Nakusp Mayor Karen Hamling presented with Queen’s Medal

by Jan McMurray

An event to celebrate the award of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal to Nakusp Mayor Karen Hamling was held June 5 at the Emergency Services Building in Nakusp. Lavish Page welcomed everyone to “this wonderful occasion of honouring Mayor Karen Hamling.” She said she likes to call Karen “caring Mayor Karen” because “everything comes from her heart.”

Karen has been part of an extraordinary number of organizations and committees, both locally and regionally. “She is tireless, and relentlessly optimistic,” said Page. “Another person might see a grinding workload, or an impossible situation, but Karen sees opportunity. Her work on redeveloping Halycon Home, organizing Music in the Park, starting the Community Foundation, and getting the Community Forest going have left us lasting legacies.”

Page said that as mayor, Karen represents Nakusp fearlessly and with a high standard of professionalism. She makes sure the community’s needs are known to the Province, and she does not back down. She is also present and connected in the village, attending public meetings and talking to people on the street. “Karen, I would like to say that you are a role model, but that would imply that I think another person could live up to your standard,” said Page. “I say instead that you have created a class of commitment and contribution that is all your own. You are Nakusp’s very own champion and superwoman.”

Bea Anton, also a recipient of the Queen’s Medal, did the honour of pinning Karen with her medal. Mayor Hamling addressed the crowd, saying it was easier to give the medal than to receive it. She gave credit to her parents for teaching her to give back to her community, and she said she could not think of anywhere else in the world she would rather live.

Although being mayor was not in her plan – that plan was conceived by Corely Evans, Randy Thiessen, and Gerry Schiavon – Karen said, “I have been blessed and honoured to serve three terms. There is no bigger honour than that. That can never be matched. I have learned a lot from this community.”

Karen concluded by acknowledging the support of the community, the councils, Village staff, her friends, and her husband, John. She also acknowledged that so many others, including everyone in the room, were doing excellent work in the community.

Nelson-Creston SD 8 CUPE employees take job action

by Jan McMurray

CUPE employees of School District 8 (Nelson-Creston) were picketing in front of Huna School in Nelson on June 10 after school.

“We are not doing anything right now that’s going to affect the students in any way,” said president of CUPE Local 748 Michelle Bennett. “They deserve to take their exams and enjoy school, but we want the public to know if we don’t get a contract that everyone knows is fair, there will be job action come September. It’s not something we want to do, but we feel it’s necessary.”

A strike vote held May 10 and 11 resulted in the overwhelming majority – 92 percent – in favour of strike action. “We’ve come to an impasse with the employer, both provincially and locally,” said Bennett.

The union’s issues are wages and benefits, and seniority. The union’s last collective agreement expired last June, and they had had a two-year wage freeze. Bennett says they are asking for a two percent rate in wages over two years. Wages and benefits are negotiated with the Province, while seniority is negotiated locally.

Bennett said the employer wants to recognize seniority by job classification only. CUPE employees are bus drivers, education assistants, noon hour supervisors, and custodians. Bennett explained that currently, any CUPE employee has seniority for any of these jobs anywhere in School District 8. The workers would like seniority to remain across job classifications.

Local transit system wins provincial award

submitted

BC Transit has bestowed a SuperStar award on three West Kootenay local governments for outstanding service, cooperation and innovation in transit service delivery. The West Kootenay Regional Committee is comprised of elected officials from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the City of Nelson. It was formed in 2012 to improve regional transit service for riders while achieving efficiencies in the system.

“On behalf of my colleagues, it’s gratifying to be recognized for our efforts to improve transit for our residents,” said Lawrence Chewick, chair of the West Kootenay Regional Transit Committee. “We are trying to encourage and increase regional ridership, if we can do that, we will go a long way to reducing carbon emissions. The collaboration demonstrated by the committee for having the best interests of the region as a whole in mind is a real commitment to growing transit,” said Kevin Schubert, senior regional transit manager. Schubert nominated the committee for the award, which was presented on May 25 in Whistler. Exciting service changes are coming on July 2. New transit schedules are expected to be finalized in the coming weeks.

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Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program funding announced

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Oil pipelines and tankers protested at Gathering of Eagles

submitted by Wayne McCroy

Despite the provincial government’s recent announcement that they were rejecting the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline to Kitimat, approximately 400 Kitamaat residents and guests still turned up in Castlegar June 2 to the Gathering of Eagles: Convergence for a Pipeline and Tanker Free BC.

The event commenced with singing traditional First Nations prayers and songs by First Nations people from Washington, BC and Pem, followed by uplifting hymns by the Dobohobooms and Friends for Peace Choir.

Bear biologist Wayne McCroy of the Valhalla Wilderness Society led with a powerful visual presentation on the devastation to the boreal forest from tar sands production. Based on his recent studies, McCroy revealed how an inestimable bitumen tanker spill would wipe out the rare genetic population of spirit bears along the tanker route on Gulf Island. McCroy pointed out that this would only be one of many devastating impacts to the vast coastal ecosystem.

“The link was hardly dry on the government’s and First Nations agreement to protect one-third of the Great Bear Rainforest when along comes the biggest threat ever – the Enbridge Pipeline,” said McCroy. He affirmed what he learned from the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill, including the myths being perpetuated by industry people that the now-indecisive oil spills on the coast can be cleaned up. “The bitumen will be there on the beaches and sea bottoms for centuries. It can never be cleaned up,” said McCroy.

Other presenters included ‘Salmon Spucks’, a twirling bouquet of wooden children from the Slocan Valley who sang out their hopes for clean healthy rivers and for the salmon to return.

Gerald Amos, former chief councillor of the Haisla First Nations of Kitimat, also expressed his deep concerns of pipelines and tankers threatening the traditional livelihood of his people, who still rely on the sea for much of their sustaining foods. He invited people to join him to stand in front of the blockaders should the project be approved. He stated it would not be civil disobedience because the Coastal First Nations made a declaration saying no to tankers, and a blockade would be in obedience to his people’s desire.

MP Alex Atamanenko pointed out that more than 13 percent of the conventional oil spilled on the Exxon Valdez disaster has been recovered, and bitumen, being heavier than water, will sink to the bottom – so potentially less than seven percent would be cleaned up in a spill.

Sjog Darke, spokesperson of the Nelson Creesn Green Party, urged the public to continue their opposition, and NDP Energy and Natural Resources Critic Peter Beztick spoke about the need to create a national green energy policy that can stop the destruction of so many First Nations’ energy jobs. He refuted that just the costs of insurance rates soaring from the billions of dollars resulting from run-away climate change would bankrupt us all if we did not pursue a green energy policy soon.

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, and his wife, Joan Phillip, Pemberton Indian Band councilor, conveyed inspirational messages of many and the power of the people, and encouraged the audience to keep up the campaigns to stop Enbridge.

“The Gathering of Eagles was an enlightening convergence of people of many cultures and groups who came together to build awareness and a more united, powerful and successful force,” said Nadine Polinoff, conference coordinator, following the event. “We’ve risen, and we’re walking in groups of many to preserve what we value most – all life – what no money could ever buy or replace.”

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Thursday, June 13
Lummi Spring Barbecue for volunteers Lummi School Garden
5 - 7 pm
Friday, June 14
Dance of Universal Peace
Quatsch the Valet Calling
Hand & Soul Silvertone
New Yorker Friday Market
10 am - 2 pm
Saturday, June 15
Columbia River Treaty workshop
Faquier Community Hall
9 am - 4 pm
Mountain Sky Scared Selves Sale
2770 Hwy 97, Cres Valley
9 am - 4 pm
Silver Star Native American Craft Show
647 Paradise Valley Road, Winlaw
10 am - noon
Silver Star Gallery
7:00 pm
Sunday, June 16
Slocan Valley Art & Garden Tour
Slocan Valley
10 am - 4 pm
Father’s Day
Everywhere
10 am - 4 pm
No Dependence BBQ
9 am
New Market Foods, New Denver
11:30 am - 2 pm
Monday, June 17
No Dependence BBQ
New Market Foods, New Denver
11:30 am - 2 pm
New Denver Preschool Registration
Preschool room, Lummi School
3 - 5 pm
Tuesday, June 18
Bilingual June Tour
Kootenay Golf Club
Kootenay Golf Club
6 - 7 pm
Silvertone council
Council Chambers
7 pm
Wednesday, June 19
Bilingual June Tour
Kootenay Golf Club
Arts & Culture AGM
267th Ave, Nakusp
9 am
ROCK Radio Alliance Committee
ROCK board room, Nakusp
10:30 am
Thursday, June 20
ROCK Board Meeting
ROCK board room, Nakusp
9 am
Friday, June 21
Bilingual June Tour
Chez Jeanne, 231, Josephine, ND
10 am - noon
Bilingual June Tour
Cedar Creek Cafe, Winlaw
1:30 - 3 pm
Bilingual June Tour
M. Sentinel Graduation
M. Sentinel School Gym
7 pm
Bilingual June Tour
JV Hughes Graduation
JV Hughes School, Nakusp
4:30 - 6 pm
Saturday, June 22
GV Lion’s Tump Gas Fundraiser
Slocan Valley Co-op
10 am - 3 pm
GV Lion’s Tump Gas Fundraiser
Silvertown United Church
2 pm - 4 pm
Moving Sale
626 Wells Rd, Nakusp
9 am - 4 pm
Rig Round & Dance
Slocan Legion Hall
6 pm
Monday, June 24
Nakusp council
Council Chambers
7 pm
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Open letter to Ken Scown, BC Timber Sales

This morning on CBC I heard a professor from UBC referring to the use of laser mapping to identify landslide hazard areas. It made reference to the recent Johnsons Landing landslide reports. Alberta is using laser mapping as a safety measure for development.

