Nakusp’s lodge and heli-ski operation revolutionized by new partnership
by Jan McMurray

The Kuskanax Lodge in Nakusp is being transformed into the CMH K2 Rotor Lodge, sparked by a new partnership between Canadian Mountain Holidays (CMH) and K2 Skis.

“We are absolutely thrilled,” said CMH spokesperson Susan Pearson. “This will bring new energy to the town of Nakusp and CMH.”

K2 is a ski equipment manufacturing and marketing company out of the US. A press release issued by K2 says, “CMH K2 offers passionate skiers great skiing combined with K2’s legendary mad-cap style of fun and excitement.”

Pearson explained that CMH continues to own and manage the lodge and heli-skiing business, with no changes to staffing. The partnership gives K2 the opportunity to use the facility for their K2 athlete-hosted trips and for ski testing with K2’s in-house design team.

“K2 brings to the partnership is their marketing expertise and global reach that CMH would otherwise not be able to capitalize on,” said Pearson.

The renovation of the lodge is being done by the two companies in partnership. “They’ve put a design team together to decorate all the rooms and common areas,” said Pearson. “They have a very retro, fun, eclectic type of personality and they will bring that to the lodge. We have staff there as well helping with signage and set-up.”

Pearson says they want the renovations to be completed before the first heli-ski guests arrive around Christmas time.

The partnership comes with another bonus for guests – every CMH K2 skier will get a pair of their favourite K2s. “It’s a huge advantage to our regular guests to have a new, fun lodge, and to get a pair of new K2 skis when they go out. It brings a huge energy around the heli-ski operation in Nakusp.”

Telus begins the search for cell tower sites in Slocan Valley
by Jan McMurray

Telus is looking for sites for cell phone towers along Hwy 6 from Nakusp to the Playmor junction.

Property owners in Hills have been approached by a Telus site acquisition consultant, inquiring if they would be interested in leasing some space on their properties for the installation of a cell tower.

Shawn Hall, Telus spokesperson, explained that Telus and the Province of BC signed a 10-year telecommunications contract last year. As part of that contract, Telus agreed to invest $650 million to provide new telecommunications infrastructure, including wireless sites, along 1700 kilometres of highway in the province where there is no coverage now.

“In the Slocan Valley, we are in the very early stages,” said Hall. “It will be some years before you start seeing the service come online. The first step is to look for appropriate sites, and that’s what we’re doing to bring coverage along the highway from the Playmor junction to Vernon.”

Cell service currently exists only in the Nakusp, New Denver and Playmor junction areas along this stretch of road.

“We are looking for the maximum amount of coverage, leaving as few gaps as possible, to provide the best possible service along that corridor. It is a low-power, line-of-sight service, so it’s very challenging in this terrain. It will be an investment of half a million dollars or more for each site, depending on the geography.”

He said Telus would be looking at sites on both private and Crown land.

“Once we’ve identified the sites, we will be consulting with local governments and communities,” he said.

Hall said the project is in response to the growing customer demand for wireless services, and also for emergency services. “With 60 percent of 911 calls coming in on cell phones, these services save lives.”

New Denver teacher Gary Parkstrom, third place in the Sufferfest 100 km bike race through the mountain backcountry from New Denver to Kaslo.

Rowan Vibe-Coleman, the youngest competitor in Sufferfest. At 4 years old, she rode her very very tiny bike over 4 km including a few mildly challenging downhill trails in Kaslo.
New Slocan Valley school bus routes don’t make the grade

by Jan McMurray

The Slocan school district’s bus operation has gotten off to a very bumpy start for students who take the bus to school in the Slocan Valley and Nelson areas.

Changes to the bus routes have resulted in students spending an unacceptable amount of time on the bus, huge discrepancies between posted and actual pick-up and drop-off times, overcrowded buses, and students arriving late to school.

“It’s been a real mess, and you would think that by now – four weeks in to the school year – the problems would be rectified,” said Sheri Walsh, secretary of the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC).

Last spring, Larry Brown, Director of Operations at SD9, announced that there would be changes to the bus routes this fall that would result in the elimination of three routes and the re-configuration of several others. The reasons for the changes to be made were to save money, the end of declining ridership, and to move towards discontinuing out-of-catchment bus service, as recommended in the 2009 transportation review.

“Unfortunately, the changes to reduce cost and increase efficiency – not necessarily to improve the system to serve the students,” said Walsh. She said there are students on the Krestova route who live five kilometres away from the school, who have to wait 35 minutes at the end of the day to get on their bus, and then ride the bus for one hour and ten minutes to go five kilometres.

“In our neighbouring school district, Edgewood students attending school in Nakusp arrive home earlier (4:31 pm) than those attending Mt. Sentinel and living on Pass Creek Road within five kilometres of Mt. Sentinel (4:54 pm),” she said.

Walsh reported that DPAC has received numerous letters from parents outlining their concerns with the new routes, and that about 15 Slocan Valley and Nelson area parents showed up at the September 18 school board meeting to complain about them. “The general response to the parents from Larry Brown, the superintendent and the board chair, was ‘We’re re-working it,’” said Walsh.

At Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 26, Walsh says Brown reported that the district was finalizing the new bus routes, and that about 15 Slocan Valley and Nelson area parents showed up at the September 18 school board meeting to complain about them. “The general response to the parents from Larry Brown, the superintendent and the board chair, was ‘We’re re-working it’,” said Walsh.

“I certainly hope so, but they are going ahead and doing this without parent consultation,” said Walsh.

Another change this year is a $200 per year or $20 per month fee for students who attend an out-of-catchment school. Walsh said the fee itself doesn’t seem to be a big concern for parents. However, with the changes in the routes, Slocan Valley students who attend school out of catchment at LV Rogers in Nelson are arriving to school late every day. Parents are quite upset that their kids are missing school and having to wait 35 minutes at the bus stop.

Potential for another slide looms over Johnson’s Landing

by Jan McMurray

The Johnson’s Landing Advisory Group and the RDCK have set up individual meetings with property owners and residents most affected to discuss hazard mapping and field work findings so far. The goal of these one-on-one meetings is to engage residents in a candid discussion of the facts so they can make fully informed and timely decisions.

The next step for the geotechnics is to model what could occur if the 300,000-cubic-metre block were to move downhill. They estimate that another slide could run as far as, if not further than, the most recent slide. They have also determined that there is no evidence of a slide of this magnitude since deglaciation.

BCUC holds public meetings on FortisBC smart meter project

by Jan McMurray

There will be three Community Input Sessions on FortisBC’s proposed smart meter program (Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project).

The West Kootenay session will take place in Trail on Wednesday, November 6 at the Best Western Plus Columbia River Hotel. The other two sessions are in Osoyoos on November 7, and in Nelson on November 9.

All sessions will run from 3 pm to 9 pm, with a one-hour break from 5 pm to 6 pm. Anyone who would like to make a presentation at one of these sessions is required to register by Monday, October 15 with Gordon Fulton, Commission Counsel (604-647-4104 or gfulton@boughton.ca). There must be at least four presentations scheduled or the session will be cancelled. Presentations can be up to 15 minutes long.

These sessions are being held by the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC). A short information session and a presentation of the BCUC proceeding will take place at each of the Community Input Sessions at 5:45 pm, just before the evening session.

FortisBC applied to the BCUC on July 26 for approval of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project. Seventeen intervenors registered by the deadline of September 7. Intervenors are people or organizations who intend to fully participate in the review process and receive copies of the application, all correspondence and filed documentation.

BCUC asked for comments on the need to hold Community Input Sessions in Trail, Osoyoos and Nelson, and filed documentation. All were in favour of the sessions except the Commercial Energy Consumers Association of BC. The Commission decided that it is in the public interest to have these sessions so that members of the public can have their comments on the official record. Also, the Osoyoos and Nelson Public inquiries, which are hearing the public broad interest in the application.
Don’t feed the bears, Kaslo residents told
submitted by Gillian Sanders

With at least five incidents of bears entering homes in their search for food, 2012 has been a difficult time for Kaslo residents and for bears. Two ‘home invaders’ were destroyed by the Conservation Office Service and apparently five other bears (one sow with two cubs, and two young sibling bears) were shot by residents. Nevertheless, with attractants such as garbage, compost, pet food and fruit available, we still have bears within village limits.

