Nakusp names its 2019 Citizens of the Year: Ernie Knecht & Janis Dahlen

Janis Dahlen is being recognized for her 30 years of service to the community as a foster parent, 12 years as village councillor and five years as regional district representative. Dahlen was also active with the Nakusp Figure Skating Club for 15 years and still volunteers for Meals on Wheels. Dahlen will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for her lifetime of service to others. Rotary president Dan Nicholson dropped by with flowers. There will be an awards dinner on March 21. See the ad on page 8.

Ernie Knecht is Nakusp’s Citizen of the Year, in recognition of his work with the Nakusp Secondary School’s scholarship committee, the Arrow Lakes ATV Club, the Arrow Lakes Caribou Society and the Nakusp Rod and Gun Club. Ernie has volunteered at Summit Lake Ski Hill, served on the Nakusp Water Board and spent countless hours clearing and rehabilitating back-country trails. There will be an awards dinner on March 21. See the ad on page 8.
Health Canada visits the Kootenays to talk cannabis regulations

by Kathy Hartman

The BC craft cannabis community has been chosen as the pilot population for a project that could result in changes to current Cannabis Regulations. Consultations as part of the project occurred in the West Kootenay last month.

The goal of the project is to increase the number of applications for micro-cultivation and micro-processing licences – by understanding the barriers for applicants, developing options for addressing the barriers, and then testing the potential solutions in BC.

On February 13 and 14, federal and provincial government representatives from Health Canada, the Privy Council of Canada, BC Cannabis Secretariat, BC Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness, and the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development came to the area to hear about the challenges Kootenay farmers are encountering when trying to apply for micro licences.

They met with representatives of the Kootenay United Cannabis Association (KUCA), Community Futures, Kootenay Outdoor Producers Co-op, and members of the community who either have applications in process, are considering applying, or feel the licensing process is unrealistic for them.

Damon Chouinard of KUCA reports that many of the barriers presented to the government reps were identified at last year’s Kootenay Cannabis Symposium as well as at preliminary meetings held locally in January to discuss possible solutions to consider in the pilot project.

One of the barriers government reps heard about, Chouinard said, is cost and access to capital. The business case for micro licensing is not strong enough for most in the pre-existing industry to find traditional sources of lending, he said. “For many farmers it seems daunting to do the full build-out or renovation as a starting point. With the excessive costs of $700,000 to $1.5 million, this is just the starting point. Taxes, fees and costs lie around every corner of the process, not to mention the many unknowns within the marketplace.”

The regulation that restricts marketing is another barrier. “The inability to brand a craft industry that can’t distinguish or market itself” was one of the issues Health Canada took with them, Chouinard said.

Another barrier is the requirement for broad microbial testing for cannabis. Broad microbial testing makes outdoor cultivation of marketable flower difficult or impossible, he says, and makes the case for certain organic practices difficult, as organic methods can rely on beneficial microbes for healthy plants. For small cultivators or processors, this testing adds additional cost.

Further, many people, especially those with families or other jobs, don’t want to participate in the industry because the new legal environment reinforces and amplifies the stigma that is attached to the industry.

Chouinard reports that Health Canada has completed its outreach to BC cannabis sector reps to understand the challenges involved in applying for micro licences, and is now coming up with possible solutions. Chouinard said this phase is expected to be completed in April, and will be followed by the test phase, where the possible solutions will be piloted in BC.

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RCMP execute multiple search warrants, arrest five

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The Trail and Castlegar RCMP Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) executed multiple drug search warrants simultaneously across the Kootenay region, simultaneously descending upon five separate properties to execute search warrants on March 4. Officers from across the West Kootenay region, in relation to an ongoing criminal investigation into drug trafficking.

On March 4 dozens of police officers, from across the West Kootenay region, simultaneously descended upon five separate properties to execute search warrants obtained under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA). A total of five individuals, all men, were taken into police custody as a result of the coordinated warrant executions.

The judicial authorizations have so far yielded undisclosed amounts of suspected cocaine in various forms, cannabis, large quantities of cash, items consistent with the trafficking of illicit drugs, handguns, rifles, shotguns and as many as seven motor vehicles.

The RCMP have submitted all evidence to the Public Prosecution Service of Canada for further charge assessment.

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“The tree came in through the roof, wall and window. The window exploded and glass shattered all over me. The tree stopped just two to three feet above my head. I could have died,” Barb said.

Just minutes later, a second tree from the campground came down into their yard.

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Coin Laundry in New Denver will close
I feel sad about having to shut down the coin laundry. There is a new owner of the building and the rent being offered to me is more money than the business can pay. I’ve paid rent to the end of April and will need time to empty the premises of my equipment. The last day open will be Sunday, April 25.

Maybe some people will brainstorm and come up with a creative solution. I would be willing to donate the washing machines. I think the dryers will be scrap metal. If anyone wants any parts, let me know. Time for neighbours to help neighbours? Share your washing machine!

Given the age and condition of the building, the age and condition of the septic system, the age of Rod and the septic system, the age and condition of the machines, the age of Rod and the age of me, this endeavour was destined for a fairly soon ending. I just managed to elongate the inevitable for 7.5 years.

Wendy Harlock
New Denver

Danger trees in Silvertown Campground
Recent events in the Village campground and on the Broughton’s property have demonstrated with frightening clarity the need to immediately address the removal of danger trees from the Silvertown campgrounds and to take action.

While no one likes to see trees cut unnecessarily, trees with compromised root systems, vulnerable to toppling over in strong winds, cannot be left standing to be a danger tree removal have already in danger tree removal have already in danger tree removal have already in danger tree removal have already in danger tree removal have already left vulnerable to toppling over in strong winds. The speed limit is reduced going through the area and of course the summer rush of people to give those pedestrians some protection.

I am very disheartened to learn that the residents of Silvertown are not taking advantage of the tree removal service. The village has not been made aware of the service and the village council has not set a date for the service.

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Crescent Valley needs crosswalks
It is good to see that the residents of Area H are keeping their director Walter Popoff busy. Striving to improve the lives of the people he represents, he is gauging public opinion on dog control, noise, and unsightly premises, and dealing with a petition from Playmore Junction demanding a zoning bylaw. Just in case he still has a bit of free time, I would like to propose that he and his fellow directors should address another issue before it ends in tragedy.

The Regional District has done a nice job improving the beach facilities that were so generously given to them at Crescent Valley. In addition, the people of Crescent Valley have established a vibrant community there with two very busy year-round stores, and restaurants, and of course the summer rush of people to give those pedestrians some protection.

The road that runs through it unfortunately has not changed except for the fact that it has gotten much busier. The speed limit is reduced going through Crescent Valley, but drivers cannot be relied on to respect it, and certainly don’t seem to be prone to allow a pedestrian to cross the road. When pedestrians dare to slow traffic, they are soon met with much impatient horn blowing. The auto is king, and the pedestrians are expected to scurry across between the speeding cars like frightened squirrels.

It is time that the Regional District put some pressure on the Highways people to give those pedestrians some lighted crosswalks to use when doing their business in this vibrant little burg.

This is not just an issue for Area H residents, but for all of us in the surrounding areas as well.

Rod Retzlaff
Glade

A tribute to Marilyn Burgoon
It is with great sadness that I write about the passing of my friend and sister, Marilyn. Alas, with a sense of deep appreciation and admiration for her indomitable spirit in taking on and confronting the ignorance of our times, with regard to environmental destruction. She loved her life with the intention to protect the land and the water in her immediate surroundings, the community and the whole precious planet that we all inhabit. Her work goes back many years when she and Barry came to the Slocan Valley, Barry leaving the US and the Vietnam war. She and Barry gave birth to their six children together and shared a deep spiritual relationship; Barry supported all her endeavours and cared for their farm in Vallican. Marilyn was born in Durham, North England and she jokingly reminded me that she was from what was called a “famously dangerous” family. Her whole family camped in Vallican to stop the road through Sinixt ancestral burial site land, working for many years with Smist elder Marilyn James to remove the Canadian government’s extinction clause. She was instrumental in starting the Perry Ridge Water Users Association and brought experts in to study the terrain and give evidence why logging should not occur along the ridge and in the sensitive watershed. She worked with Colleen McCarthy of New Denver to establish the protected Valhalla Park that we all enjoy. The caring that she exhibited extended to the land, water, vegetation and to all creatures inhabiting those lands. Her last endeavour was to single-handedly take the BC government to court over the toxic fuel spill in Lemon Creek, which contaminated the creek, Slocan River, and Kootenay River to the Colombia in July 2014. I can only speak of a few of Marilyn’s works and on behalf of us all, I thank you Marilyn.

