spite of the petition, there have been more motorcycles this year than last year. And, no, trucks aren’t causing an equal problem. Has anyone seen fleets of trucks parading down the highway putting on their airbags? I don’t think so, but I have seen a group of 15 motorcycles streaming town, and many smaller groups making New Denver sound like the bar district in Minneapolis.

There are many people bringing only pennies to town compared to local residents who pay taxes, spend money at local businesses, hire workers and have home-based businesses. We can’t undo the abnormal concentration of motorcyclists that is spiraling out of control in our communities; but as British Columbians we have a right to proper enforcement of the regulations on motor vehicle emissions.

To the person(s)
using the email address
NoMuslims@in NewDenver.com
on August 6, 2016

You emailed as anonymously, sending a link to a talk by a man named Robert Spencer. You told us that Spencer, a man purported to be a Christian, tells the real truth about Islam.

If you did your research, you’d know that Robert Spencer is cited by both the Jewish Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate-activist. He does not meet any definition of mainstream Christianity that we know of.

We listened to Mr. Spencer cite sections of the Koran to make his argument that Islam is inherently harmful and dangerous. They are, as persons with graduate degrees in religion – we both have a Master of Divinity, while Theresae has a PhD in Biblical studies – we view this as a profoundly simplistic, and essentially erroneous, way to read scripture. It is a reading designed to foster hate.

Did you know that the Christian and Jewish scriptures contain passages that call for the killing of those who are religiously different? They also call for death to sorcerers, fortune-tellers, sons who don’t respect their parents, persons who are homosexual, and adulterers.

We assume that you are a person uneducated about religion, because you don’t seem to know that moderate, liberal, and traditional religious people do not privilege these kinds of scripture.

Because every religious experience is filtered through culture and limited human understanding, the written word is at best an inexact expression of that which is beyond our comprehension. A good test of a scriptural passage is to ask whether it leads to greater love and compassion. If it creates barriers, a cult of purity, or advocates force, it betrays its own heritage. Real religion is always open to thoughtful change, to reflection in light of the real world.

Maybe you just wanted to make the unimaginative observation that religion fosters hate and we’d all be better off without it. We would point out that Hitler, Stalin, and Kim Amin did quite well murdering millions without the aid of any religious tradition. For an intelligent discussion of this question, we’d suggest you read Karen Armstrong’s book Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence published in 2014.

The entire world is suffering right now because a strong strain of Islamic fundamentalism is wreaking fear and havoc. But Islam is not the issue; the issue is people’s ulterior motives for using religion. ISIS is not the only form of Islam, any more than the Pharisees Priesthood or Aryan Nations constitute the sole forms of Christianity. We would encourage you to broaden your mind about Islam by reading Kahre Helmskyn and Rami, for a start.

Our hearts break for Muslims whose faith is twisted by extremists, whose homes have been destroyed and whose families have been broken apart. They also break for those of us who are too fearful to discuss the differences.

If you are seriously interested in talking about Islam – and not just to represent a hate-activist. He does not meet any definition of mainstream Christianity you don’t seem to know that moderate, liberal, and traditional religious people do not privilege these kinds of scripture.

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New Denver Council July 26: New Denver to pilot Rural Resident Attraction Project

by Katrine Campbell

• New Denver will be a pilot region for the Rural Resident Attraction Project.

Support to Stephan Martinez and the Slocan Integrated Forestry Cooperative (SIFCo) so it can apply for provincial funding for its proposed landscape-level, integrated biomass processing plant in New Denver. SIFCo has been working on reducing wildfire hazard since 2009. It has finished interface areas around Silverton and Slocan and has completed some work in and around New Denver, with more planned.

• Council will provide a letter of support to the Slocan Valley Local Government District (SVLGD) for the project.

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Notice of Application for a Water Licence

Water Sustainability Act (Section 13)

We, Cameron and Margaret Sonnenberg of PO Box 6, Slocan, BC, VO 0 2C0 have applied for a water licence to use water out of Slocan River which flows South and discharges into Kootenay River and give notice of our application to all persons affected.

The point of diversion will be located at: 8854 Slocan West Road (1 km South of Slocan Lake)

The quantity of water to be diverted or stored is 2 cuometer/day.

The purpose for which the water will be used is Domestic use.

The land on which the water will be used is PID 018-150-128, Parcel D (See XG5244) District Lot 1531 Kootenay District Plan 14695.

Anyone having concerns or comments with regard to the above proposal, please contact us at the above address in order that we may discuss the issues and arrive at a mutually acceptable arrangement.

Objections to this application may be filed with Duane Hendricks, Assistant Water Manager at 1902 Theatre Road, c/o FrontCounter BC, Cranbrook, BC V1C 7S1 within 30 days of the date of the publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Residents of the Village of New Denver are reminded that groups or individuals wishing to use public property such as streets, boulevards, alleys or parks within the municipal boundaries must contact the Village Office well in advance of the proposed event.

Contact information is as follows:

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HGG presents Food for Thought: How to Relate to an Arthropod

A reception for Feathers and Flowers will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 7-9 pm featuring music by Western Flyers (Donna Jean and Gary Wright).

