New ferry – MV Columbia – begins service on Upper Arrow Lake

by Jan McMurray

The MV Columbia, BC’s newest inland ferry, went into service on June 26. The new ferry replaces two 40-year-old vessels on the route between Shelter Bay and Galena Bay on Upper Arrow Lake.

The ferry was constructed in Nakusp by WaterBridge Steel Inc. WaterBridge also holds the contract to operate the Upper Arrow Lake, Nooksack and Arrow Park ferries.

John Harding, WaterBridge owner, said the ferry construction project went very well overall. The only hitch was that the propulsion technician was ill at the crucial time, delaying the project by a month. The original in-service date was set for May 21. “But we made it for the July 1 weekend, which was critical,” he said.

The Province signed a $26.5-million contract with WaterBridge Steel Inc. in June 2012 to design and build the new ferry. The project provided employment for approximately 65 workers from across BC over the last two years, with about 12-14 from the Nakusp area. The ferry has the capacity for double- lane loading and unloading, but improvements must be made to the road approaches before this can be done. The improvements to the road approach have been completed on the Shelter Bay (Seveldsteke) side. Work on the Galena Bay side will occur this summer. Harding says the improvements to the road approach on the Galena Bay (Nakusp) side will probably take about three months to complete and may affect the ferry schedule.

The MV Columbia can transport 80 vehicles and 250 passengers. Although this doesn’t sound much more than the 78 passenger-vehicle capacity of the two former ferries combined, the new ferry will be able to carry 470 tonnes – significantly more than the 350 tonnes the two old ferries together could take. Commercial traffic should no longer have to wait because of load limits, and the new ferry will never have to sail with empty spaces even though there are still vehicles lined up. The government press release states that the vessel has wider lanes and improved ramp transitions for faster loading and unloading.

The ministry reports that the DEV Galena will continue to be moored as back-up until the ministry is confident that the new ferry can provide uninterrupted service.

The MV Columbia is more fuel efficient and produces fewer emissions than its predecessors. It also incorporates enhanced maintenance technology that will result in a high level of reliability. The vessel was designed to enable underwater visual inspections, eliminating the requirement to lift the vessel out of the water every five years for an inspection. The vessel’s equipment and systems can be fully serviced from the car deck or inside the vessel.

The name MV Columbia is representative of the location of the ferry, as the Arrow Lakes are widenings of the Columbia River. The name also commemorates one of the first Columbia River sternwheeler, the SS Columbia, launched in 1891.

The inaugural trip of the MV Columbia, BC’s newest inland ferry, which is now in service on the Galena-Shelter Bay crossing.
Two new full-time physicians sign on in Kaslo

by Jan McMurray

Kaslo now has a full complement of physicians. Two permanent, full-time physicians have recently signed contracts with Interior Health to work at Kaslo’s Victorian Community Health Centre.

“We’re very pleased with the calibre of the physicians we’ve been able to attract,” said Maggie Winters, member of the Kaslo Area D Health Care Select Committee. “We think they will be great assets to the community.”

Dr. Isabelle Anne Fontaine started her regular schedule at the health centre on June 15 and Dr. Ben Allen officially joins the Kaslo team on September 15. Both physicians have done a number of shifts at the health centre over the last few months prior to officially signing permanent contracts. Dr. Allen will be doing additional shifts in Kaslo over the summer before starting his contract in September. The new physicians will support primary health care and 9 am to 5 pm weekday emergency department services in the community.

Winters explained that the Health Care Select Committee agreed to recruit for the 9 am-5 pm model. “We had no success recruiting physicians to cover 24/7 emergency services, and we had only one part-time physician still working, so we needed to acquire and start recruiting for the 9-5 schedule.”

Winters said the committee members hope the physicians will work with them on solutions for 24/7 emergency care, such as the use of technology, and advanced training for nurses and paramedics. “There are lots of options for increasing emergency room hours. We just need to be creative and work with Interior Health and the physicians and see what we can come up with.”

Dr. Fontaine came to BC from Quebec and has been a family physician since 2007. Over the past six years, she practiced at the Family Medicine Unit in Lewis, Quebec, teaching and supervising medical residents in family medicine. She has experience with geriatric patients in long term care units and has a particular interest in palliative care. She was a pharmacist for five years prior to becoming a physician.

Dr. Allen is originally from West Texas and received his medical training in Virginia. He is board-certified in family practice in both the United States and Canada and is the 1988 recipient of the Lloyd Dansby Medal for Family Practice. He has practiced both primary care and emergency medicine at clinics, health units and military bases throughout North America, Asia and Africa. Prior to moving to BC, he founded and practiced at a women’s clinic in Lloydbridge, Alberta. Most recently, he has supported primary and emergency care at the various health centres around the province.

Winters reported that there were two to three committee members at each of the two interviews, Andrew Neurie of Interior Health said “It was truly a team effort” of Interior Health, the Kaslo and Area D Health Care Select Committee, mayor and council and the doctors that made these recruitments possible.

The Interior Health press release states that both physicians have an interest in rural medicine and are coming to Kaslo for the professional and personal opportunities the community has to offer.

In the release, Interior Health thanks all the physicians who have been supporting the community while permanent physicians were found, especially Dr. Fen Smit and Dr. Amaury de Kalter, who have indicated they will continue to provide locum coverage. Interior Health also thanks Kaslo and area residents for their patience and understanding as Interior Health secured full physician coverage.

Residents wanting to book a regular physician appointment can do so by calling 250-353-2291.
Marilyn James found guilty and sentenced to 14 days house arrest

by Jan McMurray

Marilyn James was found guilty of criminal contempt and sentenced to 14 days house arrest at a Supreme Court hearing June 24.

James, appointed spokesperson for the Similk Nation, and Dennis Zarilli, communications liaison for the Similk Nation, were arrested March 4 for defying a court injunction that orders them to not impede Galena Contractors from extending Perry Ridge Forestry Road, as per the company’s contract with BC Timber Sales.

At Zarilli’s trial May 20, he was found guilty and sentenced to 14 days house arrest and 18 months probation.

At James’ June 24 hearing, Justice McEwan said there was “no doubt in his mind” that she impeded Ray Hascard, owner of Galena Contractors, from accessing the work site on March 4, and that she encouraged people to attend Perry Ridge that day to bring attention and publicity to her case.

“The free passage of Galena was impeded and Ms. James did so to attract public attention... Ms. James publicly defied the injunction and committed criminal contempt,” McEwan ruled.

During the trial, James argued that she was not impeding Hascard because the gate across the road was locked and she did not have a key. McEwan found that “the whole issue of the gate is not pertinent.”

Justice McEwan also stated that several people attended her first court appearance and there was “a defiant display in the courtroom,” where James claimed that her rights were superior to Galena’s. He said she violated the injunction on March 4 by standing at the gate and declaring her rights, which are different from the rights upheld in this courtroom.

James explained during the trial that she believes the Similk Nation have a right to be consulted about development in their territory, and she has a duty to protect Perry Ridge as the matriline of “suum ʔeem,” one of the laws governing Similk territory.

Justice McEwan asked Crown Counsel if there was any reason James’ sentence should be different from Zarilli’s. Crown Counsel, Phillip Seagram, said there did not have a concrete submission regarding sentencing.

When James was given an opportunity to speak to the sentence, she said, “I am going to say what Gandhi said. I think that this court does is highly unjust to a fashion people... I don’t believe that I broke any law. I don’t believe that I don’t have any rights. I don’t believe that you are not costing me harm. I believe you are. I would say because of what I believe, you should punish me to the full extent of the law because I have no qualms whatsoever to do what I need to do as the matriline of suum ʔeem.”

“You’d better throw the book at me—48 years—I wouldn’t expect less than that,” she said.

CORRECTION

In the article in our June 4 issue, ‘Zarilli sentenced to 14 days house arrest for blocking Perry Ridge logging road,’ we incorrectly reported that Dennis Zarilli grew up in Vancouver on the downtown east side. In fact, Zarilli did volunteer work in Vancouver’s downtown east side. He grew up in the Victoria area.
Dear Education Minister Fassbender and BC Teachers’ Federation President Mr. Iker:
The Arrow Lakes Board of Education is gravely concerned about the impasse that exists between the British Columbia Teachers’ Federation (BCTF) and the British Columbia Public Schools Employers’ Association (BCPSEA). We ask that both parties resume good faith negotiations in the spirit of compromise to resolve this issue as quickly as possible.

Our communities are in turmoil regarding constant media updates, which confuse and complicate bargaining in our eyes. We in SD 10 Arrow Lakes are tired of in-morning and keeping good working relationships. The students in our district deserve quality education; they do not deserve to be put in the middle of conflict. Staff morale is low, administration is barely able to function and the district as a whole runs the risk of irreparable harm due to these ongoing times.

So we ask you, to resume and continue to bargain out of the media, bring in a mediator, and try whatever means possible to negotiate a fair but equitable fully funded settlement.

The Arrow Lakes Board of Education will continue to advocate for a fully funded table for public education system. We believe that the education our children receive is second to none and would like to continue to achieve excellence for all British Columbia children.

Holding a child’s education hostage to contract negotiations is unacceptable as regards to the primary purpose of the Ministry of Education. Our job as locally elected

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Signs Parliament is on Summer Break
KASLO HOTEL and Event Place
Come out dancing to the sounds of G.E.I. Tuesday, July 15, 430 Front Street, Kaslo, BC
9 pm at the Kaslo Hotel! No cover charge!
The official Resort is a festival of local artists in politics and is sponsored by the Kaslo Hotel. The Hotel does not necessarily share the political views of the artist

Oh, you’re right!
Xerox it plus years, today’s Supreme Court ruling, which states that Canada’s government is to blame for wrongful expropriation of native lands, is a fabulous victory for the lawyers who have worked so long and so hard.
When I lived and taught in the early ‘80s in Vancouver, my son and I rented rooms in a house with a lawyer and her extended family. She had a son the same age and her job was fighting for aboriginal land claims. After hearing the news this morning, I thought “Wow, I wonder—could she still be working...” continued on page 5
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at a very deep corner in my mind, I managed to remember her last name, and called her. She confirmed that she was, and said her office, the intervisor for the First Nations Sunniro talk, "is jubilant!"

In answer to my fear that First Nations people would just be bought off by the Liberal government, we would still continue to build houses over their rights and the land, she said she does not feel this will happen. She said that First Nations people are overwhelming the destruction of native lands for money, and that because of this judgement today, it will be much much harder indeed for governments not to respect the rights of native territory.

So I congratulated her, and feel I can rest a little on that part. Apart from trying again for proportional representation and a new, more representative government, I look to the First Nations community with the efforts of the natives who will not back down (talking Enbridge Pipeine and the like). And while I don't expect to regain the pride I had as a child or young teen in my country, it would be nice if our sons could, as we ourselves continue to work to hold accountable that tiny percentage of folks who -- who knows? -- may just know just how tragic their greed and selfishness is. For a clean and fair deal.

Daphne Fields Stoney City

Extinction injunction

Canadian/British laws are capable of great destruction, as witnessed by the First Nations of the Americas. These same laws can also create a pathway to preservation from the innate capacity of humanity to destroy. This third or fourth logging injunction on Perry Ruie, issued by Justice Mack McEwan, is a testament to the power of greed over common sense. This injunction injunctions the divisions in our communities, pitting the phantasm ideals of unmitigated growth economics against a future that might guide us away from our destructive potential.