You are truly missed and loved.

From your friend
Dianne Carter
Winlaw
Comment on Swift River

In response to Art Joyce’s review of Swift River, I encourage anyone who is interested in the book to start by reading pages 163-164 before they spend their money on it. These pages are personal opinions and judgments evidenced by the lack of references to support them. In this era of digital information, it is important to be mindful of those who use their academic privilege to advance agendas of marginalization and erasure. It is critical to ask, who and what is being served by such agendas? Fortunately, Marilyn James, Sinist elder and Matriarch is not so easily erased from the hearts of the thousands of kids over four school districts that she has engaged with Sinist stories and teachings for the past three decades in Sinist territory. Nor in the minds of the educators, individuals and community groups to whom she has unflaggingly made herself available. The disrespect exhibited in the personal opinions in this book towards our community elder unfaithfully serves to discredit the author and undermine the credibility of her work. This is before you financially support this work.

K.L. Kivi

Now Denuded

Open letter to Minister of Environment, Recycle BC and Village of Kaslo

I am disheartened, disillusioned, disapponted and rather disgusted to learn that I must use a particular, very large garbage can to recycle. I was at a reception in a Kaslo hotel where I was told that my recycling is clean and colour and, NO, I do not have space for such a large can.

I am appalled, I have long recycled, reused, repurposed and reduced my landfill donations so that I now have one medium sized can that gets emptied once a month. I applaud the demise of the blue bags, with their intrinsic (and rather disgusting) odor. I support elimination of single use plastics. I would like to see bubble pack plastic eliminated.

I ask that you revisit your dictate that I and my fellow use a 121-litre garbage can to recycle. I further suggested that I instead use a large can.

March 12, 2020

Phil Trotter

Kaslo

Open letter to MP Richard Cannings

I am appalled at the behaviour of PM Trudeau in respect to negotiating a peaceful solution with the Wet’suwet’en en and other Canadian Indigenous people’s demands. As we all know, the abuse of native people by the British and other settlers has been going on for 200 years and it continues today. Even after all his speeches for reconciliation, the fact is that business as usual and Mr. Trudeau seems to look the other way. After all the abuse Canadian Indigenous people have suffered, it would seem that Europeans, should come to an end. British Columbia also has to do its part, but so far Mr. Horgan has been a complete disappointment. I am outraged at the Wet’suwet’en crisis.

I ask you please do all you can to change the pattern, begin serious reconciliation, and reach legal accords with the Indigenous people, particularly in respect to boundaries and control of native territories by the various First Nations.
Washrooms at Kaslo Front Street Park could be built this year

by Charlotte Farrell, Lancer School work experience student

Front Street Park will have a new washroom/storage building and stage if the Village of Kaslo’s application for funding from the Columbia Basin Trust is successful.

“The need for public washrooms downtown has been talked about for many years,” says CAO Ian Dunlop. “Front Street Park was identified as an ideal spot for washrooms due to its central location and the Saturday market.”

If the funding comes through, the plan is to complete the project in two phases. Phase one would happen this year and would see the construction of the washroom/storage building. Phase two, in 2021, would include the construction of the stage and some landscaping. Both the washroom and the stage would be situated near the rear of the park towards Water Street. The conceptual plans show how the market tents can be arranged in the open grassy area.

Kaslo native Jordan Jones, of Ron on Saturday, March 21, in Kamloops, was hired to do the concept drawings for the project and to provide cost estimates. For reference, he was given the washroom floor plan when councils considered applying for Spirit Square funding for Front Street Park upgrades.

Jones did four conceptual plans, all of which included a washroom/storage building with two heated washroom stalls and an unheated storage area with double door, a bench, and a community notice board. The stage in all four plans is a raised concrete platform, with an open view to the lake and mountains. Three of the plans include a movable acoustic wall, which allows the performance space to be reconfigured for different uses.

The difference between the four conceptual plans is that they each have different materials and cladding.

“No decision has been made about the preferred concept yet,” Dunlop said. “The grant application includes a budget for developing the final design and construction-ready drawings. Jordan came up with four concepts to show a range of creative ideas but council did not endorse any one in particular.” Dunlop added that Jordan Jones was hired to do the conceptual drawings for the grant application, but the final design and construction planning will go through a procurement process as per the Village’s purchasing policy.

The detailed cost estimate puts the total project cost at about $700,000. The washroom/storage building comes in at $224,600 and the stage, with movable acoustic wall, at $276,065. Other project costs include professional fees, site prep, and utilities.

The Village has applied for $454,407 from the CBT Community Outdoor Revitalization Capital Grants program and plans to cover the remaining costs through reserve funding, other grants, in-kind contributions and fundraising efforts.

Film screening of Invasion at the Langham

The West Kootenay People Who Support the Wet’suwet’en (WKPWSTW) will host a screening of the Unist’ot’en Camp film Invasion next weekend. After the screenings Wet’suwet’en hereditary chief Adam Gagnon, and honourary UNBC professor Antonia Mills who worked on the Delgamuukw case, will speak to the audience about their experiences and research as well as provide update on the Wet’suwet’en Land Defenders in Canada.

A similar event will be held in Nelson on Saturday, March 21, as a fundraiser for water protectors, from 6-9 pm at Nelson United Church on unceded Sinixt territory. This fundraiser will include the film screening as well as dinner, keynotes, speakers, music, silent auction, and bake sale with all proceeds going to Sinixt and Wet’suwet’en water protectors.

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Tickets are available at Otter Books on Baker Street or at the door for $25 per person or $15 for students and low-income folks. For more information or if you would like to contribute to the silent auction please contact Aaron: korbachs.a@gmail.com or Scott: scott.jacob.martens@protonmail.com.

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KASLO & DISTRICT

Kaslo council, February 25: Recycle BC says Village must provide large recycling containers

by Jan McMurray

• A letter outlining the Village’s concerns with the blue bag transition plan process will go to Environment Minister George Heyman. CAO Ian Dunlop explained that blue bags will no longer be acceptable for curbside collection as of July 1. The Village submitted a transition plan to Recycle BC, explaining that residents would use a container of their choice. This plan was rejected, so the Village decided it would provide totes to those who did not want to use their own containers. Recycle BC responded with a letter demanding that the Village supply 121-litre containers to all residents before July 1. “We have found this situation frustrating because if Recycle BC had such a specific requirement in mind they should have mandated it in the first place rather than intimidating us to submit our own plan,” Dunlop says in his report to council. He also says the Village believed small communities could be exempt from having to provide containers at taxpayer expense.

• Mayor Hewat will attend a meeting on March 10 in Nelson to discuss the future of primary care clinics in the area. This is one of five meetings being held throughout the Kootenay Boundary region by the Kootenay Boundary Division of Family Practice Board, representing all family physicians in the area.

• An open house will be organized at the Kermo Centre to promote the potential creation of a cowork space.

• Anne Heard wrote a letter asking council to consider a policy or some kind of regulation “to tell our community and the world that single use plastic should not be part of our waste.” She says she understands the issues that are preventing the Village from developing a bylaw against single use plastics, and asks if there is something other than a bylaw, with regulatory “teeth,” that could address the issue. Council referred the letter to the Official Community Plan process. There was general agreement that the issue would be best addressed through public awareness rather than enforcement.

• A letter from Louise De Pape, president of the Senior Citizens’ Association, invites Village representation at the association’s March 3 meeting where the proposal for a bus stop in front of the Seniors Hall was going to be discussed. She said the bus stop proposal had been brought forward by Andy Shadrack at the last minute at a meeting at his Restaurant, with very few members present, and she felt it should be discussed at a regular meeting at the hall. CAO Ian Dunlop said he would attend.

• Mayor Hewat will write a letter in support of the City of Port Moody’s resolution in favour of universal pharmacare.

Film screening of Invasion at the Langham

submitted

The film showings and discussions will take place on Friday, March 20 from 7 to 9 pm at the Langham Cultural Centre, 447 A Ave in Kaslo, or Sunday March 22, 7 to 9 pm at the Castle Theatre, 185 Columbia in Castlegar to learn about the Wet’suwet’en Land Defenders in Canada.

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Slocan Valley resident recovering from snowmobile accident

by Jan McMurray

Sharon Milton, Slocan Valley resident and Slocan Valley Snowmobile Association (SVSA) volunteer, is recovering from a spiral femur fracture she suffered in a backcountry snowmobile accident on January 19. Before her companions were able to get her down to the ambulance at the Grizzly Creek parking lot.

