The Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre was the site of the annual Obon festival, where traditional Japanese-Canadian music and dance were performed. The festival was held on July 31, with performances by the Kage Aikido Club, the Kootenay Taiko Club, and traditional Japanese dance. The program continued through the afternoon with Taiko drumming and a performance by the Kage Aikido Club.

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Landslide Event of May 2008
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“They’re choosing the level of risk we have to accept it versus the community the level of risk we’re willing to live with,” says Perry Ridge Water Users Association President Marilyn Burgoon.

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Logging underway in most contentious Slocan Park cutblock

by Jan McMurray

Logging operations were scheduled to commence in the most sensitive cutblock above Slocan Park on Monday, despite the community’s efforts to delay the logging until winter.

Water and terrain stability are the community’s biggest concerns. The cutblock is in a domestic watershed, and includes an area where a landslide occurred in 1997. The 1997 landslide knocked a house on Lower Cunningham Road right off its foundation.

At a meeting on July 29 at Slocan Park Hall, Slocan Park CARE Society members asked the licensing authority (Bill Kestell from Porcupine Wood Products) and the contractor (Steve Barabonoff from CPS Investments) if they would delay harvesting until local forester Herb Hammond could do an assessment of the block. Hammond also attended the meeting, and said he could walk the block in August to prepare a written report completed by mid-September.

Hammond, who has reviewed the BCTS logging plan, told the meeting attendees, “From the water users’ perspective, there needs to be a more precautionary approach than demonstrated in this plan.”

Decision on mountain bike tourism tenure expected in September

by Jan McMurray

Serving the Arrow and Slocan Lakes

Hammond also did a preliminary field review of the block on July 2, and describes some of his initial findings in a letter to the society. In the letter, he says that without more detailed planning and mapping of the micro-terrain and water features, logging activity will likely lead to negative impacts on consumptive use water resources. The letter states: “In order to achieve adequate protection of water and soil, any logging on this block needs to occur in the winter with the protection of a strong, stable snow pack.”

At the meeting, Carol Hill of the society said, “We understand that’s that’s our way of being precautionary. We’re seeing people in other areas without a leg to stand on once their water is gone. Once it’s too late, that’s it for the people. It’s not worth the risk if we can take the time to do the study.”

When society member Nelle Maney said the society wants time to deal with “these serious issues relating to landslides and groundwater,” Al Skakun of BCTS said that from his point of view, these issues had been dealt with in the professional reports already done for this block. However, he said the timing of the logging was up to the licencie.

Kestell (licencee) said it would be up to the contractor.

By the end of the meeting, Barabonoff (contractor) said he would consider delaying the Slocan Park logging by moving to his next job in Burton now, and then coming back to Slocan Park in November. But, a week later during a walk of the Slocan Park cutblock on August 4, he told society members that moving to Burton was not feasible — it would be too costly to move and come back, and there is no accommodation available for his crew at this time in the Burton area.

During the walk, Barabonoff and Hammond explained all the changes they intend to make to the harvesting plan. Changes include: a 30-metre reserve on either side of the 1997 slide area; a reserve in the very steep northwest pocket of the block; less road building; a reduction in the number of landings from seven to three or four; and overland crossings made with logs, geotech fabric and rock for subsurface streams instead of installing culverts.

Community members and Hammond feel the changes are “going in the right direction,” but do not feel they go far enough, especially for water protection.

“While the slope/slide concerns seem to be addressed, I don’t feel the water courses were given the same regard, and I do feel quite uncomfortable about that,” said society member Craig Sapunken after the August 4 walk.

Upon request of society members, Kestell provided them with a map showing the changes and a written summary of the changes two days after the walk, on August 6. Hammond reviewed this documentation and has made several suggestions on improving the changes and incorporating more changes into the plan. The society, with Hammond’s help, was preparing a letter of agreement over the weekend to present to Kestell and Barabonoff early this week.

“It is too bad that Steve [Barabonoff] and Bill [Kestell] did not take the opportunity to move their operations to Burton and start this one over again and do it right,” said Hammond. “I think it would have been a much better step and an important precedent, to work with the water users. One of the things I am disappointed to see everywhere is a decline in responsibility by government and more cooperation between government and industry. I find it sad that my profession doesn’t take more initiative to work with communities. Unfortunately, it’s normal in forestry today that citizens, acting as volunteers, have to bring to the attention of professionals what is appropriate. I give the Slocan Park CARE Society high marks for the monitoring they’ve done.”
Response to Cathy Smith

Congratulations for not being intimidated by the bullies in the place where you live. What started as a group with lifestyle choices has morphed into a self-righteous minority that claims to speak for the majority. They insist on imposing their views on others and with threats of lawsuits to intimidate those who disagree. It sounds like the plot of one of those old Western movies where a small gang of bullies threaten the townfolk into compliance.

Ann Barkley

Slocan Lake needs nutrient restoration program

We need a nutrient restoration program in Slocan Lake. Kootenay and Arrow Lakes have a nutrient restoration program that has helped give these lakes a reasonable fishery. The dams on our rivers spoiled the natural nutrients provided by the incoming salmon. The Gerrard trout planted at the north end of Slocan Lake are preying on the Kokanee (landlocked salmon) and Rainbow trout. The natural balance of the lake has been compromised.
The Slocan Lake Stewardship Society, local Rod and Gun Clubs as well as interested individuals, could lobby for a nutrient restoration program to encourage a better fishery. Powerboats, canoes, rowboats or kayaks are all fishing boats. A more vibrant fishery in Slocan Lake would encourage visitors and fishers alike. It would be a more vibrant fishery in Slocan Lake.

Robert Barkley

Abuse of seniors

You always read articles on the abuse of seniors, and it’s usually children abusing their parents. Moreover, it’s usually far enough away from this area that it really doesn’t concern us. All I can say is it isn’t necessarily so. I can point out instances right here in Kaslo of grown, capable good-for-nothing children that are living on their mother’s money and treating them like dirt. The mother never has any money because she has to give it to the kids so they can live in the style to which they would like to become accustomed, or to support their habits, and then they treat her worse than they would treat a slave. You can report things like that until you’re blue in the face, but you might as well save your breath. Unless the ladies in question will substantiate the things you say, the authorities can do absolutely nothing, and in most cases the ladies in question are either too ashamed to admit how their own flesh and blood treat them, or else they’re too afraid of the consequences, such as loss of contact with grandchildren or actual physical harm such as that type of ‘child’ is likely to resort to.

Sometimes I feel frustrated that we live in such a law-abiding over-governed country. Otherwise we could handle the situation without any outside help.

Jim Jennings

Drivers – yield signs mean slow down

I had the right-of-way on a Village of New Denver street this week, but fortunately I slowed down as I came to a corner with limited vision, because of a lady walking her dog on a leash. I would have been breached in my small summer sports car, and hospitalized or possibly dead, because of a driver who sped through a yield sign. PLEASE, slow down and take a look both ways at yield signs. I feel thankful to be here to write this letter. Thank you.

Sally Lamare

More on bugs damaging birch and fruit trees

The recent report about ‘leaf rollers’ (Valley Voice, June 30) needs some clarification. The bug responsible for the damage to birch trees and nearby fruit trees north of the West Kootenays is not a leaf roller, but a leaf miner – specifically, as best I can determine, Lemyra pruni-foliella (aka speckle). It occurs worldwide throughout the northern temperate latitudes, attacking birches, but also apple, plum-cherry, and hawthorn.

