by Jan McMurray

The discovery of a destroyed beaver dam on the rail trail at the south end of Summit Lake, with a dead beaver nearby, has prompted an investigation by the Conservation Officer Service. Destroying a beaver dam, unless authorized, is an offence under the BC Wildlife Act.

When stakeholders were alerted to the incident at the end of August by a government biologist, some were outraged that the trail in this area has not been closed this year. In past years, the trail at Summit Lake has been closed by the government during western toad migrations. The toadlets started migrating in early August this year.

“Technically, this section of the trail should have been closed weeks ago given the high number of toadlets, good number of juvenile frogs, and the fact that a good portion of the area is fish spawning and rearing habitat,” said Wayne McCrory, local resident and western toad defender, also registered professional biologist. “A managed trail network – allows Rec Sites and Trails BC to do things like erect signage, put up gates and enforce closures. As of now, we’re dealing with an unmanaged trail network and as a result, there aren’t any immediate opportunities for the government to do any of those things.”

Cathro explained that the trail is “abandoned railway sitting as unmanaged Crown land with no rules, but lots of opportunities for the government to do things like erect signage, put up gates and enforce closures.”

Cathro says the trail planning group’s draft management plan has clear rules, guided by government biologists, about when a trail should be closed to protect migrating toads and grizzlies. “Once our management plan has clear rules, guided by government biologists, about when a trail should be closed to protect migrating toads and grizzlies. “Once our management plan has clear rules, guided by government biologists, about when a trail should be closed to protect migrating toads and grizzlies. “Once our management plan has clear rules, guided by government biologists, about when a trail should be closed to protect migrating toads and grizzlies. “Once our management plan has clear rules, guided by government biologists, about when a trail should be closed to protect migrating toads and grizzlies. “Once our management plan has clear rules, guided by government biologists, about when a trail should be closed to protect migrating toads and grizzlies. “Once our management plan has clear 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Argenta logging protesters clear the road after Supreme Court issues injunction

by Jan McMurray

The protests blocking the Salisbury Forest Service Road in Argenta cleared the way on the road as August 27, when Cooper Creek Cedar was granted an injunction in BC Supreme Court. Bill Keestill of Cooper Creek Cedar explains that the injunction has two parts. First, it states that the company has been given authority by the Province to use the road and the protesters have no authority to block the road. Second, it gives police the power to enforce the injunction, allowing them to arrest anyone who continues to block the road.

Keestill reports that although the company was granted the injunction in court on August 27, they didn’t get a copy of the court order until the Friday before the Labour Day weekend, so weren’t able to resume their field work until Tuesday, September 3. He says they are currently doing development work for the proposed cutting permit from the truck with the loader, and fire department members hosed down the burning logs. At 6:30 pm, a helicopter and fire bombers arrived to put out the forest fire.

“The truck driver thanked us all for saving his truck,” said Zeleznik. “The trailer was pretty much toast, with two flat tires and all the wiring and hoses burned, but we were able to put it back on the truck. If the fire department hadn’t shown up, I would have lost his truck.”

Zeleznik says he has heard of incidents like these happening all over BC and wants to do something about it. “I’m not in any anxiety – I’m just trying to fill the gap. We should be able to use our local resources. Members of the Nakusp Volunteer Fire Department are trained, but we also have contractors like Galeana Contracting – they called in at 3 pm saying they had a tanker ready to go if needed. Hewat Repairs has five water tankers on standby. These folks are all SAFe certified by BC Forest Safety to fight forest fires and equipment fires. There should be a mechanism in place where they can be called in to help in situations like this.”

According to Snyder, Justice Groves said that the larger environmental issues presented by the defendants, while important, were not relevant to the narrower focus of the injunction hearing, and he advised that the group’s environmental concerns should be taken up with elected representatives. He also said the company would be more than happy to pay for the injunction than the defendants would be inconvenienced by his not granting the injunction. The Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Doug Donaldson and Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy George Heyman to include the Argenta-Johnson’s Landing Conservation Area in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy, “or at least try to get a two-year moratorium for this hillside to complete further third-party studies.”
by Claire Paradis

It will likely be the end of September or early October before Arrow Lakes ferry goers feel the effects of contract negotiations between the BC Government and Service Employees Union (BCGEU) and WaterBridge Ferries. The Arrow Lakes and Adams Lake ferries could be reduced to sailings only for essential services, but what constitutes ‘essential services’ will be determined by the union and the employer, or failing that, by a ruling from the Labour Relations Board of BC. Currently, WaterBridge Ferries contractor WaterBridge Ferries has applied to the labour board to consider ferry service at Fauquier-Needles, Galena-Shelter Bay and the cable ferries operating at Arrow Park.

The wildfire is in steep, difficult terrain. As of Sunday, September 8, it was estimated to be 4.7 hectares in size and there were 17 BC Wildfire Service personnel on site, along with three pieces of heavy equipment and a helicopter. This fire was detected on September 5 and the suspected cause is lightning. The fire is not currently threatening communities or structures. However, it is very visible from Kaslo, Mirror Lake and surrounding communities. It is expected that smoke will be visible in the area for the next few days. Favorable weather conditions are forecast within the next few days, which will contribute to further fire suppression efforts.

The BC Wildfire Service asks that to report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1-800-663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. For appointment, please call 250-265-3397.

Bernard Creek wildfire on east side of Kootenay Lake

submitted

The BC Wildfire Service is responding to the Bernard Creek fire, approximately five km west of Mount Loki, on the east side of Kootenay Lake near Kaslo.

Due to challenging terrain, a modified response will be used. This means that it will be managed using a combination of suppression techniques, including direct and indirect attack, and monitoring to steer, contain and otherwise manage fire activity within pre-determined perimeters.

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Loki, on the east side of Kootenay Lake, said Smith, has resulted in a 38.99% increase in wages for general workers. At the bargaining table. WaterBridge President John Harding says wages and benefits are the issue, with a new demand for the creation of a senior captain position, and a 38.99% increase in wages for general captains being serious sticking points in negotiations.

“When the demand is unusual,” said Harding. “We’ve never been in this position before.”

When asked about the increase, Smith said rather than focusing on percentages, it is important to focus on investment in the workforce, both in training and in wages. The lack of competitive wages for workers on Kootenay Lake, said Smith, has resulted in people leaving to work with other marine organizations such as the coast guard. The Kootenay Lake ferry between Ballour and Crawford Bay now is back in full service after targeted job action over the Labour Day long weekend. Staffing is as lean as it could possibly be, and the BCGEU president said it’s up to the contractor to talk to the Province about labour levels. Smith said it’s not uncommon for the union to go with the contractor to discuss funding. At the moment, however, the two sides are at a stalemate, she said.

Both Harding and Smith will have a chance to restart negotiations when they meet with a mediator on September 10. If that doesn’t work, the labour board will begin its essential service hearings.

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LAST CHANCE TO SAVE THE KOOTENAYS’ ONLY MOUNTAIN CARIBOU

Dear West Kootenay Residents,

Our Central Selkirk herd of Mountain Caribou is down to only 24 animals. These are the caribou that are seen every year near the Nakusp HotSprings. They’ve been very successful in crossing the Luluthe River and each winter a few still visit Ranch Ridge above the Sloan Valley. Sadly, biologists say we may have only two or three years left to save them.

This kind of caribou exists nowhere else in the world but from the Kootenays, north to Prince George. Called the Deep-snow Caribou, they are the only caribou that climb the mountains in winter to live in the deep, powdery snow of the subalpine. Deep snow protects them from predators. Scientists have designated these caribou as genetically unique, endangered and irreplaceable.

Their survival depends on our old-growth Inland Temperate Rainforest. This ecosystem is globally rare and harbours a minimum of 40 other identified science-risk (with many others not yet assessed). These forests have amongst the highest carbon storage of any forest on Earth. Scientists are warning that the protection of old-growth, carbon-intensive forests is crucial to the fight against climate change. By protecting Mountain Caribou, we are helping to protect our selves and our children’s future.

The chief cause of their decline is excessive logging of their old-growth forest habitat, plus intrusion into their winter habitat by snowmobilers and heli-skiing. These activities have pushed the caribou into fewer and fewer places where predators can easily find them.

 Didn’t the 2007 caribou plan protect a lot of forest and create snowmobile closures?

By 2007 the most accessible and prof- rich forests in the Central Selkirks had already been clearcut. Logging company Pope & Talbot went bankrupt two years before the caribou protection could be finalized. The valleys where the caribou had already most of the eco- nomical forest clearcut. Government bi- ologists created a no-logging reserve for the caribou, by using remnant forest that had been too expensive to log (because of steep slopes, or long distance from mills, rugged terrain requiring expen- sive road building).

