Dr. Fun returns to Silverton for ‘The Big One’

submitted

It’s an established fact! The Silverton Winter Blues Boogie is thriving in its 20th year of delivering the most fervent house party in southern British Columbia. On Saturday, February 4, the 20th anniversary of this event will be a celebration to remember, with something old and something new for everyone.

Making their debut Boogie appearance, Bessie and the Back Eddies will take you on a tour of the ‘40s and ‘50s. This seven-piece R&B show band brings to the stage style and class mixed in with a bit of mischief and fueled by the elegantly powerful vocals of Bessie Wapp. She is accompanied by a dynamic three-piece horn section and by accomplished players on keyboard, drums and stand-up bass. Their repertoire draws on the material of Ruth Brown, Etta James, Bessie Smith, Dinah Washington, and Nina Simone, as they deliver up a performance that goes from the swing of the big band sound to soulful R&B and to the sass of burlesque classics. We are truly honoured to have such an accomplished act as one of our featured guests. Look for the dance floor to be packed with enthusiastic $100,000 loan and a $60,000 group that has recently taken the region by storm.

Last year’s headline and southern BC’s favourite boogie band, No Excuse, will kick it up after the first intermission. High-energy Karli Harrison’s wide-ranging vocals will shiver the timbers of the Memorial Hall, backed by the two incendiary guitars of John Cullen and Dennis Turner. Keith Kemp adds his hot licks on the keyboard, and the rhythm section of Big Ken Turner on bass and the incomparable drummer Bill Wilson sets the blistering pace. This group is renowned for its ability to get the crowd on its feet and keep the dance floor craze.

The final ointment on the aches for ‘The Big One’ will be applied by Silverton Winter Blues Boogie’s godfather, Gary ‘Doctor Fun’ Gilbert. He and his band, the Nightcrawlers played the first event in 1993, and returned for the next 15 years. His shows were legendary, setting an incredibly high standard for the bands that have followed. So just when you feel that every joint and toe itch has been healed, the Doctor is flying into Silverton from the Sunshine Coast to make an intensive care call to fix those twisted torsos and hammered heads. The Doctor, on vocals and harmonica, will be backed by several of his ex-Crawlers who now play with No Excuse, and by the Back Eddie’s monster sax man Clint Swanson. Clint’s the genius behind several top quality bands in the region. The Boogie has always been about non-stop dancing, and this 20th anniversary fundraising party for New Denver’s preschool will be above and beyond. It has sold out for the past 14 years, so get your tickets now. For ticket info, see the classified ad this issue; for lodging and directions, call Dick and Barbara at 250-358-7765. Email: yeomansb@netsidea.com.

Refreshments and a wide variety of beverages are available. No minors, please. Doors open at the Silverton Memorial Hall at 8:30 pm. Come feel the heal!

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BC Hydro responds to complaint about smart meters

by Jan McMurray

BC Hydro does not buy the complaint about smart meters that was filed with the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) by local lawyer David Aaron on behalf of the Citizens for Safe Technology. “...BC Hydro submits that the Complaint must be dismissed,” states the company’s response, filed with BCUC January 13.

The Citizens for Safe Technology (CST) complaint says that although the BC Energy Act mandates BC Hydro to install smart meters without applying for a certificate from BCUC, the Act does not require the meters to be wireless or to contain the capabilities of the Zigbee Radio Chip, referred to as the ‘Domestic Interface System.’ The complaint argues that BC Hydro has gone beyond the scope of the legislation by choosing wireless smart meters with the Domestic Interface System, and therefore the company must apply for a certificate from BCUC.

BC Hydro’s response says that “there is no basis for a finding that the smart meters and smart meter system which BC Hydro is installing exceed the mandate it was given by the Clean Energy Act and the [Smart Meters and Smart Grid] Regulation.” In order for the complaint to be valid, asserts BC Hydro, it would have to prove that the legislature intended the smart meter system to be wired rather than wireless, and to be without the Domestic Interface System. BC Hydro says there is “simply no evidence whatsoever” that these were the intentions of the legislature.

The BC Hydro response also points out that the complainants’ information about the capability of the Zigbee Radio Chip (Domestic Interface System) is inaccurate. The CST complaint claims that the chip enables BC Hydro to collect and monitor detail information about the domestic use of networked electronic appliances and to remotely control the operation of networked electronic appliances. BC Hydro denies that the chip has these capabilities.

Rather, BC Hydro explains that the chip can transmit information between the smart meter and an “in-home work device,” which tells people how much electricity they are using at any given time, allowing them to adjust their consumption. BC Hydro further explains that smart meters collect information on the total household energy consumption only (not on individual appliances) at one-hour intervals. Then, at specification (S18) of this information is transmitted to BC Hydro. This transmission of information is possible because of the ‘network interface card,’ which cannot communicate with the Zigbee Radio Chip.

The CST complaint indicates that the complainants would have no problem with the installation of smart meters that are wired. BC Hydro explains in its response that “BC Hydro explains in its response that smart meters installed in BC in 2007-2009, it found that wired meters “tended to be selected more by small utilities serving a single town or city or serving mainly rural areas.” The reason for this, BC Hydro discovered, was that “wired systems require that a separate piece of equipment (a ‘skip’) must be installed on each distribution transformer, thereby significantly increasing the costs for utilities with larger urban customer concentrations.”

Although the CST complaint makes it clear that the wireless and Domestic Interface components of BC Hydro’s smart meter system raise serious concerns for them with respect to human health and wellness, environmental integrity, individual privacy and civil liberties, and the fiscal responsibility of BC Hydro, BC Hydro’s response does not address these concerns in any detail. The summary of BC Hydro’s position in the response states: “The Company has made it clear that it won’t continue in its current program in this regard.” The CST complaint seeks to trigger a reconsideration of BC Hydro’s intentions.

The crux of the matter for the Citizens for Safe Technology is about democratic rights. The CST complaint asserts that “the smart meter system must go through the regular BCUC application process for the wireless and Domestic Interface components of this system, which is being installed by BC Hydro’s actions. At stake is integrity of the Commission’s administrative function as a regulator of BC Hydro in accordance with the rule of law.”

