Citizens of the Year Banquet honours three people who make a difference in Nakusp

by Jan McMurray

The annual 2017 Nakusp Citizens of the Year Awards Banquet, hosted by the Nakusp Rotary Club, honoured Sandra Watt, Citizen of the Year; Joan Samu, Lifetime Achievement Award recipient; and Kiley Waterfield, Youth Achievement Award recipient. The banquet took place at the Legion Hall on May 12.

After a wonderful dinner catered by the Ladies of the Legion Auxiliary, there were opening remarks from Nakusp Rotary President Mayumi van der Pol and Mayor Karen Hamling. Encece Dan Nicholson presented award recipients with certificates from MLA Katrine Conroy and MP Richard Cannings, and read out congratulatory messages from them.

Mayumi van der Pol congratulated the award recipients, and invited all residents interested in improving the community to attend Rotary meetings every Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Lodge at Arrow Lakes, to coordinate community efforts.

Mayor Hamling said it was “an honour and a privilege” to bring greetings from the Village of Nakusp and thanked Rotary for organizing the event. She acknowledged Kiley Waterfield as a “great mentor and role model,” Joan Samu, Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Joan Samu is a Level 1 Ski Instructor and has almost completed her swimming instructor course. "Kiley is a mentor and role model for younger and peer skiers and racers in the community," writes Susan Clift (Madden), one of the people who nominated her for the award.

Kiley accepted the award and said she felt “truly honored.”

“I know a lot of others who deserve this award,” she said, mentioning her fellow Interact Club members and fellow soccer coach Makayla Teindl. She thanked the Rotary Club for hosting the event.

The evening ended with the Candle Lighting Ceremony, remembering all recipients of the Nakusp Citizens of the Year Award who have passed on. This was the 44th year of the Citizen of the Year tradition in Nakusp.
by Jan McMurray

The public comment periods on the controversial Retallack/ Lower Kootenay Band and Stellar Heli-Skiing applications for commercial recreation tenure on Crown land have been extended to June 13 and July 3 respectively.

Comments on Northwest Mountain Experience’s application closed May 6. This proposed 10,383-hectare tenure overlaps 100% with the Retallack/ Lower Kootenay Band. It is for non-mechanized ski touring and hiking in the Armour Mountain area of the Purcell range, with clients being flown in to two proposed cabins by helicopter.

Retallack application

The Retallack/ Lower Kootenay Band application is for 71,000 hectares (700 square kilometres) in the south Purcells, on the east side of Kootenay Lake. Activities proposed are heli-skiing, skiing touring, mountain biking, heli-biking, hiking, heli-hiking, climbing, mountaineering, snowshoeing, dogsledding, guided horseback tours, and filming.

The environmental group, Wildsight, hosted a series of three public meetings on the Retallack/ Lower Kootenay Band application in Kimberley April 30, Nelson May 2 (co-hosted by the West Kootenay Ecosociety and Yellowstone to Yukon), and Gray Creek May 3. The Wildsight website (wildsight.ca) has information on the application, and a space to provide official comments. The website says the proposed tenure area is “crucial for wildlife, linking a core population of grizzly bears in every direction, supporting the struggling South Purcells mountain caribou herd, mountain goats, wolverines, moose, trout and more.” It says the proposal “includes building 33 helicopter-accessed bike trails that cover more than 160 km. The operation would bring a hundred people or more into the backcountry every day for heli-skiing, heli-biking and heli-hiking.”

Public comments are being accepted at www.arfd.gov.bc.ca until June 13. To comment, and to see the application, do an advanced search for file number 4405893.

Stellar Heli-Skiing application

The Stellar application is to add 37,409 hectares to its existing 70,000-hectare tenure. Currently, the company offers heli-skiing only. With the additional tenure, it would offer guided ski touring, as well.

The additional tenure Stellar is requesting is in the Kooten, Milford, Davis/ Rossiter, and Cascade areas on the west side of Kootenay Lake, and Glacier/ Howser area on the east side. There is a one-year moratorium on tenure applications in most of the area that Stellar is applying for, on the west side of Kootenay Lake. The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development says the moratorium was established due to “the increasing number of reported conflicts between public snowmobilers and guided commercial skiing operators.” The moratorium is in effect until March 14, 2019. However, according to the ministry, the Stellar application was received prior to the implementation of the moratorium and will be considered.

A local New Denver-Kaslo backcountry group has met to discuss their concerns about this application. These include concerns about impacts on wildlife and on public recreation users. They contend that most of the proposed tenure area is used by local backcountry recreationalists, so approving the application would open the door to conflicts between the groups. The application also raises safety concerns about having heli-skiers coming down the mountain above public users.

Public comments are being accepted on this application at www.arfd.gov.bc.ca until July 3. To comment, and to see the application, do an advanced search for file number 4404298.
Logging moratorium requested for Argenta-Johnson’s Landing Face

by Jan McMurray

Over 100 residents of Argenta and Johnson’s Landing have signed a petition asking for a moratorium on logging on the Argenta-Johnson’s Landing proposal. The petition is addressed to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development; Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development; and Hugh Eberle, West Kootenay District Manager, Ministry of Transportation.

The concerns listed on the petition are water security, road safety, and slope stability. The petition outlines the issues the residents want addressed during the requested moratorium. They want to ensure that the integrity of their drinking water is preserved, that Argenta-Johnson’s Landing Face is the watershed for both communities, that they want road safety for community members to be ensured, and that they feel that industrial traffic on the single-lane road into and out of the community poses a safety hazard. Finally, they “require a thorough assessment of slope stability as well as a complete karst assessment of this proposed logging area” and demand that these assessments be done independently of the logging company.

Mungall said the forestry company has committed to having a full suite of professional assessments done, including geotechnical and hydrologic assessments appropriate for the karst topography found in the area. The company has also committed to providing the assessments to both ministry and local experts for peer review.

SIFCo creates wildfire and climate change conference

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The impact that climate change is having on wildfire behaviour will be a focus of the Wildfire and Climate Change Conference, taking place in Nelson from June 26-28, 2018, says Forestry, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Minister Doug Donaldson. “Our forests are changing, so we need to change, too,” said Donaldson. “Adapting to new challenges posed by wildfires and responding to the effects of climate change on our natural environment are critical and require a concerted effort by all levels of government and land managers.”

The conference has been organized by the Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative (SIFCo) and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Conference attendees will learn about local, national and international initiatives to address the growing challenges associated with climate change and wildfire behaviour, and the importance of creating fire-resistant ecosystems. Presenters are coming from as far away as Oregon and New Mexico.