On September 17 the North Kootenay Lake Bear Smart Program hosted a community meeting on bear issues led by program co-ordinator Gillian Sanders. Topics included home invasions and attractant management, food conditioning and habituation of bears, diversionary feeding, relocation of bears, trying to learn that bear problems.

Home invasions: These are not the behaviour of a wild bear straight off the mountain; this behaviour is learned when the bear finds food near homes, on porches.

Free Pap clinic coming to Nakusp
submitted

Women who do not have a regular doctor, have no doctors at all, or do not have access to a female doctor are invited to attend a Pap screening clinic on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the Nakusp Public Health Unit, 611 Broadway Street, Nakusp.

To make an appointment please call (250) 265-3122. All appointments are made in complete strict confidentiality.

The clinic is conducted by Options for Sexual Health, Nakusp Branch in partnership with the Nakusp Rotary Club and the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Options for Sexual Health is Canada’s largest sexual health service organization, has a non-profit charitable status, and is a member of the Canadian Federation for Sexual Health.

Rotary funds humanitarian projects throughout the world and is funded by member contributions. The Nakusp screening clinic project is being funded through a Foundation District Simplified Grant in support of maternal and prenatal health and education.

and in insecure sheds. When a bear learns that it can find food in its neighbourhoods, it has no reason to leave town. When bears learn that humans pose little or no threat to their safety, they easily become comfortable around us and can be termed ‘habituated.’ Home invasions are the end result, and in these cases the bear must be destroyed because of the obvious human safety risk.

However, this behaviour is easily prevented by managing attractants and not allowing bears to find food near us. Leaving pet food, compost, and/or garbage on porches is an open invitation to bears, cougars, skunks, and other wildlife to come right to our doors in their search for food. Garbage stored in insecure sheds teaches bears to tear open buildings to fill their bellies, and this behaviour can become tearing open our homes.

Diversionary feeding: Some people want to create feeding stations out of town so that bears will feed there instead of near our homes. However, bear populations are directly related to available food sources and more food equals more bears. Bears mate from late May to early July and although the sow carries the fertilized egg, it won’t implant onto the uterus wall until she enters the den between October and December. If she is fat enough to support the pregnancy and ensuing lactation, the egg will implant and she gets pregnant, but if she has not been able to fatten up enough, she will reabsorb the egg and produce cubs that winter. In this way, when we provide bears with food we actually create more bears.

Relocation: Once a bear has learned to find a food source, it doesn’t forget and will return for more. If we relocate a food-conditioned bear, it will either return or try to find food from other human sources – camps, homes, or communities. Relocated bears also can come into conflict with existing bears in their new location or even starve to death because they don’t know how or where to find food in their new area.

Relocating bears seems like a solution from the human perspective (out of sight, out of mind), but we are not doing these bears any favours by moving them out of their home range.

Relocation is also expensive and there is no population threat to black bears in BC. It has been determined that only about 25% of relocated bears survive in their new location.

The dump: It is true that an open dump provided a greater concentration of available bear food than in town. However, even in the dump days (pre 2001) there was bear activity on fruit and garbage in the Village and garbage-conditioned bears were breaking into homes in rural areas in their desperate search for food. Dump bears had garbage binding their intestines and blocking their digestion, leading to animal suffering and unhealthy bears. Feeding garbage to bears at the dump is not a solution to our current bear problems.

Less lethal management techniques such as aversive conditioning or hazing of bears can be effective to teach bears more wariness of people; however, if food sources still exist the bears will simply come back to feed. The food requirement of bears is a greater drive than fear and chasing bears simply does not work unless the food source is contained and made inaccessible. It is also important that residents understand that black bears climb trees for safety. If a resident is making noise to move a bear out of their yard and the bear goes up a tree, it is not likely to come down to face you before leaving your yard. Being up the tree is the safest place it knows and there is little point in continuing to harass a treed bear.

Finally, there is the perception that in the ‘good old days’ we just shot problem bears and that took care of the problem. However, as long as the food sources exist we simply continue to create problem bears. Existing food conditioned bears in Kaslo will eventually be shot, but each young bear is dispersed from their mothers and learn to find food in town. No matter how small or cute a bear can be, we are not doing them any favours by allowing them to feed near us.

We can stop the ongoing cycle of feeding and killing bears. All over North America the message is the same: Don’t feed the bears!

The North Kootenay Lake Bear Smart Program is sponsored by Bear Aware, the Village of Kaslo, RDCK, and Columbia Basin Trust. For more information phone 250-353-1137 or email nklbearsmart@gmail.com
Open letter to Silverton council

I commend the actions of council in upgrading the bylaws beginning with the noise bylaw. However, I am concerned when a fence has been built to solve the ‘noise’ problem between the campground and the Broughtons. Fences do not stop sound – this fence is a travesty. Mayor Provan and the resident councillors use and/or park in their lanes for easy access to their back doors; many of us do: To deny Broughtons this same access is reprehensible.

The Broughtons responded to the sounds, smells and intrusion of the campers with their own noise only when not presented with reasonable requests over the past year went unresolved. The complaints against the Broughtons concerned noise; a fence does not stop sound. Silverton residents need to be looking at the possible future consequences of their actions with the proposed bylaw and ask themselves some questions. Are we going to see this situation repeated throughout the village? Would you want a fence up against your property, blocking your access? I understand the frustrations of the Broughtons, the mayor, council and staff to deal with a difficult situation. However, when the mayor and council choose not to listen, negotiate or seek a mutually agreeable solution, then it is about time Silverton taxpayers sit up and pay attention.

A few more questions for the residents of Silverton;

Who would be willing to listen to the sounds of a campsite right under their bedroom window all summer long?

Who has had to listen to the campers violating the campground plan?

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Their bedroom window all summer

The sounds of a campsite right under their property all summer.

The Village has not done that. The Broughtons have been subjected to scorn and derision. They have been cast as the villains of the parish, which ultimately caused Barb to be assaulted on their own property.

The Village needs to create a campground plan with input from the residents rather than these knee-jerk reactions with no thought to the future.

I believe in the rule of law, in restorative justice principles and in non-violent solutions. Elected leaders are the servants not the masters. They are responsible for the water and garbage, the streets, the shared resources, the wellbeing of the citizens. They are expected to be fair and impartial in carrying out their duties. Pitting neighbours against each other, ignoring the rights of citizens and community standards in favour of draconian measures and imposing harsh sanctions is totally inappropriate.

I would remind residents of the quote by Martin Niemoller in 1947, which ends with: “Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak out for me.”

Silverton residents need to consider this draft Noise Bylaw and let council know their thoughts. What modifications need to be made? What happens when the campers violate the new noise bylaw?

Carol Bell Silverton

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considerations? Presently the population numbers are well within the +/- 25% banding the issue of electoral readjustment at this time. If boundaries are to be readjusted at all, they should be done so first and foremost to accommodate the serious threat of climate change.

Susan Eyre Yahl

Top-heavy IHA is the problem

BC’s Interior Health ‘Authority’ apparently doesn’t have the money to pay for doctors to staff Kasel’s ER.

But an unofficial audit of that same Health Authority’s ‘executive team’ illustrates exactly where the money to pay for needed hospital staff may be going: to pay executive salaries, and presumably perks, bonuses, and healthy taxpayer funded pensions.

For what?!

It basically only takes a few children to fill any nursing, doctors, nurses, and supportive auxiliary staff to provide health care.

Like a well run EPA*HW unit. We don’t need corporate entities staffed by people with degrees in political science, business, and commerce.

What do we need with Vice Presidents of Community Integration, ‘People & Clinical Services,’ ‘Allied Health Planning & Strategic Services,’ and ‘Communication and Public Affairs’...all at the highest of those moniker mean, anyway?!

As ‘Dragon’ Kevin O’Leary, would say “All superfluous or unnecessary positions in the workplace? Whack ‘em”.

Then, when there’s more money freed up to hire the necessary staff to eliminate surgical, treatment, and diagnostic waiting lists, the physicians we so badly need will move flooding back to the province because they’ll finally have the resources and personnel to truly ply their craft and look after everyone’s medical needs in BC. As it should be.