David Aaron, legal counsel for the Citizens for Safe Technology, said in an interview: “This is the state coming in, demanding that each house be networked by way of microwave transmission and not giving any person a choice in the matter. There is something Orwellian about that. Something about that is inconsistent with the very nature of a free society.”

Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program in flux

by Timothy Schafer

The Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) slated for closure in Nelson has gained a reprieve, says a BC Wildlife Federation official.

Late last week Al Martin, the BCWF’s director of strategic initiatives, said he had met with the Ministry of Environment’s assistant deputy minister and the executive director of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources in Victoria over the issue.

Minutes after the meeting, Martin said the two questions the BCWF had – the future of the experienced employees in the program, and the need for independent and transparent administration of the FWCPs in the province – were addressed.

He said the ministries have acknowledged support for an independent operation of the compensation programs, to serve compensation objectives rather than the corporate objectives of BC Hydro, and officials were to respond about a process for those questions this week.

“It is clear that the program will continue,” he said. “I also think it is clear that it won’t continue in its current form.”

There will be ongoing discussions in terms of how that change will take place, but the immediate concern was to protect the employment made in the FWCP.

The program defines compensation objectives that reflect the goals of a partnership between BC Hydro, Ministry of Environment and Fisheries and Ocean Canada and aligns with provincial and federal fish and wildlife conservation and management objectives in the areas where BC Hydro operates.

In 1990 the FWCP was established to offset the impacts resulting from construction of BC Hydro dams in the Canadian portion of the Columbia Basin. Since 1995, the FWCP has invested more than $55 million in fish and wildlife projects. Almost one-third of FWCP projects focus on species-at-risk.

On the last day of the full legislative session (November 30), Nelson-Creston MLA Michelle Mungall asked the Minister of Energy and Mines to reconsider the closure of the Nelson FWCP – one month after the closure was announced and Mungall had sent an initial letter asking for reconsideration.

Mungall’s October 18 letter asked for the notice to close the office to be cancelled, noting FWCP projects provided benefit not only to the restoration and conservation of species habitat, but also to research, education and communication in the region.

The lay-off notices issued to Nelson staff in October will affect at least six jobs, and will be a tremendous loss of expertise in the conservation and enhancement of fish and wildlife populations in the region, said Martin.

“Have confidence in those compensation programs is very important and our members of the community where these developments occur, and certainly other parts of the province where hydroelectric development are proposed, will be looking to see if these programs are sustainable,” Martin added.

“Having confidence in those compensation programs, as a group, is important. We’re in a very difficult situation.”

Funding is available for: individual and group projects; minor capital projects; touring and major project funding; arts and heritage mentoring/master classes; organizational development; major projects; artists in education; major exhibits; major heritage capital projects; and heritage projects.

Find out more and get the application form by visiting www.artsbc.com, contacting your local arts council or phoning CKCA at 250-505-5505 or 1-877-505-7355.

Applications must be received by March 9 or March 23, 2012, depending on the program.
RDCK asks FortisBC for opt-out policy on smart meters

by Jan McMurray

The RDCK board did not join the 30 local governments that have asked for a moratorium on the mandatory installation of wireless smart meters. Instead, the board decided to ask FortisBC to “proactively engage in some activities to assure the public of the safety of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure or AMI program” and to commit to a clear “opt-out” policy for public discussion, especially as it relates to health concerns.

At its January 19 meeting, the RDCK board was given two presentations – one from representatives of the Kootenay Chapter of Citizens for Safe Technology (CST) and the other from FortisBC representative Blair Weston.

CST representatives expressed their concerns about the meters.

**WE Graham to offer Homelinks for homeschoolers submitted**

WE Graham School in Slocan is hoping to start up a Homelinks program in September 2012, to assist families who choose to homeschool.

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and asked the board to call for a moratorium on their installation. Although the board decided not to go that route, CST representative Clift Paluck said he felt the board’s resolution was “a step in the right direction.”

“If we can convince FortisBC to change the mandatory installation to an optional one, that’s a big step,” he said in an interview after the meeting. “At least we have a choice if we can opt out – for it to be mandatory is barbaric. In the US where smart meters are used, the number of people with illnesses is staggering.”

The three local CST Representatives – Clift Paluck and Helga and Ken Auld – live in the Grandview Heights seniors housing co-operative in Castlegar and are FortisBC customers.

FortisBC has made an application to the BC Utilities Commission for approval of its “Integrated System Plan,” which includes the AMI program. BCUC will commence a hearing on this on March 5, 2012. FortisBC plans to have a smart meter system by the end of 2012 without going through the BCUC application process, is currently installing wireless meters for all its customers.

During the presentation, it was asked that the RDCK board, local CST reps expressed concern with security, safety, invasion of privacy, nature, and health issues. They submitted a 28-page information package, including three reports on the adverse health effects of electromagnetic radiation by “credible, independent scientists...” Paluck also said that the World Health Organization had classified this type of radiation as a class 2B carcinogen (possible cause of cancer) in May 2011. He said surveys show three percent of people are very sensitive to the radiation, and one percent experience mild to moderate symptoms, including severe headaches, heart palpitations and insomnia. A report from California states that five percent of the population will get sick immediately after exposure and ten percent will develop symptoms over time.

Helga Auld read from a letter received from a couple who lives in Nelson, where the smart meters have been installed since 2008. They said they started experiencing health issues in 2009, and that these issues disappear when they go away on holiday.

Paluck said that in Toronto and the US, where the meters have been installed, there has been invasion of privacy. One of Paluck’s contacts, Hans Karow from the Okanagan, reported that it took an amateur two days to hack into a smart meter. Paluck also said accuracy of billing has been a problem, and electronic equipment has been damaged due to interference of electromagnetic signals. Some homes have even caught fire.