Sharon, her husband Neil, son Lee and two other SVSA volunteers went out that day to groom the mountain and had to turn around after 20 minutes. The snow was too deep.

Neil says Sharon hit a bump in the trail and then fell on her right side. He didn’t know if she was alive or not, but he had a strong feeling she was still breathing.

Neil says: “We knew she was in trouble, but we didn’t know if she had internal bleeding or what. It was scary.”

Neil sent their son about 10 km down the road to the staging area of the local heli-ski operation, Valhalla Powdercats, to come with their snowcat to rescue Sharon. When Lee got there, the guests were loading onto the snowcat to return to base. One of the employees called the company owner, and then had to tell Lee they were unable to come, but that they would call Castlegar Search and Rescue.

Lee returned to the scene and reported that the Powdercats wouldn’t come. “I was shocked and felt helpless,” he said. “I couldn’t believe they needed to help someone in dire need.”

At that point, Neil says he and Lee went to the Grizzly Creek parking lot to dig out the SVSA snowcat and jumpstart the dead battery. The other two SVSA volunteers, Brent Larsen and Judy Kanigan, stayed with Sharon. Sharon sent Brent up to Grizzly Creek Cabin to get the spine board kept there for emergencies.

When Neil and Lee returned with the snowcat, they tried to get Sharon onto the spine board. “We dug the board down in the snow to be flush with her body so we could slide her on. Every time we tried to move her onto the board, the pain was unbearable for her. She got herself on by sitting up and bracing her hands by her side and just inching onto the board. It was painful too, but she was in control of how she was moving. It took a while,” Neil said.

They got Sharon onto the snowcat and about 200 yards down the trail, they ran into Castlegar Search and Rescue. Then the Valhalla Powdercats snowcat with groomer arrived, which Neil says “lay a really nice smooth trail” for them down to the Grizzly Creek parking lot. Sharon was then transported in the Search and Rescue vehicle to the bottom of the Passmore forestry road, where the ambulance was waiting. She got to the hospital at Trail this morning.

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They finally got to go home on Friday,” Neil says.

Ben Whitton from the Valhalla Powdercats (Snowwater Heli Skiing) explained that the company’s policy is to ensure that all guests are safely off the mountain and back at the base before assisting in public rescues. “In this particular case, we did assist once our guests were off of the mountain and back at our base. As soon as we were able to get on scene, our office/dispatch immediately contacted Castlegar Search and Rescue for an immediate response. After our guests were safely back at our base, which is our legal obligation to them, two of our staff members returned to the scene to groom the trail out from Grizzly with our snowcat to help ensure a smooth transfer for the injured sledder.”

Later, the Castlegar SAR was contacted by a Passmore management representative, who informed them that the Slocan Valley resident had a broken femur. The Castlegar SAR responded with a snowcat to transport her to Slocan Valley Hospital for further treatment.

Sharon received a donation from the SVSA which will be used by Castlegar Search and Rescue to ensure that our guests are safely off the mountain and back at our base. As soon as we are able to get on scene, our office/dispatch immediately contacted Castlegar Search and Rescue for an immediate response. After our guests were safely back at our base, which is our legal obligation to them, two of our staff members returned to the scene to groom the trail out from Grizzly with our snowcat to help ensure a smooth transfer for the injured sledder.

On February 21 of this year, Sharon underwent three hours of surgery, and came out with a titanium rod from hip to knee. “She lost a lot of blood. She had blood pressure and hemoglobin issues all week.”

Sharon says when the team met the SVSA snowcat that evening, they did a quick medical assessment on Sharon and determined she probably had an upper femur fracture, which turned out to be the case. “She was in a considerable amount of pain, so we administered pain medication. One SAR member stayed with her on the back of the snowcat and continued administering the pain medication on the way down. It helped, but she was still experiencing a lot of pain.

“Kudos to the people on scene. They did quite a good job with the equipment and resources they had on hand,” Kooznetsoff says. “That was very generous of them,” Kooznetsoff said. “A good outcome is really all we need, but a genuine thank you is very appreciated and it’s nice to get a donation. It’s certainly not necessary, but the gesture is very appreciated.

“Castlegar Search and Rescue would like to wish Sharon a speedy and healthy recovery.”

A tribute to Marilyn Burgoon on World Water Day

This year’s celebration of World Water Day in Slocan will be something special. On March 22 at the Slocan Country Cider Company, the Slocan Valley Women’s Association and her close friend and Sinixt’s matriarch Marilyn Burgoon with a High Tea and Tribute to Marilyn Burgoon, who died last December 18.

People are asked to gather at the lakefront in the lakewalk and then go to the lake for prayers for the water. At 2 pm everyone will move on to the Legion. Participants are invited to share stories and memories as part of the tribute, which will last until 4 pm.

Burgoon was noted as a fierce protector of water. She headed up the PWRWA, defending Ferry Ridge and advocating for it to be protected.

Most notably, she sought justice for the people who were poisoned when Lemon Creek and the Slocan River were poisoned by a fuel spill in 2014. Her unending persistence forced the government to have the Lemon Creek spill seriously and seek redress in court.

On February 21 of this year – she was vindicated. She definitely had a job to do – she was vindicated when Executive Flight Centre was fined $175,000. The majority of the fine – $165,000 – will be directed to the Environmental Damages Fund to be used for fish habitat conservation efforts in the Slocan Valley, according to a release from the province’s Conservation Officer Service.

It is particularly fitting that a tribute to Marilyn Burgoon is part of this year’s celebration. She told Marilyn James and other water protectors have worked together to make this event happen for several years.

James says she’s friend’s involvement in this work epitomizes the concept of sumum iem, meaning “belongs to the women.”

According to James, “Everything in this t mundane – [traditional territory, mother earth] belongs to the women. We own everything, all the land, all the resources, all the children, all the hunger, all the pain, everything. We women play a central role in the laws and how people behave on this landscape.”

The first rule of sumum iem is to care of yourself and your family responsibilities.

The second rule is, be of service. It was and still is our job to help people understand that these laws exist and what their rules are in maintaining a relationship with the landscape.”

Burgoon was not one to seek the limelight. Nonetheless, her friends and associates feel the need to honour her memory, and will now have the opportunity to share the many stories of how her life and work affected the lives of everyone in the Slocan Valley.
Nakusp, council, February 24: Y2Y study on ecology and economics presented

by Hannah Liiga

• Nadine Raynolds of Y2Y (Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative) gave a presentation about a research project commissioned by Y2Y: "Exploring emerging economic opportunities in the Columbia Headwaters." The purpose of the study was to "explore the opportunities and challenges in providing for a strong local economy while sustaining the region's ecological integrity." This project is a step into "exploring the intersection between ecosystem and economy," Raynolds said.

In the Columbia Headwaters (Revelstoke, Golden and Nakusp) in particular, the current economics are dependent on the sustainability of the surrounding ecosystems, Raynolds said, making it a great place to be the research. The research was conducted by Gary Bull, head of the UBC Forest Resources Management Department and Jeremy Williams of ArborVitae Environmental Services, who interviewed 30 community leaders from a range of backgrounds and sectors.

Research results show that there is next to no engagement with Indigenous communities, who see the impacts of decisions but none of the benefits; that forestry, tourism and recreation are exceeding what the natural landscape can handle; and that there is a shared opinion that the provincial government is not playing its part to adequately manage the land.

Raynolds plans to convene a meeting of Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders to facilitate a discussion. The full report detailing these findings can be found at colombiaheadwaters.org.

• Council will provide a letter of support to Arrow & Slocan Communities Services for its Health Connection Project and related application for CBT Community Initiatives and Affected Areas funding.

Nakusp Launch Club (Non-profit Society) Annual General Meeting Monday, March 16 7 PM EMS Building in Nakusp

Trust provides $1 million+ to tackle wildfire risks

The City of Rossland will limit and thin trees to reduce the amount of fuel dry and live near the community. However, instead of burning or chipping the woody debris, it will create hugels to improve the health and productivity of the riparian and wildlife habitat. The debris will be piled into shallow excavated or natural depressions and then covered with soil, seeds and mulch.

"Hugels build soil, reduce erosion, capture moisture, improve water retention, cycle slow-release nutrients, retain carbon and create habitat for native vegetation and wildlife. Hugels also provide a shelter for wildlife, plus will increase the aesthetics and safety of our local trail system. They’re not constrained by back of the road requirements and will not cost a cent to maintain," said Andrew Bennett, project lead. "Once completed, we will produce replicable guidelines and a slideshow of lessons learned, so the methods can be used elsewhere in the Basin and BC.”