This sacred ridge has cost BC Timber Sales and their corporate friends plenty to road and log. Since 1997 there have been a near caholy path to preservation with fancy government lawyers flown from BC's capital to instruct this provincial Supreme Court judge on his corporate duties.

Justice McEwan has stated (1997/98) his injunctions are necessary to prevent "anarchy." Without his authority or our society failing, we are likely to feel spiritual "anarchy." Perhaps or maybe his will is nothing more than our fear to confront the "lord of the ship" as the ship steers into the uncharted waters of environmental degradation.

In the 1960s and early 1970s the civil rights movement in the USA faced many court ordered injunctions to stop marching for minority civil rights. Martin Luther King Junior spoke strongly against these court orders to stop civil right marches. Judges charmed our injunctions for the hatred to continue. King and his supporter knew these judges justified the means capable of no spiritual wisdom for humanity's long-term needs.

This recent injunction and the arrests likely create more harm than good; working against the Siniit First Nation's wishes to protect and share a very small part of their traditional non-codified territory seems vicious to a nation that was literally murdered to near extinction for fur, gold, silver, timber and vast hydro dams.

Canada many judges will make an effort to injunct the planet's life giving environment into submission. They feel it is their right to ignore the obvious costs of a finite life force.

Canada pretty much stood alone at the original Kyoto climate change conference and the harm the forest and coastal and interior temperate rainforest is being cut off to the last TRUE, regardless of the science that is clear on this issue. We must protect the forest and protect our planet against an agony climate.

History will decide if this be the ship's death or our collective common good in mind as he continues the genocide against nature and Canadian First Nation people.

Democracy should be the best anarchy has to offer. Our society should be striving to experiment with good, not this brimhandic of wanton civil order.

Tom Prior Nelson

Open letter to Kaslo council

I was very disappointed at council's decision to not participate in the proposed RDCR Kaslo Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF) referendum, to be put before voters on November 15 as part of the provincial elections. There would be no cost for this referendum for the Village, as it is part of a shared service with the RDCK (Areas D, A, E, and Kaslo - all the jurisdictions on Kootenay Lake).

This initiative has been extremely successful in the East Kootenay. There is a lot of information and background info available at: kootenayconservation.ca.

There are very rare opportunities for council to have a full democratic process where they assess what are critically important to Village residents. Recently, the Village did some work on the beach adjacent to Kaslo River, and the largest public response the Village has had in 10 years was the result. It would be possible compel council to deny the voters of Kaslo a democratic opportunity to determine if Kaslo would cooperate with all the other jurisdictions on Kootenay Lake regarding conservation issues?

Here is the list of objections by councillors:

- Why is Kaslo ready for this yet, we should wait and see how it goes and join later if it looks OK.
- This is a decision for residents - let the voters decide - at no cost.

A future voter assent referendum would be very expensive for Kaslo on its own. There will be a new council after November 15 and this no, no commitment opportunity will be gone.

The ratepayers of Kaslo have already been impinged by the increased tax costs for the new fine arts hall and this is not a good time to add to that tax burden. Not correct, most Kaslo residents are paying property taxes that are higher than the costs because the costs are now equally shared over the entire service area.

There are many homes in Kaslo that are on multiple lots, and the tax burden on these homes would be a significant structure which would have much greater impact on those ratepayers. This is the most credible criticism of the everyma cost and I assume there is a financial benefit, so the parcel tax "double up" would be a minor expense - part of the cost of holding property as an investment in the future.

"If this is so great why are Nelson and Creston not participating? And with the work the United States Army Corps of Engineers is doing and with the Columbia River Treaty negotiations I don't see how this helps." Nelson and Creston are not on Kootenay Lake; as for the US Army Corps of Engineers or the Columbia River Treaty discussions - I'm not sure that is relevant to a referendum in Kaslo.

Finally, Kaslo has an excellent Official Community Plan, which articulates the wishes of our residents based on extensive consultation. And it states clearly that in planning Kaslo's future there should be a strong emphasis on how lands adjacent to Kootenay Lake should be developed and utilized. The KLLCF presents an excellent opportunity for Village residents to decide what kinds of projects are important to this community and provide the means to implement that vision. The great ideas and intentions in the world will only sit on the shelf and gather dust without funding.

This proposed service by-law has a 10 year limit built in. In the case of most of the ratepayers of Kaslo, you are locked into this service by a council decision for 10 years. A paltry amount, but if it is combined in a collaborative way with our neighbouring jurisdictions, a sum that could actually make a difference on what happens to our lake and its shoreline.

I am requesting that council immediately remove this by-law. And if the residents of Kaslo are supportive, they will have to speak up in a loud voice so it can be heard inside the brick building.

Jimmie Holland Kaslo

Business as usual

As I sat peacefully in my idling gas guzzler blazoning cloudivs of rainbow blue smoke - it could have been a BMW, an electric Jaguar or a Hummer but my naturally frugal nature allocated me an old GMC beater with plastic and duct tape window trim - it occurred to me that I had inadvertently stumbled on something really big.

I just finished parking diagonally as I had just done my space shuttle to that zatic city among the stars, which has nothing to do with a sidewalk in Hollywood; my partner gracefully departed my company and she wandered through the errands within the space station. So I decided to try a novel trick and just think. Hereing over in zero gravity I watched others go about their morning in Nelson Super Natural BC. Like so many times before, I popped right out of the ether that there must be a better moneymarine. I use the word monetarist figuratively to express just what every motorist dreams of; a new way to cut off their own financial throat. Let's claim that naturally it made perfect sense, a metering device which could be slightly adapted from the hydro electricity smart meters, which meter the water or oxygen meters that promote conservation in the form of less services and products but of course increased cash flow. What potential this holds.

This old technology Tunsani sweeping our shores makes me pause to say to be careful what one wishes for. One could slip this idea upon the masses without a blink of an eyelid. Excise me I have a small tear in my eye and I need a napkin so I can wipe the drool from the corner of my mouth. In the right hands, can you imagine the wow factor to an electronic bank wanting to scoop your pocket without even having to look at job applications from foreign workers or contend with these nasty payrolls or ask for one's consent? Just have the gas and carbon supply of the bank account that automatically takes their sweet and blood effort out at random in a timly fashion. Now thinking ahead, what if there was no money in the bank? This could be a little embarrassing but would be easy to fix, just get CBC to deny privileges to walk, bicycle, operate a motor vehicle, operate a wheel chair or perhaps even trim crotch.

At the end of the day if one cannot foot the skedddles they could do mandatory volunteer work as a corporate community slave.

So here it is - I just will spell the beams - it is a New World Order strategy to make us think.

I was a gullible young man and I was conned.

Gigantic electronic cloud connecting all ignorant races regardless of the hack village they dwell in or their religious beliefs and preferably at the lower to moderate levels of the nutritional food chain. Simply harness them with a little hoot pocus electronic wizardry, a Silicon Valley invention and a couple small nuts truths about the Zigbee protocol or Mix Tip. Let us connect pedestriant that jay walk and all other transportation modes to city halls and private corporate backside head offices everywhere.

Have your neighbourhood handyman slash professional electronic chip or a contract to hook you up to everything and anything secretly so the user is unaware of the danger side effects lurking in the background. Now this is a peak convenience superenergetic demand surge, the advertising and marketing people could easily design little white flies around and sell cheaper than an organic tomato. Build the world's first virtual sheep farming with a vegan junkie spawning Jung beans on their terraced garden within the 100 mile limit.

Well enough said. You are savvy enough to have invested in ethical junk bonds, carbon credits, penny stocks, a few blue chips, derivatives, hedge funds, high interest vehicle and the mortgage and housing properties with a triple A rating, securing you a nice little retirement nest egg called an RRSP tax or government pension. Consequently you are now 67 and old living happily ever after. You also have the know how and the electronic gadgets (may I say you probably signed up for a long term contract, saving you quite a bundle) within your grasp to be the first on the NYSE band wagon with Fanny May and Mac's blessings. Better hurry for stupidities spread faster than an internet news flash leaked by an insider trade.

Well anyway, just a few thoughts from a small cabin in the woods from a dude who is neither sarcastic nor condescending but extremely selfish and not the sharpest axe in the woodshed. So as they say if you don't just Google it and make your game go virgin watching the hit meter go to the next level. Have a nice day and keep your stick on the ice. Hopefully we can all live in a brave new world free of ignorance, fear and lack of courage! Long Live the Zigbee smart meter technology. Thanks ever so much for your contribution to the world.

David E. Wilk

Dali Strountinium South Slope Valley
Kaslo won’t go to referendum on Local Conservation Fund

by Jan McMurray

At the June 23 Kaslo council meeting, council voted not to participate in the proposed Local Conservation Service with the other Kootenay Lake jurisdictions (RDCR Areas D, E and F) at this time.

The plan was for the residents of the Village of Kaslo and Areas D, E and F to vote on the LCS at the municipal election this year. The council had originally supported participating in July 2015 among the other seven Kootenay Lake municipalities.

The Kaslo council’s judgment was that there were several critical issues on Kootenay Lake that could be addressed with funding from a Local Conservation Fund, citing Campbell Bay, Kaslo Bay and Powell River. Other projects he mentioned were on-going clean-up of the Kaslo River and the Kaslo Golf Course.

Holland said the stewardship of the natural environment is a very important issue to Village of Kaslo residents. There was a strong endorsement for participating in the Kaslo Communities Sustainability Plan and in a poll conducted by the Kootenay Conservation Program, “a couple of years ago.” The poll found that 80 percent of residents in the Kaslo Lake area would be in favour of a Local Conservation Fund.

Councillor Holland, Kaslo’s champion for the conservation service initiative, spoke passionately against the motion not to participate at this time. He told his fellow council members that the Kootenay Conservation Program administers a Local Conservation Fund in the East Kootenay with five participating jurisdictions. The purpose of that fund is “to provide local financial support for important projects that will contribute to the conservation of our valuable natural areas,” according to the Columbia Valley Local Conservation and Terms of Reference.

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Kaslo council, June 24: Solution for liquor store deliveries on Water Street

by Jan McMurray

A Walker, owner of the building that houses the BC Liquor Store since November 2014, is going to discuss his tenant’s concerns about Water Street development and how it will affect deliveries. Although Walker has had work done to the loading dock area, there will still be problems for a very large truck that delivers once a week on Thursdays. The truck will occupy part of the street where there is parking and will probably not be able to access the loading dock when vehicles are parked in the angled parking spaces across the street. Walker asked council if the liquor store employees could put out traffic cones on Thursday morning to prevent people from parking across the street from the building and clogging up the dock. He said he was happy to look at turning the loading dock on an angle in the longer term.

Council agreed to grant the BC Liquor Store a license of occupation, subject to final approval, to temporarily close or cordon off a number of Water Street parking spaces once a week to better facilitate freight delivery, with the understanding that the Village will not erect permanent signage nor police the parking area should or during deliveries.

Council will discuss the merits of attaching fees to Licenses of Occupation at the next council meeting. Mayor Lay agreed to look at this in Kaslo.

Councillor Neil Smith reported that Water Street paving would take place the week of July 1. Daphne Hunter has been hired as a casual office clerk for two to three days a week to help the office through what is a trying period for the staff. Councillor Lay will participate in the proposed new Regional District of Central Kootenay Conservation Service at this time.