Liz Stomard
Port Alberni

Appeal to absentee Americans to vote in 2012 election

Before I came to Canada in the early ’90s, I wasn’t big on politics. South of the 49th, I felt I had little voice. The war in Vietnam was heating up. I had no desire for anyone to fight, or die, for me. There didn’t seem to be a lot of people who didn’t approve of what US policy was based on.

I’ve been a lot of places since then and I gotta say, I was wrong about having no voice. Voting is more than a long list of candidates, the 2012 election coming up is a bruser and a lot of people living in the USA, not just those in prison or who have already done time, are in danger of being disenfranchised. More than ever, absentee ballots will count.

It’s not too late to send a request for your absentee ballot so you can vote in the 2012 US presidential election. An absentee ballot application is available online. Go to the website of the county in which you last lived, do a search on ‘absentee ballot’. You should be able to print the application from your PC directly. Fill it out and sign it, mail to Board of Elections for that county. Address of where to mail it should be on the form.

If that’s tooonerous, you can telephone the Board in that county to ask to have one sent to you by mail.

The sooner, the better.

And BTW: There is a space on the absentee ballot for write-ins...

Ruthlein Weintraub
New Denver

Gravel pits and planning

I find it entertaining reading the Voices from the north and especially look forward to the Klabeds of points of view. They are now worried about a gravel pit in their neighbourhood.

Let me tell you about a gravel pit owner. I am a gravel pit owner. When I was operating my pit times were good I was able to sell 4 000 meters of gravel a year. If the price drops below 65 cents a day I was lucky. When my dump truck broke down a few years ago, it was not worth replacing so I shut down the business. I have 500 000 meters of gravel in reserve with no market for it.

It is paranoid for anyone to think that any pit could operate in this area having six days a week, 12 hours a day! Would you like to know what the gravel pit owner does all this gravel! Most gravel pits in the valley have closed permanently or are sitting idle. We are in a recession. I believe there still is only one contractor in the valley trying to make a living selling gravel. I know of other contractors who haven’t licensed their trucks – there is no work. Mr. Kabel the gravel developer answering about his rights according to our Constitution, to enjoy his property and to seek benefit from it. What about the neighbour applying for a gravel pit license. Is he not allowed to seek benefit from his property?

From what I understand, the proposed pit owner has followed due process. He has hired consultants, engineers etc. The application is in the Ministry of Mines’ hands, and a public meeting was held. The neighbour had a chance to voice his concerns. I am sure the ministry will consider any concerns of the people in the area. The application has not been approved yet. This is how the system works.

Can you imagine the frustration of a child or youth who tries really hard to understand what is expected of him or her and never gets it right? Or the hurt of a child or youth who feels no one really wants to teach them? How long would you keep trying?

These people work hard every day to fit in and meet expectations – they all want to do their best. But our society doesn’t recognize the invisible disability that is FASD and doesn’t understand that rather than labelling, judging or pushing them away, we need to find a way to use compassion, empathy and understanding to embrace them as members of our society.

These people often have heard that if only they “tried harder” or put more effort in, it would work. They are already trying as hard as they can. What they and others around them need adopt is a ‘try differently’ approach.

We need to begin by recognizing that when a child is not doing well in school, it’s not because they don’t want to – they may not know how. Teachers’ time is stretched and money is tight, but our children deserve more. School assessments are critical in identifying learning disabilities, and yet they don’t happen in a timely manner. Extra assistance in the classroom is a must for children with FASD and yet again the budget will not cover this. It is not enough support in the classroom for children with extra needs.

We need the local police to understand the complexities of youth who are impacted by FASD. They may not understand what is being told to them, even though they say they do; speech needs to be slowed down so that they can understand it. They may seem to be having a temper tantrum or it may be a panic attack which they can’t control. Mental health and education issues further complicate the complex life of a person who has FASD.

As a society, we need to take off our blinders and see that all the members of our community are valued and be treated with compassion and understanding. Those who struggle are easily marginalized and labelled. We need to make changes in our interactions with each other and about others and not shame, blame, criticize or accuse instead of understanding, offering compassion and try to understand what others are living with and working with in their day-to-day lives. We make allowances for people with physical disabilities and we need to make allowances to meet the needs of people with brain-based disabilities.

While I have focussed on young people with FASD these concepts apply to all the people who are living with invisible disabilities in our communities.

Here’s my challenge to the adults in our community, school systems and law enforcement: Please find a way in which you might support (rather than judge) a young person who is struggling to find his or her place in our community. If we can help the youth in our community to feel like they matter – then they will.

Joyce McNeil
Slocan

People of the Kootenays, unite

Kootenay people unite to say – who would have thought that a community is about what is concerning us, and what we expect from our health system, and the government we have elected.

The people who live in this region of BC are very diverse in nature, and they have been ever since gravitating to the region in the early 1900’s. We continue to come, attracted by the beauty of the mountains and lakes, and searching for a healthier quieter pace of living, for themselves and their families.

Kootenay people are basically a very healthy, self-sufficient population, active in a wide variety of ways, from artistic ventures to physically challenging sports, community minded, and those who have found the right place for them to retire.

Living a healthy lifestyle does not however preclude having accidents, developing cancer or other illnesses. Although the level of hospital and health care services has been deteriorating over the past few years, for a variety of reasons, residents have become increasingly concerned about these changes. However, the September 17 IHA press release indicating that our evening and weekend hospital emergency services will be terminated on November 2 has left the people of the entire area shocked, and feeling very vulnerable. The large turnout at the September 17 meeting the following day indicated the level of anxiety the people are feeling, they feel abandoned, and isolated.

There is no chair at the table for stakeholders in the IHA.

The Vision Statement of the Victorian Community Health Centre states: “The Kaslo Health Centre will promote partnerships with the community to provide health service and to enhance the health and well being of North Kootenay Lake residents by promoting health.”

A committee of concerned Kaslo residents has been formed, are already working on how to reverse this IHA decision, and to make a presentation on the November 2 Emergency Department closure.

If you, the public, wish to actively support this committee in their efforts, your voice needs to be heard at the IHA and hallway, stating your objection to this closure. Accidents and emergencies do not always fall in the Monday to Friday 9-5 time slot, for which the IHA Board deems to be appropriate.

If you wish to play a part in trying to resolve this very important issue, communicate your views to the following officials. Be aware that a personal letter does carry a lot of weight.

Mary Stickel
Kaslo

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Climate change and water monitoring: Kaslo Community Forest

by Jan McMurray

The Kaslo and District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) is getting ready to start monitoring the impact of climate change on some of the streams in the KDCFS chart area. The project was presented at a public meeting September 25 at the Seniors’ Hall.

“This is a leading edge project – it’s very progressive,” said Jeff Zukiwsy, representing CBT’s Communities Adapting to Climate Change program, at the meeting. “We haven’t found any other community in Canada that has tried to develop a water monitoring program that measures the impacts of climate change.”

KDCFS is no stranger to water monitoring. The society began monitoring stream flow and turbidity on some of the creeks in its area 10-15 years ago. About four years ago, the society partnered with Selkirk College, and water monitoring in the KDCFS area is now part of the college’s Integrated Environmental Planning Technology program.

In 2009/10, Kaslo and Area D joined CBT’s Communities Adapting to Climate Change Program. During this process, the impacts of climate change on water supply was identified as a community priority. So, last year, the RDCK provided the society with funding of $30,100 to expand the water monitoring program. The funds are to be spent on setting up water monitoring stations. In order to develop a plan for the expanded water monitoring program, CBT provided funding of $9,500.

KDCFS hired Russell Smith of Watersmith Research in Kelowna to lead the development of a long-term (50 years) water monitoring plan, with the main goal to measure the impacts of climate change on water quality.

At the September 25 meeting in Kaslo, Russell presented the results of his team’s work, which involved selecting sites for the monitoring stations, and determining the variables that should be measured.

He said the variables that should be measured include stream flow, stream temperature, stream turbidity, snowpack (because Kaslo’s water is largely supplied by snowpack), the weather (helps to establish cause and effect, and helps with computer modelling) and watershed disturbance (so changes in the water supply can be related to development activities on the landscape). Stream flow and stream temperature will all be measured with data loggers that automatically collect the data at regular intervals. The loggers are then retrieved in order to download the data.

