New Denver celebrates impressive new Village office

by Jan McMurray

The grand opening of New Denver’s impressive new Village office took place on Saturday, May 29. The office is now about twice its original size and has several ‘green’ features. Staff moved into the new space on May 3, after working out of the fire hall from the time construction began in November last year. The $400,000 project was paid for with grant funding under the Towns for Tomorrow program and with Village reserve funds.

After the ribbon cutting, Mayor Gary Wright gave a brief speech. He thanked the provincial and federal governments for the funding and all the people who worked on the project. “An incredible job was done by Laurie Hicks and his crew,” he said.

Wright said that the building, built about 60 years ago as the Highways office, is now a lot greener. It has geothermal heating and hot water on demand, and is solar ready and wheelchair accessible. There is also a back-up generator in the event of a power outage.

The mayor joked that the project came about because Administrator Carol Gordon was trying to get a desk to herself so she could get some work done. She succeeded. There are now four offices – two for administrative staff, one for the building inspector, and one for the mayor. There is also a project room, a coffee room, a handicap bathroom, council chambers and a spacious, inviting reception area.

New Denver’s Village office is a showcase of local workmanship. Local people involved in the project include Laurie Hicks, Will Wilson, Chad Hicks, Keith Steenhoff, Mel Swanson, Jose Bothelo, Arfene Yofonoff, Myles Berney, Patrick Earl, Jason Hartley, Mick Wilson, Jacob Butt and the Dagostinis.

Carol Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer, cuts the ribbon with Mayor Wright and Laurie Hicks, general contractor, at the grand opening of the Village of New Denver’s much bigger and better Village hall.

Four-time world champion in the men’s log birling event, Darren Hudson, got a run for his money from Brian Bartow at Kaslo Logger Sports on the May Day weekend. Hudson did end up in first place, though, with Bartow a close second.
Atamanenko and Perriere host local government panel

by Art Joyce

Slocan Valley residents were able to ask questions of four levels of government and School District #5 at a forum hosted by MP Alex Atamanenko and Slocan Mayor Madeleine Perriere May 17 at the Legion Hall. The panel also included Regional District Chair Gary Wright, Area H Director Walter Popoff, and SD8 Trustee Barbara Lindsay. MLA Katrine Conroy was absent due to surgery. Atamanenko and Wright also included Regional District Chair Dustin Demontaigne said the CTB, Ospree Foundation and KSCU have shown interest in supporting the fund. A meeting is being arranged to further the discussion.

Slocan Councillor Hillary Elliott asked about changes to the provincial road maintenance legislation. Conroy said whether any improvement for local farmers was coming. The Province recently announced it will allow farm gate sales on farms, mostly remote Vancouver Island locations, said Atamanenko. He said he made a submission to the Province supporting farm gate sales, and will ask Conroy to follow up. Meanwhile a Rossland constituent reports that farm fresh eggs have been removed from stores due to a federal order. Atamanenko washed his hands with soap and water, and Conroy continued to deteriorate. He asked about the funding allocation process and how it works. Atamanenko laughed and said, “That’s a good question nobody seems to know.” Provincial NDP are doing consultations around the valley, he added. Wright said local roads are his number one priority, and improvements to Highway 3 for decades; unfortunately they have no control over where the improvements are made. Popoff said he too has been after the Province to fix the road from Slocan to New Denver, asking that the Enterprise Creek improvement be continued further along the highway.

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**Mining claims and surface rights: Ainsworth families could lose their homes**

**by Jan McMurray**

Two families in Ainsworth find themselves in a bizarre situation. They may lose the homes they have been living in for many years, despite their best efforts to purchase and/or legalize them.

The two houses are sitting on the old Florence mining claim, and all owners of the mine up to this point have had no interest in the houses or the surface rights. For the past 30 years, the companies encouraged the two families to treat the buildings as their own. Accordingly, the Hawes and Hartnett/McLean families made significant improvements to the houses and surrounding property at their own cost.

When Joe Hawes was hired as caretaker of the property in 1974 by the mining company that owned the mineral claim at the time, he moved into the one bedroom building. He asked Hartnett to move into the other building in 1993, as it was attracting vandals and partiers.

**Interfor active again in Nakusp and at Castlegar sawmill**

**by Art Joyce**

American forestry giant Interfor will be back at work in Castlegar this July, hiring about 70 people, plus 10 supervisory staff. It has been 28 months since the mill was last in operation. The corporation is banking on modest improvements in lumber markets during the past quarter, although Interfor continues to post losses.

Geoff Bekker, Woodlands Manager at the Nakusp office of the Castlegar woodlands division, says the company is back to work in the Fosthall Creek area. Between contractors and truck drivers there are about 30 people working, all locals. A staff of six in the Nakusp office handles planning, marine and silviculture departments. The field crews are working to get logs in the water that can be transported to the Castlegar mill.

The Castlegar sawmill will start up with a single shift for now, operating at about one-third of normal capacity. The corporation is betting on a recent rise in hemlock-fir stud prices, and an apparent stabilizing of the American housing market. Interfor’s lumber production has increased to 258 million board feet, bringing production to about 65 percent of capacity, with Adams Lake and Grand Forks accounting for most of the increase. Lumber sales increased by 30 million board feet to 264 million board feet, or 13 percent compared to the previous quarter, 142 million board feet more than the first quarter of 2009.

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**Slocan Park logging to begin June 7**

**by Jan McMurray**

Logging in Slocan Park will commence on June 7. This BC Timber Sales contract for four blocks on Rackliffe Ridge has been contentious. The blocks are close to homes, in people’s watersheds, and on steep and sensitive terrain.

Residents opposed to the logging have been very active, with a society (Slocan Park CARES), launched a Forest Practices Board complaint, and took up the issue with government ministers. They have held public meetings, written letters and arranged for water quality monitoring on some of the streams that could be affected.

Sandi Kabel, Slocan Park CARES board member, says they will be meeting with the contractor, Steve Barabonoff, on June 3 to review preharvest documentation for that initiative. The corporation is betting on a recent rise in hemlock-fir stud prices, and an apparent stabilizing of the American housing market. Interfor’s lumber production has increased to 258 million board feet, bringing production to about 65 percent of capacity, with Adams Lake and Grand Forks accounting for most of the increase. Lumber sales increased by 30 million board feet to 264 million board feet, or 13 percent compared to the previous quarter, 142 million board feet more than the first quarter of 2009.

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**COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST Board of Directors Meeting**

The public session being held in Nakusp offers an opportunity to meet CBIT’s Board of Directors and to ask questions about the work CBIT is doing throughout the Basin. The meeting is being held at: Kuskanax Lodge 515 Broadway Street West, Nakusp, BC

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This particular mineral claim dates back to 1917 and has been held by different companies until today. Because it has been continuously held and never reverted back to the Crown, it is grandfathered under the 1898 Mineral Tenure Act. The 1898 Act allowed mineral claim holders to apply to purchase the surface rights. Today, the Mineral Tenure Act no longer provides a Crown granted mineral claim holder the option to purchase the surface rights.