British Columbia Rural Communities Summit in Kaslo gets rave reviews

by Jan McMurray

The BC Rural Network (BCRN) Summit was held in Kaslo at JV Humphries School June 13-15 and is getting rave reviews from all who attended.

The BCRN Rural Network (BCRN) holds the summit once every two years, and looks for a host community with a committed organizing team. The Kaslo organizing team stepped up to the plate this year to host the conference in Kaslo.

“you need an enthusiastic group like Randy Morse and his gang from the Kaslo Institute to pull it all together,” said Andy Ackerman, chair of the BCRN. “Just because you’re a small community doesn’t mean you can’t host us.”

Ackerman reported that there was “a very good turnout” of 80 people, which is equivalent to almost double the population and represents a wide variety of interests. “There are a lot of common issues facing rural communities, particularly now, and it’s these issues – like health care – that tend to draw people together to talk about ways to tackle and resolve them,” he said.

Ackerman said the whole idea of the summit is to bring together leaders and speakers who can cover off the more topical issues of interest at the time.

Kaslo certainly succeeded. In an interview after the summit on the Kaslo Institute website, he says, “We put together a Summit program that covered topics ranging from the importance of food security and protected watersheds, to rural broadband and the need for strengthened rural health care. The Institute ensured that the crucial role culture and technology play in sustaining rural communities and the viability of rural communities ran throughout the entire proceedings.”

Significant event in St. Andrew’s history - Japanese-Canadian internment

by Jan McMurray

In 1942, thousands of Japanese-Canadians were removed from the Coast, and interned in the Kootenays. It was a very traumatic time; many of them left good jobs and the homes, families were separated, they experienced uncertainty and fear about the future, and many restrictions were imposed on them.

Some of these internes were settled in Kaslo, and a memorial plaque was placed on the Rev. Kossoo Shimizu, who had left a thriving United Church congregation in Vancouver and found himself and family in the Kaslo Lake community in the internment program. Rev. Shimizu approached the Rev. H. Armstong, minister of St. Andrew’s at that time, and was invited to use the church for services, with members of his Vancouver congregation who were also interned here. This was the beginning of a very rich sharing and mutual understanding between the two congregations that continued as long as Rev. Shimizu was here.

Some of the Japanese-Canadian internes who came to Kaslo have been invaluable contributing citizens. Kaslo has been blessed with the support of more than 100 Japanese-Canadian internes, and they hold a significant place in this church and in the community, helping their legacy of facing challenges, and they are shining a light on what a church can do.

As well as the memorial plaque, in 2017, the Kootenay School District 83 unveiled a heritage plaque commemorating the internment of Japanese-Canadians from Kaslo and other communities in the Kaslo area.

Just For Your Summer and fall programs

by Liz Inglis

North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society has entered into community partnerships with Kaslo and Area Youth Centre (KAYC), Kaslo and District Daycare Society (KIDDS), the Kootenay Valley Community Centre (LVCC) and Selkirk College to bring summer and fall youth programs and activities to Kaslo and Area Youth Centre’s programs are geared towards youth between the ages of 12 and 21 years.

The common goal is to foster a stronger sense of youth culture and community and the programs are offered in an environment, which promotes creative, innovative, active and – most importantly — fun programs and activities for youth.

Liz Inglis, KAYC Youth Co-ordinator, Anne Reynolds, KIDDS Youth Co-ordinator, and Dawn Lang, Selkirk Community Education and Workplace Training Co-coordinator have collaborated to deliver diverse summer programs.

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The work is meant to memorialize the struggles and celebrate the
determination of those who passed through the camps. I am very interested in, as you aptly put it, “fostering empathy” and “promoting social justice.” I am trying to do this through my hope, conversational and poetic means rather than propagandist ones. For me the most important outcomes of this work are the discussions it fosters among and between the Nikkei and all others.

You speak of “material as metaphor.” Can you explain?

In my work I generally use materials that are part of the meaning of the work. The taxidermy I used to build the model internment houses is a reminder of the taxidermy sharks found in shantytowns and refugee camps all over the world. The taxidermy also refers to an incident from the internment. During the first winter of 1942-3 the green wool used to build the camps had died out to the point that there were visible gaps between the boards. My grandfather Ozy used taxidermy to try to stop the wind from whistling through his family’s shack, but because the snow was so high, he put it on the inside of the house. You can imagine the smell and the darkness. What about your current and ongoing artistic practice make the Nikkei Centre project seem an ideal fit?

When I began research for this work about six years ago, I started by going through accounts and looking at archival images. When I visited the Slocan Valley and the NIMC in 2009, I realized that the reading and viewing had a cool, more abstract quality than the places, structures and artifacts where my family was interned. I wanted to put together a project to have the physical impact I felt when visiting the Nikkei Centre. That’s why I turned to an installation that would require the input of local volunteers. The volunteers exchange stories and physically participate in making the sharks. This experience is as important to the meaning of the work as the final installation.

I’ve shown the work in Calgary and Winnipeg, and a version is currently on display at the National Nikkei Museum in Bunkyo, but I always hoped to bring the work back to New Denver where it started. When the opportunity arose to work with the Nikkei Centre and install at the beautiful Kohan Garden, a stone’s throw away from the spot my mother’s family had lived, I jumped at the chance. There is something about showing it here that is like the completion of a pilgrimage; a sort of ritual or devotional act for me. I feel that the community involvement at New Denver and the outdoor setting has made this the most successful showing of the work to date.

Will this be a temporary or permanent installation?

The installation in the Kohan Garden will only be up from one afternoon to the next. The short run reminds me of camps like Popoff and Bay Farm that started as farmer’s fields and after the war quietly went back to crops. Like the internment, the work will persist mostly in pictures, stories and memory. I would like to thank all the many volunteers from the New Denver area who assisted in the completion of the project. I would also like to thank Monoko Ito and everyone at the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre, the caretakers of the Kohan Reflection Garden, both Carter of the Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre, and the town of New Denver for making this event possible.

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- Kevin Heshekdahla requested a reduced rental rate for the Memorial Hall for community choir rehearsals. He also reported that the Memorial Hall for the community’s 20th anniversary celebration on August 9. The stage will be set up on Josephine Street and covered with a weather-proof roof. Although council does not usually allow the stage to be used after the hall, council noted that the stage is co-owned by the Village and the Valhalla Fine Arts Society (VFAAS), and VFAAS had already supported the request. Jeri’s letter states that NIMC will take full responsibility should there be any damage.

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Studio Connexion to Feature Claire Paradis Photography

by Art Joyce

The once-honoured tradition of journalists branching out into the arts, former Arrow Lakes News reporter Claire Paradis has ventured into fine art photography with an exhibition titled Small Wonders. The show will be featured at Nakusp’s Studio Connexion from July 2–19, with an opening reception Friday, July 4 from 5 to 8 pm.

Paradis has taken a year off journalism to do other work and volunteer the Circuit of Mounjoy, where she has been living. While working for the Arrow Lakes News, she discovered the digital SLR world, opening up a whole new vista of creativity. Leaving the job meant leaving the camera, but she finally saved up enough to buy her own. The learning curve is steep but her motivation is strong. Living in Nakusp meant spending time kayaking, hiking and swimming, learning to appreciate the wonders of the Kootenay environment. Taking a camera along helped her to focus on the intimate details of the natural world, often to startling effect. Something so simple as the bark of a tree, the grain of a stone, the patterns of wind on water becomes instantly material for art.

“For a while I lived in Badley, and living by the lake was an endless delight,” says Paradis. “Watching the otters cavort somewhere-adek back again or the changing light as a storm rolls across, playing at piscincyns (fish, fish, if you jump I’ll apply for that job, etc.) at dusk, otters slinking and shaking all through the sky – the lake was always a playful neighbour. The mountains are also an easy source of inspiration, stuffed to bursting with the soft bright fingers of new evergreen growth, but upon bloons upon blossom, sudden mushroom villages, a moose neck-deep in weef-eating delight, etc.”

Paradis explains in her artist’s statement that, “With their limited frame, photographs draw the viewer to just a few elements in the root of life endlessly unfurling around (and within) us, freezing one moment, preserving it like causing summer’s tomatoes for the winter.”

The work of internationally renowned Canadian photographer Edward Burtynski is a source of mentorship for Paradis. Although Burtynski typically chooses landscapes that have been altered or even destroyed by human activity, his ability to capture beauty by isolating pattern and texture resonates with her.

“Of that moment perception that lifts the spirit in the beholder who finds it in the dance of leaves in the wind, snow-heated sap, clouds traveling across a puddle, trees heaving the tips off boulders, it’s happening everywhere all the time. Many moments that might seem small seem for me what give life its depth and breadth,” says Paradis.

Her fascination with photography actually dates to childhood when film cameras were still the norm. Since then, she’s experimented with polaroid and digital cameras, going through architectural, portrait, journalistic and landscape phases.

Though she hadn’t yet contemplated exhibiting her work, an invitation came from Studio Connexion Gallery owner Anne Beliveau, who’d seen Paradis’ work on Facebook.

These days you can often find her really really close up to something looking for a good texture shot or figurating out how her new camera works. Or both at the same time. See that light shining? Hey, there’s a frog under this leaf. Is that a shoot pushing its way out of the ground? It’s all right here, right now. See for yourself.

Studio Connexion hours are 11 am to 4 pm, Tuesday to Saturday or by appointment for special viewings. Contact Anne Beliveau at 250-265-3580 or at studioconnexion@telus.net.

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Nakusp Legion Recognizes First Responders

Nakusp’s large contingent of emergency responders were recognized at a dinner in their honour, Saturday, June 28.

Royal Canadian Legion #20
Nakusp

“Texas Hold’em” on July 5th at 7 pm in the Nakusp Legion

Rotarians Glenn Baggs, Biz Hendry and Hazel Roseman served burgers and hot dogs at the ASLCS 40th Anniversary celebrations on Friday, June 20.
Blue Moon B&B a chic country home

by Barbara Curry McAlary

Guests are already booking return visits to Julie Boschard and Stefan Kovacevic’s Blue Moon B&B. Open only a month and already known for its really comfortable beds, exquisitely prepared fresh breakfasts, and attentive hosts, the Blue Moon makes a place to relax in a beautiful setting.

Julie and Stefan had wanted to create a unique atmosphere at their B&B and would have considered when they found a very special house in Slocan. Built in 1903 for the Rae family who ran a livery and supplied horses to local miners, the house has two spacious and cozy High ceilings, some slanted, predominately. Old rustic wood floors have been sanded and refinished. Julie has decorated the house with an eclectic mix of antiques, handcrafted, modern art and furnishings collected locally and from travels around the world. One visitor described it as “a chic country home.”

Guests can cut up on a couch by a gabled bay window in the living room or hang out in the more private sitting area upstairs. The floor-to-10-foot-ceiling bookcase is well stocked. Wi-Fi and satellite TV are also available. Outside, ospreys circle overhead. Guests can relax under the shade of a 100-year-old maple tree, enjoying the blooming crocuses. Birdsong and the sound of rushing creek water fill the air.

Guests have a choice of three rooms, each with a character bed. A self-contained suite on the main floor has a bedroom, sitting room, and bathroom. Its private entrance has a deck where guests can sit, enjoying both the perennials and the view of the snow-covered peaks of the Valhallas. Guests in the two bedrooms upstairs share a bathroom. One bedroom looks out to the Valhallas, the other looks down on both the garden and the forest surrounding Spring Creek.