Winter Studies by local artist Boukie Elzinga will show at the Hidden Garden Gallery from August 22 – 27. The show consists of a series of small, carefully rendered pen and ink drawings on wood, some treated with acrylic, wax and oil. Elzinga drew her inspiration from the biological drawings of the Dutch master Albrecht Durer, her own science knowledge and the animal subjects which visit and live around (and under) her studio in Hills. The work also includes images of the model from winter drawing sessions at the Gallery.

Elzinga, whose work is held in private and public collections in the Netherlands and the UK, obtained a fine arts degree from Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design and a degree in biological science from the University of Ghent and has taught figure drawing, oil painting, and art history following a long career as a nurse. Please visit her website, boukjeelzinga.com.

The opening reception for Winter Studies, with music by Paul Gibbons and Jeremy Down, will be held on Tuesday, August 23 from 7-9 pm.

The Hidden Garden Gallery, 803 Kildare St., New Denver, is open 10 am to 3 pm Monday through Saturday.

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

During the hot days of summer, residents of the Village of New Denver are asked to observe the following rules regarding the use of sprinklers within the municipal boundaries:

Level 1 Sprinkling Restrictions: No sprinkling between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

GARbage COLLECTION REMINDER

In accordance with Solid Waste Management Bylaw No. 581, 2004 residents placing garbage curbside for collection are required to place bagged and tagged waste material in a garbage can or other suitable container. Failure to do so may result in the removal of waste by animal control officers. Curbside collection occurs every Tuesday, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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Take the Columbia Basin Culture Tour for a glimpse of the world of our local artists

August 10, 2016

The Columbia Basin Culture Tour allows you to explore art galleries, heritage sites, art studios and archives that aren’t normally open, see demonstrations, exhibitions at more of the community halls in the Valley, during future Cultural Tours. Not all artists have their art studios that can be opened to the public, or the studios are too far off the beaten path; this is an opportunity for them to exhibit their work to the public.

Crescent Valley Hall, 1385 Hwy 6, just a short distance north of the Hwy 63A junction. Watch for the signs.

• Five ceramic artists will be showing their work at Cameron Stewart’s at 3620 Hwy 6 in Passmore, and Robin DuPont Ceramics will be open, as well at 4562 Hwy 6, Winlaw.

For more information on the Columbia Basin Culture Tour, visit www.cbculturetour.com.

Skey’s trial starts this week by Katrine Campbell

A trial date of August 9 was set for Denver Skey, the student who allegedly uttered threats which caused the June 24 evacuation of Mt. Sentinel School and the postponement of its graduation ceremonies.

Skey, 18, appeared in court in Nelson July 26 but Judge Rob Brown, concerned about risk to the public or to Skey himself, refused to grant bail. He was arrested June 24 and charged with two counts of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm.

At Skey’s first court appearance June 29, Judge Philip Seagram ordered he undergo a psychiatric assessment in Port Coquitlam. The court received the report July 26, but its contents and the proceedings at the bail hearing are covered by a court-ordered publication ban.

The artists and artisans participating are Laura White, Geoff Gaudet, Colin Payne, Yvonne Muroo, Kevin Kratz, Jo Brown, Tom Bradley, John Boivin, Katya Coad, Lynne Alexander, Barbara Brown, Paula Cravens and Robyn Gold.

If this project proves popular, the Arts Council plans to host group exhibitions at more of the community halls in the Valley, during future Cultural Tours. Not all artists have

 submitted

Taking place August 13-14, from 10 am to 5 pm, the Columbia Basin Culture Tour allows you to explore art galleries, heritage sites, art studios and archives that aren’t normally open, see demonstrations, exhibitions at more of the community halls in the Valley, during future Cultural Tours. Not all artists have their art studios that can be opened to the public, or the studios are too far off the beaten path; this is an opportunity for them to exhibit their work to the public.

Crescent Valley Hall, 1385 Hwy 6, just a short distance north of the Hwy 63A junction. Watch for the signs.

• Five ceramic artists will be showing their work at Cameron Stewart’s at 3620 Hwy 6 in Passmore, and Robin DuPont Ceramics will be open, as well at 4562 Hwy 6, Winlaw.

For more information on the Columbia Basin Culture Tour, visit www.cbculturetour.com.

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Kaslo council, July 26: Portapotties to remain in Front Street Park till after Labour Day

by Jan McMurray

• Council passed some guidelines regarding ‘Front Street Park Portapotty operation and maintenance 2016.’ The portapotties are “a temporary solution for 2016 and other long-term solutions will be considered before summer 2017,” states the guidelines. The portapotties will be considered before summer

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Organizers also made a donation to the Kaslo Volunteer Fire Fighters Association in appreciation of their fire truck filling the dunk tank.

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• The edge of Front Street Park along Water Street is a loading/no parking zone; however, there is no signage. During public time, Stephanie Judy asked when ‘no parking’ signs would go up. Deputy Administrator Stephanie Patience said her understanding is a retaining wall will be built next year and there will be no signage. Councillor Lang asked if staff could look into that, because he recalls asking for no parking signs. He added that people park there throughout the week, not just during Saturday Market. During Saturday Market, traffic cones are used to ensure no parking along the Water Street edge of the park.