In selecting the sites for the monitoring stations, Russell said they tried to capture a variety of snow regimes because of the importance of snowpack to water supply. He also tried to incorporate community watersheds because that’s where people’s drinking water is coming from. Further, he tried to use existing monitoring stations that belong to other agencies like the federal and provincial governments and BC Hydro – thus saves the society money and provides access to historical data.

To monitor stream flow and stream temperature, Russell’s team chose seven sites. Turbidity would also be measured manually at some of these streams. Three of these sites are places where forestry and other development activities are less likely to occur, so climate change would hopefully be the only influence on the data from these sites. These are located in the Keen Creek watershed and the McDonald Creek watershed.

The other four are sites in areas where logging and other development will occur and will have an influence on the data. These include sites on Kemp Creek, Bjerkness Creek, Davis Creek and the existing Environment Canada monitoring station on Kaslo River.

To monitor snowpack, Russell recommends using the existing monitoring sites at Redfish Creek and Sandon, as well as four new sites in the Keen Creek watershed.

To monitor the weather, again he recommends using the numerous existing weather stations in the area, but also recommends installing one other in a high elevation site – in the upper Carlyle Creek area in the Keen Creek watershed.

“We believe the proposed monitoring framework addresses the broad goals of the KDCFS monitoring program, allows climate change impacts to be identified, incorporates community watersheds, and incorporates existing monitoring infrastructure,” he said.

Russell said they had the $30,100 budget in mind while coming up with the plan, but did not do a detailed budget. What they did do was prioritize the sites to make it easier for KDCFS to choose which stations to install with the available budget. Richard Marchand, KDCFS manager, said this was the next step – to determine which stations can be set up with the $30,100. As for ongoing monitoring and data analysis, he said he has started discussions with Selkirk College about having the students help with this.

Kaslo’s own Honey Candles Ltd. was recently given an offer they could not refuse – to attend the Canadian Country Music Awards and set up at the Gift Lounge. Mark Harris, one of the organizers of the Gift Lounge, invited the Kaslo company to participate in this marketing opportunity after he found Honey Candles in a store in Vancouver. One of the last day’s at the Gift Lounge, owner Roy and Johnny Reid took about 100 cases. Roy says he is with Johnny Reid, who won the Canadian Country Music Awards Fan’s Choice for the fourth year in a row.

Contract awarded for Kaslo’s new water intake

by Jan McMurray

The construction of the new dam for Kaslo’s Kemp Creek water system has been awarded to Gross Ventures Ltd. out of Kelowna for $339,240. The company has hired Bernie Penner as project superintendent.

The job went out to tender with a deadline of September 11. Work has begun on site, with a local crew. Urban Systems, the project manager, has submitted a list of project costs totalling $447,078. The list includes: Hydrologic Conditions Report/Watershed Assessment ($40,088), preliminary and detailed design of the new intake and construction services ($41,250), materials testing and survey ($10,000), tender contract ($339,240) and construction contingency (5% of the tender price - $16,500).

Emergency Management BC has let the Village of Kaslo know that the project is eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance. Once the Village provides a Recovery Plan, it will be advised of the amount approved.

Kaslo’s dam was taken out in a debris flow on Kemp Creek June 24. A temporary water intake was built right away, so Kaslo residents have experienced no interruption in water supply.
School district cuts funding to WE Graham Community Service Society

by Jan McMurray

WE Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) is working with a $25,000 cut to its core funding this school year.

Since WEGCSS was formed in 1997, it has consistently received $25,000, in addition to the $75,000 per year it has been receiving from the Ministry of Children and Families, and for the last few years from School District No. 8.

During the school district’s budget process this spring, the decision was made to provide the society with only $50,000 this year, thereby cutting one-third of the total amount of the society’s reliable, core funding. There was also discussion at the school district level about phasing out the funding altogether—by cutting another $25,000 next year and the final $25,000 the year after.

WEGCSS was established when WE Graham School became a community school in 1997. At the time, the Ministry of Children and Families provided $75,000 per year to each community school in the province. The government recommended that an arm’s-length organization be set up to manage those funds, and stipulated that a coordinator be hired.

Some years ago, the Ministry of Children and Families funding dried up, and the $75,000 per year started coming from the school district’s Community LINK (Learning Involves Nutrition and Knowledge) funding. School District No. 8 receives $600,000 per year of Community LINK funds.

Art in the Valley
with Winlaw artist Robyn Gold

Submitted

Local Winlaw resident Robyn Gold will be offering several workshops through Slocan Valley Recreation this fall, starting with ‘Teens Music and Pain’ on October 13. Teens bring your favourite music, paint what you hear – get creative—express yourself!

Starting Tuesday November 6, Robyn is also offering a ‘No Talent Required’ adult art course from 7 to 9 pm on Tuesdays. It is Robyn’s belief that we are all creative, but sometimes the fear of judgement prevents us from trying.

Currently Robyn is part of the 2 Pro-gress Exhibition, which explores the theme of ‘progress’ especially in light of recent controversy with the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline.

This past July, Robyn was able to participate in The Tony Onley Artists Project, which had well known Canadian Artist Peter von Tiesenhausen and Sarah Anne Johnson as mentors. A total of 21 very talented artists took part in this inspiring workshop and it was a life-altering event for Robyn. As a result, she has decided to take the plunge, and start her own business promoting her artwork.

Watch for her artwork on greeting cards, coming soon to local retailers. Art workshops will be happening in the spring of 2013. Updates will be available at www.robyn_gold.com.
Silerton council, September 18: Silerton Gallery study to be presented to the public

by Jan McMurray

• An open house and presentation of the Silerton Gallery Feasibility Study by Ken Butler & Associates will be held October 9, 6-8 pm at the Silerton Gallery. Butler has submitted the draft of the 70+ page study.

• Wayne McCrorey attended as a delegation with a proposal for a lakeside park in memory of his sister, Colleen McCrorey. He explained that Colleen had purchased a small, triangular piece of waterfront property near her house to protect her viewscape. The lot is now being transferred to the Valhalla Foundation, with the intent to dedicate it as a memorial park for Colleen. While preparing the paperwork for the land transfer, Wayne discovered that the Village owns a small lot adjacent to the proposed park. He asked that the Village consider dedicating the lot as a park in the memory of Colleen. He also asked that the Valhalla Foundation’s lot be exempted from taxes. Wayne will write a letter to council with these requests.

• Carol Bell was next on the agenda to address noise bylaw, which was discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 4. However, Mayor Provan interrupted her when it became clear that her presentation was about the fence between the campground and the Broughton’s property. Councillors agreed that Bell was out of order. She said she would submit her presentation as a letter to the editor in the Valley Voice instead.

• Councillor Love reported that a large donation of kitchen utensils was made to the Silerton Memorial Hall by Mrs. Revelle in Castlegar; however, there are no smart meters to co-exist with the wireless internet service. RMIS is looking for two new directors, as Barrie Gardiner and Kent Omerod are stepping down. Also, RMIS directors agreed that tighter internal controls are needed, such as written contracts with service providers. Mayor Provan reported that at the Committee of the Whole meeting, council reviewed the results of the surveys on garbage and internet. Staff will look at the savings that the Village would incur if garbage were picked up on a bi-weekly basis and bring this forward to the October 4 Committee of the Whole meeting.

• Councillor Main reported that the Slocan Valley Economic Development Council awarded the contract to upgrade the slocanvalley.com website to Juniper Webcraft of Winlaw.

• In light of the decision made by Interior Health without community consultation to reduce emergency room hours at the Slocan Valley Hospital, council requested to send a letter to the BC Minister of Health requesting a moratorium on changes to any health centre or hospital until the health authority consults and negotiates an agreement with the community regarding the proposed changes.

• Acting CAO Elaine Rogers reported that it was an extremely busy camping season and revenues were ten percent higher than expected.

• A grant application for arena improvements was prepared with Lynda Laffeur of CB and submitted to the provincial Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

• Administration and Public Works staff were very pleased with summertime Jordan Deakoff.

• A letter of support from the Village will go to the Nakusp and Area Chamber of Commerce for Mike Stofle of Nelson to come and do his Tourism 360 Workshop and Presentation. The Nakusp Chamber is applying for CBT funding for this.

• A petition will be available at the Village office calling for federal support for municipalities so they can upgrade their waste water systems.

The petition states that in rural areas, septic systems need upgrades and this results in a negative effect on water quality. Quebec MP Mylene Freeman initiated the petition.