Guests have commented on “how comfortable” the B&B feels. Julie and Stefan have striven to get the details right, whether in the 100 percent cotton bedding, the mattresses with 1,000 coils each, the thick cotton towels, the handmade soap, or the artistically mismatched table settings.

Personal attention is found throughout the B&B. Guests arrange a time for breakfast. When they come to the dining room, they are greeted by the smell of freshly ground coffee and fresh cooking; a gourmet onion bacon, roasted potatoes, and oatmeal biscuit one morning and French toast with a side of bacon or cold cuts and Swiss greens tossed in cheese the next. Both meals are always accompanied with a fruit salad, organic yogurt, granola, and maple syrup.

Drew originally from Slocan Lake. Stefan has lived in Slocan for many years. He has found a Slocan great for his heli-ski guiding and carpentry business and has dreamed of staying and retiring in the village. Julie, a long-time Kootenay resident, is more recent arrival. She says Slocan brings back memories of her childhood in a small Quebec village. They both relax the area has to offer. They welcome others to enjoy the rock climbing bluffs and the Rail Trail just a short walk away, the opportunities to cross-country ski (right from the door), hike, paddleboard, rock-climb, and motorcycle the Selkirk Loop. Other information on their B&B, including rates, can be found at www.bluemoonbchd.ca.
Unity Festival gears up for fourth annual run
by Art Joyce

The mall may be gone from the Slocan beach but something wonderful is blossoming there – the fourth annual Unity Music Festival. This will be the second year the event has been held at one of the most beautiful locations on Slocan Lake. Last year’s tepee stage returns with much headliner acts as Los Rastillos, Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra, Locarno, Adham Shaikd, Sean Ashley and Gandi. The festival’s theme is family and fun and its signature sound is world and dancier music. For those who prefer an old-fashioned guitar boogie, local favorites No Excuse will rip up the speakers. The fun kicks off Friday, July 25 with an all-ages dance at the Slocan Legion starting at 7 pm featuring local DJ’s setting up the groove. Advance tickets for the full weekend are $75.

“I’m thrilled that it will be a beach stage again so people can dance in bare feet in the sand,” says festival organizer Felicity Gerwin. “Of course with the mall being torn down we won’t have the same backdoor but the lighting team already has plans for a new light show.”

Gerwing says Los Rastillos have been building a following in the Kootenays for years now so it’s an exciting opportunity for Slocan Valley fans to get up close and personal taste. The nine-member reggae band hails from Mexico City and is celebrating their 25th anniversary. Their unique soul grooves reggae with Afro-Mexican rhythms, salsa, ska, and jazz to create its original brand of the Jamaican-born musical genre.

Gandi is an Italian-born musician, composer and record producer now based in the UK. His music is a fusion of dub, worldbeat and electronica with an undercurrent of reggae. In the summer of 2003 Gandi collaborated with Italian classical composer Massimo Nuzzo on a groundbreaking project—a symphonic/jazz interpretation of Shakespeare’s “The Tempest” for 20 piece jazz/classical orchestra infused with few electronic elements. Clearly an innovator, Gandi is in good company sharing the festival spotlight with Emmy Award-winning Slocan Valley-based composer Adham Shaikd. Locarno is the Latinia project of Jono Award-winning musician and Paperboys frontman Tom Landa. The music, like him, is part Mexican but with strong doses of Cuban Son. Folk Music, Pop and Funk. Locarno is based in Vancouver but is a frequent performer on festival stages, including Calgary Folk Festival, Stubbly Jam, Canmore Folk Festival, and as far away as Luxembourg’s World Music Festival.

Locarno’s founder Pasquale Tequila of the Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra, originating in Victoria’s underground scene with a blend of fluorneo, African percussion, bluegrass and other roots music irresistible to shadowy’s booty.

Gerwing says Unity’s featured solo female performer Rhoreal is “one of the most interesting female artists I’ve heard in a long time. Her music is very pared down and sparse, organic and acoustic yet very full at the same time.” Wifid like vocals are paired with electronic drums, field recordings, organ, and horn. Rhoreal recently relocated from Montreal to Nelson.

Guitar aficionados won’t want to miss Sean Ashley’s show. This Man of a Thousand Guitars (well, almost) was Sarah McLachlan’s guitarist on her Afterglow and Mirrorball albums as well as the original Lilith Fair recording. Ashley has performed twice at the Silvertown Gallery and audiences always enjoy his versatility, from lap steel to proto-noobility to surf guitar tunes.

Gerwing estimates that the festival needs 90 volunteers; every Thursday morning at Fulls Bouns in Slocan there will be someone available to explain duties and sign up volunteers. A security firm will be hired but help is needed with traffic control, site setup and cleanup, the kid’s zone, plus people with first aid and first aiders certificates.

“It’s an excellent opportunity to celebrate and enjoy both the international and local wealth of talent we have,” says Gerwing.

There will be a parade with a new valley salmon band, and roving musicians in the beachfront park. No alcohol will be allowed on site but the Slocan Legion will be open for business. The Saturday night after-party at the Legion will feature local bands plus its usual afternoon jam session on Sunday. For more information visit unitymusicfestival.ca.

Aging health facilities in the West Kootenay Boundary
Regional Hospital District considers strategic planning process

by Jan McMuray

The West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District board is seriously looking at developing a strategic plan for the region’s health facilities.

At the June board meeting, the board asked staff to work with Interior Health on an outline for a long-term planning process, and to look into the costs of a workshop on strategic planning for the board.

The interest in strategic planning was prompted by consultant Jan Gustafson’s presentation of his report, “Initiation of a strategic plan for the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District.”

The City of Castlegar called Gustafson to complete the report because Castlegar believes it is time the communities of the West Kootenay Boundary worked together to achieve better health care facilities for our region.

According to Gustafson’s presentation, “The West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Board is the catalyst to encourage the Province of British Columbia and Interior Health to make investments and to modernize the facilities.”

Gustafson acknowledges that a strong partnership with Interior Health is crucial, as the WKBHBD board and Interior Health are dependent upon each other when making investment decisions. The WKBHBD contributes 40 percent of the funds for all capital projects in the district, and Interior Health contributes 60 percent.

Currently, the board is drafting the capital plan and presents it to the WKBHBD board for approval. Gustafson’s report puts forward the alternative of having the board draft a capital plan and submitting it to the IH one year in advance, allowing time for discussion.

“Strategic hospital district strategic plan, with an internal developed capital prioritization plan, would introduce valuable community ideas into the planning process. The current practice is that only Interior Health priorities (and not the communities’ needs) are considered for approval,” he states in the report.

As part of the study, Gustafson contacted 34 jurisdictions in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District and asked them to provide responses to three questions. All but two responded.

He learned through this survey that the top issue in most communities is transportation. “There are many concerns regarding transportation ranging from access to the HART service and the golden hour, regular ambulance service, medevac services, transportation to regional facilities and tertiary facilities. It was also noted that transportation back home from medical centres was an issue. Transportation is an important issue across the region and further strategic thinking about this subject is recommended,” he states in his report.
Mount Sentinel Valedictorian Speech

by Emily Throop and John Baraboinoff

Emily: Good evening class of 2014. Welcome family and friends to this year’s graduation ceremonies. John and I stand here today and are very proud to represent our class. This year has been one to remember and one that will not be easily forgotten.

A quote from Senator Orin Hatch: “There is a good reason they call these ceremonies commencement exercises. Graduation is not the end; it’s the beginning.” And I can’t express enough how true that is.

During high school we were all part of something, whether it was stressing out about the yearbook deadline, winning basketball provincials, or maybe you were the field reporter for Winkstv. These things have been a very large part of our lives in our high school years and it’s now coming to an end. You may have been the big party animal of your grad class, but do you really wanna be that guy when you’re 35? And the Cs that Joe gave you in grade 9 does not define you, or that time you were captain of the soccer team. Those of you who took the English 12 provincial exam, and you’re worried about your mark, just remember that your English 12 mark also does not define you. This is the time for change.

Ebrace change, claim the right to grow, to be happy and unhappy.

If ever you’re feeling lost, and you’re spending too much time on Netflix and you would rather take a nap than take a shower, I recommend the book: Man’s Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl. Yes, a book. Mr. Learning recommended this book to me this year and the message that this book has is very powerful. In this book, the author writes about his experiences as a concentration camp inmate during the Second World War. The message is ultimately one of hope: even in the most absurd, painful, and dehumanizing situation, life can be given a meaning, and so too can suffering.

His experience as a concentration camp inmate taught him that our main drive or motivation in life is neither pleasure, nor power, but meaning. I urge all of you to read this book, and maybe it will motivate you to get off Netflix, Thomast, I still have your copy, and I don’t know if you’ll get back.

John: As graduates, we face many uncertainties in both the immediate and distant future. However, uncertainty is another word for opportunity. But try not to worry about the future, or worry, but know that worrying is as ineffective as trying to solve one of Mr. Simpson’s algebra equations by chewing bubble gum or changing the song on your iPod. No matter what you end up doing with your life, don’t concentrate yourself too much or bore yourself too much either. Your choices are half chance, so are everybody else’s.

Emily: I would like to thank all the teachers that got our class to this point. You have done your job in guiding and even though it may not seem like if sometimes, we appreciate it greatly. Thanks Mr. Campbell for your speech that you gave us today, but everyone that’s here today, you must know that when talking to Mr. Campbell your seat better be comfortable. Am I right History 12 class? And thank you to Sacha Kalach for stepping up to do the guest speech — on behalf of all the grads, we appreciate it. We’ve disappointed that our teachers couldn’t be here with us today to celebrate with us in taking the next step. It’s fine though.

John: Yeah, it’s chill. We would also like to thank all of the parents for helping us get here, and for all the parents and students who helped put together a fantastic looking graduation. I never knew this gym could look so good.

Emily: And as a wise man once said, “Congratulations on completing the easiest part of life.”

Thank you for your kind attention. GRAD 2014!
Mt. Sentinel Secondary School Class of 2014 graduates

by Jan McMurray
The Mt. Sentinel Secondary School graduation ceremony took place June 20, hosted by Shelly Maloff, MSSS vice-principal and Mike Hurley, principal of Bunt Kennedy Elementary School.

In her opening remarks, Maloff reminisced about 1996—the year most of the grads were born, and her first year of teaching, in Bella Coola. In her frequent calls home to find out what was happening in the valley, she found out that everyone was having babies—and they were all boys! “We imagined what it would be like with all the boys in kindergarten. We imagined your grad, and here we are. Little did I know that this would be my only class of teachers.”

Trenton Sherk Welsh told the grads that they were graduating not only from high school, but also to whatever they were going to do next, “and to being a good citizen with all the rights and responsibilities that entails.” She concluded by telling the grads to “use your imagination, explore and have fun.”

Superintendent Jeff Jones congratulated the grads on behalf of Kootenay Lake School District #8. He left with two quotes—one by Steve Jobs and the other by Jim Carey.

“Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life. Don’t let the noise of others’ opinions drown out your inner voice. Have the courage to follow your own heart and intuition. (Steve Jobs)

“I learned many lessons from my father. You can fail at something you don’t like, so you might as well take a chance doing something you love.” (Jim Carey)

MP Alex Atanasenko brought greetings from the Parliament of Canada. A former teacher of Russian, French and English, he encouraged the grads to continue studying languages. He also encouraged them to take part in the political process, noting that there will be a municipal election on November 15 this year and a federal election next year. “Politics is a noble profession,” he said. “By participating in all forms of government, by becoming civically engaged, you add to the richness of our democracy.”