2019 Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award

Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Legion Hall
This year we honour
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The Valley Voice March 12, 2020
Kaslo Eurythmy Studio offers classes and performances

by Jan McMurray

Colin and Wendy Poer moved to Kaslo in fall 2018 and opened the Eurythmy Studio on Front Street.

“We first heard about Kaslo from our eurythmy and anthroposophy teachers, Karen and Michael McPherson,” Colin explained. “They came up here about 20 years ago and fell in love with the place. They bought the building on the main street about 15 years ago with the dream that someday there could be a home for eurythmy and anthroposophy here.”

Colin and Wendy first visited Kaslo about the time they got married, and, like their teachers and so many before them, they fell in love with the place. About a year and a half ago, they decided it was time to move to Kaslo for part of the year and start making the dream of a Kaslo eurythmy studio come true.

The couple still lives part of the year in Northern California, where they’ve taught and performed eurythmy for almost 20 years. This is also where the American Eurythmy School is located, where they both completed their four years of eurythmy training.

Local politicians provide input into federal budget

submitted

Regional District Directors Leah Main (Silvertown councillor) and Suzan Hewat (Kaslo mayor) participated in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities board meeting in St-Hyacinthe, Quebec, where FCM released its recommendations for the upcoming federal budget, ‘Building Better Lives with Budget 2020.’ FCM believes that this budget represents a key opportunity to improve the everyday lives of Canadians with critical investments in clean public transit, housing affordability, and infrastructure for communities of all sizes.

“Whether it’s permanent transit funding, climate action, or access to adequate broadband, local governments are ready to bring life to the commitments we’ve heard from this government,” said Board Director Main. “It is an opportunity for the government to show it can deliver for the Kootenays, and FCM is offering a clear path toward results that people can see and feel in their daily lives.”

FCM’s submission lays out three paths to delivering for Canadians through Budget 2020, as follows.

Strengthening communities of all sizes: Shoring up key funding tools for better local infrastructure, investing directly in Canada’s rural and northern communities, including rural mobility and transportation solutions and access to adequate broadband.

Local climate action that builds better lives: Making housing more energy efficient, strengthening tools for local disaster mitigation, climate resilience and natural infrastructure enhancement, and emissions with permanent transit funding, while accelerating tram electrification.

New programs on housing affordability: Filling key gaps in the National Housing Strategy by investing directly in supportive housing, along with social affordable housing for Indigenous households—while opening a new front of leadership on the affordability of market rental housing.

RCMP identify Vallican deceased

submitted

RCMP have finally released the identity of a man found dead in the south Slocan Valley on October 8, 2019.

“In an effort to advance the investigation, the deceased has been positively identified as Aaron Graham, 47, of Vallican,” says a February 25 press release from spokesperson Cpl. Jesse O’Donaghey. “An autopsy has confirmed that Graham’s death involved criminality. ‘No arrests have been made.

To protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation no further details of his death will be released at this time.”

Graham’s family provided a photograph to assist with the investigation and has asked that their privacy be respected. The RCMP wish to thank the local communities of the Slocan Valley for their cooperation with this investigation. Anyone with any additional information is asked to contact the RCMP Southeast District Major Crime Unit at 1-877-987-8477.

Colin and Wendy Poer offer eurythmy classes and performances at the Eurythmy Studio & Book Store on Kaslo’s main street.

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Colin explained that eurythmy is an art form that was created by Rudolf Steiner, who also created Waldorf education, biodynamic farming, and anthroposophy. Wendy described eurythmy as “choreography that makes music visible.”

Colin added that the medium doesn’t have to be music—it can be speech or poetry.

“It’s very much about sound. It’s making visible the audible world,” Wendy said. “You’re making visible the rise and fall of pitch, and tone. Every note in the scale of music has a movement in eurythmy. There’s a specific gesture for all the notes. It’s learning how to sing or speak with your whole being.”

The four-year program at the American Eurythmy School includes study in music, speech, grammar, poetry, rhythm.

Colin explained that when Rudolf Steiner brought his philosophy called anthroposophy, into the world, people asked him about a new form of dance that would be in harmony with the creative force of the universe. He began exploring how to make the sounds of speech and tone visible through ensouled gestures, and this was the beginning of eurythmy.

The Eurythmy Studio in Kaslo is hosting performances on March 27 and 28 by the group Colin and Wendy have worked with in Northern California, as well as Slocan Valley eurythmist Sophia Grey. “We’re so excited that our group is coming up,” Wendy said. “Once you see it, it makes more of an impression.”

In the performance, the eurythmists will be playing live music—cello, flute, recorders, guitar and voice—as well as doing eurythmy.

Colin says the move to Kaslo has been very positive. “We feel very welcome here and it’s wonderful for our son here,” he said. They have worked with the children at Perinswibe Childcare Centre and Homelinks, and Wendy has been teaching at the Nelson Waldorf School.

The Eurythmy Studio in Kaslo offers classes, performances and one-time events about eurythmy. Colin and Wendy are thinking about offering an open stage event regularly in the studio, and about organizing community theatre productions. They also have opened a bookstore in the front of the studio with new and used books.
submitted

Slocan Valley artists Barbara Brown and Frantisek Strouhal were juried into the Healing Power of Arts and Artists (HPAA) exhibition from Manhattan Arts International and received Awards of Excellence. HPAA is a growing global community of artists, advocates, and writers dedicated to raising awareness about how art serves as a positive catalyst for enhancing the well-being of individuals, society and the environment. They believe that art has the power to heal, inspire, provoke, challenge and offer hope.

Frantisek Strouhal, a visual artist and writer, explores the layers of emotional complexity contained within the human form. Each brushstroke leaves a trace of timeless nostalgia, a feeling that floods the mind and body of memories made of love and heartache, dreams that are alive and dreams lost along the way.

To accompany his chosen artwork titled *My Freedom*, Strouhal (frantisekstrouhal.com) says that “by creating art, I contribute to the work of the universal awakening of humanity, and help people to experience joy, and peace in themselves and also remove and transform the cause of prejudices and fear. A work of art can help people grasp the nature of their sorrow and give them the ability to understand how to transform the negative and develop the positive in themselves.”

Barbara Brown (barbarabrownart.com) is an artist, author and forest-walker. She combines her deep connection to the natural world with her mission to bring the beauty and wonder of the forest to others, thereby helping them to deepen their own connection to nature.

With her chosen artwork titled *Graceful Elderberry*, Barbara says “I strive to bring to others the healing magic, the beauty and the wonder, of the forest. As we mend our broken connection with nature we heal our own nature. And, as we fall back in love with our mother Earth, in our healed wholeness, at one with her, she will be healed as she in turn heals us. Every painting contains an otherworldly aspect of symbolism or geometry to convey the feeling behind the image.”

Brown and Strouhal say it is a great privilege to have been selected to participate in the Healing Power of Arts exhibition that promote art which expresses new and unique aspects of humanity, nature, social, political, and spiritual realms to help us learn, evolve and transform.

You can view the exhibition from February 20 – April 20 at healing-power-of-art.org/the-healing-power-of-art-2020/.

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Standing ovation for ‘From the Heart’ performance by Mt. Sentinel and Sequoia students

by Jan McMurray

A very powerful performance on the topic of reconciliation was presented by Mt. Sentinel and Sequoia high school students at the Capitol Theatre on March 5, titled ‘From the Heart: One Day. One Circle.’

“If we have a strong circle, then we can all heal together,” said Jennah, MSSS student participant, in an interview.

Andrea Mann, Aboriginal Education teacher who coordinated the project, added that colonialism has caused trauma not only for Indigenous peoples but also for those who have witnessed it. She said healing both individually and collectively is at the core of reconciliation. “We can’t do either without doing both, so if we have a strong circle, then we feel supported to do the hard work needed to heal as individuals and as a collective.”

Ryan, another student participant, said the project gave him an opportunity to speak about things that are truly important to him. “If it weren’t for that program, I wouldn’t have found that voice,” he said.

The performance was the culmination of seven months of learning from Elders, artists, community members and each other. The students met in circle at least once a week, took a trip to the former St. Eugene Residential School in Cranbrook, made drums in ceremony with Elders, created hip hop songs and videos with KosmicT (Tanin shunter), worked with Indigenous stories, and much more.