• The Committee of the Whole meeting time will be changed, on a trial basis for the month of October, from 7 pm to 4 pm, to accommodate staff. The meeting will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of every month.

• Councillor Love told councilors that he would be tendering his resignation, as he had to move to Ontario for family reasons. “It was my honour and pleasure to work with you, Village staff and the citizens of Silerton,” he said. Mayor Provan said Councillor Love served the community well, and was sorry to see him go.

Have you purchased your ticket yet? Only 9 days left.

Slocan Lake Arena Society is selling cash draw raffle tickets at the following businesses:

Anita’s Hair Designs • Glacier View Service • June’s Trinkets & Treasures • Mountainberry Foods • New Market Foods • RHC Insurance • Silerton Building Supplies • Slocan Lake Hardware

Also, we are selling tickets at Kootenay Savings Credit Union from October 1 to the date of the draw on October 12, 2012 at the Bosun Hall at 8:00 pm.

Cash Prizes of: First - $5,000.00, Second - $2,500.00, Third-$1,500.00

For more information, call 250-365-5420

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Valhalla Park Management Plan completed

by Jan McMurray

The Valhalla Provincial Park Management Plan has finally been approved and is available online at www.env.gov.bc.ca. The plan replaces the 1989 Master Plan for the park.

This new plan has been in the works since 2008. In 2009, a draft management plan was completed and put out for review at public open houses. Now, seven years later, the final plan has now been released.

The 2012 plan states that the delay in the planning process was due to the addition of the Valhalla Mile property to the park. This 155-acre private property was the largest private inholding within the park boundaries until the BC government purchased it in 2009, after a very successful fundraising campaign led by the Valhalla Foundation.

**AXOR submits proposals for IPPs on Cooper and Tenise Creeks**

Purcell Green Power (subsidiary of Montreal-based AXOR), the same company that has proposed the highly controversial Glacier-Howser Independent Power Project (IPP) north of Kaslo, has proposals for two more IPPs in the area.

The projects proposed for Cooper Creek and Tenise Creek would use the transmission lines that are planned for the Glacier-Howser project.

“These are applications for investigation licences, only, says Simon Gourdeau, project manager at AXOR. “We are currently assessing if there is any potential for a small hydro development in these watersheds.”

The application details show that the Cooper Creek project would be 30 MW in size. The Tenise Creek development involves two projects, one with a capacity of 4.9 MW and the other with a capacity of 9.9 MW.

The proposed Glacier-Howser project is likely three IPPs with a total capacity of 7.6 MW.

Investigative licences would allow the applicant to conduct the studies, such as hydrology, geology, fish and fish habitat, vegetation, wildlife and archeology studies, which are required to progress to the next stage of the application process. The investigative licence is not an approval to proceed with the waterpower project or to proceed with any infrastructure on the lands.

The timelines for the projects included in the applications put both project end dates in May 2019.

The applications state that the company has already begun hydrology data collection on both creeks, and has placed two gauges on Tenise Creek. The Lardeau Valley Historical Society was notified of the Cooper Creek project application by the BC government, as the project area almost completely overlaps the Goldfields Heritage Reserve, an important part of the mining history of the Lardeau Valley. The 65.5-hectare Goldfields reserve has remnants of the old mining camp, including Dutch ovens, a cabin, a bridge, and a wagon road. The proposed location of the powerhouse could possibly be on the Goldfields land. Therefore, the public is invited to provide comments on the project proposal by September 26.

The Lardeau Valley Historical Society reported that they know of more than 16 people who provided comments pertinent to the Goldfields, and the vast majority were in favour of protecting the heritage values of Goldfields.

The applications can be viewed at www.axor.greenpower.com. According to Glacier-Howser project manager Simon Gourdeau, Purcell Green Power is still working actively on the development of the Glacier-Howser IPP.

The environmental assessment of the project has been on hold since September 2009 because the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) required more data to determine whether there would be significant adverse effects to bull trout, a species of special concern.

Greg Leake of the EAO reported, “While some of the required information has been received from the proponent, information related to Glacier Creek is not yet in hand and the Environmental Assessment Office believes that the information on PowerPoint is not complete.”

“Under the terms of British Columbia’s Prescribed Time Limits Regulation, the suspension expired on September 2, 2012. The Environmental Assessment Office is now deciding on whether to continue with the environmental assessment.”

**Mungall announces the people’s choices for Queen’s Jubilee Medals**

submitted

After a two-month democratic process, Nelson-Creston MLA Michelle Mungall has announced the nominees for the four Queen’s Jubilee Medals she’s tasked with selecting.

After the nearly 700 votes were tallied, the following four emerge as the choices from their communities: Bruce Walker, Kaslo; Joan Reischardt, Nelson; Dorothy Hearn, Salmo; and Shannon Walker, Kaslo; Joan Reichardt, Nelson; and Shannon Walker, Kaslo.

The new plan “puts greater emphasis on sustaining the park’s ecological values rather than on developing new recreational opportunities,” according to the plan highlights at the beginning of the document. This is a shift from the original 1989 plan, which proposed a park-wide expansion of recreational opportunities in the park to generate tourism.

The 1989 plan provided for commercial helicopter access to specific areas, outside of the range of both camping and roofed accommodations. The 2012 plan recognizes that there has been nowhere near the expected interest in that type of tourism in the park, and that several helicopter-accessed commercial lodge opportunities are now available in the park.

The Lardeau Valley Historical Society, an important part of the mining history of the Lardeau Valley. The 65.5-hectare Goldfields Reserve has remnants of the old mining camp, including Dutch ovens, a cabin, and a wagon road. The proposed location of the powerhouse could possibly be on the Goldfields land. Therefore, the public is invited to provide comments on the project proposal by September 26.

In the Core Wilderness Recreation Zone, no motorized activities or facilities are allowed. The North and South Wilderness Recreation Zones “offer wilderness recreational opportunities with minimal facilities and disturbances from mechanization.” Air access is allowed in the North and South Wilderness Recreation Zones at designated sites.

Another change from the 2005 draft is that fishing guide outfitting is allowed everywhere in the park. In the 2005 draft plan, this was not allowed in the Wilderness Conservation Zone.

The Valhalla Wilderness Society believes there is some good news and some bad news in the 2012 plan. The society has issued a statement saying they “greatly appreciate the stronger position of no new roofed accommodations in the park.” However, they are alarmed that the plan contains differences from the 2005 draft. “It is hugely disappointing of extensive public input to hold up the plan for seven years, and then introduce aspects that were never presented for public review, wiping out the hunting reserve and apparently increasing the area open for helicopter use when there was major public input against it.”

**The Valhalla is a freshwater salmon, related to the saltwater Sockeye. One Valhalla will lay up to 3,000 eggs in her 3rd-4th and final-year of life. The eggs will not survive if the ambient water temperature is below 5°C or above 17°C.**

Slocan Lake Stewardship Society SlocanLake$5.com
What is the water quality of Slocan Lake?

Slocan Lake is well within the Provincial Water Quality Guidelines, indicating that this oligotrophic lake is in good condition. No significant numbers of E. coli have been found in the seven nearshore water sample sites in the three years of sampling. Water quality in Slocan Lake is well within Canadian drinking water standards. Healthy levels of oxygen to support microorganisms.

Take the Slocan Lake Community Values survey by October 14

Do you have a vision for the future of Slocan Lake? Have your say in the community values and vision survey.

What is most important to you for the future of Slocan Lake? What are your concerns? What is your vision? Whether you have lived around the lake for generations or moved to the area recently, a Community Values Survey running October 1-14, 2012 is asking for your input.

Slocan Lake is unique, with 93 percent of its 83 kilometres of shoreline relatively unaltered. Development pressures have not yet had a large impact on Slocan Lake. Water quality and watershed health remain exceptional. It is the focal point of valley history and culture and in many ways anchors the local economy, attracting visitors, recreationalists and prospective residents.

Currently, there is no regional decision-making tool or guiding document for Slocan Lake as a whole. Concerned residents are anticipating future demographic and land-use changes that could impact land, water and ecosystems related to the lake. With this in mind, the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society (SLSS) initiated a project, supported by local governments, to gather community values and vision information to inform future decision making.