MP Stetski to hold coffee shop meetings

Member of Parliament Wayne Stetski (Kootenay-Columbia) is coming to a coffee shop near you, seeking input on how to improve Canada’s electoral system and ensure that every vote counts equally. During his Summer Democratic Reform tour, Stetski will stop in 14 communities to hear from residents. In the last two federal elections, parties that only received 39 per cent of the vote formed a majority government with 100 per cent of the power – this is not a fair system,” said Stetski. “The current government has promised to make changes, but those changes need to reflect the desires of Canadians across the country, not just the interests of the party in power. It is important for me to hear from the people of Kootenay- Columbia on this important issue, so I am happy to have you come and talk with me.”

Canadahasbeenusingits currentelectoral system since before the invention of the automobile, and there is a broad consensus that changes need to be made. I encourage everyone across our region to join me and be a part of this important conversation about strengthening our democracy.”

In this area, Stetski will be: Nelson, August 17, 8:30-9:30 am in the Valley Voice   August 10, 2016

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Juvenile white sturgeon to be monitored in Arrow Lakes

Submitted

The Okanagan National Alliance is conducting a juvenile white sturgeon monitoring program on behalf of BC Hydro. This is currently taking place in the Upper Arrow Lakes and includes the use of gill nets and set lines to target juvenile white sturgeon. The nets are marked with two large orange buoys and the ONA asks people not to disturb the buoys “...as they are markers we rely on for locations of equipment.”

“C’mus [Siyil word for white sturgeon, pronounced Chintmos] are of traditional significance to the Okanagan peoples, and they are an important part of the health and diversity of the Columbia River,” says Howie Wright, Fisheries Program Manager.

Since 2013, the ONA has been conducting the program in an attempt to assess survival and growth of hatchery-released fish. Juvenile white sturgeon are released each year by BC Hydro and the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program within the Arrow Lakes Reservoir at locations including Shelter Bay and Millennium Park, among other areas.

Objectives of ONA’s Juvenile White Sturgeon Monitoring Program include:

• determining the habitat locations and the characteristics of the habitats utilized by juvenile white sturgeon in the mid-Columbia River;
• determining the survival rates in the mid-Columbia River;
• determining how hydraulic conditions resulting from dam and reservoir operations relate to habitat suitability in the mid-Columbia River;
• determining if modifications can be made to the operations of the Revelstoke Dam or the Arrow Lakes Reservoir to protect or enhance juvenile white sturgeon habitat.

Culture Days in the Kootenays

Submitted

Artists, organizations and community groups are hosting free, participatory activities during the seventh annual Culture Days and everyone is invited. Taking place September 30, October 1 and 2, the public is invited to discover the ‘behind the scenes’ world of artists, creators, heritage experts, curators, designers and other creative people in the community.

Hubs from Castlegar to Kaslo are opening their doors, and with the great diversity of Kootenay Culture there is sure to be something for everyone. Everyone in the community is invited to share what Kootenay Culture means to them by hosting an activity free to the public in their area of expertise.

In 2015, 62% of participants discovered something they did not know before about arts and culture in their community. By participating, individuals, organizations and businesses find a unique opportunity to share what they do with the public, explaining on their current audience or clientele.

Activities can range from arts to heritage to local cultural recreation activities. They must be free to the public and offer some sort of interactive or behind-the-scenes experience.

To participate, these are the steps: create a cultural event; ensure it’s free to the public and takes place during Culture Days weekend (Sept. 30, Oct. 1, Oct. 2); encourage participation, engagement or dialogue; register at www.culturedays.ca/en/my-culture-days before September 18; promote your event on social media and in newsletters using the hashtag #kootenayculture.

Wise Women’s Festival coming August 26-28

Submitted

The 20th annual Wise Women’s Festival is being held in the Kootenays, August 26-28. In past years, it was held at Naramata Centre in the Okanagan, where hundreds of women gathered to share in celebration of growing wise. Two years ago, the Naramata Centre closed down so the festival moved to the beautiful Johnson’s Landing Retreat Centre near the top of Kootenay Lake.

On Friday afternoon, there will be a Healing Oasis and Festival store. Opening ceremonies start at 7 pm. Saturday and Sunday feature over 18 workshops with 12 instructors, three to four instructors at a time in one of the many workshop spaces.

This wonderful festival is an opportunity for women to share time together and learn from others who are willing to share their experiences and skills. Call us toll free 1-877-366-4402 for information or to reserve your space at the Festival. See the display ad on this page.
by Art Joyce

This year’s Kaslo Jazz Etc. Festival hit a high-water mark by selling out a ticket a week before the event, with an estimated 7,000 in attendance. “They’ve had single events sell out in the past, but never the whole festival,” said Executive Director Paul Hinrichs.

In another first, 1,500 weekend passes were sold this year, more evidence that Hinrich’s strategy is working. “We definitely got a lot of attention from the jazz festival community because it’s pretty rare for a jazz festival to sell out.”

Despite the additional pressure on the village, with four new campsites added, there were no major incidents. That is, besides the weather, which had patrons scrambling for cover from a heavy downpour Friday and Saturday.

Measuring strengths and weaknesses is a sure way to grow and improve the festival, and Hinrichs isn’t afraid to confront them head-on.