The government Rationale docu- ment states that the forest set aside for the Central Selkirk herd “does not rep- resent a significant impact to the timber supply of the Central Selkirk planning unit”. Timber industry representatives called it “no net loss” to their industry.

“No net loss” meant key areas im- portant to caribou were left unprotected. BC Timber Sales (BCITS) is now subsi- dizing the logging of these otherwise un- economical places to log.

The 2007 plan closed only 3 small areas to snowmobilers, with no closures for heli-skiing. For the last 10 years, government biologists have noted that snowmobilers and heli-skiing have dis- placed the caribou from their best winter habitat to marginal habitat in the Great Northern Mountain/Mohawk Creek area, the majority of Silvercup Ridge, Harlow Creek basin, Silent Pass, and Ranch Ridge.

Displacement to marginal habitat can mean poor nutrition and excessive energy loss, lead- ing to reproductive failure and weak calves, as well as risk of av- alanche mortalities. Snowmobiles pack the snow, enabling easy ac- cess and increased hunting effi- ciency of predators.

Government biologists are doing their best, but the BC gov- ernment’s position can be de- scribed as colossal insensitivity. One year and three months after the federal government declared an “imminent threat to recov- ery”, with “particular concern” for the Central Selkirk herd, the province has made no public commitment to pro- tect additional habitat for this herd, and appears to have no plans to limit the heli- skiing. Various logging interests, heli- skiing businesses and snowmobilers are happy to have predators killed and par- ticipate in setting up a maternity pen, but are they willing to give up even part of their logging and recreation areas? Here human uses conflict with caribou, “no net loss” for humans means extermina- tion of caribou.

Now it is a crucial time to invoke your voice. Please support enforcement of Canada’s Species at Risk Act. Demand that the BC government take immediate action to expand snowmobile closures and end logging in the habitat of the Central Selkirk herd. Write letters and attend public meetings. Visit the Valhalla Wilderness Society’s website at www.vws.org for more details.

A Message from the Valhalla Wilderness Society

We must stem the twin crises that threaten life on our planet: species loss and climate change. Better protection for mountain caribou can help both.

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Rat solution

Rats, huh? That’s how the Good Lord created the Jack Russell Terrier (with a little help from the English and the Irish). I consulted Google, and got a picture of a Jack Russell who had killed one hundred rats in five and a half minutes. Check it out!
Elsie de Boer
Fauquier

Thank you, Village of Kaslo

I would like to thank the Village of Kaslo and our Village Works Crew for responding to my letter of July 16, 2019 where I brought forward our concerns regarding at-risk trees on Village property next to our home. After a site visit to assess the situation regarding the Village trees that were growing over the electrical wires feeding our property, the removal took place within a short time.

The removal was efficient and professional. The crew who attended to this task were respectful of our buildings and the branches and debris were taken away.

We are grateful that we live in a Village where concerns of its citizens are taken seriously and acted upon.

Louise de Pape
Kaslo

Open letter to Michelle Mungall, MLA

As a resident of the North Kootenay Lake region, I have two local concerns that I believe require resolution.

1. There has been no action on the circumstances of the families at Johnson’s Landing whose properties were obstructed or rendered uninhabitable by the landslide of 2012. They can neither sell nor occupy their properties, yet are still charged property tax or are alternatively obliged to abandon ownership. When and how will this problem be solved?

2. The unconstructed, uninhabited and absorbed but expensive Municipality of Jumbo Glacier still exists in its shadow form. Why has it not been abolished?

I trust you will raise these matters in the legislature.

Mark Mealing
Meadow Creek

A bright future

The flaw in the Green Party climate plan is that it doesn’t include nuclear energy. They will tax carbon, making energy more expensive, and leave it up to individuals and business to find their own economical sources of energy. The very economic health of the country depends on cheap energy.

Climate change can be compared to a train barreling towards us on a bridge. Moving in the right direction, switching from coal to methane and ramping up renewables won’t get us off the bridge in time. To avoid being run over, we have to make the leap to nuclear energy. Some countries have solved the climate change problem and the rest can follow. From 1970 to 1990, Sweden cut its total carbon emissions by half (the Green Party wants to cut our emissions in half) and doubled their electricity generation. France built 56 nuclear reactors in 20 years and has 70% lower carbon emissions per person than the US. The Green Party credits Ontario for shutting down their coal burning power stations but doesn’t say how Ontario did it. Ontario produces 60% of their electricity from nuclear energy.

I don’t know why nuclear energy is not seen as part of the solution to our dilemma. Maybe the problem is not as bad as they say it is or they may have a good supply of fairy dust. A political party could take a few points from the Green’s 20 Point Plan, add nuclear energy, and win the election.

Ed Zak
Nakusp

Let’s send Wayne Stetski back to Ottawa

I recently attended an event in Nelson hosted by MP Wayne Stetski. The evening featured my former parliamentary colleague Peter Julian explaining a proposal to create a Green New Deal for Canada that the federal NDP is championing. Not only was Peter’s presentation very informative but he also took time to answer a number of excellent questions from those present. I would like to thank Wayne and his staff for hosting this presentation. The evening also gave us the opportunity to learn a bit more about Wayne’s strong environmental credentials. Not being a very partisan person myself, I was pleased to learn that he has a good working relationship with Elizabeth May based on mutual respect as well as having actively collaborated with the Liberal Environment Minister to advance important climate-related issues. Wayne is a hard-working MP who has an excellent track record in Ottawa and is well liked and respected by his peers in Parliament. He is our best hope to prevent a Conservative victory in Kootenay-Columbia. Let’s send Wayne Stetski back to Ottawa after October 21st.

Alex Atamanenko
Castlegar

The federal NDP

Jagmeet Singh’s song is sung. And I am afraid the federal NDP’s song is not far behind if they don’t come to their senses and get rid of him as leader. But how on earth did this religious fanatic manage to become the leader of a secular, socialist, political party in Canada?

Leadership contests in Canada used to operate by having each riding in the country choose delegates, who would then go to a leadership convention and decide who was going to lead the party. But sometime in the 1990s I believe, political parties in this country decided to change that system, and allow all party members to cast a vote to decide who should lead the party. Additionally, all candidates were allowed a period of time to sign up new members to support their leadership bid. Now, when delegates were nominated to make the decision, they were usually party stalwarts who knew what the party’s principles were, and often knew who the contenders were. They were better equipped to make a well thought out choice as to who would be best to lead the party. Since that change was made to allow all members to decide, many of the people now deciding are ill informed, not well versed to the actual party principles, and often not politically astute enough to make a wise decision on such a complex and serious matter. Many became members of the party strictly to vote for the candidate who signed them up, and likely had little, if any, allegiance to the party itself.

Some people think that this change was an improvement since it allowed for purer democracy. I believe this change was actually ‘democrazy’ in action, causing the leadership decision to become completely random. Sometimes it might work out, but sometimes it doesn’t work out well at all.

I think all political parties use this method now. Unfortunately, the NDP is the first party to really get bit by it. Jagmeet Singh signed up more new members than anyone before him, and they crowned him on the first ballot. I think party leaders would be better decided by the wise and informed than by anxious neophytes. The other parties in Canada are likely to suffer the same fate sooner or later if they continue on this ‘democrazy’ path.

Jagmeet Singh claims to be a man of great principle. If that is actually the case he should resign right now and give the NDP at least a faint hope of surviving.

Rod Retzlaff
Glade
Response to McGeorge re: solar

I would like to respond to the letter written by Patricia McGeorge in the August 1 issue of the Voice. Like so many issues, we all have a tendency to find ‘facts’ to bolster our existing beliefs. I have no idea the degree of research she has undertaken to formulate such an opinion of solar panels, solar energy, but for myself, I’ve been designing, selling, researching and installing solar electric systems for about 30 years. Back to responding to her letter...

Hexachloroethane (C2F6) is primarily used for making semiconductors, aluminum, dielectric gases and doing eye surgery, not solar panels.

Patricia’s source claims: “At the end of a solar panel’s usable life, its embedded chemicals and compounds can either seep into groundwater supplies if tossed in a landfill or contaminate their air and waterways if incinerated.”

However, numerous recycling options are now available and they will continue to increase in number and number as the need arises. Solar panels have a usable life of about 25-30 years; the number of panels currently in use has been ‘tossed in a landfill’ is very small.

