Kaslo City Hall National Historic Site re-opens

by Jan McMurray

Kaslo’s 1898 City Hall building re-opened July 23 after being closed for restoration and renovations for almost nine years. The makeover was well worth the wait – this National Historic Site is looking very good indeed.

“It’s a happy coincidence that 2018 is both the community’s 125th anniversary and a new chapter in the life of City Hall,” said Chief Administrative Officer Neil Smith.

The “happy coincidence” doesn’t stop at the year, though. The City of Kaslo was incorporated on August 14, 1893, and the first council meeting in the newly renovated City Hall building will take place exactly 125 years later, on August 14 this year. That meeting will begin with a brief re-enactment of an early council meeting, with council members dressed in period costume.

The re-opening of this beautiful wooden heritage building is just in time for the August 11-12 Kaslo 125 Celebrations. It will be part of the guided downtown heritage walking tours on Saturday, August 11, starting at 11 am. On Sunday, August 12, the Street Party and Legacy Park Celebration will take place on the grounds of City Hall and on B Avenue, between 4th and 5th Streets, from 1 to 5 pm.

The extensive restoration and renovation work to the City Hall building included a new roof, roof strengthening, a geothermal heating/cooling system, a fire suppression sprinkler system, refurbishing and replacing wood trim, structurally rebuilding the front and back interior stairs, re-doing the plumbing and electrical, refinishing the floors, and plastering and painting the walls. The exterior of the building was also given much more than a fresh coat of paint.

The stone work around the foundation was repointed, the wood siding boards were refurbished or replaced, the circular entrance stairway and the south side stairway were rebuilt, and a wheelchair ramp was added.

CAO Neil Smith points out that the offices have also been modernized for the 21st century, with telecommunications fibre broadband and VOIP services telephone made possible by the Kaslo infoNet Society. Also, it will be one of the properties to benefit from the sewer collection system expansion.

Kaslo City Hall is one of only three municipal buildings in BC that are National Historic Sites.
Kootenay Lake Shoreline Management Guidelines discussed at Balfour meeting
by Jan McMurray

About 80 people attended a presentation about Kootenay Lake Shoreline Management Guidelines in Balfour on July 25.

Many of the people who attended the meeting were lakefront property owners, afraid that the guidelines would create more hassle, bureaucracy, and cost for them. Several of the officials at the meeting tried to assure the crowd that this is not the case. The intent of the shoreline guidelines, they said, is to clarify existing foreshore regulations and to streamline decision-making on applications for development on the foreshore.

The shoreline management guidelines are a project of the Kootenay Lake Partnership (KLP), Heather Leschied, KLP coordinator, explained that the partnership was created when the federal government (Fisheries and Oceans), a provincial government (Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development), a municipal government (City of Nelson), a First Nation (Ktunaxa and Okanagan Nation Alliance), the federal government (Fisheries and Oceans), and First Nations (Ktunaxa and Okanagan Nation Alliance).

KLP created the shoreline management guidelines based on several studies done along the 403-kilometre Kootenay Lake shoreline. Leschied said that the guidelines would be based on existing regulations and requirements – they are there to help people understand the existing regulations and requirements.

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Natalie Allard, archeological technician from the Ktunaxa First Nation, explained that all applications for development activities along the lakeshore are sent out for First Nations review. She said the areas that would correspond to the guidelines and mapping are to highlight historic and archeological sites and features, and an assessment of Ktunaxa cultural values. Information from all these studies has been integrated onto a map of the Kootenay Lake shoreline. The mapping and relevant documents are available at www.kootenaylakepartnership.com.

Leschied explained that the main objectives of the guidelines and mapping are to provide a common understanding of shoreline health, to help property owners ‘navigate the system’ when they want to do any work on the foreshore, and to allow decision makers to focus on higher risk activities on the shoreline while letting the lower risk activities go ahead with minimal red tape. The guidelines “provide some level of certainty when people want to develop on the foreshore,” she said.

Rob McRory, senior lands officer for the provincial government, added that the guidelines don’t create any new regulations or requirements – they are there to help people understand the existing regulations and requirements.

McRory assured residents that although there are a lot of unauthorized activities on the shoreline, but also asked people to recognize that it takes time for staff to investigate, and that staff cannot share the information with the complainant until the decision has been made.

Another person pointed out that the guidelines also help people who want to develop their property in a sustainable or lake-friendly manner, and mentioned that there is funding through the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Advocacy Fund for these types of projects.
Improvements coming to Slocan Valley Rail Trail head in Slocan City

by Barbara Curry Mackay

The north end of the Slocan Valley Rail Trail in Slocan City, from the lakewalk to Gravel Pit Road, will see the first of some dramatic and much needed changes this fall. The ‘North Tailhead – Slocan Valley Rail Trail proposal’ was presented at Slocan council’s regular meeting on July 9 by Daniel Scott of Rec Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC), ICBC, and members of the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society (SVHTS).

“We’ve been talking for years” about improvements to the trailhead, said former Area D Director Andy Shadrack, SVHTS president. “This is the third proposal to the Village of Slocan, and the third would create space dedicated to horseback riders, would be constructed in a later phase of the project. The Slocan Valley Outriders Association is researching possible grant opportunities for this. The equestrian parking lot could be constructed on Crown land south of the transfer station and near the cardstock gas dock, where there is already an informal trail connecting to the rail trail. There would be space in the parking lot for trucks with horse trailers to load and unload horses.

“The North Tailhead – Slocan Valley Rail Trail proposal” is the result of a process led by Scott, provincial trail specialist, who has been working with the SVHTS, the Slocan Valley Historical Society, the Village of Slocan, and a focus group of local trail users. Rec Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) is a department of FLNRO, which owns the Slocan Valley Rail Trail. SVHTS has a stewardship agreement with RSTBC to manage the trail.

\[\text{SOLID STUFF}\]

Hollow bones help most birds fly nearly weightlessly but the solid bones of loons add extra weight, which means they need a 30-40 metre runway to build speed for lift-off as they flap their wings and run across the water’s surface. Loons weigh 2.5-6 kg compared to mallards: 1-1.3 kg. Solid bones make loons less buoyant and harder to float. If a loon is making fishing wires, please contact Slocan Lake Stewardship Society slocanlakess.com

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- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
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meaning of NAWAPA

Regarding the Valley Voice, July 12, 2018 letter by Susan Eyre titled “Columbia River Treaty and NAFTA,” some or many of this current era’s readers may not know that NAWAPA is the North American Water and Power Act. It was big in the 1970s and ’80s with the Kootenay diversion proposal – that water from the Kootenay River could easily be diverted to the Columbia River at Canal Flats area where the two rivers are less than four kilometres away from each other.

It has been many years since the public has heard about the doings of NAWAPA. I thought it was dead and gone years ago. While we remember that ‘runt never sleeps’ neither, it seems, does NAWAPA.

Rowena Eloise Nelson

How can we foster rich mature forests?

With interest, Ron Hans’s insert in the Valley Voice a few weeks ago – the one about the devastation of forest fires and about current forestry practices.

Earlier, I had read two widely different books, one (in Dutch) about the history of the state of Israel, the other the biography of an old-growth forest. The first book mentioned that at one time, the Negev Desert had been covered in lush forests and water was plentiful. What had turned it into a desert was deforestation.

The second book, The Hidden Forest by Jon R. Luoma, describes in microbial detail the ecosystem of an old growth forest. The word ecosystem is familiar to all of us. You know, a mix of tree species, lichens, moss, pine mushrooms, and all that. Research in the Andrews Experimental Forest in Oregon shows that an old-growth forest is an incredibly complex, complicated ecosystem where trees depend on moulds, microbes, and fungi in the soil for their nutrients as well as on insects, spiders, amphibians, birds and squirls. It’s a fair trade deal: the microbes and fungi depend on the trees for their nutrients, as do the moulds and the insects. Forest soil is a mixture of decayed wood and insect droppings: “but poop grows trees” (sic!).

So, what are we doing to our forests? Will our beloved province one day be a desert like the Negev? More to the point, what can we do? How can we prevent the devastation of huge forest fires? How can we foster rich mature forests for future generations? Personally, I would appreciate more information on what I as an individual can do on my own acreage.

Elije de Boer Fauquier

Real plan needed to transition off fossil fuels

I am a great fan of Dr. Ursula Franklin. Her clarity of thinking and her concern for the environment need to be heard over and over again, especially by our government leaders. She said it all some 30 years ago:

“Some in Canada, however, still live in the past, and are reluctant to face the reality that the oil, coal, and natural gas industries are not the way to the future. It is a reality that we are living on the margin of the world energy market, and we must be prepared to move on to new energy sources as quickly as possible.”

“...if somebody robs a store, it’s a crime and the state is all set ready to nab the criminal. But if somebody steals from the commons and from the future, it’s seen as entrepreneurial activity and the state cheers and gives tax concessions rather than arresting them. We badly need an expanded concept of justice and fairness that takes mortgaging the future into account.”

We need a real plan to transition off fossil fuels, not another pipeline to set us back.

David Stewart

Kaslo

Fight for Slocan Community Health Centre effective

There are new events in the issue connected to our discovery of Interior Health Authority’s (IHA’s) intent to shut down our community hospital in New Denver. As everyone knows, there’s been considerable outrage expressed to IHA and the BC government. This has involved meetings with IHA by community officials, demnunciary letters in the newspaper and outraged letters to the Minister of Health and Premier.