When asked why an application can be made for surface rights on this mineral claim, the ILMB rep answered, “Since the proponent already has subsurface rights, he can apply for surface rights under the ILMB residential program.”

The spokesperson said that part of the reason why the application has been approved by the Province is the fact that the claim is grandfathered under the old legislation.

The original Act allowed mineral claim holders to apply to purchase the surface rights for any purpose. In 1910, an amendment to the Act stipulated that claim holders could apply to purchase the surface rights for mining purposes only.

No mining activity has taken place on this particular property since 1960.
Open letter to Kaslo council

I am very concerned about the condo development in Kaslo Bay. Red flags have been waving at me for a while now. I was most dismayed to read that at the May 11 council meeting, Mayor Lay and Councillors Hewat and Leatherwood defeated reasonable and sensible motions put forth by Councillors Frary and Cormie regarding this development.

These are the motions in question: 1. the one that suggested Penticano Developers post a bond to mitigate the costs in the event of slope problems; 2. the one that requested the local Ministry of Highways supervisor, Bruce Lintott, inspect the pertinent lands.

As a taxpayer, I certainly do not want to be saddled with the potential costs of a developer’s mistake. It is only common sense that the liability fall onto the developer. Also, an expert’s second opinion and assessment in a critical matter is again common sense. I do not know from Mayor Lay and Councillors Hewat and Leatherwood specifically why they defeated these motions.

I look forward to your responses.

Thank you very much.

Linda Ullo Lynch
Kaslo

KDCFS AGM story slanted

Last January after the Kaslo and District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) requisitioned board meeting, director Steve Fawcett approached me and asked me to consider running for the board again since I had so many good ideas to offer.

I told him that was impossible because the board can’t keep an eye on the spending.

Now after reading the report in the May 19 edition of the Valley Voice of the annual general meeting I can offer a few more reasons why.

Two questions of note were posed at the board meeting, one by Jeff Mattes and one by myself. Mattes’ query concerned the closure of the Kaslo Creek road that leads to Kookanee Glacier Park and he asked for an apology for the board’s involvement that led to the closure. The board declined and stated that was only bringing the unsafe condition to light. While this may be true, it should be noted that it was the board’s persistence in bringing this matter to the attention of the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Highways, and Workmen’s Compensation Board in an effort to get them to pay to the upgrades that led to the closure of a road that has been open for over 100 years.

The other query brings me back to my opening point. The KDCFS paid out $50,000 for a long-term planning study, $40,000 from Columbia Basin Trust and $10,000 from the KDCFS. The reports consist of six pages including the covers. The five pages containing the recommendations were only suggestions, none of which met the terms of reference laid out in the 2009 AGM minutes.

Finally, of the three resolutions brought forth at the AGM, all dealt with KDCFS grants. The two that were defeated made it clear that the membership did not want the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake (CFNLK) to collect a fee for administering the grants. The point on which passed left it to the board’s discretion to hand out grants to any organization, including CFNLK, on an unconditional basis.

I’ll give any other impression would tarnish the good reputation of CFNLK.

Finally to state that Bruce Freeman “...launched into a diatribe about legacy funds,” is misleading to leave out the above salient points in the Valley Voice is slanting the story.

Harvey Armstrong
Argenta

Resolution passed at KDCFS AGM restrictive

Congratulations to Bruce Freeman, recently retired from his position on the KDCFS board. His strong voice to leave out the above salient points in the Valley Voice is slanting the story.

Patrick Mackle
Kaslo

Health care level needs to be maintained in Newden

On a recent morning I awoke to a numbness on the left side of my body which was progressing. Realizing something was seriously wrong and the importance of fast treatment, my partner drove me to Newden. Upon arrival I stated I thought I was having a stroke and was ushered into treatment immediately.

The doctor arrived and quickly tried to diagnose the severity of my condition and stabilize my blood pressure. An ECG, blood tests and a x-ray were all administered within an hour. In the case of a stroke there is an approximately three-hour window before permanent damage can occur without treatment. While all this was going on, they were arranging for an emergency CT scan in Trail.

Once I was stable I was driven to Trail, where they were waiting for me and the CT scan took less than a half hour from the time I arrived. Wow! What great care from both the staff at the Newden hospital and the folks in Trail.

On the drive home, we encountered a mountain biker and a pulley_short cross country skier on the slide on Highway 6 at Memphis Silverton.

As I travel our world-class trail system, I notice improvements. Thank you to the members of the Galena Trail Commission and those who hire to maintain it.

I know that there are others who do their bit, picking up a bit of litter here or moving a fallen branch there, just because they see the need. I sing of one such ‘unsung hero.’

I call the route which begins near the old arena site in Newden and meanders up Carpenter Creek to the canyon ‘Ernie’s Trail.’ It took me a while to realize that Ernie George tends it. He spends hours (has for some years) maintaining this unclassified but valuable route. When you leave Ernie’s work behind at the canyon, it is only a short, steep climb to the official Three Forks Galena trail of same name to the community.

Strategically placed stone markers steer you through a sometimes convoluted maze of side trails. Their whimsical creativity never fails to bring a smile. I keep a photo collection of them. I am friendly to boot, eh Ernie? Thanks a lot!

Rosalie Bird
Silverton

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COMMUNITY

Silverton council, May 18: Council considers request to make McCrory beach public park

by Art Joyce

• Wayne McCrory and Kathy McCrory appeared as a delegation representing the Valhalla Foundation and McCrory family. The McCrorys are seeking to have the beachfront lot below their late sister Colleen’s house protected from development. The lot was co-owned by Colleen McCrory and Rick McGuire, upon Colleen’s death the lot passed to McGuire, who has no desire to develop the property. The McCrorys would like the Village to grant the property tax-exempt status while they transfer ownership to the Valhalla Foundation in the form of a land trust. Funds raised for the trust would go toward purchase and transfer fees and maintaining the property in perpetuity as a protected area.

Acting Mayor Bell said another option is to donate the land to the Village as a park. Wayne McCrory said in order to ensure a future council can’t change its mind on the property, a legally binding covenant is needed, which is best done either through the Land Conservancy (TLC) or the Valhalla Foundation. Councillor Barber asked how this benefits Silverton and was concerned about lost tax revenues. Council passed a motion that the Village investigate with the appropriate agencies the different issues involved before making a decision.

• Acting Mayor Bell read the Public Works report. The new water pump is installed and running. Water restrictions have been lifted but the boil water advisory remains in place for another two to three weeks, with some chlorination to ensure safety.

The reservoir tank is installed and the old reservoir will have a new lining soon. Campground washrooms should be done by the May long weekend. Art Joyce

Village of New Denver Notice of Public Hearing

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Come out and learn about our flexible, play-based, full-day K program.

Open to anyone interested in learning more about our programs. For more information please contact Kristi Crowe, Principal. 250 721-7217
by Jan McMurray

• Treasurer Don Willems gave a financial report on the hot springs at as of April 30, 2010. “The nice thing is that the cement hemmorhaging has stopped,” he said.

The revenue and expense sheet, which Willems explained was not quite the same as the report at the council meeting at the end of April. Willems pointed out that last year at this time, the facility was showing a loss of $38,000, but ends up with a profit of $36,750. “The more profitable months are still to come,” he said.