Residents and property owners age 16 and over of RDCK Area H North including the Villages of Slocan, Silverton and New Denver are strongly encouraged to have their say in how they imagine the future of Slocan Lake via the community-wide survey open until October 14, 2012.

The survey is the main component of the Imagine Slocan Lake Community Values Study taking place from July to November 2012. The study is guided by a 14-member local advisory committee and a consultant has been hired as the project manager. A focus group workshop was held on September 11 in Silverton with 30 people from the surrounding communities.

Participants provided input on the survey design and content to ensure it was relevant to local residents. The survey is available online at www.SlocanLakeSS.com and in paper copy at Slocan, Silverton and New Denver Village offices. To have a paper copy delivered to your home, residents are invited to contact SLSS board member Lane Haywood at 250-358-7279.

The surveys must be completed online or turned into the Village offices by October 14, 2012 to be included in the report.

Please note October 14 is a Sunday and Village offices will be closed. If you are submitting a paper copy of the survey, in order to make the deadline, you must submit the survey by October 11 or 12, depending on the location.

Hours of operation for Village offices are the following:

- Village of New Denver is open: Mon-Fri, 8-4
- Village of Slocan is open: Mon-Thurs, 9-4
- Village of Silverton is open: Tues-Thurs, 10-4

A final report will be available to residents, community groups and local governments January 2013.

For more information on the project and to take the survey online, visit: www.slocanlakess.com.
Nakusp

Nakusp RCMP is asking anyone with information about the following incidents to contact them at 250-265-3677 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

• A artifact was stolen from the Nakusp Museum on August 17. The item—a meerschaum pipe—was taken from an unlocked display case sometime during the day. The museum had several visitors that day, but none have provided information regarding the missing pipe. The pipe is 115 cm long, an inlaid hand carved pipe which has the appearance of ivory. It is approximately four inches long and there are two small beads of serpentine jade in the center of two carved flowers on the pipe. It was in a black leather case with a burgundy velvet lining.

• The Nakusp RCMP located an outdoor marijuana grow operation in the Mosquito Creek area on September 27. No suspects were located, but four cars were seized and marijuana plants were seized and destroyed. The Nakusp RCMP seized approximately 1400 marijuana plants totaling nearly 100 square feet of marijuana grown operations during the month of September.

• Nakusp RCMP received a report of mischief at the Nakusp marina. The boat's owners were gone sometime between the evening of September 29 and the morning of September 30. Fortunately, all boats were recovered undamaged in the morning.

• On the evening of September 21, police received multiple reports of vehicles breaking into residences in the area of 7th Avenue in Nakusp. Police attended the area but were unable to locate any suspects.

• On September 24, Nakusp RCMP received a report of theft from a vehicle near Holding Creek in Needles. An orange 2000 Honda Accord with chrome wheels and other tools were stolen from a pickup between noon and 6:30 pm on September 16.

• A lost mushroom picker was fined safe and found September 14, hours after being reported missing. Nakusp RCMP received a call at 3:30 pm that day that a 78-year-old male with Wilson’s disease condition had gone missing near Galena Bay. The man, who is not from the area, had been mushroom picking with others at a location on Hwy 31, approximately 6 km from the Hwy 23 junction.

• Shortly after noon, the man separated from his group and became disoriented in the thickly forested area. Members of the Nakusp RCMP, a helicopter from RCMP Air Services, and a helicopter from Nelson Search and Rescue responded to search for the missing man. Fortunately, half an hour before dark the man was located by the search and rescue crew. The man was in good health, the man was reunited with his friends and family.

Slocan Lake

• The Slocan Lake RCMP are currently investigating a bank robbery that occurred at approximately 4:30 pm on September 14, almost 60 km up from Spring Creek Road near Slocan. The owner was away from his vehicle but heard a vehicle with a loud exhaust approach where his vehicle was parked. When the owner returned to his vehicle he found his windows broken and his battery stolen. Please contact the Slocan Lake RCMP at (250) 358-2222 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS if you have any information regarding this offence.

• On September 22, Slocan Lake RCMP responded to reports that a Silverton male had suffered death threats to an associate. The resulting investigation produced evidence that indicated the suspect had conveyed several threats to the victim. The suspect was located at his residence and arrested by police without incident. Subsequent to the arrest, an improperly stored rifle was seized from the suspect’s residence. The suspect was released from custody with several conditions, including no contact with the victim and not to possess of firearms. Police will be recommending charges of Uttering Threats against the suspect.

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This beautiful ginger & white cat will be up for adoption soon.

Sycia Olsen will be at the Kaslo Public Library on Monday, October 15 at 2 pm and at the Kaslo & District Public Library on Monday, October 15 at 7 pm to talk about the impact of the Chowichan sweater. Her name is Minny and she is very friendly. If you are interested in giving Minny a home, please call PALS at 250-265-3792 or e-mail us at pals-online.ca

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Vancouver Artstarts Gallery shows local youth artwork

submitted by Grade 10-12 students from Lucerne School

The Artstarts Gallery in Vancouver is currently showcasing nine exhibitions from aspiring youth across British Columbia, and two of them originated in School District 10 Arrow Lakes. Fortunately, the Grade 10-12 students from Lucerne Elementary Secondary were able to visit the exhibits during their recent trip to Vancouver.

Each of the nine projects was created with assistance from professional artists in a variety of mediums. The gallery’s common themes include identity, land, community and home.

Last winter, New Denver artist Morgen Bardati led a series of workshops for local Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning homeschooled children where they experimented with different art mediums. The finished pieces included a collection of prints, paintings and sculptures that were shown at the Hidden Garden Gallery May 2012. The Artstarts Gallery is now showing those prints, which depict letters of the alphabet, each representing different aspects of community and nature.

The other exhibit from SD10 at the Artstarts Gallery is the ‘Telling of the Stories of the Nikkei’ documentary film project. Several years ago, Lucerne secondary students took part in this project with filmmakers Moira Simpson and Catrina Megumi Longuir, who taught the students the basics of documentary making. By the end of the project, there were 10 short films. These are now featured in the Artstarts Gallery and serve as a way to educate visitors of the gallery, and to preserve our own history and heritage.
Toru Fujibayashi to give retrospective exhibit at the Langham Gallery

Toru Fujibayashi of Nakusp has exhibited his stone sculptures in places as far away as China, New Zealand and Mexico, as well as in towns and cities across British Columbia since the early 70s. The Langham Gallery in Kaslo is honored to bring an exhibition of Fujibayashi’s work, ‘Deepening Peace’, to this community again after 20 years. This exhibition, a retrospective of his work, will include 11 individual sculptures carved from a great variety of different stones, from Madagascar alabaster, to Persian onyx, BC marble and Nunavut limestone. ‘Deepening Peace’ opens at the Langham October 12 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. It will run until November 25. The gallery is open Thursday through Sunday, 1-4 pm.

During the Second World War Fujibayashi was interned with his family in New Denver. Stemming from this experience, some of his strongest convictions and philosophies were formed, namely, that we must get over our attachment to, and pursuit of, material possessions and put our energy instead into the process of life itself. For Fujibayashi, “the visual image has been (his) path to peace within.” Now into his seventh decade, he says he is “truly grateful to be carving stone with a deeper understanding, renewed energy, and a continuing passion for this timeless way of expression.” The exhibition will also include part of his collection of drawings and paintings, which are not preliminary sketches for his sculpture work but unique expressions on their own. Drawing has always been an important means of expression for Fujibayashi, who as a child growing up in Slocan City used to draw on his grandmother’s walls - she always said he would be an artist. He attended the Alberta College of Art and Design in the 60s, and graduated school in Texas. In the 70s he was hired by Okanagan College to develop a fine arts program. Over the years, the success of the program, he designed new courses, became an administrator, hired more educators and grew the program until eventually the desire to move back to the Kootenays took hold. He and his wife Jan, “the love and light of (his) life”, whom he met in the Okanagan and is also the person responsible for organizing his exhibitions and residencies, settled onto a six acre piece of land on the outskirts of Nakusp. Over the years Fujibayashi has taken positions as a teacher and lecturer in Victoria, Kamloops, l’apuit, Nelson and as far away as China. He has produced writings, sculptures and drawings focused on the West Kootenay internment years and is an historian for the Slocan History Project. But these days he is most happy to be at home with Jan, indulging in his passion, his life statement.