The source quoted in her letter (the book, Green Illusions) came from information gathered nine years ago. Solar is evolving fast – things have changed and will continue to change for the better. Our industry is very concerned about being green in its truest sense. We are aware of the dirty little secrets in the manufacture of solar panels and are taking it to heart. The book also claims: “Crystaline silicon solar cell processing involves the use or release of chemicals such as phosphine, arsenic, arsine, triacetelefin, etc.” I admit it’s a long list of probably nasty chemicals, however we are not told if these chemicals are incorporated, recycled, or released and in what quantities... micrograms? Kilograms?

Greed? Ignorance? And the warm fuzziness of political correctness? No doubt some in solar or any industry are greedy but it’s sure not the driving force for solar as a whole. Many people want a job that’s doing some good for our (and their kids’) future. I’m sure most folks who watch their meter go backwards after I’ve just installed a system for them are not fully aware of all it takes to make the system work. Think about that next time you use your smartphone or drive a car. Is it ignorance that we don’t know all the negative inputs while we’re enjoying the ones that we may. As far as political correctness goes, if the others choices are coal, nuclear, natural gas or large hydro (which I have mixed feelings about), I choose solar.

We know the real cost of the hydrocarbon-burning road we’re on – it’s a dead end. The lifespan of solar panels is about 25-30 years and as the rate of panels installed really began to ramp up around 2010, the industry will ramp up its ability to recycle those end-of-life systems.

Yes, research solar for yourself, be sure to compare to other power sources, good and bad.

Bill Battagin
Taylorville, CA

Stuff the media doesn’t talk about

When will the social issue be big enough? When 40 community members showed up to the Salisbury Creek Caribou Camp protest, it just gets used against us in Supreme Court. 85% of Argenta and Johnson’s Landing signed the Park Inclusion Petition, so there still wasn’t “enough signatures.”

How can small communities even get their voices heard?

Last line of defense doesn’t even work! And we’re “out of line.” We are just creating “irreparable harm” and “damaging their reputation.”

We are spending money blatanty seem to trump damages to our environment and our children’s future.

At what point do we realize that money has consumed our time, money and compassion? As most of us just strive to survive, there doesn’t seem to be enough time left over to stand up for what we know to be right and true. Our energy gets zapped by the pursuit of making ends meet.

Individually we can feel so small and helpless giving up against such a monstrous machine, forgetting that we’re all connected. As the rest of the world burns or floods, we continue to chase the money away. Our money is going into a monstrous machine all about watching our intact ecosystems drive down the highway at an extreme rate. The spirit of these world-class valleys is being cut down by feller bumber after feller bumber.

It’s no wonder why there are so many animal species going extinct – their habitats and homes are being destroyed down by brutal war machines. At least in the movie Avatar, they stood up for their home and their land at all costs! This ain’t no movie people, this is the game of life and it’s more real than ever before.

WHO ARE WE? How do we live out our destiny when we’re “in too deep” to change? Do we just sink with the tides, will we succumb to being a product of our environment?

Mass clearing of our trees destroys the ecosystem around us and clear clean air that we all depend upon while heating up that particular ecosystem faster and affecting everything around it. By contributing to this massive war machine, we are giving consent to our own demise without even saying ‘boo’.

If we all realized that our hard earned dollars are the only real vote that we have, what would we vote for? When given the choice between life or death, what would we choose? What are we willing to give up for the sake of life? Our environment is our life. These world-class valleys that we are so lucky to live in are our perfect peace machine full of majestic spirit and magical beauty, giving us space we just accept its demise so freely?

Silence is violence when it’s rooted in compliance.

WHO ARE WE?

We’re caught up in a fake democracy where the fight for survival is getting tougher and the gaps between the classes are getting larger. Our basic human rights are getting squashed and we’re okay with it. Compliance! Our survival depends on destroying the planet.

Our fight for survival leans on destroying the very thing that keeps us alive.

Keeping up your lights brighter than the darkness, fellow earth warriors.

Brock Snyder
Baffle

Response to Diana van Eyk

Thank you Diana for your letter.

Having spent the better part of my career overseeing health food systems locally, provincially, nationally, and around the world, I am painfully and personally aware of the climate emergency that faces our planet.

This is why I have joined the Green Party to campaign in the Kootenay-Columbia Riding, and why I shall continue to campaign so that I can join Green Party members in Ottawa. No other political party has so consistently heeded the advice and warnings of scientists about the threat and the steps necessary to avert the crisis.

With the widespread destruction of and pressure on our ecosystems, we have determined we must achieve. The NDP's roots concerning climate change has to be, it has to be real, and it has to be driven by the only party that is not so deeply entrenched and beholden to business as usual. Life is no longer "as usual" so politics cannot be either.

Ahra Bryne, Green Party candidate for Kootenay-Columbia

Wayne Stetski and the NDP have a great record on the climate change file

Contrary to what Andy Shadrack states in his letter of August 15 ('Climate change best addressed by Green Party'), we believe that in Kootenay-Columbia, our NDP candidate MP Wayne Stetski fully deserves re-election. The NDP’s roots concerning climate change run deep. It was NDP leader Ed Broadbent and colleagues who first introduced the term ‘climate change’ in Parliament in the 1980s.

On October 31, 2006, Jack Layton was the first MP to introduce two Private Member’s Bills: Bill C-377, which requires the Canadian government to create protected areas, and most recently Bill C-385, whose purpose is to protect and conserve the Great New and rivers introduced back into the Navigable Waters Protection Act.

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As for MP Wayne Stetski’s own record: long before entering politics, with a science degree in Ecology and Education he worked for 35 years on environmental issues, notably in national and provincial parks and protected areas, and most recently as mayor of provincial parks in the Kootenays. This deep experience in our region served him well as the NDP’s Critic of National Parks Issues.

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MPs Cannings and Stetski endorsed as environmental champions

Both local sitting MPs, Richard Cannings and Wayne Stetski, have been endorsed by GreenPAC, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that carefully selects 25 candidates from across Canada with track records of bold environmental leadership and a real shot at winning their ridings. GreenPAC’s goal is to elect and support environmental leaders from all major parties in order to translate Canadians’ environmental concerns into political action.

“Our panel is looking for political leaders who know how to get things done when it comes to the environment. We are not looking at campaign promises or platforms or whether a candidate can spout back the right words on an issue. Rather, candidates are assessed on what they have accomplished on environmental issues,” states the GreenPAC website.

Richard Cannings, MP South Okanagan West Kootenay, Richard Cannings’ proven track record on environmental issues gave him the coveted spot among the 25 endorsed across Canada. One of Cannings’ own private member’s bills resulted in improved timeliness policies around the Species at Risk Act. He is recognized by MPs from all parties as an authority on the use of science, and not ideology, for policy decisions and is known by his colleagues for working collegially in order to achieve what is best for the country.

Cannings is an award-winning biologist and natural history author. He served as founding director of the Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance, a member of the BC Environmental Appeal Board, and co-chair of the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada.

“I’m proud to once again receive an endorsement from GreenPAC for the upcoming federal election. I received this endorsement in 2015 as well and truly appreciate their confidence in my strong advocacy for science and the environment,” said Cannings. “I entered politics to provide an experienced voice for science in our public life. Climate change is the issue of our time and I want to continue my work across party lines to create both federal and government action on that front. The NDP has been effective before to create meaningful change in Canada, from universal health care to pensions, and we can be the vehicle again to meet the challenges facing us today.”

Wayne Stetski, MP Kootenay-Columbia

Prior to being elected as MP, Stetski worked for 17 years in the Kootenays with BC Parks and Environment. As Regional Manager for Environment from 2009, he was responsible for parks and protected areas, fish and wildlife, and ecosystems. In this role he also co-chaired the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program and was one of MP Stetski’s key members overseeing the management of the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area. He also spent two years as Manager of the West Kootenay Conservation Program.

After being elected MP in 2015, Stetski was quickly named NDP National Parks Critic. In this role he worked to uphold Canada’s international conservation commitments and implement an action plan to meet UNESCO’s requirements for the preservation of Wood Buffalo National Park.

2017, he became a member of the House of Commons Environment and Sustainable Development Committee and was appointed vice-chair in 2018. He is a member of the All-Party Climate Caucus, and founder and co-chair of the Parliamentary All-Party Cycling Caucus.

“Wayne is a leader to be recognized as an environmental leader by GreenPAC,” said Stetski, who is known throughout the Kootenays for his vast experience and commitment to conservation. “To be an MP is not just a job, it has been my life as a public servant to our natural environment, and I have worked hard to champion environmental issues and causes for the last four years as a Member of Parliament.”