Principal Glen Campbell praised the grads for choosing a dry grad party for Saturday night. “This shows real leadership, and I believe it will leave a lasting legacy for many years to come,” he said. He then told the grads two different ways to be successful in life. “First find something you like to do passionately and pursue that. Learning what you do and doing it well allows you to be resilient enough to let the chips fall where they may. Or, just marry someone smarter than yourself.”

The grad had chosen their teacher Danny Learner as their guest speaker, but due to the teacher strike, Sacha Kalbhor, former Mt. Sentinel teacher, read Learner’s work. He said that he doesn’t necessarily agree with the common belief that happy people are successful people. “Happiness has been the end game, but this has become an end in itself and a type of thinking underlines those whose lives aren’t perfect.” He counselled rather to seek the deep satisfaction that comes from a job well done. “I urge you to find something that speaks to this deeper meaning, this deeper level of satisfaction. Anyone can have it, from the humbliest to the most noble. It will not be easy all the time. The only person who can tell you if you are doing the right thing is the person in the mirror every morning.”

Welcome to the weird world of adults.

During the musical interlude, graduate Mackenzie Frey, Charla Carston and James Verishine performed. The highlight was Charla Carston’s tap show. “Some people just don’t get it.”

The Valedictorian address was delivered by Emily Thuyou and John Banackoff, followed by the presentation of diplomas and scholarships. Mike Hurley announced that the scholarships and bursaries totalled close to $40,000, and thanked the donors. The ceremony concluded with the candle and rose ceremony.

Scholarships and bursaries

Alicia Abrosimoff: Selkirk College Board of Governors (Sec. Grad Award).
Samanta Abramov: McEwan and Co. Law Corporation, Mt. Seacola PAC Bursary, Nelson Masonic Lodge Award (female recipient), Selkirk College Board of Governors (Sec. Grad Award).
John Barbonoff: Kootenay Lake Principals’/VP Award, Kootenay-Stikine Lions Club, Nelson and District Credit Union.
Jentry Bojey: Katrine Conroy MLA Bursary, Mt. Sentinel Administrators’ Award.
Calum Brown: Royal Canadian Legion, Slocan Valley Branch, Yellowhead Road and Bridge Award.
Colby Dunkle: Selkirk College Board of Governors (Sec. Grad Award).
Kenneth Ellis: Royal Canadian Legion, Nelson Branch.
Pico Tlingin: Great Northern Scholarship, Mountain Valley Station, Nelson Masonic Lodge Award (male recipient).
Jentry Bojey: Katrine Conroy MLA Bursary, Mt. Sentinel Administrators’ Award.
Dillon Hanning: West Kootenay Women in Business Young Entrepreneurs Award.
Krira Leidolf: Aboriginal Heritage Scholarship, Creesnet Valley Faenara’s Bursary.
Rose Leslie: Mt. Sentinel PAC Bursary, Robert Boyer Memorial Scholarship.
Sarah Macdonald: Selkirk College Board of Governors (Sec. Grad Award).
Annette Luka: Columbia Basin Trust Award, Mt. Sentinel Yearbook Bursary, Rotary Club of Nelson, Slocan Valley Women’s Institute, Yellowhead Road and Bridge Award.
Cristian Mackenzie: Heritage Credit Union Award, Royal Canadian Legion, Nelson Branch.
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James Verishine: Richard Memorial bursary.
Justin Willman: Columbia Power Corporation, Kootenay Savings Financial Community Foundation Bursary.
Marta Wierski: Mt. Sentinel Students’ Council.
Rae Zdebik: Mt. Sentinel Students’ Council, Rotary Club of Nelson, $500.

Congratulations Graduates!

I would like to congratulate the 2014 graduates from Lucerne Secondary School, Mount Sentinel Secondary School and Nakusp Secondary School. I hope that you have a safe and fun graduation celebration.

Good luck to all of you and may your future endeavours be successful!

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Kaslo grad class gets unforgettable send-off from retiring teacher

by Art Joyce

Kaslo’s graduating class at JV Humphries will likely take the memory of teacher Rod Dunnett’s farewell address with them for the rest of their lives. The elementary school teacher’s speech was warm, witty and funny, with individual attention given to each graduate. Dunnett — who is retiring this year — has known many of the students since teaching them in grades 6-7 and has watched them grow up. “A lot of these kids started here in kindergarten so I saw them come into school and then leave school.”

Also bidding farewell was School District 8’s staffer Andy Leathwood, whose family has lived in Kaslo for generations. “Kaslo is to me what my sister and I call our ‘soul space.’ My message to you is to find the soul space you can always come back to,” he advised graduates. Seeking a new challenge in mid-life, Leathwood has accepted a position as principal of a school in Turkey.

Dunnett was the featured speaker and from his first words, his love for the kids he’s taught and known since childhood was evident. Seldom has a speech been so riveting. “Twenty-five years and I finally made it out of grades five, six and seven — no more pencils, no more books, no more students’ ‘dusty lockers,’” he joked, archly misquoting the Alice Cooper song School’s Out. “So far, none of you have qualified for a Darwin Award for stupidity,” he added, “although no doubt you’re already beginning to practice the propagation of the species.” Students and parents alike were in stitches — perhaps Dunnett should consider a post-retirement career as a stand-up comic. “And thanks for calling me ‘Sir’ — it makes me seem so much more important than I am.” It’s not hard to see why he’s a much-loved teacher. Just as a parent would do, he said he’d kept examples of their art and writing from elementary school days as a means of inspiring others to meet their high standards.

No grad speech would be complete without parting advice for the young and inexperienced but even here Dunnett drew on an unusual source of wisdom. “It’s one of our ‘soul space’ experiences that make us who we are,” he quoted, referring to the Harry Potter series. To this Dunnett pulled several quotes from the popular book The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. The book, a kind of Pilgrim’s Progress for the 21st century that is part novel, part morality tale, is checkablock with wisdom nuggets. “When we strive to become better than we are, everywhere around us becomes better too and that’s rewarding in itself,” said Dunnett, paraphrasing the novel. He encouraged the grads to read the book if they hadnt already. “The last lesson in the book is, if you fall seven times, get up eight times with a smile on your face.”

Dunnett also referred to a limited edition book by Vancouver artist Charles van Sandwyck called Animal Wisdom. Each page spread features an original animal illustration and a description of its wisdom qualities. This got him thinking about the individual character of each of the JV grad class’ 16 young men and women. Calling each one up to the podium, he then gave them a framed copy of an illustration from the book. Dunnett then proceeded to “knit” each one of them as ‘beasts’ or ‘ladies in medieval fashion, using a foam ‘sword.’ Each was then christened with a name based on their individual personality — Lady Taylor Wilson the Erudite, Sir Connor Oswald the Merlin of Mythical Potions, Lady Brenna Tate of the Strong Tackle, for example.

Students, Ceazanne Moss and Alex Cox offered thanks to the community “which has taught us to always try our hardest. Not only is a community made up of humans but also the natural environment. You’ve taught us to value both that and everything you’ve done for us.” They then lit the candle for next year’s incoming grads.

Principal Dan Miles thanked staff for going the extra mile to ensure grad ceremonies went ahead as usual despite the “trying political situation,” referring to the current teachers’ strike. He noted that an amazing total of $26,000 in bursaries were about to be handed out from various benefactors both within and beyond the community. Miles was proud to point out that this year’s senior class boasts a 100 percent graduation rate. His message to grads included a strong social justice message. “It’s important to remember that not everyone is as lucky as we are here — there are more than 50 million people in refugee camps right now. So my last message for you is that you take some kindness out into the world.”

Scholarships and bursaries


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Ellie Hewat and Breanna Tate deliver JHV Valedictory address

Breanna: Good afternoon friends, family, teachers, administration, and of course fellow graduates. We’d like to start by saying that this is a huge, huge honour for you to all be here listening to us, what a treat for you! We’re not going to give you just the highlights version of the valedictorian address. And you all know what we mean. ‘As we look out at you all today we see brain surgeons, astronauts, maybe even rocket scientists. Don’t get your hopes up.

Ellie: Today we look at the J.V. Humphries Graduating Class of 2014 and we see an eclectic bunch that ranges from a well-dressed lawyer who plans on going into the dramatic arts, to a nurse that is working on getting her business degree, and even to an American, with the dream of ruling the world, who is currently going into art restoration, and to the rest of us, who just don’t have a clue. Yes folks, the good class of 2014 is quite something. We may lack numbers, but make up for it with our dazzling good looks, charming personality and sarcastic remarks.

Breanna: Today is the day where we leave JHV behind and move on to the next chapter of our lives. Everyone in this room is proud of us for making it this far and you all should be proud of yourselves. After all, we have accomplished quite a bit here at JHV, whether you’ve been here for six years, nine years, or like most of us who have been JHV-ers since Kindergarten. From conquering the big rock in the primary end, to learning how to handle the crushing disappointment when our Hogwarts letters got lost in the mail, to discovering what exactly the wheel was, to enduring the year of being a freshman in high school, to now being kidnapped by our own parents. Yep, we’ve had it rough here in Kelso, but it hasn’t been all bad.

Ellie: Being raised in this community has made us who we are today. We’ve learnt incredible things from our teachers, our family and our community. Thank you all for the support you’ve given us, we really do appreciate it, despite the fact that we may look like ungrateful teenagers. Particularly the staff members who never seem to get enough credit. Thank you Mrs. Kendal for always putting the students safety first and for always wishing us to have a good day.

Breanna: Thank you Ms. Feeny for being one of the busiest people in the school but still always making time for our little requests.

Ellie: Thank you to all the custodians for always being there to clean up our legendary gym lounge.

Breanna: Thank you to Mr. Smiles, Mr. Feeny, Mr. Zuck. For always being there bright and early and to make sure we have our indoor shoes on and to know what class we’re going to. Also a big thank you to all the EAs and bus drivers that get kids home safe even on the worst winter days.

Ellie: Now, thank you to the people that we’ve really gotten close to throughout our high school years. Thank you Mr. Oswald for helping us find talents that most of us didn’t know we had.

Breanna: Mr. Einar thank you for always answering our questions with more questions and making our tests a little less frightening with all your lovely drawings.

Ellie: Thank you Mr. Zuck, for sharing our hatred of Socials 10, for teaching us how to go fishing for volleyball and for putting us through shadow badminton for what we’re pretty sure was not just ‘one minute.’

Breanna: To Mr. Dennon, thank you for teaching us how to dodge clod all those years ago and for teaching us that it takes a certain kind of self confidence for a coach to put on a dress and throw flower petals around a soccer banquet. Also a thank you to the rest of our teachers for always giving us time to get us through our earlier years here at JHV.

Ellie: Lastly a huge thank you to all of our friends who have supported us through thick and thin and made it possible for us to celebrate this great achievement here today. And now to our fellow graduates, may each other not be we see us today.

Breanna: Despite our differing opinions, that wasted countless classes, we’ve really bonded through our high school years. From our consistent late to not showing up at all we really united as a class to win the JHV record for the highest amount of lateness and absences in one tag.