In addition to sharing Indigenous songs and stories with the audience, the students also shared their exploration of some difficult issues – residential schools, missing and murdered Indigenous girls and women, ecological grief and racism. They presented a play about residential schools by Indigenous playwright Tara Beagan, They Know Not What They Do.

“There was some risk taking in this,” Mann said. “We were worried what people would think, that the show might cause controversy. There was a lot of anxiety, especially for some of the students. We supported each other through that. We wondered if we even wanted to do the show at the Capitol, but we are so happy we did. The feedback has been very positive and we’re happy we got up and talked about these subjects.”

The performance was very well received by the audience, who sang and clapped along with the music during the show, and gave a heartfelt standing ovation at the end.

The project was supported with $29,000 in funding from VIDEA, an international development organization based in Victoria. Five representatives from the organization attended the performance at the Capitol Theatre and were amazed.

“When you see young people doing work like that, you have so much hope for our future,” said Rachel Barr of VIDEA. The organization funded four of these youth-led projects in BC.

The students hosted a public debrief session about the performance and Learning Circle at the Nelson Library on March 10, and will host five book study sessions March 31–June 9 at the library on Indigenous Writes: A Guide to First Nations, Metis & Inuit Issues in Canada by Chelsea Vowel. Mann says there is interest in putting together an art show at Touchstones, as well. From the Heart Art Show collaborators are encouraged to contact Mann at andrea.mann@sd8.bc.ca.

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Submit your resume and cover letter to Hillary Elliott at P.O. Box 14, Silverton BC, V0G 2B0 or email to info@silverton.ca.

We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
Tyson Bartel offers somatic bodywork intro specials at Healing Suites Collective in Winlaw

by Jan McMurray

Tyson Bartel of Sacred Earth Somatics is now offering his bodywork treatments at the Healing Suites Collective in Winlaw, in the building beside Mama Sita’s, Unit #4 next to Emery Herbs.

“Somatic bodywork is often a game changer for people,” Tyson says, “because their aches and pains are usually due to poor physics in their skeletal structure. Somatics improves the brain and nervous system regulation of the body’s natural efficiency to move in daily life.”

Tyson says knee and hip replacements are “usually about using your body in misalignment for a long time, so your body wears out faster if it’s not in alignment.”

Tyson has extensive experience in Thai massage, yoga therapy and Feldenkrais. His bodywork sessions draw on all three forms according to each person’s unique needs, creating powerful healing potential.

Some of the techniques that Tyson uses include Thai-style acupressure to massage the body’s energy lines, reflexology (foot massage), and the Feldenkrais techniques of Functional Integration.

Starting as a yoga teacher and Thai massage therapist in 1994, Tyson saw how his practice blossomed learning from Dr. Moshe Feldenkrais.

“Feldenkrais can seem like yoga and yet is based in the neuroscience of movement re-patterning. You explore movements in a way that improves neuromuscular function,” Tyson said.

As a young man, Tyson had chronic back pain. He was able to manage the pain temporarily with yoga, but despite trying conventional medicine and many other things, he did not regain good back health until he found Feldenkrais.

After attending a Feldenkrais workshop, Tyson was filled with hope that this was the answer to his back problem. He continued studying and practicing Feldenkrais on his own, and then took a four-year training in Seattle to become a certified Feldenkrais teacher.

“That has been the best educational experience for my own health and well-being, and also for my career as a wellness professional.”

Tyson Bartel is offering somatic bodywork treatments combining Thai massage, yoga therapy and Feldenkrais in Winlaw. He also teaches yoga and Feldenkrais at Bindu Studio in Winlaw, the Slocan Legion and Passmore Lodge.

Tyson can be contacted at: 250-551-8505 and his website for classes and Somatic Bodywork bookings is: http://sacredearthsomatics.com/

Winlaw French teacher Sue Peel submitted

The students at Winlaw Elementary School hosted their own version of Quebec Winter Carnaval on Tuesday March 3 to learn more about French Canadian culture, characters and cuisine from this popular annual mid-winter celebration.

With direction from Vanessa Finnie, School District 8’s Innovative Learning Teacher, students enjoyed a free lunch of tourtière (meat pie) provided by the PAC. They played a bingo game in French, learning new words and phrases en français.

Prior to the afternoon festivities, students learned some basic dance steps and cultural experience, and have some fun.

Even Carnaval de Quebec official representative Bonhomme, a snowman-like character, made an appearance at Winlaw Elementary. Bonhomme wears a red tuque and arrow sash to honour the Métis heroes of the past.

Curriculum Support teacher, students broke into multi-age groups in the afternoon and circulated through featured activities like snow sculpting, an obstacle course and the Canadian classic maple syrup on a stick dipped in snow. They played a bingo game in French, learning new words and phrases en français.

Special guest Maurice Trudel, representing the Nelson & Area Métis Association, and his family engaged the students in a fun Métis jigging session, learning some basic dance steps and about the traditional Métis sash.

The first major Carnaval made its debut in 1894 in Quebec City, a celebration intended to relieve the tedium of winter and gather the community together and provide some relief from harsh cold conditions.

Luckily for the Winlaw students, the sun was shining and the temperatures were above freezing, but there was still plenty of snow in the valley to make it feel like a winter celebration!

Bonhomme made an appearance at Winlaw Elementary School’s version of Quebec Winter Carnaval. Bonhomme wears a red tuque and arrow sash to honour the Métis heroes of the past.
Only minor injuries in log truck rollover

On March 2 at approximately 11:13 am, the driver and trucker along with the New Denver Fire Department, Volunteers needed to lend a hand at tax time

Volunteers with Canada Revenue Agency’s (CRA) Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) help communities file millions of tax returns every year for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. The program is once again looking for community organizations to host tax preparation clinics and for volunteers to prepare tax returns. Individuals must be willing to work with their local community organization and have a basic understanding of income tax. Community organizations and their volunteers have offered the following:

by Charlotte Farrell, Lucerne School work experience student

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The ARROW SLOCAN TOURISM ASSOCIATION (ASTA) Nominations Committee invite nominations to fill the six Director positions available for election in June 2020 at ASTA’s Annual General Meeting:
• Three seats for MRDIT Collectors – one from each of the following areas: Arrow Lakes, Slocan Lake, backcountry lodges;
• One seat Food/Beverage/Retail – Arrow Lakes or Slocan Valley.
Each position is for a two-year term. We are seeking candidates with an active business in the Arrow Slocan Tourism Region (RDCCK Areas H and K, Villages of Nakusp, New Denver, Silverton, Slocan) with ties to the local tourism economy. Directors may spend approximately 3-5 hours a month on an active business in the Arrow Slocan Tourism Region (RDCK Areas H and K, Villages of Nakusp, New Denver, Silverton, Slocan) with ties to the local tourism economy. Directors may spend approximately 3-5 hours a month on tourism-related work during board meetings and some work during regular business hours may be necessary. Interested members should contact Megan Chadwick, ASTA Executive Director, for more information and/or to put their name forward for election. Nominations and expressions of interest by individuals will be accepted until May 24, 2020. For more information: 250-265-7144 or info@arrowslcom.

Mental health issues explored in podcast series

The second season of a podcast series dealing with mental health issues facing families and youth was recently launched by the Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre at the BC Children’s Hospital. Michelle Horn and Bryn Askwith are co-hosts of ‘Where You Are’, which has received five-star reviews.

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“Helping members of your community prepare and file their tax returns ensures these individuals receive the benefits and credits they’re entitled to without interruptions,” says Elisabeth Martin, CVITP Coordinator.

Last year, approximately 2,480 volunteers and 500 community organizations helped 102,790 individuals file their taxes. The interim report from Phase 1 of the review has been released, focusing on leveraging BC’s clean hydroelectricity to meet the Province’s climate goals, support economic development and make life more affordable.

The report describes the scope, context and work to date for Phase 2 of the review. It presents a number of ideas, issues, key issues and themes related to enhancing Indigenous Nations’ participation in the energy sector and the shift from fossil fuels to electricity at the least cost to keep BC Hydro power.

The driver of the tractor, the sole occupant, was able to escape the cab with minimal injuries and was taken to hospital by BC Ambulance for medical attention.

Hwy 6 was closed for a short period of time until debris could be removed from the roadway by Yellowhead Road and Bridge maintenance crews, allowing for single lane alternating traffic. BC Hydro arrived on scene to deem the power lines safe and the truck and trailer were removed from the roadway, allowing full highway access for traffic.

The incident and cause of the accident are still under investigation.