Youth paddle and learn along the Columbia River

Columbia Basin youth have recently returned from a two-week paddle and learning adventure along the mighty Columbia River.

This was the second year that Wildsight has run the Columbia River Field School, an opportunity for 16 youth ages 15-18 to learn about the complex social, economic and natural history of the Columbia River – all for high school credit.

“This program has changed my life,” said one student. “I came into the field school with very little knowledge of the Columbia River, expecting to leave somewhat more knowledgeable. But I am leaving with so much more than that.

“Not only is my head exploding with new information about the river and the watershed – I am also leaving with strong friendships that reach across the Basin.”

Paddling and camping along key sections of the river, the young people met with 20 guest speakers on both land and water, encouraging participants to think and ask questions about the Columbia River Treaty, dams, reservoirs, electricity generation and their ecological and social impacts. Some of the speakers came from First Nations, local and provincial governments, and some were independent experts, including scientists, historians, and ecologists.

“Paddling, learning, where students follow a journey that focuses on the story of the river and its past, present and future, delving into topics from social science, science, history, politics, resource management and leadership,” said Wildsight Education Manager Monica Nissen.

Field school participants were guided and instructed in canoe skills by Kaslo teacher Grace Broadfoot and Roger Warnachts of the Recreational Canoe Association of BC, earning their Lakewater Level 1 and Canoe Paddling Paddler certifications. This included important canoe tripping and camping skills like reading maps, packing, cooking, setting up camp and learning some techniques to minimize their impact on the land.

A trip highlight was the ‘Future of the River Symposium’ held at Selkirk College. Students had the opportunity to meet on a brainstorming panel, back to back with guest experts to discuss a range of topics, including climate change, the Columbia River Treaty, ecosystem and salmon restoration, and reconciliation. Many students said they had never before been in a setting where adult professionals were so genuinely interested in learning from their perspectives and supporting their voices.

The field school took place just weeks before the sixth International Columbia Basin Transboundary Conference meets in Kimberley from September 12-14. The conference will bring together key members of the Columbia River Treaty negotiating team, where the future of the river will be discussed.

Correction

There was an error in the Kaslo council report of the August 13 meeting, published in our August 29 issue. An order requiring the completion of remedial action was sent to the owners of 843 A Avenue, not 843 C Avenue as reported.
Kaslo council, September 3: Community Signage & Media project grant application submitted

by Jan McMurray

• The Village submitted an application to the Rural Dividend program for $100,000 for a Community Signage & Media Project. The original plan was to submit the application in partnership with the Chamber, but the Rural Dividend program rules changed for this intake to require that partnerships cover 40% of the project cost instead of the 20% required previously. With the Village as sole applicant, the Village is projected to contribute only 20% of the project cost. The total project cost is $150,000. With hopefully $100,000 coming from the Rural Dividend Program, the other $50,000 would come from a combination of $4,000 from the Village, $5,000 from the Village, $6,000 from Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism, and $20,000 from the Columbia Basin Trust (unconfirmed).

• Council received six letters regarding the Jazz Fest. One praised the event, and the others raised concerns about illegal camping, parking and boat club access. Council directed staff to arrange an October 3 debrief meeting with Jazz Fest stakeholders.

• Council agreed to give the Kaslo & District Community Forest Society a one-year licence of occupation to store equipment on a 1.5 hectare piece of Village land at the west end of the aerodrome. The society will pay $1 for a year, starting September 4. In the society plans to purchase a shipping container to store as a service facility, and may also add a reeler to hold seedlings for planting.

• The space would also provide potential for the society to establish a scale site, maximize high-grade log values and explore value-added or small-scale manufacturing and training opportunities. At the October 8 council meeting, council will consider issuing the society with a Temporary Use Permit for this.

• Mayor Suzan Hewat reported that the sewer project is substantially completed. There is about $39,000 left in the budget, and staff is investigating additional work to take advantage of the funding. One possibility is a sub line extended across 2nd Street to Vimy Park.

• Street was repainted in downtown Kaslo were repainted, including curbs and accessible parking spaces. The space reserved for electric vehicle charging was painted with hash marks, and a new sign will be installed to clarify that the space is reserved for charging. The line painting cost $4,450.

• Mayor Hewat reported that she had a meeting with Almea Ambrose of the Columbia Basin Trust to discuss funding opportunities and community needs. Their discussion touched on housing, parks, recreation, daycare, and a method for determining community priorities.

• The replacement of the A Avenue water line project was denied funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. Staff will investigate other possibilities under this program and will report back to council.

• The Kaslo Tennis Club has amalgamated with the Kaslo Racquet Club. The Kaslo Racquet Club now includes both the tennis and pickleball groups. Council approved amendment of the lease of the tennis courts to be in the name of the Kaslo Racquet Club rather than the now defunct Kaslo Tennis Club.

Kaslo Masonic Lodge donates to VHKAS

by Jan McMurray

The Kaslo Masonic Lodge and Grand Lodge BC Yukon made a $450 donation to the Victorian Hospital of Kaslo Auxiliary Society on September 6.

Tyler Dobie, worshipful master of the Kaslo Lodge, explained that the Grand Lodge offered to match donations to local charities this year, “so we chose VHKAS since they give to a lot of local organizations with health care.”

VHKAS raises funds through the operation of the Thrift Store and other activities, as well as through donations. As a registered charity, VHKAS provides tax receipts for donations of $20 or more.

Dobie explained that Masonry is not a service organization, so providing tax receipts for donations of $20 or more.

“The school in Mexico has a local champion in Amelie Elberry, who goes down there each year to help. She is the widow of one of our members and they worked 10 years together on improvements to the school over the years. She has continued that work since Jim passed,” Dobie said.

The Kaslo Lodge also gave $500 to the ‘Helping Hand for Karin’ fund this year, a local resident with a prosthesis hand on a 3D printer for a resident. Karin Favett Fraser.

2020 marks the 125th anniversary of Kaslo Lodge being warranted as the 25th Lodge of Freemasonry in the province. Dobie says they will be celebrating this year, starting September 9, 2019. The work took place September 4. The work took place September 4.

Calendars, cards, and day timers are here for your fall planning. Open every day.

Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund Request for Proposals

The Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) and Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDKC) are seeking proposals for projects that will benefit conservation in the rural areas around Kootenay Lake, specifically electoral areas A, D, and E within the RDKC.

The purpose of the Fund is to provide local financial support for important projects that will contribute to the conservation of our valuable natural areas. Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF) funding is available for conservation projects that result in the reduction to a known threat to biodiversity. The themes for the Fund are water conservation, wildlife and habitat conservation, and aquatic systems conservation.

Projects that are technically sound and effective, and provide value for money through partnerships with other funders will be given priority. Proposers must be a registered not-for-profit organization, First Nations band or local government. Unqualified groups or organizations may partner with a qualified organization. A Technical Review Committee will review project proposals and make recommendations to the RDKC for final funding approval.

To apply for funding, go to www.kootenayconservation.ca. Refer to the Terms of Reference, paying particular attention to Section 8 – Fund Design and the application using the application form provided.

The closing date for project submissions is 4:30 pm PDT November 1, 2019.

Project proposals must be delivered by email to: info@kootenayconservation.ca

Kaslo Tennis Club

The Village’s $50 membership to the Village Tennis Club is renewed, paid for from the Health Select Community Emergency Fund.

Enka Bird, Geral Kirkland and Jeremy Eisenhauer were appointed to the Board of Variance.

Glacier Creek logging underway

by Jan McMurray

Logging of four BC Timber Sales (BCTS) cutblocks in the Glacier Creek watershed in the Larder-L Duncan started this past spring. The logging contract was awarded to Bill Kestell.

In early 2016, during the public comment period on the forest stewardship plan for this area, local residents voiced concerns about the operation logging on the environmental and recreational values in the area. A spokesperson from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development reports that responses to the varied concerns raised by the public and stakeholders have been included into road use protocols, operational logging on the environmental and timber sale license specifications.

The information gathered from meetings with stakeholders was also incorporated into the professional site plan for the area, she said.

Because Glacier Creek Forest Road Service Road leads to many trails and recreational sites, local stakeholders were concerned about adding logging traffic to the mix. The ministry spokesperson says BCFS has completed assessments of the road, including safety assessment and terrain stability. She also said BCFS has put in place a remote security system to monitor and identify potential features that may be prone to landslides in the area. Road use protocols have also been designed to address any concerns.