Councillors noted that the heating fuel costs were dramatically lower, at $6,617 this year compared to $14,586 at this time last year. CAO Lafleur explained that too many bugs were installed in 2009 at a cost of $16,000 to preheat the cold spring water before it goes to boiler, and this has resulted in substantial savings on heating oil.

Councillor Mueller noted that the cost of chlorine has risen a bit from $6,234 in 2010 to $13,044 in 2009. Lafleur explained that this was because the cost is no longer operational. He said that BCTs was working into making chlorine on site, which could reduce the cost.

• CAO Lafleur compiled a report on spending all or part of your Fathers Day. Visit the website at www.burtoncity.ca and plan to register for sports events and free fishing, or call Barb at 250-265-4225 to make arrangements.

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Celebrate Fathers Day at Burton Beach Daze

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by Jan McMurray

“Have we to separate tourism from the festival,” commented the mayor. “If we’re going to be putting something like this forward, we can’t just look at the costs – we also have to look at the benefits,” said Leitch.

Councillor Heppner said he felt the society should be charged for things such as extra garbage, etc. as an extra cost to the Village. He said he wanted more details on the extra labour costs, which account for $7,391 of the total $20,222.

Council voted to ask staff to provide a detailed breakdown of the extra labour costs.

Council will meet with the non-profit organizations that receive permits to discuss the tax exemptions from the Village to discuss possibly phasing out or eliminating the exemptions. Council must decide by August whether there will be any changes to the tax exemptions in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010, in the report that a separate meter is to be installed by the society for 2010.
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The Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network (CBEN) is pleased to launch its Wild Voices for Kids program in School District 10 (Arrow Lakes), which completes CBEN’s two-year mission to expand the program to six school districts across the Basin.

Wild Voices for Kids (WVKF) provides schools with free, curriculum-linked environmental and heritage presentations and field trips by community educators willing to share their knowledge and passion for the land, history and culture of the Columbia Basin region.

CBEN’s executive director Eli Baker said, “In the 13 years since the program began in the Rocky Mountain School District 6, over 30,000 students have benefited from hearing a ‘Wild Voice.’ Now we have the potential to provide that opportunity to over 20,000 students in grades K-12 each and every year. I believe it will create a whole generation of stewards for this incredible region.”

Wild Voices for Kids programs are designed to match teachers’ curriculum goals, provide engaging learning opportunities for students in all grades and subject areas, and appeal to cash-strapped school districts by providing trained presenters and free bus expenses at no cost to schools. Presentation options are diverse, allowing teachers to choose from over 35 presenters and 122 different programs.

Examples of programs include: It Makes Scents: Discovering the Amazing World of Animal Senses; The True Survival Experts: Animals in Winter – Tracks, Habitats and Homes; Nature’s Wild Food and Medicine; and Winter Safety and Survival Skills. Wild Voices for Kids provides essential experiences students need to install responsible environmental values and yet it is often a challenge for school districts to provide these opportunities without outside assistance.

WVKF is also donating educational resource kits to all school districts. SD10 is now the proud owner of a Field Trip kit containing 30 binoculars, several laminated field guides and 30 magnifying glasses. This kit and five others like it were provided for each of the school districts in the Columbia Basin through support from Environment Canada’s EcoAction Community Funding Program.

Burton author Lucia Mann releases first book in her trilogy
by Art Joyce
Burton author Lucia Mann has released her first novel, Beside an Ocean of Sorrow, the first of a trilogy based on her personal and family experiences. The story uses a fictional character to tell her story of growing up in South Africa under apartheid, and the repression she suffered at the hands of a British landowner.

Some of the events were intensely difficult to write, being so close to the bone. Mann grew up with a foster mother who was Zulu. At age five she was taken from her caring and introduced into white society, but was assumed to be ‘coloured’. She was therefore not allowed to drink from water fountains used by whites, or ride on the same buses, despite having blonde hair and green eyes. Aparted divided people into a caste system, with whites on top and half-castes (children born of a white father and black mother), coloured, and blacks on the bottom. The British once literally owned South Africa and perpetuated a system of domestic slavery to operate private estates, diamond mines, sugar plantations and other industries. Violence and rape were not uncommon. The indigenous Zulu were relegated to the ‘kral’, a kind of reservation fenced off to keep wild predators out.

“I went through the same hell as an African child most of my life; I have had an incredible life, and I have had some wonderfully happy moments too, especially growing up in the Zulu kraal.”

Mann’s previous experience was as a journalist, working for newspapers in England as well as for the Winnipeg Free Press and the Eastern Dispatch. This is her first time out as a novelist, having written a number of articles for newspapers and magazines across the country. Mann succumbed to the rawness of her childhood experiences, the loss of her mother’s ancestry in Sicily prior to World War II refugees seeking new opportunities.

At a reading in Burton Mann succumbed to the raw emotion that welled up, despite the fact she considers herself a survivor and a positive person. The questions she had as a child continue to plague her, among them the most basic: Why are people judged by the colour of their skin? She was afraid her book might be banned in Britain but thinks a new generation of British readers are more willing to read such stories. “This for me was a healing book, and it’s inspirational for others. I’ve encountered every obstacle there is and I’m still standing. I’m only one voice, but I’ve tried to be the voice of many whose bravery has gone unsung.”

The sequel, The Sicilian Veil, is currently making the rounds of publishers with an agent. The third book, Carisim Perfico, is nearing completion. The title means “the journey is over.” Beside an Ocean of Sorrow is available locally at Metcalf Books and will be in the Nakusp Music Fest booth, as well as online through Amazon.

Allison Lickley returns to Hidden Garden Gallery
submitted
Can anyone capture the essence of living in the Canadian experience in a mere seventeen syllables? Montreal-based singer-songwriter Allison Lickley believes it can be done. Originally from Sudbury, Ontario, Lickley is embarking on an ambitious 29-date cross-Canada tour that will take her from Sydney, Nova Scotia to Salt Spring Island, BC. She will be performing at the Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver on June 5 at 8 pm.

At each stop on the tour, Lickley’s audience members will be asked to submit original haiku poems inspired by their city or town. Over the course of the tour Lickley will be posting the haikus on her website, www.allisonlickley.com.

“I hope that people from across the country will check in to online to see what their fellow Canadians think is haiku-worthy about the places where they hang their hats,” says Lickley.

The purpose of the project is to connect people across all of Canada in a simple way that embraces everyone. With a focus on celebrating each area of the country, Lickley hopes to create a portrait of the Canadian experience. And if we’re lucky, when it comes to the perennial question of Canadian identity, her haiku collection may provide the answer to: “Are we there yet?”

“On my tour I’m continually amazed by how vast our country is, but not everybody has the chance to drive across it multiple times a year and experience that. As someone who understands how truly enormous Canada really is, I love the idea of carrying messages about identity from one end to the other.”

Allison Lickley’s 2008 album, You Might Find Me Here, is regularly played on CBC Radio One and Two, including Vinyl Cafe. CBC Radio One’s Silver medal for the Noble Barbarians
submitted
The Noble Barbarian volleyball team, including players from Crescent Valley, Creston and Anstaux, travelled to Abbotsford to participate in the Nationals for volleyball in the Under 17 age group.