On my part, I had all the letters which appeared in the Valley Voice, plus the full-page article about the regionalization strategy being used by government to shut down rural health care services (with potentially deadly impacts on victims of heart attacks and other emergencies), enlarged and other emergencies), enlarged and enlarged to 11” by 17” size. This magnified their legibility and impact. I enclosed them in a package to the IHA and the Premier, with a letter denouncing the deplorable tactics perpetuated by IHA in service to a pending closure, and stating that such packages were to be sent out nationally to media and social justice sites.

This large, collective, multi-level protest has been effective, because I received in reply (after considerable silence) a letter from Cheryl Whittenton, Health Services Administrator at the IHA, in which she refers to meetings with local elected officials and the Chamber of Commerce Health Committee, and the concerns of local residents. She now states: “Interior Health remains committed to bringing new physicians to New Denver to support sustainable local health care services.” She further states: “We recognize local residents are passionate about their health care services.”

I assume all the concerned parties received this reply. It is an important commitment, even if it contains a misleading word “remains” as if it has been IHA’s intent all along. “Remains” also refers only to the present, it does not indicate future commitment. By what values will the government measure “sustainable” – by economic standards or saving lives?

No matter, the written statement will be invaluable to us henceforth in preserving our hospital services. If evidence emerges that this is a misleading or misrepresentative assurance, it will form a cornerstone to the legal action some of us were considering using until receiving this notification.

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Richard Caniell

Silverton
Finding the root causes of bullying

Modern society, it seems, is rife with examples of bullying anywhere one looks. This文章 is not intended to focus on examples that have occurred in school, or experienced bullying in some form or another; and it has taken on another form via the internet. This has caused me to sit down and think about what the root causes of this phenomenon that is so prevalent in society are.

It seems that most children have been exposed to bullying in some form from a very young age, and most frequently by their own parents, of course, because of the nature of the relationship. Then they grow up, get married, and various other so-called ‘authority figures’ who use bullying as a means of furthering their agenda, whatever that agenda may be, with an ‘end justifies the means’ mindset.

So I do not find it surprising in the least that children have learned how to bully others from a very young age, since that appears to be the form of interaction they have been exposed to and influenced by for the most part.

I think it is safe to say that everyone living in modern society has experienced bullying in some form. If we are to break free from this abusive form of interaction, then we need to do two things. First, we need to stop acting like bullies, and second, we need to stop letting bullies bully us. We need to stand up for ourselves in a righteous way, which basically amounts to nonviolent noncompliance with any bully.

What it really comes down to is that people generally need to love themselves and find the strength and self-confidence to correctly stand up for ourselves and to stop enabling abusive relationships in a co-dependent way.

Dream Wayuu

A voice from the valleys

Redemption and the Mètis Prayer

O Great Spirit whose voice I hear in the wind whose breath gives life to the world,

Even though the ubiquitous electrosmog, the luminous voice of Manitoba can often be heard, it is the sound of a mother’s lament taking a courageous stand to shield her child from danger. Merina Mathews has a daughter with hyper-sensitivity to EMF radiation and will do whatever she can to protect her daughter from the many health hazards presented.

Yet, there are corporate telecom hypnotists keep mesmerizing us...“The future is friendly, the future is friendly,” when truth be told, a future filled with ill-effects for the sensitive are being considered high risk by insurers for class action lawsuits once the direct link to brain cancer from EMF radiation is established similar to the ‘Big Tobacco’ story.

It is quite the sinister agenda to promote addiction to technology and the commodification of human relations. Now, we observe people worshipping their subversion to wireless technology when real human connectivity has no need for and has never had a need for technology.

“Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our minds.” (Bob Marley)

The exploitation of Telus Corporation knows no limits. Manitou’s beautiful creatures are plastered on Telus trucks and in Telus ads to pull on our heart strings in order to loosen our purse strings. For example, an exquisite little hummingbird is portrayed beside a fibre optic strand. As well, the CEO of Telus, Darren Entwistle, has become the personification of an oxymoron; a philanthropist that promotes the widespread dispersal of EMF radiation. Indeed, the future is UNFRIENDLY.

There is an entire corporation colluding with Telus Corporation in a great injustice; namely, the corporation of the Village of Slocan. Once the cell tower is erected in the centre of Slocan, EMF tentacles will know no bounds. Hypocrisy verses Democracy in Slocan Village. Public consultations do not reply to real problems. Only referendum cut the cheese!

Take heart everyone, the Great Spirit’s voice can still be heard in ‘Redemption Song’ by Bob Marley. “...but my hand was made strong by the ‘and of the Almighty. We forward this generation in triumph.”

Marie Mantoo. Jacques Savard

Winlaw

Green MLA comes to the West Kootenay

This summer has been hot in a lot of ways – extreme fires burning all over the world; extreme heat wave across the continent; and extreme fires burning. While BC Hydro’s Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) spends millions of dollars pouring fertilizer into the lakes and reservoirs. And if the kokanee are gone, why are they still pouring thousands of pounds of fertilizer in Kootenay Lake? To feed the invasive shrimp? When are they going to be held accountable for their random experiments?

I think the powers that be need to take a step back and stop playing God with Kootenay Lake. They need to stand back and assess what’s there objectively. If not, they will indeed manage the bull trout, some of the last wild, adaptable mountain fish species, to extinction. Killing the namesake fish of the Sinist people is adding further insult to the injury of our own bureaucratic extinction. And, like the bull trout, we will survive and persist in spite of it all.

Kim Charlessworth

Nelson Creston Greens

The culling of the bull trout

This issue is of particular importance to me because the Sinist, the People of the Bull Trout. In the 1990s, the Inland Fisheries Division and with the encouragement and support of the Sinist people, a study of the species was undertaken.

When I was the Minister of Environment, I had a personal interest in this science. It was important to me in your community? Is it jobs in our uncertain future? Logging is important to you in your community? Is it affordable housing? Site development in watersheds? Affordable housing? Site C dam? Proportional representation? Rural electrification?

Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you at the end of August. Maybe we can figure out how to help turn down the heat.

Jim Armstrong

Kootenay MLA

Bull trout are amazing fish – they’re not actually a trout but a kind of char. As cold water fish, they rely on the fat of the kokanee to help them spawn high up mountain creeks. Unlike some of our other resident fish – rainbow trout and kokanee – they are also adaptable and can eat fish and shrimp as well. They can grow down in the shallows to feed on local fish and are the most spectacular jumpers. I’ve seen them jump 12-14 feet vertically – it’s spectacular! This allows them to spawn up mountain creeks. They’ve been seen there in the Sinist Creek, Coffee Creek. They are made for the mountains and are the last remaining wild fish around here. Like my people, the Sinist, they have been here for thousands and thousands of years. And like my people, they risk being managed to extinction.

It is extremely short-sighted to blame the bull trout for all the problems on Kootenay Lake. These problems are historic and cumulative, starting with the damming of Sinaytkwa, the Columbia River. The impounding of water all along Sinaytkwa has created a cascade of effects. Clams and crayfish are consistently getting smaller and other species like the sturgeon are suffering as well. It seems that the last time anything was done with water at Kootenay Lake was 1930 when the Kootenay Dam was built in the ‘s of the province and federal agencies that are supposed to be looking after fisheries, forestry and mining, which look at everything piecemeal, result in situations like this: an area with excellent spawning channels, large numbers of salmon, while BC Hydro’s Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) spends millions of dollars pouring fertilizer into the lakes and reservoirs. And if the kokanee are gone, why are they still pouring thousands of pounds of fertilizer in Kootenay Lake? To feed the invasive shrimp? When are they going to be held accountable for their random experiments?

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Kootenay MLA

Al Richardson

New Denver

Why credit unions?

The days of pay envelopes filled with our wages in cash or a pay cheque are history. Now we’re paid by direct deposit. As someone who has worked as a fishing guide for over 15 years on Kootenay Lake, Trout Creek and the bull trout, some of the last wild, adaptable mountain fish species, to extinction. Kicking the namesake fish of the Sinist people is adding further insult to the injury of our own bureaucratic extinction. And, like the bull trout, we will survive and persist in spite of it all.

This works best with small credit unions.

A credit union may commit to invest a portion of its profit within its community or simply pay members an annual dividend based on the share of the profits that an institution makes. A credit union's social responsibility investments take many forms: donations to spring parades, summer festivals, fall fairs, winter carnivals, little theaters, local recreation (i.e. for the hockey team), for the curling rink, help with the ski trails, hiring students to label the community pool, special equipment for the local hospital, scholarships. The list is endless.

The biggest and often overlooked way a credit union invests in its community is through the creation of good-paying, local, often minimized union jobs – especially in rural communities where there aren’t a lot of job opportunities. Credit unions may pass resolutions to pay employees living wages, maintain a narrow wage gap between the highest and lowest paid employee, and participate in a variety of social responsibility investments that banks may simply not be able to do. Credit unions may pass resolutions to pay employees living wages, maintain a narrow wage gap between the highest and lowest paid employee, and participate in a variety of social responsibility investments that banks may simply not be able to do.

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A credit union's social contract is a commitment to cooperative values and to operate according to the democratic principles of ownership, self-help, self-determination, education, cooperation, and equality. Credit unions are democratically owned and democratically controlled.