Ellie: Yes, we sure have had quite a few good times with all of you. Ben, we’ll never forget your top notch dance moves, luminous golden locks and hipster style.

Breanna: Connor, we’ll always remember your trademark badminton, awesome king moves and entertaining moments at grad carport.

Ellie: Savannah, you’ve proven that good things come in small packages and that you should always get back up no matter how many times you fall down.

Breanna: Cezanne, we’ll always remember your protein shakes and awesome slang, and no matter how classy you dress now, you’ll always be Mowgli in our hearts.

Ellie: Tay, we’ll remember being blown away when the sky fell from grade eight turned into a really chill guy that’s a guitar rockstar.

Breanna: Kathryn, what can we say about Kathryn? She’s entertained us over the years with her blonde quotes and having a quote for just about everything.

Ellie: Danielle, the girl that is the best test advisor I’ve ever seen. Mr. Einar can vouch for us.

Breanna: Coored, we’ll always remember your impromptus singing, wardrobe abs and hilarious laugh.

Ellie: Shawn we’ll always remember your passion for hockey and easter personality.

Breanna: Maggie, thanks for keeping every week interesting with a different hair colour and keeping everyone company with your constant presence in the grade lounge.

Ellie: Taylor, the kid who takes care of us all and taught us all the fundamentals of dancing.

Breanna: Dakota, we’ll always remember those long legs, and what you can do with them… with a lucky sack. Get your minds out of the gutter guys, come on!

Ellie: Alex, the kid who always makes us laugh by laughing at his own jokes.

Breanna: Saxon, we’ll always remember your bright colourful pants that were almost as bright as your smile.

Ellie: Now, as a result of all that. Breanna. She’s quite the kid. You’ll always be remembered as Casper, the goofy kid with one of the biggest personalities and definitely some of the best impressions we’ve ever seen.

Breanna: And guys how could we forget this kid right? Ellie… the girl that has showed us all up a few times, or more than a few. She’s proven herself in school, sports, the PB table and especially the dance floor.

Ellie: We’ve had too many good memories to count with these folks and we’re so hoisted that we get to graduate with all of you today.

Breanna: It’s been a wild ride grades of 2014 and we look forward to seeing where life takes you all. We’ll see ya at the reunion and our one piece of advice for the night is this… GRAD ONE FOUR, HIT THE FLOORS!
Ministry releases Invasive Species Pest Management Plan
by Art Joyce

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) has released its five-year Invasive Plant Pest Management Plan (PMP) for the Southern Interior. Although the PMP only allows for herbicide spraying on Crown lands, residents with properties adjacent to these areas have the potential to be affected. Among the pestsicide listed are 2,4-D and glyphosate, two of the most toxic pesticides available, though treatment options also include ‘soft’ options such as introducing predator bugs that feed on invasive weeds.

According to FLNRO, treatment notices will be posted at public access points in areas to be treated prior to herbicide application. If necessary, landowners with property contiguous to a treatment site will be contacted to confirm these access points. The information on the treatment notice will specify the treatment location, the targeted invasive plant species, the date and time of treatment, the herbicide proposed for use, precautions to minimize exposure to the herbicide being applied (i.e. do not enter the treated area for specified period of time), and a contact telephone number for the agency undertaking the treatment to answer specific questions or address any concerns.

Buffer zones for spraying are set near growth areas and water sources are stipulated in the plan.

Glyphosate is the key ingredient in the Monsanto herbicide Roundup. According to the Sierra Club of Canada, “The toxicity of glyphosate alone is much less than the toxicity of commercial glyphosate used by consumers, due to the so-called ‘mask’ ingredients in the commercial formulation. For example, the surfactant polyethoxyloxated tallowamine has an acute lethal dose three times that of glyphosphate and nutrients, causing them to die. ‘Documented health problems related to 2,4-D include reproductive damage (i.e. sterility), respiratory difficulties, atrophy, nausea, loss of appetite, skin rashes, eye irritation, and chronic headaches,’ states the Sierra Club. Dicamba associated with 2,4-D exposure include non Hodgkin’s lymphoma and other cancers. The forestry industry uses 2,4-D to suppress the growth of hardwoods and undergrowth in conifer plantations. Another application of 2,4-D occurs along major rights-of-ways (i.e. railway tracks) to control brush.” According to the National Pesticide Information Center in the US, “Agent Orange, the herbicide widely used during the Vietnam War, contained 2,4-D. However, the controversy regarding health effects centered around the 2,4,5-T component of the herbicide and its uncontrolled use.”

Another of the herbicides in the Southern Interior PMP is 2,4-D, considered the most popular lawn care herbicide in the world.

Birth of the Valley Community Teams to stop Enbridge submitted

On June 25, 20 Valley residents gathered in Warfield in response to the Dogwood Initiative’s call to help stop the Enbridge pipelines and tankers from threatening the land and waters of BC. According to Montana Burgess, riding organizer for Kootenay West (KOW), this was a record turnout for such an event in the Kootenays. Education is running high at the possibility of future oil or bitumen spills. People expressed their pain about the Lemon Creek spill last year and said the ineffective response of the authorities left them with even less trust in how future spills would be handled.

Montana explained that Dogwood is planning a two-step process to prepare for a potential citizen’s initiative. The first step is to get organized. Then, if Premier Christy Clark gives approval for the Enbridge pipelines to pass through BC en route to the coast, Dogwood will launch the official citizen’s initiative petition.

The citizen’s initiative, an option for giving the people a voice, exists only in BC. It requires signatures from 10 percent of voters in each of BC’s 85 provincial ridings during a 90-day period. Recently, Sensible BC tried this and failed, but the Dogwood Initiative’s petition was successful. The Dogwood strategy is to have people pledge ahead of time so when the 90-day period starts, there is certainty that enough people are willing to sign. People are encouraged to sign the online pledge at www.letscovote.ca or noletters.ca. Montana explained that people can play a role in the campaign as community organizers, canvassers, phone captains and data entry people. The Dogwood organization provides full online resources, plus training and assistance for all positions. She dedicated her personal support to the fledgling Valley Community Team. Montana then focused on team development. She divided meeting participants into smaller groups based on geography. There are now three teams in the Valley: Warfield, Valley North, and Valley South. Each team discussed roles, canvassing, team building, and event planning.

The Dogwood organization provides not just detailed organizational structure but also confidence calls, where members share how they feel and offer support in breakout groups. Efficiency and caring is a combination that supports sustained action over the long haul. Montana explained that this meeting was not just about Enbridge but also about community resilience.

The more canvassers Dogwood has, the more pledges the campaign, and the greater chance of stopping the Enbridge pipelines and tankers. The next North Valley team meeting will be held July 7, 7-9 pm, at 8825 Gravel Pit Road in Slocan. It will be focused on planning a canvassing blitz at Unity Fest.

Canvassers will be appearing at markets and festivals throughout the Kootenays this summer.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to canvass can call Montana Burgess at 250-359-7748.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with Sec. 98 of the Community Charter, the Silverton Village Council invites the public to attend their July 15th. 2014 Regular Meeting, where Council will consider comments from the public regarding the Annual Municipal Report.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal Council Chambers at 421 Lake Avenue, Silverton.

The Annual Report was made available at the Regular Meeting of Council held June 17th, 2014, and is available for viewing at the Village office during regular office hours, Tuesday to Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the public input period of the July 15th, 2014 Annual Meeting and wish to comment, please email, fax or mail your comments to:

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New Denver council, June 24: Community Works Fund agreement signed

by Karine Campbell

• Council authorized the mayor and corporate officer to sign the Community Works Fund agreement on behalf of the Village. This will give New Denver a little more than $75,000 from gas tax funding.

• Mayor Ann Bunka reported on her activities in the last two weeks. She and CAO Bruce Woodbury, along with Silverton Mayor Kathy Povoln, met with two officials from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. They asked for a speed reader at the south end of the village, and for curbs on roadsides to be built up to disperse rain water evenly, instead of having it run down alleys and roads. Huy 6 between the two villages is on the area list as a capital project, and will go to the regional level next.

The Slocan Valley Parks and Recreation Master Plan will probably take a year to complete. ROCK staff will report on the possibilities for the old Girl Guide camp at the north end of the lake.

The Economic Development Commission has hired a company to do community consultation on Community Directed Funds. Public meetings should take place in October, with the final report in November.

Provincial staff were asked to attend the July 16 RDCK Rural Affairs meeting to provide clarification on the permitting and authorization process for docks, wharves and forest development. Bunka hopes to attend, to gather information for working on the Lake Management Plan.

Bunka will meet with Interior Health Chair Norman Erland and CEO Dr. Robert Halprin when they make their yearly visit to the Slocan Community Health Centre July 14.

The RDCK bylaws re Recreation Commission 8 and Silverton, New Denver and Area II regional parks have been amended to receive Slocan as a participant. The bylaws will now be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for review.

The Wildsight Environmental Education contract was extended two years at a cost of $40,000. This education program goes into district schools and is funded by CBT, school boards and the RDCK.

• The CAO and Councillor Nadaie Raymonds reported they met with Kootenay Sufferer organizers at Centennial Park to discuss the group’s plans and requirements for Sufferfest weekend at the end of August. Council will allow two RVs to park on the field for the duration of the event, subject to the submission of satisfactory traffic, waste management and emergency plans. Councilor Heather Fox declared an interest and left the room for this item.

• Two requests from Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre manager Monoko Ito were approved. The first was to close Josephine Street between Second and Third Avenues from 8 am August 8 to 5 pm August 10, to accommodate the NDMC 70th anniversary celebration. The second was to run a pilot project offering season passes to the centre, at a cost of $12 for students/seniors, $16 for adults and $35 for families.

• Council gave first, second and third reading to the general local elections bylaw. The province-wide municipal elections will take place November 15.

Two new shows at Hidden Garden

Debra Rushfeldt will present realistic-based charcoal drawings in her show titled “Under the Big Mountain (Selected Works)” July 7-12 at the Hidden Garden Gallery. A reception on Tuesday, July 8, 7-9 pm, will feature Don Great on guitar with vocal selections.

Rushfeldt is a Calgary born and trained artist who relocated 12 years ago to Nakusp, where she and her husband now run two small businesses. Earlier in her artistic career, she was known for mixed media assemblage paintings. Since 2010, she has pursued a new direction in her art that consists of realistic-based charcoal drawings, which explore rural life and her emotional connection to her surroundings.

By isolating the subject matter, playing with scale and sometimes creating composite drawings, Rushfeldt strives to capture the magical intensity of the ordinary and discarded and make it come alive for the viewer.

“Plants & Animals” is an exhibition by Betty L. Fahnlin at the Hidden Garden Gallery, July 14-19. The opening reception is Friday, July 18, from 7 to 9 pm. The artist will give a talk on her painting process at the opening.

Fahnlin received her BFA from the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design where she majored in the visual arts. Her work has been exhibited for Food through Postcards from the Slocan submitted

The Hidden Garden Gallery hosts a Food for Thought talk at Knox Hall in New Denver, Sunday, July 6 at 7:30 pm: ‘Postcards from the Slocan Valley’ by Greg Nesteroff.

Nesteroff is a Nelson Star reporter, local historian and collector of West Kootenay postcards. In ‘Postcards from the Slocan Valley,’ he will present a slideshow featuring postcards and postal ephemera from the area dating from the early 1900s to the 1960s.

Admission is by donation to benefit the gallery.