After three days of play, the team came home with a second place finish in Division 1 Tier 2 – quite an accomplishment. The level of play is very high in this age group, and there were teams from every province and territory in Canada.

The Noble Barbarians team is coached by Creston by Mike Nelson, who is originally from the Slocan Valley.
New Denver council, May 25: Re-location of helipad discussed

by Michael Dorsey

• Council received seven letters from people opposed to the loss of the helipad for a seniors’ housing development. The concerned residents will be invited to attend the public hearing on June 7 at 7 pm at Knox Hall.

• As part of council’s research on re-locating the helipad, staff provided a report clarifying the difference between a ‘registered’ and a ‘certified’ helipad. The report states that heliports in built-up areas must be certified, and heliports with a 100 degree unobstructed approach, as one resident’s dwelling is 300 feet away from one of the three proposed new sites.

Administrador Gordon noted that council had authorized only $5,000 for planning this project. Mayor Wright noted that assessor David Brown had found $100,000 to put back into the budget. Mayor Wright said that he would not need the $5,000 in the light of this.

School District 10 finds $100,000 to put back into budget

by Jan McMurray

School District 10 (Arrows Lakes) has been able to soften the blow of the budget cuts for the 2010/11 school year. At a budget working session on May 20, Superintendent Walter Posnikoff said that the district’s initial draft budget had cut $300,000. This was achieved by cutting 2.5 teachers, $50,000-$60,000 worth of support staff, $20,000 from the technology budget and $20,000 from staff development.

Now, with the new-found money, teaching staff can be reduced by 1.2 instead of 2.5 full-time equivalent positions, and the $20,000 for staff development can be put back into the budget. At this point, support staff is being reduced by 46 hours per week, saving $10,000 and the $20,000 cut from the technology budget is not being reinstated.

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Verigin explained that the $100,000 was found “in little bits and pieces.” Posnikoff added that the ministry granted a surprise ‘premium holiday’ on staff benefits, so a nice chunk was found when they did a recalculation of the staff benefits.

Posnikoff also told the board that this year’s contingency fund of $194,000 was not used, so it would be carried forward to next year. The board decided to top up this fund to $244,000, mainly because the ministry has ended the funding protection program, which has provided about $80,000 per year to the district. The contingency fund is for unforeseen situations, such as having to hire an additional teacher due to illness of the regular teacher.

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New Denver’s May Days 2010 celebrants enjoyed a second program of storytelling presented by the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society at Bosun Hall on Sunday afternoon, May 23. Local speakers had three minutes each to deliver their stories related to Slocan Lake in this friendly competition.

Master of Ceremonies Bill Roberts welcomed guest speaker Lake Lies and Fishy Tales — It’s a (W)RAP for 2010 Ray Stothers, host of Storytelling with Ray on Kootenay Co-op Radio. Ray gave a moving introduction to the afternoon’s event, describing how stories are vital to the very fabric and health of a community.

Contestants included Kevin Murphy, who delivered a geologic history of the lake in the form of a rap; Gary Wright, a tale about a lost and recovered sail; Diana Hartog, original poems about sturgeon and sardines, followed by a musical interlude of water songs by DJ Wright, Hank Hastings and Richard Johnson.

After this break, Bill Johnson described a lakeside family picnic complete with a storm; Hank Hastings defended “rock snot,” an algal growth found recently in the lake; Katrina Sumrall cleverly related a particular challenge on one of her many school canoe trips; and Jeff Bastard described “How I lost my boat.”

A second set of sea shanties was followed by Peter Roulston’s description of an interaction between tourists and the former tug and log boom; Michael Dorsey shared a snake and a duck competing for a fish he had caught; Alvie Boulliet recalled using dead reckoning from a boat during fog on the lake; and Therese DesCamp narrated how she, a newcomer showing visiting dignitaries around the lake, mistook the local custom of nude swimming.

While the judges retired to decide the winners, the audience was treated to the Columbia River Creation Story told by Taress Alexis of the Sinixt Nation. Ray Stothers closed the afternoon with a description of the craft of storytelling. He will present the audio version of Lake Lies in three parts on his weekly Co-op Radio show Tuesdays at 12:30 pm, beginning May 25.

The judges rendered their final decisions and prizes were awarded: a framed Slocan Lake colour photograph to Kevin Murphy for the best story; a handcrafted fish wind chime to Hank Hastings for the funniest story; four litres of fish fertilizer to Michael Dorsey for the fishiest story; and two rolls of duct tape to Therese DesCamp for the tallest story.

Wayne Gerow video-recorded the event. DVD copies will be donated to local museums and circulated in the community.

The Slocan Lake Stewardship Society thanks all volunteers, storytellers, guests, and the May Days Committee for including this event. We know there are many more lake stories to be told, so start preparing yours now for a future Lake Lies and Fishy Tales session. To get on the list, contact Tracy Oldham at 358-7986.
Val Koenig named Kaslo’s Citizen of the Year
by Jan McMurray

Val Koenig was presented with the Citizen of the Year plaque at the Vimy Park gazebo on May Day Monday.

Heather Hewat, May Days coordinator, described Val as a person with a “generous, selfless spirit and a strong sense of community.”

He is probably best known for his tireless volunteer work with the Trailblazers, developing the Kaslo River Trail. However, he’s been spotted volunteering at many community events, including the Kraft-TSN event, May Days, pancake breakfasts, Light-Up, Winter in the Forest Festival and the Jazz Festival. He has also done carpentry work on a volunteer basis for the thrift store and library.

New Denver May Days awards Citizens of the Year
by Art Joyce

In all communities – but especially in small ones – it’s the volunteers who make things happen, and enrich the local culture by their efforts. At the culmination of the May Days parade at Centennial Park, Citizen of the Year 2010 awards for New Denver and Silverton went to Nobby Hiyashi and Cathleen Olson. The awards, a co-presentation of the Village of New Denver, the Village of Silverton and the New Denver May Days Committee, are presented “to deserving nominees in appreciation for dedicated community service and leadership.”

Hiyashi is what one often expects of a true volunteer: someone who quietly toils behind the scenes for his community without fanfare. His early passion was baseball, which he coached for many years. From its inception 26 years ago, Hiyashi has volunteered at the Nikkei Centre, working eight hours a day or more, seven days a week as a gardener, guide and ‘jack of all trades’. Many of the beautiful origami figures for sale in the Nikkei office are a result of his artistic ability. Hiyashi’s acceptance speech amounted to a humble “thank you.”

Olson was recognized by the committee for her generosity with both her time and energy, and for “always finding ways to help her friends and neighbours.” She is active on many boards, including the New Denver Nursery School, LACE and the May Days Committee. She is the treasurer, researcher, coordinator and co-founder of Movie Night at the Bosun. Olson is involved in volunteer activities sponsored through her work, such as the LESS Breakfast Program, the Valhalla Summer School of Music picnic and Earth Day. She is an active member of St. Anthony’s Catholic Church. “She has tremendous community spirit and is very generous with her time,” notes the committee. “She truly cares about people, where she lives and is constantly finding ways to add to her community.” When accepting the award, Olson modestly said, “Really it’s all just in a day’s work.”
The NKLAHC report states that the organization decided to review the completed surveys to learn about the community’s attitude about the market, and to use concerns and suggestions in the surveys to guide further development of the market. NKLAHC compiled the report to inform and educate the Village market.