Given that the Slocan Valley has had numerous slides and Perry Ridge in particular has had slides, has this laser mapping been done? We request a copy of this mapping. It would be negligent for us to not know of this mapping due to the safety issues for residents on the ridge as you move into the headwater areas of the many creeks that descend from the ridge.

The west side of the ridge is also important due to the fact that there are many hours on the Little Slocan River where the Little Slocan River enters into the Slocan River.

Also on CBC they were discussing the release of leopard frog tadpoles in an attempt to save the endangered species. To date, I have not received any endangered species reports for the ridge. You will recall in the first cutbacks, the report referenced the western tow, a species of concern and a worldwide red listed endangered species. The CBC report also spoke of the endangered amphibian population. Have you done an amphibian study?

The high elevation ridge small lakes and bogs are habitat to amphibians.

We request these important studies. We suggest that Regional District be handed to do this study as he is very familiar with the western tow as he has done the work at Summit Lake.

Maria Burgonya
Perry Ridge

Silverton Gallery to close?

I was dismayed to read an insert in my yearly tax notice from the Village of Silverton that the council is considering closing the Silverton Gallery building. This venue has been the heart and soul of the arts community in the north valley for over four decades and has served the residents as a space for music concerts, dramatic plays, art shows, weddings and many other types of gatherings. It is the most used venue in the village and has been run and largely maintained by a hard working group of volunteers for this time.

My conversations with this group of overworked volunteers of the Silverton Gallery Society lead me to believe that these people are wholly discouraged by the attitude of the Village council in failing to appreciate the dedication and community involvement these people put into the arts scene for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Of course it costs the Village a small amount of money to maintain the building, but they should recognize that it has been many endless hours of volunteer commitment that has made the gallery the important venue that it is.

I would encourage all of you who have used the gallery in the past and are committed to its use in the future to contact a member of the Silverton Village council to express your displeasure in their actions. I would also ask these same members of the council to be part of the problem if they do not wish to be part of the solution.

Jamie Barber
Silverton

Opinion

Karen Hannig, vice-chair of the CRT Local Government Committee, is the scheduled moderator.

For more information, visit blog.gov.bc.ca/coulthamvictorfpsa

Ed McGinley, Faunmer CRT Action Group, Sounding Board

Be aware of dangers of invasive plants

Mat and I went for a little fishing trip to Fish Lake, the Kaslo highway. While keeping our eye on the young mouse feeding across the lake, I was surprised to find that someone had dropped off a huge clump of yellow flag iris at the shore of the lake. It is the perfect habitat for them, and they would grow like crazy in that environment – which is the problem.

These are a known invasive species. Pretty yes, but invasive.

I hoisted the clump into the back of my truck, and thought I should write in and let whoever dropped them off know about the devastation it could cause this area.

Please, don’t introduce a new and invasive species to this spectacular ecosystem. Given the chance, this plant would choke out all the native plants and take over. Thanks.

Rory Powshall
New Denver
Hypocrisy and liability in the cell phone debate

It’s amusing to see that the anti-cell phone lobby has taken to erecting signs on electric utility poles along Highway 6 through Winlaw. Hypocrisy has never been in short supply with these folks, but one wonders if they paused to consider the electromagnetic radiation emanating from a 10,000-volt transmission line.

Quibbles, quibbles. The signs are high enough that a ladder must have been involved, so one can only hope that the bearer was wearing rubber boots. Then again, the signs are also a splashy shade of grade school Day-Glo, so it’s possible the responsible adults simply had their children shimmy up the ladder to drive the nails.

The poles, of course, are marvelously insulated from a fugazied by FortisBC, Nicole Bogdovac, a company spokeswoman, confirmed when I called that it’s actually illegal to place public signage on roadside utility poles. However, as I was told by another FortisBC representative, the company doesn’t want to get involved in the cell phone dispute, so it’s not even concerned about the signage violation. Hypocrisy, it seems, is suddenly more rampant than ‘harmful’ emissions.

Thankfully, the provincial utilities commission, which governs FortisBC, is taking a sterner approach, and invites all concerned citizens to submit a formal written complaint about signage infractions.

Hypocrisy notwithstanding, the anti-cell phone brigade, jobbying under the much more fanciful moniker of the Sloan Citizen’s Group for Safe Technology, might have bigger things to ponder. Consider this scenario: if, say, a motorist is killed in a vehicle accident along Highway 6 near Winlaw, and it’s shown in a subsequent civil suit that he or she might have been saved via a 911 cell phone call, then the ‘citizens’ group could be found liable for intentionally holding up the installation of cell coverage. That tidbit comes courtesy of a personal claims lawyer who specializes in just such matters.

He added that Telus, the Regional District, and the provincial government could be on the hook as well. Telus has publicly stated its intent to postpone cell coverage in Winlaw in the face of perceived opposition, and the Province has publicly stated its commitment to ensure proper coverage along all numbered highways. The family of a dead accident victim—whether from driving, mountain biking, or tubing the Sloan River—isn’t likely to take such postponements lightly.

One can’t help but wonder, as the anti-cell phone brigade points signs with cute slogans, if the group has considered the full legal implications of its actions. A multi-million dollar personal-claim suit would pack a much bigger wallop than 10,000 volts.

Chris Dawson
Winlaw

More on smart meters and cell phones

Thank you Richard from Faninger for your response about the smart meter/wireless situation in smarter countries than ours—i.e. the whole of Europe! Indeed, alongside the meter issue, why would we want to irradiate ourselves 24/7 with baby monitors, portable phones and such, when, like Europe, we could just have them activated when needed? Thanks also to the Valley Voice for helping to carry the story of so many of those now working on the side of those who come to cell tower placement and smart meter installations.

It occurred to me while I was hanging out the washi that we have a very unusual situation here. It’s as if they wanted to put lead back into the gasoline or use lead pipes again for all our drinking water and we are the only ones who ever learned and remembered about the ravages of lead poisoning. So, knowing that it could be our kid that either doesn’t and up being the genius it should, or falls into the category of mental impairment from the pet go-to for getting lead into their brains from pipe or pump, wouldn’t we make a helluva fuss, and not let it happen? Actually it’s quite similar because after a huge amount of fuss on the part of scientists (who hate making a fuss) the conservative World Health Organization classified EME transmissions from devices like cell phones, towers etc. into that same category with lead, “a Class 2B possible human carcinogen”—two years ago this May.

More and more we start to think seriously about harm to life other than humans. We’re learning that there is no ‘away’ as in ‘throw it away’ or just put it somewhere ‘away’. Bees, for example won’t eat their hive when there’s a cell phone in it— their home has become too weird! (There are studies on this you can watch in the movie Resonance.)

The BCUC is still deliberating about whether or not to permit Fortis to install smart meters. And, an inch from the head with a cell phone is the same as 18 inches away from a router and the same as 200 meters away from a cell tower. A few of us, including an electrician, are planning educational, experiential where possible, meetings with updates, if you need more info.

Daphne Fields
Slocan

Open letter to president and CEO of FortisBC - Electricity

I was both surprised and alarmed to learn that Fortis BC (Fortis) intends to remove my perfectly safe, reliable, robust, and inexpensive analogue electric consumption meter and replace it with a large plastic, outrageously expensive, digital meter that contains two unauthorized, untested, unproven, fire-source pulsed microwave-sounding radio transmitter, receiver and antennae systems.

I became even more alarmed once I researched what Fortis is planning to do and realized that the health and well-being of myself and my family would be jeopardized—forever—we were compelled to live in a ‘meshed-grid network’ community of the kind your firm has proposed.

Given what I consider to be the digressing manner in which your company has attempted to mislead and deceive its customers into believing that wireless smart meters are safe and pose no threat to their health, wellbeing, personal privacy, and safety and security, I am hereby challenging yourself or any of your senior executives or your consultant Dr. William Bailey to a public debate on this whole subject matter.

I’ll leave the timing and location of the debate to your discretion; my only stipulation is that the venue must accommodate at least several hundred members of the public as well as representatives from both print and broadcast media.

It’s time this issue had a public airing.

You will find from my background as a retired Canadian Armed Forces Officer who spent 22 of a 26-year military career in Electronic Warfare and Signals Intelligence that I’m well versed on the topic and more than capable of debating the questions at issue.

Moreover, I have been further convinced by my own research over the past several years that the rapidly increasing numbers of independent world-class scientists from every corner of the globe are correct in saying that governments everywhere are guilty of gross negligence for not protecting their publics from the insidious health risks of wireless smart meters. I have made this clear to the BCUC during the course of their public hearings on the matter.

I look forward to debating this topic with you or any of your senior executives or with your consultant Dr. William Bailey. Please advise me at your earliest convenience of the location, date, and scheduling details and the name of the person with whom I’ll be debating.

Thank you.

Jerry Flynn
Kelowna

REVIEW AND COMMENT
Proposed Scenic Area and Visual Quality Objectives for the Selkirk Resource District

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 7 of the Government Actions Regulation, scenic areas and visual quality objectives are proposed in the Kootenay Lake portion of the Selkirk Resource District.

Scenic areas are established under the Land Act and define broad geographic areas where scenic values are a priority. Visual quality objectives are defined under the Forest and Range Practices Act forest planning and practices regulation, and range from ensuring that no logging activity is visible to laying down visibly visible guidelines.

Proposed details and a map are available for viewing at the Selkirk Resource District office at 1905 Ridgewood Rd. in Nelson. The map is also available online at: http://www.fao.gov.bc.ca/Top/DCO/external/publications/ONL_YVL/.

Comments must be submitted to the district office at the above address, ATT: Julie Castonguay, Stewardship Forester, phone: 250-825-1147, fax: 250-825-9657, julie.castonguay@gov.bc.ca by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 15, 2013.

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COMMUNITY

Mercado – a new organic eatery and market in Silverton

submitted

When you have a passion for healthy food, the vast beauty of surrounding mountains, and living within a spirited community, you might find yourself in the Kootenays.