Four cutblocks ranging in size from 8.5 hectares to 33.4 hectares are being logged. The licencsee, Bill Kestell, has until December 2020 to complete the harvesting work.
Nakusp & The Arrow Lakes

by Claire Paradis

• Nakusp resident Pat Dion started off the August 26 council meeting with a proposal to reduce the amount of plastic in the landfill. Pat Dion and his wife Jan are concerned that the plastic bags marked for Village pickup unnecessarily increase the amount of plastic at the dump.

Dion suggested that there be a ban put on garbage cans, which can be removed when garbage is collected. “It’s working in some communities,” he said.

The Dions take their garbage to the landfill themselves and don’t use the Village bags, but he recognized that there are people who can’t transport their own waste and rely on collection by the Village.

The Village garbage bags are designed to biodegrade over a few (3-5) years, Dion said.

The Village garbage bags are to be used. Mayor Tom Zeleznik said has a five-year supply of them waiting by the Village.

• Colleen Scissors of Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services led a presentation about Community Works, the social enterprise which Scissors emphasized is about empowering people. The company provides employment for differently abled people, offering them employment on one of their projects: confidential shredding, the firewood program, the Reina Forward trailer, clothing recycling, and snowshoeing.

Part of the presentation was also an update on the household. Smith started in the new position in early July and has been busy providing information and resources to people who need support, such as youth at risk and routed isolated folks. With the help of the Community Navigator, socially isolated people will connect with someone in the community and find resources they may need. Roughly 10 people have been served since beginning of July, Smith told council.

• Consensus was not to be found on the issue of bike racks. Smaller units were brought up, and it was proposed that the larger bike racks be installed on the end, CAO Martens said that by the seniors’ hall. The deal is, Tesla will install eight stations on none, with no cost to the Village, but no revenue to them either. Tesla stations are not compatible with other vehicles, but the company said they would be open to installing an additional four generic stalls which could generate revenue for the Village.

Councillor Tesla approved Council’s request to assess the feasibility of installing an eight-stall supercharger station in the village.

A Nakusp resident in the gallery recommended that council consider the land use of one of the three sites set aside in the Village. For the two proposed areas in the parking lot, there would be no change of land use, but the former recycling bin area could be returned to parkland, said the citizen. If that area is deemed the best location, the potential uses of that land disappear. If that area is deemed the best location, then the resident said she would like to see it recognized as a cost to the Village, as loss of land and land use, and charge Tesla accordingly.

“I know there is pressure on land, but not from any consideration,” said the concerned citizen.

• In his mayor’s report, Zeleznik said that was set aside in our area is still there, but the caribou aren’t. “I think the science is showing that you have to manage other things. Habitat is key, but you don’t manage caribou by walking away from the land base. You manage them by using science as a guide to your management activities,” he said.

The society hosted a focus group meeting on maternity penning on August 14 with Aaron Reid, Water Project Manager and Batman George, a biologist who works for the Kalispel Tribe in Washington State. Watt explained that the Kalispel have a maternity penning program set up in the South Selkirks, where there are no longer any caribou left. “They are eager to work with us since the Selkirks have a southermest herd now,” Watt said.

According to Watt, maternity penning “may or may not be an appropriate management strategy, but we’re not sure yet – but the point is that we want to be prepared, go through the motions and have materials and resources that can be deployed quickly if it is deemed to be an appropriate strategy.”
Love to sing? This choir wants you submitted

Would you like to participate in the sheer joy of creating music in community with a diverse group of folks? Then this September is the time for you to join the Valhalla Community Choir in New Denver. For evenings out that challenge both your brain and your vocal chords, choir practices are the place to be.

Under the direction of Francie Oldham, the choir has been enhancing community life in the north Slocan Valley for 33 years. The annual holiday concert (December 13 this year – save the date) has become a must-attend event to launch the Christmas season. The community choir also performs at memorials and other community events.

No formal vocal training is required to join and there is no audition. All you need is a commitment to attend practices on Monday evenings until the concert and effort into learning the music.

Choir director Oldham would like to extend a special invitation to youth aged 14 and up to participate. The former students of vocal teacher Kelly Coubrough, who moved to Salmon Arm with her family this summer, are encouraged to join the Valhalla Community Choir as a great way to keep up their singing chops.

“This season we will be singing a selection of pieces ranging from Solstice Song to The Old Mill … some old favourites and some new pieces,” said Oldham.

In order to make the choir more accessible for seniors and those with physical challenges such as hip, back, or leg problems, the choir sought and received a grant from the Slocan Valley Legacy Fund to purchase performance stools. Now, those who need a bit of support will be able to sit or lean on a stool.

“No physical limitations prevent you from participating. The choir will find a way to accommodate your needs,” said Oldham.

The choir fee, which supports the purchase of music scores and other costs, is $35 per person; however, anyone who cannot afford the fee will be subsidized in part or in full as required. All that’s required is a quiet word to Oldham, who says, “we wish to make participating in the Valhalla Community Choir accessible to everyone with a desire to sing.”

And, thanks to a grant from the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance, this year the choir also has adequate funds to book the Knox Hall for all practices and to pay for a few special features such as guest soloists at the holiday concert. The choir also received a small grant from the Columbia Basin Trust’s event sponsorship program to cover production costs and the rental of Silverton Memorial Hall for the performance.

Choir director Francie Oldham and pianist Rebecca Laity will once again be the cornerstones of the choir’s musical adventures. Join by showing up on Monday, September 9 and learn more about this year’s plans at the first practice. Choir practices will be weekly, Mondays at 7 pm at the Knox Hall in New Denver.
Blues/soul singer, bassist and songwriter Holly Hyatt will be at The Dam Inn September 20 at 8 pm with a five-piece band celebrating the release of her debut solo album Wild Heart.

A full band production complete with horns and organic-sounding keyboards that showcases Hyatt’s highly evolved songwriting skills and soulfully smooth vocal abilities, Wild Heart reached the number two spot on Roots Music Report’s Soul Blues charts for 2019 and garnered rave reviews from the music press. “Resonant, rich and deeply expressive, Holly’s vocals propel these songs to another level,” writes one reviewer.

“Wild Heart has groove and soul by the bucket load, as refreshing as jumping in the Kootenay river on a hot summer day.” – The Rock Doctor.

While remaining firmly grounded in the soul and R&B feel of the earlier masters, this album transports the listener into the modern era with infectious dance grooves, layered horn lines, funky keyboards and positive, uplifting lyrics; think Susan Tedeschi and Jamiroquai meet The Family Stone. The Memphis soul-tinged “River Flows” which appears on the new album and was released earlier as a single, won the 2019 Kootenay Music Award for best Rhythm and Blues Song.

“I’m so excited about these songs” says Hyatt. “They are soulful, funky and fun, with themes of positivity, love and global empowerment throughout. I listen to the album and feel instantly happy. These are the songs I was born to sing.”

Holly will be joined by local musicians Clinton Swanson, Jai Taforo, Steve Wilson and Jon Burden – a funky, blues-infused, soul-based band that matches her Bonnie Raitt-style vocal range and soulful delivery. Admission is $15 in advance (available at the Dam Inn) or at the door.

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Holly Hyatt to perform at the Dam Inn, September 20, 8 pm

Devon More returns with Flute Loops

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Yearning for some top-notch fringe theatre out here in the Koots? Lucky you!

This October The Langham and The Vallican Whole bring award-winning Fringe-Fest femme fatale Devon More’s Flute Loops to a small town near you!

Once the dust settled from the thunderous standing ovation for More’s brilliant show Berlin Waltz last April in Kaslo, The Langham immediately asked her to return in the fall.

She responded with Flute Loops, “a rock opera about quantum physics,” featuring a unique original score, situational comedy, memorable characters, and stunning songs that boldly explore quantum mechanics, the principle of uncertainty, and the philosophy of science.

“This is truly a one-of-a-kind show.” – Winnipeg Free Press

At the Langham Friday October 4, 7 pm. Tickets $15 at Sunnyside Naturals or Willow Home Gallery in Kaslo, $18 at the door 6:30 pm.

At The Vallican Whole in the Slocan Valley Saturday October 5, 7:30 pm. Tickets $15 at Rambling Roses’ Boutique in Winlaw, or at the door 7 pm.

Don’t miss this truly outstanding one-woman show! Check More out at devonmoremusic.com

The Edibles Farm gang from Windermere were clearly enjoying their work at Garlic Fest.

Janet Spicer of Spicer Farms in Nakusp won First Prize for her garlic bulb at this year’s Hills Garlic Festival – the 27th annual.