“The government has said to the forest licensees that they need to address them, and your studies will be peer reviewed,” said Larry Pyatt about Scott Fraser, NDP MLA for Alberni-Pacific Rim, who is quoted as saying that protecting BC’s karst landscapes “is an issue that is near and dear to my heart” and a “personal priority of mine.” Today, Fraser is chair of the Environmental and Land Use Committee, with Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Doug Donaldson as vice chair, and Minister of Environment George Heyman and Nelson-Creston MLA Michelle Mungall as two of its members.

“So it seems to me that this is an important committee to be looking at some of these land use considerations. My understanding is that there is a karst handbook, but it doesn’t address the issue as fully as we’d like to see.”

I think there needs to be some karst legislation so that’s where I was hoping Scott Fraser and Doug Donaldson would come up with some kind of policy around karst forest management,” said Schramm, adding, “I think it’s important for communities to address these issues and require that there’s due diligence with their community concerns.”

On MLA Mungall had just received the petition when we contacted her and didn’t indicate how she would respond to it. However, she said, “I always welcome communities and citizens getting engaged with what’s going on in their backyards and being involved with the government process. Every time we do that, we come out with better results. It’s really important that when we’re making science-based decisions that those analyses and results are available and transparent to communities, so I’m always pleased to see people get engaged.”

Still Eagle Planning Permutations

Nelson’s one-stop eco shop is fully stocked and ready to rock for summer

FAIR TRADE

Hand-made BABA Baskets from Ghana

Eco-friendly home, beach and kitchenware

At ECHO

Our EcoBoutique across the street has Summer fashions proudly made in Canada: OOM, MESSAGE FACTORY, RESPECTERRE, ABAKA, MOVEMENT, and other small manufacturers

Sustainable, stylish clothing

for men & women

and announcing

LOKA SWIMWEAR

Swimwear reducing plastic waste. Great designs, made from recycled post-consumer nylon and recycled commercial fishing nets
Adventure Tourism tenure applications

This is an open letter to the the Lower Kootenay Band, Retallack Lodge, Northwest Mountain Experience, Stellar Heliskiing, responsible government decision makers, hoteliers, skiers, and skiiers... regarding the proposed Adventure Tourism tenure applications for the Kootenay Lake region.

At a time when so many animal and plant species are on the brink of extinction or struggling to survive in already shrunken and fragmented habitats, a time when wild and natural habitat is being over exploited and mined for its ‘resources,’ watersheds are threatened, significant climate changes have increased wildfire risks; a time when a moratorium on adventure tourism tenures is in place in the Selkirk range because there’s already too much conflict between existing mechanized (and other) human use (not even considering the needs of wildlife), I am absolutely gob smacked and outraged at the three separate current tenure applications being made by NW Mountain Experience, Retallack Lodge/Yaqan nu’kiy and Stellar Heliskiing. These tenures cannot be considered in isolation since at least two of them completely overlap with each other and all involve the ‘LAWS’ (Land, Air, Water, Spirit) and communities of Kootenay Lake.

What sense does it make to consider the application was made prior to the Stellar’s tenure expansion (just because it was made by NW Mountain Experience, Stellar Heliskiing) and not so, need to stand together as the river, as I am and probably most others are; and the communities of Kootenay Lake.

We will not knowingly publish any letter that is defamatory or libelous.

Letters and articles should be no longer than 500 words and may be except in extraordinary circumstances.

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Jumbo’s 2018 Spring Fling

Today, April 9, 2018, according to the piece you say, “Once an LWMP is approved by the Minister, it can no longer be publicly appealed.” It’s time to speak up.

Alana Malik, Kaslo Newsowner-Owner

Open letter to Minister Michelle Munnall

I agree with Andrew Weaver that you may prove to be a shell for bad energy policies. (The Tyee, May 1, BC Hydro to end incentive for new home solar: Weaver blasts plan to stop paying for surplus power from homeowners.) 

According to the piece you say, “They’re earning all these credits and then BC Hydro has to pay them out, so this is kind of a backdoor way to get an energy purchase agreement.” It’s not what the program was intended for. It’s not OK so that’s why BC Hydro is making this request.”

The utility is paying around $30,000 a year to some individuals and organizations, Mungall said. “That doesn’t make sense,” she adds. “What are they doing?”

Yes, it adds up when you consider she and the government have also decided to continue to fund the Site C dam, which is economically unviable within Sinixt territory until the false denial is lifted and the Sinixt can act with its force as an autonomous recognized group. All I can say to the calls for the government to recognize Sinixt as the only true and legitimate group in the Ktunaxa. The Sinixt government is using rhetoric and empty words on Canadian citizens those words are truth and reconciliation. There is no truth and reconciliation for Sinixt as long as we remain in a state of declared extinction. The Canadian government has had many opportunities to correct its mistakes through 30 years of court cases we Sinixt have brought forward. Instead they have denied us. The Canadian government continues to dupes its citizens by giving other tribal groups our land and resources in the guise of truth and reconciliation with the Indian peoples of BC. This is NOT truth and NOT reconciliation. This is simply another act of injustice against the Sinixt. Before any more land, resources, tenure, proposed reserve or whatever is granted to any group whether tribal or industry, the Sinixt question needs to be addressed. If you as a citizen of Canada believe that truth and reconciliation is a desirable outcome for ALL tribal groups then raise your voices to deny all settlement and agreements within Sinixt territory until the false denial is lifted and the Sinixt can act with its force as an autonomous recognized group. All I can say to the calls for the government to recognize Sinixt as the only true and legitimate group in the Ktunaxa. The Sinixt government is using rhetoric and empty words on Canadian citizens those words are truth and reconciliation.

Marilyn James

Sinixt Nation

Kaslo sewer ‘fairness’ – tax exemptions

In the future, a sewer parcel tax on your property tax bills for either debt repayment or reserve fund contribution for years to come.

But some property owners within the specified sewer area don’t get property tax bills. For example, property owned by the federal and provincial government is fully exempt from property taxes for all purposes. A number of non-profit organizations obtain permissive tax exemptions for their property.

All properties within Kaslo’s specified sewer area should contribute towards debt repayment and/or a reserve fund.

Who will contribute the equivalent of the parcel tax for debt repayment and/or reserve fund for these properties?

• School, hospital, ambulance station, post office and RCMP building

• Village-owned properties within the specified area

• Properties within the specified area that obtain permissive tax exemptions each year

Through what mechanism will this be achieved? This issue needs to be addressed and specifically explained in the Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) Stage 3 report that is currently being drafted.

“Once an LWMP is approved by the Minister, it can no longer be publicly appealed.” It’s time to speak up.

What say ye?

During the past several years, I have written to the Village of Kaslo many times requesting this sitting council make a concerted effort to speak up during council meetings – to no avail. I have also requested a change in the seating arrangement. ALL council members should face the audience in the public gallery, so they can be seen and heard. Also... install table-top microphones and videotape their council meetings, and upload them to the Village’s website. As of this date, nothing has changed. Some old frustrations exist. We did however, gain a handicapped ramp at the side of the Village Hall. This was a good first step, although it does nothing to solve the inaudible council meetings.