Many complained about the system for buying liquor, which effectively had patrons lining up three times to get beer or wine. Hinrichs says in part this is due to BC Liquor Control Board (LCB) regulations and the new open liquor format of the festival that was pioneered last year. Having separate vendors for beer and wine is a requirement of the LCB. “It’s a trade-off. Kaslo Jazz Fest is one of the flagship sites for that kind of liquor licensing at a festival. You have to show them you’re going to exercise due diligence. But it’s definitely one of the areas we need to refine for next year.”

On the plus side, kicking off the festival by having the Circus Act Insomniacs lead the Friday evening parade was clearly a hit. Passes were sold this year, more evidence that Hinrich’s strategy is working. “We definitely got a lot of people writing to say it was the best festival they’ve ever been to.”

One of the great things about Jazz Fest is the vibrant after-hours music scene in downtown Kaslo. Walking down the main street Saturday night, there were bands playing in the Kaslo Hotel, Buddy’s Pizzeria and the BlueBelle Bistro. The Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra, escaping the stifling heat in the bistro, played an impromptu set on the sidewalk, with a lovely rendition of David Bowie’s ‘Space Oddity.’ Hinrichs wants to support this aspect of the festival weekend, while adding mini-events sponsored by Jazz Fest throughout the year.

“We have to stay relevant all year round. It’s a lot of work for just one weekend, so we’re open to suggestions for events the rest of the year.”

Other glitches this year included problems with recycling and not enough shuttle buses. The festival lost its composting outlet just before the event and a lack of coordination meant recyclables got lumped in with waste materials. Hinrichs says they failed to meet their zero waste target this year – a goal he’s firmly committed to meeting next year. “It’s Kaslo Minor Hockey that does our recycling and we’re not going to ask them to sort through a truck full of material. When you’re bringing 7,000 people to town you have a significant amount of garbage.”

Another success this year was the volunteer experience. Hinrichs says they were very aware of the ‘volunteer burnout’ that had crept in. The Kaslo Women’s Auxiliary made 700 sandwiches for volunteers and local businesses provided the food, including organic bologna. “We wanted to make sure to give them the best experience possible so that when we open up applications next year they wouldn’t hesitate.”

Got suggestions? Email info@kaslojazzfest.com.
Unity Music Festival on Slocan beach continues to grow

by Jan McMurray

The Unity Music Festival on Slocan’s spectacular beach at the south end of Slocan Lake is growing. Ticket sales to this year’s event were up over last year, and the number of vendors was up, too.

Held July 15-17 this year, Unity Fest is a family festival featuring world music. This year’s line-up included many Kootenay musicians, as well as a few from farther afield in Canada and the world. The quality of musicianship was spectacular.

Chris Berger, one of the three main organizers, reports that 730 tickets were sold this year – 300 more than last year. With the musicians, crew, volunteers and guests, she says there were about 1200 people on the site over the weekend.

“All the feedback we’re getting has been super positive,” Berger said. “The vendors were all pleased, and everyone has been telling us they had a great time.”

The festival site grew this year, as well. The second stage was set further back than it has been in the past, creating more space on the grounds. The vendors were moved to the area that was used for parking in previous years – away from the lake and behind a berm, a bit more sheltered from the wind. Parking was available on the former mill property, alleviating street parking in the village.

“We have yet to debrief with the Village, but I think the parking was a big improvement over last year. We worked with them to ensure that we didn’t impede the boat ramp traffic this year, and I think it worked,” said Berger.

New this year were workshops, held in the vendor area, on the main festival site, and on the beach. There were Taiko drum, African dance, hula hooping, yoga, and beat boxing workshops. There was also a workshop with the Beehive Collective about community stories and struggles from Mexico to Panama, and a Heart Mapping workshop with Soniko.

Berger is pleased with the diversity of people who attend Unity every year. “People of all ages come, from the very young to elders. It’s a family festival!” she says.

Chris Berger of Passmore, Felicity Gerwing of Slocan and Scott Milne of Nelson are the three key organizers of the annual event.
Mark Kunji Ikeda presents
Sansei: The Storyteller
submitted
Using dance, theatre, and humour Mark Kunji Ikeda narrates the story of Japanese Canadian internment in BC. He investigates the social climates and hardships from a time when his own family was labelled enemy aliens. He delves into one of Canada’s darkest past generations has affected the Japanese community today.

Ikeda will perform Sansei: The Storyteller at the Kohan Garden, New Denver, on Saturday and Sunday August 20 and 21, 2 pm, and at the Langham Cultural Centre, Kaslo, on Friday August 26, 7:30 pm and on Sunday, August 27, 2 pm.

“Through this project, I’ve combined the most incredible story of my family history with the more incredible methods of storytelling,” he says. “While there will always be a certain gravity around the subject of the internment, due to the struggle and courage of my family I have been able to approach the subject with a light hearted curiosity, and that is something worth celebrating.

“The title holds a particular personal relevance. The Storyteller is classically meant to please and instruct, to be alluring and surprising; in this piece I’ve unleashed theatrical devices, contemporary dance, recorded family interviews, and historical publications to give the full breadth and scope of this experience...this exceptionally dark experience that has led to my birth: a real silver lining from my own perspective.