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Have you ever watched a person’s dream grow into something far more than they imagined? The Kaslo GuitarFest was the dream of one amazing local couple, David Stewart and Stephanie Judy. Both of them music teachers and lovers of classical music; they thought that Kaslo would be a great place to host a guitar festival. Anyone in Kaslo a couple of weeks ago may have noticed a large concentration of guitarists in town. Concerts, lectures, master classes, workshops and lessons took place in St. Andrews and St. Mark’s churches and the Langham Cultural Centre. Those lucky enough to take in concerts heard wonderful music, including performances by some of North America’s top professional players.

In 2013, Stewart and Judy invited classical guitarist Daniel Bolshoy to teach and perform in Kaslo for a week. More than students expected wanted to attend, so another teacher was imported. Word spread and by the following year classical guitarist Daniel Bolshoy to America’s top professional players.

“Hearing the higher level players shows me the level that I one day hope to aspire to. It inspires me to work a lot harder.”

A unique opportunity presented itself at this year’s festival when a collector of early musical instruments, Roger Bruderlin, brought his collection of antique guitars to Kaslo. These unique instruments had not been played in more than 150 years. Local luthier Jeremy Behn worked on the guitars, restrung them, and made sure that they were in suitable condition to be played. As part of a “History of the Guitar” lecture series, the faculty performed a selection of 19th century works on these original period instruments. The week-long festival has happened five times now, to the enormous benefit of music lovers and students from around the region. Kaslo GuitarFest 2019 is already being planned and several dedicated volunteers to make it happen.

The level of playing is outstanding. Both the junior and intermediate gold medallists from this year’s BC Festival of the Arts came with their families to spend a week at the Kaslo GuitarFest. University students from Vancouver, Calgary, and Spokane attend for the opportunity to study with renowned artists like Daniel Bolshoy, Marc Teicholz and Jeffrey McFadden. An all-inclusive faculty members, two organizers, a billeting committee, and the support of several dedicated volunteers to make it happen.

The Langham presents Pack Animals

Replacement of the previous panels opened the door to revisiting their function, and to a challenging but stimulating process of creating the new ones. A team, which included Kootenay Lake Historical Society members, an experienced historical interpreter and a designer, put together a theme for each new panel. Text and images followed. The KLHS says it is grateful for funding assistance for project costs, such as writing, design and fabrication from several sources, including Heritage BC, Columbia Basin Trust, Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance and the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake.

Note: Adult content - mature audiences only please (16+). The show is Friday August 17 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $15 at Sunnyside and Willow, Kaslo, $18 at the door starting at 6:30 pm. www.thelangham.ca. Admission is by $10 donation at the door. www.thelangham.ca.

Sarah Jane Scouten live at the Langham

Those of you fortunate enough to have caught Sarah Jane at a Kaslo house concert some years ago know she is a lovely singer, a traditionalist at heart, and a natural talent.

Tom Power of CBC Radio’s “Q” has said of her: “... drawing upon traditional melodies that almost biologically are instantly singable, but combining them with emotions, sentiments and stories that are relatable even now.” Stan Rogers was able to do it, Ron Hynes was able to do it, Kate McGarrigle was able to do it – and Sarah Jane Scouten is able to do it.”

The three-time Canadian Folk Music Award nominee brings her classic country, honky-tonk, indie-folk music to the Langham stage Tuesday August 14 at 7 pm. Tickets just $15 at Sunnyside and Willow, Kaslo, $18 at the door starting at 6:30 pm. www.thelangham.ca.

Kaslo & District

Vote for your Kaslo favorite!

Music Award nominee brings her songs and funny, this book poignantly captures the spirit of adventurous womanhood.” Joan Crate, author of Black Apple.

Ursuliak will be joined by Nelson poet Jane Byers and Kaslo’s own Nancy Gibson.

Local health services committee joins BC Rural Health Network

by Art Joyce

The New Denver-based Health Committee, formed by the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce, has become a member of the BC Rural Health Network.

BCRHN President Ed Staples says the network was formed last December to lobby for more equal access to health services in rural communities.

A Princeton resident, Staples said the organization grew out of a crisis in Princeton when health care services were threatened with major cutbacks in 2012. BCRHN currently has 14 member groups across the province, with Kootenay member communities including the Slocan Valley, Nelson, and Trail, and more interest almost daily from other BC communities.

Princeton’s crisis was ignited in April-May 2012 by an Interior Health announcement that the town’s emergency ward would be cut back to four nights per week. Part of this was due to a serious shortage of medical personnel, with only one doctor on staff for a community of 5,000 people.

In New Denver, BCRHN contacted Slocan Community Health Centre, which was facing similar cutbacks and were very similar to what we were dealing with in Princeton. We feel it’s our right as rural citizens to have access to the same level of care as urban British Colombians, so there’s an equity of care across the province.”

Staples is optimistic about the new BC government and its commitment to change. He says Health Minister Adrian Dix has proven to be highly knowledgeable of the issues at stake for rural British Columbians. The recent unveiling of the government’s primary care network is a step forward, with its emphasis on having direct contact with medical personnel, with only one doctor on staff for a community of 5,000 people.

It became very apparent that the issues we were dealing with in Princeton were very similar to what was happening in Ascoli and other communities across the province,” says Staples. “It was at that time that the idea was first discussed of having a network of groups like ours to form a coalition that would be provincial in scope. The general idea was that we would have a much more powerful and unified voice to make change happen at the provincial level.”

Staples says it’s no accident that so many of BC’s healthcare advocacy organizations were formed in rural communities. “We feel that rural communities have been underserved by the provincial healthcare system. We feel it’s our right as rural citizens to have access to the same level of care as urban British Colombians, so there’s an equity of care across the province.”

Debbie Anne Curle

“Debbie”

March 21 1956 – 24th July 2018

Debbie was born in Neepawa, Manitoba, the youngest of four. Her early childhood years were humble, first spent in the hamlet of Justice north of Brandon, and then in the small town of Holland. Debbie was an athlete, a student, and a hard worker – always focused on doing her best, and putting her skills to the fullest, never letting having a good time get in the way of learning and working. She loved to be with the people she loved, and to share in their love.

Debbie graduated from Selkirk Secondary at the ripe old age of 16 and went onto work in the field of nursing, a vocation perfectly suited to her caring nature and her determination to bring comfort to those around her. After short stops in Cranbrook and back in Brandon, in 1976 Debbie took a posting at Arrow Lakes Hospital in Nakusp. It was a job that she carried out faithfully for the next 39 years, bringing light, hope, and joy to thousands of patients across the Arrow Lakes and Slocan valleys.

Debbie was there for every school field trip, every sporting event, every family gathering. She was always the “cool mom” in the neighbourhood the other kids loved to hang around. She was an expert gambler with luck that could be considered uncanny (or, if you were anyone else in the family, unfair). Her memory and recall were impeccable and her quest for knowledge insatiable; within her head seemingly resided the entire history of every family in the valley.

Debbie was a never-ending trip full of love, family, music, and food (oh, the food!). She was there for every school field trip, every sporting event, every family gathering. She was always the “cool mom” in the neighbourhood the other kids loved to hang around. She was an expert gambler with luck that could be considered uncanny (or, if you were anyone else in the family, unfair). Her memory and recall were impeccable and her quest for knowledge insatiable; within her head seemingly resided the entire history of every family in the valley.

Debbie’s volcanic battle against cancer ended early on the morning of July 24, 2018 at Arrow Lakes Hospital with her family at her bedside. Debbie was predeceased by sister Diane in 1999, mother Norma in 2007, and father Norman in 2008. She is survived by her partner of 40 years, Kenton Kusch; son Kyle Kusch of Nakusp; daughter Kyra Kusch (Tyler Faruqhuoran) of West Kelowna; daughter Kelsey Kusch of Kelowna; sister Darlene Oberg-Jackson (Arnold) of Forestburg, Alberta; brother David Curle (Anny) of Kimberley; and the light of her life, granddaughter Macy Anne Faruqhuoran. We thank all of the friends, family, and businesses who have offered their love and support over the past 14 months for the wonderful people at Arrow Lakes Hospital and Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital who helped give us this final year with Debbie.

Debbie’s memorial service for Debbie will be held at the Nakusp Arena Auditorium on August 11th, 2018 at 1 p.m. Donations in Debbie’s name may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and the Arrow Lakes Health Care Auxiliary.

No charge for children 12 & under. **Reward Point Program does not apply to Rx prescriptions. Don’t forget this month’s great postcard deal!**

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VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER 2018 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATION

Are you eligible to vote in the October elections for the Village of New Denver local government? Is your name on the current list of electors? If you are not sure you can find out by contacting the New Denver Village Office (115 Slocan Avenue, office@newdenver.ca or 250-358-2316). The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding holidays).

Advance elector registrations will be accepted at the New Denver Village Office through August 27, 2018. Elector registrations will not be accepted during the period from August 28, 2018 through October 20, 2018 but will be accepted on voting days.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

RESIDENT ELECTORS:
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election or assent voting; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a resident of the Village of New Denver for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:
- 18 years of age older on general voting day for the election or assent voting; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property in the Village of New Denver for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- the only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law; and
- if there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning September 4, 2018 until the close of general voting for the election on October 20, 2018, a copy of the list of registered electors will be available for public inspection, at the New Denver Village Office (115 Slocan Avenue), during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Before inspecting the list, a person must sign a statement that they will not inspect the list or use the information included in the list except for the purposes of Part 3 – Electors and Elections of the Local Government Act. An elector may request that their address or other information about them be omitted from or disclosed on the list of electors.

OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with the Local Government Act until 4:00 p.m. on September 14, 2018. An objection must be in writing and may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the Village of New Denver and can only be made on the basis that a person whose name appears on the list of electors has died or that a person whose name appears on the list of electors is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the Village of New Denver.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

on these matters, the following persons may be contacted:

Catherine Allaway, Chief Election Officer or Lisa McGinn, Deputy Chief Election Officer, at 250-358-2316

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public Notice is given to the electors of the Village of New Denver that nominations for the offices of:

Mayor – 1
Councillor – 4

will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

By hand, mail or other delivery service: 115 Slocan Avenue PO Box 40 New Denver, BC V0G 1S0

By fax to: 250-358-7251

By email to: office@newdenver.ca

From 9:00 am September 4, 2018 To 4:00 pm September 14, 2018
Excluding statutory holidays and weekends

Originals of faxed or emailed nomination documents must be received by the Chief Election Officer by 4:00 pm on September 21, 2018.

Nomination forms are available at the New Denver Village Office from July 27, 2018 to the close of the nomination period.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day October 20, 2018;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed;
- a person or the commander of an armed forces unit who has been granted freedom of the municipality, if that person is a Canadian citizen; and
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act, for the 2018 general local elections, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Mayor $75,000.00
Councillor $20,000.00

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act, for the 2018 general local elections, the following third party advertising limits apply:

Mayor and Councillor $750.00

For further information on nomination process, please contact:

Catherine Allaway, Chief Election Officer, 250-358-2316
Lisa McGinn, Deputy Chief Election Officer, 250-358-2316

For further information on campaign period expense limits and third party advertising limits, please contact Elections BC:

Toll-free phone: 1-855-652-0290
Email: lecf@elections.bc.ca
Website: www.elections.bc.ca
Silverton Gallery moves ahead with new events

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made goodies, smoothies, drinks service, etc. The arts council can help with equipment purchase via grants, if needed. Improvements to the building are ongoing, pending grant awards. Fire retardant stage curtains, light blocking blinds, signage, and new security are all in the works. A work party is scheduled for September 15 to complete the painting projects started before the July 1 gallery re-opening. Two community members have stepped forward to purchase the material and renovate the ‘acoustic mandala’ located immediately beside the kitchenette. The gallery is also seeking donations of accent rugs and two small love seats in good condition.

For more information visit www.silvertongallery.ca or email silvertongallery@gmail.com

At the Hidden Garden Gallery: Elzinga and Down

submitted

The art show Perspectives in Time by Bokke Elzinga will be held at the new Hidden Garden Gallery from August 14-19 with music by Garbanzo at the reception on Wednesday, August 15. In this mix of oil paintings and pen and ink drawings of objects, people, creatures and animals, Elzinga plays with ideas, colour and location.

Elzinga was born in the Netherlands, worked many years as a nurse, obtained a fine arts degree from Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design and a degree in biological science from the University of Guelph and has taught figure drawing, oil painting, art history and mixed media in the region. Her work is held in private collections in Canada, Sweden, the Netherlands and the UK.

The next show at the Hidden Garden Gallery is Blossom and Burst by Jeremy Down, August 21–26 with a reception on Wednesday, August 22. Music will be provided by J Buttle, Paul Gibbons and friends.

Blossom and Burst is a collection of works from the last few years, acrylic on canvas on wood. Some works are three-dimensional. Some are standard format flat paintings. These paintings burst from the canvas, expressing growth, bloom and flower, sun and sky, sparkle on water, drawing together all the magical elements of the Slocan and infusing them with energy and vision, taking the landscape a few steps further into the realm of the senses.

The Hidden Garden Gallery is located at 112 Slocan Ave, New Denver behind Sweet Dreams Guesthouse, and is open 10 am to 3 pm Tuesday through Sunday. For more information please visit hiddengardengallery.ca.

DYING BIRCH?

Slocan Valley resident suggests overnight waterings.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**2018 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

A Local Government election is scheduled for Saturday October 28, 2018. Nomination packages for prospective candidates are available, from the Village Office, weekdays except statutory holidays, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Please note that completed nomination packages can only be submitted to the Village Office between 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 4 and 4:00 pm on Friday, September 14th.

**WATERING RESTRICTIONS**

Residents are reminded that watering restrictions are in effect.

The use of sprinklers is prohibited between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on any day.

The volunteer crew

**NEW DENVER**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, at 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC.

**Purpose:** A Zoning Bylaw Change Being Initiated by Council

In general terms, Bylaw 717, 2018 will amend the Village of New Denver Zoning Bylaw No. 812, 2007 as follows:

- For all properties in the Village

  By changing the maximum height of fences in the front, or exterior side yard, from 4 feet to 6 1/2 feet (the same height allowed in the rest of the yard).

  By removing vegetation height restrictions on the corner of private property at road intersections

- For all properties in the C-1 Core Commercial Zone

  By adding Multi Family Dwelling as a permitted use in the C-1 Zone

**South Slocan Valley gets great new playground**

by Katrine Campbell

The society obtained a CBT Recreation Infrastructure grant for half the $84,000 cost of building a brand new facility, and fundraised and solicited corporate donations for the other half. With the money in hand, the society ordered the equipment and volunteers prepped the site, built a perimeter and laid down landscape fabric. The new playground was installed by a professional, assisted by volunteers, in two and a half weeks.

On July 28, Fortis BC (which was one of the corporate sponsors) partnered with volunteers from the local Search and Rescue team and community, and they spent the day spreading a huge amount of wood chips using wheelbarrows, rakes and shovels. The Lions’ Club hosted a lunch buffet for the volunteers.

“It’s wonderful to see things that benefit our community so parents don’t have to drive to the towns for recreation,” Podovelnikoff said. She expects the playground will attract parents and kids from surrounding areas such as Passmore, Winlaw and Appledale.

A grand opening will be held later.
Toadfest 2018: Western Toads, snakes, and more

Toadfest is also about sharing information about other local flora and fauna, and provides a great opportunity to get up close and personal to a variety of local species, including other amphibians, snakes, lizards, and aquatic insects.

“While the dime-sized toadlets may receive much of the attention during Toadfest, the ongoing research and restoration work at Summit Lake primarily focuses on adult toads,” says FWCP’s Columbia Region Manager, Crystal Klym. “This work has included the installation of wildlife fencing and toad tunnels, which provides safer passage under the highway. For a female that can carry up to 16,000 eggs safe passage from Summit Lake to upland habitat is extremely important.”

There will be a variety of kids’ activities and displays, including live animals. Exhibitors include the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society, BC Parks, Grizzly Bear Coexistence Solutions, Slocan River Streamkeepers, and WildSafeBC. For anyone wanting to get actively involved in improving the local ecosystem, the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) is looking for volunteers during Toadfest to prepare the ground for native shrubs and plants that will be planted in the fall.

New for this year is the operation of a shuttle van between Nakusp and the park. The service is free, but seats must be reserved in advance. Call Nakusp Taxi for more details at 250-265-8222.

Toadfest is supported by the FWCP, BC Parks, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Columbia Basin Trust, Columbia Power, Yellowhead Road and Bridge Ltd., and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. For more information on Toadfest call 250-352-1300 or visit fwcp.ca.

The public are reminded not to carry toads across the road, outside of this organized event.

Exhibitions at Kootenay Gallery explore organic forms

Krestova resident Natasha Smith opens her first solo exhibition at the Kootenay Gallery of Art on August 3 alongside an exhibition, Glow, by Quebec artist Sonia Haberstich.

Smith’s exhibition, Mapping Language consists of prints and 3D collages. In describing her work, Smith says “Mapping Language is an exploration into the development of my own visual language. In this body of work I muse on the question of how much of the development of visual language is instinctual and potentially universal in nature and what aspects are molded by the accumulation of experiences, memories and place.”

Specific symbols, shapes and images repeat throughout the work, yet each piece is fresh and unique. Smith explains, “I am excited by the idea that there are still unknown instinctual or hidden forces still guiding my work. In this body of work I reference some of the early marks or origins of my own visual language. Juxtaposing print elements with natural objects I explore various ways of documenting, preserving and combining this information with inspiration from the now.”

Sonia Haberstich offers forms that appeal much less to me than intuitive virtuosity. It is a matter of a dialogue between myself and the environment as well as a celebration of this conversation.”

These exhibitions stimulate not just sight but the imagination as well. They run at the Kootenay Gallery from Tuesday to Saturday, between 10 am and 5 pm until September 15. Entrance is free to members and by donation for non-members.

Toadfest 2018 is a fun, free family event to raise awareness about Western Toads and learn about other local species.

• See the live aquatic insects, amphibians, and reptiles on display.
• Enjoy the kids’ activities.
• Take in the interactive displays on local wildlife, and plants.
• If toadlets are present, you can help them across the road!

Summit Lake Provincial Park, southeast of Nakusp
Wed. Aug. 22 - between 4 and 7 p.m.
Thurs. Aug. 23 - between 9 and noon.

Drop in anytime. Please car pool. Free shuttle rides from Nakusp; reserve seats in advance with Nakusp Taxi 250-265-8222.