With the extensive renovations in the old City Hall to be finished this summer, (with an anticipated move in date of August this year) one would hope some considerable audio improvements have been made in the new council chambers. I note a considerable amount of our gas tax dollars have been utilized for surplus power from homeowners.

Ron Volansky, a man of vision

On April 28, 1 I attended a memorial service for Ron Volansky at the Edgewater Community Centre. It was remarkably well attended. I got to the hall at the appointed time to a standing room only crowd – more people than I have ever seen at a Legion function.

Many spoke of what a great husband, father, and grandfather he was. Some spoke about his incredible work ethic, which was evident if you’ve ever been to his place in Neulles where there was never a blade of grass out of place.

But I think one of the more marvelous aspects of his life was not spoken out loud. And that was his great vision for community and his ability to tap into the vision of others he believed to have merited. I was fortunate to be one of those people he helped in my quest to establish myself in this community. He will be missed and my one regret was not to have visited him and his lovely wife more often.

RIP, Ron, a man of vision.

Leon Pendleton

Edgewater

Pro Rep referendum

I just finished reading a column by Tom Fletcher and want to respond by quoting ‘Wally’ the cartoon character from the New Zealand Herald, just before the proportional referendum in that country: “If you want to know why you should vote for PR, just look at who is opposed.” The BC Liberals, for one, are absolutely afraid that if PR arrives after the referendum, they will lose their monopoly of seats in the interior of BC and instead some of the voters might actually get to elect some BC Conservatives, whom they prefer.

This referendum when it comes is not about Green voters getting a choice, it is about every voter in BC getting an equal choice to elect the MLA they want.

Andy Shadrack

Kaslo
Area D Director’s Report – Spring 2018

May 5 and it looks like winter may actually be over. Hard to imagine we are already planning for flood and fire season.

There are two parts to this report, part 1 is RDCK services and part 2 is the advocacy I am pursuing as your director (but do not fall under the RDCK or local government authority).

PART 1: RDCK Services

Emergency Services

Area D requested to announce two communities in Area D have achieved Fire Smart Community Recognition. This is a milestone in preventive measures and communities from the threat of wildfires.

Funding has been awarded for forest fuel modification prescriptions for:

- Woodbury
- Backroad and airport
- Hower
- Glancy Creek

Mount Buchanan Lidar report and mitigation plans. RDCK has applied for funding for mitigation works. Once we hear we will inform the community of what actions will be taken.

Please: Be Flood Aware. See RDCK Media release with contact information here:


Kaslo and Area D Economic Development (EDC)

We were not successful with our Rural Dividend Application for the National Agroforestry Innovation Program. Although we were not successful, Area D will continue to fund a year two program that LINKS will offer with wage subsidies for farmers and capital infrastructure supports. Looks for ads soon out. The plan was to offer:

- Farm internship program
- Capital infrastructure support
- Organic Diversion (compost) feasibility study to design a region program

Kaslo and Area D EDC is preparing to submit a proposal that would see several initiatives funded. Organic diversion feasibility is slated to be one of them.

All minutes for the EDC can be found at the RDCK website under our agendas. Follow here: http://www.rdck.ca/EN/main/government-committees/commissions/kaslo-and-area-d-economic-development-commission.html

Planning Services – Spot Zoning in Area D

While I have not personally been a fan of zoning in rural areas, over the past three years it has become more apparent why zoning can be an effective tool.

Zoning is the tool that provides local and regional regulation over land use. It starts with an Official Community Plan (OCP), – the vision – and then zoning which leads to bylaws.

Out of the 24 communities in Area D, only Ainsworth has zoning and subsequently land use bylaws. The Building Code is a separate bylaw that does not require zoning or an OCP. It applies to all buildings within the RDCK.

Without zoning, local government has little control over land use. In rural areas the pressures for industrial land use mixed with residential use is not as likely or problems emerging where populations are more concentrated.

In Area D, the following issues have risen that have residents requesting local government to review zoning:

- Businesses with high volume traffic operating in quiet residential neighborhoods
- Medical marijuana facilities in residential neighborhoods with no control over use of community water systems
- Free roaming domestic animals of all sorts including cows, pigs, and horses. Zoning would allow local government to regulate fenced animals
- Temporary and seasonal homes that are currently prohibited due to the inability to monitor use. Seasonal homes can collapse under large snow loads with residents remaining in them is a community safety concern.
- While not all communities have the need for zoning, some do and would like to see it implemented.

For these reasons, I will be initiating a survey to be mailed to all residents inquiring as to their interest in zoning. It may only be one or two out of 24, it will be the communities who decide.

CBT Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Annual Funding

Community Initiatives funding is pooled between Kaslo and Area D for a total of $33,000 in 2018. Request for funds exceeds $140,000.

The ballots will see some serious cuts due to funding constraints. Mayor Hewat lead the Community Initiatives meeting on April 16th at JV Humphries school

Affected Areas is for communities affected by the Duncan Dam. Total funds available this year is $85,000 with a request for $104,000. We will see the ballot the all applications will be recommended but with a reduction due to availability of funds.

Area D 2018 Budget

On the right-hand side of this page are the approved allocations for several Area D services. For the full budget, please contact the RDCK or me and we can send one out to you.

Area D 2018 funding commitments (see chart at bottom right of page)

Community Development

These funds are in lieu of taxation from BC Hydro. Area D receives approximately $77,900 annually.

Community Works

These are gas tax funds from the Federal Government. The Federal Government sets the criteria and application with specific funding areas. Area D receives approximately $65,000 annually.

Area D Lead Advocacy Initiatives (Non RDCK services)

Water Systems Support

The RDCK is taking a lead role in preparing a refined proposal for funding that would enable small water systems to access the necessary resources to create a planning road map to direct what their water systems would require for success.

This road map will outline:

- System design specific to the communities’ geography and layout
- Governance model for managing the water system
- Financial management
- Regulatory guidance for both the Drinking Water Protection Act (DWPA) and the new Water Act (WA)

I am also funding several Area D water systems

- Fletcher Creek Improvement
- District $10,000 (previously funded
- $35,000)
- Schroeder Creek $20,000
- Backroad Water Society $25,000
- Mirror Lake Water Users Society $20,000
- Kaslo Backroad is preparing a proposal for feasibility of water and power generating system

RDCK Budget 2018

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Nakusp and Slocan receive funding for housing projects

by Jan McMurray

Housing projects in Nakusp and Slocan have been selected to receive funding from the BC government/Columbia Basin Trust partnership (Columbia Basin Investment in Affordable Housing Agreement). The Nakusp Valley Seniors’ Housing Society (SVSHS) will now be able to build 112 units, a number that will triple the 38 units originally planned. “We had applied for funding for 12 units, received enough for eight, and this new funding will build those final four,” reported Rita Moir of SVSHS.