Redfish School students travel from Kootenays to Victoria by Jan McMurray

Sixteen young people from across Canada arrived at Little Slocan Lodge on May 12 to participate in the six-week-long Redfish School of Change.

New Denver resident Nadine Raynolds is one of the school’s instructors. “We’re building on the success of last year, which was our pilot year,” said Raynolds in an interview just before the group left the Kootenays on its journey to the coast of southern Vancouver Island.

The idea behind the school is to inspire post-secondary students to create change in their communities. The students get credits for three environmental studies courses upon completion of Redfish. The program is a collaboration of GreenLearning Canada, Pearson College and the University of Victoria’s School of Environmental Studies.

While based at Little Slocan Lodge, the students did a walk with Shacoon Bennett to learn about wild food and medicines. Jeremy Down, a former student, is currently completing his undergraduate degree in Music, where students explored leadership and communication through music. They visited Nelson and participated in “It takes all kinds,” a session with four guests from around the Kootenays who are working on environmental and social justice initiatives. The group camped in Valhalla Park, clearing the trail while they hiked. Craig Petitti came to sit around the campfire and tell the story of creating Valhalla Park.

They visited Mick Wilson’s farm in New Denver and attended a networking barbecue to learn about interesting projects in the community.

The group was off to the Okanagan the next day for a farm stay at an organic farm. Then they will paddle Harrison and Fraser Rivers in two Voyageur canoes to make their own assessments of the results, to distribute their findings, and to continue the dialogue.

Kaslo council decided to survey Front Street business owners and residents living near the market when some downtown merchants approached Councillor Leathwood to express opposition to the market.

Vancouver. They will continue on to Vancouver Island and spend the last two weeks of the school in the Victoria region.

University of Victoria student Claire Peacock, originally from Rossland, is participating in the school this year. She says she decided to apply for Redfish because she wanted some practical experience working in the field. She said she was really enjoying the team building exercises. “You get to know each other so well and you learn so much from each other,” she said.

Traditional Japanese Folk Song Western Canada Tour submitted

Traditional Japanese folk song group Umewakakai is getting ready to kick off their first official Western Canada tour in June. Special performances will be held at Lucerne School in New Denver (1:00 p.m., doors open at 12:30) and the Langham Theatre in Kaslo (7:30 p.m., doors open at 7) on Thursday, June 10.

‘Umewaka style’ originated in Akita, Japan. Founder, folk singer/ shamisen player, Umewaka Asano (1911-2006) was born in Akita city and was one of the most famous Min’yo musicians in Japan. He was honored with awards for his achievements from the government of Japan and other cultural organizations.

On this tour, Umewakakai’s disciples are performing at seven venues in five cities, in the Kootenays and Alberta. The lead singer is Umewaka’s granddaughter, Eriko Asano. At the age of 25, she has already won 14 Japan Min’yo championships and is a leading star of the Japanese folk song scene. Singer Haruka Asano (Eriko’s sister-in-law) moved to Akita from Miyazaki for an apprenticeship with Umewakakai, and has celebrated many championship victories, including a national victory in 2009. The group has two Shamises (three stringed instrument) players and one Shadokuchi (Japanese bamboo flute) player as accompanists, and adds Taiko drum for the performances.

Tour coordinator, Yukiko Tsutsui, was born and raised in Akita, Japan, and she graduated in the Contemporary Music and Technology program at Selkirk College in Nelson. She has been hosting her radio show, ‘Japanese Musique’, on Kootenay Co-op Radio to introduce Japanese music to locals since the middle of 2007. She says, “I lived in Kootenays for four years and it is just like a hometown in Canada to me. I wanted to bring something really special to this area through my passion, music. This is a truly rare opportunity to see one of the best-first-class Japanese traditional music ensembles, from my hometown!”

They hope this tour will be a new cultural bridge between Canada and Japan.

For further information, visit http://www.myspace.com/asanoshamisen.
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Rental: clubs, pull carts, rental clubs.
Walk on tee times, no reservations required.
Monday Seniors Morning: 25% off non-members with club play.
Nordy Juniors Night: 50% includes golf, fries & pop, prizes and parents golf free.
Tuesdays: half-price golf all day.
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GALLERIES

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Tenth anniversary celebration show opens Tues., through Sun. 10 to 3 at 803 Klahane St., New Denver.

ADVENTURE

Cody Caves Provincial Park 250-505-2992 www.codycaves.ca coves@telkome.com
Cody Caves Provincial Park is open daily from June 26 – Sept 6, 9am – 4pm. Guided tours in the natural limestone cave are appropriate for ages 8 and up. The cave features a flowing stream and waterfalls; stalactites, stalagmites, soda straws and other calcite formations unique to the underground. Enjoy a safe, fun, family adventure.

Campsites

Kaslo Municipal Campground (250) 353-2662 www.kaslo.ca
kaslocampground@yahoo.ca May 1-Sept. 30. Serviced (25) Unserviced sites (51) Water and power hook-ups, fire pits, picnic tables, restrooms and hot showers. Downtown location, close to park, beach, playground, 55 Moyie information and Great Shopping! Pets on leash welcome.

Centennial Campground On the lake in New Denver, 44 sites, with electricity & water hook-up, semi-hook, dumper, showers & toilets, boat launch, firewood, pets must be leashed.

Springer Creek RV Park & Campground (250) 355-2266 springer@telus.net
Open May 20 to Oct. 15. Located at 1003 Grays Rd., Slocan. Turn right immediately off Highway 6 entrance to Village of Slocan. Full hook-ups, partial hook-ups, tent sites, semi-dump, pets on leash and seasonal ‘touring’/Information Booths.


Three Islands Resort Campground (250) 365-3023 15 sites, full semi-hook-ups, tenting, boat launch, paddle boats & canoes, pets welcome, children’s playground, firewood, fishing, hiking trail, convenience, storni-10 sites, large gazebo with 800 pits.

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Kaslo council, May 25: Kaslo Bay development discussed

by Jan McMurray

A letter from Linda Lynch asks why Mayor Lay and Councillors Hewat and Leathwood defeated motions put forth by Councillors Frary and Comrie at the May 11 council meeting regarding development of the Kaslo Bay. The motions were to ask the developer to post a bond to mitigate the costs in the event of problems caused by slope instability; and to ask the local Ministry of Highways supervisor to inspect the land in question.

Councillors Leathwood and Hewat said they defeated the motions because they feel council should be working with the developer, not against him. Hewat added that council may very well decide to reintroduce those motions after discussing its concerns with the developer. Mayor Lay said his decision was made in the best interests of the community, and with his 30 years of professional experience. “I am an expert on soil stability,” he said.