Do not transport any toadlets outside of this organized event.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to carry toadlets across the highway at Summit Lake’s annual Toadfest, August 22 & 23.

For more information visit fwcp.ca or call 250-352-1300.

Toadfest is coordinated by the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program, with support from B.C. Parks, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Columbia Basin Trust, Columbia Power, and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

COMMUNITY

March 15, 1925 - July 27, 2018

Born and raised by Harold and Nina de Forest on a ranch near the Porcupine Hills southwest of Claresholm, Alberta, Ron was initially home schooled, then attended middle school in Granum, Alberta and high school in Medicine Hat, Alberta. Ron’s first and primary career was that of a ranch hand, working the family ranch and later for neighbouring ranchers. In the fifties he got itchy feet and did some touring via motorcycle in Canada and the US, eventually homesteading near Pouc Coupe southeast of Dawson Creek, BC. It was the mid sixties when he discovered Cranbrook and the West Kootenays and in 1971 found his home for the next 47 years in Kaslo. In Kaslo, Ron worked a variety of occupations including driving the community bus from Nelson to Argenta return, working in the sawmill. Much of his work was labour intensive, that combined with running, cycling and weight training kept him very fit for most of his life. Ron’s faith was important to him and for many years he was active in the Nelson/Balfour Christian Science Church.

Some of Ron’s favourite things were; humour, sun (and lots of it), his ’82 Crown Victoria, green paint and duct tape.

Ron was predeceased by his parents, and siblings Barbara Watson, Bernice Bernard, Gwen Schultz, and Cacle Hanna, and survived by nieces Belle Parkinson of Vancouver, Grace Williams (Ed) Calgary and nephew Norm Hanna of Red Deer.

A celebration of Ron’s life will be held on August 17th, Friday at St Andrews United Church in Kaslo at 2:30 PM. In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice or Ron’s favourite charity, the SPCA.
Slocan Valley Historical Society buys historic fishing vessel

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

Thanks to the Slocan Valley Historical Society and other history supporters, the Merriwake, a 1929 Japanese-style wood fishing boat, will one day find a final berth in an outdoor display between Slocan’s Rail Trail and Main Street in the area by Fletcher Ave.

Displaying the 31-foot gillnetter by the Rail Trail acknowledges the suffering of the Japanese Canadians during World War II. The Slocan area internment camps held the largest number of Japanese Canadian internees and most sent to this area arrived in Slocan by train before being dispersed to camps. Their possessions had been seized by the government before they were torn from the BC coast and interned in camps in the Interior and across Canada.

The Merriwake is believed to have been built at the Matsumoto Brothers Boatworks in Prince Rupert. It was one of the last fishing vessels with aluminum boat building and, some say, are the most famous boat builders in BC history.

The Merriwake was brought to Kaslo in the 1990s with plans to use it to provide tours of Kootenay Lake for Japanese Canadians and other tourists. It was stored in shallow water in Kootenay Lake and then salvaged by James “Hamish” Shaw in 2017.

Plans for the boat’s purchase, restoration, and shelter have been under way for almost a year, said SVHS Secretary and Merriwake Boat Restoration Project Leader, Joyce Johnson. “My hope is that the boat will be on display at the Rail Trail site next spring,” she said, emphasizing the word “hope.” With funding and preparations still underway, she couldn’t be more definite.

Eric Chevalier, shipwright and specialist in boat restoration, was commissioned to survey the value of the craft. He has declared the boat to be in “pretty good shape,” said Johnson — good enough to restore and display on land. Chevalier reported that the Merriwake has national historic importance and probably is one of the last survivors of its type. With a $1,500 Community Development Grant from the Columbia Basin Trust and generous private donations from Joyce Kasuga and Ian Fraser, the SVHS was able to buy the boat ($3,500) last month and have it shipped ($800) to the Copper Nail boat shop in Bonnington, where Chevalier will reinforce the boat’s structure.

The conceptual design plan covers two blocks of Harold Street between Delaney and Park Avenues. The plan proposes wider, straighter sidewalks — for easy snow removal and accessibility for pedestrians with mobility issues — bordered by a buffer to protect privacy of homes. Parking would be angled on the west side and parallel on the east. There would be curbs, hedges, landscaped stormwater-infiltration areas, native flowering deciduous trees to help block north winds, functional and attractive benches and bear-proof garbage cans, underground wiring for new streetlights, a new outdoor public gathering space in front of the Legion, and a community garden alongside the Legion. There would be wayfinding signs directing visitors around Slocan and to the waterfront, and boat and trailer parking would be designated on side streets. The plan also calls for limiting new construction to one- and two- storey commercial buildings (that could include a residence behind or above the business), buildings with inviting building facades (doors and windows instead of blank walls), and a zero-to-three-month build-out period.

Slocan’s Harold Street Conceptual Design Plan was presented to the public at an open house on July 23 at the Legion. Fraser Blyth of Selkirk Planning & Designs and Jason Jones of Larch, a landscape architecture firm, were on hand to answer questions.

The conceptual plan presents a reshaping of Slocan’s commercial core in three phases over 20 years with an estimated price tag of $1,633,000. More than 20 locals, including Slocan’s mayor, three councillors, CAO, and several business owners, attended the open house and were enthusiastic about much of the plan. “This is … what people wanted to see,” said Pat Ashton, Legion president and business owner.

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Nina Knott, co-owner of Slocan Market, observed that most people drive north down the street and cross the road to go to the waterfront. She suggested that parking spaces be perpendicular instead of angled to make it easier for drivers to follow their natural inclination to cross the street to park. Courtney Hubert, co-owner of Ice Creek Lodge, suggested that the plan instead include a roundabout at Harold and Delaney so drivers could turn around and come back to park on the west side of the street.

The audience liked the idea of wayfinding signs and directing boat trailers and other beach traffic to Main Street, reducing congestion in the downtown core.

The plaza plan was not as popular. Councillor Madeleine Perriere pointed out that there was already a public space at the cenotaph close by, and said there was a greater need for more parking at the Legion. Another issue is that there is already a community garden at WE Graham Community School.

Blyth assured participants that their comments would be incorporated into the revised plan. CAO Michelle Gordon reports that the Village has applied for a provincial Rural Dividend grant to cover the cost of a detailed design plan. If the application is successful, an electrical engineer, civil engineer, and landscape architect will be contracted to create a more detailed design for the downtown core with more exact cost estimates. Grant documents also would be created. Once this documentation is complete, Gordon said, the Village will be prepared to apply for provincial grants.

This fall, the Village plans to install a stormwater drain in the downtown core. It’s a project that has been “on the to do list” for the last year,” Gordon said, but the Village hadn’t been able to move ahead fearing that future improvements might require the stormwater drain to be sited somewhere else. Now, with the conceptual design, the Village has a long-term vision and can proceed with needed work.

In the future, the Village plans to have a conceptual design created for the waterfront. This plan would interface with the plan for Harold Street.
### Time for the Columbia Basin Culture Tour

**Submitted**

Taking place August 11 – 12 from 10 am to 5 pm, the Columbia Basin Culture Tour allows you to explore artists' studios, museums, art galleries and heritage sites during this free, self-guided event. Travel to studios and archives that aren’t normally open, see demonstrations, new exhibitions and collections, or stop by behind the scenes. To participate in the tour, simply grab a map, your Culture Tour Directory and go.

Slocan Valley Community Arts Council hosts an exciting venue at Crescent Valley Community Hall, with five of their talented members participating. Digital art and mixed media, writing (travel, metaphysical, non-fiction), oil painting and contemporary acrylic paintings are all in one location, just a few minutes up Hwy 6, from the Haynor junction. This is an opportunity to speak to and learn about various local artisans who normally don’t have their studios open to the public, including Lynne Alexander, Agnes Toews-Andrews, Barbara Brown and Crazy Raven Studio.

Also in Crescent Valley at her own home studio is Naomi’s Nest (Naomi Lewis) who will be sharing her figure drawings and intricate and elaborate bronze sculptures.

In Slocan Park visit painter Evelyn Kirkaldy. Over the last 12 years, her passion for the outdoors has inspired her to create a large body of fine art. Kirkaldy. Over the last 12 years, her passion for the outdoors has inspired her to create a large body of fine art.

The JB Fletcher Store Museum’s $300,000 upgrade is well underway. The project, funded by the Columbia Basin Trust, involves remediating lead and mould, stabilizing the front of the building, and installing mechanical systems (water, sewer and heat).

The final part of the project is to put in water, sewer, and heat. Peterson reports that the museum will be tying in to the water and sewer systems at Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort. “It’s huge that they’ve allowed us to do that,” she said.

Meet Morgen Bardati in New Denver to see fibre art installations, printmaking and botanical dyes. Also in New Denver, Louise Ducharme shares her encaustic and mixed media art at Garden Graces. She will answer all your questions and offer brief demonstrations of the encaustic iron and stylus during the tour dates.

In Nakusp is the Studio Connection Gallery, a small independent gallery which promotes local and regional artists. From August 8 – 25, the mixed media artworks of Audrey Jansen will be showcased. Jansen is a long-time member of the Arrow Lakes Fine Art Guild, an accomplished watercolourist who loves experimenting with new media.

Take the scenic route to Kaslo to visit The Langham Cultural Society and their Japanese-Canadian Museum with archival photographs as well as galleries and heritage information. Also in Kaslo, David K. Stewart will open his doors to his woodturning studio. Watch as he uses local birch, walnut, maple, fir and apple, along with exotic woods such as magnolia, acacia, and jatoba.