The adult is a tiny slender fly weighing about 5 mm long. It deposits its eggs singly inside emerging leaves. The larvae feed entirely within the leaf, so it is not likely to be of much use, nor is any other organic control.

In our area, this pest first showed up about 20 years ago. About the same time, it came to the attention of observers in many locations around the northern hemisphere. Here it has caused variable but substantial damage every spring since. What brought about this population explosion is a mystery. Warmer winters, as with the pine beetle, may have something to do with it; the huge outbreaks this spring does follow a mild El Niño winter. My own hunch is that the decline in insect-eating migrant birds in recent years has a key check on moth populations.

A second puzzle is what the moths do in their spare time. They emerge from their cocoons at the end of June and disappear. Elsewhere, several generations a year are reported, with the moths of the last generation overwintering as adults. Here, I have never seen any evidence of even a second generation, but it is hard to imagine that these tiny moths survive all summer to hibernate and emerge in such numbers the following spring. A fast question is why this massive outbreak has not attracted any attention from biologists. I have not been able to find any reports about this leaf miner in BC. One reason is no doubt that it occurs in a remote area of the province – i.e. not the Lower Mainland or the Okanagan. Another reason is that it does not impact commercial timber or orchards. Still, it is doing in the birches over a wide area, not to mention backyard fruit trees, so it would seem worthy of study.

Tony Netting

In support of sacred Jumbo

And yet again, the BC government is meeting with the Ktunaxa (Kootenay) First Nation to convince and coerce them into accepting some contrived compensation package that will allow the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort and Real Estate Development to occupy (for 99+ years) their sacred space called the Jumbo Valley area. Let us send our message of support for the Ktunaxa to continue, in perpetuity, as the rightful stewards of this land, not to mention backyard fruit trees. But if they cannot convince and coerce the Ktunaxa to accept the proposed compensation package, we will continue to fight the Jumbo development through the courts.

Kevin Krueger, Min. of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, PO Box 9071 - Stn. Prov. Gov., Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2; email: tca.minister@gov.bc.ca.

Rowena Eloise, West Kootenay Coalition for Jumbo Wild

Argentina

Environment vs. economy

We are a species – man, the stupidest animal on earth. We alone can understand what we are doing to our earth. We alone know that to survive, we must cut our carbon footprint. To do this, we seriously need to curtail our use of fossil fuels. The only way is to convince the self-righteous minority that claims to speak for the majority that it really doesn’t concern us. All I can say is it isn’t necessarily so.

Our government should be leading the way. They are reluctantly trying, with the Climate Change Accountability Act, Bill C331. However, the Chamber of Commerce has decided that Bill C331 must die in Senate, “as it is a threat to Canada’s economic competitiveness.” They have said that cutting emissions would impose great costs on the Canadian economy. One has to wonder if they have considered the alternative.

Why are the governments doing so little? Coal is the worst fuel for producing carbon. We shouldn’t be using it. We aren’t in BC but we are mining coal for sale to anyone who wants it, like China. “Thanks to a rebound in international coal prices,” we now have three major mining areas. Two mine mines have opened in Tumbler Ridge and the original Quintet is to reopen. Then there is the Elk Valley and one mine further north that requires 1,000 employees. But they will bring in lots of money! E. Irene Varty Winlaw

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The quickest way to the universe is through a forest wilderness.” (H.D. David Thoreau)

“Modern man, the world eater, respects no space and no thing green for sacred. The machines has entered his blood.” (Modern man, the world eater, respects no space and no thing green for sacred. The machines has entered his blood.)

Eco-psychologists are detecting in people evidence of an unspoken grieving for the great environmental losses the world is suffering. Surely inflicting irreversible damage on the biosphere is seen to be the most obvious kind of craziness.” (Psychology Today - May/June 2001)

Rowena Eloise, West Kootenay Coalition for Jumbo Wild
Peter Kabel made an excellent point in his response to my letter, Mr. Pratt quotes him as saying, "One day they will have to support his contention that a free market economy benefits all people. The problem, is opinion polls tell us something of people's beliefs but nothing accurate about the situation itself. For instance, 50% of Americans still believe Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, and tens of millions in the US don't believe dinosaurs existed because they aren't mentioned in the Bible.

As regards poverty rates, China has achieved its progress by a mix of capitalism and strong government intervention. A lot of poor Chinese have left the paddies field and moved to an afflunt of foreign-owned sweatshops. The cost off the books is frightening - China is going through its resources at an alarming rate, and polluting its environment like there's no tomorrow. One day they will fall to earth and for non-paved public roads that would see logging truck traffic. It was the CARE Society that respectfully asked BCTS to dig up the road on the private road, they considered it to be a reasonable request and compiled.

"Quote: "We have seen additional dust control on our road to reflect extra traffic. Additional dust control was done on the last 100 meters of private access road to minimize the impact on our road. The Kabels or the Slocan Park CARE group have had many healthy discussions, they are a very effective group." - Keith Newberry, Slocan Park CARE group.

Quote: "Small scale salvage/single tree selective harvesting creates small trails, which allow water for water tanks, fine pumps, and tools in order to fight fires. Salvage/selection harvesting also creates trails for bikers and mountain bike enthusiasts. The current policies don't seem to support the clean in the practices of large corporations.

My letter regarding forest fire prevention published in the Valley Voice (June 2010) received only one expression of support. In this regard I was relieved to find that the fire interface project demands tax dollars from our community. There is zero timber revenue from this plan. Small scale salvage/single tree selective harvesting is productive and reduces fire for more efficiently.

The practice of single tree selective harvesting has been implemented 60 years ago on the flats above New Denver, Hills, across the lake, and generally throughout the valley; this practice has not eradicated fire. We have not been experiencing the problem of forest fire fuels if single tree selective harvesting (which included small scale salvage) had not been phased out as large companies moved in 40 or 50 years ago.

The fire interface plan for New Denver addresses small areas around New Denver, so the majority of the forest is not addressed.

The threat of devastating forest fires is imminent. Small scale salvage/single tree selective harvesting substantially reduce fire risk.

We need to come together as a community and demand that our forests be protected and that our firefighters are able to gain easy access, as well as local residents and tourists for recreation.

Peter Kabel made an excellent point in the July 28 Valley Voice: "The People should lead and the Government will follow." The community of New Denver could set the example regarding policy change.

Forest fires continue to destroy our forest resources and threaten our lives. Resulting slides from forest fires are continuously evident. Small scale salvage/single tree selective harvesting helps reduce fire risk.

Are we going to allow forest fires to burn our homes and threaten our lives? Write to your provincial Minister of Forests (FOR.Minister@gov.bc.ca) and the premier (Premier@gov.bc.ca) and the prime minister (fax: (613) 941-6900) to promote policy change and support for small scale salvage/single tree selective harvesting.

Ron Hus New Denver

Keith Newberry Slocan

A reply to Roger Pratt, champion of capitalism

A democracy chose its rulers, but only half the demonstrators in the street. Are the BC results legitimate? Apparently so. But to change the voting system, get rid of FPP? 57.5% of votes are not sufficient (that is why STV won in 2005, in case readers forget).

Victorious BC Premier Campbell said May 12, 2009 that "British Columbians don’t want politics that take side region against region, or class against class – if there is even such a thing in BC any more." A very penetrating thing to say; to right the heart of traditional socialists views of politics.