Councillor Frary said that although he is not a soil expert, he can see erosion and can read engineering reports. He said that the intent behind his motions was to have council do its due diligence. Councillor Leathwood countered that inviting the developer, Bernie Pemner, to the June 10 Development Services Committee meeting was due diligence.

Council passed a motion, with Councillors Frary and Comrie opposed, to advise Linda Lynch that “the majority of Council determines its decision based on the best interest of the municipality, Mr. Pemner will be attending the June 10 Development Services Committee meeting to discuss issues, and legislation is in place to protect taxpayers from the liability of others.”

Councillor Frary objected to the wording of the resolution. “Just because we in the past have done something, we’re not acting in the best interests of the community,” he said.

A letter from Pamela Griffin expresses concerns with the Kaslo Bay Estates development. “...it is unfinished, exposed and unused.” Her letter will be forwarded to the developer.

The OCP, Bylaw 1098, Official Community Plan Bylaw, was read a first time.

Proposals for the reservoir liner project from four companies were referred to the Development Services Committee for recommendation to council. “A letter of support will be provided to the Kaslo Primary Health Care Team in its efforts to ensure sufficient funding to provide adequate health care to Kaslo and Area D residents.”

Mayor Lay reported that MLA Michelle Mungall called a meeting regarding this issue in Victoria. He also reported that at the Regional Hospital District board meeting of May 19, two of BHA’s top management people attended to outline a “change of direction” from the agency. A new person has been hired, and Mayor Lay said, “Give the new guy a chance and I will be watching is my attitude.”

The Chamber of Commerce conditional grant specifications were accepted as presented. The specifications are that the Chamber must provide to the Village the Chamber will be $7,500, to be spent on May Days ($5,000), Christmas Light Up ($300), Advertising ($300) and Valentine’s Day ($1,500). “A letter of support will be provided to North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society for an application for funding in connection with the Kaslo Food Security Project. The society would like to assess the feasibility of a social enterprise to financially support the project. The Food Security Project has a space at St. Andrew’s United Church, where several programs are operating, such as community cold storage, Food for Families, bulk food buying, tool library, farmland database, West Kootenay Food Directory, and Baby Needs Cupboard. “A social enterprise would be established and funded locally, an opportunity to supply locally sourced food,” states the letter to council.

Council received three letters from Anne Malik about the sanitary sewer system. One, which lists several questions about the financial records, was forwarded to the auditor for response. Another, advocating for fairness and equity in the amount they pay for the service, was referred to the Liquid Waste Management Select Committee for recommendation to council. The third letter urges council to formally adopt an annual procedure whereby the sewer roll would be audited by knowledgeable member-owners of the sanitary sewer system. This one was referred to the Municipal Services Committee for recommendation to council.

At the City Hall Project meeting on May 18, a quote from B. Clarke Engineering for approximately $70,000 for consulting Services for the building sprinkler system for $2,900 was accepted. Deputy Clerk Caroline Hughes reported that budgeted funds for 2010 have been spent after awarding a tender for sprinkler system engineering services. Due to lack of funding, a building permit for the geothermal heat and sprinkler systems only will be applied for at this time.

Quotes received from engineers for services to provide drawings for a sewer extension to include the City Hall were referred to the Liquid Waste Management Committee. The committee will be advised that a decision on this is needed as soon as possible, as sewer service is needed to access grant funding.

Quotes will be obtained for City Hall exterior painting. The Parks-Canada grant will be applied for again in October. It was agreed that the first priority is to locate the Village office in the building and coordinate work on the Kaslo Bay.

Council passed a motion to remove all signs from highways right-of-way and private property that are not in compliance with the Kaslo Bay.

Council received a survey in connection with Kalesnikoff Lumber’s efforts to be certified under the Forest Sustainability Standards of Canada. Local sawmill associations and council were authorized to respond.

To meet its commitments under the Climate Action Charter and the requirement to incorporate greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets into its OCP by May 31, council passed a resolution that the Village of Kaslo supports the establishment of a community-wide GHG reduction target of 10% by the year 2020; further encourages efforts to reach an 80% reduction by 2050; and instructs staff to add the OCP document to include this target.

Council consented to participation in the RDCK’s Community Sustainable Living Service and the Group's Information Service. Voter approval of these bylaws will be obtained by the Alternate Approval Process. These two services are already provided by the RDCK and are outside the General Administration budget. Establishing the new services will not raise taxation, but will make the services more transparent by bringing them from General Administration.

Accounts payable of $33,150.22 were approved for payment.

Kaslo Bay artist Arin Fay exhibits at Oxygen Art Centre

Oxygen Art Centre opens ‘Between the Two Events’, an art exhibit featuring new work by Kaslo Bay artist Arin Fay. Between the Lines is a series of highly stylized yet impressionistic mixed-media portraits of incredible natural beauty. The exhibit will run May 28 - June 26, with a 7 pm opening on the 28th.

Fay describes her work as the “long-overdue result of my academic pursuits colliding with my artistic calling.” As an English major, she is well versed in the literature of female writers such as Iris Murdoch, Jean Rhys, George Eliot, Charlotte Bronte, Alice Munro, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Ethel Wilson, Flannery O’Connor, and Toni Morrison.

Between the Lines is a tribute to specific women, as well as an exploration of “the liminal space between the creator and the created, the superseding but of “the liminal space between the creator and the created, the superseding but...”

Fay notes that the process of bringing the series to fruition has been “... complicated overall by the often paradoxical, but somehow appropriate, demands of motherhood and rural obscurity. It is from just such a perspective that the accomplishments of women become so manifestly clear.”

She adds, “Between the Lines is meant to enlighten and empower; to underscore, in an abstract fashion, the intersection of women’s literary accomplishments and the power of perspective in all things.”

There will be an artist talk on Friday, June 18 at 7:30 pm. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 1 pm to 5 pm. The exhibition closes on June 26.

Second Chance Animal Shelter fundraiser

The Second Chance Animal Shelter (a non-profit, no kill animal shelter, run entirely on donations) will hold its second annual fundraising event on June 12 at the Toad Rock campground located between Ainsworth and Ballhour. The fundraiser includes a dog rally from 11 am to 4 pm, followed by a Fur Ball, featuring a night of music and dance featuring Coral Hayes and the Everyone Band, and the Soul Purpose DJ.

Kaslo and Nelson artists show at Kootenay Gallery

The artists will be in attendance for the opening on June 17 (noon to 7 pm, free admission), and will share their individual artistic practice, design processes and inspirations.

The Kootenay Gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm and Sundays 12-4 pm.
Valhalla Film Festival features the story of Japanese Canadian internment in New Denver

Submitted

The Valhalla Film School (VFS), in partnership with the New Denver Kyowakai Society, invites you to a premiere film screening at the historic Bosun Hall in New Denver on June 6 at 7 pm. Come watch 10 short films by award-winning Selkirk filmmakers who have mentored the youth and adults. Short films by documentary filmmakers Moira Simpson (Kinospec: Fragile Peace), digital storyteller and media artist Catrina Longmuir (Our World), and animator Martin Rose (Travah tuh Belvul) are also on the program. What a feast of film! Since April, students from Lucerne School in New Denver have studied the Japanese internment, visited the Nikkei Centre, interviewed local elders, and reflected on their learning about the history of their own community. With the mentorship of award-winning documentary filmmaker Moira Simpson, and Japanese Canadian history expert, this gala event also features work by the three award-winning filmmakers also showcased at the June 6 film screening.