“As for Sansei: Third Generation Japanese Canadian (ancestors arriving before WW2) – I believe I am the youngest Sansei in Canada, perhaps even in North America. Through this personal narrative, uninterrupted through the performance, is the story of my grandfather who had my father – and, in turn, my father, who exceptionally late in life, sired me. So if there are any other Sansei out in Canada who are under 30 – please speak up!”

Ikeda creates original performances that combine narrative and dance. His training in dance and theatre has developed a unique methodology, combining story, imagination, and choreography that led to him being named the 2015 Emerging Artist by Calgary Arts Development Authority. An ensemble member of the Dancers’ Studio West, he has taught at the University of Calgary, the Rosebud School of the Arts and currently teaches at Mount Royal University in Calgary. He has also served as the Artistic Director of MuMo Dance Theatre. This July, he co-directed ViSTA: Valhalla School of Theatre Arts in Silverton. He has found a special place in his heart for the Kootenays.


COMMUNITY
Sansei: The Storyteller

No toadlets for Toadfest 2016
by Jan McMurray

This year’s Toadfest at Summit Lake Provincial Park was not like the others. There were no toadlets to carry safely across the highway in buckets.

In past years, Toadfest has taken place in mid to late August. This year, it was scheduled for July 27 and 28 because the adult toads went down to the lake to breed about a month earlier than usual.

“We were really surprised that the toadlets hadn’t emerged yet, because it was the earliest breeding observed for decades,” said Angus Glass of the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP), organizer of the event. “Typically, the tadpoles take six to eight weeks to develop, but it took longer this year. It seems that the cold weather in late June and into July had an impact on them.”

Nevertheless, Glass said turnout to Toadfest 2016 was good with 150-200 people each day. Although some were disappointed, most were fascinated with the tadpoles on the shore metamorphosing into toadlets. “It took more time to visit the exhibits in the park, which included information on invasive species,” said Glass.

People who attended this year also took more time to visit the exhibits in the park, which included information on the western toad, snakes, aquatic bugs, butterflies, and more. Organizations exhibiting were FWCP, SWAMP (Slocan Wetland and Monitoring Project), CKISS (Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society), and BC Parks. Glass reminds the public not to move the toadlets outside of Toadfest, when traffic controllers are there to stop the vehicles while people bucket the toadlets across the road. “Please don’t move the toadlets when they appear in a few days. Traffic is moving very fast along that stretch of highway. The road is dangerous,” he said.
Second annual Nakusp Medieval Days a blast from the past

by Art Joyce

Turns out there’s far more going on at Nakusp Medieval Days than just an exercise in nostalgia. Far more than merely a forum for staged battles, the festival is a wide array of revived ancient skills. Although numbers were down slightly this year, Daniel Abraham, Nakusp Medieval Society (NMS) president, says the event was a success. Judging by the delight I saw on the faces of young and old watching ‘sword’ combat, archery skills, Highland games, and jousting matches with competing ‘knight’ factions, I’d have to agree.

The partnership between the NMS and the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) was a first for both organizations last year. The SCA was established some 50 years ago and represents “over 1,000 years of history from pre-17th century Europe and the cultures that influenced Europe.” For those new to this event, a little explanation helps. “Participants in the SCA develop a persona which represents an individual from the Middle Ages or their腻 idea of the Middle Ages,” says Abraham, “but not based on a real figure from that time...” For most SCA participants this means selecting a particular time and culture from the Middle Ages, building a name, and explaining their ancestors and traditional handcrafted arts around here,” says Abraham, “and wearing clothing that someone from that culture would have worn.” And indeed, it’s this colourful array of costumes and authentic characters that helps create the unique allure of Medieval Days.

The Jouthing Alliance of Washington State brought in fully armoured ‘knightly’ competitors with lances on horseback – another first for Nakusp Medieval Days. The event featured a “page” or announcer who greeted the audience to cheer for just about any competitor besotted by the Black Knight, who delighted in taunting both his competitors and the audience. For safety the lances are designed to shatter on impact, but this was a sport without risk.

The female Green Knight, Ariana Wolf, sustained a slight injury at Saturday’s contest when a lance deflected off her shoulder armour and caused a bruise on her cheek. Nakusp resident Richard Fahlman was ‘knighted’ for coming to the aid of a downed competitor and the audience. For safety the lances are designed to shatter on impact, but this was a sport without risk.

The festival closed around 6 pm each day, making it both family-friendly and easy on the neighbours. Look for another exciting event at next year’s Medieval Days. For more information visit www.medieval-days.ca.

ASSISTANT TREASURER – TEMPORARY

The Village of Nakusp has a temporary employment opportunity for an Assistant Treasurer. Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer, the Assistant Treasurer assists in the coordination and maintenance of the Village’s accounting records.

This is accounting and clerical work of moderate complexity involving a variety of accounts receivable and accounts payable transactions, account reconciliations, property tax/utility billing record keeping, preparation of required journal entries and maintenance of related files and records. The Assistant Treasurer assists the Chief Administrative Officer with preparation for annual external audit and the preparation of the annual five-year financial plan.