And if you have the good fortune to fulfill a purpose and create something pleasant for those around you, then you could find yourself in Silverton, opening a small business called Mercado.

Mercado is an organic eatery and market, located directly across from the mining museum in Silverton. The restaurant offers an inviting dining experience, with hand-crafted, whole organic foods. Mercado also has fresh produce and a great dry bulk selection, including cooking oils and spices.

“Sure, if you don’t want to cook tonight, then join us for a delightful meal,” says Shelley Dobie, who owns the business with her husband, Jim. “Oh, if you want to be creative in your own kitchen, then step by step and pick up what you need.”

Jim’s parents operated family restaurants, and he has owned restaurants himself. “Food is life and life is food,” he says. “My interest in quality food has been growing for the past 40 years.”

Jim has had the opportunity to research what is in our food, local food sustainability, global food control, and the many benefits of whole food diets. “We’ve made the commitment to choose no chemicals, no GMOs and a smaller footprint with less packaging and waste,” he says. “Keeping the customer and market on a grassroots level and operating as a cash only business help us to deliver a quality product at a lower cost to all.”

Jim and Shelley have considered the Kootenays home for the past five years, after marrying a family in Muskoka, Ontario. They currently live in Kaslo, where Shelley works as dental hygienist at Kaslo Dental. “It has been such a pleasure to be the common goal for good health by so many people in this area. The fact that Jim and I can make a small contribution to the ongoing development of healthy food accessibility is a pursuit we hold close to our hearts,” says Shelley.

The couple is very happy with the response from the community. “We are looking forward to growing with our community, and we invite local organic food growers to stop by or give us a call. Let’s work together and keep our food as it should be: local, real, and simply delicious!” says Jim.

Check out Mercado in downtown Silverton (Closed Mondays and Tuesdays). The music is happening, the company is friendly, and you are always welcome! And the food, well, you know! Claro!

Sealed Bid Auction

School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) is seeking sealed bids for two work trucks as noted below:

- Bid #1: 1994 CHEVY 2500 4x4, regular cab, long box, manual transmission, 5.7L. Minimum bid $1,500.00.
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Potential bidders are invited to contact the School Board Office to set up a time and date to view the trucks. Phone: 250-265-3638 ext. 3301 or 3331.

Sealed bids to be received by 12:00 noon on Friday, June 28, 2013 at the School Board Office (98 6th Avenue NW, Nakusp) or mailed to School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes), PO Box 340, Nakusp, BC, V0G 1R0; Attention Art Olson. Please mark on outside of the envelope, the bid number.

Tales from the Fisherman’s Market: Why I Don’t Eat Squid

To those of you out there who suffer from sea sickness, believe me, I know your pain! It is the worst feeling imaginable. It is part of life on a fishing boat and some people get over it after a couple days, some people never get over it in a lifetime at sea. No amount of money is worth it and there were times it was not for pride, I would have jumped over the side of the boat the moment we hit the deck and never looked back.

The start of our halibut season was always the worst. We would have just completed 2 or 3 months of prawn fishing and our sea legs had not yet had a work out. The trip up the Strait is not bad, an overnight stop in Hardy for bait, ice, fuel and a hangover, and as the sun came up the next morning we would cut loose and head North into the open water. It was always as the swells began to build that the squid and octopus made their appearance on the scene. We would begin cutting hundreds of pounds of squid and skinning the octopus for bait. I must say that old squid, diesel exhaust and ocean swells is a deadly cocktail.

The first halibut trip I went on as a young man nearly killed me. I didn’t eat for 4 days and nothing would stay down. I would crawl into my bunk at the end of the day and suck on a raw potato for some kind of sustenance. My mom asked me how the trip was when I made it home and I told her I would never go back. I would stick to salmon fishing. . . I went back, you know after year and it got somewhat better. The first swells still get me though, even to this day, when the wind picks up I cringe. As for the squid and octopus, I never eat them. I’m sure it’s delicious but I’ve seen it in the worst possible light.

Due to popular demand our whole halibut sale will extend into June at The Fisherman’s Market in Nelson, Kamloops and Kelowna! We are bringing in boat direct Halibut daily. Come in and reserve your whole fish today and have it filleted, portioned, vacuum packed and frozen to your specifications.

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New Denver council, May 28: Geocache site to be located at Nikki Centre  

by Katine Campbell

Council approved a request from Nikki Centre manager Monoko Ito to create a geocache on the site, and to submit it for publication on geocaching.com. So said that participating in the recreational activity, "...the NIDC aims to invite the global community of geocachers to learn more about the unique history of New Denver, and to encourage people who enjoy all manner of outdoor activities to stay and visit nearby businesses, attractions and recreational offerings." Council also approved a request from the Slocan Valley Gardening Consultant, to have Myles Bree Lillies is New Denver's area's new WildSafeBC coordinator  

by Art Joyce

The New Denver area now has a WildSafeBC Coordinator. Bree Lillies, who has for the past six years been coordinator of the Harvest Swim program and a local Bear Aware educator, will add this role to her repertoire. WildSafeBC is a new program set up by the BC Conservation Foundation (BCF) to reduce the impacts of wildlife conflicts across the province.

WildSafeBC is the logical extension of the Bear Aware program, says Provost and WildSafe BC Coordinator Frank Rietiet, who was in New Denver recently to brief Lillies on her role. Rietiet says while Bear Aware primarily deals with urban human conflict, the BCF has decided on a more "holistic" approach was needed that included other wildlife conflicts. WildSafeBC includes education programs in both urban and rural areas across the province. The goal is to teach people how to manage their households to avoid conflicts with bear, cougar, deer and moose, as well as to discourage at-risk activities for both mammals and bird feeders. The program also deals with outdoor recreation by teaching people how to recreately safely and responsibly in an area with a bear population.

"We want wildlife to stay wild," said Rietiet. "And we want to reduce the impact on wildlife and the potential impact on humans from conflict." WildSafeBC is using new 'geo-coding' mapping software that charts wildlife conflicts across BC. Known as the WildSafe BC Alert Report, on the program, it will colour code for both species and the problem that attributes that create conflicts. Current staffing levels, however, can only cover a small percentage of the province.

Hidden Garden Gallery announces summer line-up  

The Hidden Garden Gallery is gearing up for another excellent summer season. As usual, there is a mix of first-time exhibitors and favourite artists from past years. The gallery will feature photography by Lynne Alexander June 24 to 25; Fin Lawrence July 3 to 13; Patricia Minton July 29 to August 5; painting by Isaac Volinski July 17 to August 17; Tomoko Kodoku July 26 to 27; photography by Andrew 5 to 10; Robert Jenkins August 26 to 31; collage and fabric art by Judy Wapp and Doris Shaw July 15 to 20; metal sculptures by Rhi Abi August 12 to 17; and ecencies by Erica Knaur August 19 to 24. Each gallery show will have its own unique reception featuring musicians from around the Kootenays.

The Hidden Garden Gallery, 803 Kildare Street, is open 10 am to 4 pm Monday through Saturday.

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Moving past environmental despair with Alanna Mitchell  

by Unlikely bad news about the environment has got you down, mark your calendars for a talk on Thursday, June 13 in Nelson by Alanna Mitchell, author of the bestselling Sea Sick: A Q&A with the Columnist Global Ocean Change. Mitchell will speak on moving from environmental despair to imagining a new world.

Alanna Mitchell is a staff writer for the Nelson United Church, 602 Shiel St., at 7 pm. An opportunity to meet the author and book signing will follow. Admission of $10 is suggested, with youth and students free.

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Kaslo council, May 28: Kaslo signs up for Interior Health’s Healthy Communities Initiative

By Jan McMurray

• Kerri Wall, RHA Community Health Facilitator for the East and West Kootenays, presented information on the Healthy Communities Initiative. Under the initiative, IH staff works with local governments to improve policies that promote healthy communities, i.e. policies that improve physical activity opportunities, support healthy eating, reduce risks of tobacco, promote healthy built environments, and engage the community in decision making processes that affect them.

• Kaslo is in the resolution formalizing a partnership with IH to work together to promote health and wellness in Kaslo.

• Patrick Mackie attended as a delegation, seeking answers to some questions he submitted about the airport, an airport bypass road, and the gravel pit issue. Councillor Lang responded to the question, saying he was the one who requested that $47,500 be included in the budget to update the airport action plan, including mapping, future hangar development, pavement markings, etc. He said council would prepare details for upgrades to the airport bypass road.

• Lang also said the RDCK budgeted $70,000 to upgrade the north airport road, but has decided to hold off until discussions take place about upgrading the south road. The north road goes across airport property.

• RDCK, Village and Community Forest representatives were going to meet on June 10 to discuss how new workplaces might be done to meet all three organisations.

2013 Kaslo Logger Sports greatest show ever

By Jan McMurray

The 37th annual Kaslo Logger Sports show, held May 18 and 19, was the greatest show in recent memory. The grounds were looking mighty fine with the new amphitheatre-style seating, new concession buildings, and three phase power and water at the site.

“Wine and roses,” said Erickson, who used to compete internationally. He is a long-time member of the Kaslo Logger Sports Committee and is the ‘show pony’ at the event.

Erickson said the grounds improvements cost about $40,000, paid for with grants from the Kraft Celebration Tour contest and sponsorships.

The event was held over two days this year, for the first time. In the past, two events were held in the same day. It worked out perfect,” commented Erickson. The new format allowed for a few extra events this year.

There was also a new announcer this year, Ben James, who was very entertaining. Originally from New Zealand, he moved to Canada about 15 years ago.

The highlight of the show was a new world record at the open tree climbing event. “In the past, the record was set by not one but two competitors!” Stirling Hart and Brian Bartes climbed up and down a 60-foot pole in 11.5 seconds. Erickson later joked about the “many times and called it a tie. ‘It was within an inch,’ he said. ‘They’re going to come back next year for a rubber match.’”