The community services building in Nakusp is home base for more than 100 staff and 23 programs, including housing, counselling, RCMP victims/witnes services, Better at Home, Community Action Program for Children, employment services, and transit services. These programs are delivered by Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services Society (ALSCLS) and Halcyon Assisted Living Society (HALS). “We refer to them as sister societies because they have the board of directors, the executive director, and the management team are the same for both,” said Executive Director Tim Payne.

HALS operates Halcyon House in Nakusp, Dr. Brouse Lodge in New Denver, and Moberly Manor in Revelstoke. About Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services

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Frances Swan, NACFOR project manager, says public meetings were held in Edgewood, Fauquier, Burton and Arrow Park, and Nakusp earlier this month to explain the plans. Although Edgewood’s meeting was sparsely attended, the other three were well attended and there was good support for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The plan identified potential treatment units around each community and reviewed the areas proposed. If any of the units fall within the area for other licences, NACFOR will work with licensees to incorporate some wildfire mitigation treatments.

NACFOR presented the information to the public, while John Cuthbert and Mark Elder of Cathro Consulting represented the Regional District and presented additional information on FireSmart. The communities agreed that one CWPP would cover all of them, to transit services.
New Denver council, May 8: Council deals with budget, tax rates

by Katrine Campbell

The Village of New Denver council, May 8: Council deals with budget, tax rates, general development permit to the Hidden Garden Gallery so it could add a door compromise.

The vast majority of residents would like to see the population of New Denver be larger than it currently is today, with most interested in a population of 500 to 800. Check out results from the recent survey of residents (http://newdenver.ca/documents/reports-and-studies/).
Silvertown to see a 5% property tax increase in 2018

by Claire Paradis

Silvertown’s finances are in good shape, moving into the future. In his cost to council on May 8, Colin McClure, Chief Financial Officer for Silverton, reminded council that the Village has been debt-free since 2016 and has been successful in finding grants to finance many capital projects.

There will be a 5% average overall property tax increase this year. This will mean an increase of $64 from $2728 to $2764 on a home assessed at $236,800. Water rates have increased by 3%, and garbage fees increased by 5% in response to increased tipping fees and increased transportation costs.

None of the $412,500 in the capital budget is needed for upgrades to the water system this year. It will be spent on outdoor exercise equipment ($40,500) and Silvertown Gallery updates ($72,000), with most of this money coming from grants.

McClure noted that school taxes made up 39% of the taxes collected by the Village in 2017, followed by municipal taxes 40%, RDCK 12%, and Columbia Basin Trust 6%.

Integrity Forest Cooperative (SIFCo) is doing in the area. FireSmart and Emergency Operations Centre projects.

This year’s expenditures for general government are about $50,000 more than projected for 2019-2022 due to costs associated with the election, the feasibility analysis of moving to a co-working space in Silverton, and other contract work.

Mayor Jason Clarke said that the CAO has made detailed estimates for future upgrades to parks and work that will need to be done, rather than just applying an algorithm for an increase across the board.

The financial plan bylaw was given three readings at the council meeting.

Nakusp Ski Club Association would like to thank all of the staff, volunteers, businesses and sponsors for their contribution throughout our ski season and year end Carnival. The community support is always a huge contributor to maintaining and running the hill and is greatly appreciated.

AGM WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 20 AT THE NAKUSP SECONDARY SCHOOL. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.
New Denver’s Harris ranch family story told in new book

by Art Joyce

It seems an unlikely story: Joseph Colebrook Harris, the son of a family of wealthy English industrialists, thousands of miles from the country of his birth, trying to eke out a living on a rocky Slocan Valley mountainside. But in fact it’s a story reflected throughout Canadian settler culture. In his new book, Ranch in the Slocan, Cole Harris tells the story of the Harris family ranch in New Denver. Just released by Harbour Publishing, it not only tells the story of JC’s descendants, but of how their lives intersected with key moments in Western Canadian history.

“The ranch was just an extreme example of Canadian wilderness settlement,” says Harris. “It’s a local account but it has wider implications. My family was a family of people who wrote. There’s a rich body of writing that has survived. And there’s no end of stories, of private lore.”

The Harris family, based in Calne, England, had sprung from humble origins. An ancestor, John Calne, England, had moved to New England in the 1700s. But with the coming of the industrial revolution, there were opportunities to join the new middle class. By the 1880s, the Harris family was becoming one of the top suppliers of pork and bacon in the British Empire, with a large factory complex and a palatial home for both gardeners and servants. JC or Joe, the youngest of four sons but not considered to have a good head for business. Instead of being taken into the family firm, he was sent to Ontario Agricultural College in 1888.

But Ontario didn’t suit young Joe so he headed west, as so many other young Englishmen had done. According to English law, the eldest son inherited the family estate and business. Younger male siblings had to make their own way, though not without financial assistance or ‘remittance’ from the family. Many of these young ‘remittance men’ were drawn west in search of new opportunities. Ignorant of local conditions, some were taken advantage of by real estate speculators selling ‘orchard land’ or ‘ranch land,’ only to arrive and find nothing but rocky, infertile land.

Appledale in the Slocan Valley is a part of this legacy. Visiting with the Musgrave family on Saltspring Island, young Joe Harris was convinced to try homesteading on Vancouver Island. Briefly, he tried carving a farm out of the bush near Duncan. It was here he met a neighbour who was a Japanese-Canadian internment community member. Their next step towards completion is to form the Community Climbing Society. Students appeal for society members includes anyone interested in climbing. We require society members who will be excited about offering the use of our facility outside of regular school hours. A professional engineer has drawn plans for our climbing wall. We desire community input to validate and improve these plans. Please join us so that we can make this dream into a reality. Additionally, to ensure success for our community, we appeal to community members who have experience and/or materials to share. We need help with building the wall.
May Days means that barbecue season is upon us! Stop by for all your barbecue supplies – meats, vegetables, sauces, etc.

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Kaslo Logger Sports a main May Days event,
submitted
Logger Sports has become one of the main events at the annual Kaslo May Days Celebration. Lumberjack competitors from across Canada and the United States compete for big prize money and the opportunity to show off their logging skills. This year, in honour of Kaslo’s 125th birthday, there will be events for local competitors. Not to be missed!

The venue is the shore of beautiful Kootenay Lake with its gorgeous backdrop of the Purcell mountain range. Every year on the Victoria Day long weekend – May 19 and 20 this year – spectators are thrilled by Canadian Championship events such as obstacle pole, underhand chop, and unlimited hot saw, to name a few.