Margo Talbot takes you from depression lows to mountain highs

A decision made in a jail cell sets off a compelling journey of self-discovery. A life of drug addiction and crime, forged from a childhood of neglect and abuse, is left behind and a new world opens up—a world of frozen adventure. Margo Talbot, author of the inspiring memoir All that Glitters, (Sono Nis Press, 2011) reads at the Nelson Public Library on Thursday, October 11 at 7:30 pm and the Nakusp Public Library on Saturday, October 27 at 2 pm. From the depths of suicidal depression to the pristine challenge of Arctic and Antarctic landscapes, world-renowned ice climber Margo Talbot’s heartbreaking, unflinchingly honest account takes us on her decades-long downward spiral and ultimately to the discovery of the mountains and wild places in which she finds healing. “The only thing I had to hold onto that was captivating, that I was passionate about, was the sport of ice climbing,” says Talbot.

Climbing frozen waterfalls turned out to be Talbot’s climb to reach a life some have called enviable. Now living in Winlaw, Talbot has competed in a number of ice climbing competitions, is a sponsored athlete with Outdoor Research, and works as a guide for an enterprise called Chicks with Pucks. She also runs The Glitter Girls, an adventure guiding company for women.

Talbot’s author tour is sponsored by host libraries in cooperation with the Kootenay Library Federation. For more information please contact your library.
Hills Garlic Festival leads the way in reducing, recycling and composting

by Jan McMurray

The Hills Garlic Festival is highly lauded for its quality homemade, homegrown and organic goods, but there is another reason to give it acclaim – and it’s all about the garbage. The festival has made great strides in its efforts to reduce, recycle and compost.

Over three years, the amount of Garlic Festival garbage going to the landfill has dropped by 45 percent. In 2009, nine cubic metres of waste hit the landfill after the festival. This year, it was five cubic yards.

Silverton resident Katrina Sumrall has been in charge of the garbage brigade at the festival for several years. “When I started doing it several years ago, it was all about having enough wheelbarrows, gloves and strength. I can remember cramming it all into the back of a low-bed truck, and then I would have to drive to the landfill and unload it,” she said. “Now, the mentality has changed. We’re excited about what you are doing.”

For the last two years, Sumrall has set up waste stations around the festival grounds. The stations have a container for returnables, a container for recyclables, a container for paper products (plates, cups, napkins) and a container for food waste.

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Every October, Rotary celebrates Vocational Service month. The Rotary Club of Nakusp is calling for nominations of any local business or profession that exemplifies high ethical standards in conducting a business or profession. Nomination forms are available in this issue of The Valley Voice, or by emailing wkvrc@cwolumbiaable.net or phoning 250-265-0177 to have one mailed to you. Return your nomination form by mail to Box 62, Nakusp, BC V0G 1R0 no later than Friday, October 19.

Rotary adheres to ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors and the public. Rotary recognizes the worthiness of all occupations and the contribution of vocational talents to solve problems in society and those that meet the needs of our community. Rotary uses the four-way test as a guide to follow in all business and professional matters:

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Students participate in the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up

Second-year students in the Recreation, Fish and Wildlife Program (RFW) at Selkirk College canoed Slocan Lake this September, picking up litter along its entire western shoreline. During the annual field trip, the class has done projects such as campground construction and trail work with BC Parks staff in Valhalla Provincial Park, and this year they participated in the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up. Parks staff provided the necessary tools, supplies and support for the project.

The majority of garbage found was just small pieces of litter left by campers but a few larger items such as tires and roofing material were also removed from the shoreline. One of the students is sorting, weighing and categorizing the garbage as part of a study she is conducting.
Fire Prevention Week: advice on getting out alive

Submitted

The Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department, along with Fire Prevention Canada, would like to remind you that Fire Prevention Week takes place from October 7 - 13. The theme for this year is ‘Have Two Ways Out’.

Despite the fact that fewer fire losses are reported in Canada still, on average, eight Canadians die from fire every week. Most of these fires are caused by careless behavior and are preventable. That is why it is critical to educate Canadians and encourage them to act. During this week, fire departments across the nation will promote public awareness of the dangers of fire and the ways we can protect ourselves from fire.

“This year’s theme underscores the importance of making Canadians aware of the simple preventative measures they can take to prevent disaster from occurring to them,” says Kaslo Fire Chief Larry Badry. “Statistics reveal that most fires are caused by careless behavior. An ounce of prevention in this case will save lives, homes and everything that we hold dear. It is the responsibility of every Canadian to educate themselves on the simple fire prevention measures they can take.”

For more information on Fire Prevention Canada, go to http://www.fjprecan.ca or for more information on the Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department, go to www.kaslofire.ca or email kaslofire@netidea.com

Thank you to the Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department, to the volunteer firefighters in the Ainsworth and Larder Lake portions of Area D, First Responders and Search and Rescue for continuing to protect us and our communities.

– Andy Shadrack, Director Area D

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Fauquier Fire Brigade reports on successful year

submitted

The Fauquier Volunteer Fire Brigade had another successful year in 2011/12.

Our numbers remained stable although we did lose one member when Jamie Coates and his wife, Richelle, moved their family to Nakusp. You will be missed, Jamie. This leaves us with 11 signed up members; new members are always welcome.

On the training side, we sent Denise Douglas and Beverley Darnell to the spring training weekend in Oliver. Chief John Banta attended a couple of courses sponsored by the BC Fire Training Officers Association. Tuesday night practices form the backbone of our training program and we have been emphasizing the role the fire brigade would play in the event of an interface situation.

We had a couple of new equipment acquisitions. A 20 hp portable pump will greatly improve our ability to access natural water sources and a chemical smoke generator will help us make our training much more realistic. Thanks to BC Hydro, CBT and RDCK for their generous support of these two purchases.

The big news is that we picked up another pumper from the Salmon Arm Fire Department, which gave us a very good deal. Among other things, the pumper will enable us to fight a fire and move water to the scene simultaneously, something we’ve never been able to do before. Counting our auxiliary trailer, we now have almost 2,000 gallons of water on wheels, ready to go.

And so we face the coming year, proud of our past, confident in our future and, true to our motto Semper Paratus (Always Ready), constantly prepared to serve our community in any way we can.
Fire Prevention Week runs October 7-13, 2012. This year’s theme is ‘Have 2 Ways Out!’ When the smoke alarm sounds, everyone must know where to go – that’s why it is so important for everyone to have working smoke alarms and to develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

Fire and smoke can spread quickly, so be prepared in advance with these simple steps for home fire escape planning:

- Assess the needs of everyone in your home: Identify anyone who requires assistance to get out of the home safely, such as small children or older adults.
- Make sure that you have working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas: Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Identify all possible exits (doors and windows) and make sure they work: Know two ways out of all areas, if possible.
- Everyone must know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds: Assign someone to help those who need assistance. Identify a safe meeting place outside. Call the fire department from a neighbour’s home or cell phone.
- Practice your home fire escape plan: Have everyone participate. Make changes to your plan if necessary.

Each year, statistics reveal that hundreds of Canadians from coast-to-coast lose their lives or are seriously injured due to a lack of understanding and/or insufficient planning and practicing of an up-to-date Fire Escape Plan for home and/or work.

It isn’t enough for you just to have a home and/or office escape plan! To be well prepared for this type of emergency, you need to be aware of the steps that can be taken to learn, prevent, and prepare yourself to respond appropriately in case of a fire. We must all take steps to protect ourselves and our homes by learning about how to prevent home fires and taking action. The leading causes of home fires are cooking, heating, electrical and smoking materials.

Fire Prevention Week is intended to encourage you and others to take advantage of this occasion to get involved, and to be consistently proactive, so that increasingly more and more people will become knowledgeable, leading to a safer home and/or work environment in terms of fire prevention, and in the case of a fire emergency.

New Denver Fire Department fundraises
New Denver & Area Fire Department has been fundraising for a sprinkler trailer for rural firefighting, and would like to thank RDCK Area H, CBT, New Market Food and local residents for their generous contributions. The next piece of equipment on the wish list is a new Jaws of Life.
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SLOCAN RIVER WATCH SOCIETY is holding its first AGM at the Creston Valley Hall on 7 pm on Wed, 24 Oct, All are welcome to attend.