This position exercises a considerable amount of independence of judgment within established guidelines, and requires establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with a variety of internal and external contacts. Speed and accuracy is also important when processing financial information. This position performs related work as required and will include some front counter and reception duties. Speed and accuracy is also important when processing financial information. This position performs related work as required and will include some front counter and reception duties. Speed and accuracy is also important when processing financial information. This position performs related work as required and will include some front counter and reception duties.

The successful applicant must be comfortable with technology, be a team player and have keen analytical and interpersonal skills. Experience with VADIM software is an asset.

Ideal applicants will have experience in a local government setting and a diploma including courses in accounting or completion of 2nd year CA/CGA/ CMA and 2 years directly related experience or the equivalent combination of education and experience. This is a temporary Union position filling a medical leave. The rate of pay is $25.40 - $27.44 per hour as per the Collective Agreement between the Village of Nakusp and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 2450.

A complete resume of experience, qualifications and references will be accepted until 4:00 pm, August 12, 2016, to the CAO, Village of Nakusp, Box 280, 91 – 1st Street NW, Nakusp, BC, V0G 1R0; Fax: 250-265-3788, or email cao@nakusp.com
Slocan Valley welcomes three new food projects this fall

Submitted

Three new and exciting food projects are sprouting up in the Slocan Valley, ready to launch this fall. These additions to the region take us from New Denver to Slocan to Winlaw, creating a lovely ‘foodie road trip.’

First stop, the Village Hearth Restaurant in New Denver! The Healthy Community Society of the North Slocan Valley (HCS), a registered not for profit society, is excited to launch their new restaurant in the heart of New Denver this fall. HCS has spearheaded many local projects related to food, including a partnership with the local school. HCS established a community garden and greenhouse at the school and were able to hire staff to create a lunch and breakfast program for students, as well as develop community and the garden and establish an after school program called ‘Green Thumbs.’

In looking for other ways to bolster food security, the society determined that there is a need for a stronger local market that farmers can sell to. As a result, they have decided to establish their own restaurant, launching their very own restaurant. The Village Hearth will purchase and plate up as much local delicious food as they are able to.

Next we are off to Slocan and the Kootenay Food Centre. This project is a partnership between WE Community Gardens Services, a registered charitable organization, and the West Kootenay Permaculture Co-op, a not-for-profit cooperative. WKPC has four years of research and data around food security and economies in the region that has been gathered through events like local Food Fork and countless others. This research led the co-op to develop and provide access to affordable, high quality food and farming education for anyone who eats and engages in our local food economy, from homesteaders and farmers to restauranteurs and those beyond.

We are also heading to Winlaw, creating a lovely ‘foodie road trip’ from New Denver to Slocan to Winlaw, ready to launch this fall. The Kootenay Food Centre will offer affordable, hands-on education that will last from mid-March to October on topics ranging from food security and economic viability. By operating out of the Kootenay Food Centre, the co-op will be able to purchase excess food from local gardeners and farmers, then value process and store it in the community pantry. This pantry will be accessed by the food bank as well as the wider community for social enterprise opportunities.

One way the co-op plans to share the local excess is by hosting regularly occurring community meals in Slocan with a ‘pay what you can model’ to ensure there are no economic barriers to good food. The goal is to create a holistic and healthy little ecosystem of diverting waste, investing in local growers, providing education and skill building, feeding community, and supporting the right livelihoods in the community.

The Valley Kitchen in Winlaw is the last stop on the road trip to a good food-induced coma. In the heart of Winlaw, owners Rob and Sally of Alpine Divine Food Services Ltd are launching a brand new commercial kitchen. They bring a wealth of knowledge to this project, as the pair formerly operated out of, and eventually ran, a large commercial kitchen in Calgary. They felt that the community needed access to an affordable commercial kitchen space to help bolster the local food economy. Located right on the main highway in Winlaw, they are sure to get plenty of folks stopping in to check them out.

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The Summer Group Show at Studio Connexion Gallery

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The Summer Group Show at Studio Connexion Gallery

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Already in the second half of its season, Studio Connexion Gallery is getting excited about hosting the first Summer Group Show Show this coming Sunday, August 13, 2017. A wide variety of local artists are represented in this show, gathered through events like Farm & Food Community Pantry. This exhibition will start on Saturday August 12 and run through Saturday August 27. The reception will take place Sunday August 13 between 2 and 5 pm. To celebrate the CBCT, the gallery will be open from 10 am to 5 pm on August 13-14.

The Taxi Driver by Janice Hogg, a graduate from a 2 year art program at Edgewater is coming back with his engraved stainless steel tiles. He has been working on fewer pieces than the year before, one of them is mild steel, which means we are going to see some colours.

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Visitor Information

Golf Courses
Slocan Lake Golf Course - New Denver
Phone: 250-318-2408 www.stgc.ca golf@slocan.ca
9 HOLE/PARK 35 COURSE - NO TIMES NECESSARY
GREEN FEES: $19/hole or $33/18 holes
Rental fees, cart fees and pull cart available
Ladies’ Night – Tuesdays 4:00 pm. Guests welcome.
Members’ Night – Saturdays 4:00 pm. Guests welcome.
Tournaments: Johnny Tier Men’s Tournament - Sat June 11, 9-hole Mixed Open Tournament, Sat & Sun Aug. 19, 2016 (reservations required)
Dinner: Fri & Sat @ 6 pm. Groups of 20 or more.