Logger Sports is run by volunteers and is sponsored by local businesses, logging industry players, and individuals. The 2018 show is a two-day event held on Saturday, May 19, featuring novice and intermediate competitors; and Sunday, May 20, featuring open and women’s competitors. There will also be events for local competitors as a special treat in this year of Kaslo’s 125th anniversary. Show time starts at 11 am and ends around 4 pm. Preliminary eliminations actually start at 9 am. Food and beer concessions are on site. Mark your calendars and we’ll see you at this unique and exciting free family show.

For more information on how to compete at Kaslo Logger Sports or volunteer to help with the show, please contact Andrea Hand at andreahand2@gmail.com or phone 250-353-2820.

Bears and Bears and Bears – oh my! The Langham opens two new art exhibits, ‘Bear: Dweller of the Wilderness’, and ‘Wild Things’ on Friday, May 18, 7-9 pm.

In the main gallery Vancouver artist Kaija Rautiainen portrays grizzly bears in the wilderness of the Khutzeymateen Inlet through her Jacquard tapestry weavings and pastels.

In the community gallery local environmentalist and photographer Jim Lawrence presents a series of photographs showcasing the majestic grizzly bear in the natural beauty of its wild habitat.

This opening night features live Celtic music by Kaslo’s own Merry Weather Band, plus artists’ presentations and refreshments. Save the date and kick off your May Long Weekend with art, music, and goodies.

This event is free and open to the public. Exhibitions run May 18 – July 22; the galleries are open Thursday – Sunday from 1 to 4 pm.

www.thelangham.ca

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The theme of the parade this year is Celebrating Kaslo’s 125th! Watch before Kaslo incorporated. One happening in 1892 – the year Kaslo May Days will be extra special in this 125th anniversary year for the Village of Kaslo. May Days will be extra special in this 125th anniversary year

The next speaker in the friends of the Lrdeau River’s speaker series is Suzanne Simard, PhD, professor of forest ecology at the University of British Columbia. Simard will speak about the hidden life of Douglas fir trees that grow in the inland rainforests of BC on May 23 at 7 pm at the Argenta Hall.

Simard’s research, which was recently highlighted in the international bestseller by German forester Peter Wohlleben, ‘The Hidden Life of Trees’, has shown beyond doubt that forests are not just a source of oxygen, but are in fact communities with highly complex and adaptive networks centered around what she calls “hub” or “mother” trees. These underground processes enable the forest to be resilient to stresses like logging and climate change. Simard’s work has far-reaching implications about how to be wise stewards of forests and other ecosystems. Her discoveries show us that if human beings intend to survive, we had best seek to learn from the webs of plant and fungal life that have been here far, far longer than we have.

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Ryan Cook, chainsaw artist, will be set up adjacent to the Logger Sports grounds all week, working on a special 125th piece that will showcase the history of the town.

The VHKAS will be celebrating Kaslo’s 125th at their annual May Days Tea at the United Church Hall on Monday, 12:30-3 pm. Admission of $7 gets you sandwiches, beverage, and dessert. Crafts, jewellery, baking and more will be available.

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Come celebrate Kaslo’s 125th Anniversary!
New Denver May Days is action packed this year

by Jan McMurray

This year, New Denver May Days has all your favourite events plus some new ones—and most of the celebration is packed into two days (Saturday and Sunday) instead of the traditional three.

The Queen’s Pageant and Teen Dance at the Bosun Hall on Friday night launch the festivities. Miss New Denver May Days Jude Nicholson-Chodat’s reign will end, and Charlotte Farrell is this year’s candidate. Page Boy Jayden Delaney and Flower Girl Wren Clarke will make appearances at the pageant, as well.

On Saturday, the fishing derby opens at 8 am. Last weigh-in is at 5 pm on Sunday. Register with the Centennial Park attendant ($25/person). This event is sponsored by Iron Peak Logging.

The Slocan Lake Golf Tournament, sponsored by Reitmüller Logging and Silverton Building Supplies, starts at 10 am. Saturday evening entertainment includes Bingo at the Bosun at 7 pm, hosted by the Slocan Lake Arena Society, and the Big Airband/14th Sync Competition at Silverton Memorial Hall. Hosted by the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce, the Airband Contest is always a whole lot of fun! Doors open at 6:30 pm. Show starts at 7:30 pm. Advance tickets on sale at New Market Foods. Adults $10 adv/$12 door; Youth 7-17 $8 adv/$10 door; kids 6 and under free.

Sunday is full of excitement, starting with the pancake breakfast—this year at the Bosun Hall. Chamber volunteers will be serving up their delicious pancakes, eggs, and ham from 7:30 am to 10 am.

The Soap Box Derby happens at 10 am on the main street. Participants are asked to register at 9:30 am ($5 entry fee), and to wear shoes or boots and a safety helmet. The New Denver and Area Volunteer Fire Department hosts this event, always a big hit with the kids.

Bradley starts scooping up the free ice cream at What’s in Store at 11 am.

After the Soap Box Derby, it’s time to head down to the park for some lunch at the Hot and Cold Booth (open 10 am to 8 pm), a visit to the Bavarian Gardens (noon to 8 pm), and a wander through the May Days Market (10 am-4 pm). Bids close on the silent auction at 4 pm and items are ready for pick-up at 4:15.

The Excavator Skills Challenge, hosted by Silver Ridge Earthworks and Snow Removal, begins at noon. There’s a $10 entry fee. At 1 pm, join the Bocce Tournament. The cost is $28 per team. Find Rory in the park before 2 pm to register for the cribbage tournament, starting at 2 pm.

The Kids’ Races begin at 1 pm at the park, with Treasures in a Haystack at 1:30. Then at 2 pm, there are Games of Chance, the Bouncy Castle and the Fish Pond… and the Sumo Suits Tournament! This new event is sure to be entertaining. $5 entry fee. Sand sculpting starts at the volleyball court at 3 pm—bring your own tools and buckets.

The parade will happen at 5 pm, starting at the Bosun. Line up at 4:30. Follow the parade back down to the park for the crowning of Miss New Denver and Citizen of the Year announcement at 5:30 pm. Adult Races will happen after 6 pm.

In the evening, there will be a movie in the dark after the parade. There will also be a dance at the Silverton Memorial Hall with the band “Balance,” featuring some hot Slocan Valley musicians and one of the founding members of Tragically Hip, Davis Manning. This is a fundraiser for the Sandon Historical Society.