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MAYSON (nee Moffatt), Brenda Mary
MAYSON (nee Moffatt), Brenda Mary, long time resident of the Kamloops area, Nakusp and Salmon Arm. Born November 6, 1915, Kamloops, BC. Died August 31, 2019, Salmon Arm, BC with her loving children by her side. Predeceased by husband, Harry, in September 2008. Survived by son Ken (Janet), daughters Barb (Francis) Hagel, Val McKay, and son Ted (Susie). Also survived by 6 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Brenda was an RCAF veteran, serving in England during WWII, she taught school in the Kamloops area, and was 2004 Nakusp Citizen of the Year. Throughout her life Brenda took great interest in family and community affairs. She was very involved with volunteer community service groups. The family would like to thank the staff and residents of Piccadilly Terrace and Hillside Village in Salmon Arm for the compassionate care and companionship provided to our mother. We also greatly appreciate the medical advice of Dr. Chris Weicker and Dr. Fiona McLellan.

No service by request, a private family gathering will be held.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the charity of your choice in Brenda’s name. Arrangements entrusted to Fischer’s Funeral Services, Salmon Arm.

Kathy Hartman named Commodore at Rosebery Regatta
by Jan McMurray
Kathy Hartman had the distinguished honour of being named Commodore at the Rosebery Regatta this year.

“We’re not starting at 11 am next year!” she was quick to announce as soon as she was declared the winner.

Hartman credited Sappho’s Bakery for the seaworthiness of her boat – a basket wrapped in an alarming amount of Saran wrap. She says the bakery owners gave her “the best Saran wrap ever.”

Kaysen Parker, new to the area, came second with his ‘Duck Norris’ boat. Seven boats competed in this year’s regatta. Richard Johnson was the only judge who showed up. But that’s okay because the rule book says there can only be one judge if there are seven boats or less. That’s what Johnson said, anyways, and we all know you can’t argue with a Rosebery Regatta judge unless you’ve got deep pockets.

Johnson also decreed that you can’t win two years in a row, “so even though Wren’s boat did a fantastic job, she’s disqualified,” he said. Wren Clarke was last year’s Commodore. Judith Maltz’s ‘Bluenote II’ also did very well, as it has in the past, but Johnson disqualified the boat because it “exceeds specs.” Maltz agreed. “It’s too old,” she said.
Eric Emett
June 23, 1930 – August 18, 2019

Eric Clough died peacefully at his desk, in his home, in Panorama Valley, Winlaw, British Columbia, on August 18th. He was 89 years old. Born to Bertram Gerald Clough and Helen Margarita Emett Clough on June 23, 1930 in Vista, California, Eric started working at a young age and never stopped. He married Marilyn Tucker and they had two children. He practiced as a landscape architect for 14 years in the San Francisco Bay Area before moving to Canada in 1968 where he became a BCSLA (BC Society of Landscape Architects) Registered Landscape Architect in 1969 as BCSLA #33 (members number over 450 today). In 2000, a colleague nominated him as a BCSLA Life Member for his over twenty-five years of membership in BCSLA. He was ahead of his time in the practice of using Native plants in landscape architecture, and designed for a wide variety of clients.

When Eric immigrated to British Columbia with a group of close friends, they settled in the Slocan Valley and created an intentional community; the New Family Society. For Eric, this was a return home in a sense - his parents had lived in Vancouver at one time, but the mountains of the interior drew him. The group started a landscape nursery business, and shortly realized that was not sufficient to sustain them.

At that time, Eric was the only landscape architect in the BC interior, and living off the grid with no power or phone, communication was a challenge. He built a successful business by connecting with local architects in the BC interior. His clients included the City of Cranbrook, Fairmont Hot Springs, and the cities of Castlegar, Nelson, and Trail, as well as individual clients in Telegraph Creek, Williams Lake, Victoria, Prince Rupert, and beyond. In the late ’70s, Eric designed and built the first passive solar homes in eastern BC, completing three in and near Nelson. The first of these won an award for passive-solar design.

Eric moved to Owen Sound, Ontario, with Carol Ladas Gaskin where he had accepted a position as Heritage Canada consultant. He moved back to the land in British Columbia 10 years later where he made the shift from creating hand-drawn architectural plans to an early CAD system. In fact, he and a friend created the CADalyt newsletter in Eric’s little cabin. He married his longtime partner Nancy Harris soon after his return.

Once Eric started receiving his pension, he began donating half his time to pro-bono work for seniors’ housing projects and other community projects. He is perhaps now best known for his work with the Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society (SVSHS). He designed both the Passmore Lodge and the recently completed Slocan City Suites and served multiple terms as a board member with SVSHS. He was involved in the early planning stages of building the Vallican Whole, volunteering his time and expertise when needed. He also designed the “Tibetan Buddhist temple in Taghum.”

Eric was generous with his time and energy, and was committed to the well-being of others, the health of communities, and of the environment. He was a person of enormous vision, courage, and integrity who was an asset to the health of communities, and of the environment.

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The impacts of the climate crisis are everywhere from smoke and wildfires in BC to drought and flooding, the hottest and driest in recorded history in July and an enormous increase in climate refugees worldwide. These are just some of the events that have motivated students to mobilize around the world. Inspired by 16-year-old Greta Thunberg from Sweden, millions of youth are urging the world to wake up.

The Global General Climate Strike takes place in more than 171 countries September 20-27, and young people are calling on the adults and the workforce of this planet to join them in demanding legitimate climate action. Fridays for Future: Nelson plans its general strike for climate September 20, starting at 10:30 am at Nelson City Hall. From there, participants will march down Baker St to gather attention and momentum from those not in attendance. People are encouraged to bring colourful signs. When everyone gets back from the march, there will be an open mic, educational workshops and live music.

The youth are asking the community to take action by joining them at the strike.

We are not equipped or prepared for the unpredictable implications of this crisis, but together we are more than capable of adjusting course and mitigating and managing what we have on our hands. In Osceola, a 16-year-old student from NV Rogers Secondary School.

“We will be collaborating with a number of organizations in the area to educate, inform and direct the energy and efforts of those in attendance,” said Michael Penner, a 15-year-old student from Mount Sentinel Secondary School. “To maximize our chances of ensuring a future, we need you to join us.”

To end the day everyone is invited to a child-friendly dance party starting at 7 pm.

For the rest of the week, Nelson and area’s “Week for Future” highlights a number of events organized by different community groups.

Saturday, September 21: ‘Climate Action for Peace’ is the theme of this year’s International Day of Peace event, at 1 pm in the Nelson Rotary Shelter in Lakeside Park. The event has a focus on education and opportunities for action, and includes speakers, music, and dance.

Sunday, September 22: Climate Vigil, hosted by Nelson Interfaith Climate Action Collaborative, Nelson United Church (602 Silica Street), 7 pm. All are welcome.

Tuesday, September 24: Shifting to Solutions: How to have meaningful conversations about climate change.

Wednesday, September 25: ‘Grief, Grit & Gratitude: Developing Climate Change Resilience’ is a workshop for expressing and normalizing the many emotions around the climate crisis: grief, shock, anger, guilt, etc. A focused time within a safe space to anchor our connection to nature; beauty; and love within ourselves and with the world we care about. Taghum Hall, 1-4 pm.


Grants available for Kootenay Lake conservation projects

Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP), on behalf of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, is now accepting proposals for the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLCF). The KLCF was established by the RDCK in 2014 by referendum and property owners in Electoral Areas A, D and E pay tax of $15 per parcel per year towards this dedicated fund, which each year provides financial support to local projects that help conserve and restore the area’s prized natural surroundings.

KCP’s conservation encouragement fund provides financial support to eligible conservation projects in Electoral Areas A, D and E to submit funding proposals for 2020 projects. The deadline for applications is November 1. If you have a project idea that can benefit fish and wildlife or other conservation values in the region, please contact KCP program manager Juliet Craig. Community groups and associations can partner with an eligible non-profit to qualify.

In 2019, nine projects successfully received KLCF funding: the acquisition of North Kootenay Lake Bay by the Kootenay Native Plant Society; restoring Kokanee salmon and their habitat in the headwaters of Kootenay Lake by the Kootenay Stewardship Society; conserving western painted turtles by the BC Conservation Foundation; developing conservation mapping and plans for the Crawford Bay regional park; grizzly bear conservation through Grizzly Bear Coexistence Solutions; water quality monitoring of north Kootenay Lake by the Kootenay Centre for Forestry Alternatives; western toad conservation in the Fish and Bear Lakes area by the Valhalla Wilderness Society; and bat conservation on private land through the Kootenay Community Bat Project.