Stop whining about the death of socialism and of large companies, my side is not. No less an expert than the 50 billion dollar man, Warren Buffet, said it: "There is a class war, and my side is winning." Who would argue with such success then?

The interventions gave Canada democracy – the American, the French, and the English. Violence and the threat of violence attended the birth of each. We had a failed violent revolution in 1837/38. Napoleon's Legionnaires and Fabian and totalitarian systems in East and South Europe showed not all peoples thought liberalism was best. But, from 1946 to the '30's and 2002, the democracy on the Anglo-American model rode high. The Soviets lost their empire. Marxism died. Democracy came again to East Europe, even South America. Markets blossomed. Socialism is not on anyone's agenda in our democratic world, liberalism in the mode of free-market capitalism, rule of law, private enterprise, corporate organization as the basis of earning livelihood, has won acceptance by all humanity. Why ask for alternative visions? The salvation of capitalism by actions of governments, by infusions of incomprehensible trillions into banks and corporations, hasn't created revolutions. In 1934, fear of a socialist revolution forced the Tsar to make plans to generate jobs. Fear unemployed workers now? No way. What new system could they want?

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Chadbourne Nelson Queens Bay Townsite

Logging in Queens Bay watershed is wrong

Queens Bay Townsite was planted in orchards by the British 100 years ago to export gourmet fruit to England for their Christmas festivals. Today the old trees still stand, providing a serene setting along with fruit for eating, juicing, or trade to their caretakers.

This benchland that the small village is located on is in the agricultural land reserve, a rare thing for this part of BC and a much needed resource for those of us striving to become food sustainable.

This area has a history of water wars between the original settlers who set up their farms shortly after a major forest fire had burned through the West Arm, leaving the hillside or the forests behind. There are stories of the 'water wars' amongst neighbours, people 'riding shotgun' on the shared pickup in Aylmer Creek to protect their flame's flow to irrigate their orchards before the forest renewed, so did the creek's water.

During the late '70s, just before we arrived, logging started on the hillside above the valley. For years logging was so extensive there was so much silt and rock in the streams, but especially in Aylmer Creek, that during the summer it was tough to pick up the pebbles on the bottom of the creek, much less the stone. Inflitrating started among the licences, finally culminating in acrimonius court action. Over the 30 years that I have lived here, there is a correlation between the forests regenerating above us and steadier water supply, along with relaxed neighbours, is obvious.

Slowly has followed, after years of "negotiations," Perceval. Capitol Products of Yen has the 'legal right' to head the headwaters of Aylmer Creek – a mature spongy area never roared before. This is a repudiation of process, as well as ignorant, unwholistic forst. But the Ministry of Forests is mandated to cut trees, not protect water. This is wrong, terribly wrong and must stop.

Our national, provincial and regional governments are trying to come to terms with changing climate, poor soil, the need to manage water resources in a more sustainable way, and filthy rich industrial lobby groups that want business to carry on as usual. It seems irrelevant to me that citizens need to band together and demand a change in the way the MoF is legally structured or create another agency that has greater power for water and human rights.

As the saying goes: 'You wouldn’t let a sugar crazed teenager manage the family candy shop.' So why do we allow the MoF to call the shots over our watersheds, our lives?

Claudette Burton Queens Bay Townsite
Slocan Lake Dance Camp growing steadily

by Jan McMurray

The sixth annual Slocan Lake Dance Camp, held July 22-25 at Bosun Hall in New Denver, attracted about 80 people.

As well as people from the Kootenay region, dance camp participants came from Calgary, Grand Forks, and Kelowna. There was also one person from Saskatchewan and a couple from Colorado, who “stumbled upon” the event while travelling through the area.

Over the four days, classes were offered in foxtrot, waltz, quickstep, swing, tango, cha cha, samba, and sals. Every evening, there was a social dance at the hall, where people could put into practise what they learned during the workshops.

Organizer Fran Wallis, from Silverton, is very pleased with the steady growth of the dance camp over its first six years. Wallis says the idea for the dance camp was originally “very self serving. I wanted to bring teachers here so I could learn from them. And because I live in paradise and everyone wants to come here, it wasn’t a hard sell.”

Walls has since gotten certification as a teacher, and has been conducting dance classes periodically throughout the year in New Denver. She also taught at the dance camp for the first time this year. In past years, she has been so busy doing the organizing that she has not had time to teach during the camp. This year, there were five instructors, including Wallis. Instructors came from Kelowna, Calgary and Cranbrook.

Wallis says this type of dance is “super healthy” on more than one level. “It’s a cardio workout – it’s a good way to keep physically fit,” she says, adding that there is no alcohol or drugs involved. Also, she says it’s a healthy way to meet people. “It’s dynamic, cooperative play – someone leads and someone follows, but it has to be cooperative.”

Wallis also believes that this type of dance is very healthy for the relationship between men and women. “The relationship between men and women is at the core of our society, and in my opinion, men and women are not listening to one another. This is an environment where men and women have to listen to one another and cooperate, because each plays a part.”

A little later this month, some friends of Wallis’ are coming to New Denver and will do an Argentine tango performance and workshop. Email Wallis at franwallis@redmtn.ca to sign up for the workshop.
Artistic Expression

by Art Joyce

Nakusp artist Barbara Maye’s exhibition entitled Llunio will be featured at Studio Connexion in Nakusp, which will be open during the Columbia Basin Culture Tour on August 14 and 15 from 10 am to 5 pm. Llunio takes an unconventional approach to the study of the female figure intended to provoke thought about society’s view of feminine beauty.

The paintings have had a long evolution, and undergone many transformations over the years. Llunio is a Welsh word meaning form, to take shape, or fabricate; it can be active or passive, meaning one can form or be formed. Maye says the poses she’s chosen are consciously designed to be different than the traditional poses used in portraying the female body, yet still reflect the beauty of the form.

The fragmented female is closely observed in a series of stretches aimed at releasing limitations, tension and emotion in what for women is often a heavily loaded subject.

“It’s a female perception of the self, whether we look at it as something we can do something about or we can’t. The intention is to reveal that the light and shadow side of ourselves are in perfect harmony. The series honours the journey that questions how women are perceived, both from my matrilineal heritage and cultural influences.”

The matrilineal side of Maye’s family is Welsh, so she changed her family name to reflect that heritage. She says the women in her family didn’t like the way they looked, so she wanted to change that view. “I always want to honour the women in my family, and question inherited ideas of self. We’re oppressed by this idea that beauty is what’s on the outside.”

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regarding the ESTABLISHMENT OF
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Drug and alcohol prevention program piloted in West Kootenay schools

Seven West Kootenay schools have benefited from a locally developed program for drug and alcohol prevention.

Grades 4-7 students at Nakusp Elementary, Lucerne, Brent Kennedy, Crawford Bay, Trafalgar, Robson and Glenmerry Elementary were involved in the program last year, and will continue next school year. After that, continued funding support for the program is uncertain.

“I believe this program helps the students, parents and the community to start talking about sensitive issues like drugs and alcohol with the youth,” says program leader, Bonnie Lundmark.

The program was developed by Freedom Quest, a regional services provider for youth and families throughout the communities so far,” says Lundmark. “It is amazing the level of knowledge the students have about all of the different substances.”

However, she also points out that some of the students’ knowledge about drug and alcohol is coming from TV shows such as Trailer Park Boys, and from movies and songs, and is not always accurate information. “The program helps de-bunk any myths about substances,” says Lundmark. Freedom Quest has offices in Nelson, Castlegar and Trail, with workers in Nakusp, Kaslo, Salmo and Grand Forks.