Creativity at JVH’s annual soapbox derby

B Ave, was closed off for two blocks, vehicles’ steering and brakes were checked and a great variety of shapes and designs coasted down the road. There were points awarded for aesthetics, technical design and distance coasted.

“I wanted to see young students with some great designs!”
Nakusp council, May 27: Unexpected repairs needed at ice plant – taxpayers to be asked to foot the bill

by Art Joyce

* Council discussed the arena, where two compressors for the ice plant have failed (each valued at $30,000) and the third one is failing. The Village hired Wendell Marshall Consulting to provide an independent assessment of the situation. Marshall reported that the compressors, installed in 2009, would normally provide many more years of service. The problem is caused by moisture and grit in the circulation system, causing premature compressor failure. There appears to have been an error made in the basic system design. “The existing pumps, most of the water piping and controls are undersized for the system requirements,” states Marshall’s report. “A new properly designed and installed water supply and return system is required.”

Marshall estimated a worst-case scenario of $256,000 to repair. Mayor Hanning was in favour of using the alternate approval process (counter petition) to ask taxpayers if they favour borrowing the funds required to complete the repairs. In the current budget, $400,000 has already been budgeted for the roof replacement and building envelope retrofitting. CAO Linda Tyram will try to find a way to effect repairs to the ice plant as well as the roof within that amount. Some planned building modifications such as a new entranceway will have to be sacrificed for now.

Council agreed to start the process for borrowing. The CAO will report back to council after working with the consultant to explore other options for the ice plant repairs.

* The Nakusp Public Library Association appealed as a delegation, represented by Heather Davidson and Barbara MacPherson. The library board members provided council with an updated financial statement and noted that Susan Rogers has been appointed librarian in place of Sabina Joshi Otto, who resigned earlier this year. MacPherson said an error in accounting has turned up a $4,000 shortfall for this year, “so we’re just nicking and dishing everything to get back to where we were a few years ago.” They noted that they are aggressively fund-raising, having recently attended a seminar by the Comox Valley Food Bank.

Nakusp Elementary pulls together for the community

The previous day the classes spent the afternoon pulling, cutting and sawing the Central Kootenay’s most notorious invasive plants, the Scotch broom, as part of the annual invasive plant committee members.

арrow Lakes Historical Society documents Nakusp buildings

by Jan McMurray

This summer, the Arrow Lakes Historical Society is continuing with a project to document the houses and businesses of Nakusp.

“We’re doing this so we’ll have the information for the future,” said Rosemary Parent of the Historical Society. “It will help those who are looking for historical information about their relatives.”

Last May, Milton Parent began the project, and photographed the houses on 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Avenues. He wanted to put the photos together with information on who built each house, and who lived there over the years.

Rosemary says people often contact the historical society, looking for information for their family trees.

“They like to know where their relatives lived, and where they were buried. “We have photos of the headstones and plot numbers, too,” she said. “We just try to accumulate information for the people interested in finding out more about them.”

Two members of the society will carry on with the photographing this summer. They will knock on doors and explain the project to the occupants of the houses before they take the pictures.

Rosemary said the society was able to have maps drawn up of Trout Lake and Ferguson as they were years ago, thanks to information from pioneers of the area. She said she took a group up to Trout Lake and Ferguson fairly recently, and the maps were greatly appreciated.

“Never know what’s going to change,” she said. “This project will add valuable information to the archives.”

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Kodi Bowman and Margaret Andrews give NSS Valedictory Speech

My name is Kodi Lee Storm Bowman, and my name is Margaret Andrews and we are your co-valedictorians for the year 2013. I know how honoured you all must feel to be here, witnessing the graduation of this class, also known as the smartest, finest, most athletic, best looking, and all around greatest class to ever walk the halls of Nakusp Secondary School, but enough with the modesty. It is really we who are so honoured that you all could be here for us on this amazing day, and to begin with I’d like to thank everyone for coming.

I also want to thank you all for the huge role that you’ve played in our lives up to this point. It is thanks to our families, who have housed us, fed us, provided for us all the years, and loved us unconditionally. It is thanks to the teachers who have done their best to fill our heads with knowledge that will be ever so practical – especially that calculus. They never made anything too easy for us, and never gave up on us. It is thanks to Mrs. Paterson who has looked after this class for a long time keeping us in check and helping to get all of us to hire today, pushing us to not take three sprints – oops I mean ‘study blocks,’ but to take courses that will actually benefit our future. Thanks to the coaches who brought out the current athlete in us. Thanks to the school board and all of its employees including bus drivers, janitor, and the administration, who have kept things running. It is thanks to everyone who makes up the communities of Nakusp, New Denver, Fairmont, Edgewater, Burton. Nakusp and New Denver were equally important in my life. From preschool in New Denver, where I acted like a blender without a lid, to my time in Nakusp Secondary where I acted like a blender with a lid, you have all provided us with the most amazing opportunities, and the strongest support networks we could have asked for. It’s thanks to you – our amazing big community – that we are all standing here today.

The other key component of growing up has been friendships. I’d say that a solid portion of school has been spent just talking to our friends. Some of us go way back to kindergarten, and others we’ve met throughout the years and some have joined us or rejoined us only recently. It has been a time for making friendships, fighting over dumb things and missing those friendships, forgiving each other and forging them again. By now we’ve all realized each other’s faults and learned to forgive them; recognized each other’s weakness and been there to give support; found each other’s strengths and encouraged them to grow. This is a “real life” waking up by the lunch hour when Nuthan stood up after noticing an anomaly in the wall. The wall looked very weak and almost constant, and in our room, and as I walked up to investigate this curious thing, my brain told me to do something really stupid, which I now fully regret. So instead of using my fingers to check out the anomaly, I gently stack out my foot. My foot then disappeared from sight into the wall; everyone’s jaws hit the ground. Laughter came from everyone especially from Brent – strangely enough he always seems to present when I get myself into trouble. Everyone was saying, “You should go tell Mrs. Paterson,” but, you know, you’ll be in big trouble.” Because I must definitely was.

I took my friend’s advice and I explained to Mrs. Paterson about the wall. After a “lovely chat in the office” and a $250 construction bill the wall was fixed. The lesson I learned that day was about karma and your abilities. These two personal values go a long ways when it comes to community, family and friends, these are values we all need for the rest of our lives. I am honestly I could learn these from being a Nakusp Secondary student.

Grads, as you look back on today, I hope you remember it as one of the hardest days of your life. Not because you’re having to sit and be on display for what seems like 12-13 hours, but because you are graduating from this awesome school and will be moving on today. We say our thank you’s and congratulations, we shake hands and give hugs, and as we walk off the stage at the end of the ceremony, we all will never be able to hold back the tears – and that’s just fine. However, let’s try not to cry too hard. That’s right I’m looking at you Mon.

As I go I will leave this thought “a real friend will always get you in trouble, and out of trouble, they will laugh at your mistakes and be there for your heartbreaks. They will pick you up when you can’t stand and will sit you down when you won’t listen. My real friends are my classmates and that’s what they forever will be.”

Thank you.

Kodi

They say that high school is the biggest maturation process. You come in as a kid, and leave as an adult. But despite how calm and collected I may appear, today I am still grade eight. Maybe on my first day of high school, only today I get to wear this neat hat, and instead of my first day of high school, it’s my first day of ‘real life’. Maybe that’s what growing up is, putting on your adult face when confronting the uncertainty that is the future. And this really is a scary day. I’m scared. And as the grades are scared and even Kodi is scared, too. We are all scared because after today, we aren’t going to be taken care of anymore. We’re at the point

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Nakusp Secondary Graduates will leave their mark on the world

by Jan McMurtry

As the 43 Nakusp graduates walked onto the stage at the arena June 8, it was clear that this group of individuals would make their mark, or shall we say, footprint – in the world.

It was written all over their shoes. The amazing variety of footwear included moccasins, cowboy boots, high heels, flip flops, running shoes, pumps, sandals, and bare feet. There were bright colours, dull colours, neon colours, and leopard skin.

The crowd chuckled when principal Susan Paterson commented in her opening address, “This community has worked together to produce vibrant, unique individuals – you would have noticed this from their footwear.”

Each grad stopped to drop a toe in the piggy bank for next year’s grad. This is a tradition that is in its 20th year. The first student to hold the piggy bank was Murda Roberts, now a teacher at Nakusp Elementary.