Paluck reported that recent studies show a link between the decline of bee colonies and electromagnetic radiation. The letter from the Nelson couple says they have observed fewer birds and more dead flying bugs since the smart meters have come in.

Blair Weston of FortisBC gave a PowerPoint presentation about the company’s proposed AMI program. He said the grid is “kind of old” and needs improvement to handle new technology like electric cars.

Weston explained how the system would work. The meter takes a “time stamp” every hour and transmits the data to a collector. The data is then sent on a cell phone signal to FortisBC. “It will spit out a pulse four or five times a day,” he said, for a total of less than one minute.

He said the meters would comply with both the Canadian and the stricter European radiofrequency regulations. His slides said: “BC Cancer Agency and BC’s Health Officer, Dr. Perry Kendall, agree smart meters are safe. CBC independent findings found no health hazards from smart meters.”

Weston said FortisBC is very sensitive to privacy and security. “Data is encrypted for privacy. Nobody but you and FortisBC are privy to your electric energy usage – just the way it is today.” The information sent to the utility is the total electricity consumption of the household, not of individual appliances, and is protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

He outlined the benefits to customers. He said the smart grid will allow FortisBC to manage its power purchasing better, and will improve electricity theft detection, translating into savings which will be passed on to customers. There will also be two voluntary options customers may choose that will allow them to save: energy use feedback tools, which allow customers to monitor and adjust their energy usage; and time-of-use rates (more expensive at peak demand times and less expensive at low demand times).

He concluded by saying that during the BCUC process, any member of the public can register as an interested party or intervenor at www.bcuc.com.

Director Popoff commented that the signal might have to bounce quite a ways to a collector in places like the Slocan Valley, where there is no cell phone service.

Director Shadrack asked why wired meters were not being considered. Weston said FortisBC looked at a wired system and found it would be more expensive. He also said wired technology does not have the bandwidth needed for distributed generation and electric cars.

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**Response to letter re: Fukushima radiation**

I read Bob Yetter’s letter in the Valley Voice January 11th issue with a combination of amazement and amusement, soon turning to annoyed frustration. Mr. Yetter needs to do a bit more research – more than just enough to support his own views.

He suggests that all levels of government whom he bombarded with letters on the subject are guilty of criminal negligence because they are ignoring the supposedly deadly effects on our health and particularly infant mortality, of “radioactive fallout” from the March 2011 Fukushima nuclear plant disaster. He bases his condemnation on an article in the December 2011 issue of the Journal of International Health Services, wherein the authors claim that their studies show that some 14,000 deaths (“mostly infants” according to Yetter) were caused by the fallout. That study has been debunked by a number of scientists. Michael Moyer, Technology Editor for the respected *Scientific American* periodical, shows that the data was misused to fit the authors’ agenda, and that both authors are well known anti-nuclear activists.

Anyone can google his name together with “Scientific American” and find his articles. At the end of one article in which he shows how the JHS authors selectively picked data to support their views, he concluded:

> This is not to say that the radiation from Fukushima is not dangerous (it is), nor that we shouldn’t closely monitor its potential to spread [we should]. But picking only the data that suits your analysis isn’t science – it’s politics. Beware those who would confide the latter with the former.

The reason the JHS study has received little or no response from government or serious scientific bodies is because it bears only little resemblance to the facts, and I for one, pay my government officials to spend their time on real, not imagined, problems.

Bob Wilson

Kaslo

**Changes to Vimy Park Ring Road**

Having had the Kaslo Municipal Campground contract for the past six years, I would like to express my views on the proposed changes to Vimy Park Ring Road. As I am here pretty well 24/7, having a pretty good idea of what goes on.

Last year alone, on three separate occasions, a camper ran out on the road trying to stop someone because of their speed and reckless driving. On one incident I was able to get a license number and phone the RCMP. Hearing campers yelling “slow down!” is a daily occurrence.

Having some type of turnaround in front of the Periwinkle would stop this speeding. I’m sure there could be a gap in the median for pedestrians, bicycle and motorized scooters, and possibly even a gate for vehicles if needed.

The cost of paving is prohibitive and calcium only works for dust control for a few days. It would have to be spread regularly again at a high cost. Would paving only increase the speed problem? My understanding from the public works foreman is that speed bumps only work on paved roads, so speed bumps are not an option.

With very little industry left in the area, we should be promoting tourism. Everyone who stays at the campground speaks positively about the area, Kaslo and how friendly the local people are. The only negative comments are about the traffic and speed, and the dust. I have a comment book if anyone would like to verify this.

It is not very enjoyable when, on a beautiful sunny day sitting beside Kootenay Lake, you can’t have dinner outside because of the dust.

If anyone thinks there is very little traffic, I invite you to come to the park on a Saturday or Sunday this summer and sit by the road for a few hours. Oh and please bring your lunch so you can dine in the dust.

Trish Bennett

Kaslo

**Slokan Valley talent showcased at the Royal**

by Timothy Schafer

Slokan Valley talent was on display for one night in Kaslo, as valley-based Phonic Records put some of the best local musical talent on stage at The Royal on Baker in late December.

It was a Phonic Records showcase, with a live video shoot and video release of another Valley talent, filmmaker Stefan Berrill.

Some footage of the night was shot, so Phonic owner Alan Kirk, edited for video on YouTube (search Alan Kirk Band or Phonic Records) and has already had plenty of hits.

With the virtual label being released online five years ago, the experience was nothing new for Kirk, who has worked hard to maintain an online presence as he promotes the Valley and Nelson music scenes.

> “Although I haven’t gotten rich, the music of myself and other artists is getting more exposure,” he said.

The sold out night included Phonic’s Rippin Rattlers – a get down and growl band led by songwriter in Brad Fenton – the Alan Kirk Band and the Nelson premiere of Berrill’s music video Solitaire, shot for Kirk’s band.

The Mount Sentinel graduate has been making his way in the film world in Vancouver with his brand new company, Brass Tacks Films.

One year ago Berrill accompanied the band Hedley on two cross-Canada tours as their tour videographer to shoot and direct Go With The Show, a 60-minute band documentary released with their live CD in September 2010.