South Slocan residents to get treated water this week

The new South Slocan water system is scheduled to go online this week, but “no one in the community that I’m aware of is jumping up and down with joy,” says Peter Wood, chair of the local South Slocan Commission of Management for the water system. “We’re not overjoyed that we’re going to get chlorinated water, and it’s going to cost us two or three times more than before,” he said. “A lot of us came here because the water was so good –untreated and chlorine-free. As far as we were concerned, that was great.”

South Slocan’s water source is a spring. With samples showing bacteria in the water, the system was on Boil Water Advisory for many years. However, South Slocan residents generally did not boil their water and no one got sick.

In 2003, drinking water regulations became stricter, requiring water at risk of containing pathogens to be treated. IH started cracking down on systems on Boil Water Advisory.

South Slocan's Branch #20 office or leave a message at 1-877-304-2676.

South Slocan residents generally did not boil their water, and no one got sick. However, the new tank is still part of the system, so the new tank has doubled the community’s storage capacity.

On Wednesday, August 11, the water piping system is scheduled for hyperchlorination, to disinfect the pipes prior to bringing the new system online.

July 23, 2010

Please be advised that the pilings located at District Lot 14256, Kootenay District, Bed of Kootenay Lake, British Columbia, referred to as Mirror Lake Mooring Dolphins, will be removed after October 15, 2010.

Please contact Gouin Barford, Senior Engineer, Public Works and Government Services Canada, at 604-775-6653, for more information.
Kaslo’s Water Street concept plan goes to the public

by Jan McMurray

A concept plan for Water Street was on display at the August 7 Kaslo Saturday Market so that members of the public could provide their input.

At the end of the market day, Councillor Frary said the public viewpoints varied widely. Generally speaking, visitors to Kaslo want to have the street beautifully landscaped for pedestrians only, while local people want to maximize parking on the street. However, he said most people could see that the plan is a compromise between the two viewpoints.

The plan calls for two-way traffic and two lanes on Water Street, as the street is a loading zone, and vehicles must be able to travel around the delivery trucks while they are unloading.

Birthday party for Kaslo at Kembell Garden on August 14

submitted by Erika Bird

On Saturday, August 14, come and celebrate Kaslo’s anniversary at the Kembell Memorial Centre Garden.

Kaslo was incorporated as a city on this date in 1893. It’s hard to imagine the catastrophic explosions of pride, energy and sheer hard work that motivated the men and women of 117 years ago to declare a city in such a remote wilderness – but it is fodder for some amazing tales with a touch of the ridiculous and magnificent.

About 25 parallel parking spaces are shown on the plan, all along the lake (north) side of the street. Currently, there is perpendicular parking, which provides 40-50 spaces. However, keeping perpendicular parking, or creating diagonal parking, would leave no room for the lakeside walkway and landscaping features, which are the main point of the project – the provincial LocalMotion grant that will fund the project is for pedestrian infrastructure. However, parking was a main concern of the public. Frary feels that a parking study is in order, to find ways of optimizing parking in the village. “I think we could pick up the loss,” he said.

The curb line is 32 feet out from the property line on the businesses (south) side of the street. A boulevard (three to four feet wide) lies between the curb and the lakeside walkway. The walkway is a cement sidewalk (six feet wide), just like the one that has recently been put in at the cenotaph, and follows a straight line parallel to the street.

On the lake side of the sidewalk, there will be landscaping features such as low flowering shrubs. These will not block the view of the lake and are fairly low maintenance. The plan also shows picnic tables and benches installed intermittently along the lake side of the walkway, and two lookouts. Unlike the original plan done by Lees & Associates for the LocalMotion grant application, the lookouts are not cantilevered and jutting out over the bank. This is because an engineering study was done on the lakeside bank as part of this project, and the recommendation is to keep development back from the edge of the bank.

The plan also shows crosswalks for pedestrians crossing the street at Front Street Park, the cenotaph and the lamppost.

The first phase of the project will include installing the curb and gutter and the sidewalk, as well as some landscaping features. Over time, picnic tables, benches and the lookouts can be put in. The longer term work will include underground wiring on the south side of the street, and then paving the street.

The curb and gutter job will be contracted out, and the Village crew will install the sidewalk and do the landscaping. Comments from the public will be discussed at an upcoming Development Services Committee meeting before the plan is finalized.

Upgrades planned for Kaslo campground

by Jan McMurray

Kaslo council plans to expand and upgrade the municipal campground, and Mayor Lay was on hand at the August 7 Saturday market to let the public know about the project. The plan is to build 12 additional sites, for a total of 30. Currently, there are 18 campsites at the facility. A new washroom building to replace the existing one, is also part of the plan.

Break and enter at Kaslo liquor store

by Jan McMurray

Kaslo’s liquor store was broken into during the very early morning hours of Sunday, August 8. A good quantity of alcohol was stolen. Suspects gained entrance by smashing the large front pane window, leaving a big mess of broken glass on the sidewalk and inside the store. The window was boarded up immediately and will be replaced on Thursday. Anyone with information is asked to call the Kaslo RCMP at 250-353-2225 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-327-8477 (TIPS).

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VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

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The Village of New Denver would like to remind residents of the problems that can arise during the summer months with bears coming into the village. Residents are requested to refrain from putting out garbage prior to 6:00 a.m. on garbage collection day, unless it is in bear proof containers. If you have an over abundance of fruit in your yard that is not going to be used, please contact the Community Fruit Harvesting Project at 250-358-7225.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BYLAW NO. 650, 2010 AND BYLAW NO. 651, 2010

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

115 SLOCAN AVENUE, NEW DENVER, BC
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2010

Pursuant to Sections 890 and 892 of the Local Government Act, a public hearing will be held to consider the following bylaws of the Village of New Denver: “Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 650, 2010” and “Village of New Denver Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 651, 2010”.

The purpose of Bylaw 650 is to amend the land use designation for the following lands:

1. Amend Schedule “B” of Bylaw No. 611, 2007 by amending the land use designation for the following lands from “Public & Institutional” to “Single Family Residential”:
   - Lot 3, Block G, Plan 4177, District Lot 549, Kootenay Land District

The purpose of Bylaw 651 is to amend the land use zoning for the following lands:

2. Amend Schedule B of Bylaw No. 612, 2007 by rezoning the following lands from “P2 – Public & Institutional” to “R1 – Single & Two Family Residential”:
   - Lot 3, Block G, Plan 4177, District Lot 549, Kootenay Land District

This parcel is shown outlined in black on the accompanying map.
KASLO JAZZFEST

All Tambura Rasa band members gave high-energy, high-calibre performances, but violinist Michael Fraser deserves special mention.

Tambura Rasa put on a great show, complete with flamenco and samba dancers.

Promising local guitarist and singer, 15-year-old Tenise Trueman of Argenta, played on the festival grounds in between main stage acts.

Arsen Shomakhov, originally from Russia and now living in BC, played some very upbeat blues and jazz.

The Moving Mosaic Samba Band wove through the festival grounds, drumming and dancing and delighting the crowd.

Spyro Gyra blew the crowd away. What a finale to the festival!

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The Valley Voice August 11, 2010
Ruthie Foster headlined Kaslo Jazzfest’s Friday night with her trademark blues-gospel sound and a clear, soulful voice that could peel paint without stretching a lung.