This project has gained a lot of attention across BC and Canada. The student films will be featured on two national websites: www.citizenshift.ca and www.thenhier.ca. ArtsStarts Artists in Residence program provided initial funding for the student film project, and has asked to feature the student films on their gallery website. Interviews of the Japanese Canadian elders and the student work will be added to the collection of the Nikkei Centre in New Denver, this year being honoured as a National Historical Site, and the Japanese Canadian National Museum in Burnaby has expressed interest in having both the student and the elder films as part of their exhibits. Five of the student works were shown at a UBC post-secondary and public school educators conference on May 15. Funding to produce a 20- to 25-minute documentary film telling this important story of discrimination and resilience with the aim that it never happen again, is coalescing. We invite you to join us June 6 at 7 pm at the Bosun. Admission is by donation. The experience will be unforgettable.

For more information, visit www.valhallafilmsociety.org/vfs.

Slocan Valley volunteers clean up the Highway 6 lookout over Slocan City

Submitted

On the sunny Saturday morning of May 15, over 25 dedicated volunteers gathered at Mountain Valley Station in Slocan City and headed up to the Highway 6 lookout with one purpose in mind: take out the trash.

Still waiting for the weather to take effect, some stepped gingerly down the steep embankment, others leaned off the edge, and some were hard at work in the ravine, pulling out every kind of garbage imaginable. Items of all shapes and sizes were retrieved, including large tables, chairs, mattresses and car parts of all sorts. A few had obviously been residing there since the area was in use as a West Kootenay hunting ground. However, one thing each piece of garbage had in common was that they were on their way to the Slocan trash dump after lunchtime.

Thanks to such great community support, it took just under three hours to remove over three large truckloads of garbage. It was a team effort, so a big thank-you to everyone who came out and lent a hand to the producer and digital media artist Catrina Longmuir, the 10 student film shorts they have created will inspire you.

Adult students will participate in a two-day Animation/Digital Storytelling Film School on June 4 and 5. There are still a couple of spaces left for interested adults to join award-winning animator and Emily Carr professor Martin Rose, along with Longmuir, to create short pieces of animation and digital storytelling. Register at www.valhallafilmsociety.org/vfs to be a part of this exciting and very affordable film workshop. These adult films produced at the film school will also be showcased at the June 6 film screening.

The Silent Art Auction at the Hidden Garden Gallery promises to be an eclectic blend of art.

Submitted

The Silent Art Auction at the Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver promises to be the most eclectic show of the Gallery's 10th anniversary season. This exciting show will include art by Lorna Obermayr, Les Weirchir, David Smith, Rosalie Bird and much more.

All the pieces are donations from individuals in the community who support the gallery's project of bringing public art to New Denver. One donor has promised to give a piece that has something to do with moose antlers (?). The gallery will use the funds from the Silent Auction, along with grants and donations from individuals and businesses, to purchase "Deepening Peace," a sculpture by Toru Fujibayashi.

Donations of art for the Silent Auction will be accepted at the gallery (803 Kildare Street, New Denver) on Sunday, June 13 from 10 am to 3 pm. Everyone is invited to visit the gallery and place bids from June 15 through June 19. There will be a party beginning at 7:30 on June 19. Final bids will be collected at 8:30.

It will not surprise residents to learn that the idea of bringing public art to New Denver was one of Lorna Obermayr’s. As Eleanor Spangler explains, “It sprang from the fertile and well travelled mind of Lorna Obermayr. Lorna spoke often of her dream of an installation at the foot of Main Street in New Denver. As an artist and teacher as well as the activist that she was, in our larger Slocan Lake and Kootenay community, she advocated for art as a testimony to all of our best efforts for full and equal lives.”

The Hidden Garden Gallery feels that it is appropriate to celebrate the Gallery’s 10th anniversary with this project. Many thanks to the individuals, businesses, and funding authorities for giving and participating.

Mark your calendars, peruse your home for art you may wish to recycle and give to a new home, view the show, party, place your bids and maybe find amazing new art for your home. For more information contact Evelyn Goodell at 250-235-3555.

Slocan Valley students show at HGG June 4

Submitted

A rare and special installation art show will be at the Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver for one day only on Friday, June 4, 10 am-1 pm. Rachelle Champagne’s K-1 class at Lucerne has been busy making beautiful art using tower knitting or spooling technique – these samples make a memorable show.

These young children have applied their fine motor skills to vibrantly coloured yarn, creating beautiful and bright pieces. Their enthusiasm and skills are on full display.

The exhibit runs June 9-27, with the opening on Friday, June 11 from 6 pm to 8 pm. The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 4 pm. There is no entrance fee, but donations are welcome.

In Bouke Elzinga’s new show of oil paintings, she explores the edges of creeks, glacial lakes and rivers to describe the architecture of the water as snow and ice, its flow and reflection. This series began as a way of recording changes in the local water.

Elzinga is a graduate of Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design and has taught drawing, painting, mixed media and art history at the Kootenay School of Art, Oxygen Centre and at other regional locations. She is one of the founding members of both the ALFA Guild in Nakup and the Nelson Fine Art Centre.

Suzanne Schneider’s photography includes an eclectic collection of classic black and white landscape images, journalistic street photography, and the fine art nude. This is Suzanne’s first exhibit since she moved from film camera and the chemical darkroom to digital camera and computer processing. Come view the world, from our beautiful valley all the way to central Mexico, through the passionate lens of Suzanne.

Suzanne is a graduate of the Selkirk College photography program. The ALFA Guild looks forward to another season celebrating excellence in art throughout the Kootenays, and encourages everyone to drop in and support our local artists.

Lucerne students show at HGG June 4

Submitted

The Arrow Lakes Fine Arts Guild, located at Selkirk College in Nakusp, kicks off the 2010 season with exhibits by Elzinga and Schneider.

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ALFA Guild Gallery launches 2010 season with exhibits by Elzinga and Schneider

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We invite you to join us June 6 at 7 pm at the Bosun. Admission is by donation. The experience will be unforgettable.

For more information, visit www.valhallafilmsociety.org/vfs.
Summer Student Employment at the Sandon Museum. Must be returning to school in the fall. Basic duties include greeting the public, taking admissions, introducing the history of Sandon and answering basic tourist questions. Some cleaning and record-keeping involved. Send resume and cover letter to Sandon Historical Society, Box 52, New Denver V0G 1S0. For more information, call 250-358-2493.

ATTENTION ALL ARROW LAKE HOSPITAL HANDIDRIVE BUS DRIVERS! The Arrow Lakes Hospital HandiDrive aims to give personal experience in maintaining an appropriate driving licence. In an effort to recognize their service and encourage others to participate, the Foundation has had a policy to reimburse these expenses. Drivers, past and present, are invited to submit their receipts to ALHBF Box 284, Nakusp, BC. V1G 1R0.