Another stop in Kaslo is at Fred Rudolph’s, a photographer and mixed media artist who will also offer a small garden tour during the weekend.

Off to Ainsworth for a step back in time at the J.B. Fletcher General Store. Circa 1896, it is one of the oldest buildings in the area. Purchased by Heritage Trust BC from the Fletcher family in the mid 1980s, restored in 1986-87, another restoration project in progress and you are welcome to drop by and see it. A storyboard of historical photographs will tell the tale of Ainsworth’s early days as a mining community.

Tour directories are available at tourist information centres and participating venues. Visit the website at www.cbculturetour.com to view full artist/venue profiles for further details on each location’s activities or register to receive a tour brochure in the mail. For further information, call the CKCA at 1-250-505-5505 or toll free at 1-877-505-7355.

The Columbia Basin Culture Tour is generously supported by Columbia Basin Trust funding.

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**Upgrades underway at JB Fletcher Store building in Ainsworth**

**by Jan McMurray**

The JB Fletcher Store Museum’s $300,000 upgrade is well underway. The project, funded by the Columbia Basin Trust, involves remediating lead and mould, stabilizing the front of the building, and installing mechanical systems (water, sewer and heat).

“We’ve had the entire museum all boxed up and poly’d up since the beginning of July,” said Terry Penne at Fletcher's Heritage House. “We’re hoping to re-open sometime this year.”

The lead and mould remediation was started in July by Valet Restoration, and Jim Stevens, with assistance from Swetland Enterprises from Winlaw removed the front of the building.

“Once the front of the store is slowly leaning towards the lake and the windows are popping out of their frames, so we’re putting in a structural steel frame,” Peterson explained. This will be done in September.

The final part of the project is to put in water, sewer, and heat. Peterson reports that the museum will be using in the water and sewer systems at Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort. “It’s huge that they’ve allowed us to do that,” she said.

An air source heat pump and heating units in the ceiling will be installed. “We’ll be able to keep the building warm enough that we can run it in the wintertime,” Peterson said.

Since 1988, the museum has been open in the summer only. “As our conservation consultant pointed out, you have to figure out a way to keep these heritage buildings in use year-round,” said Peterson. “The trick is to keep the humidity levels down and the heat up so mould and mildew is not allowed to grow anymore.”

Once this project is complete, the building will be very sound and safe for occupancy. The basement and back of the building have been remediated in the past year, and the freight shed roof has been reshingled. Funding for these projects has come from an RDCK Area D Community Development grant and a Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake in addition to CBT Built Heritage funds.

The JB Fletcher building was constructed in 1896 by Henry Giegerich. JB Fletcher managed the store for Giegerich from 1913 until the 1920s. Fletcher then acquired the store, and continued to operate it until the early 1970s. The store closed in 1973. This is one of the last surviving buildings from the original Ainsworth townsite.
Notice of Application for a Water Licence

Water Sustainability Act

We, Paul Hampaul and Joan Hampaul, of 2012-20th Street N.W., Calgary, AB T2M 3V9 have applied for a water licence to divert water out of Trozzo Creek which flows east to west and discharges into Slocan River and to give notice of our application to all persons affected.

The points of diversion will be located at i) about 500 m east (northern intake), and ii) approximately 10 m west (southern intake) of Highway 6.

- The quantity of water to be diverted or stored is 42 lps.
- The purpose for which the water will be used is aquaculture.
- The land on which the water will be used is Lot 8, DL3459, KD Plan 12552.

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 Jen Andrews, Section Head Water Stewardship Division, c/o FrontCounter BC, 1902 Theatre Road, Cranbrook, BC V1C 7G1 or Tom Cummings, Senior Authorization Specialist, c/o FrontCounter BC at #401-333 Victoria Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4K3 within 30 days of the date of the publication of this notice.

CBT commits nearly $1 million to social issues

Seventeen projects that aim to improve the lives of Columbia Basin residents by addressing social issues will soon be making a positive difference with nearly $965,000 in Social Grants from Columbia Basin Trust.

“Through projects like these, the Trust is supporting the efforts of community organizations to help Basin residents address challenges, and improve the quality of their lives,” said Aimee Ambrosone, Columbia Basin Trust Director, Delivery of Benefits. “We applaud the tremendous dedication that people in our region put into aiding others—and we’re glad we can be there to support their efforts.”

The Social Grants program helps Basin residents rise above challenges in three significant areas including improving quality of life for vulnerable populations, like seniors or those living in poverty, helping children with mental health and developmental needs, and increasing the capacity of non-profit organizations in the social sector.

Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services is one of the recipients, getting $62,300 to provide a range of anti-violence services for men in the Nakusp area, including outreach, education and counselling.

“Men were coming into our office asking for help and we didn’t have a program to address their needs,” said executive director Tim Payne. “Our program aims to provide outreach and support to men involved in many diverse situations, discover what their needs are and connect them with the right resources to end the violence in their lives.”

Another recipient is the North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society. With its grant of $159,882 it will deliver a range of early intervention and prevention mental health programs in for youth in Kaslo.

“Living in a rural area can often mean limited access to resources and a social stigma associated with asking for help,” said executive director Danielle Byers. “This project has many benefits. It will help connect our youth with the help they need sooner and it also shows our youth that their input is valued and their ideas are supported in our community.”

For more information about the program, visit outtrust.org/socialgrants. To learn all the ways the Trust supports social well-being in the Basin, visit outtrust.org/social.

Notice of Application for a Water Licence

Water Sustainability Act

We, Paul Hampaul and Joan Hampaul, of 2012-20th Street N.W., Calgary, AB T2M 3V9 have applied for a water licence to divert water out of Trozzo Creek which flows east to west and discharges into Slocan River and to give notice of our application to all persons affected.

The points of diversion will be located at i) about 500 m east (northern intake), and ii) approximately 10 m west (southern intake) of Highway 6.

- The quantity of water to be diverted or stored is 42 lps.
- The purpose for which the water will be used is aquaculture.
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BCCFR challenges forestry industry to enter 21st century

Members of the BC Coalition for Forestry Reform say they were heartened by the positive and realistic recommendations proposed in Mark Haddock’s final report on professional reliance. The report was commissioned by the BC government, and released in the public June 28. The report’s complex title: ‘The Final Report of the Review of Professional Reliance in Natural Resource Decision-Making’ could hide the simplicity of its findings: BC’s forest industry has to change.

The report contains extensive and frequently harsh criticism of today’s forestry regulation and the resulting harvest practices being employed by the forest industry. “As BC’s forests dwindle, logging is going deeper and deeper into community watersheds, previously untouched recreation and tourism areas, and environmentally sensitive areas that even the industry admits they would never have considered harvesting even five years ago,” says BCCFR’s spokesperson, Debbie Demure. “The report’s message is clear. The economic and social costs to rural BC are growing as BC’s timber supply dwindles. But the industry hasn’t adapted to these new realities.”

The public submissions that contributed to the report’s findings often contained heart-wrenching stories of environmental destruction, small rural communities forced to invest millions of dollars to clean up water coming from previously healthy community watersheds, and an outdoor recreation and tourism industry losing revenue and growth due to overly aggressive clear-cutting.

That is why the BCCFR is calling on the provincial government to immediately implement the recommended changes to forestry regulation and governance.

The BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) had a different response to the report’s findings. After 2,200 feedback forms from the public, 102 extensive submissions from stakeholders, 1,800 surveys from qualified professionals, a 135 page report with 123 specific recommendations for change, here is what COFI said in their news release: “Mr. Haddock’s report misses the opportunity to focus on meaningful improvements to the governance of professional associations, drifting well beyond his terms of reference to propose unqualified changes to the forestry regulatory regime unrelated to professional reliance.”

Demure says COFI’s “unjustified changes” stance is neither realistic nor appropriate. “The final report makes it very clear that the forest industry is stuck in the past. A past when forests were plentiful, BC’s rural economy was largely resource dependent, and the climate was more benign: when reducing wildfire risk had no role in the business of harvest planning, and people turned a blind eye to environment destruction in favour of short-term economics.”

BCCFR agrees that forestry is still an important part of BC’s rural economy. But the forest industry has been shedding jobs for years, replaced by the new economic drivers for rural BC: tourism, commercial outdoor recreation, agriculture and wineries, high tech, and all the supporting services these rapidly growing industries create.

For further information on the nomination process or registered elector process, please contact:
Michelle Gordon, Chief Election Officer m Gordon@councilofslocan.ca
Nicole Lafrafnboise, Deputy Chief Election Officer nl afrfnboise@councilofslocan.ca
1-855-952-0280
led@elections.bc.ca
www.elections.bc.ca/cfef

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Culture Days returning to the Kootenays submitted

Artists, organizations and community groups in Nelson are hosting free, participatory activities and everyone is invited! Culture Days takes place September 28 – 30 and everyone is invited to discover the “behind the scenes” world of artists, creators, heritage experts, curators, designers and other creative people in Nelson. The public is encouraged to check out culturedays.ca and search Kootenay Kulture, with presentations ranging from music, dance, theatre, clowning, circus, sports teams, and jump rope athletes.

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. People who attend your activity should leave feeling they learned something.