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Note New Date & Time

6:00 pm - Sunday, August 22nd
Location – Rock Island Resort
Tickets - $20, kids under 12 free

Tickets available at Prima Materia in Nakusp or Rock Island Resort. For info call 1-888-256-0040.

This is an outdoor concert, so bring a lawn chair and weather relevant clothing.
Locavores’ 100 Mile Potluck planned for Vallican Whole
submitted
That wonderful time of abundance is here again, and here comes that joyous event that’s all about everything local: The Locavores’ Feast (aka the 100 Mile Potluck). On Saturday August 14, join your friends, family and neighbours at the Vallican Whole Community Centre for this semi-annual celebration of local culture and cuisine. Things get underway in the early afternoon, so plan to get there early.

This year the Whole is also participating in the Columbia Basin Cultural Tour, starting on Saturday and continuing through Sunday, with a fine array of art and artists in place for both days. The Locavores’ Feast is, of course, the heart of this event. Bring a giant potluck dish prepared as much as possible from local ingredients. Raid your trees and gardens, and if you don’t grow food here, your chance to go to the Farmers’ Market and support our local growers.
The potluck, ably coordinated by Delaine Hird and a crew of willing helpers, will start setting up at 5 pm; dinner will be ready at 6 pm. Admission is by donation and a potluck item.

Local musicians will be performing starting around 1:30 in the afternoon. Delaine and Gene Hird and the ever-popular Highwater group will delight their fans old and new. Olly and Terry will get your feet tapping, Cedar DeBruyn will make music you won’t forget, and Sophia Gray’s amazing voice will lift you up and send a sweet tremor through all seven chakras. And that’s not all – the list continues to grow, and surprises will be the order of the day. While all this is going on, try your hand at cedar bark weaving with Gitta and knitting with Monique. Learn to make hula hoops with Amy Jean and then discover the art of swinging your hips within them.

After dinner on Saturday, once again the Whole hosts Six Slocan Valley Minutes, where anyone can do anything for six minutes or less (as long as it’s not illegal, immoral or disgusting). The big hits at this event are the most surprising: making a machine apart, making a sculpture, teaching a skill, writing a song together, coming up with strange uses for everyday things, making a human pyramid. You’re more than welcome to sing or dance or tell a story, but if you can dream up something really outrageous to do with your six minutes, the crowd will love it.

When the Columbia Basin Cultural Tour’s dates coincided with the Whole’s summer event, it just seemed natural to combine the two. Come and hear about the Whole’s ambitious plans to create a local sculpture park. Enjoy the creativity of several local artists, including Buck Walker, Peter Velisek, Cindy Moser and Richard Crozier, Naomi Lewis, Yvonne Munroe, Kevin Kratz, Seamus Gray and Moe Lyons. A unique opportunity will be presented by Luke Vreys, who will amuse the crowd by creating his impressive chainsaw sculptures right in the Whole’s front yard. And of course, the Vallican Whole is a work of art unto itself.

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy nears completion
by Art Joyce
The Kaslo and Area D Climate Change Adaptation Strategy final report is undergoing its final stages, with the RDCK board preparing its recommendations for action, says project coordinator Tim Sander. The Village of Kaslo and the Regional District have agreed to extend the deadline for the report to September 30 to allow for more public consultation and board discussion.

“We need to make sure we get it right,” says Sander.

With yet another study on climate change recently released by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration confirming global climate change, it’s getting harder and harder to remain a skeptic. The Columbia Basin Trust/RDCK/Kaslo Village funded project is looking at local food and water provision, forecasting to 2050 using climate change projections supplied by the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium.

“In essence, we will be well challenged by climate change, both globally and locally,” says Sander. “Less rainfall and hotter temperatures will present massive challenges for food growing and local water supply.”

Although discussions at the RDCK board were ongoing, Sander says the recommendations they offer will likely focus on education, food security and water conservation. Food security is being framed within the context of climate change and opportunities for what can be grown in a changing climate, and ways of protecting what little agricultural land exists in the region. Although controversial, Sander sees planning as an essential element for agricultural preservation and to properly direct development.

“Area D agricultural land is especially important because it’s all grade 4 and grade 5, the low end of the agricultural scale, which means it’s all we’ve got to we have to protect it. We can’t have everybody building houses on agricultural land.”

The public will need to maintain pressure on elected officials at all levels of government to protect the Agricultural Land Reserve. Without any consistent, coordinated planning between the provincial, regional and local governments it will also be difficult to have any meaningful effect on greenhouse gas reduction. “Politicians need to be told that non-action is not an option,” he says, and thankfully Regional District directors such as Andy Shadrack are listening and acting. The Village of Nakusp is also doing its part with initiatives such as the geothermal heating of Kaslo and Area D fire service buildings.

A new Kaslo and Area D fire service will soon be well defined, thanks to $20,000 from the RDCK. The money will be used to further examine the financial and operational benefits of creating a new RDCK fire service, covering the area from Ainsworth to Schroeder Creek.

Once this study is complete, the information will be presented to the public at a public meeting. The public will decide in a referendum whether or not to move to a regional fire service.

Currently, the Village of Kaslo has a contract with the RDCK to provide fire services to a portion of Area D, from the Ainslo subdivision unit for the new emergency services complex. A similar unit was installed in Village of New Denver’s office complex renovation.

The project has been examining how much water is available for collection within the region and protection and further water monitoring. At present only Mirror Lake has a coordinated water monitoring group. Water meters are being phased out the provincial level in 2014, and currently on all new construction. Sander believes typical summer water supply shortages may be worsened by climate change. Monitoring needs to include measures to reduce and redirect water, for example using grey water to flush toilets, and using catchment water for gardens. Water is an essential right, Sander explains, it’s not about restricting that right, but about reducing the amount we use. Nor should it become merely an excuse for another tax, he hastens to add.

“It’s not about making money, it’s ultimately about water use reduction. We have to be rational about what we use; we’ll have to learn a degree of moderation.”

The public can comment by contacting Sander at areadaptation@columbiariver.org.

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy nears completion

In the Fletcher Creek area to Shuty Bench. The Village and the Area D Director would like to create a regional service instead of continuing with the contractual arrangement.

A regional service would create equal taxation across the service area, whereas Village residents currently pay more for their fire department than do Area D residents who are covered under the contract.

Taxation will increase significantly with a new service, however, as the Kaslo fire hall must be replaced and small single-bay halls would be constructed at Schroeder Creek and Woodbury. The goal is to begin construction of these new facilities in spring 2012.
Kaslo council, July 27: Sign bylaw to be reviewed

by Jan McMurray

• Kal Niijar, local realtor, attended as a delegation to ask council to reconsider the current backhoe bylaw. The Village received one complaint about Niijar’s signs on buildings in downtown Kaslo from another local realtor, and Niijar said he and other local home-based business owners should not be forced to rent office space in order to advertise their businesses.

• Councillor Leathwood reported that people were illegally camping at the beach, skateboard park and boat launch. “It’s happening more and more, so we’d better do something about it,” she said. Mayor Lay said that the bylaw that was called the RCMP several times about this, but officers are not available to deal with it. Council decided to call a meeting with this item on the agenda as soon as possible to discuss sharing the cost of hiring a security person to patrol the campground and the beach. Mayor Lay volunteered to ask the illegal campers to move the following morning.

• An email from Kootenay Rockies Tourism informs council that there is a $1,000 tourism related grant for Kaslo, but it must be matched. Council will find out if the Kootenay Lake Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) can match the funds for a Kaslo campground promotion project.