The Royal night will be the first of many showcases throughout the year for the label, said Kirk, as he continues to search for other talent to add to the roster that includes Kevin Armstrong, Doug Normal and the Lester Scram Band.

A musician of several decades, Kirk’s songs have been placed in TV shows, commercials, film and with other recording artists.

He has played solo and with his band in the US, Canada, Europe and beyond. His stylistic influences have ranged from classic rock to folk to electronica, giving Kirk appeal to a broad cross-section of the listening audience.

It was to that broader audience that Kirk hoped to bring the Valley and the Nelson music scene. “I just really have a real personal love for the Valley and the Nelson music scene, and what I have observed is there are a lot of people with talent but don’t have the experience with promoting it or the initiative. We have a lot of local heroes but aren’t doing anything with it,” he said.

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You can check out Phonic Records at www.phonicrecords.com.

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Celebrating library services in the South Slocan Valley

submitted

Celebrate Family Literacy Day (January 27) and satisfy your curiosity by checking out your local library. Libraries have resources to educate and to entertain and they are available for little or no cost. Residents of Area H South may have few options for great library service. We support both the Castlegar and Nelson Libraries through local taxes so residents can sign up to use either library for no charge. The Slocan Valley Community Library also serves the Valley from its base in the Village of Slocan. For a small fee, anyone can join.

Nelson Public Library has an outreach service at Winlaw School on the third Thursday of the month, 3-7 pm. Books, videos and audio books are available. Anyone who resides in Area H South can sign up for a library card during the outreach. You can also sign up in the library or from home – check the website for details (http://nelson.bclibrary.ca/). There is a permanent drop box for Nelson Library materials at the Heritage Credit Union in Slocan Park, so you can return items without having to go into Nelson.

Castlegar and District Library also welcomes Area H South residents, plus it serves Areas 1 and J. This means that residents of these areas can sign up for library membership at no charge. Simply go into the library and talk to the person at the desk. Check out the website at (http://castlegar.bclibrary.ca/) for more information.

Slocan Community Library has a growing collection of over 10,000 items. Memberships are $10 per year for adults, children 16 and under are free. Residents of the Village of Slocan don’t contribute tax funds to Nelson or Castlegar libraries, so there is a fee for becoming a member at either location. However, this local library is a great resource with current fiction, children’s books, non-fiction, magazines and videos. You can browse the catalogue on the website (http://slocanlibrary.ca/).

If you look at the websites, you will see what each library has to offer. Online, there are free, streaming or downloadable audiobooks for your iPod; databases for health, legal and automotive information; links and access to the library catalogues. In the libraries, there are children’s storytimes, teen programs, public access computers and internet access. Parents can find good books to read to their kids or set them up to listen to audiobooks. Students can do research for projects.

Everyone can connect with what they need to know in a library.

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AGO THIRTY-THREE local businessmen signed documents to incorporate the Slocan District Board of Trade. On September 4, 1912, William Hunter “carefully computed” the local population to amount to more than 150 persons, and by September 14 it was recorded in Ottawa.

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Alondra Burton, a grade 8 student at WE Graham in Slocan, receives a cheque for $30 from Royal Canadian Legion representatives Bill McGuire, Zone Commander (left) and Pat Ashton, president of the Slocan branch (right). Her Remembrance Day poster won third place at the zone level.

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Nakusp council, January 10: More improvements on the horizon for arena auditorium

by Ian McMurray

• Following a presentation by Beth McLeod of the Cultural Centre Committee, council gave the green light to the sound booth and serving kitchen projects at the arena auditorium. Staff was directed to draw up a construction contract and put the project out to tender.

McLeod also asked that council continue to review rental rates at the auditorium.

Mayor Hamling said Councillor Leitch had been working on restructuring the rental rates during his term on council, but she has not yet seen a report. “The CAO and I are going to check that down and discuss it at a joint commission meeting with Director Peterson,” she said. The Village/Area K joint commission is in place to deal with issues concerning the arena, which is funded by tax dollars from both Village and Area K residents.

McLeod outlined the improvements done so far at the auditorium, including the purchase and installation of a new sound system, laptop, projector, screen, portable stage, and window covering in 2009. Feasibility studies have been obtained and CBT Community Initiatives funding to complete a plan for a commercial kitchen, updated hockey concession, stage dressing rooms, washrooms, main room dividers and other improvements. However, this phase of the project never got off the ground. The committee has decided to work on the kitchen independently and instead complete the sound booth and serving kitchen/bar/janitorial projects. Permission has been granted to re-direct the CBT funds. The kitchen/bar/janitorial project involves moving the janitor’s closet over from the current bar and janitorial areas into a serving kitchen with appliances such as a microwave and toaster oven. She said the committee hopes there would be no extra charge on the rental fee to use the serving kitchen. Additionally, there is an extra charge to use the full kitchen, but no extra charge to use the bar.

• Mayor Hamling reported that a doctor has signed an agreement to begin work in Nakusp in July. Dr. Sayed Subarwari is an international medical graduate, and is completing his requirements to work in Canada. He said she and Dr. Lea are working with IHA staff to bring him in. A $200,000 grant from IHA is helping with expenses to get them here.

A review of the Arrow Lakes Hospital was done April 11, 2011 by Dr. Avery. His report is sitting with IHA staff, and Mayor Hamling said she hoped to receive it soon.

• Councillor Mueller reported that the hot springs commission would like to meet with council to discuss future plans for the facility. The commission has identified lack of signage as “a major hurdle,” and would like the on-contract marketing position created three months ago to continue. They ask that these two items be included in budget discussions.

Until the marketing contract can be in place on a longer-term basis, council agreed to continue negotiating the contract through the advertising budget. CCA Tyan said there was enough in the budget to cover the contract for three months.

• Councillor Mueller reported on her attendance at an RDCK Resource Recovery Committee meeting, where the 2012 budget was discussed. Costs are rising, particularly on composting. She said there was no new operator at the Nakusp landfill, and revenue has increased substantially; “so we think the new operator is collecting fees more consistently.”