Create a cultural activity; ensure it’s free to the public, they will take place during Culture Days weekend and encourages participation, engagement or dialogue; register at www.culturedays.ca under the ‘Register an Activity’ tab and promote your activity on social media and in newsletters using the hashtag: #findingsomethingawesome and #bccculturedays #onbeat.

This year’s theme is #OnBeat! #OnBeat is a collective drumming and rhythm-inspired event bringing together thousands of Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast, in person and online, to celebrate making the arts accessible, inclusive and fun! Maybe you have a way to add rhythm and music to your event. Deadline to register is September 14, 2018 but register early to maximize your event coverage on the Culture Days website. Register before August 10 and you will be entered into a draw for a week long screen ad at The Civic Theatre.

Audrey Jansen showing at Studio Connexion Gallery submitted

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GALLERIES

**Studio Connexion Gallery - Fine Art**
253-300 1st Ave. N Nakusp
250-265-2934
Artists: Exhibited from Feb 15 to Oct 31st gallery is open from May 15 to Oct 31.
Stone, ceramics, glass, metal, paintings, jewelry, pottery, sculpture, etc.

HIDDEN GARDEN GALLERY - Downstairs
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NEW LOCATION: on Slocan Avenue behind Sweet Dreams Guest House by Slocan Lake.
The Hidden Garden Gallery is a part of our licensed restaurant.
Artworks in our two galleries: paintings, ceramics, jewelry, etc.

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The report draws on data from Canadian Institute for Health Information’s (CIHI) National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS) and the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD) from 24 hospitals in BC linked to 212 residential care facilities and their interRAI MDS 2.0 data. The report highlights a financial impact of $16 million saved annually, if contracted facilities were able to match the performance of the public facilities and it would also create an additional 15,481 bed days for an already congested system. However, perhaps most importantly to the Seniors Advocate it would reduce the risk of hospital-acquired infections or delirium, which combine to affect an estimated 50% of frail elderly patients. The report adjusted for resident complexity as well as funded staffing levels and hospitalization of private residents of care homes and much higher rates of death in the hospital. “We looked at the obvious pattern, such as the residents are sicker or there is less funding care staff, however neither of those variables explained the results. This means we need to look at others issues related to the experience and continuity of the staff and the financial incentives for contracted care home operators,” said Mackenzie. Private care facilities, on average pay lower wages than public facilities. Only 54 out of 184 private care facilities pay the top wages and benefits of the master collective agreement. Lower wages could result in less experienced staff and/or more staff turnover as care aides will leave for a position in a facility paying higher wages. This could mean staff are less confident in their practice and more likely to send a resident to the hospital. Constantly changing staff could also be problematic as continuity of care in nursing homes is proven to link with better health outcomes including lower rates of hospitalization. “We do not know the level of clinical support offered to care staff in private facilities, the mix of RN and LPN, the use of Allied Health professionals, the practice for sick and vacation relief, the use of casual versus regular staff, the age and experience of the care staff – all variables that may be affecting the performance of the private facilities in the measure,” Mackenzie said. The report calls upon the Ministry of Health to work with the Health Authorities to get more information and data to answer the many questions raised in the report.
Trust grants to pay for energy retrofits in affordable housing

IH awards contract for detailed design

Nakusp & The Arrow Lakes

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Tattoo or Microchip?

PEACE Counsellor

In Nakusp, Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services will get $2,300 for the two-unit Community Solutions House, and $2,700 for the Terra Pondera Clubhouse. The Arrowarrison Senior Citizens Society will get $13,200 for the 11 units in its two buildings, while Halcyon Assisted Living Society will retrofit Halcyon House with a $123,300 grant.

Halcyon House, which houses 17 units for seniors, was built in 1980 and was dealing with aging equipment. The society will install new heat pumps, replace insulation and upgrade lighting throughout the building.

“At the time of purchase, this building was a cutting-edge design, but as the years passed, energy efficiency has not kept up with market expectations,” said Tim Payne, Executive Director, Halcyon Assisted Living Society.

“We announced the Energy Retrofit Program last year with the goal of helping to upgrade as many affordable housing units as possible to save energy and reduce operating costs for non-profit housing groups,” said Aimee Ambrose, Delivery of Benefits director.

IH is pleased to announce that Nelson-based Cover Architecture Collaborative Inc. has been selected to do the detailed design for the emergency department (ED) redevelopment project at Arrow Lakes Hospital.

The scope of the project was determined through an initial planning and assessment phase funded by the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District (WKBRHD), which included direct input from the hospital staff and physicans.

IH anticipates completion of design in the fall and will then release a tender for construction services. It will take approximately one year to complete the emergency department redevelopment from the start of construction. Work would take place in phases to ensure ongoing care is provided at the site.

Term and hours: Permanent part-time; 20.16 hours per week; majority of hours in Nakusp with travel to the New Denver office as required.

Qualifications: A Bachelor’s degree in Child and Youth Care or related area. Two years recent related experience or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience in the area of individual and group work, counselling of children and families; excellent knowledge of the dynamics of family violence. Successful candidate must pass criminal record check and have a valid drivers licence.

ASLCS is an equity employer and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, Aboriginal Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the Agency. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.
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AT THE HIDDEN GARDEN
Helping artists grow at the HIDDEN GARDEN GALLERY - "Perspectives in Time" by Bownky Elzinga, August 14-19, reception on Wednesday, August 15, 7-9 pm, music by Garbanzo. "Blossoms and Burst" by Jeremy Dow, August 21-26, reception on Wednesday, August 22, 7-9 pm, music by Butter, Paul Gibbons and friends. The Hidden Garden Gallery is located at 112 Slocan Ave, New Denver behind Sweet Dreams Guesthouse, and is open 10 am to 3 pm Tuesday through Sunday. For more information please visit hidden-garden-gallery.com.

THREE PLAYER SCRAMBLE Golf Tournament. Junior Golf Fundraiser. $1,000 guaranteed 1st place prize. Slocan Lake Golf Course, Saturday August 25. Low net tournament, best ball format. $75/ player. Contact the golf club at 358-2480 or 551-2593.


SUPPORT SENIORS’ HOUSING IN THE VALLEY by becoming a member of THE SLOCAN VALLEY SENIORS’ HOUSING SOCIETY. The SVSHS operates the Passmore Lodge at the Slocan City Suites and provides outreach programs for local seniors. Join by August 29 to vote at the AGM on September 27. Grand Opening of the Slocan City Suites will be at 5:30 before the AGM at the Legion in Slocan City. All welcome. Membership forms available at www.svhousing.ca or call Sue at 250-226-7144. The Board is looking for interested locals, interested in serving their community – please contact Will Runater at board@svhousing.ca or Sue, Mon at 250-226-7729.

CAFÉ LANGHAM PRESENTS THROWING THE DIAMOND HITCH book reading Saturday August 18 at 7 pm. In 1952 two intrepid women journeyed from Victory to Red Deer, first by 1927 MG Roadster then on horseback. Join us for an inventive, poetic reading chronicling this unlikely journey! $10 donation at the door. www.cafelangham.ca

THE LANGHAM PRESENTS PACK ANIMALS Friday August 17 at 7:30 pm. Kaslo grad Holly Brinkman returns with Scantily Glad Theatre’s latest fringe sensation – an adventure through the untamed forest of dating, sex, bushcraft... and campfire songs! MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY (16+) $15 Sunnyside/Willow. www.cafelangham.ca

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COUNSELLOR: Sue Mistecka, M.A. Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-5:30pm

Counselling: Sue Mistecka, M.A.

Office hours: Monday - Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-noon

250-358-2774 or 250-358-2432.

The Valley Voice
August 9, 2018

the Langham. $15 Sunnyside/Willow. www.cafelangham.ca

The Friday Market
happens each Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, June through September, in downtown New Denver. Come to this beautiful market under shady maple trees for fresh organic local produce, artisan foods and unique wares. For info: 250-358-2774 or mlhese@gmail.com.

The Slocan City Suites will be here for only $11 & 25, 7-9 pm. Music by DIAMOND WILLOW BAND - music for any occasion. Old Country Rock. Admission $10. The Legion welcomes members & guests.


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Support Seniors’ Housing in the Valley by becoming a member of the Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society. The SVSHS operates the Passmore Lodge at the Slocan City Suites and provides outreach programs for local seniors. Join by August 29 to vote at the AGM on September 27. Grand Opening of the Slocan City Suites will be at 5:30 before the AGM at the Legion in Slocan City. All welcome. Membership forms available at www.svhousing.ca or call Sue at 250-226-7144. The Board is looking for interested locals, interested in serving their community – please contact Will Runater at board@svhousing.ca or Sue, Mon at 250-226-7729.

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The Slocan Lake Golf Club held a successful junior golf tournament on August 2, with 26 golfers ranging in age from 7 to 15. Ashlyn Mertens from Vancouver was the top girl player and Luke Austin from Rossland was the top boy. All golfers received a prize. The tournament was sponsored by Recreation Commission 6.

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Summit provides valuable forum for Columbia River Treaty discussions

The PNWER Annual Summit was held this year in Spokane from July 22 to 26. The treaty was a key point of discussion at this year’s summit, which included several roundtable discussion panels and a two-day tour in southeast BC, to provide US legislators with a first-hand understanding about the benefits and impacts of the treaty.