We would like to remind motorists that the road conditions are changing quickly at this time of year with freezing and thawing. Please take care, especially when travelling through closed and shadowed roadways, as road conditions can change unexpectedly,” said Cpl Jaime Moffat of Slocan Lake RCMP.
### Community

**Laredeau Valley Community Club offers community health training**

The Laredeau Valley Community Club has partnered with BC Emergency Health Services to provide a monthly health education and vitalis clinic, plus weekly chair yoga classes for Laredeau Valley residents. The program has already offered potentially life-saving training.

On February 12, Community Paramedic Leanne Blancher talked about the risk factors for falls and strokes, prevention and how to recognize and respond to signs of a stroke. Blancher presented numerous statistics and risk factors. Isolation, an unhealthy diet, lack of exercise and taking more than four prescribed medications are factors that increase the risk of falling and increase the risk of having a stroke. One in three adults aged 65 and over will suffer a fall this year. Sixty percent of head injuries and 90% of hip and wrist fractures are a result of falls. Most falls happen in the home and result from slipping, tripping and stumbling. Improperly secured floor mats, grab bars held on by suction cups, wearing properly fitted shoes with a wide foot bed and deep heel cups. While walking is very important for general health and keeping mobile, it does not decrease fall risk. Strength and balance training, such as Tai Chi or the SAIL Home Activity Program through findingbalancebc.ca, can decrease risk by 50%.

Learning the signs of a stroke can make a vital difference in recovery. Blancher spoke about the FAST acronym used to recognize and teach the signs. Is one side of the face drooping? Can the person raise both arms? Is speech slurred or jumbled? She emphasised that “Time is brain,” and to call 911 immediately when these signs are observed. A sudden, severe and unusual headache, dizziness, loss of balance or vision trouble can be signs of a transient ischemic attack (TIA), which happens when blood flow to the brain is temporarily blocked. She also stressed never attempt to drive the person experiencing stroke symptoms, especially if it is in you, to the hospital. Reducing stress, quitting smoking, cutting back on excess alcohol and recreational drugs and maintaining a healthy body weight will reduce the risk for stroke. Be realistic and do not expect to change all unhealthy habits at the same time. “Eat fresh, healthy food, smell the roses, and feel the air in your lungs,” Blancher advised. Make a plan and speak up to reduce the risk for falling and the risk for stroke.

Naloxone training is scheduled for the next health education and vitalis clinic on March 11. Naloxone injections are used to treat a narcotic overdose in an emergency situation. “Most drug overdoses happen at home and with prescription medication,” Blancher said. Upcoming clinics include Shop the Bleed, in April, and a repeat of the CPR and AED training clinic that was held in January. Community Paramedic Emily Jowle will be leading chair yoga classes at 7 pm on Thursdays, starting March 12.

Laredeau Valley residents can request a medical education program or get more information by contacting Amanda Cutting by email: manager@laredeauvalleycommunityclub.ca or by phoning 250-366-4236.

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**Kaslo/Vancouver indie rockers release new EP, start cross-country tour**

After premiering their new single and video ‘Day As An Arrow’, Vancouver indie rockers Small Town Artillery announced the release of a new four-song EP, Bright Side Bandits, as the band was about to kick-off their 2.5 month Cross-Country Tour which started in Vancouver March 6.

The single ‘Day as an Arrow’ “was born on the banks of the Kootenay River in the heart of the Amazon seven years ago after seeing the heartbreaking displacement of Indigenous peoples as a direct result of industry,” says lead vocalist Tom van Deursen. “In its final form, the song pollu[s] the question of where you’d fly if you could move much faster than the frustrating small’s pace of politics and reconciliation. It is dedicated to the Wet’suwet’en people of northern BC, who are relentlessly fighting as you read this for their voices to be heard.”

The majority of the cross-country tour focuses on smaller markets off the beaten path with the band collaborating with local bands/artists and community programs where they can. While on tour, the band will also be filming a documentary about rural Canada and the people who keep art and music alive in each town, interviewing locals and capturing a band learning on the road. They also plan to raise awareness of the issues they hold close: Indigenous rights, climate, and the importance of live music.

Originally from Kaslo and now based out of Vancouver, Small Town Artillery are often described as a ‘rock band with a horn section’. Founding members and blood brothers Tom and Derek van Deursen have been playing together for 20 years, realizing a lifelong brotherhood dream of seeing the world through their own music. The other band members are Carson Webber on bass, Alex Maher on tenor sax and Phil Austin.

Small Town Artillery’s new single ‘Day As An Arrow’ is available on Spotify, Apple Music/Tunes, and other digital retailers and streaming services. Their new EP is available on all digital platforms.

Small Town Artillery plays the JVH Lighthouse Theatre in Kaslo on March 30. For more information and the most up-to-date tour listings, please visit: smalltownartillery.com.

‘Upward to Beauty - An Easter Performance of Eurythmy, Speech and Song’ comes to Kaslo

The Eurythmy Studio and Bookstore in Kaslo will welcome an ensemble of a dozen performers to assemble a program of dressing up the Easter story of Jesus’ life. The performance will bring together eurythmy, creative speaking, and song pulling taut the question of where we stand as we continue to fight as you read this for their voices to be heard.”

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Please visit the RDCK website at rdc.k.ca/cap for more details regarding the public meetings.

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**Contact Information**

For more information regarding any events in the Valley, please visit laredeauvalleycommunityclub.ca or contact Colin Poer (250) 353-7675.
Co-op contest for $25k community donation

Win $25,000 for your town from your local Co-op by playing this year’s Fuel Up To Win. Now in its eighth year, Fuel Up To Win is an annual event that gives Federated Co-operatives Limited (Co-op) members and customers in Western Canada an opportunity to win more than $8.5 million in prizes and discounts. This year, online entries only give you a chance to win, they will also enter your town for a chance to win a community donation.

“Co-ops are known for giving back to their members and to their communities,” said Carey Tufts, FCCL’s Director of Marketing and Communications. “This contest is another opportunity to do this with a $100,000 grand prize for one lucky person and $25,000 for a great community initiative.”

Between March 5 and April 29, receive a game ticket from participating CO-OP® Food Stores, Gas Bar/Convenience Stores and Home Centres with every purchase. You have three chances to win:
- instant win: one in six tickets reveals a prize or discount.
- online sweepstakes: enter a PIN from a game ticket online to be entered into daily and weekly draws, including the online grand prize of a Ford F150 XLT or $35,000.
- collect to win: collect stickers to win prizes in nine categories, including $100,000. Use duplicate stickers to win additional prizes in our Double Up Sweepstakes.

Every time you enter the online sweepstakes, your town receives a vote for the donation. The town with the most votes per capita will receive the community donation. For complete contest rules and regulations, visit fueluptowin.ca.

Read on to learn what’s happening in the Basin:

Groundwater and well monitoring seeks more participants

submitted

Columbia Basin businesses and landowners who use groundwater for non-domestic purposes are reminded they are legally required to apply for a water licence. This change came into effect in 2016 with the new Water Sustainability Act. Four years later, just 15% of BC users have complied, according to a recent article published by the Partnership for Water Sustainability. Licensing is needed to protect many of the regions in BC that have reached a point where water supply is reaching critically low levels, and prevent the same water stress from happening elsewhere in the province. Domestic groundwater users are exempt from licensing but are encouraged to register their well so it can be added to the provincial database.

“Groundwater helps maintain water levels and water quality in wetlands, streams, rivers and lakes,” says Living Lakes Canada Executive Director Kat Hartwig. “It’s important to manage this freshwater resource for the health of communities and ecosystems, especially in a changing climate.”

Living Lakes Canada is managing the Columbia Basin Groundwater Monitoring Program, which is working with citizens, local governments and other stakeholders throughout the Basin to collect groundwater data that otherwise would not be collected. This information can then be used by citizens to learn about groundwater, water management decisions, and climate adaptation planning. It will assist conservation planning to ensure sustainable water supplies for human use and to maintain healthy ecosystems.

The program is looking to expand the number of wells it is monitoring. Suitable wells for monitoring are not typically actively used to withdraw water. Interested well owners (domestic and non-domestic) may contact Program Manager Carol Luttmer at groundwater@livinglakescanada.ca.

To better understand the new requirements for groundwater users, to apply for a licence or to register your well, visit the BC Government website at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water-licensing-rights/water-licences-approvals/new-requirements-for-groundwater-users. To learn more about Living Lakes Canada’s Groundwater Monitoring Program in the Columbia Basin, visit https://livinglakescanada.ca/projects/groundwater.