Kaslo Golf Course - Kaslo
Phone (250) 353-2322 www.kaslogolf.org
9 HOLE GOLF COURSE - NO TIMES NECESSARY
GREEN FEES: $25/9 holes, $35/18 holes, $65 twilight rate
POWER CARTS: $18/9 holes, $30/18 holes
RENTALS: Clubs and pull cart available (free club rentals for motorcyclists)
RESTAURANT: Open 8 am – 9 pm
Enjoy one of the many regular events and get to know the men: Men’s Night - Thursday 4:30 pm, Ladies’ Day - Tuesday 4:30 pm
Senior Men - Wednesdays 9 am

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94 4th Ave., Our local artisan chocolatier makes everything from scratch and her own chocolate shop! Indulge in a dark chocolate truffle or cool off with a frozen raspberry dip in chocolate. Bring the family and experience the true art of chocolate making right here in Kaslo.

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645 Main St. Phone: 250-265-3322
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1710 Hwy 22, 6 km south of New Denver. 50 full, partial and non-serviced sites available. Some sites in the trees and some in the open areas. 2 bathhouses with flush toilets and coin operated showers. Rosters and picnic tables at each site. 10 min walk to an outdoor pool, are firewood seen, small convenience store. One cabin rental. Call for reservations.

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Lemon Creek Campground - Lemon Creek (250) 355-2409 1-877-900-8909 lemoncreeklodge.com info@lemoncreeklodge.com
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The Valley Voice, August 10, 2016

Morgen Bardati and Nadine Stefan will be opening their studios during the Columbia Basin Culture Tour Saturday, August 13 and Sunday August 14 from 10 am to 5 pm. Studios are located on the 2nd floor, 717 Josephine Street (above the liquor store). For more information call 1-877-505-7355 or visit www.cbculturtour.com

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**Number of abandoned campfires increased on long weekend**

Since April 1, the BC Wildlife Service has responded to 82 wildfires in the Southeast Fire Centre region that have burned 329 hectares. Forty-six of these fires were lightning-caused and 36 are suspected to be human-caused.

Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for $1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of $10,000, or, if convicted in court, fined up to $100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

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Summer fun from the Nakusp Public Library

It is always a good time to visit the Nakusp Public Library, but summer is a wonderful season to take refuge in this cool and comfortable place that has something for every member of the family, no matter what age or interest.

Children are drawn to the new book 101 Things for Kids to Do Outside which suggests fun activities such as racing snails, playing human croquet, brewing potions, setting traps, and more. Don't Squash That Bug! is the curious child’s guide to insects and is filled with cool facts about our creepy, crawly neighbours.

If you have a young friend who is an inspiring entrepreneur, Better Than a Lemonade Stand! offers small business ideas for children. There are many craft ideas for children. There are many craft books and cook books for young ones, joke books, and many new books. As always, the library offers a full plate of summer activities for children as well as the province-wide summer book club – all free.

If your family is planning a trip, check out the travel books along with books on hiking, fishing, bicycling, ATV'ing, and more. Currently there is a display of such books, and a few of the favourite picks are Where Locals Hike in the West Kootenay, The Great Western Canada Bucket List and Fresh Water Fishing Tips from the Pros. If you are planning a trip, you may want to take along a CD audiobook to listen to. There is a good selection of titles and choices that will please any age or interest, and many that the whole family can enjoy together. Listening to a good yarn will help make the miles fly by.

Cook books on salads, grilling, and preserving are popular this time of year, and the Library has an excellent selection. Gardening and building books – two of the library's strongest titles and choices that will please any age or interest, and many that the whole family can enjoy together. Listening to a good yarn will help make the miles fly by.

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Summer offers a good excuse to read something less than a classic – a beach read, such books are sometimes called. It can be relaxing to read something that doesn’t tax the brain but keeps the pages turning. However, there is nothing better in the summer than Huckleberry Finn. It is The Perfect summer read, and the library has this in audio book and hardbound copy. The library is a lovely spot to stop by on your way to the beach or any old time. It is your library and is here to serve you and yours. It is a place of discovery for everyone.

Columbia Basin Trust on solid financial footing

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Over 2015/16, Columbia Basin residents and communities benefited from more than $31 million in programs and services delivered by Columbia Basin Trust, helping residents as they work to strengthen the region’s social, economic and environmental well-being. The Trust’s revenues reached $48 million over the year, a substantial increase from the $29 million earned the previous year. This increase was due largely to the Waneta Expansion becoming fully operational and a new power sales agreement for Arrow Lakes Generating Station. The additional revenues enabled the Trust to deliver $31 million in benefits to the region.
Kootenay Sufferfest includes young and old, pro and novice by Art Joyce

Kootenay Sufferfest is on the move. What began as a small local event in Kaslo seven years ago on Labour Day has grown to include events throughout the year in Kaslo, New Denver and Nakusp. According to spokesperson Claire Paradis, there’s been an effort by organizers to include not just international athletes aiming for their professional best but anyone looking to get outside and get some exercise.