Lucerne students visit local farms and gardens

On June 13, the Lucerne School grades 4, 5 and 6 class visited four local farms and gardens as part of the Connecting Generations for Food project. Students learned about the various ways that their community elders have built their gardens and grown food to sustain themselves and their families.

This was the first in a series of tours facilitated through the Healthy Community Society’s North Slocan Food Program. The tours are part of a mentorship project, where community elders share their knowledge and skills around growing, preserving, and storing food with children and youth.

The project will culminate in a book, which the children will create with the help of local adults who have publishing skills. The book will celebrate the community elders’ wisdom and experience around food.

The Healthy Community Society’s North Slocan Food Program hopes to acknowledge the generous support of New Revelstoke Seniors and the Columbia Basin Trust for making this project possible.
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Arts Society events, two galleries and theatre with performances and exhibitions year round. The Lucasian Cultural Museum - Kaslo has the world’s largest collection of Ukrainian artifacts. The museum features a collection of Ukrainian art, artifacts, and photographs, as well as a collection of Russian folk art and ceramics. The museum is located on Main Street in Kaslo. It is open Wednesday to Saturday from 11 am to 5 pm.

Granada Falls - Kaslo
(250) 353-2200
Granada Falls is a popular attraction in the Kaslo area. It is a short drive from downtown Kaslo and offers a variety of natural attractions, including a waterfall and a beautiful view of the surrounding mountains.

Galleries
The Canoah – Kaslo
1896 Silver St., Kaslo
Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm
The Canoah is a mixed-use building that houses a variety of businesses and a community art space. It features a gallery, a café, and a restaurant.

Studio Connexion Gallery – Fine Art - Kaslo
(250) 265-8888
215A St. Kaslo, Kaslo: 4th Art from 11 to 4 on the 1st Sunday of the month, 2nd Wednesday of the month, and 3rd Thursday of the month. The gallery is open to the public from 10 am to 6 pm on Saturdays.

Chiaroscuro Photographic Gallery - Kaslo
250-358-2569 www.patriziamentom.com
This gallery, located in Kaslo, showcases a diverse range of photographic art. It features both local and international artists, with a focus on black and white photography.

Hidden Garden Gallery - New Denver
803 Kildare Street, New Denver
Monday to Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
The gallery features a variety of art, including paintings, sculpture, and mixed media. It is located on Kildare Street in the heart of the town center.

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Nakusp Municipal Campground - Nakusp
(250) 365-3061 www.nakusp.org/camping
Conveniently located downtown, 3 blocks from public beach, includes 5 tent sites, 10 RV sites, 16 units units with power, and a number of amenities, which includes a tennis court, basketball court, and a number of outdoor activities. Hosts in the park every evening, Monday through Friday evenings are dedicated to a different event.

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(250) 358-2867 www.wilsoncreekgolf.com In New Denver, just north of New Denver, next to Wilson Creek and Glendale Rails to Trails. Two minutes walk to lake, Power and water. Downhill mountain biking, hiking and lake/town. Facilities: bathrooms, kayaks are available for rental. Reservations preferred. Turn off Hwy 6 towards the lake at Deliria Drive (north side of Wilson Creek) and follow the signs.

Centennial Campground - New Denver
(250) 358-2867 www.newdenver.ca On leverdale and Turner Streets. 45 sites. 30/35 amp and solar site. Open May 16 to September 30. Tent and trailer sites, fire pits, firewood, picnic tables, lake, boat launch, beach. Close to amenities.

Silverton Municipal Campground - Silverton
(250) 358-2472 www.silverton.ca At Leadville and Turner Streets. 45 sites. 30/35 amp and solar site. Open May 16 to September 30. Tent and trailer sites, fire pits, firewood, picnic tables, lake, boat launch, beach. Close to amenities.

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Community Futures: rural communities need broadband to thrive

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The one thing everyone seemed to agree on at the Community Futures Economic Development Forum held in late May was that the economy is tight. “There is an opportunity for the broadband-dependent industries - and that local communities need to adapt and keep up.”

Community Futures Central Kootenay hosted and organized the conference. The forum’s purpose was to discuss how to leverage broadband technology to boost community economic development and help local business succeed in the digital age.

“Community Futures works to support communities to enhance their local economies,” says Andrea Wilkey, executive director at Community Futures Central Kootenay. “There is an opportunity to strengthen our broadband economy to future-proof our region and be competitive in the future.”

The research shows that broadband clearly drives economic prosperity. Broadband is super-high capacity internet infrastructure, commonly referred to as the ‘fourth utility’. It supports nearly all modern economic development circles. Communities are expected to provide traditional utilities such as power, water and sewer - and now broadband.

Dr. Terri MacDonald, guest speaker and Regional Innovation Chair at the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional Technology, is a strong advocate for transitioning to a broadband economy to attract knowledge industries, businesses that deal in information rather than physical products. According to MacDonald, knowledge workers open up markets, create employment and attract mobile professionals seeking a fantastic place where they can live and work.

The use of smart phones, tablets and laptops in daily life is increasing exponentially and will continue to do so. We are becoming more and more dependent on digital devices and cloud stored data; hence the absolute necessity for community broadband, explained Amber Hayes, guest speaker and Business Advisors Program Manager.

One city that has experienced phenomenal economic success because it embraced broadband is Stratford, Ontario, home to the Stratford Theatre Festival. In 2011, 2012 and 2013 Stratford was voted one of the world’s top seven events in the world by CNN. "Intelligent Community Forum, a non-profit policy research organization focused on job creation and economic development in the broadband economy. Intelligent communities strategically build a culture that makes their town or region an incredibly attractive place to live and work, helping existing businesses grow while also attracting new business and new residents."

The digital economy is the path things are on,” said Paul West, keynote speaker and Business Developer at Stratford-owned Rhyzome Networks. “Local government in Stratford couldn’t get back and simply hope everything would be okay. The city had to make an active decision.” And that decision was to be prepared for opportunity. Having broadband infrastructure solidly in place, coupled with a business community that was supported and educated in using digital tools, was instrumental to the company’s success.

Hearing Stratford’s story, along with stimulating panel discussions at the forum, encouraged and galvanized attendees. Community economic development partners left the conference united in their support for a regional and collaborative approach to strengthening our businesses and communities.

To see video highlights, presentations and contact information from the Community Futures Economic Development Forum, please visit www.futures.bc.ca/cdforum.

Community Futures is a not-for-profit community economic development organization that is committed to helping people who are operating or are planning to start their own businesses.

Nelson CT coverage expands to include 24/7 on-call

submitted

CT service at Kootenay Lake Hospital in Nelson will expand to include 24/7 on-call emergency coverage starting at 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. In addition, Interior Health will provide an additional hour of CT service to ensure emergency and urgent cases can be scanned earlier each morning. Scheduled scans will still be performed from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Nelson CT scanner was funded by the community through a capital campaign to the Kootenay Foundation and is the part of the $15 million Kootenay Lake Hospital emergency department redevelopment project.

“Expanding of diagnostic imaging service in Nelson is a testament to the community partners who made the purchase of the CT scanner possible,” says Norma Enderby, Interior Health Board Chair. “I’d like to thank everyone involved in producing the Kootenay Foundation and all the donors, large and small, who funded this equipment and credit our diagnostic imaging staff, who acquired the additional skills and training that allowed us to move forward with this expanded service.”

Wednesday CT service at Kootenay Lake Hospital started in December 2011. Interior Health says its initial success makes sure the new service was running smoothly before moving to a 24/7 call. It was also important to have a full rotation of trained technologists in place to ensure a stable expanded service.

Watershed stewardship workshop in Nelson

submitted

The Kootenay Lakes Partnership (KLP) and Kootenay Lake Watershed Stewardship Workshop in Nelson, on August 9, 10 am to 3 pm at St. Saviour’s Anglican Church, 701 Ward Street.

“The management planning process undertaken for these lakes followed a tried and tested template used in the Shuswap-Okanagan and on nine lakes in the East Kootenay. The award-winning support of the Columbia Shuswap Watershed Council, which determined the relative ecological value of the shoreline. Zones of sensitivity are identified which can be used during decision making,”

Kootenay Lakes Partnership works on management plans for Kootenay and Slocan Lakes

submitted

The Kootenay-Lakes Partnership (KLP) in Nelson is an agency that works to establish lake management strategies that support sustainable communities while considering ecological, cultural and community values. The KLP was formed in response to rapid growth and increased development pressures on Kootenay and Slocan Lakes.

Sniffer dogs earn ribbons in two recent Kootenay competitions

submitted

Numerous local teams earned ribbons in the new sport of Canine Sniffing Detectives (NSN) at two recent competitions held in the Kootenays.

Nosework is the pet dog version and is a fun sport for dogs and humans alike. Dogs compete in teams at two different levels - Novice and Open - with vehicles, rooms and exterior spaces, hunting for hidden odours - typically bird, arson or greenwash.

Mungall named NDP deputy house leader on June 20

submitted

Dogs and owners from Vancouver, Calgary, and Kamloops joined 15 local West Kootenay teams at the two competitions sponsored by Kootenay Scent Hounds in conjunction with Love 2 Play Dog Training. Numerous dogs earned ribbons for explosive/homemade/variocousties search dogs and has taken off internationally as a fun sport for dogs and humans alike. Dogs competed at two different levels - Novice and Open - with vehicles, rooms and exterior spaces, hunting for specific hidden odours - typically bird, arson or greenwash.

Mungall named NDP deputy house leader on June 20

submitted

Based on their performance, 15 local teams were recognized as the winners of the 2013/2014 season. Dogs were judged for nosework, agility, and scent discrimination.

Mungall named NDP deputy house leader on June 20

submitted

Michelle Mungall’s tenacity and tact in standing up for Kootenay priorities has not gone unnoticed. On June 20, John Horgan, the new Leader of the Official Opposition, nominated Mungall to be his Deputy Leader.

Horgan called Mungall “a young leader with a strong record of standing up for B.C.’s Liberal government for policies that hurt hard-working British Columbians.”

She will work with the House Leader, MLA Mike Farnworth, to manage the strategies and activities of the Official Opposition during legislative sessions. Both Farnworth and Mungall are known for their no-nonsense approach to challenging BC Liberals for policies that hurt hard-working British Columbians.

Elder abuse awareness a success

submitted

The Nelson and Area World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was a great success. More than 200 people stopped at the display table for information on abuse recognition, prevention and advance planning tools. Each was given an opportunity to draw for a prize.

The Nelson and Area Abuse Prevention Program (AAPP) would like to thank the BC Community Response Network, Choco-Fellar Chocolates, Save-On Foods, Safeway and Walmart for their support of this event.

If you have questions or concerns about abuse of a senior or how to use advance planning tools (e.g. power of attorney, representation agreements, etc.) please contact AAPP through the Coordinating Secretariat at 250-353-2008. There is a trained AAPP volunteer in the office, 719 Vernon St., Mondays from 9 am to 2 pm.
Nelson to mount its second operatic world premiere

submitted

Just three years after the premiere of its hugely successful commissioned opera, KHAOS, the Amy Ferguson Indigenous Trust announced it will now mount a second operatic world premiere by yet another Nelson-based composer.

“This opportunity to mount another new operas comes as a complete surprise,” said AFI president Diana Duss. “We weren’t even aware that another composer of opera lived in Nelson when Doug Jamieson approached us with the offer of his new work, ‘Jorinda’. Our production committee met with him earlier this year, studied the opera and was rapidly won over by the concept Doug proposed.