CBT: imagine the possibilities to renew its plan

submitted

For 25 years, Columbia Basin Trust has been supporting its ideas and efforts. Now the Trust is inviting you to celebrate all that the people and communities of the Columbia Basin have accomplished together over the last quarter century, and to share your aspirations for the future.

“The significant part of the Trust’s creation 25 years ago was the incredible grassroots engagement undertaken with Volunteers will continue with Pavilion gardens

submitted

The Slocan Community Health Care Auxiliary Society (i.e., the hospital auxiliary) has taken the Pavilion Memorial Gardens Committee under its umbrella.

“We both work toward the care of The Community Care facility and long term residents of the Pavilion,” said Wanda Palmer on behalf of the auxiliary. “The gardens and the trees that have been worked at restoring, preserving, and beautifying are a gift to us.”

The Trust is accountable to all the people in the Basin. Its work is guided by donations, grants, and fundraising. To join us at the community meetings, visit imagine.thebasin.ca/2020. The new plan is expected to be released early in 2021.

“We invite everyone – of all backgrounds, interests and ages – to participate in the online conversation and to join us at the community meetings,” said Strilaeff. “All levels of participation are welcome: drop by for a quick chat, stay for the facilitated session or have your say online. Let’s imagine our future together.”

To join the conversation and imagine the future of #basinlife, visit imagine.thebasin.ca. You can also find the Trust’s annual report released early in 2021. It says Living Lakes Canada Executive Director Alan Strilaeff, President and Chief Executive Officer, “It is important to hear the dreams and ideas that people are proud of their history, their past. It is powerful as those of the past.”

Contra dance series this spring

submitted

For those who haven’t heard of contra dancing the easiest way to describe it is that it’s like square dancing – but better. All the dances are taught by a caller so whether you’re a seasoned dancer or more of a directionally challenged, everyone is welcome to participate. With live fiddle music accompanied by a band of local musicians, this is a great opportunity to socialize, exercise, and have fun.

Join in to shake out the winter and welcoming in spring – grab a friend or neighbour and come on out for one of the upcoming dances: Saturday, March 21 at the Slocan Legion; Saturday, April 4 at the Little Red Schoolhouse, Vallican. Dances start at 6:30 pm, admission is $8 at the door. Call 250-355-2386 for more info.
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New Denver council, February 25: Poverty Reduction Plan grant applied for

by Kathy Hartman

• The Village will submit a grant application to develop a Poverty Reduction Plan for New Denver and area. Funding of up to $25,000 is available from the UBCM (Union of BC Municipalities) Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Program. If the grant application is successful, the Village will partner with Selkirk College Rural Development Institute to develop the plan. CAO Catherine Allaway reported that the application will be a priority for the community, with 2015 data showing that 21% of New Denver families were considered low income compared with a provincial average of 15%. The UBCM program provides grants to local governments to help reduce poverty at the local level and support the provincial poverty reduction strategy. Once a poverty analysis is complete, the Village can apply for ‘action’ funds.

• Council received a Draft Regional Parks Project Priority List, which was provided to the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) board at its February meeting. The list includes 146 projects rated critical, high, medium, or low. In the New Denver area, high priority projects include a new washroom at Bigelow Bay Regional Park, work on the Galena Trail cable car, a bridge at the new slough on the Galena trail, and a pedestrian high level crossing at Rosebery Parklands Regional Park. The list illustrates the significant investment required at the RDCK and “is the first step to align Community, Board and staff priorities so that work progress and planning is transparent,” says Cary Gaynor, Regional Parks Manager, in the report. The next step will be to refine the list with the input from the RDCK board.

• Councillor Colin Moss presented his report on the February 20 RDCK meeting. The Slocan Valley Broadband Project was approved for $343,000 from the Community Works fund. M’akola Development Services presented the regional housing needs assessment. An area wide online housing needs survey can be found at www.rdck.ca/housing.

New Denver council, February 25: Poverty Reduction Plan grant applied for by Kathy Hartman

INVITATION FOR TENDER
The Village of New Denver is currently seeking a contractor for the Knox Hall renovation project. Closing date is March 30, 2020 at 2:00 pm PST. Bid packages are available from the Village Office or contact Greg McTaggart, Facilities Supervisor at 250-344-1978.

KNOX HALL RENOVATIONS
The Knox Hall and the Reading Centre will be closed to the public from April to September 2020 in order for renovations to take place. We are sorry for any inconvenience. We look forward to seeing all the new improvements in the Fall!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
The Village of New Denver is seeking local residents to sit on the Village of New Denver’s Local Selection Committee to guide the allocation of funding from the CBT Community Initiatives Program. The meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 and interested individuals can contact the Village Office for more information. The deadline for expressions of interest is 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

WILDLIFE ATTRACTORS
As the weather warms up, we will start to see more wildlife and bird activity in our area. The Village would like to remind residents to remove wildlife attractors to reduce the possibility of human-wildlife conflicts. For instance, WildSafeBC recommends removing bird feeders or at least keeping the area under the feeder clean, and reduce the amount of seed you put out at a time (no more than a cup at a time). For more information, go to wildsafebc.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Do you like history and meeting new people? The Village of New Denver is accepting applications for seasonal positions at the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre. There are both student and non-student positions to be filled and details are available at the Village Office or on our website. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2020.

The Village of New Denver is accepting applications for Temporary Labourer and Temporary Equipment Operator/ Maintenance Worker positions in the Public Works department. Interested individuals should contact the Village Office or check the Village’s website for details – applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm on March 24, 2020.

The Village of New Denver is currently accepting applications for a Campground Attendant for the 2020 season (May – September). Please apply before 4:00 p.m. on March 19, 2020 in order to be considered for this position. Please contact the Village Office for more information about this offer.

Village of New Denver

The Village of New Denver is accepting applications for the January 4 Grand Opening of the New Denver’s Coin Laundry is slated to close by April 25.

Wendy Harlock, owner of the laundromat business, says the building housing the laundromat and insurance office sold in December and the new owner has proposed a significant increase in the rent starting May 1.

“I bought the coin laundry because I imagined this town without a laundromat. It’s going to be a real blow to both locals and tourists,” Harlock said.

Harlock had owned the laundromat since 2012 and has been running it virtually as a non-profit. She can’t see any way to continue when faced with the rent increase.

The laundromat is one of the longest running businesses in New Denver, built in 1966 by Wally and Mary Harlock. They finished painting the walls in time for the 1967 New Year’s Eve dance while he’d teach himself how to fix the machines and do the upkeep. Harlock paid $5,000 for the operation and then put in another $5,000 for upkeep, maintenance and staffing. She has been running it at a minimal profit ever since because she is passionate that the laundromat is an important service in the town.

“A lot of people are going to be unhappy,” commented Chris Weisbrich, a New Denver senior. “I don’t have a vehicle. I walk over many days to do my laundry.”

Check Garden and Dianne Lindal from Slocan were up doing their laundry and some shopping and said, “This is definitely unfortunate. We have always used this service and now we will have to go to Nelson or Castlegar.”

Colin Moss, resident and New Denver councillor, commented, “Wendy has provided a valuable service over the years... and the laundromat will be sorely missed by many residents and tourists in the summer.”

When asked how he arrived at the new rental rate for the laundromat, Cowan said he hoped to rebuild the laundromat side of the building into a professional space, or a live/ work space, or possibly into a residence if the zoning can be changed.

However, once he was made aware of the importance of the laundromat, he was sympathetic to maintaining the laundromat at the site. He pointed out, though, that the septic field is not draining properly and will need major upgrades if the laundromat remains. He is open to ideas but needs to cover his insurance, water and property taxes along with a base rent to cover redevelopment costs. “The rent he used a “dollar per square foot base rent formula,” looking at similar rents in Nakusp, Kaslo and Nelson, and then added in his “triple net costs.” He felt it was fair, but was not aware what current New Denver retailers pay.

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WELCOME!!!... to Mya/Maruy Konagai born February 1, 2020. Adam Marvy and Yuuko Konagai and of course Myla, would like to thank all of you for your support. “It takes a village to raise a child” and we feel like to thank all of you for your support. “It takes a village to raise a child” and we feel very grateful to live in this village!

SOLACE: A Day of Meditation, Healing and Reflection. March 14, 2020 at 1:00 pm at the Red Schoolhouse. Call 250-460-0474 for tickets. $10 suggested donation at the door.

THE GRIZZLIES - Saturday, April 4, Noon - 3 pm. Bosun Hall, New Denver. Trade children’s clothes or just take some home. Kootenay Containers Sales & Rentals, Castlegar. 290-365-3014.