• Councillor Zelenik reported on NACFOR’s planned logging activities in the MacDonald Creek area. There will be five weeks or so of cutting this winter and the fifth this summer. Galena Contracting has completed the road work, and NACFOR was asking for permission to log 200 acres. Logging is to take place from mid January for the cedar sawlogs and poles. NACFOR is confident that all operations will be profitable, even though the market has not fully recovered. Later in the year, NACFOR plans to log about 30,000 cubic metres in pine. Development Committee’s meeting. To be eligible for a fee waiver, the event must be of benefit to the whole community.

• The rental fee for the arena complex is $300 per day for Minor Hockey’s second annual community winter carnival, to be held on Hockey Day (February 13) this year.

Hamling reported that BC Hydro cannot proceed with construction of the new wharf because of high water levels. The group decided to look at other options, such as using divers, and expects to hear back in January or February.

Council received a response to its letter expressing concern about the adequacy of a single ferry system at the Galena-Shercher crossing. Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Blair Lekstrom said in his letter of response: “While I recognize you would like to see a back-up vessel brought into service, it is no longer economically feasible to maintain two vessels.” He goes on to say that “the design for the new vessel has been developed in order to accommodate the traffic volumes into the future and provide consistent quality service to area residents and visitors.”

Mayor Hamling asked staff to contact Kirk Handrahan, executive director for the main branch, to set up a meeting. “I am very concerned that we will have no back-up ferry,” she said. “They are assuming that nothing will ever go wrong, but we need to look at other options, such as using divers, and expect to hear back in January or February.

Hamling said the ministry has never asked them what they do plan to do with the two existing ferries. The construction contract was to be awarded in December, and an RFP is expected to take to town.”

Think about how many hectares in Nakusp (or any West Kootenay town or village) are covered with lawn. Think about the kilocalories in the grass (the energy you put out) required to maintain it; the litres of fuel needed to mow and trim it; and the litres of water and kilograms of fertilizers used to feed it. Now consider the savings when we convert these lawns to edible landscapes. We save time and energy spent mowing and trimming, we save on fuel, we save water, and valuable nutrients spent on fertilizers, herbicides, etc.

We can then invest the time, energy and money saved in a well-planned garden. It will pay off in the short and long term. We will reap the benefits of growing our own food, and our physical, mental and spiritual well-being will be enhanced. We will be providing food and relaxing in an environmentally friendly space.

And when we feel better it affects our families, friends and, ultimately, our community.

This message is at the heart of the talk that will take place at 2 pm on Sunday, January 29 at Klassen’s home located in the Canyon Court Mobile Home Park in Nakusp. For directions, call Tty at 250-265-3344.
**Government pension benefits for 2012**

The ideal retirement plan is really a plan for the rest of your life—your nest egg of personal savings, home equity and private or government pension plans. According to Statistics Canada, approximately two-thirds of working Canadians don’t have any pension plan to begin with and one-third of them don’t own a house. But just about everybody over the age of 65 can expect to enjoy some form of government pension, whether it’s the Canada or Quebec Pension Plan (CPP/ QPP) and/or the Old Age Security (OAS).

**Canada Pension Plan**

The CPP is the first pension that people collect and the one most people understand the least. It’s financed through mandatory contributions from employers, employees and the self-employed — as well as investment income from the $152.3 billion CPP Investment Board. Employers and employees make equal contributions (self-employed workers pay both ends) based on a maximum amount of pensionable earnings ($50,100, in 2012), adjusted annually.

The amount you’ll eventually receive depends on your time in the plan and your career earnings going back to January 1, 1966, or when you reached age 18, whichever was later. The program is designed to replace about 25 percent of your earnings while you paid into CPP. After the initial penalty for taking CPP early will usually be 6.24 percent annually.

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Silverton council, January 17: Community Club gets approval for third bocce pit

by Jan McMurray

• Gary Willman of the Silverton Community Club presented a brief history of the club as well as its plans for this year. Fundraising efforts over the club’s five years have garnered about $175,000, and the club has made about $28,000 in cash donations to various community groups. The club’s purpose is to promote community spirit and volunteerism, to provide financial support and resources to community projects, to organize existing and new community projects, and to ensure the community remains vibrant. Willman drew attention to the club’s logo, which he hopes to work together with the Village on its goals.

• Mayor Provan reported that her office hours would begin in February, and will be posted at the Village office.

• Councillor Love reported on the January 3 Facilities and Recreation Committee meeting. Don Broughton attended, and asked to reserve a buffer zone between his property and the campground. This would involve removing trees and building a fence. The committee met at the campground on January 8 to get a better understanding of his issues and is gathering more information concerning the request, including costs.

• Councillor Clarke reported on the January Chamber of Commerce meeting. The Chamber’s AGM will take place January 30 at the Hidden Garden Gallery and this will be a celebration of the organization’s 100th anniversary. A strategic planning process is planned for 2012, led by Lynda Lafleur, who will attend the meeting as facilitator. Tammie MacDonald, Regional Innovation Chair for Economic Development at Selkirk College, will also speak at the AGM. Clarke reported that Virginia Boyd had attended the meeting to present a banner project proposal. He also said the Chamber has a deficit budget this year, mainly because Tourism BC requires the Visitor InfoCentre to be open for an extra month.

• Councillor Main reported on her attendance at an RDCK Resource Recovery Committee (west subregion) meeting, where the 2012 budget was discussed. She explained that the waste from all transfer stations in the area goes to the Ooteschenia landfill near Castlegar. This year, a study will be done on a second access road to the landfill in order to relieve congestion through a residential area. She also said that the total annual budget for the west subregion is $600,000 and Silverton pays about 10 percent of that.

Main said she reported on Silverton’s electronic recycling service at the meeting, and the RDCK may be able to provide some assistance. She said the committee is looking to answer a number of questions related to July 1 celebrations, as well as the use of the backhoe and some Village staff time.