“Recently the AFI Board of Directors enthusiastically approved the committee’s recommendation for our production company, Nelson Community Opera, mount Jorinda in November 2015.

‘Jorinda’ has been a long-term project for Jamieson. The genesis of the work goes back to the 1980s when he wrote a short outline adapted from a Brother Grimm fairy tale. He sketched out several sections in 1995, writing both the music and libretto, and returned to it 10 years later to complete the first draft in 2007. In 2012, he made a demo recording of the complete work.

In Jamieson’s adaptation the heroine, Jorinda, has been tuned into a bird in a cage by an evil witch. One night in a storm she briefly escapes, turns back into her human form and meets the hero, Jarek, just long enough for them to fall in love. But the witch

soon recognizes her and she is tuned back into a bird in a cage. The rest of the tale follows the adventures of Jorinda and Jarek as they struggle to outwit the witch and overcome her magical powers.

From the outset Jamieson’s vision was to tell the story through the use of puppetry, rather than the traditional operatic form. This approach works for Nelson Community Opera because, along with Nelson’s many other talented performers and designers, the community also has its own highly skilled puppeteer, Simone Varey, who has agreed to join the production team as the puppet master. In addition to building the puppets Varey will also train the corps of puppeteers.

The opera is scored for four principal soloists, a youth choir and orchestra. The soloists will be on stage visible to the audience throughout, but the action will be conveyed by the puppets at centre stage.

Doug Jamieson will be the musical director. The show’s creative team also includes stage director Geoff Burns, and lighting designer Dave Ingram.

Jorinda will open at Nelson’s Capitol Theatre in November 2015.

Community band festival was a huge success

submitted

The Slocan Valley Community Band participated in a community band festival in Riondel on June 21 and 22, hosted by the Mary Bay Community Band. It was a phenomenal success.

This band festival was an unusual one as the musicians all played together. At most festivals, the bands perform for each other. More than 70 musicians came to play piccolo, flute, clarinet, saxophone (alto, tenor, baritone), French horn, trombone, trumpet, euphonium, tuba, timpani, and all the other percussion instruments. Co-chairs Donnie Clark and Deborah Steers say they had some sleepless moments wondering how and if it would all work.

On the Saturday morning, all the musicians were seated in the Riondel Community Centre auditorium, ready to play at 9:15 am. Their job was to follow four different conductors, know the music for the 12 compositions selected, and blend with all the other musicians. That is quite an expectation.

Kimberly conductor Ian Ferrie started by tuning and warming up the musicians. Very quietly, they waited.

Help find and map wetlands in the Slocan Valley

submitted

Is it a marsh or a fen? The Slocan Wetland Assessment and Monitoring Project (SWAMP) is hosting free wetland training workshops to teach interested community members how to contribute important information about wetlands in the Slocan watershed. You’ll learn what makes wetlands unique habitat and how to identify and classify different types of wetlands. Through these trainings we hope to create a committed group of volunteers as “citizen scientists” throughout the Slocan valley.

SWAMP is a partnership of organizations including the Slocan River Stewards, Slocan Lake Stewardship Society, Slocan Solutions Society, BC Hydro Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program, Columbia Basin Trust, Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Committee, Regional District of Central Kootenay, and Ministry of Forests Land and Natural Resources.

The group is taking a science-based approach to identifying and classifying wetlands throughout the Slocan watershed to create maps and inform restoration and conservation decisions. This locally led effort relies on provincial data collection standards and will result in a comprehensive mapping database for wetlands in the valley.

SWAMP is hosting two training workshops, one in the south valley and one in the north.

The south valley training will be held on Saturday, July 6 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Pedro Creek wetland located south of Winlaw on Oma Road. For further details on this training, contact Rhys McKenzie at聞きt32@gmail.com or 250-226-5544.

The north valley training will be held on Saturday, July 12 from 10:30 am to 3 pm at Hunte Siding Wetland north of New Denver in Hills. For further details on this training contact Marcy Mah at marcy@netcom.ca or 250-338-2669. Participants are encouraged to attend only one of the trainings.

Peregrination is required. Each training is limited to 12 participants.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Residents and members of the public are hereby advised that, in accordance with the Community Charter, the Village of New Denver’s 2014 Annual Report has been prepared and is available for public inspection in the municipal office at 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC (weekday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) or on the Village’s website at www.newdenvca.

Comments are welcome and may be submitted in writing to the Village of New Denver, by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2014. The 2014 Annual Report, as well as submissions and questions from the public, will be considered by the Council of the Village of New Denver at the Regular Meeting on July 22, 2014, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

New Summer Programs for Kids!

July 7 - 12, 2014
Music Explorers - ages 4-6
Experience Dance - ages 5-11
VISTA Theater for ages 12+.

July 14 - 19, 2014
Peak Dance - ages 12+
VISTA Theater for ages 5 - 12 - “A Blast From the Past”

All programs are on our web site www.valhallaflamearts.org

Registration forms available online or at Lucerne School.
Whole School uses Circle of Courage as learning framework

Submitted

In April, Anish Lang, principal of the Whole School, attended the Circle of Courage spring seminar in Victoria, taking a number of workshops including Deep Brain Learning and Response Abilities Pathways (RAP) training as part of the Whole School’s ongoing development of the Circle of Courage as a framework for learning.

The Circle of Courage is a positive youth development model, based on the universal principle that to be emotionally healthy, all youth need a sense of generosity, independence, belonging, and mastery. This unique model integrates the cultural wisdom of tribal peoples, the practice wisdom of professional pioneers with troubled youth, and findings of modern youth development research (from the Reclaiming Youth website – www.reclaiming.com).

At the Whole School, the Circle of Courage is used to foster whole child development: academic, social, emotional and physical. The Circle and RAP use strength-based approaches, which mean that individual student strengths are the starting point for learning and problem solving. The multi-age classroom allows for students to excel at their own pace. The school creates a safe and caring atmosphere where students and their families are active participants in the learning community.

Schools and youth groups all over the world have embraced the Circle of Courage model, including the Calgary Board of Education. The Whole School has a vision of sharing the philosophy with other related child and youth groups in our community.

The philosophy, combined with the integral use of attachment theory, small class sizes and a multi-age classroom creates a powerful, positive learning environment. The school community strives to create a nurturing and safe environment to enable learning and has chosen to ban all WiFi and cordless phone signals at the school.

Burton truck stolen and crashed

Submitted

A gray 2007 Toyota Tundra was stolen in the early morning hours of June 24 from a residence in Burton, and recovered damaged later that day. Police found the vehicle in a ditch on Hwy 6, near Bonanza Creek Road in Hills. They believe the thief or thieves must have hitched a ride, heading south, after driving into the ditch in Hills. As the vehicle was stolen around 5 am, it is likely the crash occurred about 6 am.

If anyone witnessed the accident, or picked up a hitchhiker in this area at that time, or saw anyone hitchhiking, they are asked to contact the Nakusp RCMP or call CrimeStoppers.

Winlaw man dies in vehicle accident

Submitted

A 63-year-old Winlaw man died on June 23 when he lost control of his vehicle and went into the Slocan River School. At 3:38 pm, the RCMP (Slocan detachment) and West Kootenay Traffic Services responded to the call. With the assistance of the Winlaw, Castlegar and Grand Forks Fire Departments and Search and Rescue, the vehicle was secured in the fast-flowing river. An excavator was used to remove the vehicle and debris.

The man was the lone occupant of the vehicle, a 2001 Chevrolet pickup. He was found deceased in the truck.

The RCMP would like to thank the fire departments and Kevin Sutherland Contracting for their assistance in recovering the truck and the deceased man’s body. The BC Corner Service and West Kootenay Traffic Services are continuing to investigate this crash.

Harvest Share 2014

We connect people who have excess fruit from their backyard fruit trees with those who have the time and energy to harvest it. The fruit is shared amongst homeowners, volunteers, and other community initiatives.

How do TREE OWNERS get involved?

Local tree owners help us turn private trees into a valuable source of food for the community. If you have more fruit than you can manage, call now to register your tree.

How do VOLUNTEERS get involved?

Interested in food preservation and taking home a portion of the harvest? We would love for you to come and volunteer with our project. Scheduled picks run from July to October.

For more information contact your local coordinator:

Bree Lillies  250-354-8120
(New Denver, Silverton, and area)
Selkirk College works with Kaslo and Nakusp Community Forests on forestry training program

Selkirk College is joining the Community Forest organizations in Nakusp and Kaslo to help respond to persisting training needs in the region’s forest industry.

At the end of May, logging contractors from many West Kootenay communities met in New Denver with Selkirk College Community Education and Workplace Training staff, local Community Forest managers and a BC Community Forest Association representative. The meeting was the result of next steps identified at two community forest forums that were held in Nakusp and Kaslo earlier in the spring.

“As both forums, loggers and logging contractors identified the succession planning gap that currently exists as a result of the industry’s economic downturn and a need for industry training,” says Gregg Neslin, Manager of Community Education and Workplace Training at Selkirk College. “As a result, interested parties met to discuss potential training opportunities in the logging industry; what is needed and what are the current challenges.” The loggers identified a number of key elements to a successful training program. They want to see a greater connection to the high schools, a ‘real world’ look at the forestry industry, a ladderized training program and loan participants.

“The earlier downturn in the industry resulted in a break in the historical succession planning cycle, where owner operators of logging operations would generally train their children to take over the business,” says Nakusp and Area Community Forest Manager Hugh Watt. “The training was hands-on and could take years to develop the necessary expertise in the field. Now, a new cycle needs to be created and logging contractors are keen to be part of the development process.” The process now becomes one of external recruitment, rather than internal recruitment. In other words, the owner/operators want to hire people, train them and eventually have them take over the business. This is a big opportunity for youth in our area and a plan is being developed to share information with high schools.

Contractors spoke about the need for real world situations to provide participants with experience of working outdoors in all its natural ruggedness, working physically and mentally; and learning a broad range of skills from power saw operation to tree identification. At this work experience phase, participants would have a better understanding of the industry rigors and their adaptability, endurance and inclination for the job.

The contractors endorsed the idea of a ladderized training program that would allow participants to begin at basic entry level safety training to increase their employability. The next step would be a second set of training modules, identified by the loggers. Using this style of training program would provide flexibility by offering training streams such as moving from entry level work to checker work, then on to specialized areas, such as chaser, broacher, hook tender, and equipment operator, within a logging operation.

“The group of loggers was clear on the need for keen and committed participants in the training program,” says Neslin. “Everyone agreed that the skills and expertise can be taught, but there are key components that a new employee brings to the workplace. The employers are always looking for these important elements in a new recruit. They want someone who is keen and motivated, interested in learning – for instance practicing on a piece of equipment during lunch break – able to work through discomfort, and a good fit to the crew.”

Selkirk College will now get to work on the next steps in the process.

“We received some valuable information from the logging contractors, including the identification of potentially 40 new well-paying jobs in the West Kootenay region,” says Kaslo and Area Community Forest Manager Bill Kestell. “We will continue working with industry stakeholders to develop a training program that meets the needs of the logging industry and that delivers economic benefits and job creation to the local communities.”

For further information, contact the Kaslo or Nakusp college extension centres at 250-353-3618 (Kaslo) and 250-265-4077 (Nakusp).