For more information on how to apply, please visit kootenayconservation.ca/conservation-funds/klcf. For questions or to sign up, please contact Juliet Craig at 250-352-2260 or juliet@kootenayconservation.ca.
by Art Joyce

History has a way of bringing us full circle. For the Yokoyama family, interned during World War II, it has brought them back to the postwar home they occupied in Rosebery. Originally an internment shack, it was purchased after the war by Roy Yokoyama’s father Masanari and moved to Rosebery. Currently owned by Paul and Wendy King, the house had been owned by the Swanson family after the Yokoyamas moved to Alberta in the mid-’60s. This summer was the first time they’ve been able to actually stay in the house since leaving it so many years ago.

Roy, the oldest of the surviving Yokoyama boys, was born in Langley, BC and was moved with his family to internment in Sandon in April 1942 when he was 10. He recalls travelling on the train from Mission to Nelson, where they were put on the SS Moyie for the journey to Kaslo, finishing off the journey to Sandon on the K&S Railway.

His parents Masanari and Tamae with their four children were moved to the Harris ranch in 1944. The oldest daughter, Myo, born in 1928, was 16 when the family was interned. Two more daughters were born during their Sandon internment and three other children died in infancy, for a total of three brothers and three sisters surviving. Roy’s wife Joyce says her family, the Onos, were interned at the Tashmi camp near Hope, BC and are related to longtime New Denver resident Amy Mort.

Roy’s sister Terri Yokoyama-Van Leusden was born in Sandon in 1943 and her sister Jean Yokoyama-McKeever was born there in 1944 – the last baby born in the old Sandon hospital. She has lost her original birth certificate and according to the Sandon Historical Society, most of the hospital records were lost during the 1955 flood. In total there were three hospitals built in Sandon, all by the Western Federation of Miners. The hospital operated until the Great Depression, when it closed its doors for good. During WWII, it was used as an apartment building for internees, which is likely where Jean was born. The Yokoyamas recall sharing the building with three other interned families.

Roy recalls enjoying the winters here, sleighing and skiing on homemade skis. During the summer one of his favourite memories is swimming at the Bosun beach and huckleberry picking. “I can remember Nancy Harris, she’d be out flying a seaplane with us.” He and the other kids would take berries to sell to the Johnny Harris store in Sandon. They were paid 10 cents a pound. “That was a lot of money in those days, because a bottle of pop or an ice cream cone was only five cents.”

Roy recalls his father Masanari selling firewood to the BC Security Commission for 20 cents a pound, and the Red Cross bringing food to the camps. “Like everyone else during the war, they had to ration coupons for gas, sugar, coffee and other restricted commodities.”

Roy’s parents never talked about the internment experience. There’s a Japanese word, says Terri, “shiragakari,” meaning ‘it can’t be helped.’ That was their attitude toward being interned. Terri says she didn’t even know about it until learning about the school in grade 7.

“I remember coming home and asking Mom about it but she didn’t want to talk about it.”

Roy’s sister Lori, who attended public school in southern Alberta during the 1970s, recalls a lot of lingering prejudice against Japanese Canadians even that many years after the war.

“Remember being told the Japanese probably deserved it,” she recalls.

After the war Masanari went to work for the CPR, which is probably where he heard about the sale of the 31 Rosebery properties originally owned by a section foreman. As Roy got older he too worked part of the year with the CPR at Three Forks where his father was working.

“A lot of the other guys who went to work for the CPR would quit after a few days, the work was so hard.”

He recalls his father taking just a half a cabbage and rice balls to work for lunch. Brother Sus Yokoyama worked for a logging company in Rosebery and stayed with his grandparents – who had been interned here – to care for them.

Both Terri and Jean left New Denver after graduating high school for university in Calgary. Their brother Ken left home about 1957. Roy went to Calgary to study auto mechanics at the Provincial Institute of Art and Technology, now known as the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT). After graduation he worked for 10 years for Ford, then switched jobs to work at a GM dealer for the next 40 years before retiring. Jean’s children Robin and Brian became champion Olympic and Paralympics athletes, winning gold and silver medals in the 2002, 2010, and 2014 Winter Paralympics. The family has always spent its summer holidays in Rosebery, building up a store of good memories over the years. Terri and Jean were both teachers so they had their summers off. Wendy and Paul King offered to show Roy and Joyce their old house and to let them stay there this summer – the first time they’ve been back in the house since the early 1960s. Masanari and Tamae worked on the original garden beds in front of the cottage and some of the flowers they planted still remain. Masanari’s garden, on the banks of Wilson Creek, is legendary. He cultivated it lovingly into his 90s. He died in the Pavilion in 1985 at age 95.

“We just felt really lucky we got to stay here,” says Lori. “Dad’s been wanting to come back for years, so it’s a kind of homecoming. All the Rosebery neighbours have been fantastic, letting us use their docks and beaches.”

Gasoline spill closes Nakusp’s Anderson Automotive for a day

by Ian McMurray

Anderson Automotive in Nakusp had to close on August 29 when an AFD fuel truck overfilled the gas station’s underground tanks. Gasoline came up through the vents and flowed across the property.

“It was a little scary to start out with, but it soon passed and I’m just so thankful that no one was hurt,” said owner Sheila Anderson.

She says the overfilling was due to miscommunication.

Anderson and her employee, Stephanie Stenseth, were at the station all day. Anderson says according to readings taken, the incident was not harmful to their health. “Thank goodness gasoline evaporates quickly!” she said. “And thank goodness it wasn’t diesel.”

Anderson called 911 and the Nakusp Volunteer Fire Department responded right away. They cordoned off the property, created a detour around it, threw down absorbent pads, and went door to door in the neighbourhood to let people know what was happening. “The fire department was fantastic!” Anderson said.

Fire Chief Terry Warren says representatives from the fuel company, AFD, arrived and the department was released from the scene at about 2:50 pm.

“Less than 300 litres spilled and the cleanup was fast,” says Anderson. “AFD handled everything and everyone was more than efficient. I’ve been with them [AFD] for five or six years, and they are an awesome company.”

A safety inspector from Edmonton and a hazmat team from the coast attended, Anderson said, and the gas station was able to re-open the next day as usual.

Anderson said there was still some cleanup work to be done, and AFD was making the necessary arrangements.
COMMUNITY

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Mar 1-31: 10 am-4 pm daily.
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May 1-31: 10 am-4 pm daily.
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SD8: mental health services and safe schools

As a provincial facilitator with Safer Schools, Rothermel provides basic threat assessment, safe and caring schools, and digital threat assessment trainings. He consults provincially on high profile school-based incidents that require liaising directly with school district administration, law enforcement and community partners.

He is also the recipient of the RCMP Award of Valour, the highest policing award in British Columbia, and the RCMP Commissioner’s Office of the Year. He is currently enrolled in the Masters of Conflict Analysis and Management at Royal Roads University (completion 2020).

Time for these writers to come out of their garrets, on Fryday the 13th no less.
Dispel the darkness with an evening of entertainment and refreshment, with local writers reading short excerpts from their work. There will be stories, essays, poems, and maybe even a little humour. Some will be reading in their work alone in candlelit garrets – or maybe even just stories, essays, poems, and maybe even a little humour. Some will be reading in their work.

McAlpine’s body the next day was recovered from a ravine by search dogs. They discovered McAlpine’s body the next day in a ravine near the town of Kaslo.

The RCMP would like to recognize the excellent efforts of the Kaslo Search and Rescue team for their determination and professionalism during this difficult recovery. The investigation is ongoing and police are speaking to other hikers who were in the area at the time,” says Sgt Brett Turner.

Supporting teachers, students, parents and staff to increase mental fitness.

In his new role he will provide leadership in critical risk assessments, critical incident response management, crime prevention, safety, education, digital investigations and mediation between school staff, students and parents. He will engage with outside agencies such as the RCMP, Ministry of Children and Family Development and community health partners.

The Kootenay Lake School District has announced two people have been hired to fill new positions that reflect the board’s commitment to providing greater mental health services for all students and staff.

The positions are Coordinator of School Mental Health and Addictions, and Manager of Safe Schools.

An important topic that emerged out of the spring budgeting process revealed considerable consensus around the need to continue investing in additional mental health supports and resources for both students and staff.

School District 8 says it believes that “social and emotional skills are key human capabilities that allow individuals to manage their emotions, work with others, and achieve their goals. They are crucial for the well-being and success of every child and adult, and for the future of societies and economies.”