“It’s about getting people out into the beauty that’s around us, our clean air and our beautiful trails,” says Paradis. “We had an athlete from New York City come to do the Idaho Peak course, but we also have more community-oriented events for people who may be just starting to do this kind of thing.”

Events began this year on May 13-15 with Nakusp Invitational 3-day Stage Race, combining the 12-km Nakusp Hot Springs Hill Climb, moving onto the Nakusp-New Denver-Summit Lake Road Race, and finishing with the Nakusp Critérium Points Race in the village’s downtown. This was followed on May 28 with the Nakusp Half Marathon and 5-km Fun Run/Walk. The Half Marathon is described as “a spectacular and challenging single-loop course of the surrounding country and hillside of beautiful Nakusp. A combination of country road (some dirt, some paved), trail, and two short sections of highway (1-3 km in length each).” Paradis says the 5-km course is designed for even entry-level participants and people of all ages. “Here in Nakusp we have Jean Lancaster, she runs every single day, she’s one of those amazing people who’s been active her whole life, and she’s done it. And then we had six-year-olds do this race.”

Continuing in the family-friendly vein is the Burton Amazing Relay and Race, held this year on June 18 at the Burton Historical Park. Paradis describes it as a “paddletathon” that gets people out on Arrow Lake in their kayaks but it’s also a triathlon combining paddling, biking and running on both a short (10.5 km) and a long (26 km) course. “It’s a fun day, lots of people come out and cheer. I actually did it myself this year.”

For the more hardcore athletes, there’s the Idaho Peak Ultra Trail Marathon, a grueling 40-km event scaling the heights of the legendary peak. This is the event that draws international competitors looking to shave fractions of a second off their personal bests. Of course, anyone who feels up to the challenge may register, This, and the 10-km trail run from Three Forks to New Denver along Galena Trail, happened July 24 this year.

The 10-km trail run event this year featured several locals. Devon Duerrchen, 13-year-old New Denver resident placed 8th overall, Teo Elmore, 16-year-old from Silverton 10th, David Hartman of Winlaw 12th, Brian Mills of New Denver 19th, Gabriel Nemiroff, 13-year-old from New Denver 30th, Elias (11 years old) and Silas Lampimaki (12 years old) of Nakusp 47th and 48th respectively.

The year’s events all lead to the traditional Labour Day weekend main event September 3-5. Races start Saturday in Kaslo with the 50- km Milford Mountain Marathon, the 12-km Trail Run and KSCU Kids Races. This will be the last year for the 100-km Galena Ghost race that ends in New Denver on Sunday – in future, this will be a stage race. Other events that day include the 40-km and 15-km cross-country mountain bike races. Paradis says organizers wanted to introduce an element of fun this year so Sunday evening in New Denver will be the Denim Critérium race – wear your denims to reflect the more relaxed, inclusive nature of this event. Any kind of bike is allowed and participants are encouraged to ‘brɪ’ the judges. Sufferfest winds up in Nakusp Monday with the SufferCross, Off-road Duathlon, Junior Off-road Duathlon, and Sufferfest Corporate Challenge, whose winner will receive a beautiful new bike.

“SufferCross is new here but it’s getting pretty popular,” says Paradis, “It’s a running biking obstacle course. It’s sort of like a portage with a bike.”

And if meeting personal goals isn’t incentive enough, there are prizes to be won. Marin Bikes will offer two beautiful bikes this year as prizes. A tracking system known as Spots not only ensures no one will ever get lost, the company also offers prizes.

Paradis says the corporate and community support for Sufferfest has come from the Kootenay’s government Job Creation Partnership program, to local municipal support, corporate support and community support, to local sponsorship. No event of this scale can succeed without strong volunteer support. Paradis estimates about 100 people volunteer for Sufferfest.

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For start times and other information visit www.kootenaysufferfest.com.

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RDCK gets Bike BC grant for South Slocan Greenway project by Jan McMurray

The RDCK has received $176,500 from Bike BC for the South Slocan Community Greenway project.

This funding is for improvements at Crescent Valley Beach and in the South Slocan area of the rail trail, including the pedestrian tunnel under the highway.

Area H Community Works funding of $200,000 has also been allocated to Halfway River Hot springs rec site upgraded by Jan McMurray

Camping at the Halfway River Hot springs recreation site north of Nakusp is no longer free. The site has been upgraded with new campsites and enhanced parking. A site host has been hired, and a camping fee is being imposed.

As of August 15, it costs $12 a night ($6 a night for seniors) to camp at the Halfway rec site. The provincial website says: “Due to ongoing site abuse, a site host will be hired to manage the Halfway River Hot Springs Recreation Site. These fees will be collected under partnership agreement on behalf of the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource

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Today’s story is the multi-talented guitarist, singer, songwriter and independent artist’s launch tour for his two new albums ‘Lodestone and Iron’ and ‘Surf Guitar Smash Hits.’

Rocker Sean Ashby will play Silverton August 23 submitted

The Slocan Lake Gallery Society presents Sean Ashby’s one-man band show – six guitars, soundscapes, including lap steel, acoustic and electric, with beats and bass.

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