• Council approved a Silverton Community Club request for a $500 grant for fireworks and other expenses related to July 1 celebrations, as well as the use of the backhoe and some Village staff time.

• Council received the Sewage Disposal Study done at no cost to the Village by environmental engineering students at the University of Northern BC in Prince George. The students spent the summer in Silverton and spent the summer in Silverton and

The idea began two years ago when Loren Oldham started a computer gaming group in New Denver.

Running twice per month at Knox Hall with financial support from Columbia Basin Trust’s Community Initiatives program and the Slocan Valley Recreation Commission, the night attracted over 25 young people on average. People donated computers and Oldham networked six machines together, then he added in an XBox game console with four controllers and a 40-inch screen TV.

It was an instant success. Two years later that idea is still paying off, with the centre to the tune of $25,000 for each of the next four years. It’s a substantial sum, but it was so evident, even though not all of the kids were gamers, they just liked to hang out and socialize outside of school.

After much discussion in answering a Columbia Basin Trust call for expressions of interest in September, a community group found that the one thing most young people in the village thought was needed was a regular gathering place.

As a result of (the Knox Hall gaming group) I realized how much hanging out. “It will be a place for kids in New Denver to hang out together and socialize outside of school,” said Corven. “It will be a place for kids in New Denver to hang out together and socialize outside of school.”

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Pentadre performing Opera Colada at Nakusp’s Bonnington Theatre

submitted

Pentadre, a unique musical ensemble in the Canadian landscape, explores and presents to the public a diversified and original chamber music repertoire, developed in the tradition of music for winds.

The artists: Louis-Philippe Morolas (flute), Martin Leclerc (oboe), Norman Forget (clarinet) and Ulf-Guido Schafer (bassoon). Since 2005, the five artists—musicans forming the quintet are recognized for their talent, technique, precision and colour they bring to their performance. Flute (Daniele Bourget), oboe (NORMAN FORGET), clarinet (MARTIN LECLERC), horn (MATTHEW SOSSIER), and bassoon (Luis-Philippe Morolas) each provide their very specific colour to create a rich, unique and homogeneous sonority that is the ensemble’s distinctive trademark.

Opera Colada is a bit like an opera. The opening act, Giulio Briccialdi’s ‘Quintet,’ is like an overture. It is written by one of the finest flautists of the 19th century, when opera was ‘the genre,’ particularly in Italy.

The main parts of the opera are the comic excerpts from Rossini’s ‘La Cenerentola,’ and five arias from Mozart’s ‘Così Fan Tutte.’ These are all wonderfully arranged by German clarinetist Ulli-Guido Schafer.

The second half of the concert leaves the opera house and takes us to the warm and exotic ambiances of Latin American music. The main work here is D’Rivera’s ‘Aires Tropicales,’ followed by Plante’s ‘Plaide Libre Suite.’ In order to switch from the operatic world to the swaying of Latin music, Lussier’s ‘Dod Tropico,’ short prelude in which every instrument gets its own moment of glory, opens the second part of this musical entertainment.

Nakusp Economic Development Committee reports back to community

submitted

Remember last winter’s series of public meetings focused on economic opportunity in Nakusp and the Arrow Lakes? Community economic development, forestry, tourism, real estate, and agriculture were all discussed. At the final meeting, participants asked a small committee to make plans for next steps, and then report back.

So what happened? Four committee meetings focused on project selection. A draft economic vision was written. An implementation plan was developed by Nakusp and Arrow Development Board. Numerous more meetings were held to develop projects into proposals. Now it is time to report back to the community.

Everyone is invited to meet on Tuesday, February 7 at the arena auditorium. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a feast of local desserts and a chance to look at some displays and start a conversation. The presentation will begin at 7 pm, with opportunities for group discussion and feedback. Proposed projects to be discussed include:

• creating an inventory of outdoor recreation opportunities (skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, ATV’ing, etc.) with context and details and maps so that the end result will be a draw for visitors;

• supporting local businesses and organizations through a web-based directory, and a business retention and expansion survey;

• exploring opportunities for using wood waste;

• creating a co-operative tourism marketing strategy.

Participants may also choose to focus on agriculture project ideas or to bring new ideas for discussion. This meeting is financially supported by Columbia Basin Trust, the Village of Nakusp and RDCK Area K; and organized by Nakusp and Arrow Development Board and Nakusp and District Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Laurie Page 250-454-2647 or Kim Reid 250-3838.

Slocan Valley Rail Trail hosts ski day

submitted

On Sunday, January 29, the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society (SVHTS) will be hosting its eighth annual Ski the Trail event. The field (from noon to 2 pm)

This popular event started as a way for everyone to discover new scenic locations on the Slocan Valley Rail Trail, but has grown into a friendly social gathering around a tasty bonfire. All winter long, SVHTS volunteers have been grooming and tracking the entire 50 km length of the trail in anticipation of this day.

This year, the event will be found happening 1.5 kilometres north of the Perry Siding trailhead and two kilometres south of the Lemon Creek trailhead. Both locations can be found off Highway 6 and watch for the signs. At the bonfire there will be refreshments, hot dogs and smiles waiting for you. Members of the society will be there to share the latest trail news and to sign up new members.

Nakusp and Arrow Lakes Economic Summit

Tuesday, Feb 7, 6:30 pm
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Two views of internment in photographs at the Langham

submitted

The Langham presents ‘Two Views: Photographs by Ansel Adams was Leonard Frank’ February 15 through March 25 at the Langham Cultural Centre and Japanese Canadian Museum, located at 447 A Avenue. An opening celebration will be held Saturday, February 11 from 7 to 9pm. This compelling collection of photographs presents two views of internment and incarceration in the early 1940s. The exhibition provides an opportunity to reflect on the nature of forced separation and uprooting and the effects that it has on its victims.