Principal Susan Paterson made Nakusp Secondary School Awards, scholarships and bursaries

Marion Cusick Fine Arts Award: Margaret Andrews, Scott Norseman 2013 Award: Margaret Andrews, Senior Student Citizen of the Year: Kodi Bowman, Male Athlete of the Year: Kodi Bowman; Glen Jones Farrow Award for Citizenship: Micaela Stilwell, Sr. Girls’ Basketball Sportmanship: Kailee Reimer, Sr. Girls’ Bass Fishing MVP: Kyle Carson, Sr. Boys’ Basketball MVP: Kodi Bowman; Scooter Boys Sportmanship: Adam McQuarrie and T’BI’Bill Tall; Scooter Boys MVP: Kodi Bowman; Scooter Girls MVP: Kyle Carson; Snowboard Sportmanship: Garrett Douglas; Golf Team Sportmanship: Nathen Mcclure, Arrow Lakes Arts Council: Morgan Leotowitz; Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 20: Kiara McLean, Page Denius, Kathleen Fox, Kimberly Hall, Jayden Talmage, Kailan Remington; Legion Ladies Auxiliary: Chelsea Fisher; Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 207 (Edgewood): Morgan Leotowitz, Kiara McLean; School District 10 Dogwood Scholarship: Kiara McLean, Trinity Miller, Margaret Andrews; Trustees Mission Statement Bursary: Kathleen Fox; Kootenay Savings Credit Union: Trinity Miller; Arrow Lakes Hospital Foundation Scholarship: Danielle Aschle, Tarnation Cameron, Jessica Carter, Cameron MacPherson; Hospital Employees Union Bursary: Taylor O’Brien, Rebecca Cudmore; Arrow Lakes Health Care Society Bursary (Bestie White): Kathleen Fox, Bailey Henshcoe, Cameron MacPherson; Nakusp & District Chamber of Commerce Bursary: Whitney Shkaroff, Kodi Bowman; Lee Bursary (CUPE Local 2480): Kathleen Fox; Canadian Mountain Holidays K2 Rodotor Lodge: Chelsea Fisher; Columbia Basin Trust: Kathleen Fox, Arrow Lakes Teachers’ Association: Kiara McLean, Kailee Reimer; Soup du Jour Award: Chelsea Fisher, Rotary Club of Nakusp: Kiara McLean; Overwaitea: Claudia Meng; NACFORT Bursary: Kathleen Fox, Emuna Cunningham, Cameron MacPherson; Renewal Bursary: Kodi Bowman; Robyn Puznik Scholarships: Whitney Shkaroff, Lucas Hughes Memorial Bursary: Whitney Shkaroff, Katrina Convey MLA Bursary: Chelsea Fisher; Columbia Power Scholarship: Kyle Carson; Yellowhead Road and Bridge: Claudia Meng and Ron Abbride, Citizenship: Tamara Cunn, 2009: Kodi Bowman, Class of ‘94: Kyle Carson; Class of ’95 (Sports Bursary: Kodi Bowman; Class of ’97: Tyson Cunn; Class of 2009: Kiara McLean; Class of 2010: Brett Mangler; Class of 2005: Emma Cunningham; Class of 2006: Kimberly Bowes; Skills and Trades Bursary: Tyson Cunn; Emma Cunningham, Brett Mangler, Connor Reimer, Jesse Jenson; Logging Bursary: Page Denius; Green Door Bursary: Immortal Em-Palmer; Jason McQuarrie Memorial: Conner McQuarrie, Joan Fowler Memorial: Bailey Henshcoe; Sarah Jackins Memorial: Immoral Em-Palmer; Trinity McQuarrie Memorial: Amy Surina, Adam McQuarrie; Erling Johnson Memorial: Whitney Shkaroff, Vera Johnson Memorial: Chelsea Fisher; Arrow Lakes Historical Society (Harry Murphy Memorial): Rebecca Gudjon; Debbie Sammelson Memorial: Tamara Cunn, Betty Walton Memorial: Kailee Reimer; Donna Wong Memorial: Kyle Carson; Sarah Stykel Memorial: Kiara McLean, Janice Borger Memorial: Margaret Andrews; Dwy Grimsimon Memorial: Danielle Aschle, Garth Haugt Memorial: Adam McQuarrie; Clark Keeder Memorial: Nathen Mcclure; Noodles Reunion: Morgan Leotowitz; Nakusp Scholarship.
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Five fine young women graduate from Lucerne School: roots gave them wings

by Jan McMurray

New Denver celebrated the graduation of five amazing young women at Lucerne School’s grad ceremony June 1.

In line with the theme, ‘Roots give us Wings,’ Principal Natasha Miles’ welcoming address included a story about five seedlings. As the plants grew and their flower buds opened, a grand golden eagle flew out of each one and soared high into the sky. The eagles, of course, represented the five grads.

Patti Adam brought congratulations from the board of education in a speech that followed the theme, as well.

Terry Taylor introduced the graduates, describing them as “a collective powerhouse of talents.”

Margaret Bakker loves animals and the environment, has an exquisite voice and is very creative and imaginative. She plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science as well as English and Creative Writing at university.

Mercedes Casley was named one of New Denver’s 2013 Citizens of the Year, and is the community’s youngest Citizen of the Year ever. With community service as a central part of her life, it is not surprising that Mercedes has chosen a nursing career. She will be attending Thompson Rivers University in the fall.

Daniika Hammond is on a mission to save the world. She devotes tireless volunteer energy locally and internationally. She has her sights set on becoming a politician, and will study Political Science at UBC. Daniika received a standing ovation at the ceremonies for being awarded a Loran scholarship, worth $80,000. She is one of only 30 high school graduates in the country with this honour this year.

Cyprus Hudson-Rookees has a passion for making a difference in her community, and is strong both academically and athletically. She will be studying Earth and Ocean Sciences next year.

Marlowe Nicholson-Cholet is a committed school and community volunteer. She is a visual artist, actor, writer and athlete. Marlowe hopes to travel next year.

Marlowe gave the history of the class, which started out with 11 students. Some of the highlights were the Maypole dance in grade 2, the Okanagan Children’s Festival in grades 3 and 4, kissing the big rock on the main street in grade 4, outdoor school with Burton Elementary, the hike up Mt. Bonning in grade 8, the high school ski trip in grade 9, and the Salmon Arm trip in grade 10.

Cyprus and Mercedes delivered the class prophecies. Margaret ends up rocking the world of country, Daniika becomes Canada’s youngest prime minister but then goes incognito in Indonesia, Mercedes goes to Kandahar as a travelling nurse and teams up with a doctor, Cyprus gets an acting role in the TV show Whale Watchers, and Marlowe starts out as a ski instructor at Whistler but somehow winds up as an actress in Hollywood.

Guest speaker Scott Kipkie said he was surprised the grade chose him to be guest speaker because they have had to endure many of his speeches over their high school years: the ‘appropriate language’ speech, the ‘fractions are fun’ speech and the ‘positive attitude’ speech.

Mr. Kipkie said he learned many lessons from this class. He learned that danger lurks at every turn — Marlowe has been jumping out at him from every doorway since Brett Mangler pulled a similar prank on him in grade 8 science. He also learned that laughter is the best medicine — making him laugh was the class’s strategy to distract him so he would get off task.

Mr. Kipkie said the members of this class all take on so many volunteer responsibilities that they are amazing role models in the school and community. “Roots truly give them wings,” he said, acknowledging their supportive families and community. “I hope my two daughters grow up to be as caring and fun-loving as you are.”

The student with the highest grade point average, Daniika Hammond, gave the Valedictorian speech. Daniika and Margaret did the many thank yows. The class gave special thanks to grad sponsor Katrina Sunnarl, presenting her with a painting by New Denver artist, Koko.

Diplomas were presented by principal Natasha Miles and board chair Patie Adam. In her final words, Miles said, “These wings are strong. Fly and soar now; it is your time.”

Congratulations 2013 Grads!

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Danika Hammond gives Lucerne School Valedictorian's Speech 2013

by Danika Sky Hammond

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and fellow graduates. We are the class of 2013 and I can't say how thrilled I am to stand here representing these four other amazing, talented, inspiring young women who sit here before you. We finally made it. However, finally isn't the best word choice. So, instead I would like to say we've journeyed here together.

Whether that has been for the past 13 years of our lives, or the past two, we've had quite the time. I tell people, yes my class has five graduates, oh and yes we're all girls. Normally they respond with the question: "So are you all best friends, or do you hate each other's guts?" I must admit I have had some tension as all teenagers do. Sometimes because of our differences, but a lot of the time because of our similarities.

But we've also had times to reflect on all the best memories of our lives. The amazing time they call youth, and we've spent it together. Confined by one hallway and a misinclus community nonetheless, but this has fostered our growth of loving one another. Each of us is a passionate, active, wonderful individual and together we make a spectacular good class.

Now, the unique experiences that have made our one-year years so incredible have also helped shape us to be who we are.

We wouldn't be the same had we grown up in a school where you didn't know half the people, or if a concrete jungle had been our playground. Instead we have been placed in this culture and environment. Our education hasn't been a standardized system of memorizing dates and formula. We have had a balanced game-based experience and because of this, we will continue to be life-long learners.

I know many who have thought that growing up here wasn't to our benefit and that living in a bigger city, or going to a larger school, would be better. But as Richard Cantwell, a long-time resident of this area, once said, "I like Nelson, I like it a lot – doesn't make me want to live there. I like Kamloops a lot – doesn't make me want to live there. But New Denver, Silverton, those mountains" and I add, this school and these communities, "there's absolutely nothing like it."

Our communities and Lucerne have been our grounds for growth, for academics, arts, and sports and for becoming active citizens. I have nothing but gratitude for the time that we've had here. And now with the knowledge we have attained, we can offer something back to the world.

Some of us are heading to university where we'll be thrown into the amazing whirlwind of people and studies. Others of us are ready to see the world, find inspiration and self reflect. All of us have exciting futures waiting to be written.

So let us go out and find our true passion, one that inspires us to push ourselves, experience growth and find excellence. We still need time to do this because we've been so busy volunteering at the fire department, taking flute lessons, teaching kids how to ski or singing in a choir. I know we will all continue doing these things that we already love. But I dare you to find out what else makes you, you.

I also want to encourage everyone to do the best that they can do with whatever that is. One of my favourite fictional characters, Harry Potter, once said: "Working hard is important. But there is something that matters even more, believing in yourself. Think of it this way – every great [person] in history has started out as nothing more than what we are now, students. If they can do it, why not us?" This is the beginning, and with this solid foundation now we can soar.

For school yearbook we vote for people we think most likely to "sell their car for gas money," or "most likely to be richer than Bill Gates." This year I was voted "Most likely to never leave home." However, we all know that I'm heading to university and planning on travelling, just like my fellow graduates.

So what did they mean when they gave me this accolade? To never leave home doesn't necessarily mean physically. Emotionally, we will always be attached to these communities, this school, our home. So yes, we will never leave home.