On Monday, the Duck Race Finisher will happen at noon.
Community spirit makes Hike for Hospice a great success

Submitted

More than 30 people participated in New Denver Hospice Society’s Hike for Hospice fundraising event May 6. A record amount was raised, thanks in large part to the grade 5-6 Lucerne students with one student, Kayden Laybourne, finding his passion and raising $812.75, almost half of the proceeds for the day. “It could not have been a better day,” said society chair Sue Davies. “The fruit trees were in blossom, the day was not too hot, not too cool and a festive feeling was in the air with the new circuit track added to the day.”

Katrina Sumrail, Hospice volunteer and Lucerne teacher came up with the idea to add a 3.8 km circuit track that kept kids around the park and away from the highway – a feature appreciated by the parents. She then challenged her students to cycle 25 laps, a mere 20 km bike ride. With bibs pinned to their backs they lapped the track as many times as they possibly could, shouting out their numbers each time to a student tracking each round.

Several adults also enjoyed the scenery on the well-marked 3.5 km route through the Village. Participants fueled up after the race with lemonade or coffee and hot dogs. Some people came out just to enjoy the day and have a hot dog, potato salad and coffee in support of the Hospice Society. The food and coffee, donated by New Market Foods and Kootenay Coffee Co., kept bellies full and thirst slaked on a day with a 12-hour power outage.

“It is always such a wonderful feeling to be so well supported by the community,” said New Denver Hospice Society Coordinator Sandra Smith. The kids’ enthusiasm was contagious and really brought excitement and life to this annual Hospice event.”

All proceeds from the day are kept in the community and are put toward client care, and volunteer and community education, said Davies, adding that the society is seeking members and volunteers. Lifetime memberships are $20 and there will be a volunteer training program this coming fall.

Contact the New Denver Hospice Society for more information at admin@newdenvhospice.ca or 250-358-7828.

Members of Castlegar Search and Rescue, including Fire Chief Gord Ihlen and Marley McDonald of the Passmore Fire Department, assisted during flood evacuations in Grand Forks on May 10.

The annual B.C. Historical Federation three day conference takes place May 24 – 26 in Nakusp. The Arrow Lakes Historical Society has put in a full year preparing for this event, becoming the host in the smallest town in the conference’s history.

While deadline for registering for the bus tours and the closing event has already passed, listening to the array of speakers is free and does not require sign up.

Thursday May 24: 1 pm: Bruce Rohn, “Life in Renata – until the town was destroyed by the Hugh Keenleyside Dam”; 2 pm: Tracy Fetter, “Big Artifacts – the challenges of bringing the Nakusp caboose and snow plow home to town”; 3 pm: Greg Nesteroff, “Postcards of the Arrow Lakes”.


Saturday May 26; Media Panel 10 am: ‘Getting the Word Out’ with Mark Forsythe, Greg Nesteroff and John Macfarlane; 11:15 am: BCHF member societies discussion, ‘Telling our Stories’ moderated by Mark Forsythe; 1 pm: Cameron Leitch, “History of Logging in the Arrow Lakes Area”; 2 pm: Tom Lymbury, “Chain Saw History”; 3 pm: John McFarlane, “Facebook – Not What but How”.

For more information visit bchistory.ca/conference/ and click on Guest Speakers.

The Arrow Lakes Historical Society invites you to join us as we proudly host The 2018 BC Historical Federation Annual Conference 24-27 May 2018

Nakusp and Arrow Lakes, BC

Free Public Events at the Conference

Thursday afternoon, May 24 — Historical Lectures at the Seniors’ Hall
1:00 — Bruce Rohn (Life in Renata)
2:00 — Tracy Fetter (Bringing the Caboose and Snow Plow to Nakusp)
3:00 — Greg Nesteroff (Postcards of the Arrow Lakes)

Friday morning, May 25 at the Arena Auditorium, the opening ceremonies and speeches are open to the public free of charge. Speakers include Nakusp’s Rosemarie Parent, (History of the Arrow Lakes Archives) and Jay-Dell Mah (Western Canada’s Baseball History). Doors open at 8:00, the event starts at 8:30.

Saturday afternoon, May 26 — More Historical Lectures at the Seniors’ Hall
1:00 — Cameron Leitch (History of Logging in the Arrow Lakes area)
2:00 — Tom Lymbury of Gray Creek (Chain Saw History)
3:00 — John MacFarlane (Facebook: Not What But How)

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NOTICE

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- Branches separated to run through chipper (Less than 10cm)

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- Oil tanks and Propane tanks
- Tires and batteries

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Arrow Lakes Health Care Auxiliary celebrates 110 years

On Saturday, May 12, the Arrow Lakes Health Care Auxiliary celebrated 110 years of giving health related necessities to qualifying organizations in Nakusp and surrounding communities. Current Auxiliary members, locals, and visitors attended. People gathered in front of the Auxiliary Thrift Store on Broadway to enjoy a slice of cake while listening to the local ladies’ singing group, Nakapella. Barb Abbey, president of the Auxiliary, spoke briefly about a few of the larger achievements made since 1908. The window of the Thrift Store was decorated with a display showing some of the history.

Thanks to the community for the continued support, and to the volunteers who give many hours to the store. Donations made to the Thrift Store allow the Auxiliary to give back.

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Skipper De Pape – Always in Our Hearts

We will always be grateful to Dr. Pat Haegedorn and his wife Nicola, who stood by us and helped us give our dear golden retriever Skipper the very best and most professional medical care as he came to the end of his life. They were there beside us, guiding us in the most sensitive way. We knew that they loved our dog and tried every diagnostic tool they had to solve why he had collapsed and was so ill. They gave us the support and reassurance that Skipper was not in pain. In the end, they advised us that he was best at our home, where he would be most comfortable and we could be with him. It was a privilege to have Skipper as our family member – each day we work through our grief and each day we more than ever realize what a gift he was. Thank you Pat and Nicola.

With love, Charles and Louise De Pape

Installation of the new arbour at the Spicer Garden on the Nakusp Waterfront Walkway was completed on Friday, May 4 by Dave Madden and his crew at Madden Timber Construction. There are the just the finishing touches like staining and lattice work to do now. The new arbour is the same overall design as the old one, with a bit more refined knee bracing and some metal flashing to lengthen its life. The wood for the beautiful timber frame structure was provided by the Nakusp Community Forest.

There are four candidates in this year’s Nakusp Ambassador Program. The pageant will be held June 23 at the arena auditorium. Kimberly Roberts (candidate), Alysa Mighton (candidate), Mikala Lewis Morrison (First Ambassador), Jade Gueret (Second Ambassador), Mary Harzan (candidate), Makayla Teindl (candidate).
The Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society, the Slocan Valley Outriders, the West Kootenay Environmental Society, and the Slocan & District Community Club received $2,300. Council allocated $1,650 for the group.

The Slocan & District Technical Rescue Society requested $2,300 to go towards purchasing a chainsaw and $2,000 to purchase a rescue boat. Council allocated $1,050 for the joint request.