SLOANE, SATURDAY MARKET presents ‘Spring is here’ market. Admission by donation. Featuring local artisans, live music, good vibes, the Harbour Cafe. Saturday, March 21, 10 am-3 pm at the Slocan Legion.

SCOTLAND WEEKEND Spring Fling! Complete with an evening of fantastic traditional Scottishceilidh music, dancing, and good food. Friday, March 20, 7-10 pm. Photos by Myla Konagai.

BEAUTY BRAWL: The Slocan Valley Women’s Boxing Night, Saturday, April 4, 2020 in the Red Schoolhouse. Doors open at 6:30 pm, music starts at 7 pm. Tickets $20 at the door. Email slcbwfbattles@gmail.com for more info.

YUKON’S SNAKE RIVER Saturday, April 4, 2020 at the Old Firehall. Call 250-460-0474 for tickets. $10 suggested donation at the door. About his month long canoeing and hiking trip on the Snake River in the Yukon. Two shows! $10 donation at the door. www.thelangham.ca

3BDR HOUSE FOR RENT, Silverton, 1 1/2 BA, F/S/D/W/D, shed, partially fenced yard, and close to beach. Available May 1st. $1100/mo. 250-777-1335 for inquiries.

Rozemere PArklands and Trails Commission (re: Galena Trails): The first meeting for 2020 will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm, Knox Hall, New Denver. Open to the public. COUNTRY ROAD CAT BOARDING - Caring, peaceful setting just for cats. Comfy beds, playtime, toys, outside run. Please call (250) 265-4131.

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A trusting, 71-year-old new Canadian from Coquitlam has been stripped of tens of thousands of dollars by a criminal. As part of Fraud Prevention Month, Mounties are hoping that you will help tell this story and prevent another person being victimized.

Scammers are targeting a small, vulnerable percentage of our population with high-pressure scare tactics, says Cpl Michael McLaughlin with Coquitlam RCMP.

“Criminals are counting on our collective silence. Only by educating our community can we help stop these crimes.”

On March 1, this most recent victim got a phone call from ‘corporate security’ at a Canadian bank who told her that her credit card was ‘compromised.’ In order to ‘recover the money’ she was pressured into purchasing more than $16,000 in gift cards at three different stores. Once the numbers for those cards were shared over the phone, the money was essentially gone.

For many scams, the best defence is to verify. If it’s a legitimate call from the bank or the government, you’ll be able to hang up, talk to a trusted friend, then look up the bank’s number yourself and call them back, says McLaughlin. And this is critical: banks and government agencies will never, ever request payment in gift cards, Bitcoin or any form of online or virtual currency.

The bank security scam is number one on the Coquitlam RCMP’s top five most concerning scams. Best defence: Hang up and verify. You will never be able to ‘help’ a real bank, or be able to pay your bank bills, with gift cards.

2) Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) scam. You get a call from the ‘CRA’ (or any government agency) saying you owe tax and you’ll be arrested if you don’t send your money right now, usually using a cryptocurrency (Bitcoin) machine. Best defence: Hang up. You can’t be arrested by CRA or any other government agency for debt. Nor can you pay government bills and bills with Bitcoin.

3) Wallet theft fraud: Leaving your wallet or purse in your car, your shopping cart, or your locker creates an opportunity for scammers. They will quickly use your credit cards to rack up purchases before you realize they’ve been shopping. Best defence: Never leave your wallet or purse in your car or unattended. Carry only the cards you need, and never carry your SIN card.

4) Online job scam: You’ve posted a resume online. Now, a ‘boss’ wants you to deposit a large cheque, keep a ‘commission,’ and send the bulk to the ‘boss.’ When the cheque bounces days later, you owe the bank the whole cheque. Best defence: Never deposit a cheque on behalf of another person.

5) Publisher’s Clearing House scam. You’ve won a prize! All you need to do is pay a ‘tax’ before you get your winnings. Best defence: You don’t pay taxes on lottery winnings. More importantly, you cannot win a contest you didn’t enter.

For more information on evolving scams, or to report a scam where you think you may have already lost money, you can go to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. If you think you’ve lost money to a scam, call your local RCMP Detachment.
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Former Mt. Sentinel student releases book on Haiti earthquake

by Art Joyce

Imagine this: you’re with your high school buddies on what promises to be the greatest field trip ever – a visit to Haiti to volunteer your services. You’re excited and a little nervous. You barely know the language. Within hours of your arrival, on January 12, 2010 at 4:53 pm, one of the largest earthquakes in the country’s history strikes. The epicentre of the magnitude 7.0 earthquake erupts just 26 kilometres from Haiti’s capital, Port au Prince, killing up to 300,000 people. Most hospitals are destroyed along with its airport and seaport. Owen Spears was there with his classmates from Mt. Sentinel high school, and has just released a book titled Hour Four about the harrowing experience. Given that this is his first book, Spears does an impressive job of making the reader feel very ground beneath their feet suddenly become insecure. Eight aftershocks would follow that same day, and 52 more in the coming weeks. As a writer Spears understands that it’s the odd little details we notice in a crisis – the rebar twisting out of the ruins of half-crumbled walls, a circle of people linking hands in a field, singing. The impossibly delicious taste of a mango when you haven’t eaten for hours and your body is in shock.

The irony is that Spears’s high school class had just this one last project to accomplish as part of their civic volunteering program. Previously, they had helped maintain a community garden, repaired a daycare, picked up pickets apples, and served a meal to 1,700 people. A local church leader had decided to take a volunteer group to assist the charity Haiti Action, so Spears’ teachers thought it would make a good partnership. For Spears there was a considerable personal challenge to be confronted besides Haiti’s national tragedy. He was born with a mild form of cerebral palsy, besides Haiti’s national tragedy. He was born with a mild form of cerebral palsy, and his legs and delayed reflexes. “Balancing on even ground is hard enough as it is, let alone when it’s shaking,” he says. A lung condition as an infant had left him with only 75% of normal lung capacity. He also suffered hearing loss as a child. “It’s limited my ability to know as many words as most people, because I won’t hear everything correctly.” This made the writing a challenge, because, he admits, “I don’t always have the best grasp of language and grammar.”

Reading Hour Four, however, you’d never know. His narrative is clear, easy to follow, and laced with vivid details. He says he’s always liked writing and had dreams of becoming a writer as early as eight years old. But as much as his personal challenges shape the story, Spears says it isn’t just about him. “I realize that what I went through is nothing compared to what any Haitian person went through. I really want to make that clear when sharing my story. I wanted to make it into a book when I started really piecing everything together, realizing how intense it was. I wanted to highlight the country of Haiti, it was struggling, and the earthquake their battle.”

Although international humanitarian response poured relief into Haiti after the earthquake, the country has yet to fully recover from the devastation 10 years later. According to the History Channel, “The situation was still classified as an emergency six months after the earthquake. A million people on the island lived in tents, and a cholera epidemic that began in October claimed over 3,500 more lives.” For these reasons – and his own searing memories of the earthquake – Spears is donating $5 from the sale of each book to a Haitian charity. Given how little authors earn from most books, this is incredibly generous, even by their standards.

Unsurprisingly, the Haiti earthquake of 2010 has left a permanent imprint on Spears’ consciousness. “I was at such a pivotal age, where I thought I was already an adult at 17. I was planning on going to university for political science, and then afterwards, I lost a lot of interest in everything other than video games. For my outlook, that I am incredibly privileged, even with my disabilities. And that anything can change in a moment.”

Hour Four can be purchased at Otter Books and Books in Nelson, on Amazon, or online at www.hourfour.com. The price is $20, discounted to $17.99 if you purchase online.

Arts at Sequoia Learning Centre

Students at Sequoia Learning Centre have received an Arts Starts grant, ‘Medley of Art 2’, to expose the students to many different art forms.

Last year and this year many different artists have shared their expertise with students. This winter featured snow sculpting with Peter Vogelaar, a member of the Canadian National Snow Sculpting team. Students spent a full day designing and carving various ice sculptures. In January they tried their hand at glassblowing with Wildfire Productions (www.wildfireproglass.com). At present, they are collaborating on a group drawing project with artist Ron dejaiv (www.armabet.com).

After spring break the students will find themselves hammering and firing, trying their hand at blacksmithing with James Karthein of Ridgeline Metal Works. After that, they will engage with Erica Dee in a two part singing workshop. The last artist will be Duncan Girdy, visiting this spring to demonstrate the fine art of Storytelling.

The school thanks all the artists for bringing their skills to the classroom, and to Arts Starts for believing in the project.