Now we are ready to become individuals and to become a part of the collective whole. The wind will take us where it will and each of us will fly because it is our roots that have given us the support to "take on the world."
Mining company optimistic about Nelson area properties
by Jan McMurray
Rainbow Resources Inc., a junior mining company based in Calgary with a field office in Nelson, has picked up several mining properties in the Nelson/Slocan Valley and Duncan Lake areas since 2011.

“We’re very optimistic about our prospects in the West Kootenay,” said David Johnston, Rainbow Resources president.

Last year, an exploratory drilling program at the Gold Viking property near Nelson resulted in a discovery of high-grade gold and silver, and grab samples from the Referendum and Rheit/Sims/Whitewater properties near Nelson had very high-grade gold values. The company hopes to raise enough funding to do more work on these three properties this fall.

“The economy for junior miners is very tight, but if we are successful in raising operating funds, we have a three-fold plan for the fall,” said Jim Decker, VP Operations & Technical Services.

The plan includes a follow-up drill program at the Gold Viking property, some mapping and sampling at the Referendum and Whitewater properties to establish targets for drilling later in the year.

“We’re not exploring for the sake of exploring. We are focused on finding a mine,” said Decker. “We’d like to build a mine in the valley that can employ local people and boost the local economy.”

The Gold Viking is situated next to the Ottawa property, Slocan Valley’s top silver producer in the 1960s.

Rainbow Resources holds both the Gold Viking and Ottawa properties, covering 600 hectares and located across Hwy 6 from Slocan City.

The company also holds a 40,000-hectare flake graphite property in the southern Slocan Valley.

In the Duncan Lake area, the company’s holdings include the international silver property, the Tin City silver/tungsten property and the President silver property.

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Commodity Council

Lucerne Awards and Scholarships
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Dana Skye Hammond
Loran Scholarship, Arrow Lakes Teachers’ Association, Harris and Company – Law 12 Scholarship, Colin Wilkie Memorial, Women Celebrating Young Women in the Arts, Special Award, Lucerne Teachers’ and Principal’s Attitude & Achievement Award, Cypress Hunder-Rookes Arrow Lakes Teachers’ Association, Columbia Power Corporation, Kootenay Savings Credit Union, SD10 Dogwood District Authority Award, CUPE Local 2450 Joe Jee Lee Memorial Scholarship, University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship, J. Stan Rowe Award, Yellowstone Road & Bridge Scholarship, Lucerne Teachers’ and Principal’s Attitude & Achievement Award, Manulife Scholarship, Chie Kamkaya Memorial, Edith J. Greer Memorial.

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Studio Connexion to feature landscape paintings by Elizabeth Laishley

by Art Joyce

It’s no secret that the West Kootenay is a font of inspiration for artists of all disciplines. Now Calgary artist Elizabeth Laishley adds her perspective to our beautiful landscape with an exhibition at Studio Connexion from June 11 to 29. The opening reception for the exhibit, titled My Vision: Scenic Paintings, will be held at the gallery June 14 from 5 to 8 pm.

This series of acrylics on canvas appropriately focuses on our mountainous landscape, with a few exceptions such as the Kohan Reflection Garden in New Denver and a view from Silverton Carmack. In many cases Laishley painted scenes from memory, relying more on her emotional impressions rather than a literal rendering.

Laishley received her arts training at the Arts Academy in Munich, Germany, and in Dublin, Ireland. She has also taken courses at the University of Alberta at Edmonton and the Bauhaus School in Weimar, Germany. She has worked as an artist and art teacher since arriving in Canada in 1967. Laishley has been actively involved in the Calgary arts community, serving on the boards of several arts foundations and public galleries there. Her works are owned by private collections in Calgary, Germany, Finland, the US and Mexico, and by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts. While working as a program director at the Multicultural Centre in Stony Plain, she became interested in fibre arts and started teaching and creating, specializing in felted art.

“After many years of painting in acrylics and watercolours, I became captivated by fibre arts as a unique art form,” she says. “With this series I have completed my circle of creation and returned to painting the Canadian landscape. My aim is to break up the landscape into the basics of a flat, hard-edged design of rich colours and melodic shapes, eliminating details and unnecessary components.”

If there’s a single aesthetic influence on these paintings, she says, it’s probably Canada’s renowned Group of Seven – best known for their iconic renderings of Ontario landscapes. Laishley has worked in various media and styles over the years, including large abstracts and figurative work. She cites travel, music and spirituality as important influences in her work.

“When I am in the Kootenays, I feel totally relaxed,” she says. “There’s an inner peace in the Kootenays which I don’t think I’ve felt anywhere else. It hasn’t been overrun by tourism and the people seem to have different values here.”

Patrons of Studio Connexion may already be familiar with Laishley’s art – for about a year she’s had her book, Homage to Leonard Cohen, on display at the gallery. The book features abstract illustrations of themes found in Cohen’s songs, with an inscription from Cohen himself.

To view more of Laishley’s work, visit www.artistconsulting.ca.

Local musicians come out to support one of their own

submitted

On June 1, musicians from Burton, Fauquier, Edgewood and Nakusp as well as Balfour, Revelstoke, and Penticton, Ontario came out to the new gazebo on the Hudson’s Bay Park and Campground to honour their fellow musician, Colin Kowal. This was a fundraiser for the Burton resident, who was recently diagnosed with ALS.

The weather co-operated from mid-afternoon until dusk, making this a wonderful celebration. There is like a community coming together for one of its own. The gothic was simply amazing; people kept coming and bringing more food and everyone kept going back to the tables for more.

The day was all about the music. Burton musician Lindsay Knappet arranged for the sound system and Johhny Buxroadt provided a whiskey quiet generator to power the equipment. Kowal’s partner Mary Ellen Friesen is part of a downstairs group and they played songs with a great beat. An unexpected surprise was Brenda Lee Morgan, a belly dancer from Nakusp who got up and provided a fantastic performance, twirling her scarf around Colin’s head to the hammer of all.

Other musicians included Edgewood band Flashback with Frank Anderson, Ed McGinnis and Glen with Knappet on keyboards; Josh Stumpf from Nakusp playing guitar and singing, by himself and again with Mike Goosnack; Cassia Parent playing as original songs; Paul Kelly; Bar’s Harrow; and a young man named Wes from Revelstoke, Ontario cycling to Victoria, who stopped by, borrowed a guitar and did a great job on a Dan Morgan song.

To raise money there was a suite of items donated by local businesses and a 50/50 draw. Medall of Nakusp won the 50/50 draw and generously donated the proceeds back to Colin’s fund.

The organizers of related, Stuart Leuty of Burton and Milie Pavlyk of Nakusp would like to thank the businesses for their donations: K-2 Rotor, Lodge, Overwaitea, Chemery’s, People’s Pharmacy, Nakusp Esso, Shirley Kominosic, Ron Marchi, Carvin’s Cleaning, Cousins, Runamuck, Pearson’s, Little Mountain Outdoors Gear, Horse Hardware, Columbia Basin Trust, Doghouse Boutique and Mayor Karen Harding.

Nakusp Community Forest working on 20-year plan

by Jan McMurray

The Nakusp Community Forest (NCF) held an open house on May 29 to update the public on its new 20-year plan. Although there were board members, managers Michelle Watt and Frances Swan, and two UBC forestry students who are working with NCF that day, the majority of people attending were Sandi Ramsden and Jenny Burnous, in their fourth year in forestry at UBC, one here to work on NCF’s 20-year plan. Joea Kromm, NCF manager, who started the 20-year plan a couple of years ago with Hugh Watt, will be in Nakusp for 10 days this summer to work on data collection with the students.

The goal of the 20-year plan is to get a good understanding of the timber supply in NCF’s licence area. The plan will help to make decisions about which areas to harvest given certain economic conditions. “In a strong economy, you can harvest your weaker areas, so a good plan will help to tell a lot,” said Frances Swan.

Anonymous donors at UBC are providing the funding for the students to be working in Nakusp from May to mid-August. This is the second time that NCF has partnered with UBC. In January, students in the Masters program students came to work on a project on forest health and climate change.

Information on current logging was also available at the open house. NCF is working on those cutting permits, in the River Road and Slocanview/ McDonald Creek areas. The logging is being done by Nakusp and New Denver contractors, and the logs are being sold to local mills (the pole yard in Nakusp, Brisco, Donnie Timber, Rick’s Mill in Burton, Kaleskoff, Puscasucie, Herring Custom Profiling Lawrence). The students will be spending the last few weeks in the field, and working with the community to assess the future of forestry in the area.

Nakusp Seniors’ Resource Fair well attended

submitted by Marilyn Boxwell

Organizers of the Seniors’ Resource Fair held last month in the Nakusp arena auditorium were rewarded for their efforts when a large and diverse crowd assembled representing a cross section of the community attended the popular event.

The fair’s primary purpose was to offer useful community information and to demonstrate various forms of wellness-enhancing exercises and alternative therapies, such as chair yoga with Terri McLeod and Tyson Bartell as well as neck and upper body massage and reflexology with practitioners Marilis and Thor Aarsland.

Also offered were detailed responses to questions about the wide range of locally available health, social and community service related programs and services intended primarily for older citizens, their families and caregivers.

Fair co-ordinator Liz Callis, her assistant Ann Barrington and other volunteers members of the planning committee said they were pleased with the excellent response to the fair, seen as a vitally important region-wide event.

Expressions of sincere thanks were issued to area businesses, organizations, service providers and to individual supporters who made the event possible.

It was estimated that more than 150 members people attended. The next resource fair is scheduled to take place in 2015.

Kuskanax Hot Springs bridge project underway

by Jan McMurray

The replacement of the bridge overlooking Kuskanax Creek on the Hot Springs Trail is well underway, with an expected completion date of July 8. The Village is planning a grand opening celebration sometime in August.

The new bridge will have a roof and a viewing platform halfway across. The former bridge had been closed for some time for safety reasons, so locals will be happy to have this access once again to many trails in the area.