• The infrastructure cost recovery study contract was awarded to TRUE Consulting Group for $10,000.

• A meeting on park use policy was held July 20. It was decided to ask the Liquid Waste Management Committee to investigate sewer connection for the building permit. They also reclamation to Parks Canada for grant funding will proceed immediately, rather than waiting for the October deadline. Staff was to apply for the building permit around July 23.

• Windows at the Kemball Memorial Centre (KMC) will be stenciled (to minimize heat loss). They will be refurbished where necessary and as the budget allows. David Bayliss won the contract to paint the building for a cost of $21,773.76. Mary-Alana Holmes will be invited to do a psychic cleansing of the KMC.

Kaslo Bear Smart program update on bear activity

Submitted by Gillian Sanders

The North Kootenay Lake Bear Smart Program is tracking bear movements again in the North Kootenay Lake area, and residents are asked to call in with their sightings. Bear activity was generally slow this spring in our area, but the North Kootenay communities had many problems with bears.

It may be that residents in our area are aware of bears and the North Kootenay Bear Smart Program, and not reporting sightings, or alerts for bear attractants and preventing conflicts. The majority of residents now store their garbage where it is inaccessible to bears, and this has greatly reduced conflicts in Kaslo and area. The program has bear-resistant garbage cans available for loan to local residents (also great for safely storing livestock feed). The program has found that the cost of electric fencing to protect fruit trees and small livestock from bears and also provides information on composting. The North Kootenay Lake Bear Smart Program thanks the following organizations for their support: The Village of Kaslo, RDCK, Columbia Basin Trust, BC Conservation Foundation, Bear Aware, BC Hydro/Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program, and the Provincial government.

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Don’t get trapped off by group benefits?

If you are a business owner, you have probably established or thought about adding group employee benefits coverage for your company. Most business owners want to provide their employees with the protection and the value offered by a health and dental plan; however, they also have to ensure a healthy bottom line.

Whenever I talk to a business owner about reviewing their current benefits plan, most of them are only willing if I can save them money. In most cases, the answer is always yes but it is not necessarily because of cost. It is simply because I try to design health and dental plans that maximize the benefit to the business owner and the employees — not the insurance company.

There are three ways to create a group benefits plan. The traditional type of employee benefits is through an actual insurance company where you can design the coverage and benefits being offered, establish limits you want to set and what deductibles or co-insurance you want the employees to pay. The insurance company creates the plan and then adjusts the cost of the plan up or down depending on how much everyone uses the plan.

This plan design maximizes flexibility and it also does a good job protecting the employees. The down side is that the cost of the company is about 30 percent more than your employees are actually receiving in claims. The reason for this is that the premium dollars go toward paying the insurance company who is putting the plan together, the advisor establishing the plan and the shareholders of the insurance company who are expecting a profit.

This does not mean having group benefits is a waste of money. It simply means that you should use insurance companies for costs that the business could not cover on its own such as prescription drugs or disability benefits. Vision care, major dental and even professional services are not catastrophic events so why pay an insurance company a higher price for them?

Another form of dealing with group benefits is through a Private Health Spending Account. Using an administrative process, an employee will submit their receipts for health and dental costs to a third party administrator. That administrator administrates the plan and pay the employee the cost of their claims. Essentially it is like the company directly paying for the employee’s health and dental item. A traditional insurance plan, however, the Private Health Services Account will only deal with the administrator’s cost, which is usually 10 percent.

The Private Health Services Account plan is also very flexible but the amount that an employee spends cannot exceed the limit set by the employer. This makes it very cost effective but also creates a containment unlike traditional group plans that can potentially increase each year.

A third form of dealing with group benefits is using pooled group carriers. These plans pool all the different company’s usage under one plan. What this creates is a steady cost increase year over year for your company. This traditional group plan that can go up 50 to 100 percent in a year. This is because a traditional group plan determines future costs by how much the plan was utilized vs. what the insurance company was paid in premiums. Also, there are pooled carriers that are not-for-profit, eliminating the need for shareholder value to be built into the plan.

Which plan is best suited for your company depends on their goals, their age demographic and the size of their workforce. I recommend traditional group plans for companies with more than 10 employees. For companies with less than 10 employees, I would recommend the pooled group or self-funded. PHSF is recommended any time the workforce has a high turnover or has younger employees. Most often, I recommend a combination of these three plans to take advantage of each one’s strengths but none of their weaknesses. For example, I may use the traditional group plan for the prescription drugs, 81,000 hectares of farmland was in production in these regions. So we could, in theory, look just beyond Area D for complete food self-reliance. (Thomas Chalmers, Kootenay Mountain Culture Magazine) However, the farming population of Canada is only 2.2% of the population. The average age of a farmer in the Kootenays is 54. After gross expenses, farmers reported a net income of between $135 to a maximum of $5,571. While the amount of arable land is not the issue determining food security – it is whether or not a farmer has secure access to that land, and the length of time this is available.

At this time, with cheap food from highly subsidized markets and farms within the ALK selling for close to one million dollars, our ability to be food secure is limited. This is due to institutional and economical barriers, a lack of support for local farmers, and the farmers to push farmers off the land, we are losing the foundation to attaining food security. Without farmers, we have no food. Fallow land with a few horses would not feed our communities.

One of the resources that the Kaslo Food Security Project created to help bridge the gap between the need to decrease food insecurity and the barriers to do so is the West Kootenay Farmland Database. This is an online resource where farmers looking for land and landowners looking for tenants can connect. If you are a farmer or a landowner looking to connect, please contact us and we will make sure you are listed. The directory can be found at www.viklcsc.org.

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GOLF COURSES

Slocan Lake Golf Course  New Denver  Phone: (250) 358-2408
9 HOLE GOLF COURSE OPEN 7AM TO Dusk
GREEN FEES  $20.00/18 holes, $13.00/9 holes; Day Pass: $20.25;  Weekly Rates: $204.75

RENTALS: Clubs and cart available. Power cart: $22.00/10 holes; $33.60/18 holes. All prices include tax.

19TH HOLE RESTAURANT: Tues-Sat. 11:00 am-2:00 pm and 4:00 pm-8:00 pm; Sun-Fri. 11:00 am-3:00 pm for lunch. Restaurant (250) 358-2183
2010 TOURNAMENTS: 
- Open Tournament: August 8. Everyone welcome.

Nakusp Golf Club  Phone/Fax: (250) 645-2431
9 HOLE PUBLIC COURSE  RATES IN EFFECT 7 DAYS A WEEK
GREEN FEES: Adults $13.00, Seniors $9.00, Juniors $5.00. Rates 10% off

16 Juniors 14-16 $17.10 and 15 $13.10/18 holes; 10 game punch card available

RENTALS: Clubs, pull carts.

BISTRO AT THE COURSE: Fully licenced restaurant. Phone: (250) 265-3585
Walk on tee times, no reservations required.
Ladies’ nights: Tuesdays 7:30-9:00. Ladies welcome.
Men’s nights: Thursdays 4:00-6:00. Guests welcome.

Valley View Golf Course  Phone/Fax: (250) 226-7241
9 HOLE GOLF COURSE AND RESTAURANT, OPEN 8 AM 8 PM
GREEN FEES: $20.00/9 holes, $27.50/18 holes, Juniors 15/9 holes 10 game punch pass available
RENTALS: Power carts, pull carts, rental clubs.
Walk on tee times, no reservations required.