After the Bombing of Pearl Harbour in 1941, both the Canadian and American governments forced the relocation of citizens of Japanese descent from the coastal regions. Nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans and 22,000 Japanese Canadians were affected. The internment camps for the Japanese Americans were the camp at the US west. In Canada, the BC Security Commission was established to oversee the removal to hastily planned camps near the border, or to work and road camps in other parts of the country.

Ansel Adams (1902-1984) is usually credited as the first commercial landscape photographer, a maker of images that blend drama and contemplation. From 1943 to 1944, angered by what he heard about the government policy towards Japanese Americans, Adams made a number of trips to Manzanar War Relocation Center. His powerful photographs capture the harsh living conditions of the 10,000 Japanese Americans incarcerated there during World War II.

When he offered the collection to the Library of Congress, Adams wrote, “The purpose of my work was to show how these people, suffering from war and violence, and loss of property, businesses and professions, had overcome the sense of defeat and despair (sic) but building for themselves a vital community in an arid (but magnificent) environment.”

Leonard Frank (1870-1944) was hired by the BC Security Commission to record the removal of Canadians of Japanese descent from the BC coast. Frank was originally from Germany and personally endured a great deal of racism during World War I. He was recognized as the leading commercial and industrial photographer in Vancouver.

In 1942, Frank was contracted as the official photographer for the evacuation of the BC internment. Japanese Canadians were told to pack a single suitcase each and to take nothing to areas, to wait for trains to take them in, and to be的思想ful of funny bones. Don’t forget to take the ‘Ski Bums’ home with you! The cast has been hard at work on the release of their original score, which will be available for purchase at the show.

So come on out you ski bums, snow bums, skinny bums, and large bums. Advance tickets are available at Willow Home Gallery and Sunnyside Naturals for $15 (and $18 at the door) For more information please visit: www.ironmountaintheatre.ca or www.thelangham.ca

Nakusp and Kaslo Minor Hockey Associations work together

submitted

Nakusp and Kaslo Minor Hockey Associations are collaborating this year to keep the competitive league alive in both communities. Sarah Sinclair of the Kaslo association recalls when, a year ago, Nakusp board members suggested to other communities to discuss the numbers and remaining to play house hockey.”

With six Kaslo Bantams and six Nakusp Bantams, a team of 12 was formed. With the Atoms, out of Kaslo, it was not possible to evolve. The problem. Jeff Snowden needs to grow up a little, and act more responsibly if he wants things to go his way in adulthood.

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SLOG ARTS COUNCIL has received 2011-2012 CCKA program pamphlets and grant applications. Fund program 1 & 2 applications on bulletin board at Silverton Gallery. Deadlines for program 1 (arts and culture projects) March 7. Contact Sue Miettinen for inquiries. Free grant writing workshop held at Silverton Gallery on Saturday, February 26, 11 from 1 to 1 pm, facilitated by Krista Romanski from CCKA office.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
UNEMPLOYED and thinking of starting your own business? Community Futures offers the Self Employment Grant, business loans, counselling and training in the Arrow & Slocan Lakes area. For more info leave a message at 265-5047 ext. 201 or email Nakus@futures.bc.ca.

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Saturday, January 25, 2012

THE LIFE’S A BEACH POTOQUEL - Valkan Whole Community mid- winter potlock Sat. Jan 26. Doors open at 5 pm. Dinner @ 6 pm. Silent auction, live music and a little bit of fun! Auction - potoquelp@gmail.com.

THE SILVERTON GALLERY presents: The Community Music Program, sponsored by Ryan Bulter begins on Sunday February 5th-6pm and runs for five weeks. Talented singer/songwriter Natasha Melton will facilitate each session with music theory and opportunities to learn and play a set of songs together as a group. The second half will be a Master Class featuring an accomplished musician from the community each week with a different guest musician sharing their unique expertise. We invite people with all levels of musical experience from kids (12+) to adults. Being your instrument (some instruments are provided). The program is funded by CIET and Rock #8 commission and is being offered at no charge, however donations are gratefully accepted to keep the program running. Come on February 5 and check it out.

SLOCAN RIVER GARDEN SAVES THE DATE! A Festive Saturday February 12 @ 10:30 @ Bob’s, 6601 Hwy 6. Potluck and slideshow to follow. For info: Marylou 358-7758.

LOVE THE ARTS CELEBRATION - 25 year anniversary Slocan Valley Community Arts Society. Come celebrate with art, music, dance, art, performers and food & drink! Join us at the Valkan Whole Saturday, February 18, 7-11 pm. Please admission! slocanvalleyarts.ca
226-7454.

9TH ANNUAL DAY ON THE TRAIL - Slocan Valley Rail Trail. Sunday, January 29 from noon to 2 pm. Location is 1.5 km north of Penton siding at 2 km south of the Lemon Creek Trailhead. Refreshments, hot dogs and the company of friends. Need info? 250-358-2397.


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Life’s a Beach mid-winter potluck

submitted by Craig Lawrence

Ready to celebrate winter in all its glory—by forgetting that it’s supposed to be winter? Feeling an urge to throw on a brightly coloured Hawaiian shirt and whip out the shads and sunscreen?

Well, the originators of the local 100-mile potluck are planning to bring back summer (briefly) and want you to be part of it. On Saturday, January 28, the Kootenay Whole Community Centre will be hosting the Life’s a Beach Mid-Winter Potluck. The doors open at 5 pm, with dinner at 6:00.

It’ll be an evening where those who show up create the menu, because the price of admission is a dish for the potluck (hopefully containing some local ingredients). There have been some magical 100-mile potlucks at the Whole which seem to bring out the best from area gardens, farmers and chefs.

A highlight of the night will be one of those unique Kootenay Whole Silent Auctions. Who knows what will be up for bid, but we do know they’ll contain something a little bit different. The auction will be ongoing until 7:30 pm.

To discover more of the special ambiance of the event, push aside the palm fronds and coconuts and you’ll find several local musicians performing throughout the night: Hawaiian-country hip hop anyone? Tropical drinks may also be found to help round out the festivities.