The company that is installing the bridge, Summit Construction & General, is the same company installing the boat launch. Omega Engineering did the design, and Singer Welding of Prince George supplied the steel.

The $425,000 project is funded through the provincial Community Recreation grant program ($350,000), CRBC ($42,500) and the Village ($42,500). 

The footbridge over Kuskanax Creek on the Nakusp Hot Springs Trail should be completed by July 8.

KUSKANAX

KUSKANAX, a municipal government, is a regional government established as an administrative region within British Columbia, Canada. It is located in the Southeastern South Okanagan region of the province, and is bordered by the U.S. state of Washington to the south. The community is situated on the west shore of Kuskanax Lake, which is part of the larger Kalamalka Lake system.

Kuskanax was incorporated as a municipal government in 1972, and has a population of approximately 1,300 people. The community is served by a number of public and private schools, as well as a variety of community services and organizations.

The Kuskanax Hot Springs bridge project is an example of the community’s commitment to improving its infrastructure and enhancing the quality of life for its residents. The new bridge will provide improved access to the Kuskanax Hot Springs area, which is a popular destination for outdoor recreation, including hiking, fishing, and wildlife viewing.

The project is being funded through a community recreation grant program, as well as contributions from the provincial government and local government. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $425,000.

The bridge over Kuskanax Creek on the Hot Springs Trail is scheduled to be completed by July 8, providing improved access to the hot springs area and enhancing the overall recreational experience for visitors.
COMMUNITY

Change coming to JV Humphries School in Kaslo

submitted by Dan Miles, principal

Thank you to all of the parents who came out to our School Planning Day on May 27. We had parents of students from all age groups as well as some Homeschools parents. This day was an opportunity to pause at the end of a busy year and review the year.

We looked at this year through the lens of the school board’s goals for students: academic excellence, resilience, citizenship and creativity. We learned more from surveys, grade end interviews, ‘how are I doing’ survey, provincial exam results, numbers of referrals to the office and report card results, as well as health and wellness indicators for the region. We also looked at a slide show of some of the many special activities planned this year for students.

All of this information gave us an in-depth perspective on the successes of this year as well as some of the challenges we want to continue addressing.

We also looked at the next year knowing that the school population, in the last five years, has dropped by 100 students. With this in mind the group reviewed and gave their input into the changes that could happen.

Based on a year’s worth of explorations, of conversations, of gathering ideas and of listening to parents, teachers and students, JVHS is embarking on a new adventure for this coming fall. As a school we plan to focus more, in all classes, on project-based learning with a focus on personalized learning in a multi-age content. What will this look like?

At the elementary level we plan to:
- Communicate weekly schedules of academic and non-academic classroom activities for parents if they choose to have their children do some learning at home
- Three days per week, divide intermediate/primary classes into more groups based on subject area/theme (particularly around math and reading) to create more skill-based learning opportunities

At the secondary level, we will implement a new schedule that provides more flexibility for project-based learning. The highlights of this schedule include:
- Every day will start with a 7:15 bell
- Every day will end with planning on the day for what still needs to be done
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will have four blocks per day for the academies. Every third period will be a seminar time for students to work in small groups
- Wednesday will be an explorations for the day in which students will participate in a wide variety of project-based activities such as service learning, outdoor education and rock-hounding.

These are an exciting opportunity to continue with the excellent work already happening at JVHS as well as try some new approaches in our classes.

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I, Claudia, another review

I know what you’re thinking,

“There comes another puff piece, a sugar-coated review of some pathetic staged and acted local play—this guy doesn’t have an honestly critical bone in his body.”

Well, if that’s what you’re thinking, you’d be oh-so-wrong.

I’m just becoming old enough to long for the opportunity to savage some harmless performance by well-intentioned small town thespians who really should be looking for some other way to express their inner creativity. It’s not my fault that we’ve been treated to some thoroughly entertaining, well-drawn dramatic productions in these parts lately.

Latest case in point: the two-night staging of Kristin Thomson’s I, Claudia, at Kaslo’s Langham Theatre.

Thomson has written a good one. I, Claudia, a one act play first staged by Toronto’s Tarragon Theatre in 2001, went on to win a Dora Mavor Moore award for Outstanding New Play. It is a touching tale on a young girl’s efforts to cope with early adolescence, one of those works that either makes or breaks its load. There are four characters, a single, simple set (nicely crafted by set designer Paul van Deuren), and a single actress, who is always on stage.

Idaho Peak 2013 Sufferfest race route announced

The Idaho Peak race is one of two races to be held in New Denver on September 28, and one of several over that weekend as part of Sufferfest. The 100 km Cedar Gnome ride starts in New Denver, with the athletes completing a 30 km loop before heading over to the Kaslo finish.

Former Hills resident Peter Collins has thrown the weight of his Buff headwear company, now based in Alberta, behind the trail race and Sufferfest events, with local internet provider Columbia WebWorks providing unique mountain-based webcam viewing of the race from Centennial Peak. Several local food outlets have also pledged support and will be

Money from Slocan Lake Recreation Commission #6 has enabled purchase of an accurate timing clock and hardware for the essential aid stations.

“We have local community and Liceuse School volunteers signed up to help with the event, which is unbelievable this early in the planning stage,” said Sander. “It just emphasizes once again to us all what a fabulous area we live in, and is perfect for new and seasoned mountain bikers. Next Slocan Valley Trails Society will be working hard to keep the trails in top tip top riding and running condition over the upcoming months.”

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Life Matters with Debbie Pereveresoff

Tax-efficient investing with corporate class

With tax season officially over, many people are gleefully doing the happy dance after receiving their income tax refund, while others are simply perplexed after wailing their “I owe you” claims to Canada Revenue Agency.

Although many people turn to their accountants and tax preparers for timely advice, there are tremendous benefits to consulting a wealth planner who can work through some tax minimization strategies as well.

I heard a story recently about an accountant who kept telling his client that his investment advisor was not doing a good job. Year after year, the client reported very little capital gains, dividends and interest distributions compared to other wealthier clients. The accountant concluded that without these large reportable distributions, it seemed obvious that the investments were performing poorly. The reality was very much the opposite.

It is interesting to note that some accountants and tax preparers are not too familiar with ‘corporate class’ investments, but the benefits and the tax efficiency are huge.

Canadian investors today are looking for performance returns, but in the end what really matters is their ‘after-tax return’ or what they can actually put in their pocket. Tax-efficient investing allows investors to take on less risk to generate desired returns and incorporate flexibility into their wealth plan.

Corporate class is an investment structure that offers tax efficiency that all Canadian investors desire for their non-registered accounts.

What is corporate class?

A corporate class investment pool is set up as a corporation, which is typically a family of investment pools held within one corporate structure. Within this corporate ‘umbrella’, the various pools provide a wide array of investments such as equities and fixed income. These are diversified globally and in various industry sectors using first class professionally managed and different investment styles.

Key benefits of corporate class:

The primary benefit of this structure is the ability to buy and sell within your investment pools to rebalance your portfolio without tax consequences. A taxable event ONLY occurs when you actually request cash withdrawal from this corporate structure.

Another advantage of corporate class is that the corporate structure is designed to minimize those income distributions by spreading those gains and losses amongst the investment pools held within the corporate structure itself. As well, any annual distributions from the investment pools can only be paid as capital gains or Canadian dividends – both of which enjoy preferential tax treatment.

How the math works:

Here’s an example of how corporate class works: if an investor desires a five percent rate of return over 10 years, the tax efficiency of the corporate class structure means the investor would experience minimal ‘tax leakage,’ allowing for that five percent growth to further compound over that time period. This corporate class structure is built to minimize or eliminate distribution of taxable income.

Whereas, if the same investment was made using a mutual fund trust or individual stocks and bonds – generating five percent – the investor might lose half of that five percent growth to tax.

Corporate class also provides more ‘after-tax’ return for the same level of risk than traditional investments.

When to consider corporate class?

There are a number of situations in which corporate class can provide tax efficiency to your overall wealth planning, especially for:

- Those who have maximized their RRSP contribution or have limited RRSP room available;
- Those who are collecting Old Age Security benefits and want to avoid these social benefits taxes;
- Investors looking for a tax-efficient source of cash flow;
- Those who plan to make charitable donations in their will;
- Incorpoated business owners;
- Parents and grandparents who set up trust accounts for their children.

If you are looking for a way to reduce the impact of tax on your non-registered investments, seriously consider getting more information on this type of investing. With a little bit of planning, you can still be doing the happy dance too and, potentially, avoid writing that cheque to CRA.

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Silverton Gallery offers workshops on sound engineering

by Art Joyce

Want to learn how to engineer sound? Now’s your chance, thanks to the Art of Sound Recording workshops being offered by Silverton Gallery. All workshops will be held Saturday afternoons, 1-4 pm.

The first workshop, ‘introduction to Gallery Equipment,’ will be held July 6. Students will learn from instructor JJ Battle about basic sound reinforcement and setup for recording in a space. Participants will be introduced to the gallery’s equipment, including the new 24-channel mixing board and 16-channel digital sound card. Battle is the bass player with popular local group Shades of Loud.

Next on July 13 will be ‘Elements of Sound Reinforcement,’ taught by instructor Shugy Milligan, founding partner of Passporter Records in Vancouver and producer of top reggae acts, including Clinton Fearon. By learning the characteristics of microphones, instruments and rooms, students will learn how to, for example, record a violin as opposed to a drum.

On August 30, JC Van Beugel, Winsor-based musician and studio technician, will teach ‘Computer Recording Basics.’ This is an introduction to home studio recording using Logic 9 software. The workshop will teach recording, mixing and mastering.

Finally on August 24, the workshop will be ‘Electricity, Power and Inspections,’ with Howard Beedham, formerly head of the technical department in the music program at Selkirk College. This will cover how to manage technical nightmares that can unfold during a performance or recording, creating feedback and other problems.