The Slocan & District Community Club received $2,000 to put towards expenses for a weekend clinic on holistic care for horses. Council allocated $1,050 for the project.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Galleries
The Langham Cultural Centre - Kelowna
447 A Avenue, Kelso. Named as one of the 12 best hot springs in Canada by the National Geographic. The centre offers a variety of art exhibitions and cultural activities. The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Museums
Nikkie Internment Memorial Centre
540 Josephine St.
Kelowna, BC V1Y 8A2
(250) 358-7202 - sandoonmuseum.ca
The museum is open daily from 10 AM to 4 PM. It features an extensive collection of artifacts from the region, including First Nations artifacts, historical photographs, and oral histories. The museum is located in the heart of Kelowna, just a short walk from the harbor and the downtown core.

Sandon Museum & Visitors Centre - Sandon
(250) 358-7202
Open: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Located at 3 km east of New Denver on Hwy 3A in the historic mining ghost town. Collections of mining heritage, including artifacts, photographs, and archival documents. The museum is open daily from 10 AM to 4 PM.

5.5. Moyie National Historic Site
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Silverton Municipal Campground - Silverton
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Spring Creek RV Park & Campground - Rossland
(250) 355-2266 - springleis.net
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Kaslo Municipal Campground - Kaslo
(250) 353-2662 - kaslocampground.com
Kaslo Municipal Campground is located just across the Columbia River from Bonners Ferry Idaho. Situated to the north of Kaslo, St. Sava's and Kims Beach, 40 sites. Fire pits, picnic tables. Close to amenities. 50 amp hook-ups, fire pits, picnic tables, showers and hot showers. Downtown location, close to parks, beach, playground, SS Moyie Information and great shopping! Pets on leash welcome. Free Wi-Fi.

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(250) 353-7717 - woodburyresortandmarina.com
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Rosebery Provincial Park - Kootenay
A beautiful area west of Kootenay National Park. Free camping is available on the banks of Snag Marsh and nearby lakes. Sites are available first come, first serve, at a cost of $20/night. The park is open from April 1 to November 1.

Summit Lake Provincial Park - Revelstoke
A beautiful area west of the town of Revelstoke. Free camping is available on the banks of Snag Marsh and nearby lakes. Sites are available first come, first serve, at a cost of $20/night. The park is open from April 1 to November 1.

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• Kootenay Lake Historical Society was authorized to set up a historical display in the jury room on the top floor of the City Hall building. Interpreters panels made in 2013 will be brought upstairs from the library, and there will be a table and chairs, and a bookcase.
• On recommendation from the Kaslo Public Arts Select Advisory Committee, council agreed that Dana Gulinier be hired to revise the interior design of Legacy Park after designing the outside wall.
• On May 22 at 5:30 pm, council will hear representations by the CAO owner of 429 View Street to clean up and remediate the property, and prevent access to the building.
• George Humphries (replacing Robert Nello) and Chelsey Leyslom (replacing Deb Borsos) were appointed as ex-officio advisory members of the Health Care Select Committee. The Extended Care committee was made a subcommittee of the Health Care Select Committee.

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• Driver’s licence and access to a vehicle for work purposes.

Please see www.nklcss.org for full job description.

Please submit resume to Administrator at North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society. Fax 1-250-353-7684 or email administrator@nklcss.org.

Wage starting at $24.64/hour

The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is hired. Only those shortlisted will be contacted.
May 17, 2018 The Valley Voice

Nakusp Downtown Revitalization options presented to the public

by Claire Paradis

The Nakusp Downtown Revitalization Plan meeting on April 30 at the arena auditorium was generally well-attended, with just a few of the 55 attendees questioning if beautifying Broadway street was a priority in a time of declining school enrolment and a rental housing shortage.

Joseph Hughes, former Nakusp councillor and small business operator, admired the designs on display but also wondered if it would help the town in the long run.

“I really like the cobblestones, and I really appreciate the efforts that have gone into the plan,” said Hughes, who acknowledged that improvements to Nakusp’s main street were identified as priorities through the Columbia Basin Trust-led Common Agenda process. But they were lower priorities, as he recalled.

“Does [the Downtown Revitalization] mean more families? Does it mean more jobs? Does it mean more tax revenues?”

It’s easier to identify that Broadway could use some beautifying than how to attract more families, said Hughes, who did see the project could be a help drawing people and businesses to the area. “It might convince people to set up shop here.”

Having secured only $1 million of the total $1.9 million needed to fund all proposed changes to the six blocks of Broadway between 6th Ave. and Nelson Ave., the Village was soliciting input from the public on which improvements to spend the money on. Six options were presented, with combinations of improvements and additions like landscaping, lighting, benches, garbage and recycling containers, mid-block curb extensions and end-block ‘bulb-outs.’

All options included repairs to sidewalks, as this is a top priority for the Village, said Mayor Karen Hamling, and has already been budgeted for.

The Village has a regular sidewalk replacement program, said Hamling, but now the Village has run out of the brick from which they were originally constructed, and the decaying sidewalks are becoming tripping hazards. So, whatever the other options, the sidewalks will definitely be replaced.

“We’ll get three blocks done,” the retiring mayor told the Valley Voice, “and hopefully future councils will do the rest.”

Feedback on the six options presented to fit the budget available for the project was specific. Many people were concerned about mid-block curb extensions and end-block ‘bulb-outs’.

Sonja Bakker commented the mid-block curb extensions take away parking. Crissy Miller agreed, but with a qualification.

“It’s all well and good to have a pretty downtown but it doesn’t keep our kids in town.”

Bad Aiarai also wasn’t keen on losing parking space to mid-block extensions, but he agreed it was “time to do something” in downtown Nakusp.

Terry Welsh was happy with the turnouts and said the feedback that was gathered would be presented to council as part of the next regular meeting.

Mayor Hamling told the Valley Voice that most of the written feedback was positive, with only a couple of naysayers in the roughly 40 responses that were collected.

She said people don’t understand what Village council can and can’t do to support the local economy. “It is not council’s job to provide housing or jobs,” wrote Hamling in an email. “It is our responsibility to put in the infrastructure to enable these to happen and to support, where we can, these projects.”

The Nakusp mayor also hinted there could be an announcement about a housing project happening in the community soon.

“We are working on housing with other groups,” she said. “It’s our job to put infrastructure to support housing. We’re hoping for some good news about housing in the near future.”

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Minimum requirements is a High School Diploma, a Class 5 Drivers License, and a dependable vehicle.

Please forward your resume to the Village of Nakusp – Box 280, Nakusp, BC, V0G 1R0. E-mail cjobes@nakusp.com. These positions will remain open until filled. Further information is available through the Village Office.