Javier Gonzalez will take on the position of Coordinator of School Mental Health and Addictions this fall. He has been working with children, youth and adults for more than 18 years. With a bachelor in Social Work, post-bachelors Child Welfare Specialization from UBCO and Master of Art in Counselling Psychology from Gonzaga University, he is passionate about mental health and wellness.

His interest is in supporting the social and emotional development of all students through learning of all students through

budding Alice Munros and Farley Mowats. Have a coffee and enjoy some treats. Listening to fascinating stories from those shy creatures, the writers who live just down the street, Friday the 13th at 7 pm in the library.

If you’re interested in participating, it’s too late.
Just give Barb MacPherson a call at 250-265-3450 or inform one of the librarians.

THINGS TO DO

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Tuesday, October 1. Social & registration at 6:30 pm, AGM at 7 pm. All are welcome! Parsonage Lodge, 3659 Passmoor Rd.

**THE LANGHAM PRESENTS THE STRINGTONES**
Friday September 20, 7 pm. Captivating World Music from virtuoso acoustic guitarists Paul Landsberg and André van Berlo playing soulful Jazz, Pop and global rhythms with a fiery touch of Gypsy Flamenco and Bossa Nova! 515 Sunnyside, Slocan.

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**
- **The Family of Terry McCrory** wishes to thank everyone who provided support and comfort to our family during our beloved Terry’s Celebration of Life. Thank you to all who attended the Celebration of Terry’s Life at Mountain View Station.

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- **3674 ext. 201 or email Nakusp@futures.bc.ca.**
COMMUNITY/CLASSIFIEDS

Local trail projects receive CBT funding
by Jan McMurray

The Columbia Basin Trust has announced the recipients of its Trail Enhancement Grants. In total, 25 projects are being supported with nearly $400,000. In our area, the Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society, the Nakusp Ski Club Association, Kootenay Adaptive Sport Association and Valhalla Hills Nordic Ski Club will all receive trust funding for trail improvement projects.

Double garage destroyed by fire in Arrow Park
by Jan McMurray

A detached double garage on Moke Road in East Arrow Park south of Nakusp was destroyed in a fire on September 3. The Burton and Arrow Park fire brigades responded to the call, which came from a neighbour who observed flames on the roof. The property owners were not home at the time. “We got the call at 11:45 am and got there at 12:05. When we got there, the building was already collapsing,” reports Burton Fire Chief Brian Harrop.

Harrop says the owners were doing some renovation work at the house due to damage from a house fire three years ago, and some flooring for the house.

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300-metre sprint loop will be created. The club will receive $25,000 from the Trust. The Valhalla Hills Nordic Ski Club will develop its trail network by improving drainage on existing trails and creating two connecting trails. The ski play zone will be improved and a 300-metre sprint loop will be created. The club will receive $4,340 from the Trust.

The Burton and Arrow Park fire groups work well together when there are fires in Arrow Park. “One of the brilliant things they [Arrow Park group] did was to bury 900-litre water tanks on private properties in the community, where people agreed they wanted them,” Harrop said. During fires, the Arrow Park fire caddy is used to do runs out to these underground tanks, pump water into the tank on the fire caddy, and return to the scene of the fire and fill up the Burton fire truck. “Otherwise, the lake is our only source, and it’s inaccessible most times,” Harrop said.

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submitted
With the end of the Summer Exhibitions Series nearing, curator Anne Beliveau wanted to make sure Tatjana Mirkov-Popovicki was here for more than an art show. The landscape artist is back for her third annual show, and will also conduct a workshop. Tatjana’s new series of paintings is titled Good Land. The paintings represent scenery from Western Canada and especially the Arrow Lakes, the Okanagan, the West Coast and the Bow River. Tatjana favours acrylic applied on gallery canvas, wood cradle sometimes canvas board. Her colourful palette gives her work an alive feeling. She is a past president of the Federation of Canadian Artists, a Senior Signature Artist and Honourable Life Member of the organization. Her work has recently been recognized and awarded by the International Society of Acrylic Painters. The Good Land collection consists of 21 pieces, with two paintings already sold. “Arrow Lake Patterns 1” has sold but will be on display until the end of the exhibition on Saturday, September 21.

The reception for Good Land is on Friday, September 20 from 5 to 8 pm. Come meet and greet Tatjana. Everyone is welcome. The reception also provides an opportunity for workshop participants to see the paintings in a gallery setting. Some of the participants are traveling from Calgary, Revelstoke, Lake Country and the Kootenays to be in Nakusp on that weekend. There are still three spots available for people who would like to perfect their acrylic painting skills.

The last show of the season is with local artist Charlene Duncan from September 24 to October 12. Fine artworks by artists from across Canada can be acquired at this quaint gallery. Studio Connexion will be open with regular hours until the Saturday of Thanksgiving: 11 am to 4 pm, Tuesday to Saturday. Other times can be arranged by contacting the gallerist at 250-265-3586. The gallery is located at 203 Fifth Avenue NW, just two and a half short blocks from Broadway Street in Nakusp. Follow our daily posts on social media: www.facebook.com/studioconnexion

Fall Seniors’ Appreciation dinner at the Legion Hall
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Senior Citizens’ Association Branch #81 is back for another Living Legacy project underway in Kaslo
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We remember our grandparents through family photographs and stories handed down, generation to generation. Sometimes we have kept heirlooms such as Grandfather’s favourite woodworking tools, or some knitting, crocheting or quilting lovingly made by Grandmother.

All too soon, we forget what their voices sounded like or the little gestures they used to make. The precious memories fade so quickly, even when we get together with other family members and try to piece together what it was that made our elders so special. Our children and grandchildren may have missed the opportunity to meet these wonderful people.

The ‘Let Us Hear and See – Our Living Legacy’ project is now underway. The goal is to capture on video the stories of some of the elders in the area: what drew them to the Kootenays, and what it was like when they first arrived compared to what it is like today. Kaslo and Area D were the perfect setting, as there are so many interesting seniors living here, often without their families living close by.

Louise De Pape, president of the Kaslo Senior Citizens’ Association Branch #81, and Neil Johnson have worked on several interviews. One was with a woman who turned 100 in the spring of 2018, and the second with a gentleman (in the truest sense of the word) who will soon be 96 years old.

“It is truly a delightful and educational experience,” said De Pape, “which we could not have begun without the support and enthusiasm of our Area D director, Aimee Watson and Columbia Basin Trust.”

Branch #81 has the use of a small hall owned by the Village. It can house approximately 30 individuals who may have a limited budget.

Branch #81 has the use of a small hall owned by the Village. It can house approximately 30 people for a sit-down meal so the branch has not, until now, been able to reciprocate the invitation. Upon consultation with Meadow Creek organizers, members decided that September 21 would be an ideal date to host a similar event at the Kaslo Legion Hall, which can accommodate up to 160 people.

Invites will include senior citizens from Kaslo and Area D, which includes the communities of Larder, Argo, Howser, Gerrard, Cooper Creek, Poplar Creek, Ainsworth, Mirror Lake, Marblehead, Johnson’s Landing, Shutty Bench and Meadow Creek.

The Kaslo Legion Ladies’ Auxiliary will cater a fall-themed dinner for the seniors. Entertainment will be hired locally and Branch 81 is asking the Kaslo RCMP detachment and Search and Rescue volunteers to help serve the meals. This collaborative community event will celebrate senior citizens and the contributions they make and have made to our community.

The Stringtones play The Langham, September 20

submitted
The Langham kicks off its 2019/20 Guest Artist series with The Stringtones. The season starts in style with this duo of virtuoso acoustic guitarists Paul Landberg and André van Berlo, playing captivating world music, jazz, and pop with soulful melodies, global rhythms and spontaneous improvisation – and a fiery touch of flamenco, gypsy jazz and bossa nova.

A shared passion for South American folklore, jazz, and pop classics, during string quartets, and an exploration of styles, The Stringtones’ musical repertoire travels from Spain to Cuba, Brazil to Argentina, Jamaica to Italy, and back to North America. A little something for everyone – their music will surely move and surprise you.

Fredric Choppin couldn’t be more right: “Nothing is more beautiful than a guitar, save perhaps two.”

Friday September 20 at 7 pm. Tickets $15 at Sunnyside Landing, Shutty Bench and Meadow Creek.

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The Slocan Valley Wildfire Resiliency Program aims to empower community members, neighbourhoods and municipal governments with the knowledge and tools needed to help our communities become more resilient and fire adapted in case of a wildfire.

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