The Kootenay Whole has become a focus-point for celebrating the 100-mile diet and lifestyle for several years. It meets the fundamental beliefs of the Kootenay Whole Community Centre, which operates the Whole and has been promoting a self-sufficient rural lifestyle for over 40 years. For more information on Life’s a Beach contact the centre at 250-226-7957.

OBITUARIES

YOUNG, HAROLD IRVINE

1917 - 2012

Harold passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve, his stepchildren (Jack) Hunt, Ron (Barbara) Cochran, Rachel and Tricia (McLachlan), the extended family of 7 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded by his first wife Annie, his parents Irvine and Lesley, two brothers Les and Gordon, and one very grandchild Tracey. Harold was born in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba December 26, 1917, but the family moved to Vancouver in 1926. He joined the Auxiliary RCAF in 1937 (111th CAC Squadron) Sea Island & Patricia Bay, Vancouver and was later enlisted in the P.F. RCAF in September of 1939 and served more than 6 years as a Flight Sergeant in Commonwealth Training Plan #3 NFTS Calgary. During his enlistment he also served in England with the #6 Bomber Group. After serving his country, he returned to Vancouver to work as a longshoreman until he settled into a career with Canada Post from which he was able to retire.

Once retired, Harold enjoyed life by building radio controlled boats and sailing them at the Central Park Pond in Burnaby, where he was a life member of the Burnaby Association of Marine Modellers. When his wife, Annie passed away after 60 years of happy marriage he spent some time taking cruises, where he met his present wife, Genevieve. He then moved to the Interior of BC (the Kootenays) where he spent many happy hours in his new workshop and house.

Harold’s wishes to express her appreciation to all the people involved in Harold’s care during his last few weeks of life, including Dr. Lea, the staff of the emergency room and acute care of Arrow Lakes Hospital and finally the staff of Mt. Kootenay. All personnel involved in Harold’s care went above and beyond what was expected to help him make as comfortable as possible and to carry out Harold’s last wishes.

CREMATION has already taken place and his remains will be placed in Vancouver with his first wife. A “Celebration of Life” will be held at a later date. Any donations may be made to the Arrow Lakes Hospital Foundation or the local chapter of PANS in Nakusp in memory of Harold.

WILSON, ALEXANDER PADMO

August 22, 1978-November 21, 2011

“Music takes you somewhere... nothing else in the world is like it. Takes you somewhere out of your body, out of your consciousness. Somewhere else.”

-Alexander Padmos June 2011

A honouring for Wilson will take place Easter Weekend, Saturday April 7, 2012 at Dumont Creek Cemetery, Wadlaw, BC at 3:00 pm. There will be a gathering at the Arrow Lakes Whole following the service.

Bring love, words, food and family to share in memory of this young man who clearly had a unique spirit that lived beyond his years.

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Slocan council, January 9: Council decides against applying for Community Recreation Program funds

by Jan McMurray

• There was a lengthy discussion on the provincial government’s Community Recreation funding program, which provides 80 percent funding to successful projects. Three community groups wanted the Village to apply for projects on their behalf. Because of the Village’s current financial situation, council does not feel it can commit to a 20 percent share of the projects’ costs, and decided not to apply for any funding under the program. However, council agreed to schedule a debriefing meeting with each of the three groups to discuss how to move the application process forward.

• Gail Morris of Slocan Gardening Concepts notified the Village that she is leaving Slocan and therefore will not be able to look after the RV Park in 2012 as per her contract with the Village. Council referred the RV Park Operating Agreement to the January 23 Committee of the Whole meeting.

The staff report on this states that the Village ran an operating deficit in 2010 and the Village ran an operating deficit in 2011 as per her contract with the Village staff.

• Council approved a monthly tax and prepayment plan, which allows taxpayers to make monthly instalment payments towards the following year’s taxes and utilities if they wish. The Tax and Utilities Prepayment Plan Bylaw was given three readings.

• Operating Agreement to the January 19, 2012 as per her contract with the Village staff. Slocan council, the Villages of Silverton and New Denver, the Slocan Kick-Ass Citizens group, a representative from Area H, and tourism operators and businesses.

• Councillor Lunn reported on the need for community capacity building and how the Village might better work with community partners to better utilize community facilities. Staff will draft a long-term maintenance plan for all Village owned properties, and a policy on the process for dealing with grant applications.

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Floodplain bylaw sticks for Slocan Lake property in Valhalla Park

by Timothy Schaffer

A controversial development proposed for a private property located on Slocan Lake, within the boundaries of Valhalla Provincial Park, has had a setback in its bid for a setback relaxation.

The property owners applied for the setback relaxation in August 2011, but their request for a 10-metre setback, which he was not able to do, Popoff explained.

With no road access or power, the property is characterized by a rocky southwest shoreline with site restrictions related to topography, approximately three kilometres north of the Village of Slocan. The property slope is at a 30-degree gradient for most of the land above Slocan Lake. As a result, placing a structure on the property would require manual labour and the use of solar power, so maximization of southern exposure is important.

When the matter first came before the RDCK’s Rural Affairs Committee in October 2011, staff recommended granting the owners’ request for a five-metre setback, subject to approval of a site remediation plan. RDCK Senior Planner Matt Durand, wrote in a report to the committee that if the owners had to build elsewhere than close to the water, it would result in further land clearing and modification. She also pointed out that the structure had to be exposed to maximize alternative power generation.

Durand said a professional report dismissed impacts to Slocan Lake as negligible as long as appropriate mitigation measures were taken, and these would be included in the development plan.

But the request sparked some opposition, from public and private concerns. The Slocan Lake Stewardship Society, Senior Habitat Biologist Tola Cooper with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Habitat Officer Terry Anderson with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations all advised against the floodplain setback change.

The next hurdle for the property owners is to get a development permit. According to the area’s Official Community Plan, any development within 30 metres of the high water mark needs to be assessed for impacts to sturgeon values and fish habitat.

Because the relaxation was denied on the floodplain bylaw, it is expected the RDCK planning manager will not reduce the distance the structure can be closer than 15 metres from the high water mark.