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Open House
Thursday, May 24, 2018
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Please carpool if possible, parking nearby is very limited. Park on Bonanza Road in Hills, there will be signs to direct you (requires a short walk along the rail trail to the sanctuary). Bring a picnic and spend the afternoon exploring the treasures of the marsh, bring your work gloves and help
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Joyce’s novel introduces a cast of eccentric and political characters and their dynamic interpersonal relationships. They live in small mountain towns on the shores of lakes in a fictional valley where they enjoy lifestyles similar to ours, and they are comfortable with public speaking. She will read from her book and speak about how the next age on Earth must be a return to the Goddess, to the struggle to construct and protect a community.

Agnes Toews-Andrews, the published writer of nine spiritual books, is familiar with public speaking. She will read from her book and speak about her experiences of sacred connections, ancient matrilineal sites and temples plus 30 new photos of Agnes in ceremony and at sacred sites.

You are invited come to the library to enjoy the presentation and meet these two writers. Copies of their books will be available for purchase or signing. There will be goodies and library volunteers to ensure your comfort. Author readings are always free and welcoming.

What a mix at the Slocan library: popular local authors return

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The film explores the living treasures of the Salish Sea and the powerful undercurrents of resistance to the corporate fossil fuel agenda that threatens it. Exploring the rich bio-diversity of our local waters, rivers and environmental activist Sarama to shows us the ecosystem we are trying to protect from inappropriate industrial development.

A Sinixt-led ceremony will precede the event at 10 am at 1351 Elkview Trail, Castlegar and everyone is welcome to attend.

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Sweet deal for Nakusp man

by Katrine Campbell

Cameron Olsen of Nakusp has just finished his first year at Okanagan College, pursuing a business degree. The young entrepreneur isn’t waiting for his degree, however. He entered the regional, and then the provincial, Junior Dragons’ Den competitions to promote his company, Wild Kootenay Honey. Olsen came first in the province in his category, post-secondary/trades, taking home a small cash prize and a lot of validation.

Junior Dragons’ Den is a student business competition and call to action for entrepreneurs from Grades 7 and up to create their own summer job/business, or to expand an existing one. The competition is open to students from throughout the East and West Kootenay and Peace Liard regions of British Columbia. They are matched with a mentor who coaches them to prepare a one-page business plan and a final video, in preparation for making their pitch to the Dragons.

“It was a great event,” Olsen says. He thanked Junior Dragon’s Den for the opportunity, and called it “an incredible innovative thing for youth entrepreneurs, a good back up for students who want to pursue something.”

Olsen’s business, which operates in the summer season, is Wild Kootenay Honey, started in Nakusp by Charlie Wild. Olsen is buying one-third of the business, and Wild will sell off the rest of the hives to hobbyists.

Olsen got started when he quit his part-time job last year “and Charlie happened to be my new neighbour. He got me interested in bees. I didn’t know anything. It was quite a learning curve before I headed back to college.”

The hives are in Nakusp but in the spring Olsen takes them outside of town so the bees can harvest the pollen and nectar from clean, wild flowers. He says he goes up the back roads, five or 10 kilometres, where there are no pesticides or other toxins. In addition to selling the honey, the business sells pollen and beeswax. Asked if producing mead was in his plans, he said “I believe there is a market for it but this is specialty honey. I don’t think I’ll be expanding into mead.”

“This is my full-time job for summer, because that’s when the harvest season is. In the fall I’ll be working with a consulting company” as well as attending school.

Wild Kootenay Honey sells raw, unpasteurized honey at the Nakusp Farmers’ Market and Olsen is picking up retail vendors. “It’s an incredible market,” he says. He has been approached by the Nakusp Save-On Foods manager to carry the products.

Olsen says he’d like to ramp up the business and offer good summer jobs for students next year, although he is undecided how long he will stay in the business.

Ministry of Finance apologizes for school tax error

by Claire Paradis

What would have resulted in a $115 school tax increase for the average homeowner in Nakusp was termed a “minor technical error” by the Ministry of Finance. Fortunately, the error was discovered, and Nakusp homeowners will only be paying $16 more than last year, according to CAO Laurie Taylor. The miscalculated amount represented a 22.07% increase, which was corrected to 3.09% on an average single family dwelling in Nakusp.

A letter sent to Nakusp’s CAO Laurie Taylor from the ministry stated there had been an administrative error made in the calculation and apologized for any inconvenience caused to municipalities. There was no mention of how the error was made and how it would be avoided in future.

The Ministry of Finance did not provide answers by our deadline as to what the error had been, how they had tracked it down, how the ministry would ensure no future errors, and how many municipalities had contacted them with complaints, despite multiple requests from the Valley Voice.
Prima Materia hosts Ojibway artist, June 1

submitted

Prima Materia Gallery is proud to present an exhibition of artworks by established Ojibway artist Mark Anthony Jacobson, a shamanistic artist of the Woodland Art Movement. Mentored by Roy Thomas and Norvel Morrisseau, Jacobson’s artwork is widely collected and loved, both for his technical skill, and his transformative content. Thematically, Jacobson’s artwork is based in the Ojibway cultural belief in the interconnected world of all beings, the power of spirit, and the healing qualities of color and beauty. He is also an award winning author, a key note speaker, and a facilitator of art projects to bring awareness of traditional First Nations customs and culture.

Everyone is invited to meet Mark, and hear him share stories of his artistic journey, at an OPENING RECEPTION on FRIDAY JUNE 1ST from 5 pm to 8 pm at PRIMA MATERIA GALLERY 318 Broadway Street, Nakusp.

New Poppies, by Denyse Marshall

Needles ferry drive cable repaired May 3

by Jan McMurray

The Needles ferry was shut down on the night of May 3 for a couple of hours to re-install the drive cable. It was back in service at midnight. The drive cable had to be re-installed because it wrapped itself around an old stump on the bottom of the lake on the Needles side, and had to be retrieved by a specialty dive team from Castlegar.

Dan Brynjolfsen of Waterbridge Ferries carried out.

Repair work coming soon to New Denver and Burton bridges

by Jan McMurray

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure reports that it will be doing repair work on the Carpenter Creek bridge in New Denver and the Caribou Creek bridge at Burton this spring.

Both bridges will be receiving deck resurfacing and deck joint replacement. The New Denver bridge will have its sidewalk rehabilitated, as well. The ministry measures these projects are being delivered in the same contract as the Erie Creek Bridge No. 2 Bridge on Highway 3, which will also get a new deck and deck joints this summer.

These work areas will be reduced to single lane, alternating traffic at times, and the ministry appreciates peoples’ patience as this work is being carried out.

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The Watoto Children’s Choir will perform on May 31 at the arena auditorium in Nakusp. We got the venue wrong in our last issue.