Tuesdays Seniors (55+) non-members: $11 + non-members: $12 +

Today $10 + includes golf, fries & pop, prizes and parents golf free

Wednesday Ladies Night: 15% off non-members. 12% off men’s club play

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ACCOMMODATIONS & RESTAURANTS

For more places to eat, see Golf Courses

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GALLERIES

Hidden Garden Gallery  (250) 358-2297 www.slocanlake.com/hiddengarden
Ten anniversary celebration show features Tues. through Sun. 10 to 3 at 803 Kildare St., New Denver.

The Arrow Lakes Fine Arts Guild Gallery 311 Broadway, Nakusp

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Studio Connexion  (250) 265-8888 201 5th Avenue NW, Nakusp

CAMPGROUNDS

Kaslo Municipal Campground  (250) 353-3662 www.kaslo.ca
kaslo municipalcampground@yahoo.ca May 1-Sept. 30. Serviced (521) unserviced sites (518) Water and power hook-ups, fire pits, picnic tables, restrooms and hot showers. Downtown location, close to park, beach, playground, S.S. Moyie information and great shopping! Pets on leach welcome.

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Three Islands Resort Campground  (250) 265-3023 65 sites, full/semi hook-ups, tenting, boat launch, paddle boats & canoes, pets welcome, children’s playground, firewood, fishing, hiking trail, confectionery, vanity station, laundry facilities, large gazebo with BBQ pits.


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Open 10:00 to 5:00. Located 13 km east of New Denver on Hwy 31A in historic silver mining ghost town. Collection of stunning photographs and fascinating artifacts, including the famous “two storey mousetrap.” Admission (Cash only): $1 & over: $4, 12-17 yrs & Seniors 53, ‘Children under 12, members free, Family (4): $10.

Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre  (250) 358-7288 The only historic site in Canada dedicated to telling the WWII internment story. Located in The Orchard in New Denver; open 7 days a week 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

U.S. Moyie River Resort  (250) 253-2306 www.ktbs.ca 334 Front Street, Kaslo, BC The world’s oldest intact Passenger Sternwheeler, a National Historic Site located just one hour north of Nelson, and 30 minutes north of the Kootenay Ferry at Crawford Bay. - Open daily from 9 to 5, and May thru Thanksgiving weekend.

Silvery Slocan Museum  (250) 358-2281 The old Bank of Montana building at the foot of New Denver’s main street, restored to circa 1900. Special tours welcome. Please call 358-2281 or 358-2656 for further information. Hope to see you!
Brodie Boland and Jodi Brownell
Jodi Brownell, daughter of Pat & Susan Brownell of Falkland, BC, and Brodie Boland, son of Dave & Jean Boland of Kaslo, BC, were married July 25, 2010, at Boland, son of Dave & Jean Boland of Kaslo, BC, were married July 25, 2010, at
Lemon Squares available all day every day?! 250-358-2267.

PERRY RIDGE WATER USERS
Association appreciates the Columbia Basin Trust funding for the educational component of website development. Instruction was given to volunteers using Word Press, a user friendly software for non-technical communications.

COMING EVENTS
LAKELORE GALLERY in Slocan City presents, on Thursday, August 12, “Done Gone Settling,” a bluegrass band from the valley, show starts 8 pm, $12 door. Scott Arnold, highly acclaimed classical guitarist and five string banjo player graces our stage Saturday, August 14 7:30 pm, $17 door followed by the ever evolving house-band held up by Rocket Rob (aka Bobby Milton). Lakelore Gallery is also honored to be a participant in the ‘Columbia Basin Culture Tour.’ This tour is vital to so many artisans so we hope you all get out and support it. Also Kootenay Co-Op Radio will be on site recording open-stage for the month of August as a fundraiser for the radio, so if you want to hear yourself on the radio come to the gallery Thursday Open Stage. Thanks to everyone for their continued support.

THE FRIDAY MARKET happens in downtown New Denver every Friday, June to September, 10 am to 2 pm. Features local growers and vendors.

Happy Birthday Doogle-Bear!
My how time flies when you’re having fun! I am always and always will be the luckiest girl in the world to land a man like you. You are the most caring, thoughtful, selfless, helpful, giving, devoted, noble, compassionate and patient man I have ever met. We are the true definition of ‘opposites attract,’ and we are very fortunate to lead the lives we do. I am forever grateful for you! You do an amazing amount of unrecognised and unwarded and unappreciated actions and volunteer time in this community. You are a rare breed that is still a man that honours his word and makes people remember this beautiful little community for what it is thanks to people like you.

All my love always, Stacey

THE MEMBERS OF THE GILL AND BERISOFF FAMILY would like to sincerely thank the Grand Forks Funeral Home, Pastor Ron Legney for his kind words and the community for their heartfelt gifts of compassion and thoughtfulness. We would especially like to thank the community for cards, food, phone calls, flowers and words of encouragement. Thank you to the Community Club ladies for the beautiful gift of food and desserts. We appreciate your time and effort in helping us through this sad time. Thank you to all the people who came and attended Linni’s memorial services. We would also like to thank all those who were unable to attend for their kind thoughts. Sincerely, from Rick, Joyce, Sydney, Sherry, Chalali, Alexis, Larry, Rebecca, Rob, Arthur. Rex and friends
A LEONEL. This free family community event is August 20, 6-10 pm, Baker St, downtown. Call 250-355-2245 to reserve. No minors.

Mountain Station, Slocan or phone 250-353-7592.

Three live bands. Slocan Legion Hall opening on Thursday, August 26 at 7 pm.

Gallery from August 24 -29, with the KASLO SATURDAY MARKET, August 11, 2010.

Slocan Village Market
Ann’s Natural Foods
805 Kildare St., New Denver
Open 7 days/week, 9 am - 8 pm

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Mon. - Fri. 7 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Sat. 10:00-4:00

Saucer Café

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LOCATEVRE’S FEAST! Saturday, August 14. Vallican Whole Community Centre. 1:30 pm activities begin, live music, workshops. 100 Mile Forks setup at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm. Bring lots of local food! Six Slocan Valley Ministries dinner. Columbia Basin Culture Tour event (lots of fun Nelson style. For more information, contact Rose 250-825-4034.

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ST. ANDREW’S United Church BURGER & BRAT SALE. Saturday, August 14, 10:30-5:30 at Slocan Burton Frontage Road (also bake sale).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR WANTED - New Denver Nursery School. Must be ECE certified. If you are passionate about working with children in a creative and supportive environment, please email resume and cover letter to SLEL@sbord.com or mail to: Box 466 New Denver, BC V0G 1G0.

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NOTICE

FOR INFORMATION ON AA OR ALANON MEETINGS contact in New Denver: 358-7094 or 358-1758; Nakusp 265-4924; Kaslo 353-2608; Slocan 355-2805; South Slocan 226-7705.

100 MILE GIVING! Visiting for the holidays? Like me all year? Want to support local people helping local communities? North Kootenay Lake Community Services in Kaslo hosts 24 programs from counselling and children’s programs to food security from Ainsworth, East Shore to Johnson’s Landing. Check us out at www.nikscs.org and hit Donate Now! For a charitable tax receipt on gifts over $10. Ph. 250-552-7991.