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The Winlaw School community came out to enjoy the Winlaw School Spring Fling on May 16. There were plants for sale, a canoe raffle, student-made crafts, baked goods and a barbecue – all to the tune of great music. Art in the Park also displayed Winlaw students’ wonderful visual art creations. Parents and students will be selling tickets for the Helman Canoe Till June 27. Monies raised will go towards a school trip next year.

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COMMUTER CHALLENGE is on in the West Kootenay

Can the West Kootenay be the greenest commuting region in Canada? The EcoSociety says yes! The 2010 National Commuter Challenge Week is this week (May 30-June 5) and everyone is invited to sign up with their workplace or at www.commuterchallenge.ca.

The Commuter Challenge is a national program that encourages Canadians to walk, cycle, skateboard, rollerblade, ride-share, carpool, tele-work or take transit instead of driving alone to work. By recording participation online and tracking kilometers traveled, Canadians are able to see how their greener commutes translate into a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

The EcoSociety will be awarding prizes for the top walker, biker, and skateboarder/rollerblader and for the top workplace. For more information contact John or Kayla at the EcoSociety at 250-354-1909 or via email at kayla@ecosociety.ca.

On May 26, His Transport Canada inspector landed on New Denver’s helipad. IHA reports that he was doing a regular inspection of IH helipads. He inspected Nakusp’s as well.

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Mudslide closes Highway 6 on May 18

by Jan McMurray

A mudslide closed Hwy 6 just north of Slocan City for about three-and-a-half hours on May 18.

At about 4 pm, an estimated 1,000 cubic metres of mud and debris flowed across the highway. Crews were able to open the road to single lane alternating traffic at about 7:30 pm.

The Ministry of Transportation reports that an intense rainstorm came down on top of the snow at the higher elevation, and this is believed to have contributed to the cause of the slide.

This area, two kilometers north of Memphis Creek, is unstable due to a recent 1,000 cubic metre mudslide on May 18.

The RDCK issued a press release shortly after the incident to “remind us of the need to be prepared for all kinds of emergencies.” Although no volunteers were needed in this particular mudslide incident, they are often needed in such incidents and make a huge contribution.

They attend training sessions held in communities around the district, thanks to funding from the federal and provincial governments. Anyone interested in joining is invited to contact Terry Warren, RDCK Emergency Program Coordinator, at 250-265-0230.

CBT and BC Conservation Foundation partner

Spring is blooming in the Basin, and with the extra sunshine and greener lawns, residents are beginning to see other familiar sights outside—bears.

While most residents enjoy the Basin’s beautiful wildlife, they don’t want bears in their backyards. That is one reason the Bear Aware program was established in 1998, and why this resource is a valuable asset to Basin communities.

CBT’s new partnership with the BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF) designates $55,000 for one year to assist bear-proofing efforts at Basin communities.

Slocan residents and seized over 200 marijuana plants. The plants were growing in a room inside the residence, outdoors on the property and in a greenhouse. Police will be recommending charges against the individuals for Production of a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking.

CBT’s contribution has allowed the BCCF Bear Aware program to hire Bear Aware Community Coordinators who will receive extensive training to deliver and assist communities in reducing bear/human conflict.

Residents can expect to see local Bear Aware Community Coordinators bringing education materials and presentations to public spaces, community events, schools and more, to help the general public better understand how to reduce bear/human conflict.

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Slocan grows up busted by RCMP

by Jan McMurray

A grow operation at a home in Slocan was busted on May 27.

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The plane must have been a small, single-engine aircraft, as there were no survivors. The pilot and his passenger were able to escape without injury and were picked up out of the water by local boaters. Witnesses report they saw a lot of smoke coming from the plane just prior to the crash. The Transportation Safety Board will do an investigation.

Slocan Valley Co-op Pee Wee Team

The Slocan Valley Co-op Pee Wee Team coached by Diane Drake and Nik Evdokimoff are these weeks featured team in the Slocan Valley Mixed Soccer League. The players on the team from left to right. Back Row - Riley Shlakoff, Jackson Cousins, Ginny Abrusimoff, Alden Ostrikof, Jacob Robinson Front row - Cody LeMay, Jesse Verigin, Makatu Babbot, Ryder Stolka

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Martha Chapter No. 24, Order of the Eastern Star thanks you for your support!

Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) is partnering with BC Housing to construct affordable units for seniors and persons with disabilities in New Denver and seven other communities in the Columbia Basin. CBT will contribute $425,000 to the project. This is an artists’ rendering of the units.
Silverton Inn opening soon under new management

by Jan McMurray

The Silverton Lakeshore Inn is under new management and is aiming to open on Tuesday, June 8. Ltd., a family owned business from Alberta, has taken over the inn. The owner, Roxanne, will be managing the business and her beverage manager, Alexis, will take on the responsibility of the licensed lounge and patios and the future Espresso Bar. All the patios will be licensed and smoke-free.

“We are striving to make the place bright with a casual ambiance and a whole new menu,” says Roxanne. The company also has a signature retail food line. All products are made from scratch, using natural and organic ingredients where possible. These products are promoted at markets in Alberta by Roxanne’s daughter, Crystal, and will be available to purchase at the inn.

Some of the items on the menu will be pastas with fresh made sauces, seafood dishes, Aussie meat pies and specialty barbecued burgers. There will also be appetizers and sweet or savoury crepes to choose from. Seniors will receive 15% off food items.

Roxanne says she comes to Silverton seeking a lifestyle transition. “My background is in public service, mainly within the criminal justice system,” she says. “This transition is providing me with the opportunity to get back to a real life and what I love to do, which is cooking, baking and entertaining guests.”

Hours of operation will be 11 am-11 pm Thursday to Saturday, 11 am-9 pm Sunday to Wednesday. Roxanne is aiming to open on June 8, but recommends calling ahead at 250-358-7929 to confirm that the inn is open.

Anyone interested in working at the inn is invited to email their resume to lakeshorebistro@gmail.com. “We look forward to meeting everyone and working with the community!” said Roxanne.

Margaret Hartley submitted

Margaret Hartley, newly retired and living permanently in New Denver, will present the first ever exhibition of her work, Patterns and Tree Portraits, at the Hidden Garden Gallery June 8-12. Gallery hours are 10 am to 3 pm.

Hartley, who studied at Kootenay School of the Arts and Emily Carr in Vancouver, has spent the past few years working in charcoal, conte and graphite to produce drawings of the natural forms in our landscape. Her beautiful images of lichen, shrubs and trees are delicately rendered but demonstrate authority and skill. Chiaroscuro, the treatment of light and shade, defines these drawings; they go beyond mere line with their inky blacks, sooty greys and pure whites.

“Pure” also defines the singing voice of Nelson’s Pauline Lamb, who will entertain with musical interludes at the artist’s reception Thursday, June 10 from 7:30 to 9:30. All are welcome to meet Margaret that evening, and to enjoy her work while listening to Pauline, partaking of refreshments and strolling in the garden. Let’s support this new local artist.

Crystal and Roxanne look forward to serving the community from the Lakeshore Bistro.