“I think it’s a fabulous opportunity because it’s a state of the art sound system,” says Carla Nemiroff, gallery events coordinator. “These people who are teaching are locals who are very skilled and professional.”

The Silverton Gallery Sound Studio Project is sponsored by the CKCA, with support from the BC Arts Council, Kokanee Springs Credit Union, and a bequest by Chie Kanegawa.

Register with Carla Nemiroff for a mere $5 fee, non-refundable. Please register early as there are a limited number of spaces available. Tuition is free or by donation. Participants as young as nine are welcome.

To register, email bookings@ silvertongallery.ca or contact Carla at 250-355-7199. For more information on Silverton Gallery programs, concert events and workshops visit www silvertongallery.ca.

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A New Edition of the Sandon Pakeystream has been published, and is available at the Sandon Museum.

Only $2.00 + GST

Visitor Information
Local groups come together to co-ordinate events

Organizations in and around Nakusp will soon have a way to manage and market events, thanks in part to $7,000 from Columbia Basin Trust (CBT). The project is being spearheaded by the Nakusp and District Chamber of Commerce. "We are very excited to be working together with the help of an events co-ordinator," says Chamber president Dave Devlin. "We will be able to bring together and work with local community groups and include their events on an events calendar and collaborate on marketing. Fundraising will be streamlined, and businesses will be able to view the calendar and plan their giving in advance. In addition, businesses will know when events are taking place and be able to support the larger groups of visitors." Bringing local groups together will maximize community benefits, while more organized cultural and sporting events will encourage locals to come out and will attract more visitors to the area, benefitting the local economy. This project encourages partnerships between community groups, businesses and suppliers," said Lynda Lachlan, CBT Community Liaison. "It will help the area boost events-related tourism, and should increase economic benefit within the region."

CBT supports efforts to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the residents of the Columbia Basin. To learn more about CBT programs and initiatives, visit www.cbt.org or call 1 800 505 8808.

A staff appreciation event for Arrow Lakes School District No. 10 employees was held May 30. Staff recognized for 10, 20 and 30 years of service included Brenda McIntyre, Katrina Summil, Tanya Taylor and Arlene Gatta (10 years), Sheri Hosten, Cheryl Hafeman and Brenda Ravens (20 years), Sheri Enslow, Leisa Letch, Erika Monneyer, and Masha Roberts (10 years).
The whole enchilada at the Kaslo Hotel

On Thursday, June 6 of this year I once again found myself driving east on Highway 31 a.d. Blue sky, white cumulous clouds, a rushing Kaslo River and two wilderness lakes kept me company along that corridor running from New Denver to Kaslo or from Kaslo to New Denver depending on where you live. I was feeling great for a number of reasons. One: Along the way, at Fish Lake, I saw a big cow crossing the road along the shore peacefully, chomping away on the greenery. Two: A ways past Fish Lake saw a bald eagle flapping around down low to the highway. I love driving Highway 31 eh. Also, I was on my way to the Kaslo Hotel to check out their new menu and have lunch with John and Sue Eekland, who own and operate the hotel, which they bought in 2006, renovated completely and opened in 2009. I’ve said it before and will again. The hotel looks, on the outside, just like a big turn-of-the-century boom-town hotel. Inside, it is a study in understated elegance. Classy, but cozy. Open and airy with sweeping views of Kootenay Lake and the Purcell Range almost everywhere you look. Covered balconies abound along with a large inviting patio dining room and pub. Just as you want to know, the rooms are to die for and the hotel is geothermally heated and cooled. OK then.

I was met at the desk by the ever-smiling Heather Wilson, who has served me food and drink there many times and is now the Hotel Services Manager and still smiling. So let’s get into the pub and have lunch with John and Susan. It took me a moment to settle in at the table, because my mind is always waking up by the view from the pub. John and Susan are good-natured, likeable people whose second nature is to make their guests feel at home. I was curious about the new items on the menu, where we go?

New appetizers and salads! Jumbo Grassroots Grammersons afternoon tea a success submitted

The ‘Out of Africa Afternoon Tea’ on a sunny Sunday by the riverside in Vallican was the latest fundraising success for the Stoback Valley Grassroots Grammanas. Friends visited and enjoyed refreshments while contributing to the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmothers’ Campaign. Pieces of fair trade Kazuri jewellery, made by African women under good working conditions, proved to be very popular. The Grassroots Grammanas plan to hold the event again next spring, and would like to thank everyone who purchased a tea ticket, as well as Forn’s Bakery, garage prawns sauteed with lots of garlic and lemon and garlic toast on the side. Coconut prawns with a sweet Madras curry dipping sauce. Sound good? How’s boat edibles? That’s crumbed soya beans tossed in sesame chili oil, lime cordial and salt then quick fried. Those are the NEW appetizers. There’s still many of the old ones.

An array of salads with cheese (I think) new ones. The Kaslo Hotel Sinusim Lions… a California Classic – shrimp, organic greens, avocados hard boiled egg, tomatoes, red onion and fresh parsley with spicy Louis dressing and garlic toast.

The menu sports more than a dozen sandwiches and burgers with one NEW burger that might just be worth crying over: The Snapper Burger: battered Pacific red snapper with tartar sauce. Next category: Anytime Pub Food – Lunch or Dinner. The two NEW items in this group are 1) Roasted Garlic Fennel and Ravioli (say it out loud) – it’s description in fresh dill and caper cream sauce served with Romano cheese and garlic toast. 2) Santa Fe Chicken and Veggie Sante on Southwest Rice – This is flame seared chicken sauteed with sweet peppers, shromons, tomatoes, red onions and spicy fire roasted jalapenos with avocados, salsa and fresh cilantro with garlic toast and Fronds red hot sauce. FWI, this item and quite a few others I mention are gluten-free.

The NEW dinner entrees include top sirloin steak. Half a pound of AAA certified Alberta Black Angus beef cooked the way you like it. Also, the New York steak is now available in 8 oz. AND 12 oz. Now for the Friday Night Only option: roast prime rib of beef with soup or starter salad 8 or 12 oz. served with Yorkshire pudding, fresh veggies and horseradish. This one’s gluten free if you forego the Yorkshire pudding. What does figure?

I believe there are three more new items on the menu: cedar plank grilled wild sockeye salmon with maple syrup and tarragon. Jumbo garlic prawns cooked in butter garlic lemon and parsley. Last but definitely not least, the seafood medley: wild Atlantic monkfish, Pacific rock lobster and jumbo prawns poached in a roasted red pepper, ginger and cream sauce.

As a reminder, I’ve mentioned only the NEW items on the menu. What did I have? The lunch special (not on the menu). A full-blown enchiladas recommended by both John and Susan. This baby comes with a homemade tortilla, a whole lotta chicken, rice, black beans, cilantro and lime. Throw in jalapeno, cayenne, garlic and onion. Add red, green and yellow peppers. Served with fresh hot sauce and whole whipping cream, and that, my friends, is what is meant by the whole enchilada! Made for you by Deborah Nielsen and served by Ian Hoffinan. Don’t forget their ‘signature dessert.’ Sticky toffee pudding cake. Wash it all down with a Radeberger beer, Germany’s premium pilsner. Although the head chef, Red Smith, wasn’t there for Wednesday’s lunch, he’s been cooking in the Kaslo area forever, and, of course, loves it there. So get up and go to the Kaslo Hotel. Do it soon! They also offer great room rates in June, including great side deals at many of the other businesses in Kaslo, including the Lasbourn Bakery, the Treehouse Restaurant, Willow Home Interiors, Your Arts Desire, Figments, the Clothes Hanger and the Balfour 18-hole golf course. THE KASLO HOTEL! My kind of place!
Cody Cave tours start up again this season after a three-year closure

by Jan McMurray

Cody Cave is open this season after being closed since 2010.

Lee Hollis, an avid caver for 26 years, has obtained a 10-year provincial park use permit and started offering Cody Cave tours June 14.

“I’m pretty excited about it,” said Hollis. “In year one, I’ll be concentrating on re-establishing the fact the park is open and getting the name back out again.”

Hollis is offering three different tours, all by reservation only. The ‘family tour’ is available only on long weekends between June and September. The ‘Explorers’ and ‘Adventure’ tours are designed more for the caving experience.

“The routes in the cave will be different from before and will open up new parts of the cave,” said Hollis.

Although Parks Use Permits are usually for only five years, Hollis negotiated a 10-year permit. “I’ve made a significant investment in equipment, and I’ve got a lot of time and effort into re-establishing things, so I wanted a greater degree of stability,” he explained.

Kevin Stonewax, former Cody Cave operator, will be working at the cave as a guide. “Kevin Stonewax was one of the first people I contacted when I arrived because of his connections,” said Hollis, who is originally from England. “I’m really pleased he’s staying a part of it. His knowledge of the cave is unparalleled.”

Hollis moved to Canada in 2007. He landed in Calgary and travelled west, exploring BC extensively. Although he fell in love with the Kootenays and knew this was where he wanted to settle, there was no job for him, so he worked in B.C. until he was offered a job in Nelson. He had visited Cody Cave many times before moving to Nelson.

Visit codycavetours.com for more information.

Visit some of the best gardens in the south Slocan Valley of Slocan. Local artists and musicians will be on hand throughout the day. At the Four Seasons Greenhouse in Winlaw, The Vatican Whole Choir will perform at 11 and 11:40 am, and the Slocan Valley Community Band will play from noon to 1 pm.

Tour brochures are available at local garden centres and on community bulletin boards. An online version is available at www.slocanvalleyarts.ca. Besides directions to each garden, the brochure will help you find an excellent espresso, the valley’s best ice cream cone, a Father’s Day brunch or a quick lunch when and where you need it.

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