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COMMUNITY

Lorin Berisoff

Beloved father, partner, son, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away on July 27, 2010, at his home in Grand Forks, BC, at the age of 42. Lorin will be sadly missed and forever remembered by his daughters Chali and Alexis, by his partner Stacey Williamson and family, by his mother Susan (Deer, Alberta), his nephew Shaun Mercer and Art Gill, as well as his several nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and many, many friends. Lorin started his family with Wren in Silverton and they moved to Whitehorse, Yukon. Here Lorin fought forest fires as a smoke jumper. Returning to Silverton he started his career in diamond drilling where he proved to be dedicated, hardworking and well loved by his fellow workers and employers. During his free time he enjoyed being around his children, family, and friends, outdoors, especially jumping off bridges and cliffs, his dog 'Solo,' listening to music (loud), cooking, driving really fast on hot summer days. He will be immensely missed, remembered for all the love that he gave, with no expectations, and his passion for life and love.

REAL ESTATE


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Correction

We misinterpreted the name of one of Mark & Hoot Owl’s grandchildren in their birth announcement in our last issue. Devun & Stacey were born to Aave & Lorett on June 4.

Business Classifieds start at $10.00. Call 250-358-7219 for details.

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Goddess Quest 2010 has been very successful! Many of the goddess sculptures have been found and treasured. Some may want to be hidden again as in paying it forward! We love to hear your comments on finding one, owning one, or leaving one. Visit www.goddessquest.com.
Columbia Basin Culture Tour takes stage in several local artists' homes.

Take the scenic drive to Argenta. Nestled in the trees of this picturesque community is the studio of Deborah Bonos, which is filled with beauty and whimsy. Deb has been focusing on pastel work since 2004, creating works representative of the beautiful North Kootenay Lake area, working en plein air as well as in her studio in beautiful Argenta.

In Slocan Park, full-time studio potters, Lance Hall and Maureen McEwen of Stillpoint Pottery, offer a wide range of functional porcelain, stoneware and raku pottery. Also at Stillpoint is metal artist Andrew Raney who will be demonstrating his skills on site. Evelyn Kirkaldy opens her studio doors to reveal her latest acrylic creations, expressing light, colour and movement to create striking contemporary landscapes.

A Stone’s Throw Glass House is a small lampworking studio run by artist Christie McPhee at home in the woods of Passmore. Originally from Vancouver Island, Christie recalls the ocean in her ocean-themed jewelry and sculpture. Not far from Kaslo, christine McPhee at home in the woods of Passmore.

The Hidden Garden Gallery is located in Slocan City, The gallery offers workshops, lectures, feature performances and art exhibits as well as an outlet for art and artisans. New bands are showcased regularly and ongoing workshops include choir, yoga, life drawing, music instruction and clay classes plus a weekly open stage.

Tour brochures are available at tourist information centres and participating venues. Visit the website at www.cbculturetour.com to view full artist/profile pages for further details on each location’s activities or register to receive a tour brochure in the mail. For further information, call the CKA/At 1-877-505-7355. The Columbia Basin Culture Tour is generously supported by Columbia Basin Trust funding.

Hidden Garden Gallery to feature Rabi’a, Menton

The Hidden Garden Gallery’s Tenth Year Celebration continues with upcoming shows by two of the area’s favourite artists, Patrizia Menton and Rabi’a. The opening of Rabi’a’s Hardware and Software will be on Thursday, August 19 at 7 pm with music byMichael Taylor on guitar and banjo.

The opening of Menton’s Black and White will be on Thursday, August 26 at 7 pm with music by Howard Bearmah and friends.

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In Slocan Park, full-time studio potters, Lance Hall and Maureen McEwen of Stillpoint Pottery, offer a wide range of functional porcelain, stoneware and raku pottery. Also at Stillpoint is metal artist Andrew Raney who will be demonstrating his skills on site. Evelyn Kirkaldy opens her studio doors to reveal her latest acrylic creations, expressing light, colour and movement to create striking contemporary landscapes.

A Stone’s Throw Glass House is a small lampworking studio run by artist Christie McPhee at home in the woods of Passmore. Originally from Vancouver Island, Christie recalls the ocean in her ocean-themed jewelry and sculpture. Not far from Kaslo, christine McPhee at home in the woods of Passmore.

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Tour brochures are available at tourist information centres and participating venues. Visit the website at www.cbculturetour.com to view full artist/profile pages for further details on each location’s activities or register to receive a tour brochure in the mail. For further information, call the CKA/At 1-877-505-7355. The Columbia Basin Culture Tour is generously supported by Columbia Basin Trust funding.

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On August 15, 1885, the Canadian Pacific Railway laid the tracks across Rogers Pass and soon after the transcontinental railway was complete, an event marked by the historic ‘Last Spike’ ceremony on November 7, 1885.

On March 4, 1910, 58 rail workers were killed in Canada’s largest avalanche disaster at Rogers Pass in Glacier National Park. According to an article by Site in Glacier National Park on the avalanche. Fujimara’s dedicated research led to the discovery of the graves of the Japanese avalanche victims at Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver. During a trip to Japan last year he was also able to locate 11 families of the victims.

Five of these families will be attending the August 15 ceremony, along with Japanese television crews who will be filming the event. Some of these families will also attend a special ceremony August 12 at the Mountain View Cemetery. The vintage steam train known as The Empress has been chartered to take special guests from Revelstoke to the summit site in the Rogers Pass where the avalanche took place a century ago. The Last Spike will be in view in the train’s museum car. The event will open a new outdoor exhibit called the Rogers Pass Memory Garden that will celebrate the transportation story at Rogers Pass, including the 125th anniversary of the tracks being laid. The exhibit will pay tribute to those lost in the 1910 Rogers Pass avalanche – still Canada’s largest avalanche accident.

On March 4 this year, a winter commemorative event marking the centennial of the avalanche was held in downtown Revelstoke. About 800 locals attended the ceremony, where 11,000 origami cranes folded by people in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon, the US and Japan were hung up on the main street of Revelstoke (strings of the folded paper cranes are a traditional memorial display in Japan). For more information visit www.cpr.ca, click on ‘Last Spike’, www.railwaymuseum.com, www.railwaydays.com.

In Remembrance of Ken McDougall

Kenneth James McDougall, “Bud” to his family, from July 19, 1924, passed peacefully at his home in Winlaw on July 3, 2010 after a brief struggle with cancer. Ken is survived by his wife, Phyllis Lorraine McDougall; his sister Jean and her husband Manuel in Lacombe, Alberta, and his brother Wayne and his wife Sheila in Calgary. Ken has two married nephews and a married niece in Calgary as well as numerous cousins.

Ken and Phyllis moved to the Slocan Valley from Bragg Creek in 1981 and continued farming and gardening. Over the years, they produced beef, pork, milk, eggs, raspberries, vegetables and wonderful compost. After unloading 12 tons of Creston bay twice a year, Phyllis always provided a feast for the crew in the finest prairie tradition.

Ken joined the Slocan Valley Community Band when it started in 1982. Because he had never played an instrument before, he also joined the Winlaw Elementary School Band to learn the basics and continued to play tenor sax with the Community Band until April this year. He donated two tenor saxophones to the band.

At Ken’s request, there will not be a service and in lieu of flowers Ken hoped people would donate to the Kootenay Lake Hospital Cat Scan fund. The Community Band will be honouring Ken when we meet in the fall.

Ken was a kind and generous person who made those around him feel special. He loved a good laugh and kept his sense of humor and positive attitude right to the end. A special “THANK YOU” to the healthcare workers, friends and neighbours who have supported Ken and Phyllis the past few weeks. Always a gentleman, Ken will be remembered and greatly missed.

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