SLOCAN LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY 2012 AGM will be held on Tue, Nov, 4, at the Kooten Hall, New Denver.

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CBT report looks at local climate change impacts and adaptation

How has the climate in the Columbia Basin changed in the past, how is it projected to change in the future, what are the potential impacts and what can we do? These are the types of questions addressed in From Dialogue to Action: Climate Change, Impacts and Adaptation in the Canadian Columbia Basin, recently released by Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) as part of its Communities Adapting to Climate Change Initiative.

This comprehensive resource has been created for Basin communities and residents seeking to learn more about local climate change impacts and provides information on how communities can begin to adapt and prepare for potential future changes.

"The climate in our Basin has changed over the last 50 years and is projected to continue changing over the coming decades, so providing communities and residents with current information about climate impacts and adaptation can help them plan to be more resilient to these changes," said Cindy Gosal, CBT Director, Special Initiatives.

The report updates the projected climate change impacts and adaptation actions that were first shared with Basin residents in 2007. From Dialogue to Action features new research on future climate projections and extremes in the Basin from the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium. It also shares what’s been learned from five years of on-the-ground experience with climate adaptation planning under the Communities Adapting to Climate Change Initiative.

There’s been a changing of the guard at the New Denver Launderomat. Wendy Harlock (l) has purchased the business from The Casley family. Bev Casley appears at right.

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Wildfire history preserved through lookout restorations

In recognition of the BC Forest Service’s centennial birthday, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations is honouring BC’s wildfire fighting history and increasing local recreation opportunities by restoring five rural community fire lookout sites across five communities around the province.

Kaslo Concert Society presents line-up for 39th season

The 2012-2013 marks the 39th season of this amazing little society which presents both seasoned and emerging artists.

Wednesday, October 10 features award winning French guitarist Thomas Viloteau playing an eclectic repertoire that spans several centuries. Monday, November 19 is Jasper’s own Fabrice Michel performing a ten-voice female choir from Italy, will perform sublime music of the 16th and 17th centuries. Friday, November 23: ‘Triple Forte’ (violinist Jasper Wood, cellist Yegor Dyachkov and pianist David Libardi) perform music by Beethoven, Shostakovich, and Ravel. These three have previously performed as soloists for the Kaslo Concert Society and together they are “...a force to be reckoned with!”  February 6, 2013: ‘Dao Rendevous’ Jasper Wood and guitarist Daniel Bohshoy. These two performers are well known for both their humour and their passionate musicianship. Friday, April 26: British cellist Michael Kevin Jones plays the Bach cello suites in a style that brings out the danceable qualities of this profound music.

All concerts take place at St. Andrew’s United Church, Kaslo at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at Figments in Kaslo or at the door. Season passes are $90 for all five concerts, single tickets $22. School-age children admitted free when accompanied by an adult patron.

Anyone interested in being a sponsor for our 2012-2013 season should contact KCS president David Stewart 250-366-4623 or sjdkss@kaslo.org

A learning experience outside of the classroom

While students and three chaperones from New Denver’s Lacerno School plunged into a week filled with the diversity of the English language as seen through the plays of William Shakespeare, eye-opening navigation through urban landscapes, exploration of post-secondary institutions and through urban landscapes, exploration of the diversity of the English language

Saturday, October 20 from 1 pm - 3 pm Support recreation services in the valley - come out, share memories and give us your thoughts on how we can make our programs even better. 250-226-0008 for more information slocanvalleyrec@rdck.bc.ca. Find us on Facebook or online at www.rdck.bc.ca

The Hills Recreation Society is pleased to announce that in addition to the economic spinoffs to businesses in the area, the Hills Garlic Festival is distributing $4000 in donations to various organizations, including the Lucerne School Grad Class of 2013, Hills Community Doukhoubour Society, New Denver Nursery School, Summit Lake Ski Hill, Hills Nordic Ski Club, and the Village of New Denver.

Village of New Denver

NOTICE OF 2013 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Section 224 of the Community Charter allows Council to exempt from taxation property:

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(i) an area of land surrounding the exempt building

The following properties are proposed for exemption:

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2. Lots 7&8, Block 35, Plan 557, District Lot 549, Kootenay Land District (St. Anthony’s Catholic Church);

3. That portion of Lot 23, Block 45, Plan 557, District Lot 549, Kootenay District & (1) Lot 26 (2) Pcl A (KM82543) (St. Stephen’s Anglican Church), commencing at the southwestern corner of Lot 26, Block 45, thence north fifty-five feet, thence east one hundred feet, thence south fifty-five feet to the northeasterly corner of Lot 23, Block 45, thence west one hundred feet to the point of commencement;

4. Lots 1-3, Block 48, Plan 557, District Lot 549, Kootenay District (Pentecostal Church);

For the year 2013

Carol Gordon, CMC
Administrator
Kootenay Lake School District eliminates management position

School District 8 has decided to eliminate its Assistant Secretary Treasurer position, in an ongoing effort to find strategic efficiencies in the organization and to address the known reductions in operating grants that will occur between 2012 and 2015. The district anticipates the grant reductions will be approximately $750,000 per year. Since 2007, when the Assistant Secretary Treasurer was hired, enrolment has declined by about 300 students. This decline, combined with the grant reductions, has made it necessary to reduce staff in all roles throughout the District over the past several years.

The decision to eliminate this management role means that a senior leader will no longer have a job with the District. There is no lay-off list or order of recall for individuals employed at this level.

We would like to thank Heather Smith for her five years of dedicated service to our School District. It is important to emphasize that her departure is without cause. In fact, her significant contribution to the successful completion of the 2011-2012 audit was appreciated. Smith will be missed as a member of the senior leadership team and a knowledgeable and dependable support to staff in the board office, maintenance sites and most of all, our schools.

District management will continue to seek efficiencies throughout the District in order to ensure as many resources as possible are allocated for direct support to children and youth.

Outdoor grow op busted in Beasley

Three men were arrested September 21 after RCMP caught them leaving an outdoor grow-op near Sproule Creek Forest Service Rd north of Beasley.

The three men arrested – a 37-year-old Harrop resident, a 29-year-old Kaslo and a 32-year-old Whitewater resident – were leaving the grow-op “in possession of freshly clipped cannabis marhuana.”

Police say they seized “a large quantity of cannabis marhuana plants with a conservative street value of approximately $200,000. Also seized as offence related property were two vehicles operated by the three arrested males.”

“All three individuals were subsequently released from custody pending charges for Production and Possession for Purpose of Trafficking under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.”

The arrest came after a month-long police investigation involving RCMP members from the Nelson Border Integrity Program and Kootenay Boundary Regional Detachment.

“Outdoor grow ops in the Beasley area have been a continuing issue for the past several years, leading to the need for increased police presence and resources,” said Const. Andy Bailey. “The arrest is the result of a joint police operation and demonstrates the effectiveness of the police and community working together.”

“Police encourage the public to contact police if they have concerns about outdoor grow ops,” said Const. Bailey. “Police can then assess the situation and take appropriate action.”

Retiring RDCK CAO Jim Gustafson will continue to serve the organization on a contractual basis until Christmas, helping the organization to resolve outstanding issues and transition to a new leader.

“The board extends its extreme gratitude to Jim for his excellent service as our CAO over the past five years. We wish Jim all the best on his upcoming and well-deserved retirement,” said Chair Kettle.

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RDCK hires new Chief Administrative Officer

A new Chief Administrative Officer has been hired for the Regional District of Central Kootenay. Brian Carruthers will assume his duties at the RDCK November 19.

The Board is excited to welcome Brian to the RDCK family. We believe he will be a great fit with our organization and look forward to his leadership and vision,” said Board Chair John Kettle.

Carruthers comes to the Central Kootenay from Williams Lake, where he worked for the City as CAO for the last three years, general manager of community services for six years and director of leisure services for two years. Prior to joining local government in 2001, he was the Protected Areas Section Head for the Ministry of Environment-Cariboo Region. Before that, he worked for BC Parks for 20 years, where he served in a variety of locations throughout the province.

“I am delighted to be assuming the role of CAO for the RDCK and moving to Nelson,” said Carruthers.

District management will continue to seek efficiencies throughout the District in order to ensure as many resources as possible are allocated for direct support to children and youth.

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