Conroy joined the tour group for visits to significant sites, such as the Hugh Keenleyside Dam, which creates the Arrow Lakes Reservoir, and the Spicer farm in Nakusp, one of the farms inundated when the treaty dams were built. Columbia Basin residents and local experts were present along the way to share their knowledge of how the treaty affects the region’s ecosystems, agriculture, tourism and community development.

“The fundamental principle of the treaty must continue to maximize benefits for Canada and the United States, and share them equitably,” said Conroy. “We have more to gain when we listen to and understand each other’s interests, and that’s why this week’s discussions and tour were so important.”

The first round of negotiations regarding the future of the Columbia River Treaty took place in Washington, DC, on May 29 and 30. The next negotiation meetings are scheduled for August 15 – 16, in BC’s Columbia Basin, followed by meetings on October 17 – 18 in Portland, OR.

For more information, visit engage.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty/ or follow the Columbia River Treaty Review on Facebook and Twitter.

Notes from the Kaslo RCMP

- On July 21, Chris Bell’s van accidentally caught on fire and Bell received burns to his hands and legs while trying to put out the flames. His van was completely destroyed. Bell was transferred to Vancouver burn unit as a precaution, but released as his burns were not significant enough to hold him there. He has since returned to Kaslo.

- On July 17, a boat struck the navigational aid (light pole/beacon) just off the shore of Vinny Park. The 49-year-old tone male occupant, from Alberta, was transported to hospital in Nelson and then immediately flown to Kelowna due to his significant lower body injuries. Canada Coast Guard sent a crew to fix the navigational aid, which suffered extensive damage from the impact. The file is still under investigation. Alcohol appears to be a contributing factor.

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Rainbow trout farm proposed for Winlaw acreage

by Jan McMurray

A plan for a land-based rainbow trout farm in the Slocan Valley is at the very beginning of the approvals process. Paul and Joan Hampaul have applied for a water licence to divert water out of Trozzo Creek for the project.

“This is the first hoop, the starting point. We’re dealing with food for human consumption, so there are a lot of hoops to jump through. I won’t be surprised if it takes 12-18 months,” Paul said.

The Hampauls own an acreage (67 acres/ 27 hectares) in the Agricultural Land Reserve in Winlaw, on Slocan River. Trozzo Creek runs across the southern part of the property just before it enters Slocan River. The Slocan Valley Rail Trail runs through the property, as well. The aquaculture operation is proposed for the northeastern part of the property, between the rail trail and the highway. The project would be located within about one hectare of the 27-hectare property.

The water licence application is for two intakes – one on the Hampaul property south of the proposed fish farm, and the other on private property to the northeast. The north intake would involve laying pipe across two private properties (on an existing right-of-way) and under the highway to the Hampaul property, and would provide gravity fed water to the aquaculture operation. The south intake would require pumping water up to the fish farm.

“To economize, our preference is to work with gravity, if possible,” Hampaul says, adding that two intakes allow for a degree of redundancy.

Hampaul says there are four properties on the land map downstream of the northern intake, and he doesn’t know if they draw from Trozzo Creek for their residential water.

The fish farm would consist of hatchery tanks and grow-out tanks in an enclosed building. Hampaul said he and his wife are still working on the number of tanks and the scale of the project. The effluent from the tanks will be filtered mechanically, and the filtered water will be fed into outdoor raceways covered with bird netting.

“We are still analyzing how best to use that water for a second or third time before it goes into filtering and settling ponds and then into soil infiltration,” Hampaul says. “No water will be directly discharged into Trozzo Creek or any other body of water, but it will end up back there through soil infiltration.”

Hampaul says that “anything and everything that can be automated will be automated, and that’s for biohazard control. It will be a controlled entry environment. Only authorized people will be allowed to go in to manage water quality and fish health.”

The Hampauls will also be looking at establishing vermiculture as part of the operation. Paul says raising worms will have several benefits. The fish feed and waste can be used to feed the worms, and the worms can be used to feed the fish. Vermiculture will also produce fertilizer for ground crops on their own property or for sale, and will help to eliminate any odour from the operation.

They are also considering a processing facility. Hampaul says if the project is approved, he’ll take “a very active role” in the operation. He estimates that about six jobs will be created to raise the fish; processing would create more jobs.

The Hampauls are from Calgary, and Paul’s background is in engineering. They have owned the Winlaw property for about 15 years and have considered different agricultural uses for the land before arriving at aquaculture.

“Our goal is to create a business that is producing and supplying reliable, healthy, nutritious, sustainable food not only to people in the valley but also to the domestic market and perhaps one day the export market,” he said.

Hampaul is happy to speak to interested people about the project. He can be contacted at calloftheland@yahoo.ca.

“Gabriel Palatchi brought world class music to Slocan for Unity Fest.”

Unity Festival held at Slocan Legion

by Jan McMurray

The 8th annual Unity Festival was different from the rest — but still had that special Slocan Valley vibe. Rather than a three-day outdoor festival, Unity was held at the Slocan Legion on July 28 with three acts: Gabriel Palatchi, Dope Sounds, and Fatty Cakes.

“Gabriel Palatchi was coming through, and we were so happy to be able to bring that quality of music to Slocan — it’s world class,” said Felicity Gerwing. Gerwing and Chris Berger are the key Unity organizers.

Although they considered giving Unity a miss this year, they decided instead to scale it down. “Moving it to the Legion for one night only made it manageable for us,” Gerwing said.

In September, the Unity crew will have a meeting to discuss the future of the festival. “We’re hearing a breadth of positive encouragement and desire for the festival to continue,” Gerwing says.

Piece of New Denver’s hardware store history uncovered during demolition

by Jan McMurray

New Denver’s Home Hardware building is gone, but a piece of its history was salvaged and is on display at the Silvery Slocan Museum.

A huge floor to ceiling wall sign for Martin Senour Paint was uncovered during the demolition. Vern Gustafson, current owner of the building, made the find.

“Vern wanted to keep it but he has no room for it, so he asked if the museum wanted it,” said Henning von Krogh, Silvery Slocan Historical Society board member.

Von Krogh reports that they had to cut the sign in half to get it upstairs to the second floor of the museum. Society President Paula Cravens covered the sign with a clear coat to preserve it.

The Home Hardware building had a long history in New Denver, starting out as The Ledge newspaper office in 1894. Legendary West Kootenay newspaperman RT Lowery published The Ledge in New Denver from December 24, 1894 to August 4, 1904, and had an apartment on the building in 1898 to house the newspaper printing equipment. Lowery moved The Ledge to Nelson in 1904, and in November 1907, HH Atherton bought the Slocan Mining Review newspaper to the building. Atherton published the Review there for a year, until November 1908. On August 29, 1912, George Trickett bought the building and it stayed in the Trickett family as the GT Store (furniture and hardware) until 1948. The second addition was built sometime during the Trickett years. In 1953, it became Slocan Lake Hardware, owned by NF Brookes, and continued on as Slocan Lake Hardware until it closed in 2016. Ray Nunn was owner from 1968 to 1974 and Bouillet/Fulkco bought it in 1974. In 1989, Brian McCoy became the owner-operator and handed it down to his son, Darren, who owned and operated the store until it closed.

Vern and Janice Gustafson bought the property in November of last year. The demolition of the building was completed on July 9 this year, and the site was cleared by the end of July.

Contact them at slocanvalleyculturalalliance@gmail.com.

A huge floor to ceiling wall sign for Martin Senour Paint was uncovered during the demolition of New Denver’s Home Hardware building.
Neufeld says her next challenge is to use this information live on the internet so people can track their racers on an app.

The winner of the Idaho Peak Ultra Trail Marathon was 29-year-old Justin Nicholas of Revelstoke, breaking the record with a truly phenomenal time of 3 hours and 28 minutes. The previous record, set last year, was 3 hours and 54 minutes. Nicholas, a firefighter who has decided to take up running full time, beat the record by 25 minutes.

Anyone who has hiked to top of Idaho knows how hard it is and how hard it would be to run in under three and a half hours. It’s absolutely remarkable what he did. This is a world-class achievement.”

Nicholas won the marathon in 2014 with a time of 4 hours and 13 minutes, and in 2016 with a time of 3 hours and 58 minutes. Stacey Cleveland of Penticton was the first place female winner this year, coming in at 4 hours and 21 minutes, just two minutes off the course record. “The calibre of racers was really high this year. The top five were so fast – there was quite the excitement at the finish line!” Neufeld says.

Idaho Peak racers came from the West Kootenay and other points in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the US. 10K racers came from BC, Alberta, Quebec, Idaho and England, with a good local showing from New Denver (Devon Doerich, Terri Blazard, Julia Greenlaw, Bree Lillies), Nakusp (Wynn Holmberg, John Guild, Mike Riediger, Val Hill, Susan Rogers), and Winlaw (Melanie Miles).

There’s just one Sufferfest event remaining this year – Cyclocross on September 16 in Nakusp. “This is a great spectator sport,” Neufeld says. “It’s a cross between mountain biking and road cycling, and we have the best course in Kootenay.”

One of the most anticipated events of the year is the annual Silent Auction, which takes place on Saturday, August 11th, 3 p.m. at the Nakusp Public Library. The auction includes items ranging from art to electronics, with all proceeds going towards supporting the society’s mission.

New trips added to Kootenay Connector transit route

The Kootenay Sufferfest Society is looking at expanding to promote and enable sports and recreation for individuals with diverse abilities, but Neufeld says the society will continue holding the Sufferfest events.